

Multi Use Games Wall Questionnaire

As part of the €300K “Have your Say Initiative people voted for a series of Multi Use Games Wall for Lucan with a budget of €100k allocated. The term Multi Use Games Wall may refer to many different things so in order to deliver this project we first need to agree the following

- What type of wall is required
- Where will it be located

Its stated purpose is “To extend Youth facilities in the West Lucan area by creating **a series of Multi-use Sport / Games Wall(s)**. The Multi-use Sport / Games Wall(s) should **be well lit** so that it can be utilised on dark evenings, and **aesthetically pleasing**. They should provide for a host of sports/games all in one location: handball, hurling, camogie, tennis, football, basketball, hockey, the options are limitless. These areas act as **a focal meeting point for young people**, and provide opportunities to teenagers who are not engaging to participate in structured / unstructured recreation, physical and sporting activities”

We have looked at many different types of wall. Most are fairly similar and meet those criteria listed above. A wall like the ones below will cost in the region of €40k or more with floodlights so we’ll probably get a maximum of 2 walls for the budget. The surfacing is also a major factor to consider. It is worth considering providing a court on both sides of a wall. If basketball is required a separate hoop can be set up on a pole rather than using wall space. Seating and other facilities may be required if the area is to be a focal point for young people.

Options



Handball court with 2 wing walls, may have more than 1 bay as in this example. For handball the international court size is 10.5m x 6m with concrete court surface and the wall is over 6m high.



Typical hurling wall- typically 6m high, price goes up steeply for higher options. May also need netting depending on location



Handball wall with netting (no wings)



Wall with 2 courts allowing for more users.



Wall with marked squash/handball court



Wall with court. May be possible to have 2 walls at either end of a court such as this so that it could be used as 1 court or 2 separate games areas.

The wall is also meant to be **a focal meeting point for young people**, and provide opportunities to teenagers who are not engaging to participate in structured / unstructured recreation, physical and sporting activities”.

It is therefore worthwhile considering providing the things that teenagers tell us they want in this regard. The following items should be considered

- somewhere to sit,
- wi-fi connectivity,
- access to power (phone charger points)
- shelter from the weather,
- music speaker station



Seating should be non traditional and allow for one or two people or larger groups. It needs to be a place to be seen and that will bring life and youth culture into the area.



Proposed Location



Proposed location near hockey pitches. Away from houses so no light or noise issues. Area closest to road is best for passive supervision and as a place to see and be seen.