



Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil: KCC-C55-421

Údar: Bord na Móna

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Aighneacht:

Bord na Móna submission_Future Use of the Peatlands

Comhairliúchán:

Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029

Request for clarification_peat bogs compatibility

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

Ábhair: landscape

13.3.2 Impact of Development on Landscape

With reference to Table 13.4 Likely Compatibility between a range of land-uses and proximity to Principal Landscape Sensitivity Factors

The Draft Kildare County Development Plan invites submissions across a broad range of important topics and Bord na Móna can make a significant positive contribution across many of these areas. In particular, Bord na Móna believes we have a significant role to play in delivering on climate action & energy policy, supporting natural heritage and biodiversity, growing tourism, fostering the establishment of new, sustainable industrial and commercial development and supporting rural and urban regeneration.

Upon review of table 13.4 it is noted how low peat bogs scored across a range of sectors. For example, with respect to the 'Industrial Projects' it would be assumed that industries such as renewable energy are rated at zero. This is in stark contrast to the policies and objectives listed in previous chapters in particular Chapter 6 Infrastructure & Environmental Services and Chapter 7 Energy and Communications.

Bord na Móna respectfully requests clarification on what the council means by 'Industrial Projects'?

It is important to iterate, the bogs of Bord na Móna are a land resource of national significance that offers a range of opportunities and options for new beneficial socio economic uses. These lands have the potential to support national policy objectives across a range of sectors including rural development and employment, renewable energy, industrial uses, recreation and tourism, and biodiversity.

We look forward to your response in this regards.

Documents Attached: Níl