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Playspace Consultation Templeogue

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Public Realm Planning & Projects**

**May 12th 2026 Rathfarnham /
Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena
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.

We want to change that.

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 consultation ran from 2nd March – 27th March 2026. We also survey school children in these areas at the same time.

In total we had around 5,000 responses



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Survey Results

288 Online Submissions
1058 school surveys

- St Pius X boys National School – 389 Students
- Holy Spirit Senior Primary School – 156 Students
- Holy Spirit Junior Primary School – 124 Students
- Bishop Galvin National School (Senior) – 389 Students

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

Yes	64
No	225

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

Residential Estates	22
Parks	47
Both	240

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

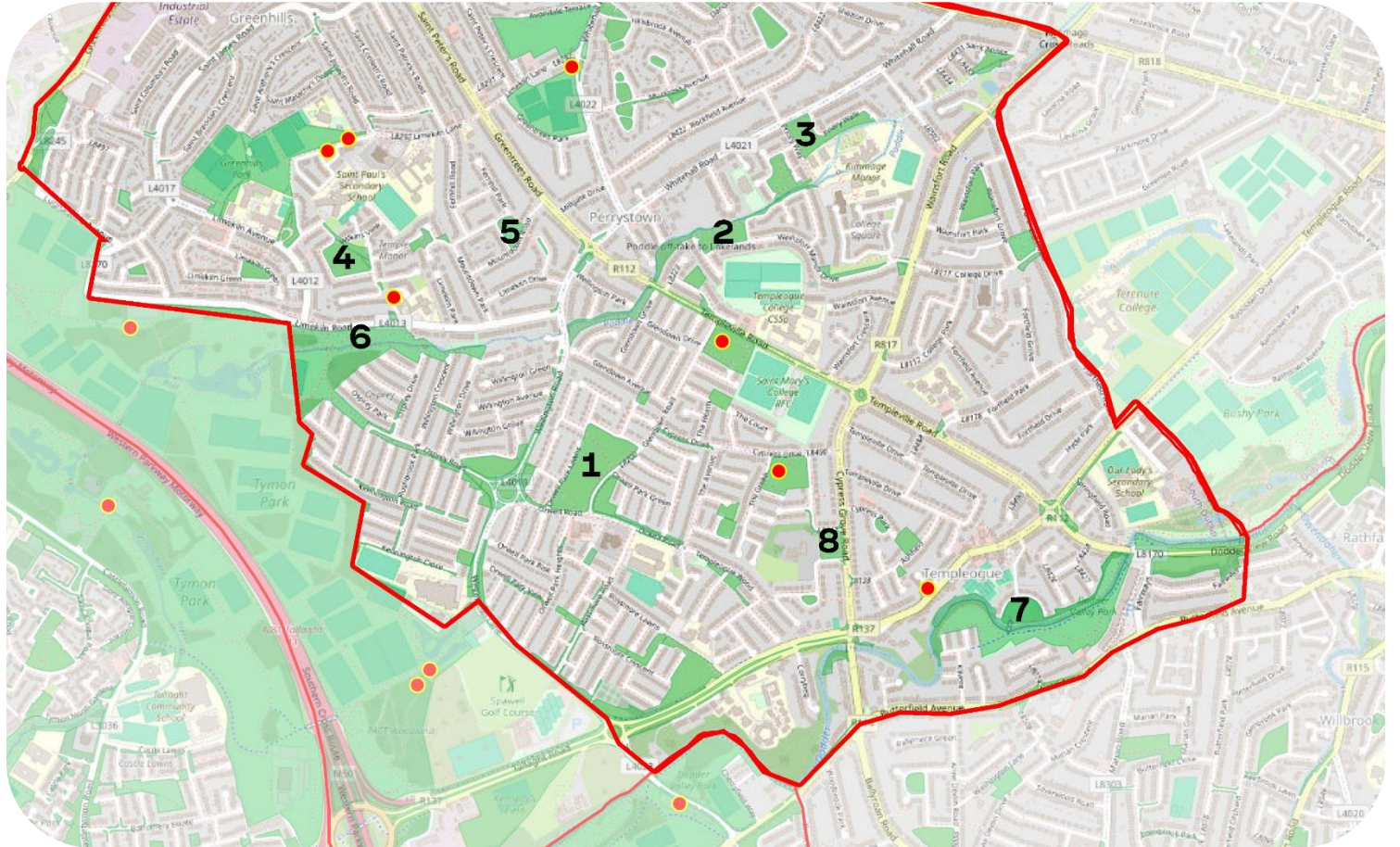
Yes	256
No	18
Partially	13
Strongly Disagree	



This is a map of Templeogue with the largest green areas numbered.

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

1	Orwell Open space	118
2	Wainsfort Manor Drive	108
3	Priory Walk	106
4	Temple Manor Grove	66
5	Mountdown Open space	81
6	Tymon Park Wetlands	138
7	Riverside Cottages Open space	55
8	Cypress Lawn Open Space	79
	None	13



Analysis

Less than 25% of respondents believed there was good play provision for Templeogue. Almost 90% of respondents agree with the Council Play policy recommending provision of play facilities within 400m or a 5 minute walk of children's homes. 5% of respondents were against the provision of play facilities in the community.

Area 6 "Tymon Park Wetlands" had the highest number of votes, followed by Area 1 "Orwell Open Space".

There were strong feelings expressed for the suggested locations, with many other areas being suggested too. Many people believe that children need safe spaces to play close to where they.

A major concern for certain locations is the lack of parking facilities available.

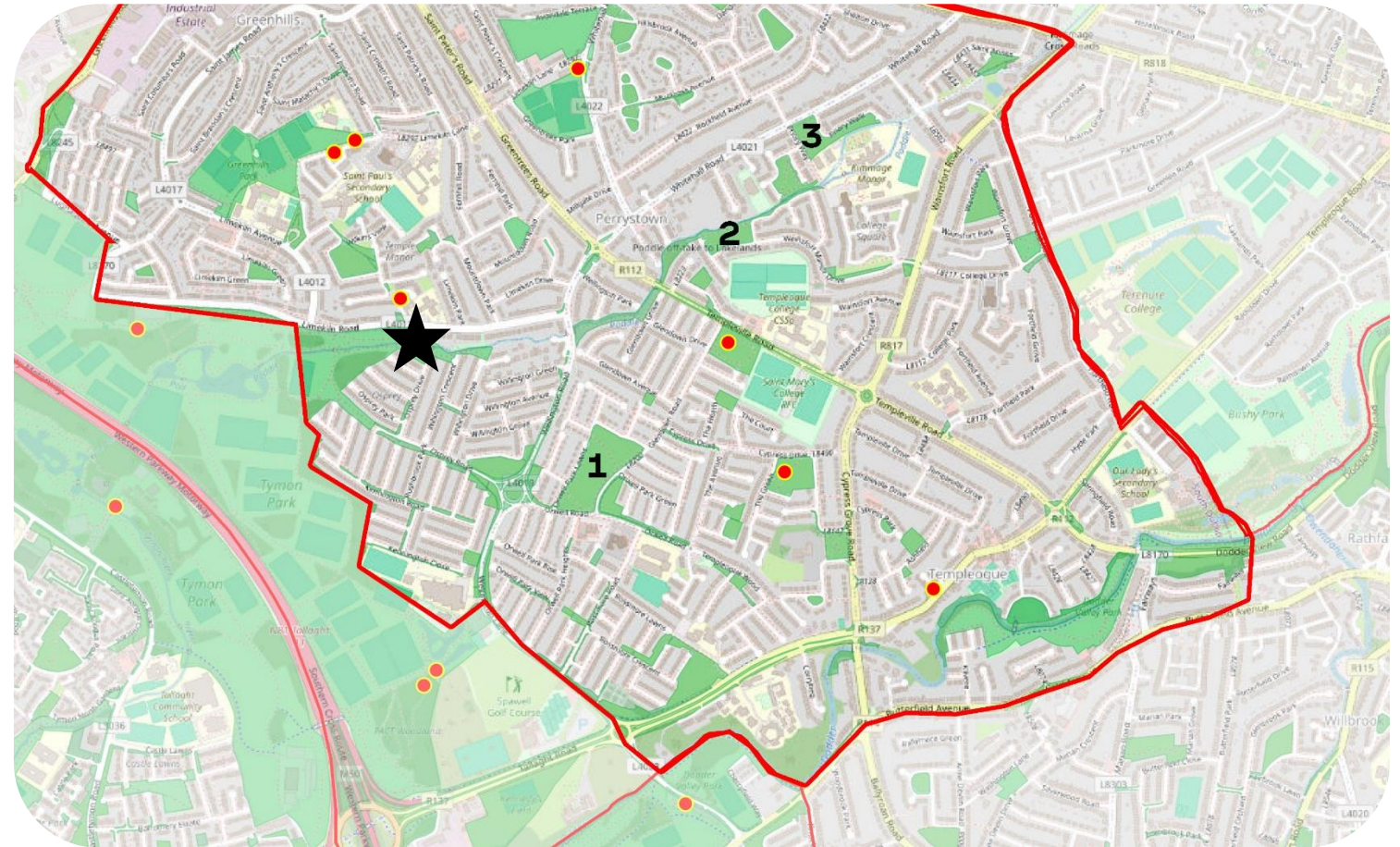
Our children surveys reveal that only 50% of children in our overall survey areas play outside every day with 80% saying they would play outside every day if there were play facilities where they lived.



Proposed Areas From the Survey Results

1	Orwell Open space	118
2	Wainsfort Manor Drive	108
3	Priory Walk	106

★ Extension of Tymon Limekiln as play trail



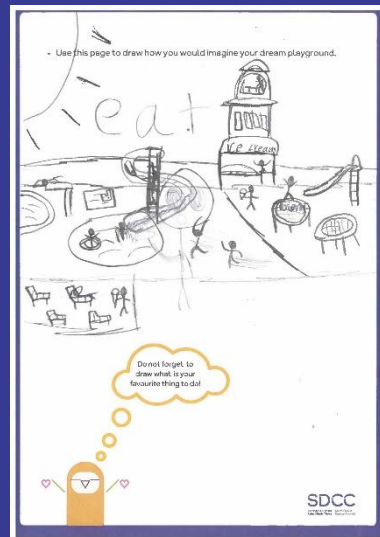
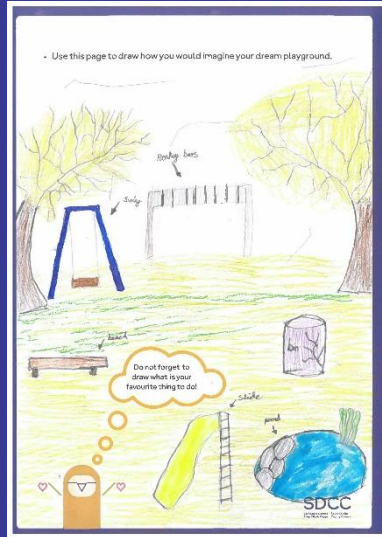
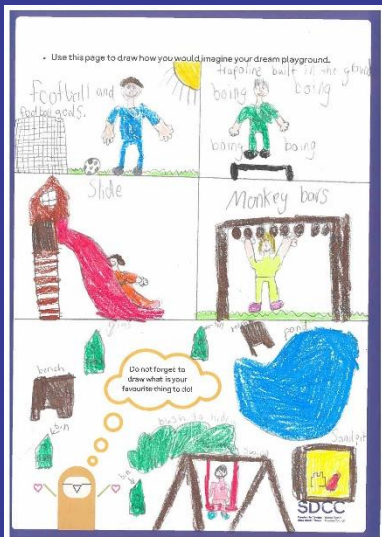
Recommendation

With 91% of online responses and school responses being in favour of more play facilities, Public Realm therefore recommend bringing 3 play facilities in Templeogue to Part 8.

These areas being:

1. Orwell Open Space
2. Priory Walk
3. Wainsfort Manor Drive

Detailed consultation would be required to determine the scale and nature of play provision in each area. Tymon Limekiln extension can be changed to a play trail through Tymon wetlands.





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Survey Results

288 Online Submissions

561 school children surveyed

- St. Colmcille's Senior National School – 229 Students
- St. Colmcille's Junior National School – 215 Students
- Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna – 118 Students

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

Yes	43
No	247

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

Residential Estates	22
Parks	24
Both	242

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

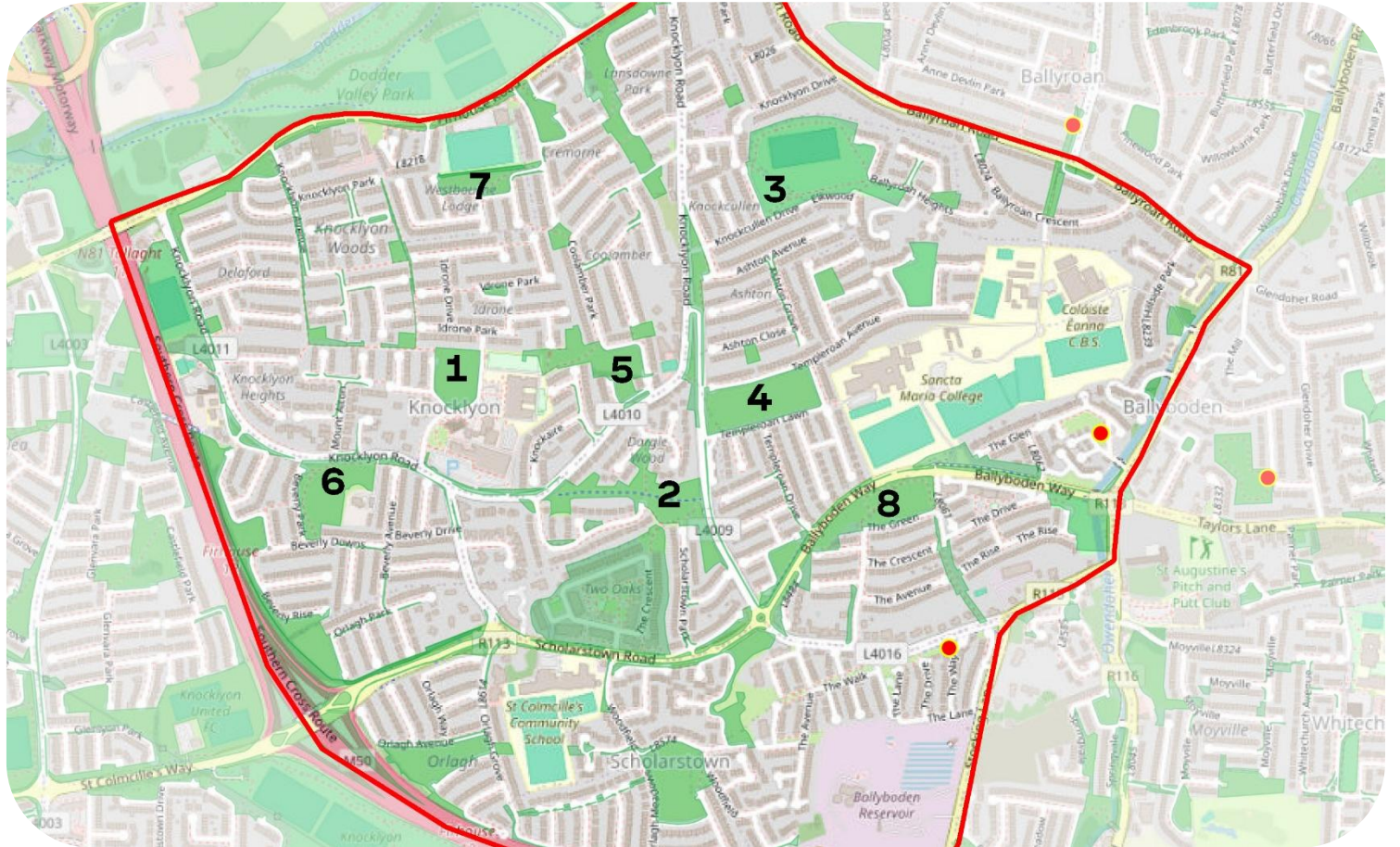
Yes	275
No	15
Partially	7
Strongly Disagree	



This is a map of Knocklyon with the largest green areas numbered.

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

1	Idrone Open space	114
2	Dargle Wood Open space	127
3	Elkwood Open space	97
4	Templeroan Open space	119
5	Coolamber Open space	98
6	Beverly Open space	100
7	Westbourne Open space	64
8	Boden Park Open space	119
	None	25



Analysis

Only 15% of respondents believed there was good play provision in Knocklyon. 95% of respondents agreed with the Council Play policy recommending provision of play facilities within 400m or a 5 minute walk of children's homes. 9% of people did not want any play facilities in the area.

Area 2 "Dargle Wood Open Space" had the highest number of votes, followed by Area 8 "Boden Park Open Space".

There were strong feelings expressed for the suggested locations, with many other areas being suggested too. Many people believe that children need safe spaces to play close to where they live

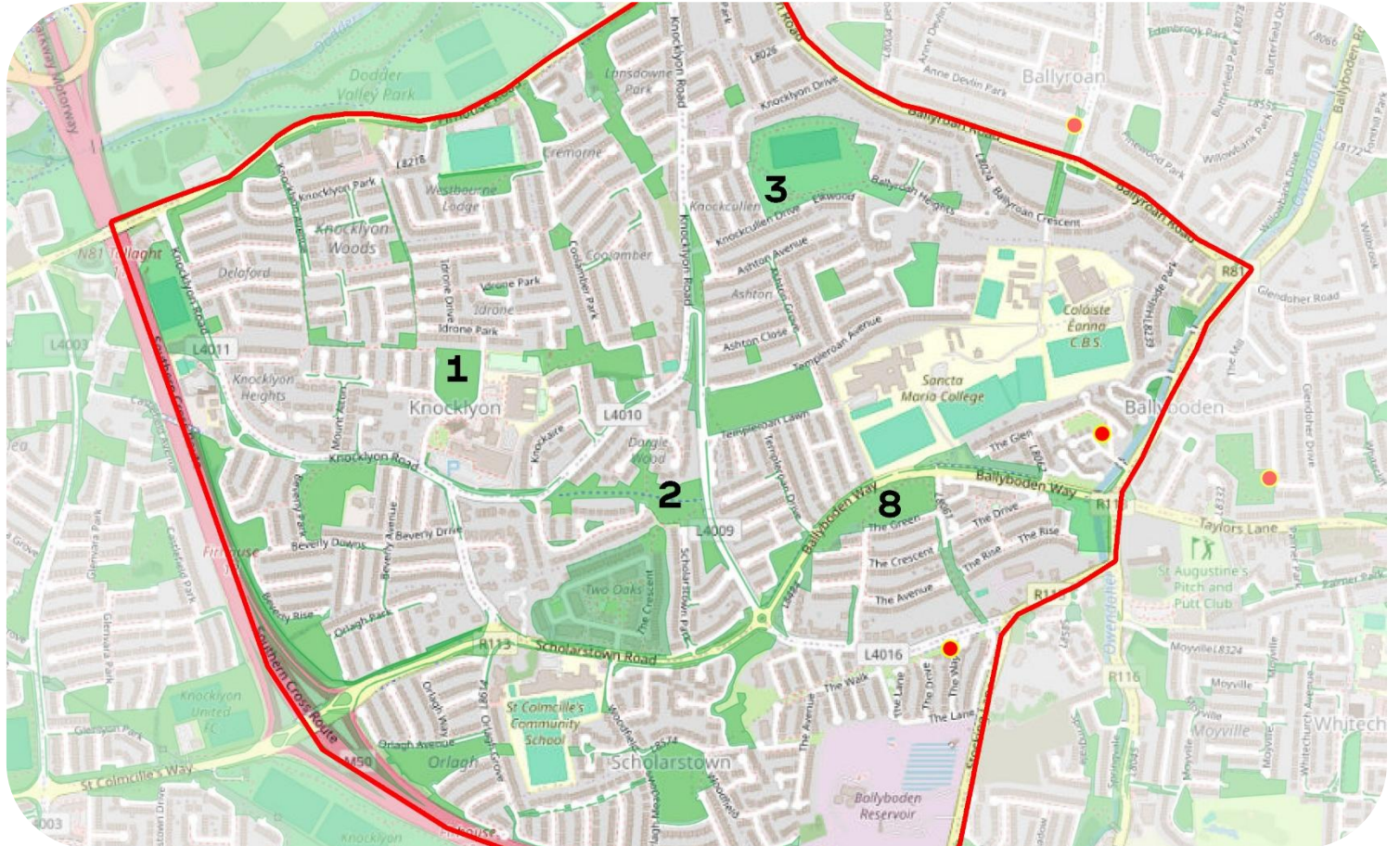
There were a few respondents concerned with the exact locations of the playspaces, hoping they will not interfere with local sports pitches.

Our children surveys reveal that only 50% of children in our overall survey areas play outside every day with 86% saying they would play outside every day if there were play facilities where they lived.



Proposed Areas From the Survey Results

1	Idrone Open space	114
2	Dargle Wood Open space	127
3	Elkwood Open space	97
8	Boden Park Open space	119



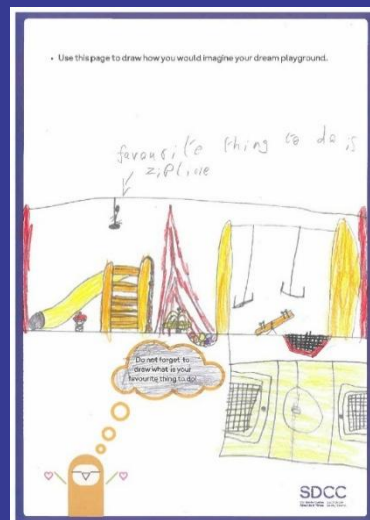
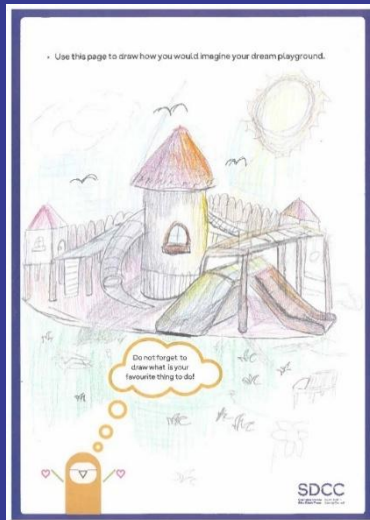
Recommendation

With 93% of online responses and school responses being in favour of more play facilities, Public Realm therefore recommend bringing 4 play facilities in Knocklyon to Part 8.

These areas being:

1. Idrone Open Space
2. Dargle Wood Open Space
3. Boden Park Open Space
4. Elkwood Open Space

Detailed consultation would be required to determine the scale and nature of play provision in each area.





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Thank you