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Please ammend.....

Peatlands form a distinctive aspect of Kildare's Landscape. They represent some of the counties last areas of wilderness. The former Bog of Allen is the largest raised peat bog in Ireland. At over 950 square kilometres, it spreads across nine counties, including Kildare, and is the source of the River Boyne. Contained within this bogland in Kildare are a number of protected sites, the former boglands of Bord Na Móna and a number of visitor attraction centres around the bogland heritage such as Lullymore. **There are also many sites that are not protected that will be recognised within the plan, such as the sites listed within the Bog of Allen Heritage Survey and the Kildare Wetland Survey. With the end of industrial peat extraction the CDP will move forward with the creation of a National Peatlands Park linking them with environmental corridors. This will bolster tourism oportunities while being sensitive to the needs of biodiversity and conservation. This will offer visitors a unique experience and provide a gatway to the peatlands of the midlands.** The National Peatland Strategy 2014 which set targets for the re-use of cutaway bogs in terms of environmental protection, forestry, energy production and recognises the importance of this peatland landscape and promotes the concept of a National Peatland Park to explore the rich natural, archaeological, and cultural heritage of this unique landscape.

Documents Attached: Níl