

BLACKROCK PARK MASTERPLAN 2020



LEGEND

1. Upgrade Mount Merrion Avenue entrance with an emphasis on greening and reduced hard surfacing
2. Demolish defunct public toilet block and replace with soft landscaping
3. Sensitive restore the Victorian Pavilion and develop a modern structure alongside for use as park tearooms & public toilets.
4. Create a naturalised bank along Priory Stream
5. Remove old porta-cabins and restore Victorian viewing platform
6. Introduce a new pedestrian entrance and dramatic bridge feature that creates a better interface between the park and the town.
7. Upgrade bridge and access for cyclists and pedestrians
8. Create a prominent entrance at Blackrock DART Station to improve connectivity with Blackrock Village and the seafront
9. Expand the existing sub-standard laneway to improve pedestrian/cycle permeability and connectivity
10. Potential location for a sculptural bench on alignment of kiosk and bandstand
11. Review existing tree cover and consider more appropriate enclosure to enhance bandstand setting
12. Replace existing playground with integrated natural play features to enhance and expand the play opportunities and encourage free play
13. Remove superfluous warren of paths and replace with a simplified path network in keeping with the original layout
14. Restore fountain and island folly and reinstate the tidal inlet/outlet mechanism for regulating the lakes water level
15. Increase tree canopy along coastal edge using evergreen species to enhance year round greening
16. Extend natural play area to exploit gradient of site and historic folly
17. Screen car park with groundcover and low hedge
18. Introduce groves of small trees and meadow planting or consider alternative method of maintaining the grass
19. Eliminate kink in path at this location for safety purposes
20. Upgrade the existing pedestrian/cycle path in the park to improve safety and enhance usage in line with the coastal greenway project.
21. Explore the feasibility of providing a community garden
22. Explore the feasibility of supporting works to improve the aesthetics of the bridge
23. Create sustainable public use for the Martello Tower
24. Reduce levels around Martello Tower to reveal more of the original structure
25. Create active hub with a focus on alternative sports such as BMX, skating, pump track, bouldering, calisthenics, etc
26. Introduce tree cover to buffer from Rock Road
27. New Parks sub-depot for storage and staff welfare facilities
28. Explore the feasibility of providing a platform to view the lagoon area and educate the public about the wildlife associated with the Special Protection Area
29. Eliminate minor entrances from Rock Road and create uniform park boundary
30. Provide a prominent park entrance to form a strong gateway to the county of DLR
31. Demolish defunct utility structures, improve the boundary and integrate the recycling units
32. Suggested location for improved pedestrian connectivity at this location
33. Introduce a large scale high quality herbaceous display suitable for coastal conditions
34. Upgrade and expand playground into the Italian Garden to create an integrated natural play space
35. Enhance viewing opportunities of Booterstown Marsh and Blackrock Park
36. Secondary pedestrian only route through park

- Shared Surface
- Pedestrians only
- Proposed trees
- Natural play
- Existing trees
- Existing playground
- Railway line
- Meadow grass
- Herbaceous planting