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<p><b>From:</b> Rathcoole Park – Citywest Golf Club – Green space at Cooldown Commons – Coldwater Commons – Green space for development adjacent Fortunestown Luas Stop – Citywest Village Green – Citywest Ave green space – Roadstone Quarry.</p> <p><b>To:</b> <b>Rathcoole Woodlands</b> - Rathcoole Park – Citywest Golf Club – Green space at Cooldown Commons –Coldwater Commons – Green space for development adjacent Fortunestown Luas Stop – Citywest Village Green – Citywest Ave green space – Roadstone Quarry</p> <p><b>Insert new Objective:</b> <b>To provide connections between Rathcoole Woodlands and Rathcoole Park as part of a wider walking trail in the area.</b></p>	

The Four Districts Woodland welcomes the opportunity to provide an observation and contribute to the public consultation on the material alterations to the Draft County Development Plan.

With reference to the above, *“connections between Rathcoole Woodlands and Rathcoole Park as part of a wider walking trail in the area”* is welcomed in light of GI17 SLO2 *“provide for sensitive passive amenity uses which have regard to their Annex 1 status.”*

A wider interpretation of connections would also be welcomed to include consideration of wildlife; bats, birds, badgers, frogs, deer, the crawlers, walkers, fliers, swimmers, that feed, sleep, live, reproduce and move in green infrastructure. Unfortunately, should the proposed CS10 SLO1 and associated zoning be realised it will curtail, and in some instances, displace some of the wildlife currently using Rathcoole Woodlands, Rathcoole Park and adjacent agricultural green fields and hedgerows. For example, badgers need a range, and while there is evidence of badgers and sightings, no study was done to ascertain what their status and habits are, within the area concerning CS10 SLO1. The area of CS10 SLO1 is also unclear with the proposed removal of its boundary.