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Údar: National Peatlands Park Group

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Aighneacht:

National Peatlands Park Group joint submission from
Environment, Conservation and Community organisations

Comhairliúchán:

Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029

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Amendments to terminology used for consistency and recognition

Caibidil: Volume 1 - chapters » 4. Resilient Economy & Job
Creation

Ábhair: job
economy, creation

4.24 Peatland Tourism

The development of both the Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park and the proposed Umeras Peatlands Park has increased the access and educational value of the vast peatland network in the county. The uninterrupted expanse and biodiversity of these areas are a significant attraction. The Council will continue to seek to promote the existing facilities and their expansion.

The Council supports the longer-term strategic planning for industrial peatland areas, which should include a comprehensive after-use framework plan for the industrial peatlands and associated infrastructure including workshops, office buildings and industrial sites reflecting the current transition from employment based around peat extraction. This has potential for tourism resources, examples of which could include, peatways, bike-hire facilities recreational forestry, wilderness, eco-tourism based on biodiversity and a National Peatlands Heritage Park.

Amendment : National Peatlands Heritage Park should read National Peatlands Park. For consistency and recognition this term should be used throughout the County Development Plan.

RE O126 Facilitate the development of a tourism resource using cutaway

peatlands in conjunction with Bord na Móna and Fáilte Ireland, subject to environmental considerations and nature designations, for example, recreational forestry, outdoor pursuits, peatways on the network of bogs and industrial railways and a designation of a **National Peatlands**

Heritage Park.

Amendment : use the term National Peatlands Park for consistency and recognition

RE O127 Support in conjunction with Offaly County Council, Laois County Council and all other relevant stakeholders such as Bord na Mona, Coillte and the NPWS, any proposal for a new National Peatlands Heritage Park centred in Kildare on Bord Na Mona cutaway bogs in Kildare, Laois

Amendment : same as RE 0126

Map on page 43 The Kildare Tourism Map presented on page 43 of Chapter 4 should be updated to include the Church of Oak Distillery outside Monasterevin and the proposed Umeras Peatlands Park as supported in this Draft County Development Plan.

Reason: The Church of Oak Distillery and Umeras Peatlands Park are supported in this County Development Plan and will represent major net tourist attractions in West Kildare associated with the Barrow Blueway and the development of a National Peatlands Park.

Eochairfhocail: inter-county, tourism, NPWS, Coillte

Documents Attached: Níl