



Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil: KCC-C55-432

Údar: West Kildare SMART Rural Alliance (SRA)

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Comhairliúchán:

Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029

Chapter 7 Protection and development of existing tourism assets

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

Ábhair: energy, communication

7.12.7 Peatlands

Change Policy No EC P17 to read

Support the preparation of a comprehensive “after use” framework plan for the industrial peatlands (including associated workshops, office buildings etc) in Kildare, acknowledging the significant contribution that these expansive lands make towards the special landscape of the Bog of Allen and its potential to further the growth of tourism to the County.

Change Objective No EC O50 to read

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 in a manner consistent with the principles of Just Transition. (To include Arts & Heritage Funding)

Change Objective No EC O51 to read

Support Bord na Mona. local communities and other key stakeholders in the preparation of a long-term strategic plan for the former industrial peatlands.

Change Objective No EC O53 to read

Support the implementation of the recommendations contained in the National Peatlands Strategy 2015 and any subsequent revisions.

Change Objective No EC O54 to read

Require an Ecological Impact and Landscape Assessment to be carried out and submitted with any planning application for energy infrastructure projects (e.g., wind and solar developments) on peatlands.

New Objective to be inserted after EC057

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. Skyscapes - with uninterrupted views are a defining feature of our peatlands

Documents Attached: Níl