

Proposals

To provide for increasing active recreation in the county, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Parks Department (**DLRCC**) proposes to significantly improve recreational facilities on a site at Quinn's Road, Shankill (east of the DART line).

The following works are proposed:

- 1.1. **Installation of a steel framed modular clubhouse for Shankill Bowling Club:**
This will provide indoor playing facilities, a reception, changing rooms and toilets.
- 1.2. **Two additional outdoor tennis courts;**
Two as outdoor training courts, south East of and adjoining existing courts (numbered 8 and 9 on the accompanying drawings)
- 1.3. **An indoor hall** or cover over the three competition tennis courts (numbered 10, 11 and 12 on the accompanying drawings) approx 54m x 36m in area and approx 11.5m in external height at the apex.
- 1.4. **A minicourt and a hitting wall**
- 1.5. **Perimeter and internal fencing**
- 1.6. **Sports floodlighting**
- 1.7. **Earth works**
- 1.8. **A children's' playground**
- 1.9. **Additional car parking** at Quinn's Road and with in open space
- 1.10. **Realignment and provision of additional vehicular entrance** at Quinn's Road:
- 1.11. **Installation of seating and cycle parking** within the open space.
- 1.12. **Connection of essential services** (drainage, electricity).

Site Description:

The proposed development will take place in an existing public open space at Quinn's Road, Shankill, with an area of 3.4 hectares a frontage of 300 metres onto Quinn's Road.

This open space is located in a mature residential area and the surrounding estates (Shanganagh Grove, Foxes Grove, Eaton Wood Green, Corbawn Drive, Corbawn Lawn, Corbawn Close) have a **zoning objective A** (*To protect and/or improve residential amenity*) in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (**the Development Plan**)

The open space itself has a **zoning objective F** (*To preserve and provide for open space with ancillary active recreational amenities*).

Those uses permitted in principle within this zone include open space, recreational facilities/sports club and community facilities.

Lands immediately to the east and to the south, which consist of a number of larger residences on open land, with mature hedgerows, have a **zoning objective GB** (*To protect and enhance the open nature of lands between urban areas*) in the Development Plan.

Vehicular access to the site is under an adjacent railway bridge as the western boundary of the open space abuts The DART line. That portion of Quinn's Road east of the DART has a rural character as it leads to a sand and shingle beach and the eastern side of Shanganagh Park.

Although vehicular access to the site is limited, pedestrians and cyclists can easily reach the site through many links through adjacent open space and residential estates. Both Shankill Village and Shankill DART station are within 900 metres walking distance.

The open space at Quinn's Road comprises a public park and sports grounds, which has been used for tennis and bowling for many years.

Currently the following facilities are provided at this location.

- 2.1. A modern sports pavilion used by the Shankill Tennis Club
- 2.2. A steel container used by Shankill Bowling Club as a temporary clubhouse
- 2.3. Seven tennis courts (floodlit with artificial surfaces)
- 2.4. An outdoor bowling-green (also with an artificial surface),
- 2.5. A small car park

Both tennis and bowling are managed and operated by Shankill Tennis Club and Shankill Bowling Club respectively and the facilities are segregated from the remainder of the park by fencing (3 metres).

The open space is surrounded by hedgerows and there is an existing copse of mature trees at abutting Quinn's Road.

The existing car park can accommodate 23 vehicles (including 1 disabled space) but there is capacity to increase this by 12 spaces and to also provide 14 new spaces as recessed kerbside parking along at Quinn's Road.

