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Draft Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

Biodiversity in Dublin 15

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Biodiversity is hugely important, and the climate action elements are clear throughout the draft FDP.

I see a complete disconnect, however, between the emphasis on biodiversity and how FCC's Operations department carry out their functions in D15 (and presumably elsewhere in Fingal). There seems to be a complete disregard for the nesting season, with health and safety cited for removal of trees in springtime. This work needs to be planned better in winter, so as to minimise impact from March to August. A recent example was the removal and pruning of 100+ trees in an area of Tyrrelstown. I also saw posts from a local representative, highlighting how ivy had been removed outside an estate by FCC or its contractors - oblivious to the importance of ivy as a habitat for birds and insects.

While the planting in spring is beautiful, effectively FCC mow all the pollinator friendly (dandelions) and plant non pollinator plants (daffodils and tulips). This has to change, as does non-native wildflower planting. The development of meadows should also be encouraged.

I was suprised to see that FCC did not have a current Biodiversity Action Plan and hope that this will soon be rectified.

Finally, the Greenway is an important project for Dublin 15, but not at the expense of the beautiful untouched wilderness along the Royal Canal. Biodiversity has to be prioritised over Active Travel, in this project.

Documents Attached: Níl