

To whom it may concern,

I have read with interest the Dram Leitrim County Development Plan and would like to provide some feedback related to the sections on sustainable transportation and bicycle parking.

In section 8.9 'Blueways and Greenways' there is one mention of the proposed Fenagh-Mohill greenway. The document makes reference to aiming to link different greenways towards a coherent network but I worry if it is not made an explicit aim, this greenway will not be prioritised.

I suggest editing BG Obj 2 to read:

" To seek to advance the design and obtaining necessary planning consent to construct a Greenway along/adjoining the former Cavan & Leitrim Rail line between Dromod and Belturbet, Co. Cavan in co-operation with Cavan County Council (through Mohill, Fenagh, Ballinamore and Garradice). The required planning consent will require the demonstration that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. All proposed developments shall be in accordance with the Birds and Habitats Directives, Water Framework Directive and all other relevant EU Directives.

I also suggest editing BG OBJ 3 to read:

"To develop, in conjunction with the Local Rail to Trail Group and local communities, demonstration stretches linking existing blueways and greenways with towns and villages along/adjoining the former Cavan & Leitrim Rail line subject to undertaking the necessary environmental assessment, obtaining the necessary planning consents and obtaining the legal agreement of affected landowners."

In Section 8.10.6 Bike Parking I feel there could be a stronger link between new greenways, blueways, demonstration stretches and provision of cycling facilities. The provision of communal bike maintenance facilities at these bike parking stations will help ensure cycling for multiple journeys is a more manageable task for many people. Examples of such facilities can be found here: <https://www.pittman.ie/public-bike-repair-stands/bike-repair-stations.html>

I suggest editing BP POL 1 to read:

" To ensure the provision of appropriate secure, safe, weather proof, convenient and accessible bicycle parking and bike maintenance facilities as part of any new developments in town and village centre locations and in any towns / villages linked to existing or proposed blueways, greenways, demonstration stretches to encourage modal shift away from private cars to more sustainable modes of transport. "

Many thanks for taking the time to read my feedback. My contact details are included in the attached file.

Kind regards,
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