

Description: > To whom it may concern as a resident of mid louth im shocked to see the
> reopening of Dunleer station being removed from county plans.

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> As a rail user commuter from clogherhead i battle my way in and out of
> drogheda traffic when i could just as easily head to dunleer and get the
> train from there which would be a lot more convenient for me and hundreds
> like me from the mid louth area.

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> I think its very unfair that an empty railway station is sitting in a
> growing town where there is lots of industry and people have no choice but
> to travel by car to and from dunleer.

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> A reopened dunleer station would take traffic off the road to dundalk and
> drogheda daily and has to be good for the environment, it would also bring
> business to the shops in dunleer.

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> As the infrastructure is there already would it not be a simple enough job
> to reopen dunleer station with a small amount of investment compared to
> building a new station. It could also be an unmanned station like
> Gormanston in County Meath it just needs ticket machines and a car park.

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> I have always been shocked at irish rails figures saying that only 60
> people would use the station daily considering that the population of
> dunleer and the surrounding areas grows annually, where have they got these
> figures from? on my small country road at least 5 of my neighbors commute
> to dublin daily to work and there are also students going to college and
> there is a large amount of cars from termonfeekin and clogherhead that
> travel to drogheda station also. irish rails figures dont add up and are
> used as a deliberate ploy not to have to reopen the station. termonfeekin
> has plenty of new homes being built and alot of these people will more then
> likely need access to trains to dublin. Every road i travel in louth has
> new homes being built on them so there is definitely a need for commuters
> to have access to a local station.

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> Please reconsider removing dunleer station from louth county development
> plans, the commuters of mid louth are being forgotten in this decision as
> more and more houses are being built no key infrastructure is being
> included which is a serious flaw in the plans. Mid louth commuters are
> being forced to travel to drogheda or dundalk when an empty station sits on
> our doorstep.