

Roebuck Residents Committee's

Response to Public Consultation on Community, Cultural and Civic Facilities in Dundrum

Community (Action Plan Area) Need:

There is a well-established lack of civic, cultural, community, park and leisure facilities in the (Action Plan) Area. Also notable are poor public cycling and pedestrian provisions, in addition to inadequate permeability between locations. It is predictable that these needs will get more acute in the future as the population increases.

Solutions

Given the upcoming development opportunities within the Area, we propose a few solutions to address these needs.



Figure 1.1 Action Plan Area with locations of proposed solutions

1. Main Civic, Cultural and Community facility: Location: Dundrum Village centre.

The natural location for the Core Civic Centre is in the centre of Dundrum. With the redevelopment of Dundrum Road/Old Shopping Centre providing a once in a (multi-) generation opportunity. Either a land swap or a development in conjunction with Hammerson (owner) could allow for this to be achieved.

We would like to see Indoor and Outdoor Civic interconnected spaces. Accessible from Dundrum Road and ideally free from vehicular traffic to provide a safe, pleasant and comforting place i.e. a place where you could 'let go of your child's hand'.

At its centre, we believe a new and improved Library would be an ideal starting point. The current space (the Carnegie Building) could be maintained and repurposed for community use.

Alongside this we would like to see;

- A civic/cultural space than could allow for activities such as Art exhibitions.
- A Multi-purpose community space(s) that could be rented out for events/classes e.g. Yoga, Music, Parent with Child events, etc
- An outdoor Open Square with space to accommodate events e.g. Farmers Market.

2. Dundrum Park with provision for Indoor and Outdoor Recreation

Location: Central Mental Hospital (CMH) Site

As the Action Plan Area has limited land available and a lot of requirements, it is unlikely that all needs can be accommodated within the main Civic Centre site, the most appropriate location for which would be the Dundrum Main Street area.

With this in mind, we propose a solution whereby the south end of the Central Mental Hospital ('CMH') site is used in conjunction with the open green space at Rosemount Park to form a new 'Dundrum Park'. This would be only a few hundred meters from the Windy Arbour Luas stop and could be easily and pleasantly accessible on foot or by bike, if planned correctly.

This could be achieved by removing part of the wall between the two sites during its redevelopment by the LDA (Land Development Agency); the South end of the CMH site and Rosemont Park. Layout, security, lighting, cycling and pedestrian paths will need to be consulted on and considered carefully. However, even allowing for the intended scale (1200+ units) of a development there, we believe the following could easily be accommodated.

- A. A new Dundrum Park, with efficient cycling and pedestrian path layout, thus allowing a quiet, green permeability between the current entrance to the CMH on Dundrum road and the Larchfield Road/Rosemount estate areas.
- B. A new Playground – currently under-provided for in the Area.
- C. An indoor recreation facility with provisions for
 - Pool, Gym
 - Multipurpose class rooms e.g. Yoga
 - A Climbing Wall
 - Indoor Soccer or Skating/Biking
- D. An outdoor MUGA (Multi Use Game's area) –
 - Perhaps similar in scale and scope to that of Bushy park i.e. Tennis Courts, Skate Park, clubhouse etc.
 - Additional pitches
 - Drinking water fountain – for children and adults using the Park.

3. Improving Liveability by improving walking and Cycling infrastructure

Location: All

We believe that the Community would benefit enormously from better cycling and walking infrastructure. An adjustment in physical infrastructure is required to take priority away from the car and in favour of people walking or cycling. This has obvious benefits to the wider community, given that people walking (and cycling) interact and exercise more, while being less polluting and posing less danger to other road users.

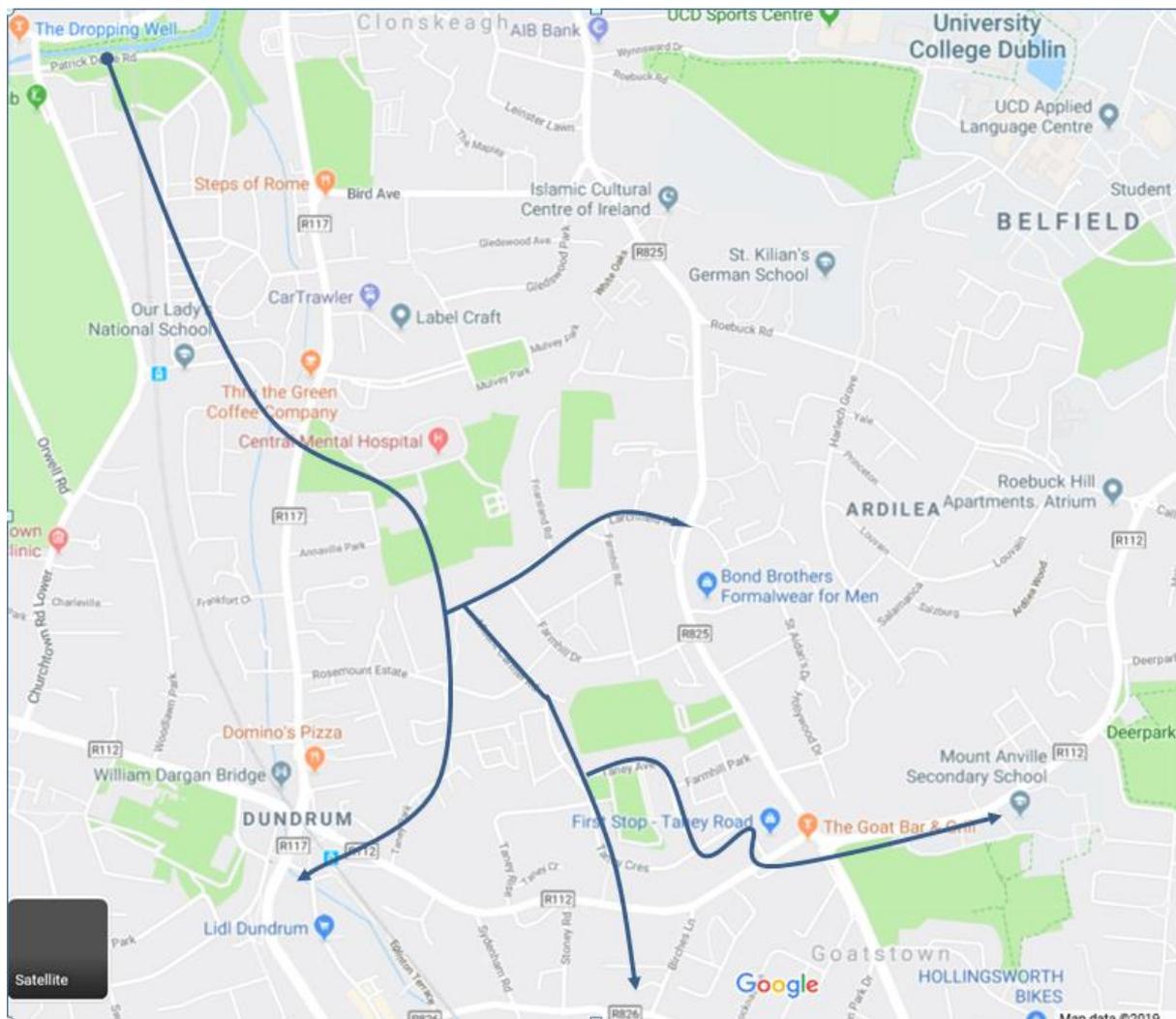


Figure 2.1 Action Plan Area with proposed Quiet/Green ways.

A) Quiet/Green ways

To achieve this, we suggest the outlining of designated walking and cycling routes that are predominately 'quietways' or 'greenways' within the action plan area. They could be modelled on the popular 'Slí na Sláinte' coastal routes. These designated routes could be prioritized for things like continuous footpaths (that give obvious priority to walkers over cars), narrowing of junctions, zebra crossings, exercise equipment, benches, lighting, bins etc...

e.g. The CMH development - #2 above could offer an opportunity to connect the area to the Dodder Greenway as a Southern 'Spur'. It could spur south from from the Dodder Greenway,

at the Milltown playground, along Patrick Doyle road, onward via the CMH site (so avoiding Dundrum road) to Larchfield road, Rosemount, Taney, Goatstown, Dundrum or Airfield. Refer to figure 2.1. above.

B) Simple suggestions to improve walking in the area

A) Narrowing of all junctions that meet Larchfield and Mount Carmel Roads, as well as at Taney Crescent/ Taney Ave.

B) Addition of raised/continuous footpaths along same - to give obvious priority to those walking.

C) Addition of raised Zebra crossing from Rosemount crescent to Rosemount avenue. As well as from Taney Green to Taney Crescent (Instead of current 'Beg Button' arrangement).

D) Taney Green

- Currently the tarmac area adjacent (west) of the mini playground is not utilized. This could make a great Multi Use Games area (MUGA) or at least a basketball court. See Figure 3.1.

- Exercise Equipment – There is no provision of exercise equipment within the area. This location could also be considered for this. It is a perfect area for a work out/trim trail as the path is already in place around the park.

- Drinking water fountain – for children and adults using the Park.

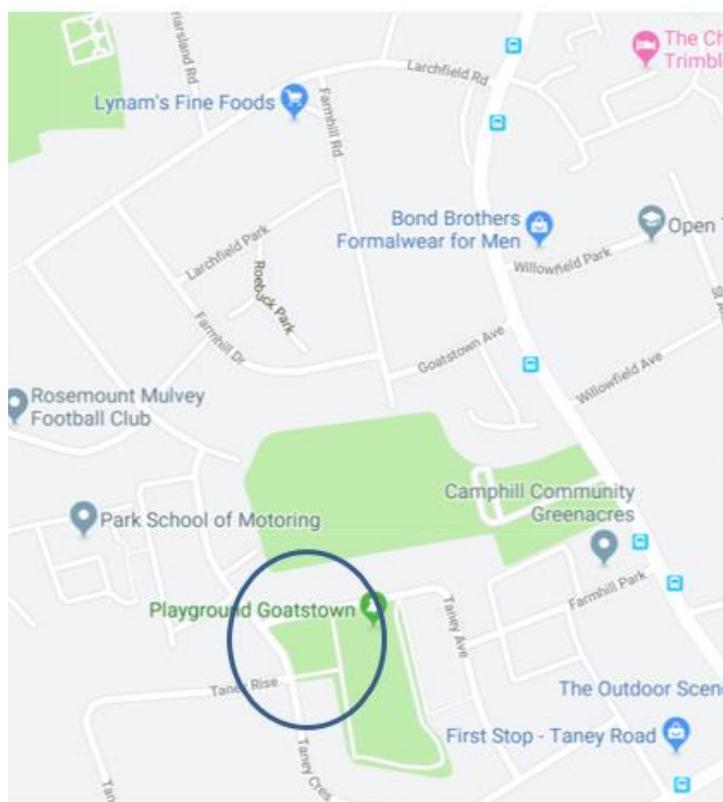


Figure 3.1 Underutilized area at Taney Green