



Proposed Bremore Regional Park Development Project

Overview

Beginning in 2019, the Council undertook extensive consultation with the local community with the goal of developing an ambitious shared vision for the future of Bremore Park. Since then, despite the challenges posed by Covid 19, work began to refine that vision into detailed proposals. This was achieved through a series of online focus groups with stakeholders and national sporting bodies.

The proposed park development project is an important step in delivering the long-term vision for the park. The project led by the council's Parks and Green Infrastructure Division covers the key infrastructure required to upgrade Bremore to regional park status and to best serve the needs of the local community.

The focus of this Planning Application is on the lands within the park to the west of the rail-line as well as the section of the park to the south-east (designated as a new Coastal Park) encompassing a project area of over 15 hectares within the park. The park development project is organised under three distinct zones:

The Balbriggan Sports & Recreational Hub

This multifunctional campus will provide for a range of sporting activities as a shared public facility; these include athletics, all-weather football pitches with flood lighting; full size GAA pitch, soccer pitches, basketball courts, tennis courts, car park access and changing facilities. The development of the Recreational Hub at Bremore Park is an objective of the Fingal County Development Plan. Substantial stakeholder consultation was undertaken by the Council to ensure that the proposals significantly address the needs of the local sporting clubs.

Central Zone Open Spaces

The central zone of Bremore Park has been designed to improve access, circulation and permeability between adjacent residential areas, the park and the sea while enhancing the physical and natural amenity of the space. At the centre of the open space is a natural play area with raised grassed mounds and play elements for younger children and seating areas for their parents and guardians, set within copses of native tree planting, lawn, and wildflower meadows. Upgrades are proposed to the existing network of pathways circulation along with the provision of trim trail fitness equipment in set-back zones along the path network.

The Coastal Park

The proposal for the Coastal Park aims to create a family orientated space which facilitates play, active recreation and social interaction. The existing playground and bandstand are supplemented with a skate bowl, grassed play-mounds and half-court basketball court which further animate this space. Soft landscaping of ornamental planting and trees will feature within a high-quality public realm with public lighting, street-furniture and bicycle parking. Seating areas will afford opportunities to sit, look and experience the sea.

Overall, the works included within the proposed Bremore Regional Park Development are extensive and will create a platform for realising further future objectives. The park proposals have been designed to achieve the best fit between the provision of active and passive recreation and improved linkages to surrounding urban areas and taking a sensitive approach to the visual, historic and ecological attributes of the site. The project will deliver significant public amenities to the local community and transform the relationship between the town and the park.