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Draft Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028

Climate Action Now

Caibidil: Volume 1 - Written Statement» 5. Climate Change and Environment

Ábhair: Climate action

Climate adaption and climate resilient is important, but we need to double down our efforts on climate action. Often climate adaption methods, e.g Flood defences, require a large amount of resources, and are carbon intensive. We risk failing into a feedback loop of investing in climate adaption infrastructure, which further contributes to climate change, instead of simply acting now to limit the effects of climate change. A less is more approach is often better, and adopting natural solutions instead of over engineering solutions should be a priority.

5.21 talks about a just transition. I think as a city we need to go further than endorsing a just transition, but to also bring the idea of Climate Justice to the fore. While engaging those in our own communities who may be disproportionately effected by climate change, it is also important to acknowledge that we are part of a global community. Communities around the world who contribute much less to the climate crisis, but will be disproportionately effected by it, such as coastal communities and island communities, deserve our compassion and support. Cork City should double down on our climate action to support these communities. Our climate action must not ignore growth as an issue. Our use of space, and our expansion of the city contributes to carbon emissions and waste.

5.26 outlines Waste Management and Adaptable Buildings. I believe more emphasis must be put on our use of space, fully utilising existing space, combating dereliction and land hoarding. Where possible, existing buildings should be renovated. The most sustainable building is the one that already exists. Adaptable buildings are also important for providing community spaces, and an emphasis on socially inclusive spaces should be made when renovating or building new buildings.

Eochairfhocail:	Natural	Sustainable	Unsustainable
Climate Justice, Climate Action, Solutions,	Buildings,	Growth	

Main opinion:

We need a climate justice approach to our climate action. We can't be reliant on future technologies to save us in the future, we must do our best with what we have now.

Main requests:

Integrate climate justice into the development plan. Move away from unsustainable growth. Shift more resources towards action now, which will prevent the need for adaption in the future.

Main reasons:

We must ensure our climate action is accelerated, and that we are acting for vulnerable communities, and ensuring their voices are heard.

Documents Attached: Níl