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Dear Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport — May I request that your strategy for the years up to 2019 take a serious look at the need for suitable cycling infrastructure, and the need to get the increasingly obese and carbon-hungry Irish population out of cars and on to bicycles, and also public transport? A mile of protected cycle lane to and from every school would be a wonderful first step, so that parents would first cycle with their children, then trust their children’s safety and allow them to cycle to school in groups. You only have to look at the decrease in traffic during school holidays to see what a beneficial effect this would have on Ireland’s carbon footprint.  
Cycling is also a golden road to health, and will return average Irish body weight to normal. Further, may I congratulate you on the suggestion that a cycle trail be built along the Dodder from Kippure to the sea — this is a brilliant idea and I hope it comes about soon! Regards and thanks — Lucille Redmond