



Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil: KCC-C55-181

Údar: Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park CLG

Stádas: Submitted

Aighneacht:

Promoting Sustainable Tourism to West Kildare as a Gateway to the Midlands & protecting our peatland biodiversity

Comhairliúchán:

Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029

Chapter 7 Protection of existing tourism assets and potential growth.

Caibidil: Volume 1 - chapters » 7 - Energy & Communications

Ábhair: energy, communication

7.12.7 Peatlands

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EC P17	Support the preparation of a comprehensive “after use” framework plan for the industrial peatlands and associated workshops, office buildings, industrial sites and power stations in Kildare, acknowledging the significant contribution that these expansive lands make towards the special landscape of the Bog of Allen and <i>Insert its potential to further the growth of tourism to the County.</i>
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EC O50	Prioritise the sourcing of E.U. and National funding to support projects which assist the transition of the industrial peatlands and the communities traditionally dependant on them, to sustainable after uses.
EC O51	Support Bord na Mona, <i>Insert the local communities and other key stakeholders</i> in the preparation of a long-term strategic plan for the former industrial peatlands.
EC O52	Support Bord Na Mona (and their company Powergen) with their redevelopment proposals for their headquarters at Newbridge, with a view to Kildare County Council promoting the area as a Green Energy Hub, which focuses on the higher order aspects of the renewable energy industry and a climate action training centre.
EC O53	Support the implementation of the recommendations contained in the National Peatlands Strategy 2015 and any subsequent revisions.
EC O54	Require an Ecological Impact and <i>Insert Landscape</i> Assessment to be carried out and submitted with any planning application for energy infrastructure projects (e.g., wind and solar developments) on bog /

New Objective after EC057

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Support the preservation of the visual and environmental assets surrounding existing tourism venues or planned tourism development on the Bog of Allen and estimate the tourism related impacts of proposed large scale renewable energy projects on the delivery and growth of their services.

Reason for Amendment: While recognising the need for green energy - this should not be at the expense of established and growing tourism amenities or future sustainable tourism plans which bring multiple environmental, economic and social benefits to Kildare.

Documents Attached: Níl