

REPORT ON CARRIGMORE PARK MOTION 5

Carrigmore Park is a local park of circa 4.5 hectares, located in City West. It was delivered by a private developer on foot of a grant of planning permission and subsequently taken in charge by the council. The park has a number of facilities that are typical of a local park of this size and in line with the requirements of the county development plan in terms of provision facilities within a local park. It has a variety of active and passive recreational facilities and also attempts to balance the needs of biodiversity; with the retention of pre-existing hedgerows, open grasslands, an extensive and well-developed network of footpaths and shared routes, a car park, a playground and a multi-use games area.

It is acknowledged however that City West is within the Fortunestown Local Area Plan lands; which has a growing population. Currently Carrigmore Park is the only public park provided within this growing area.

The Local Area Plan for Fortunestown proposes a number of parks of differing sizes which will provide open spaces and accompanying recreational facilities for the growing population of this area on a phased basis as sites are developed.

The table below is taken from the Local Area Plan and outlines the facilities proposed in adjacent sites within the Fortunestown LAP area. Some of these lands lie adjacent to Carrigmore and the opportunity could be taken to create a linked park network or increase the size of Carrigmore Park.

The provision of these facilities would be subject to grants of planning and subsequent successful delivery of developments. The Public Realm Section is aware of a grant of permission on one site, which contains a proposed District Park. The Public Realm makes recommendations to the Planning Section at the planning stage with regard to open space requirements, provision for children's play and other recreational facilities in line with the provisions within the LAP and County Development Plan.

In the interim the Public Realm Dept has currently budget allocated in 2019 for improvements to Carrigmore Park under the Public Realm improvements works programme; this money was allocated to making some changes to boundaries and fencing to facilitate public access to the car park. This work is programmed for 2019.

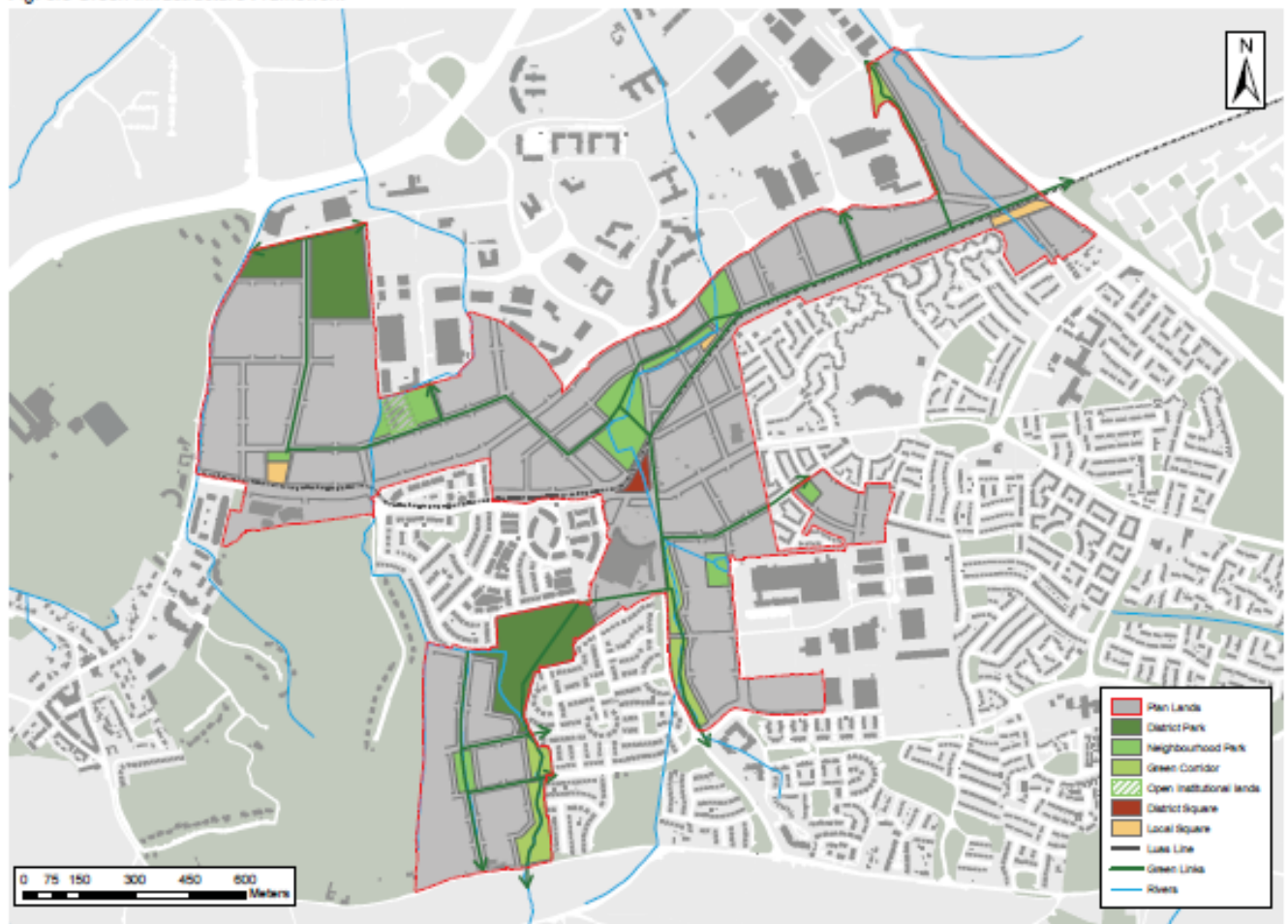
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Table 5.1 Hierarchy & Function of Open Spaces

Space	Neighbourhoods	Function
District Park	Fortunestown Centre & Saggart - Cooldown Commons	Passive recreation to include for gardening/ allotments, walking, cycling. Active recreation to include for organised sports, informal sports and children's play.
Squares and Plazas	Fortunestown Centre, Saggart-Cooldown Commons & Cheeverstown	Passive recreation to include for walking and seating.
Neighbourhood Parks/Local Parks	All Neighbourhoods	Passive recreation to include for gardening, walking, cycling. Active recreation to include for organised sports, informal sports and children's play.
Pocket Parks	All Neighbourhoods	Passive recreation to include for walking and seating.
Home Zones	All Neighbourhoods	Traffic calming and improved/safer pedestrian activity. Informal sports and play for children.
Green Corridors	All Neighbourhoods	Link spaces within hierarchy; provide nature corridors; provide link to Dublin Mountains & accommodate pedestrian and cyclist routes.

Figure 5.5 GI Framework from Fortunestown LAP page 23

Fig. 5.5 Green Infrastructure Framework



Source: South Dublin County Council