



Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil: KCC-C55-196

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Stádas: Submitted

Aighneacht: Protected View from Mullacash Hill, Naas Co Kildare

Comhairliúchán:

Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029

Litir Chumhdaigh

I am a local resident living in and around Naas with my family all my life.

I enjoy walking in and around the area. I enjoy the open space and biodiversity of the area.

Tuairimí:

Mullacash Hill should be a protected view.

Caibidil: Volume 1 - chapters » 13 - Landscape, Recreation & Amenity

Ábhair: landscape, recreation, amenity

The Draft Development Plan does not name Mullacash Hill as a Protected View which should be reconsidered. The view from Mullacash Hill is enjoyed by many people who cycle, run, walk and drive this route. People enjoy to use this as part of their route to enjoy the extensive, uninterrupted view of the Wicklow Mountains and agricultural land. Its popularity is clear to see by the fact it is a segment on Strava. Currently the view from the road on Mullacash Hill is totally unspoiled. There is no development visible on it and this is pretty unusual in my opinion.

The Landscape Character Analysis that was carried out in 2003 (appended to the 2005 CDP) makes specific reference to Mullacash Hill at 18.5.1. It lists Mullacash Hill as being one of the main hilltops in the area at 171 O.D. It specifically mentions that the "elevated vantage points along the long roads provide long-distance views of the Kildare lowlands". It also states "the area is generally perceived as being important and special in landscape terms". I would agree and believe that the scenic views from Mullacash Hill are worthy of protection for the enjoyment of the entire community.

Taylor's map of 1783 also clearly shows Mullacash Hill as a prominent land feature. It is a special place with exceptional views which are worthy of protection.

With all this in mind, I would hope KCC could consider adding it to the list of Protected views in Kildare.

Eochairfhocail: Mullacash Hill, Protected View, amenity

Main opinion:

Draft plan should consider protected view status

Main requests:

Main reasons:

Scenery enjoyed by all. Quiet roads for cycling, walking and jogging. Unusual to have such an expansive, uninterrupted view in Naas and Kildare.

Documents Attached: Níl

Teorainneacha Gafa ar an léarscáil: Níl