



Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil: MH-C52-300

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Aighneacht: Support for Community Park in Ashbourne

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Material Amendments to Draft Meath County Development Plan
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Litir Chumhdaigh

As a resident of [Redacted_Personal Information] in Ashbourne, it is vital that in the interest of strong social capital, access to public amenities such as green spaces is maximised. The development of a community park facility adjacent to Churchfields should be progressed.

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The current lands (80 acres) identified for rezoning as public greenspace are perfect, this is a golden opportunity for our town. The park would be situated within 1.5 KM walking distance from almost all of the houses in the town, it would transform Ashbourne and reap rewards in multiple areas of life - personal, health, community and business.

Independent research conducted by Future Analytics determined that the town needs a minimum of 80 acres to address the historical and current shortfall in public greenspace.

Any redirection of decisions on a park back to Local Area Level is a repeat of work already done. Extensive assessment work was done six years ago locally and potential lands were explored. To re-commence a process already exhausted would be a poor use of public resources and a severe delay for the expanding community in getting the greenspace it badly needs.

MCC states that the necessary funds are not available to purchase and develop an 80 acre park. However, once the land is secured, multiple funding channels can be accessed. We are a very active and engaged community willing to work with the Council on the question of funding channels, as are our Councillors.

The park needs an entrance. Lands at Churchfields, gifted to the church by [Redacted_Personal Information], have been identified as most appropriate in this regard - linked to the town centre, schools, main arteries of the town etc. To put houses where this perfect access point exists would be a mistake.

Documents Attached: Níl

Teorainneacha Gafa ar an léarscáil: Níl