

7.0 OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES

OVERALL OBJECTIVES:

OSo1	<i>To identify a hierarchy of open spaces and clarity in respect of their function (differentiation between public and private open space.)</i>
OSo2	<i>To provide for linkage/access along open spaces and between different green spaces creating a network linking different functional areas both within and adjacent to the plan boundary.</i>
OSo3	<i>To acknowledge and respect areas of ecological importance, local topography, watercourses, hedgerows, woodlands, mature trees and views when providing open space and to ensure the protection of ecological linkages when providing open space within the Plan area.</i>
OSo4	<i>To provide for recreational cycle paths within open space. (In some instances, cycle paths located within green areas, may need to be linked by cycle track facilities provided along main transportation corridors.)</i>
OSo5	<i>Landscape design, specification and open space construction to be of a high standard & open space to be designed to be robust, accessible, useable, connected and supervised.</i>
OSo6	<i>Open space to be designed in a way that protects and enhances biodiversity.</i>
OSo7	<i>To provide for the appropriate types of active/passive recreational facilities both indoor and outdoor in the LAP for all age groups. Facilities to be provided should be appropriate to the scale and needs of the development area whilst having regard to established or planned amenities in the wider environs. Adequate transport access to these recreational facilities via safe public transport and pedestrian/ cycleway network is paramount.</i>

7.1 Open Space

Substantial tracts of land within the LAP area are already zoned 'Objective F', 'To preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities'. These lands, which total 9.84ha in extent, are however in private ownership. Two of the land parcels comprise Bective Rangers' grounds (2.42ha) and the new Wayside Celtic grounds (4.5ha).

7.1.2 Public Open Space

The provision of Public Open Space within the LAP Area will generally be informed by the County Development Plan 2010-2016 and the Council's Open Space Strategy 2012-2015.

The Council's overarching policy in relation to public open spaces has been defined in the County Open Space Strategy 2012-2015 and in the County Development Plan Policy "OSR2 Hierarchy of Parks and Open Spaces". The County wide hierarchy aims to provide for 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 by being readily accessible and at a convenient distance from their home and/or places of work.

The County Development Plan 2010-2016 has set two levels or 'classes' of open space provision as follows:

- 'Class 1' open space is normally constituted as a significant local park

which provides inter alia for active recreation often in the form of playing fields.

- 'Class 2' public open space is more numerous and located in and around

residential areas, providing opportunities for informal recreation and play.

The LAP will also have regard to the objectives of the Open Space Strategy 2012-2015 in relation to the provision of both Class 1 and Class 2 Open Space.

The open space to be provided in conjunction with Land Parcel No. 20a (and Land Parcels 5a and 2) will require to be provided in a manner that facilitates the objective to provide a green way link connecting the future amenity facility being developed on the former landfill site to the Primary Neighbourhood Centre.

Following commitments given by the Council as part of the previous Kiltiernan Glenamuck LAP, a centrally located parcel of land was acquired by the Council (Parcel 27a and 27c) for the purposes of providing a public open space at the heart of the LAP area.

7.1.3 Private Open Space

Private Open Space standards within the LAP Area will generally be informed by the provisions of the County Development Plan 2010-2016 and the "Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas: Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (2008).

7.1.4 Landscaping -specific

It is intended that Land Parcel 9 (0.1ha) be developed as a small Civic Park area with associated feature/s (e.g. sculpture). This area will facilitate pedestrian permeability from residential land to the north-east to the secondary Neighbourhood Centre.

Extensive tree planting should be undertaken along the western side of the Link Road reserve abutting Land Parcels No. 26a and 20a to provide a green screen for the Kiltiernan Village Core. A break in this landscaped strip is to be provided at the location of the central public open space area in Land Parcel no. 20a to create a vista to the central Civic space associated with the Primary NC Neighbourhood Centre development.

7.1.5 Hedgerows:

The most significant habitat type in the LAP area is the hedgerow. The HCLA study found that in general, the condition of the hedgerows ranges from very good to excellent. The protection of local hedgerows is a priority for ensuring habitat survival and maintaining local biodiversity. In this regard, the HCLA recommended undertaking a detailed ranking survey of the hedgerows, which could qualify the sustainability of these important resources. This is particularly important considering significant lands, which have been zoned for future development, contain mature hedgerows.

Any proposed development area which includes extensive existing hedgerows, should include an assessment of the hedgerows within the subject site boundary, and incorporate proposals for their retention and enhancement, if applicable and feasible.

7.2 Sports Facilities

The area is relatively well served with sports facilities, with a number of facilities located either within or immediately adjacent to the Plan area. There are also plans for significant future recreational developments adjacent to the LAP area, at 'Jamestown Park' – the remediated landfill at Ballyogan and the 'Samuel Beckett Civic Complex' at Ballyogan Avenue.

Current sports, leisure and recreational facilities located within, or adjacent to, the LAP include the Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club, Carrickmines Golf Course, De La Salle Palmerston RFC, Bective Rangers' Glenamuck Sports Ground, the Stepside Driving Range, Stepside Golf Course, Wayside Celtic Football Club, and Kiltiernan Parish Lawn Tennis Club and the recently completed Stepside Recreational Facility adjacent to the Golf Course.

The development of a new facility for Lansdowne Old Wesley (LOW) at a site immediately to the east of the LAP area on

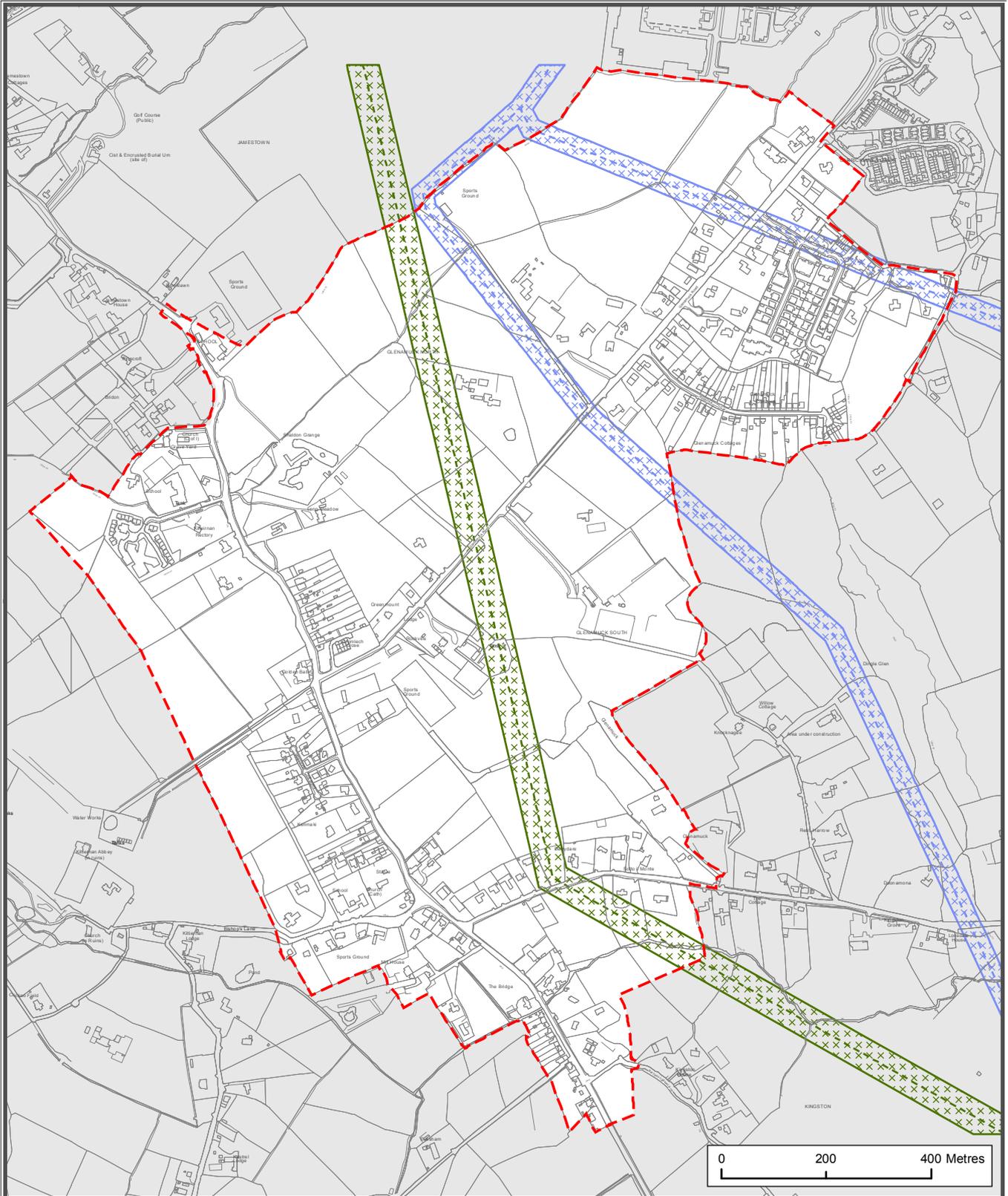
Ballycorus Road has been completed in recent years. This development constituted the relocation of the existing LOW facility from grounds at Kilgobbin Lane, Stepside. Facilities included three rugby pitches (two of which will have training lights), and a clubhouse. The site is accessed via a new entrance off the Ballycorus Road and provides for 100 car parking spaces, three coach parking spaces, and cycle parking.

7.2.1 Future Provision

- Former Ballyogan Landfill site (Jamestown Park)
It is intended to utilise the major part of this former landfill site once fully rehabilitated as a Public Park. A phased development is planned to include mountain biking and BMX facilities as well as a playground and other facilities.
- Samuel Beckett Civic Complex - Ballyogan This proposed facility off Ballyogan Road will comprise the following: a library, 25m swimming pool, toddler's pool, sports hall, community facility, childcare facility, playground, skateboard park, four all-weather pitches, re-development of three grassed pitches, trim trails, changing facilities and parking. The Council recently announced a funding allocation for Phase 1 of the scheme, to consist of a community centre & childcare facility, a library/sports building, a playground, a synthetic & natural grass pitches and a skate park.
- Stepside Sports Facility (Adjacent to Stepside Golf Course)
There is an objective in the County Development Plan 2010-2016 to "develop a sports facility at the site known as the "8-acre field" that will incorporate a new pavilion for golf, indoor hall and changing rooms in association with an all weather pitch, tennis courts and a bowling green." To date, the all weather multi-purpose GAA/Soccer pitch and associated car-parking has been completed. The second phase of development, to complete the project will be advanced as financial resources become available.

To conclude, while the provision of further facilities within the remit of the LAP area has not been proposed, it is evident from the above that there are a number of existing and proposed facilities located within and in the immediate vicinity of the Kiltiernan/Glenamuck Plan area. In this regard the need to provide adequate, appropriate and safe public transport, and pedestrian/cycleway networks to access these facilities is paramount.

Map 13:



Legend

-  Local Area Plan Boundary
-  ESB 220KV Double Circuit Overhead Powerline
-  ESB 110KV Overhead Powerline
-  Restriction Corridor (40m Wide)
-  Restriction Corridor 220KV (60m Wide)

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<p>Map 13 Utility Services</p>		
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8.0 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OVERALL OBJECTIVES:

SCDo1	<i>To facilitate an appropriate level of provision of community facilities commensurate with the scale of the new residential communities. (This will include identifying existing community facilities available locally and in neighbouring areas, and identifying additional requirements.)</i>
SCDo2	<i>To centralise the existing and proposed community facilities at appropriate locations, where feasible.</i>
SCDo3	<i>To assess the needs for educational facilities, in particular the possible need to provide a secondary school for the broader area given the extent of development in the wider area, including Stepside/Ballyogan.</i>
SCDo4:	<i>It is the policy of the Council to ensure the reservation of primary and post-primary school sites in accordance with the requirements of the relevant education authorities. Schools will be delivered in the LAP area in accordance with the “Code of Practice on the Provision of Schools and the Planning System”.</i>

Table 8.1: Existing Primary School Facilities

Name	Location	No. of children	Comments
Our Lady of the Wayside National School Kiltiernan	Enniskerry Road, Kiltiernan	321 students	Comprises 12 classrooms. The school is at capacity. There are no plans to increase the size further.
Kiltiernan Church of Ireland Primary School	Enniskerry Road, Kiltiernan	209 students	Comprises 4 existing classrooms plus 4 new classrooms. The expected peak student occupancy is 217 students. DES note a capacity for 224 pupils.

8.1 Education/Schools



Current school facilities in the area comprise Our Lady of the Wayside National School Kiltiernan and Kiltiernan Church of Ireland Primary School. There is no Secondary School in the Plan area.

The Kiltiernan Adult Education Centre, located at Ballybetagh Road, Kiltiernan, Dublin 18 is administered by the County Dublin Vocational Education Committee (VEC) and provides daytime and evening classes. The activities associated with the Kiltiernan Adult Education Centre should continue to be supported and facilitated where possible and if appropriate.

Liaison has been on-going with the Department of Education and Skills regarding future school requirements in the LAP area and environs. In this regard, the County Council has reserved a site of approximately 2 hectares at Land Parcel 27c/27b (zoned ‘Objective B’) for a primary school site. This site would facilitate/ accommodate the development of either one 32-classroom education facility or two 16-classroom education facilities. In identifying Land Parcel 27b, it is considered that this site is both centrally located within the overall Plan area and will benefit from potential synergies with adjoining Open Space zoned lands. In conjunction will be an objective to achieve the undergrounding of the adjacent 110kv ESB powerline.

8.2 Childcare Facilities

The Guidelines on Childcare Facilities for Planning Authorities advise that an average of one childcare facility³ (with places for 20 children) for every 75 dwelling units in new residential developments shall be provided. While the recommended standard would be applicable in the lower density areas, a reduced standard may be appropriate in medium and medium-higher density development areas.

It is Council policy to encourage the provision of childcare facilities as an integral part of proposals for new residential developments. The Council will encourage the provision of childcare facilities in a sustainable manner to encourage local economic development and to assist in addressing disadvantage.

In addition, the Council will consider permitting the conversion of part of existing dwellings to such use, where the bulk of the buildings remain in residential use, subject to residential amenity and traffic considerations. The Council may also require childcare provision in large residential, public community, commercial and retail developments in accordance with the provisions of the DoeCLG 'Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities' 2001.

8.3 Proposed Community Facilities

a) Within the LAP area

- Kiltiernan Parish (Church of Ireland) Community Complex
The Kiltiernan Parish (Church of Ireland) received planning permission in 2009 to provide a new parish/community complex incorporating part of the existing Parochial Hall. This new complex is intended to include major and minor halls, meeting rooms, a crèche, office and kitchens. Development of this facility has not commenced to date.

b) External to LAP

- Samuel Beckett Campus (Ballyogan)
In addition to comprehensive sporting facilities the campus is to include a library and childcare facility.

8.4 Play Policy

The County Council recognises the right of children to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities

appropriate to their age, and to be consulted on the provision of play facilities. It is an objective of the Council "To provide opportunities for children of all ages and backgrounds to structured and unstructured play facilities in an accessible and safe manner". In this regard the Council adopted a Play Policy in May 2003, which forms part of the County's overall Sport, Recreation and Leisure Policy.

Play opportunities fall into four categories namely,:

- Regional Play facilities (in regional parks),
- Local Play facilities (in local parks),
- Community Play facilities (in secure environments such as community centres, libraries, shopping precincts), and
- Neighbourhood Play facilities (in residential open spaces).

With regard to the LAP area, suitable playgrounds for the future child population shall be provided within the individual proposed residential developments. A community play facility shall be provided at, or in close proximity to, the Primary Neighbourhood Centre.



³ The minimum required floor area for a childcare facility is 52m² per childcare place, not including outdoor play space or ancillary residential accommodation.