

Naul Village Park

Summary Report of non-statutory consultation with Naul Community Council.

The following text is a commentary prepared by Áit Urbanism + Landscape Ltd. design consultants working in collaboration with Fingal County Council (FCC) on the Part 8 design for Naul Village Park. The commentary is a response to feedback received from Naul Community Council following their meeting with FCC representatives on July 7th 2021, the response adopts the headings used in the feedback report for ease of cross-referencing.

Theme 1 – Boules Area

Summary of Issues:

Consider replacing boules in this area with table tennis

Response:

The comments are noted

Recommendations:

Outdoor table tennis provision will be considered in the scheme.

Theme 2 – Space for Teenagers

Summary of Issues:

Include a dedicated space in the proposals suitable for teenage use to address the current deficit of such spaces in Naul village

Response:

The proposals provide an area for users of all ages to congregate and socialise, however, the comments relating to teenage amenities are noted.

Recommendations:

The proposed design will include elements that may appeal to teenagers more specifically such as table tennis tables and exercise equipment.

Theme 3 – Bicycle Parking and Storage

Summary of Issues:

There is a deficit of bicycle parking within the village and there is an opportunity to incorporate additional provision within the scheme

Response:

The level of bicycle parking proposed is for the users of the park and considered appropriate.

Recommendations:

With respect to the above comments, no changes are recommended.

Theme 4 – Visibility of Monuments

Summary of Issues:

Retain and improve the views of nearby recorded monuments, consider increasing the ground level in the park to further this objective.

Response:

Existing views to the monuments will be preserved from within the park, It is not necessary to increase ground levels.

Recommendations:

Views to be considered and reflected within the design.

Theme 5 – Site Security

Summary of Issues:

Park to be lockable at night. Car-park entrance to be lockable during events.

Response:

A lockable boundary to the park is proposed

Recommendations:

With respect to the above comments, no changes are recommended.

Theme 6 – Vehicular Entrance

Summary of Issues:

The proposed entrance location may cause traffic issues. The distance from the rear of tSEAC to the car park is not ideal for stage users in terms of logistics. Provide parking at the existing entrance with an overflow area that can accommodate farmers markets and events.

Response:

The proposed car-park location is chosen to ensure a greater connection between the Village Park, tSEAC and Naul Village centre. The entrance to the car park complies with the site line requirements and conforms with the recommendations of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). The requirements of the Transport Planning Section are adhered to in the design.

Recommendations:

With respect to the above comments, no changes are recommended

Theme 7 – Playground Enclosure

Summary of Issues:

Relocation of the play space to the area between the existing hedgerow and the boundary to Delvin Banks. The design should reference the landscape character and features of Naul.

Response:

Establishing a sense of place by utilising references to the local heritage of Naul is a key goal of the design for this playground

Recommendations:

The playground design will be amended to better address the comments received.

Theme 8 – Risky Play and Childhood Development

Summary of Issues:

To incorporate risk and inventive play opportunities into the design.

Response:

Appropriate opportunities for risky play are an important component of the play provision to be provided in the proposed playground.

Recommendations:

The design of the playground will aim to maximise all the benefits that are derived from play for the users of the playground.

Theme 9 – Access Ramp

Summary of Issues:

Propose to reconfigure the ramp to provide more space centrally.

Response:

After exploring several options within the context of the existing site topography, it is deemed that the proposed location is most appropriate to meet the requirements of the park. The access ramp is designed to the requirements of TGD Part M

Recommendations:

With respect to the above comments, no changes are recommended.

Theme 10 – Toilet Facilities

Summary of Issues:

Provision of toilets within the scheme.

Response:

Typically parks of this size and nature would not warrant the provision of public toilets. In addition, we do not have on-site staff available for the maintenance and supervision of a toilet.

Recommendations:

With respect to the above comments, no changes are recommended.

Theme 11 – Medieval Herb Garden

Summary of Issues:

Reduce the size of the herb garden, the reclaimed area could become a reflective space. Provide facilities such as chess tables for older users.

Response:

The above comments are noted.

Recommendations:

Redesign of the layout of this space to incorporate and reflect feedback received.

Theme 12 – Sustainability

Summary of Issues:

Consider providing water harvesting elements such as water butts. Consider also providing PV panels and lighting within the park that is sympathetic to bats.

Response:

These elements in themselves do not require planning permission but can be provided as part of the park management regime as appropriate. There is no proposal to provide lighting due to the scale of the park.

Recommendations:

With respect to the above comments, no changes are recommended.

Theme 13 – Sculpture and Cultural Park Area

Summary of Issues:

Consider using the land east of the hedgerow to commemorate Seamus Ennis.

Response:

The above comments are noted.

Recommendations:

Features in commemoration of Seamus Ennis will be incorporated into the design.



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