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I believe Drogheda can and should achieve city status as a stand-alone entity. It can be achieved with one or all of the following:

- a) construction of the Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) to open up land for development to increase our town population above the 'magical' 50000 barrier and take HGVs away from residential streets helping to alleviate traffic congestion allowing our town centre to thrive
- b) a municipal district spanning county lines, to include housing estates on the south side, with its own powers potentially equivalent to those of Louth and Meath County Councils so that decisions for Drogheda are made in Drogheda
- c) closer cooperation between Louth and Meath Councils in the greater Drogheda area

I don't believe aligning ourselves to Dundalk or any other satellite town or village in the vicinity of Drogheda is necessary to achieve city status. Developing the town in the right way, particularly within the boundaries of the proposed cross route, will achieve this aim and at the same time solve many of the problems that affect our town. Simply putting a sign up with Drogheda City on it outside Julianstown or Mornington hoping to attract investment is the wrong approach in my opinion.

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