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Lack of ambition in sustainable modal share

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As the title to my observation points to, there is an embarrassing lack of ambition in the targeted 'outcomes' for modal share for Cork. This submission relates specifically to amendment numbers 1.86, 1.87 and 1.88, each of which have set a modal share of 10% for cycling. Regardless of the bluster and exaggerated claims contained throughout the Draft Development Plan, Cork is not a sustainable city, nor is it a city that embraces and promotes sustainable modes of transport. Instead, Cork City is car dominated and lacks even the most basic sustainable transport infrastructure, with our buses competing for road space with cars and our cyclists having to do the same, when they're not forced onto paths for their safety. Without setting grander, more ambitious targets for cycling as a modal share, we will continue to enable the car dominate and allow the majority of people to feel justified in using their cars as the primary mode of travel. A 10% target/outcome is only worthy of derision and speaks to how embedded in the status quo Cork's "leaders" are. In their recently adopted development plan, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Council have set a targeted modal share for cycling of 20%, and that complements their significant targets for other sustainable modes, such as walking and public transport. This is the sort of ambition that is sorely lacking in Cork City and I would implore the Executive and Elected Members to reassess the 10% share upwards, and instead set a target/outcome of 20% for cycling. Such a target would add further impetus for delivering cycling infrastructure, allowing a justification for the delivery of desperately needed sustainable transport infrastructure.

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Documents Attached: Níl