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**Aighneacht:** Cork City Development Plan

**Údar:** Aindrias Moynihan TD

**Comhairliúchán:**

Draft Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028

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## Litir Chumhdaigh

RE: Aindrias Moynihan TD - Cork City Development Plan

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Having the chapter in the plan on Ballincollig acknowledges the unique identity and sets out an opportunity to prioritize local needs and plans. The plan identifies a long-term strategic regeneration zone south of the Main St. While Ballincollig has grown over recent years it has been able to retain its village and community spirit and any regeneration of this core area should continue to respect Ballincolligs identity.

The education section needs to be amended to recognize the newly established primary and secondary schools. While land is being zoned for permanent homes for these new schools and other future schools the plan must also prepare for the possibility of the existing schools requiring to expand and grow and should consider zonings adjacent to the existing school sites.

Ballincollig is very proud of our Regional Park which has been developed over many years and is enjoyed by people from a very wide catchment area. The gunpowder mills are a key part of Ballincollig military heritage and army barracks was established to protect the mills. The park, the weir, canals, and the powder mills, barracks are all intertwined. The weir and canals are a central feature of the park and while the development plan acknowledges the weir as an opportunity it needs to be more active and set out a plan to reinstate the weir. This would further enhance the wonderful park environment having water flow in the canals again. It would also enhance the powder mills and a significant part of Ballincolligs heritage. There is a real opportunity here for Ballincollig and the Council in its development plan should look at the possibility of developing the gunpowder mills tourist offering.

The Council's development of a green fleet is positive step and it sends a visible green message. City Hall must build on this over the lifetime of the new plan. Government policy has been clear in the development of electric vehicle charging points and have made available substantial funding to Local Authorities to develop a network of EV charging points. Cork City Council needs to actively engage, access the available funding and build EV charging points. This would benefit people who don't have access to a charger point at their home (apartment living) or who may be visiting. I noted the plan recognizes the need for EV charging networks but appears to take a hands off approach. The council can no longer take this hands off approach and should access the available funding and develop EV charging points locally.

The first through the night bus service in the country has been in place in Ballincollig now for a number of years. It took some effort to bring this about and it has been delivering for people in Ballincollig. The next step is to advance the light rail to connect Ballincollig, its hinterland and the city centre. Cycle routes must also be advanced in particular the choke points along the bus and cycle routes need to be addressed during the lifetime of this plan to make it safer and more accessible.

The development of a Community Center has long been issue for people in Ballincollig and while a reference to a centre is mentioned in the plan the plan does not zone the particular site. The council should consider zoning the preferred site and commit to advancing the Ballincollig Community Center.

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## Tuairimí:

### Ballincollig Issues for City Development Plan

**Caibidil:** Volume 1 - Written Statement» 10. Key Growth Areas & Neighbourhood Development

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<b>Eochairfhocail:</b>	Curraheen Science	public
housing, Tourism, community centre, Park,		transport

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**Documents Attached:** Níl  
**Teorainneacha Gafa ar an léarscáil:** Níl