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The Secretary  
South Dublin Co. Council  
County Hall  
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**Subject:** Coillte Consultation Opportunity - Update of District Strategic Plans

Dear Secretary,

Coillte is updating its District Strategic Plans and we need your help. National adverts have been placed in the Irish Times and Irish Independent to inform stakeholders about this process together with updates on our website: [www.coillte.ie](http://www.coillte.ie) Currently, we are at the pre-planning phase and our public consultation period for this is ongoing. In January next we will be in a position to have a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of each of our District Strategic plans and again will be looking for your feedback. As outlined on the Coillte website, details of the consultation periods are as follows:

Consultation Phase	Dates
District Strategic Pre-Planning Phase	Ongoing since Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 until Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 (6 weeks)
District Strategic Draft Plan Phase	Beginning on Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 to Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 (5 weeks)

During the District Strategic draft plan consultation phase, we will also have open public meetings, details of which will be available on our website and in local papers in the new year. Stakeholders are welcome to come and view the draft District Strategic Plans, raise concerns and give their submissions at these meetings.

We wish to ensure your participation in the planning process, so anyone wishing to make a submission can do so in the following ways. By e-mail to [consultation@coillte.ie](mailto:consultation@coillte.ie), or by post to District Strategic Plan Consultation, Coillte, Dublin Road, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. Please note consultation submissions will be available to others and therefore are not confidential. In addition if you do not wish to remain on our stakeholder list, if your details are incorrect or if you have an e-mail address then please inform us. We will acknowledge your submissions and endeavor to incorporate them into our plans, however in some cases we will not be able to change our plans to reflect all submissions received. In these cases, we will attempt to explain the reasons. In this way we can all continue to benefit from the unique set of natural resources which are vested with Coillte to be managed for multiple end uses.

Our forests are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) according to strict social, economic and environmental standards. Thank you for taking the time to read this correspondence and we look forward to communicating with you more into the future.

For further information about Coillte and what we do please visit [www.coillte.ie](http://www.coillte.ie)

Yours sincerely,

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