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Playspace Consultation Palmerstown

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**April 28th 2026 Lucan / Palmerstown / North
Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting**

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Background of the Consultation

Play is a fundamental human right. It is also a huge part of growing up and is essential for children's health, happiness and development. Compared to previous generations children growing up in urban areas are spending less time playing outdoors and have less freedom to roam. This has led to lower activity levels, rising childhood obesity rates, poorer fitness, increased anxiety and mental health issues and fewer chances for children to meet, mix and develop social skills.

Following the adoption of our new Play Policy, the Council is committed to making sure that all children growing up in South Dublin have access to good quality play spaces close to where they live.

For this consultation, we were focusing first on areas that our mapping shows have lower access to play facilities. We wanted to hear from people living in these communities so we can better understand what is needed and where improvements should be made. If there is clear demand in an area, the Council can then move forward with proposals through the Part 8 planning process.

The online consultation ran from 2nd March – 27th March 2026 and a school's survey was carried out at the same time.





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Survey Results

327 online submissions
337 Schoolchildren

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1. Do you think there is good play provision in your area?

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| Yes | 60 |
| No | 267 |

2. Should play areas be provided in residential estates/parks/ or both?

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| Residential Estates | 18 |
| Parks | 88 |
| Both | 221 |

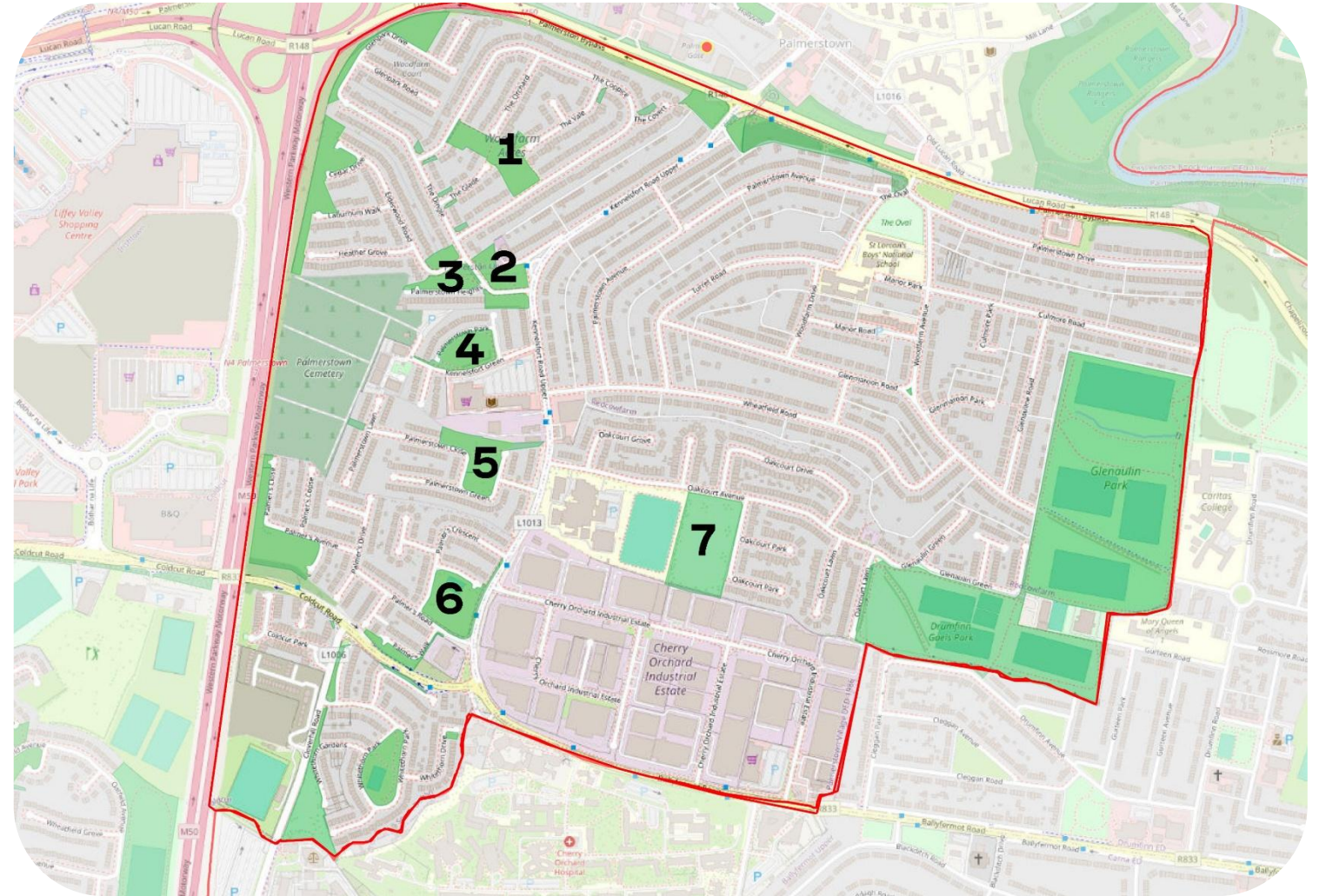
3. The SDCC play policy recommends play provision within a 400m (5 minutes walk) of all residential areas. Do you agree with this?

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| Yes | 254 |
| No | 48 |
| Partially | 11 |
| Strongly Disagree | 1 |



Residents voted on where they would like playspaces to be provided.

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|---|---------------------|-----|
| 1 | Woodfarm Acres | 135 |
| 2 | Woodfarm Drive | 95 |
| 3 | Palmerstown Heights | 68 |
| 4 | Palmerstown Park | 85 |
| 5 | Palmerstown Green | 84 |
| 6 | Palmers Park | 84 |
| 7 | Oakcourt Green | 128 |
| | None | 82 |



Other suggested sites;

Glenaulin Park (Already on our list) 53

The Oval (not ours) 37

Palmerstown Woods 4

Whitethorn Estate 9

Old Lucan Road 1

Palmerstown Avenue 4

Kennelsfort Road Upper 4

Palmers walk 1

Mill Lane 1

Palmerstown Village 1

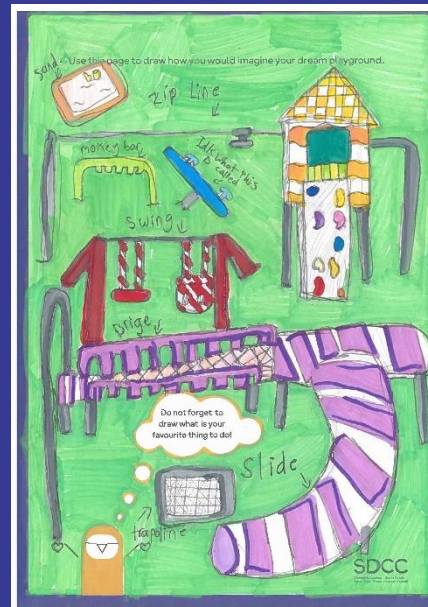
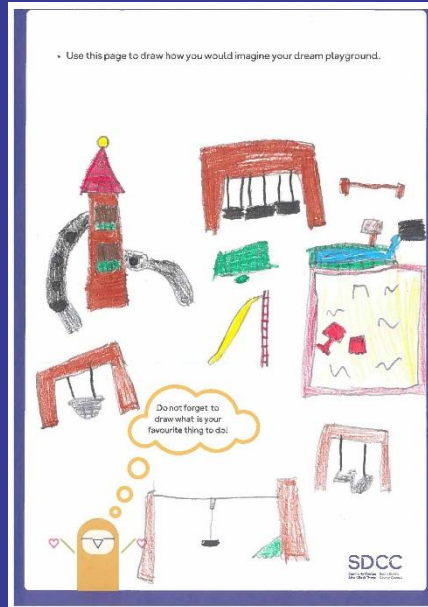
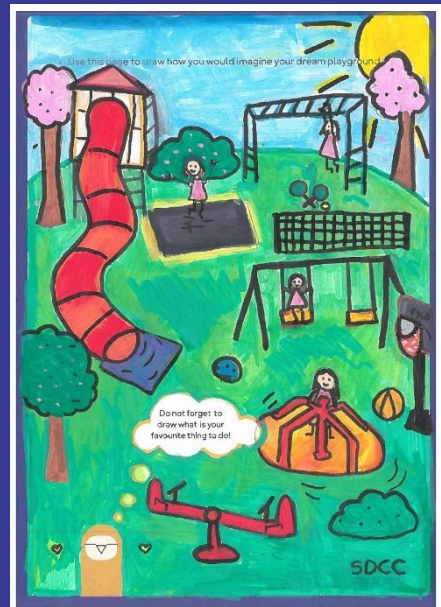
Local Primary School Participation

SDCC

- Only 33% of children play outside everyday.
- Only 47% say their area is good for play
- 87% say they would play outside everyday if there were play facilities close to their homes.
- 89% said they'd like play equipment where they live.

St. Lorcan's Boys National School – 94 Students

St. Brigid's Girls National School – 243 Students

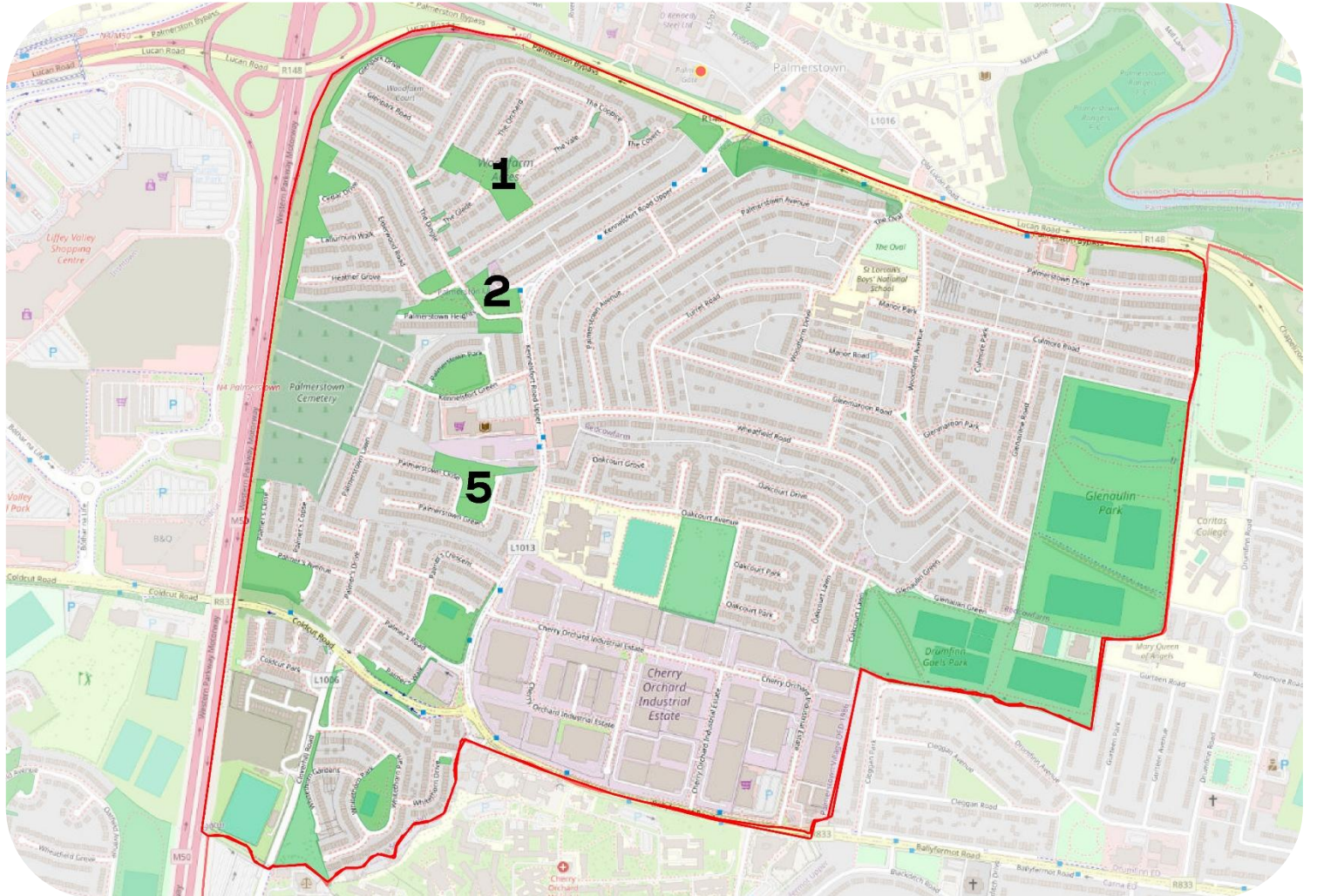


Recommendation

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| 1 | Woodfarm Acres | 135 |
| 2 | Woodfarm Drive | 95 |
| 5 | Palmerstown Green | 84 |

There is a clear demand for facilities across this community. To achieve a good geographical spread as envisaged in the Play Policy and in response to the survey results, we are proposing to go to Part 8 with 3 playspaces at the above locations.

We acknowledge that Oakcourt Green received more votes than Palmerstown Green however we feel that that area will be well served with the proposed playspace in Glenaulin Park when it is installed. We are also aware the resident's association in Palmerstown Green have surveyed residents and they are eager to be included in the Play Programme.





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Thank you