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Comhairliúchán:

Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029

1.8.1 Overarching Guiding Principles

Caibidil: Volume 1 - chapters » 1. Introduction and Context Ábhair: 1. Introduction

Many of the guiding principles will be supported by the development of a National Peatland Park and this should be highlighted within this section. (changes in **bold**)

(i) To develop a county that is resilient to climate change, plans for and adapts to climate change and flood risk, facilitates a low carbon future, supports energy efficiency and conservation and enables the decarbonisation of our lifestyles and economy. **This principle is supported by the creation of a National Peatlands Park.**

(vii) To recognise the role of the rural countryside in supporting the rural economy and its role as a key resource for **education**, agriculture, equine, bloodstock, forestry, energy production, tourism, recreation, mineral extraction and rural based enterprises, **such as the creation of a National Peatlands Park**.

(viii) To support, facilitate and promote the sustainable development of renewable energy sources in the county **without hindering conservation at a landcape scale.** (All developments, including renewable, need to be sensitive to the environment and biodiversity and should not hinder conservation at a landscape scale which Ireland is currently lacking).

(ix) To protect local assets by preserving the quality of the landscape, open space, recreational resources, natural, architectural, archaeological and

cultural heritage and the material assets of the county. **This will be supported by the creation of a National Peatlands Park.**

Documents Attached: Níl