



**Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil:** CRK-C155-DEV21-100

**Stádas:** Submitted

**Aighneacht:**

Cork Nature Network - 5 recommendations for a Development Plan that halts the loss of biodiversity & begins to restore it across the City

**Údar:** Cork Nature Network

**Comhairliúchán:**

Draft Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028

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## Litir Chumhdaigh

Cork Nature Network (CNN) works to protect and promote Ireland's wildlife through education, conservation, and research, to restore a healthy ecosystem for all species and peoples of Ireland.

CNN believes a much more proactive and positive approach by Cork City Council in the Development Plan policies and text is necessary to secure positive outcomes for biodiversity. Thus, we propose that amendments should be made in the policies of the new Development Plan

### Tuairimí:

#### **CNN makes 5 recommendations to improve biodiversity outcomes in the next version of the City Development Plan**

**Caibidil:** Volume 1 - Written Statement» 6. Green and Blue Infrastructure, Open Space and

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**Ábhair:** Biodiversity

The new Development Plan should have overarching goals that explicitly seek to:

- Halt the loss of biodiversity.
- See its restoration on a significant scale - so that the City is better endowed with nature and is one where everyone can benefit from this. Both in built development and in green and blue spaces.
- The City in the next version of the Development Plan should adopt outcome-based (or results-based) policies and actions for a biodiversity-rich Cork. As examples of outcomes that could be adopted: Cork as Ireland's most biodiversity-rich City; the creation of 20 (?) new biodiversity-rich public spaces; ensuring that 100 percent of Corkonians have free and easy access to high quality biodiversity-rich green space; connect 100 percent of Cork's children to nature; additional 10,000+ m2 of green roofs; full protection (& celebration) of healthy trees; more nature-friendly buildings for example so birds (swifts, swallows, etc) can nest more easily; burgeoning biodiversity-rich green space with the municipal budget for it increasing correspondingly; all Parks with a 1000 species; all neighbourhoods with their own designated area for 'wilderness'.
- Leverage new resources to deliver much more biodiversity action and do this by developing partnerships with both the private and state sectors to co-fund activity. Ambition and leadership will be crucial to building these partnership approaches.

We note the intent in Objective 6.25 (see above) *seek to map the City's ecological networks* but ask that this is

- urgently brought forward and presented in 'Mapped Objectives' documentation to support the next version of the Development Plan. We believe this can be achieved fast with the right resources.

**Ceangaltáin:**

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