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**Prosperous Town Park**

# Prosperous Town Park Planning Proposal

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Kildare County Council is seeking Part VIII planning approval to construct a new town park in Prosperous, Naas, Co. Kildare. The proposed scheme will be developed on a green field site on the southern side of the R403 Main Street, and adjacent to Curryhills Park.

The development will consist of a new surface level car park, pedestrian walkways, children's playground, landscaped garden, educational areas, exercise equipment and public lighting provision.

The planning permission will include for necessary improvements and upgrades to Curryhills Park priority junction, surrounding footpaths, pedestrian crossings and bus set down area. These upgrades will help cater for increased demand associated with the opening of the park, and also provide a safer environment for road users, both motorised and non-motorised.

### 1.1 Background

Kildare County Council in cooperation and consultation with Prosperous Tidy Towns, identified the requirement to provide a town park with recreational facilities for local residents. The purpose of these works is to improve the public open space provision and enhance the town's core environment.

The proposed scheme will be delivered through a joint funding association between Kildare County Council, and a grant provided by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (DoAHRRGA). The details of the grant are outlined in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme in Appendix 1.

The central aim of the grant and funding is to support the revitalisation of towns and villages in order to improve the living and working environment of their communities, and increase their potential to support increased economic activity into the future.

The allocation of funding under this scheme aims to accomplish the following:

- increase the attractiveness of the town as a local commercial and social centre, and as a result increase its sustainability as a place in which to live and work;

- enhance the towns environment and amenities in the interests of residents, businesses, and visitors;
- promote the town potential for tourism and as a centre for culture and local heritage, thus enhancing the sense of identity - physically and socially.

## 1.2 Development of the Project

The proposed town park will be developed on a one hectare parcel of land on the southern side of the main street (R403). The proposed site is predominantly unused except for a pedestrian path that provides access to Saint Farnan's post primary school. The condition of the site is primarily overgrown with high grass and scrub bushes throughout. The perimeter of the site is lined with hedges, and trees of varying condition and size.



**Figure 01:** Image of proposed site - St. Farnan's Post Primary School at end of path



Figure 02: Image of perimeter hedge along Curryhill's Park

### 1.3 Site Layout

- North: Prosperous Main Street (R403)
- South: Saint Farnan's (Post Primary School)
- East: Curryhills Park - Residential (Cul de Sac)
- West: Coill Dubh & District Credit Union Building



**Figure 03:** Location of Proposed Prosperous Town Park



**Figure 04:** Location of Proposed Prosperous Town Park

## 1.4 Description of the Project

The location and details of the scheme are shown in the Scheme Information Drawings (Refer to Appendix A – Drawing Book).

### 1. Site Clearance

- Removal of all debris and rubbish
- Clearing overgrown vegetation

### 2. Earthworks

- Grading works to landscape design proposal
- Adjustments of ground levels for installation of car park and paths

### 3. Drainage

- Installation of surface water drainage

### 4. Paths & Paving

- Installation of pedestrian paths circulating park and playground using various material such as paving, stone and tarmac surfaces

5. Landscaping

- Protecting of existing trees and plants
- Installing new trees, plants, grassed areas, formal garden & amphitheatre

6. Playground & Outdoor Exercise Equipment

- Installation of new play space and play equipment
- Installation of new exercise equipment

7. Fencing and Gates

- Repair of existing wire fencing
- Installation of new timber post and wire fence along boundary sections

8. Public Parking

- Construction of a new temporary car park facility for approximately 53 cars and 2-disabled parking

9. Access

- Construction of new access to car park and associated gates and pillars

10. Lighting

- Installation of new lighting columns as required for car park, play space and park

11. External improvements

- Realignment external paths, bus parking bay and kerb alignments

## 2.0 PLANNING CONTEXT

### 2.1 Kildare County Council Development Plan 2017 - 2023

The Kildare County Development Plan (C.D.P) has come into effect from the 01st March 2017. A primary objective of the Development Plan is the proper planning and sustainable development of County Kildare over the period 2017 - 2023 and beyond. The development plan sets out the overall vision, with strategies, policies and objectives for the county as a whole.

In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the planning authority are authorised to incorporate Local Area Plans (LAPs) for towns with a population less than 5,000 within the framework of the C.D.P. The Local Area Plan for Prosperous town is referred to as "Prosperous Small Town Plan (PSTP)", and is outlined in "Volume 2 - Chapter 1" of the County Development Plan (2017 - 2023).

The Prosperous Small Town Plan advises that any future development on this site should be for a community facility and park area for residents and children. The plan further states that the future development of the park should provide for civic/community purposes, including the provision of a children's playground, expansion of the retail and commercial uses within the town and provide a safe vehicular access from R403.

This Part VIII application has considered and implemented the PSTP where possible but is proposing to temporarily use the northern section of the site as a surface level car-park. The rest of the site will be developed as envisioned by the PSTP with the children's playground, landscaped park and new vehicular entrance. The plan for the community purpose building will come on stream as soon as funding is secured and detailed planning is approved.



### **2.1.1 The Site and Future Development**

The site proposed for the new town park offers an opportunity to maintain the existing landscape character, and also develop a community friendly park environment. These local amenities were recognised and recommended during public consultation with community groups, and residents during the drafting of County Development Plan and more locally in the Prosperous Small Towns Plan. The vision for the long-term use of the site as outlined in the Small Towns Plan for Prosperous, is to develop a new community centre building. The future civic building is proposed to be located to the north of the site with frontage onto the Main Street, and the park space area to the south. Figure 05 below taken from the PSTP illustrates an indicative future building boundary line.

At this current time, there are no foreseeable plans to construct this community landmark building until sufficient demand and resources are available. The council will have no objection to this future development once in accordance with Local Area Plans for Prosperous. Included with this report is drawing KD-MD-005 which shows the proposed temporary car park with the future community development hatched.

### **2.1.2 Temporary Surface Level Car Park**

The council is proposing to temporarily utilise the north section of the site as a surface level car park pending future development plans. The proposed temporary car park will accommodate approximately fifty car spaces along with the provision for disabled parking. All vehicular access to the car park will be from Curryhills Park and through a new vehicular entrance with a segregated pedestrian route.

The car park will provide necessary free temporary parking for the following motorists:

1. Parents dropping off and collecting children from the surrounding schools
2. Local bus commuters wishing to use the facility as a park-and-ride
3. People who can avail of carpooling to work or third level education
4. Parents and residents using the children's playground and landscaped park
5. Motorists visiting local businesses and shops
6. Assist with reducing dangerous and illegal parking during certain hours of the day

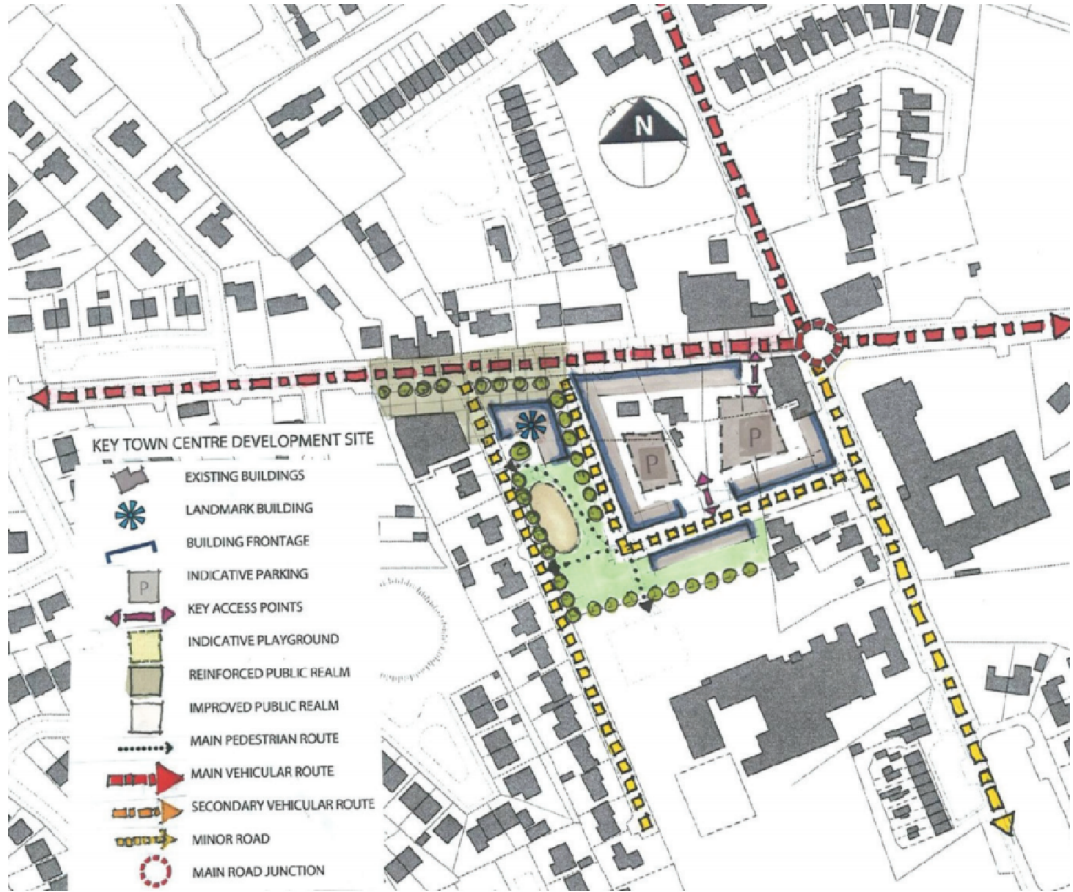
The car park will encourage local commuters to use the facility as a park-and-ride from Prosperous town centre. There are a number of bus services travelling through Prosperous to Maynooth, Dublin, Galway, Belfast etc, which offer good opportunities for park-and-ride customers. In general, park-and-ride can offer less stressful commutes and cheaper alternative than using a private car on commutes to larger towns and cities.

### **2.1.3 Access Arrangements and Minor Roads**

The PSTP identifies possible minor road routes through the proposed park from the Main Street out towards Curryhills Park (east). This proposed route will be constructed at a later stage when surrounding external planning designs are complete, and confirmation of tie-in points are known. The minor road route will be temporarily soft landscaped in some locations until final route and design is confirmed. Drawing No. KD-MD-005 illustrates the approximate route of the minor road through the park by the Credit Union boundary. Figure 05 below also illustrates the proposed route in yellow boxes.

The Educate Together Board (E.T.B) is considering constructing a protected walkway through to the park as part of the expansion to the post primary school. The walkway will provide a new path route for children leaving St. Farnan's primary and secondary school. The new walkway from the schools will help link the temporary car park as a drop off area for parents. This walkway will link the two schools on Curryhills Park with the pedestrian walkway through the park.

As stated previously, the temporary car park will be provided until there is an approved detailed design for the future community building. This Part VIII proposal does not restrict or prevent any future development for the site that is envisioned through the Local Area Plan for Prosperous or the County Development Plan.



**Figure 05:** Indicative drawing from PSTP illustrating future development of site

## **2.1.4 Review of County Development Plan in relation to Proposed Town Park**

The County Development Plan (2017-2023) outlines the core strategies and objectives that are necessary for addressing the future requirements of Kildare communities. Listed below are the chapters in the CDP which are applicable to this planning application and the objectives that this application are endeavour to support.

### ➤ **Chapter 01 INTRODUCTION AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

#### 1.3 Key Challenges -

(vi) Delivering community and recreational facilities in tandem with significant population change throughout the settlement centres in the country.

(ix) Regenerating urban and rural areas including tackling urban blight and dereliction

### ➤ **Chapter 02 CORE STRATEGY**

#### 2.2 Strategy -

This development plan seeks to encourage the focus of new development on:

(ix) Protecting local assets by preserving the quality of the landscape, open space, recreational resources, natural, architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage and material assets of the country.

#### 2.16.3 Sustainable and Integrated Communities -

CS 10: To ensure developments are accessible to meet the needs of all individuals and local community groups.

CS 11: To seek delivery of physical and community infrastructure including strategic open space and recreational areas in conjunction with high quality residential developments to create quality living environments.

CS 12: To protect and preserve the natural environment

CS 14: To promote and enhance biodiversity throughout the county.

### ➤ **Chapter 05 Economic Development Enterprise and Tourism**

5.6.1 - Quality of Life: Access to regional cultural facilities, health care, a high quality built environment including parks and other amenities.

EO 17: To identify and implement flagship projects in conjunction with each Municipal District for urban renewal in the centres of towns and villages. These will seek to strengthen the economic and social fabric of these towns and villages and increase their capacity to support the economic and social well-being of their hinterland.

Tourism - ECD 25: To maintain a clean and attractive environment, to protect tourism amenities within the county from insensitive or inappropriate development, particularly any development that threatens the tourism resources and tourism employment in the county

### ➤ **Chapter 05 Economic Development Enterprise and Tourism**

The council is committed to supporting:

- Sustainable forms of transport such as public transport, walking and cycling
- Improvements to the national, regional and local road network

### ➤ **Chapter 06 Movement and Transport**

Policies: Parking

PK 1: To take a balanced approach to the provision of parking with the aim of meeting needs of businesses and communities

PKO 2: To identify areas for the provision of public car parking spaces, including adequate and appropriately located spaced for people with disabilities.

### ➤ **Chapter 07 Infrastructure**

SW 09: To limit the surface water runoff from new developments through the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS).

### ➤ **Chapter 11 Social, Community and Cultural Development**

C1: To ensure that sufficient lands are zoned to cater for social and community needs.

SN 1: To consider the needs of children and young people, including those with disabilities and additional needs, in the provision of indoor and outdoor recreational facilities.

SNO 1: To develop open spaces throughout the county which will encourage a range of recreational and amenity activities that will cater for both active and passive recreation.

SNO 3: To increase and improve the provision for children's play across the county. The provision of facilities such as play areas should have regard to the appropriateness of the location, the suitability of the building, the relationship to adjoining uses, the requirement for car parking and the amenity of adjacent uses.

➤ **Chapter 12 Architectural & Archaeological Heritage**

PS 16: To protect and retain important elements of the built heritage including historic gardens, stone walls, landscapes and demesnes, and curtilage features

➤ **Chapter 13 Natural Heritage and Biodiversity**

GI 26: To support and facilitate the provision of a network of high quality, well located and multifunctional public parks and open spaces throughout the county and to protect and enhance the environmental capacity and ecological function of these spaces.

GI 28: To enhance and diversify the outdoor recreational potential of public open spaces and parks, subject to the protection of natural environment

➤ **Chapter 14 - Landscape, Recreation and Amenities**

Chapter 14 of the Development Plan discusses the importance of landscape amenity and green infrastructure i.e., the network of linked high quality green spaces and other environmental features within an urban setting. The development plans state that in the development of green infrastructure, opportunities should be taken to develop and enhance networks for cycling, walking and other non-motorised transport.

RAO 1: To facilitate the provision of a variety of amenities within the county, including natural amenities, walking routes, cycling routes, and sports facilities.

## 2.2 Small Town Plan Prosperous (2012)

A Small Town Plan (STP) for Prosperous is now incorporated within the framework of the County Development Plan (CDP), for towns with populations less than 5,000. Section 1.6 of the STP comprises the written statement for Prosperous and contains background information and specific objectives for the future development of the town including relevant maps.

Below is a list of the relevant guidelines and objectives of the STP which are applicable to this application:

### 1.6.7 Principles Governing Future Development of the Town

- Protecting and preserving the quality of the landscape in prosperous, including open space, natural, architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage.
- Supporting local employment opportunities while also supporting social inclusion and community development within the town.

### 1.6.8.2 Economic Development

- PR 9: To provide a permanent vehicle, cycle and pedestrian access point off the Main Street, in conjunction with the development of identified town centre development site.

### 1.6.8.3 Town Centre

- PR 4: To encourage and promote development within the town centre which is of a high standard of design, has an appropriate mix of uses, enhances the built environment and delivers a high quality public space.

### 1.6.8.4 Movement and Transport

- PR 7: To maintain and improve, as required, the local road network to ensure a high standard of road quality and safety in the town.
- Sustainable Transport: PR18 To refurbish footpaths on the New Main Street (only at Curryhills Park Junction and external to the park where necessary)
- Surface Water/Flooding: Positive drainage will be provided throughout the car-park and east perimeter of the site where previous flooding occurred.

#### 1.6.8.9 Recreation, Amenity and Open Space

- PR 31: To provide for the creation of a public park and children's playground within Prosperous in line with the Council's Open Space Strategy 2011 subject to the availability of appropriate sites and funding.
- PR 33: To work with local groups to identify natural infrastructure such as key hedgerows for protection and maintenance.

#### 1.6.8.10 Social, Educational Community and Cultural Development

- PR 36: To facilitate the provision of new and/or expanded educational and other community facilities within the town through the reservation of land for such areas.

## 2.3 Prosperous Local Area Plan 2007

An outline of the relevant objectives and policies from each chapter that are relevant to this planning application are summarized below:

### ➤ Chapter 1.0 Introduction

The aim of the Prosperous Local Area Plan (LAP) 2007 is to:

*"Facilitate the planned, integrated and sustainable development of Prosperous by balancing the needs of the community and preserving or enhancing the natural and built environment."*

The LAP recognised that there is a current lack of passive recreational space in Prosperous town. This development will provide a safe environment for all ages to walk, exercise and socialise. This application has carefully considered the needs of the town and is aiming to promote and encourage the use of this park, whilst at the same time being sensitive to the surrounding environment and landscape.

Section 3 (Strategic Assessment) Part 3.1.6 of Amenity and Recreation, states that "it is important that all members of society, including children, the elderly and disabled have access to public open space and sports facilities in order to enhance the quality of life and well-being of the community."



## ➤ **Chapter 2.0 Context**

### 2.3.1 National Policy

The following objectives were identified to promote the principles of sustainable development:

- Promote and facilitate development which will enhance the physical, economic and social profile of Prosperous
- Preserve the quality of the landscape, open space and material assets
- Protect the integrity of the built and natural environment from damage caused by insensitive development proposal
- Work in partnership with local community on environmental sustainable issues

## ➤ **Chapter 3.0 Strategic Assessment**

### 3.1.6 Amenity and Recreation

There is a current lack of passive recreational space in Prosperous town. It is important that all members of the community including children, the elderly and disabled have access to public open spaces.

### 3.1.9 Transport

As part of this proposed development, junction improvements to Curryhills Park and the pedestrian crossings points towards the park will be undertaken.

### 3.1.11 Conservation (Natural and Architectural Heritage)

This proposed application supports and considers the natural and Architectural heritage as part of the design of the park.

### 3.1.13 Tourism:

Prosperous has a range of tourism assets including the Grand Canal, Ballinafagh lake and bog, Donadea Forest Park and the Millennium Maze. It is also a historic town with a wealth of richness in terms of the built and natural heritage.

From a review of existing and available data and literature, an assessment of the area and consultation with the public, representatives and key stakeholders, a SWOT analysis was undertaken. Some of the SWOT findings relative to this application are as follows:

### **Strength**

- Strong sense of community (New community park will benefit all)

### **Weakness**

- Parking (Extra 53 spaces to be provided as part of this application)

### **Opportunities**

- Environmental enhancement (new landscaped park will provide an attractive amenity to the town)

### **Threats**

- Incoherent growth of the town (new park will help give a focal point to locals and visitors visiting the town)

## ➤ **Chapter 4.0 Development Policies and Objectives**

### 4.6. Amenity and Recreation Policies

It is an objective of Kildare County Council to:

1. Seek the provision of adequate amenities and recreational facilities to meet the existing and projected needs of the local community
2. Co-operate with and assist community groups, local sports organisations and schools in relation to the development and management of amenity and recreational facilities.
4. Enhance the visual attractiveness of the town by supporting environment improvement works.
5. Encourage the provision of new walking routes in the vicinity of the town to link with existing.

#### 4.6.1 Amenity and Recreation Objectives

It is an objective of Kildare County Council to:

AR1. Provide suitable located land for community use.

AR3. Facilitate the development of passive recreational space within the village green areas to meet identified needs.

AR8. Ensure that proposals for new recreation facilities provide good accessibility to local residents, pedestrians, cyclists and those with special mobility needs and do not detract from the character of the surrounding area, particularly residential areas.

AR9. Provide a playground in relatively close proximity to existing schools in the town.

#### 4.7 Community and Social Development

It is an objective of Kildare County Council to:

1. Encourage the provision of suitably located new and improved community and social facilities to meet the existing and projected needs of the community.

#### 4.8 Town Centre Policy

Encourage amenity and environmental improvements on key sites, public spaces and thoroughfares in the town centre, so as to reinforce and enhance the special townscape of Prosperous.

#### 4.10 Transportation Policy

It is a policy of Kildare County Council to:

Facilitate and encourage people to walk, cycle and use public transport through good design which emphasizes greater permeability and a more compact urban form.

#### 4.12 Environment Policies

It is a policy of Kildare County Council to:

Preserve and improve the environmental quality of the Plan Area (Prosperous)

### 3.0 SCHEME JUSTIFICATION AND BENEFIT

Prosperous town centre has no recreation park provision, where local members of the community both young and elderly can come and socialise in an attractive outdoor environment. The town is continuing to grow and it is important to both the community and council that this amenity is available for children, parents, locals and the elderly to interact and enjoy.

The proposed new park has been designed to provide the following benefits:

- The park will provide a landscape garden with native planting and trees that will enhance the towns attractiveness
- An educational space for children and adults where workshops can be given on biodiversity and horticulture
- Exercise equipment that will benefit local people who may not have access or the means to join sports centres
- Additional parking will mainly provide necessary spaces for the parks visitors, park-and-ride commuters, parents dropping off children and help alleviate parking congestion
- Scheme will include local pavement improvements and upgrading of pedestrian crossing points, bus set down area
- Provide a playground for young children to play and be active
- Improved geometric alignment and road crossing-section, regulation of traffic and pedestrian movements, improved pavement quality and therefore improvement in traffic safety standards
- Landscaping enhancements throughout with new paths and planting

## 4.0 DESIGN AND GENERAL FACTORS

The design of this scheme considered existing traffic flows, demands and all aspects of road safety around the proposed site. The layout of the priority junction at Curryhills Park, will be upgraded to provide sufficient manoeuvrability and safe turning environment for vehicles accessing the new park's car-park, and also for residents of Curryhills Park, and motorists accessing the businesses adjacent to the park. The existing bus set down area on the Main Street will be upgraded to provide a safer and more visible presence for motorist and children.

All works will be designed in line with current standards and regulations outlined in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets 2013 (DMURS).

A Stage One Quality Audit was completed by Road Safety Matters (RSM) as part of the preliminary design. The recommendations have been incorporated as suggested into this preliminary design proposal, and will be further implemented at detailed design once application has received approval.

## 5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

An Appropriate Assessment Screening report was undertaken by Kildare County Council's heritage department in December 2016.

Report Name	Location	Author & Year <sup>1</sup>	Conclusion
Appropriate Assessment Screening Report	Prosperous	Bridget O' Loughlin (2016)	'In conclusion, no significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites (European Sites), individually or in combination with other plans or projects can be expected from the carrying out of the projects as described above and therefore no further assessment required.
Ecological Impact Assessment	Prosperous	N/A	N/A

**Table 5.1:** Summary of Environmental Assessment of Prosperous Town Park

Notes: 1. All reports referred to in Table 5.1 are available for review with this submission if required.

## Screening for Appropriate Assessment

This report was produced to fulfil the requirements of EU Habitats Directive (92/34/EEC). The screening document provides the information required in order to establish whether or not the proposed development is likely to have a significant impact on the Natura 2000 sites in the context of their conservation objectives and specifically on the habitats and species for which the Natura 2000 sites have been designated.

The proposed development is located over 2.6km from the Ballynafagh Lake and 875m from Ballynafagh Bog Special Area of Conservations, therefore outside the zone of impact for both sites. No direct impacts have been identified on the Ballynafagh Lake and Ballynafagh Bog SACs. Given the nature, scale and location of the proposed development and the relative distance of the development from the SAC sites, no indirect impacts have been identified.

## 6.0 ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

Prosperous town possesses a rich diversity of architectural heritage which provides a valuable cultural, educational and tourism resources. There are no existing buildings on the site and the proposed works will not impact on the adjacent buildings.

## 7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION

As a result of the above assessment and in order to ensure the proposed town park does not significantly impact on the environment the following mitigation measures will be included within the Works Contract to ensure protection of the environment, in particular flora and fauna:

### 7.1 Flora and Fauna Mitigation

A project ecologist will be appointed to ensure that the construction works do not adversely affect the flora and fauna that may be present on site. .

## 7.2 Protection of the town park habitats and species

- All tree felling and scrub removal will be kept to a minimum during construction phase. Existing hedgerow and trees will be incorporated into the park and become an intrinsic part of the proposed development.
- The footprint of works will be identified at the onset of works and will be demarcated to avoid unnecessary disturbance to habitats within the site footprint e.g. grass verges and also to ensure no disturbance to habitats outside the works area.
- Any stripped topsoil from the species rich grassland areas should be stockpiled, covered and stored. This topsoil will contain a species rich seed bank and should be utilised, where possible, as backfill or landscaping material and allowed to regenerate naturally.

## 7.3 Best Practice Water Quality / Pollution Prevention Measures

- All material including oils, solvents and paints will be stored within temporary bunded areas or dedicated bunded containers;
- Where possible refuelling will take place in a designated bunded area away from surface water gullies, drains and water bodies, in the event of refuelling outside of this area, fuel will be transported in a mobile double skinned tank;
- All machinery and plant used will be regularly maintained and serviced and will comply with appropriate standards to ensure that leakage of diesel, oil and lubricants is prevented.
- Spill kits and hydrocarbon absorbent packs will be available and drip trays will be used during refuelling;
- All relevant personnel will be fully trained in the use of this equipment;
- Where soil/made ground and subsoil stripping occurs, the resulting excavated soil fractions will be segregated into inert, non-hazardous and /or hazardous fractions (in accordance with Council Decision 2003/33/EC, the EPA water classification criteria at certain licensed landfills in Ireland);
- The excavation and handling of inert material will be carefully managed in such a way as to prevent any potential negative impact on the surrounding environment;
- Where possible the excavated spoil would not be stored beyond the working day, however in the event that this is not practical appropriate precautions in relation to



the material will be taken. These precautions will include appropriate storage and covering;

- All associated hazardous construction waste will be stored within temporary bunded storage areas prior to removal by an appropriate EPA or Local Authority approved waste management contractor;
- The guidelines provided by the Department of the Marine and Natural Resources, with respect to concrete wash waters and Inland Fisheries Ireland will be adhered to in order to ensure that there is a neutral impact on the water environment during the construction phase of the proposed development.

#### 7.4 Eradication of Invasive species

- A survey will be carried out to map the extent of invasive species (if any) and an Invasive Species Management Plan will be put in place prior to commencement of construction.
- An eradication programme will be put in place which will also prevent spread during construction.
- Treatment / monitoring will be carried out for a minimum of 3 years.
- Treatment will be carried out by a suitably qualified person and will involve the use of herbicides approved for working in proximity to an aquatic environment.
- All construction staff will receive training in the identification and management of the invasive species, including identification of knotweed rhizomes, to verify the clearance of any area.

#### 7.5 Architectural Heritage and landscape

- All design features will be sympathetic to all local heritage feature listed in the Prosperous Local Area Plan 2007.
- Further consultation will be undertaken with the conservation officer from Kildare County Council at detailed design stage.

## 8.0 DRAWING REGISTER

<b><i>Drg. No.</i></b>	<b><i>Title</i></b>
P28-00	Landscape Master Plan
P28-01	Landscape Master Plan
KD-MD-001	SAC Location Map
KD-MD-002	Improved Layout at Curryhills Park 1:500 A1
KD-MD-003	Site Location Map 1:1000 A3
KD-MD-004	Site Location Map 1:2500 A3
KD-MD-005	Indicative Community and Civic Centre

## 9.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

All major stakeholders have been informed of the project and have been given relevant details during the development of the design for this submission. These include, but are not limited to, the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Waterways Ireland, Office of Public Works and National Parks and Wildlife Service.

The project is now formally advertised for public consultation from **11th July 2017** and will be available for inspection during office hours at the offices of Kildare County Council, Roads, Transportation & Public Safety, Level 4 , Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Kildare County Council, Maynooth Municipal District Office, Leinster Street, Maynooth, and The Parish Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare up to **15th of August 2017**. Submissions and observations may be made in writing to: Senior Executive Officer, Kildare County Council, Roads Transportation & Public Safety, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare or on or before **12 noon on the 30th of August 2017**

Submissions should be headed *“New Town Park Prosperous Reference P82017.010”*.

## 10.0 PROJECT DELIVERY

It is expected that the proposed scheme will be constructed in a number of phases to complete the hard and soft landscaping elements. The anticipated timeframe for main construction works is approximately six months.