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The Enfield Development Group [EDG] is a volunteer led community group [registered charity and clg]. Our vision is 'Improve Our Town, Strengthen Our Community'.

The town of ENFIELD in Meath is in a particularly strategic location along the M4 'Knowledge Corridor' with it's proximity to Dublin and Maynooth to the East as well as being on the main route to Athlone and Galway in the West. It has excellent transport links, being directly off the M4 motorway and on the Dublin/Sligo rail line.

Meath County Council has designated Enfield a 'Moderate Sustainable Growth Town' and as one of the growth centres in the south of the county. Enfield has seen rapid growth with a 7 fold increase in population since census '91. It currently has a primary school with ~600 pupils [and still growing] and it is due to get a post primary school in 2020. Along with an advantageous location Enfield boasts many amenities essential for good work/life balance, including local shops and dining facilities, GAA and soccer clubs, nearby golf courses, gyms and spas. It is also on the Royal Canal Greenway, which, when completed, will offer walkers and cyclists a 144km trail through glorious, unspoilt countryside. The Greenway also has major potential for growing the tourism industry of this area.

The town of Enfield has huge potential but it is at a critical stage of development. The EDG believes Enfield needs to be identified specifically in the Eastern and Midland Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy as a regional asset to ensure that, going forward, growth and employment can be prioritised and managed appropriately. Enfield should also be added to Level 3 of the Retail Hierarchy for Meath, being comparable to Kilcullen in Kildare which is designated Level 3 in the Draft.

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