

Developing a Strategy for Biodiversity



Pollinator
Friendly Zone



BirdWatchIreland
protecting birds and biodiversity



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United Nations award
for the Crescent Arts Centre
& Hamilton Architects



Enhance existing biodiversity interest.

Actively include gains for biodiversity in design/ build standards and finishes. Foundations through to landscaping!

Biodiversity needs 3 key things:

- Protection
- Food/nutrients
- Shelter

Can your building/development provide any or all 3?

If not, why not and can it be designed in or retrofitted to be nature friendly?





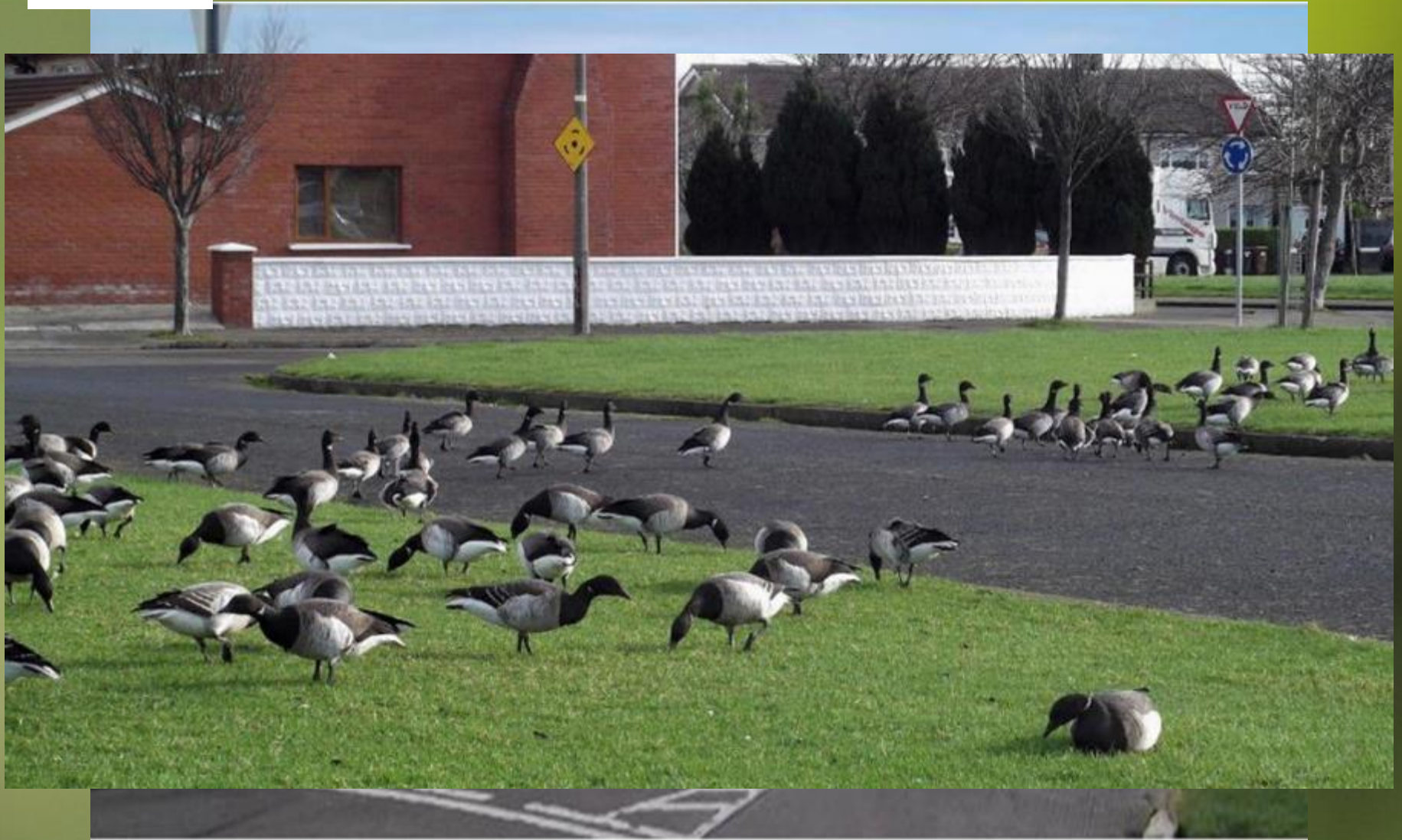
Achieving meaningful outcomes involves

- **Ambition (and expectation management)**
- **Expert advice and input (From concept/design stage)**
- **Knowing your site/surroundings**
- **Good planning + foresight (you can't rush nature)**
- **Proactive design**
- **Aftercare (sometimes)**

Protection



Food



Shelter - Nests, Dens + Roosts



Even with the best will in the world....

8 of these retained on north-facing wall of 4-storey cutstone mill dating from 1820

Pre-existing access to Swift nest cavity



22 of these on south wall of 4-storey restored 18th century cut-stone mill



Swift nest cavity entrance to limit access to other species

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BUT...

There is no substitute for maintaining existing

habitat

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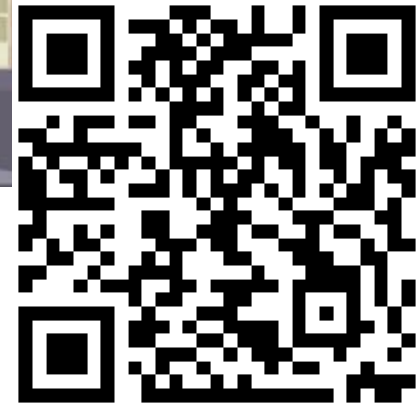
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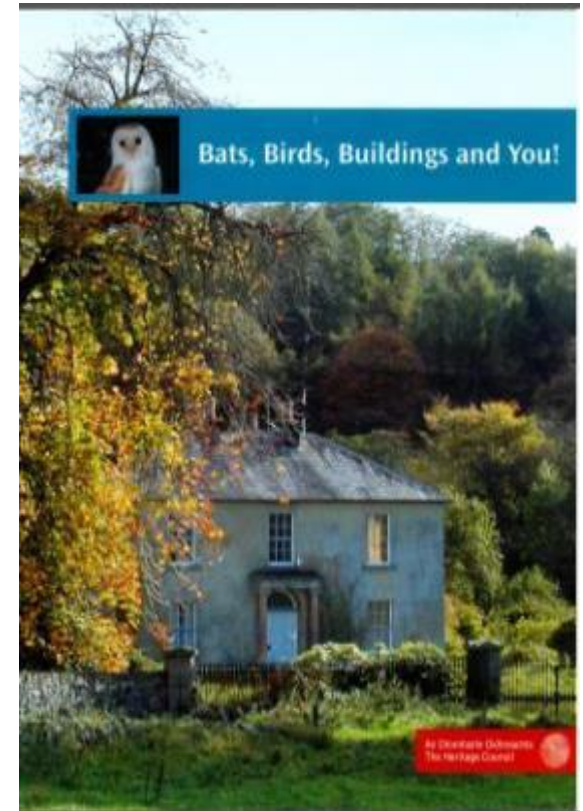
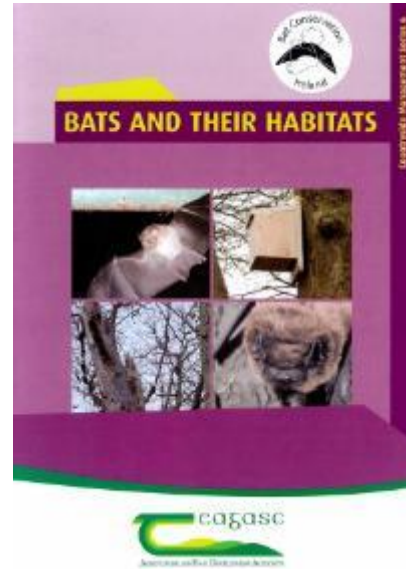
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Also!!

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Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois



Offaly County Council
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