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**Údar:** Brittas Community Association

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**Comhairliúchán:**

Draft South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 - 2028

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## Litir Chumhdaigh

This is a brief submission from the Brittas Community Association Committee. We want to firstly, highlight one issue we have in relation to Brittas Ponds which is listed in the development plan, secondly, say that we are very pleased with many aspects of the plan, and thirdly, thank South Dublin County Council for their ongoing help with the Brittas Community.

### Observations:

#### Chapter 5: Quality Design and Placemaking

**Caibidil:** Volume 1: Written Statement » Chapter 5: Quality Design and Placemaking

We are writing to you in relation to the Policy QDP12, Sustainable Rural Neighbourhoods, in which **Policy QDP12 SLO 1** outlines the need for a planning study for Brittas Village and to include a proposal for the commercial 'development of a tourist and leisure facility' at Brittas Ponds.

It has come to our attention that in recent news articles in the media, it was stated that 'a motion for the development of a leisure and tourism facility' at Brittas Ponds was co-signed by seven councillors and that the decision to back the motion was "taken in concert with residents in the area".

We, the Brittas Community Association Committee, would like to inform you that this is categorically not the case and is inaccurate and misleading. The Brittas Community Association Committee, plus the majority of the Brittas Community were not consulted with, or even informed of these commercial development proposals prior to this motion. Most of the community would still be totally unaware of such proposals. As far as we understand, only a very 'select' few local people were consulted in relation to this.

The Committee members are concerned at the manner in which it is being presented – gaining traction by implying that a proposed development is supported by the local Brittas Community. This is not the case. We wanted to inform you in order to set the record straight.

In relation to the overall draft development plan, we are very interested and excited by many of the other initiatives and objectives in the draft that relate to Brittas Village and surrounding areas. As discovered with

previous proposed development plan discussions, we are aware that the residents of the Brittas district are in favour of:

- continuing to protect the unique heritage and rural landscape of Brittas
- small scale cluster housing which would service the needs of the local community
- upgrade of water and sewage services for the local residents
- road safety and road infrastructure improvements

We would like to thank South Dublin County Council for all the support it has provided to the Brittas Community over the years and we look forward to improving our rural village and surrounding areas into the future, both for our residents, and for anyone passing through, or visiting our rural community.

Thanks you,  
**Brittas Community Association Committee.**

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**Teorainneacha Gafa ar an léarscáil:**

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**Documents Attached:** Níl