**Agenda Item**

**MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**14th June 2021**

**Development of Park and Recreational facilities on lands adjacent to Glenamuck Road South.**

**Report submitted in accordance with Part 8 Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) and Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).**

1. **PC/IC/01/21**

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) the Council gave notice of the proposed development in the Irish Times on 9th April 2021. Due to Covid-19 restrictions in place, public access to Council buildings was limited to urgent business only, and the plans and particulars of the proposed Scheme were available for inspection from 9th April 2021 under ‘Public Consultations’ on the Council’s website homepage [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie).

Submissions and Observations with regard to the proposed development could be made up to and including the 26th May 2021.

1. **SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

The site is located on land immediately to the south of Glenamuck Road South and between Rockville House and ‘Wayside Celtic FC - Jackson Park’, and comprises Plot 26A (west of the GLDR) and Plot 27A of the Local Area Plan.

-Plot 26A is owned by the Jackson Family and is zoned as ‘Open Space / Recreational Amenity’ in the Local Area Plan / County Development Plan. Part of Plot 26A is being acquired as part of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process for the GDRS (required for the road and for an attenuation pond). It is proposed to acquire the remainder of Plot 26A from the Jackson Family (approximately 2.5 Hectares) for development as a public park.

-Plot 27A is part of the former ‘Tig Ma Chroi’ property that was previously purchased by Dlr to facilitate the GDRS and is also zoned ‘Open Space / Recreational Amenity’.

1. **ZONING AND OTHER OBJECTIVES:**

3.1 Zoning

The site is zoned Objective F “To preserve and provide for open space with ancillary active recreational amenities”.

3.2. Council Policies/Strategies

The Dun Laoghaire County Development Plan, 2016-2022, contains the following policies and strategies that are pertinent to the proposed development:

(i) Policy OSR2: Open space strategy 2012-2015\*

In 2009 the Council prepared a comprehensive audit of the existing and proposed open space provision in Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown. This culminated in the publication of the Open Space Strategy for the County, for the period 2012- 2015. The actions and recommendations detailed in the Strategy will be implemented as appropriate and as resources allow.

(ii) Policy OSR3: Hierarchy of Parks and Open Space\*

It is Council policy to provide a hierarchy of quality parks and public open spaces which vary in size and nature and are designed to serve the needs of all members of the community, including people with mobility impairments, by being readily accessible and at a convenient distance from their home and/ or places of work.

(iii) Policy OSR4:

Future Improvements It is Council policy to continue to improve, landscape, plant and develop more intensive recreational and leisure facilities within its parks and open spaces insofar, as resources will permit, while ensuring that the development of appropriate complementary facilities does not detract from the overall amenity of the spaces.

(iv) Appendix 14 - dlr Green Infrastructure Strategy

Glenamuck Park is relevant as a link in the chain of the broader county as described In the County Development Plan Appendix 14 - dlr Green Infrastructure Strategy:

• Corridor 4-Dun Laoghaire to the Mountains

• Corridor 6 – Gateway Parks

1. **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED WORKS**

The proposed development comprises two main components:

- Phase 1 works:

(a) Construction of attenuation pond -

The attenuation pond as previously envisaged for the GDRS has been redesigned (while still retaining its attenuating function) to a more interesting and suitable form for a public park with a varied edge profile to include suitable aquatic and marginal planting.

(b) Deposition and ‘shaping’ of excavated material from the GDRS on to the land in Plot 26A that is zoned as ‘Open Space / Recreational Amenity’.

It is envisioned that the excavations for the overall road scheme (including the associated drainage attenuation ponds) will generate approximately 70,000m³ of surplus excavated material that will generally comprise clay, sub-soil and some rock. The excavation of the attenuation pond (as per (a) above) within Plot 26A alone will generate approximately 22,000m³ of material. It has become increasingly difficult for contractors to dispose of earthworks material in recent times and this material is generally hauled away by dump-trucks to licenced landfill sites, sometimes at great distances from the source of the material. This has become very expensive and is also an environmentally unfriendly practice. Some of the surplus excavated fill material from the GDRS (approximately 23,000m³) will be placed on to this land area in Plot 26A and will be compacted/shaped to the profiles/contours required to create an interesting public park area. The opportunity to dispose of this quantity of excavated material on to a site adjacent to the road scheme therefore provides for a significant economic and environmental benefit.

- Phase 2 works – ‘Fit out’ of the public park on the lands in Plots 26A and 27A. Following the completion of the earthworks and pond/drainage works carried out within the road construction contract in Phase 1, the detailed fit-out of the park will be undertaken by a specialist contractor under a separate contract. This will include shared areas, a ‘natural play-area’, a ‘kickabout area’, an ‘exercise loop’ and bench seating. There will also be substantial Parkland/Woodland tree planting, shrub / wildflower / bulb planting, aquatic planting to the pond area, etc. The park will include for pedestrian / cycle links to Glenamuck Road and the GDRS, and also to the adjacent residential development at Rockville. The main features are summarised below:

• Car parking. There will be some on-street parking provided on the GDRS adjacent to the park. There will be no car parking provision within the park. It is anticipated that the majority of park users will be local to the park and will have options to walk or cycle. It is proposed to install bicycle stands adjacent to the entrances to the park.

• Lighting. There will be public lighting within the park.

• Children’s play area. Natural Play area, kickabout area. The playground will be designed to meet the current BS and EN standards.

• Paths. It is proposed to install a network of paths within the park - these will provide for both active and passive activities such as walking, jogging and running and will enhance the enjoyment of the area for all users. There will also be an ‘exercise loop’ with exercise machines for age groups from teens to senior citizens who are seeking more rigorous exercise.

• Seating. The park will provide an important recreational role catering for passive recreation, walking, and chatting, and engaging in community events. It is proposed to install seating throughout the park to facilitate this type of use and will take into account our age friendly status as a County.

• Boundary. There will be an ‘estate railing’ along the GDRS boundary (with pedestrian access points) and this will be complemented by Parkland/Woodland tees. At the junction of the GDRS and Glenamuck Road there will be a set-back landscaped area to create a significant ‘Plaza’ area. The existing trees/hedgerow along Glenamuck Road will be maintained where possible, and the area closer to the GDRS will have a softer boundary of raised banks and trees/hedgerow.

• Landscape planting. There are very few existing trees within these land plots, except for a small copse in plot 26A that will have to be removed to facilitate the attenuation pond. The proposed Tree planting will provide an element of selective visual screening both from within and without the park and will visually enhance the park landscape. To nurture the long term vitality of the park an emphasis will be placed on native tree and plant varieties. Tree species that thrive in the windswept conditions will also form part of the backbone of planting within the park. Encouraging and supporting local wildlife is a key consideration in the selection of plants. Bulb and wildflower planting will provide a seasonal effect.

• Park Access. The park will be accessible via entrance gates off the GDRS and Glenamuck Road and there will be accesses to the residential development at Rockville House. There will be a vehicular maintenance access off Glenamuck Road. The Park will not be locked (except for the maintenance access).

• Provision of Litter Bins. It is not proposed to provide bins within the park. As with other parks within the County, visitors will be encouraged to dispose of litter in a responsible manner.

1. **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA:**

Having regard to the Kiltiernan Glenamuck Local Area Plan and the policies of the 2016-2022 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan, it is considered that the proposed development is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of this area.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

6.1. Environmental Impact Assessment Screening:

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening report is required in order to form an opinion as to whether or not the proposed development should be subject to an EIA, and if so, whether an EIA Report should be prepared in respect of it. An EIA screening report was undertaken by CAAS Ltd and concluded that there is no requirement for an EIA to be carried out and no requirement for an EIA Report to be prepared.

6.2 Appropriate Assessment – Screening Statement:

The proposed development is subject to the Guidance for Planning Authorities on Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, November 2009) and S.I. No. 476 of 2011 Planning and Development (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2011. This requires that screening is carried out for all projects to examine if any impacts are likely on Natura 2000 Sites, that is, Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs). A Screening Report was prepared by CAAS Ltd which concluded that a full Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment is not required. Therefore, in accordance with SI 476, 2011, Section 250, Planning and Development (Amendment) No. 3 Regulations 2011, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

6.3 Ecological Impact Assessment

An Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) was undertaken to ensure that the proposed works can be completed in a manner compliant with all relevant ecological legislation and CDP policies on Protection of Natural Heritage and the Environment.

**7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL DEPARTMENTS AND SECTIONS**

There are no objections to the proposed scheme from any of the Council Departments.

**8. STATUTORY BODIES / ORGANISATIONS**

Relevant Statutory Bodies / Organisations were notified of the proposed scheme by email on 9th April 2021

A response was received from the following

**8.1 Geological Survey Ireland (GSI)**

GSI advised of the data available on their website and encouraged the use and reference to the various data sets as part of the environmental assessment and planning process. GSI also noted that should development go ahead, they would appreciate a copy of reports detailing any site investigations carried out. The data would be added to Geological Survey Ireland’s national database of site investigation boreholes, implemented to provide a better service to the civil engineering sector.

Response: The submission has been noted and a copy of the Site Investigation Report will be made available to GSI

**9 SUBMISSIONS / OBSERVATIONS**

**9.1 Submissions**

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, (as amended), the Council gave notice of the proposed development in the Irish Times on 9th April 2021, indicating that submissions and observations with regards to the proposed development could be made up to and including the 26th May 2021. Submissions could be made in writing to the Senior Engineer, by email to [roadprojects@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:roadprojects@dlrcoco.ie), or at ‘Public Consultations’ on the Council’s website at [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie). A site notice (in the prescribed format) was also erected and maintained at the proposed development for the prescribed period.

A total of 49 submissions were received, of which 1 was from a statutory body/organisation are outlined in section 8 above. A summary of all submissions received by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is provided in the table below. For each submission, a Chief Executives response is included.

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| **No.** | **Query / Concern** | **Submission Ref No*.*** | **Response** |
| **1** | The submissions ask for the provision of a ‘pumptrack’ for cycling / skateboarding / rollerblades | 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19, 25, 31 | The provision of a pumptrack and skateboarding facilities can be considered as part of the detailed design of the Park**.** |
| **2** | The submissions ask for the provision of a Dog Park | 17, 21, 23, 28, 35, 48, 49 | The provision of a dog park will be examined, however it is not Council policy to provide dog parks in smaller neighbourhood parks. |
| **3** | The submissions express various safety concern regarding the presence of the existing ESB pylon and overhead high voltage wires, and some asked if the wires could be undergrounded. Various safety concerns are mentioned, including electric fields causing charges on the body underneath a power line, ‘Flashover’ events and combination of water and high voltage lines, people with pacemakers, , kite-flying etc | 15, 20, 22, 23, 38, 43, 46 | The Council have engaged with Eirgrid in relation to the possibility of undergrounding these overhead lines (Arklow-Carrickmines 220kV double circuit overhead line) and have been advised that this is not possible for technical and operational reasons.  With regard to safety concerns relating to Eirgrid pylons and overhead lines, the Council will adhere to the normal safety guidelines provided by Eirgrid, as per the existing situation in other park areas in the county that have pylons and overhead lines. |
| **4** | The submissions express concern about access to the park from Rockville and other estates in the vicinity, that could cause additional car parking in the estate by people visiting the park | 27, 29, 30, 48 | The park is intended as a destination for the existing and proposed future local population. It is anticipated that users will predominantly travel to the park on foot or by bicycle. Car parking spaces are being provided adjacent to the park on the new Glenamuck Link Distributor Road. |
| **5** | The submissions express general support for the scheme | 3, 4, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 45 | Noted. |
| **6** | The submission asks for the scheme to be linked to the new ‘greenway’ in Clay Farm - this would give access to the HSE Health Centre in the Leopardstown Shopping Centre. It would also provide "green" walks to local areas including Belarmine, the Gallops, Fernhill, the Luas etc. | 1 | The development planning process will provide opportunities to create greenway links through the residential zoned development lands to the north of Glenamuck Road, and this will provide further links to the proposed Jamestown Park and on to Clay Farm / Ballyogan Road / Luas stop etc.. |
| **7** | The submissions ask for a playground with swings, and states that there is insufficient detail regarding the playground area and the play equipment. | 6, 12, 33, 38, 43 | Details of the playground area will be agreed with the local community during the detailed design stage of Phase 2 of the park. |
| **8** | The submissions ask for litter bins (Big Belly) bins, below ground refuse receptacles and bins for dog waste in the park | 6, 15, 40, 45 | It is not proposed to provide bins within the park. As with other parks within the County, visitors will be encouraged to dispose of litter in a responsible manner as part of the Council’s ‘Leave no Trace' policy |
| **9** | The submission asks for a full-size sports pitch in the park to cater for demand in the locality | 15, 18 | This park has been designed as a ‘neighbourhood’ park and it is not considered to be suitable for the provision of a full size sports pitch. |
| **10** | The submission asks if significant park amenities could be provided similar to that of the People's park in Dun Laoghaire, featuring childrens play area, fountains, band stands, tea rooms, serviced toilets and changing facilities. Also an area built that could support community events, or it could be an area for a new library or public facility that could include public remote co-working spaces. This space could be an excellent central community gathering point for both the Kilternan area & the outer reaches of Cabinteely & the new development in Cherrywood, and the main focus should be community amenities & pedestrianisation, to encourage activity, gatherings and exploration of outdoor spaces." | 18 | The proposed park includes for a junior children’s play area, a natural play area with a circuit track, informal kickabout area, grass play mounds, pond water feature, bench seating areas, circulation paths, cycletracks, exercise loop etc. The park is a small scale neighbourhood park and there is limited potential for larger scale park features such as tea-rooms, serviced toilets, changing facilities, library etc.  It is noted that the park could indeed be a good ‘community gathering point’ for local residents, and this will be enhanced by the development of ‘green’ links to be provided as part of future development in the area |
| **11** | The submission asks for enclosed play area for young children to make supervision easier for parents and caregivers. | 24 | There is potential for an enclosed play area perhaps in the junior natural play area, and this can be finalised during the detailed design stage of Phase 2 of the park. |
| **12** | The submissions ask about the access to the park from the Glenamuck Road, and if the footpath can be upgraded to allow pedestrians to freely access the park or will it be a car preference access? The current pedestrian pathways to the proposed park need to be made safe and upgraded as same are dangerous, uneven, far too narrow and not fit for purpose at present | 26, 45, 47 | The footpaths on both sides of Glenamuck Road will be upgraded to two metres in width as part of the Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS). There is no car parking provision within the proposed park, and entrance to the park will be pedestrian and cycle access only. The vehicular entrance is for Council maintenance vehicles only. |
| **13** | The submission asks that the park should have some outdoor sports like a tennis court and a basketball court and a small football pitch for kids | 32 ,42 ,44 | This is a small neighbourhood park and there is limited potential for the provision of larger scale active recreational facilities. A ‘kickabout area’ has been provided for informal ball sports etc. |
| **14** | The submission asks that an exercise area for the adults be made with walking/jogging track. | 23, 33, 45 | The scheme includes an ‘exercise loop’ with exercise machines for age groups from teens to senior citizens who are seeking more rigorous exercise. |
| **15** | The submission asks the Glenamuck road be made 4 lane with ample footpaths on both sides. | 33 | The approved GDRS includes for a single lane in each direction on Glenamuck Road with a two metre wide footpath and a two metre wide cycle track on both sides. |
| **16** | The submission asks that the number of buses and/or the frequency of current buses (63 and 63A) be increased | 33 | The provision of public bus services is regulated by the National Transport Authority, and the number and frequency of buses is part of their licensing process. It would be expected that the number of buses and frequency may increase in the future due to the increase in housing development in the area. |
| **17** | Submission from Geological Survey Ireland | 34 | See response in Section 8.1 above |
| **18** | The submission asks if the amount of bollards along the entrance way can be reduced to promote a more inviting space, and suggests that a single bollard at the entrance is sufficient. | 36 | The arrangement of bollards at the entrance will be reviewed at the detailed design stage of Phase 2 of the park to achieve the most appropriate arrangement. |
| **19** | The submission asks if public bathrooms can be made available | 18, 40 | The park has been designed as a small ‘neighbourhood’ park, and public toilets are not being provided as per existing Dlr practice. |
| **20** | The submissions say that the size of the proposed park is inadequate in relation to the population of Kilternan and Glenamuck, and that the ponds take up too much space. The playground should be larger for increasing numbers of children. There is not enough public open space for recreational purposes in the area to cater for the planned increase in the local population. | 37, 38, 39, 41, 43, 44, 49 | This proposed Neighbourhood Park will form part of a much wider network of Parks & Open Spaces in the Kilternan Glenamuck area, some of which will be provided by private development, and some by the Council in accordance with the LAP. This network will include for further play opportunities, and will culminate in a new Regional Park at Jamestown. The ponds as designed fulfil three purposes, flood attenuation, maximising biodiversity through habitat creation, and a new aesthetic amenity feature with pedestrian paths, seating and other passive areas. |
| **21** | The submission asks if the park is to be walled so it is safe from the distributor road that has yet to be built | 38 | An ‘estate’ type metal fence is to be provided along the boundary with the proposed Glenamuck Link Distributor Road and this is considered to be a ‘softer’ and more appropriate type of boundary treatment. |
| **22** | The submissions say that the attenuation ponds are close to the children’s play area and will be dangerous. | 38, 41 | With regard to safety, the SuDS manual recommends the use of level benches, vegetated borders and gentle side slopes to manage Health and Safety Risks, which have been incorporated into the proposed design. The maximum side slopes adjacent to ponds are 1:3 in accordance with SuDS Manual Recommendations. The Suds Manual notes that “High fencing tends to isolate pond systems, reduces amenity benefits and potentially increases health and safety risks”. The incorporation of attenuation features into parks/public realm areas is common practice and local examples includes Honeypark, Clonkeen Park and Cabinteely Park. The inclusion of ponds/water features into parklands is long established in Ireland and internationally and increases visual interest and significantly increases biodiversity opportunities. |
| **23** | The submissions say that spoil is being removed from the rest of the park and raised into substantial mounds on a large part of the site rendering that area of little practice use and a waste of space, and is a money saving exercise. The excavated waste material will in fact render the area unusable for active recreation, missing the opportunity to provide some good quality level surfaces for public football pitches or tennis courts. The material being filled is ‘dumped rubbish from the road construction’ and is bad in these days of conservation. | 37, 38, 41, 43, 44, 46 | Some of the surplus excavated fill material from the GDRS (approximately 23,000m³) will be placed on to the land in the park area and will be compacted/shaped to the profiles and contours required to create an interesting public park area, and this is considered to be very appropriate in creating interesting play areas for children. It is not agreed that this renders the area unusable, but in fact is designed so as to enhance its characteristics as a park space.  The local disposal of surplus material instead of off-site haulage presents an opportunity to realise an environmental benefit, and this is considered to be very worthwhile. This is a small neighbourhood park and it is not considered to be suitable for the provision of full size football pitches. |
| **24** | The submission asks for a timeframe for this park, and will it be built before or after the distributor road? | 38 | Phase 1 (the construction of the attenuation pond, filling of excavated material from the road scheme and the ‘shaping’ of the park area) would be carried out as part of the main GDRS road construction contract. It is currently estimated that these works will be completed by mid 2023.  Phase 2 will include for the development of this area to a fully fitted out park. This work would be carried out under a separate construction contract following the completion of the road building scheme. |
| **25** | The submission says that the title and content of the notice are disingenuous and misleading. The reference to “Park and Recreational facilities” disguises that fact that this proposal facilitates the disposal of 23,000 cubic metres of waste material from the Glenamuck Distributor Road Scheme | 44 | The Part 8 Report is very clear as to the extent of the proposal and makes no attempt to disguise the intention to place surplus material from the GDRS on to this area. |
| **26** | The submission says that there is no indication in the documents as to the water depth, particularly in flood conditions, it is typical that the water is likely to be at a depth to present a risk of drowning. If that is the case security fencing may be required to prevent unauthorised access, and therefore the water feature would not be of any recreational value | 44 | The intended normal water depth is shallow (0.5m) in day to day conditions which temporarily rises to store water in flood conditions (maximum rise of 1.5m). The aim of the ponds is to replicate a natural wetland habitat which responds to weather conditions and maintains the natural hydrology. The maximum side slopes adjacent to the ponds are 1:3 in accordance with SuDS Manual Recommendations.  Refer also to the response to No.22 above. |
| **27** | The submission says that the proposed development fails to advance the LAP objective for the development of public open space. The current LAP also identifies Open Space at Land Parcels 4, 26A and 26B, these lands are all privately owned and are therefore not available to the public. The Council must address the issue of public open space and play areas. This must be sorted for the future, particularly as so much would-be developers are seeking unnecessary further rezoning of the last green spaces in Kilternan for development. | 44, 46 | This proposed Neighbourhood Park will form part of a much wider network of Parks & Open Spaces in the Kilternan Glenamuck area, some of which will be provided by private development, and some by the Council in accordance with the LAP. This network will include for further play opportunities, and will culminate in a new Regional Park at Jamestown. The Council has been proactive in pursuing a coherent open space policy and provision in association with the various planning applications as they have been submitted, this is to seek to maximise the areas available for public play and recreation and to provide a green open space link to Jamestown Park. |
| **28** | The submission suggests that the council should consider alternative locations for the attenuation ponds to the west of Plot 26B in the “restriction zone” under the 220kv high power overhead ESB lines or to the east of the Glenamuck Link Distributor Road, between the Tig mo Chroi halting site and the Glenamuck Road, in Plot 27C, in land already under the ownership of DLRCC | 44 | The location of the proposed attenuation pond was chosen following a detailed engineering study of the area in the context of the road scheme. The ponds have been located at a local topographic low point which is essential to their function. The ponds are hydraulically linked to achieve common water levels, and sufficient land areas at a similar topographic elevation are therefore required. The potential for excavations in the direct vicinity of the existing 220kv pylon would be restricted to avoid undermining the pylon foundation which would restrict the provision of attenuation in this location |
| **29** | The submissions asks if it would be necessary to retain the very beautiful old mature trees currently growing on that site and including those along the current public roadway against the wall. Also can safe ‘islands’ be provided in the ponds for wildlife / nature to take refuge? | 45, 47 | Mature trees along the southern side of Glenamuck Road bordering the proposed park and along the eastern side of the entrance to Wayside Celtic – Jackson Park will be retained.  Small ‘islands’ are being provided within the ponds. |
| **30** | The submission states that the Council is misleading the public, and notes ‘green space’ in the LAP that is privately owned (see also No.27 above). This area is not green space, it is a necessary function for attenuation pond and is also useless space as it is under high voltage lines and with a pylon in its midst. | 46 | This proposed Neighbourhood Park will form part of a much wider network of Parks & Open Spaces in the Kilternan Glenamuck area, some of which will be provided by private development, and some by the Council in accordance with the LAP. This network will include for further play opportunities, and will culminate in a new Regional Park at Jamestown. The ponds as designed fulfil three purposes, flood attenuation, maximising biodiversity through habitat creation, and a new aesthetic amenity feature with pedestrian paths, seating and other passive areas.  The Park has also been designed to minimise the impact of the pylon and overhead lines, and it should be noted that there are many Parks throughout the County that have pylons. |
| **31** | The submissions ask if provision can be made for some 3/4 car parking spaces for the elderly/ infirm and those with disabilities close to the park. Also some cycle racks to secure bikes, and seating benches. | 47, 49 | Car parking is being provided adjacent to the park on the new Glenamuck Link Distributor Road. Some of these can be designated as Disabled car parking spaces. Cycle parking and benches will be provided within the park. |
| **32** | The submission states that there is a requirement for more parking to be provided other than some off street parking spaces being made available. Provision needs to be made for families with children that can not walk or cycle. Reference made to Fernhill Park as an example | 49 | The park is intended as a destination for the existing and proposed future, local population. It is anticipated that users will predominantly travel to the park on foot or by bicycle. Car parking spaces are being provided adjacent to the park on the new Glenamuck Link Distributor Road to cater for some car-based users. There is no scope to provide additional larger scale parking provision at this location. |

**10. PROPOSED MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS & PARTICULARS**:

The following minor amendments are considered appropriate to the proposed park;

1. The provision of a pumptrack and skateboarding facilities to be part of the detailed design of the Park.
2. Details of the playground area to be agreed with the local community during the detailed design stage of Phase 2 of the park.
3. There is potential for an enclosed play area perhaps in the junior natural play area, and this will be finalised during the detailed design stage of Phase 2 of the park.
4. Some of the car parking spaces on the new Glenamuck Link Distributor Road will be designated as Disabled car parking spaces.

**11. RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed ‘Development of Park and Recreational facilities on lands adjacent to Glenamuck Road South’ is considered to be in accordance with the provisions of the 2016-2022 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan, and accords with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. In accordance with the legislation, the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report, unless the Council, by resolution, decides to vary or modify the development otherwise than as recommended, or decides not to proceed with the development.

Subject to the above approval, members are hereby notified in accordance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, of the intention to proceed with the proposed development, subject to the following amendments:

1. The provision of a pumptrack and skateboarding facilities to be part of the detailed design of the Park.

2. Details of the playground area will be agreed with the local community during the detailed design stage of Phase 2 of the park.

3. There is potential for an enclosed play area perhaps in the junior natural play area, and this will be finalised during the detailed design stage of Phase 2 of the park.

4. Some of the car parking spaces on the new Glenamuck Link Distributor Road will be designated as Disabled car parking spaces.

and to any such minor or immaterial alterations to the plans and particulars of the development.

**Owner** : **Robert Burns, Director of Infrastructure and Climate Change.**