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A commitment to biodiversity

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

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Ábhair: Biodiversity

It is important that the entire development plan, and all action within be subject to a full appropriate assessment and Natura Impact Statement. The city should ensure adequate ecologists and biodiversity experts are employed to implement conservation on a systemic level.

We also ask that the city publishes a dedicated biodiversity management plan, including commitments to conservation of existing habitats, including protection of urban woodland habitats.

That the city subscribes to the all Ireland pollinator plan in all areas that it manages including public realm, streets, roads, and council properties, including and not limited to the elimination of the use of herbicides except in the management of invasive species.

That the city recognises that hedgerows, scrub and woodland habitats once removed cannot be replaced by simply planting trees, and that these are of high nature value in themselves having established through ecological succession over time.

That the acquired farm at the Lee Fields/straight road become designated as a nature conservation and natural floodplain area. Natural flood defence such as management of floodplains and river, and conversion of agricultural land into permanent vegetation, instead of hard engineering approaches which can be damaging to biodiversity, as seen in the degradation of river ecological health in Bandon.

That the flood relief scheme, despite exemption from EIA through the arterial drainage act be subject to a full ecological impact assessment.

That wetland and riparian habitats be given priority and retained everywhere possible, because of their extremely high value as habitats for biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Eochairfhocail: Protection of native habitats,

Natural Floodplain and flood defences,

dedicated biodiversity management plan

Príomh-thuairim:

We must systemically integrate biodiversity and conservation into all actions in the development plan.

Príomh-iarratais:

Emphasis on natural flood protection methods. Ban the use of herbicides and pesticides. Ensure adequate staff with expertise are employed to systematically integrate biodiversity and climate action into each objective and action in the development plan.

Main reasons:

We are facing a biodiversity crisis, and we are not adequate responding to it. If we don't act now, there will be further consequences to all aspects of our lives.

Documents Attached: Níl