

Third Stage Information Boards



Kingston Park and Millers Lane

Public Urban Realm Project

Welcome

What has happened so far?

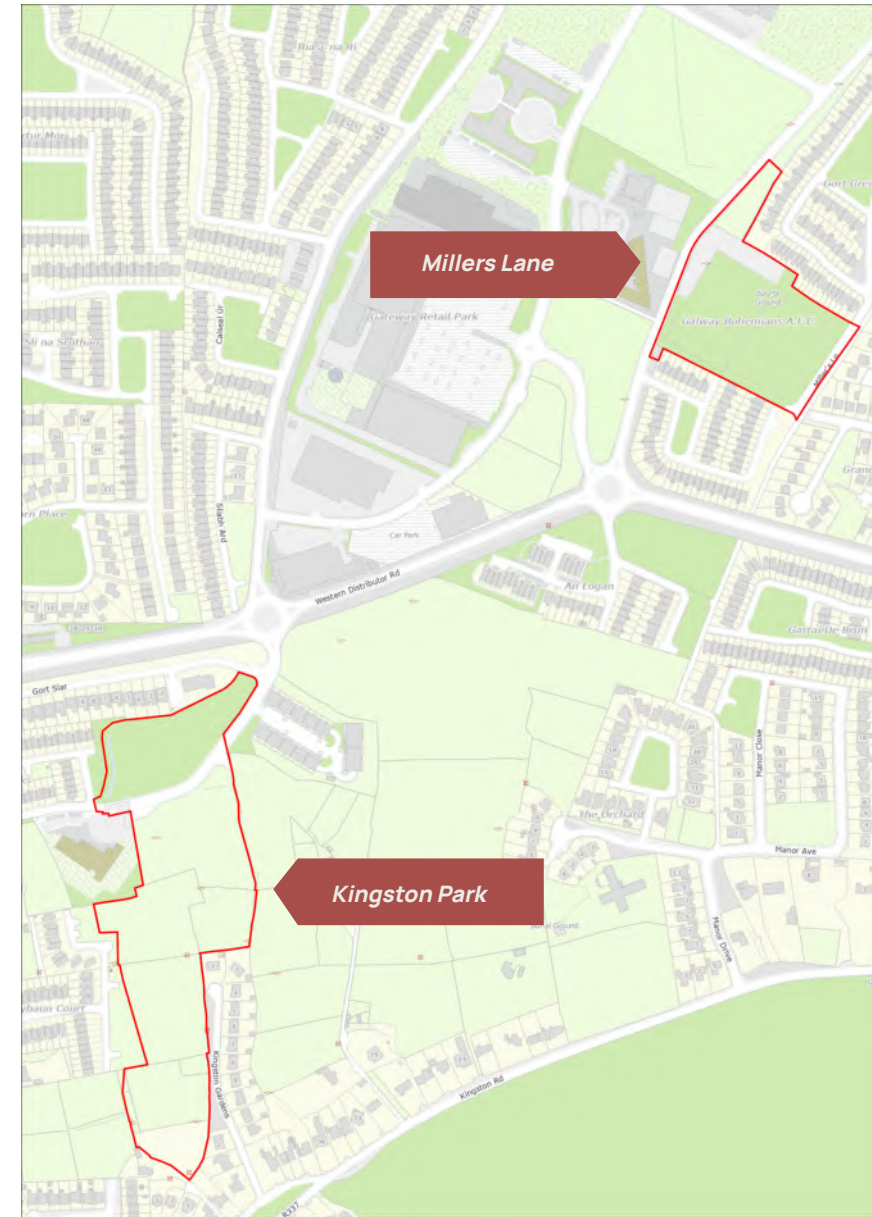
- We have undertaken extensive community engagement for the Kingston Park and Millers Lane Project:
 - Autumn 2024: We asked you to identify what kind of spaces and facilities you wanted included in the design of Kingston Park and Millers Lane.
 - Summer 2025: We then asked you to help us refine and examine 6 concept designs (3 concept designs for Kingston Park and 3 concept designs for Millers Lane).
- The community response was strong, with valuable and useful feedback being provided at each stage of engagement.
- The Design Team has analysed this feedback, and taking into consideration policy and site constraints, has developed a **preliminary design option for Kingston Park** and a **preliminary design option for Millers Lane**.

What is happening now?

- The following information boards will summarise the results from the most recent consultation stage and will present the preliminary design option for both parks.
- There is a short online survey where you can provide feedback on the preliminary design for both parks. The survey can be accessed at:
www.KingstonParkMillersLane.com
- We encourage you to **read the following information boards before completing the survey.**
- Galway City Council and the Design Team will also be hosting a **‘drop-in’ public consultation event** for local residents and business owners on **Wednesday 10 September 2025**. Further details about the event are available on the dedicated website.

What is happening next?

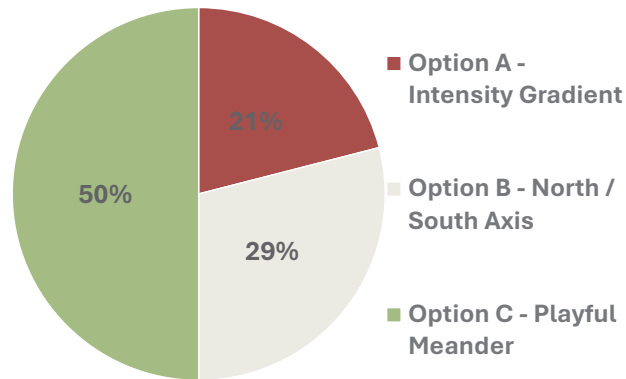
- Following this consultation stage, the preliminary designs will undergo final refinement to incorporate the latest community feedback.
- **A Part X planning application will then be lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála later this year to deliver the first part of the Masterplan.**



Highlights from the 2nd Public Consultation

Which design option for Kingston Park best reflects community expectations?

Kingston Park



- **Concept A 'Intensity Gradient'** – Strongest support for the location of the parking and vehicular access points and for the location of the sports courts adjacent to the car park and school.
- **Concept B 'North / South Axis'** – Strongest support for the layout of the walking/cycling routes. Least preferred for biodiverse and nature spaces, relaxation spaces, children's play area and community spaces.
- **Concept C 'Playful Meander'** – Strongest support for the location of biodiverse, nature and relaxation spaces.

Overall **Concept C – 'Playful Meander'** was the **most favoured option** due to several key design strengths:

- **Clear division of active and passive uses:** The layout effectively separates active recreational areas from more natural, passive spaces, catering to a wide range of users.
- **Cluster of sports facilities to the north:** Concentrating sport-related infrastructure in the northern section will enable ease of access.
- **Integration of a large water feature:** The inclusion of a water feature adds both aesthetic and ecological value, enhancing user enjoyment and supporting biodiversity.
- **Open, legible design:** The open layout improves visibility and passive surveillance throughout the site, contributing to a greater sense of safety.

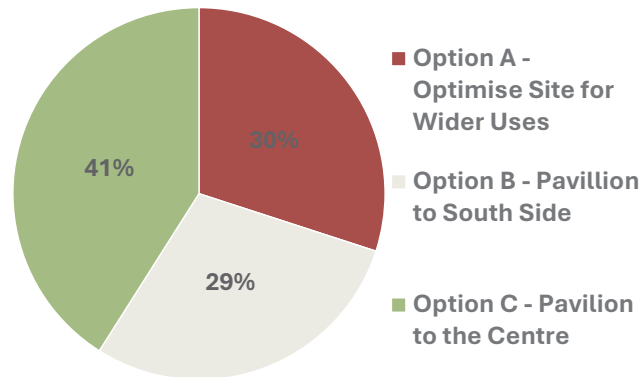
Given the strong support for certain elements in Concepts A and B, a **hybrid design** has been developed for the preliminary design for Kingston Park to combine the most valued elements from all options.

This ensures the **preliminary design best reflects community preference** and **meets the expectations of a wide range of users and stakeholders.**

Highlights from the 2nd Public Consultation

Which design option for Millers Lane best reflects community expectations?

Millers Lane



- **Concept A 'Optimise Site for Wider Uses'** – Location of the sports pitches and community / sports building are least preferred; however, respondents expressed a clear preference for the location of the children's play area.
- **Concept B 'Pavillion to South Side'** - Strong support for the location of the sports pitches and the community / sports building. Least preferred location for the children's play area and walking / cycling paths.
- **Concept C 'Pavillion to the Centre'** – Overall, this option generates the most consistently positive responses, with the exception of the children's play area.

Overall **Concept C – 'Pavillion to the Centre'** was the **most favoured option** due to several key design strengths:

- **Central location of the community building:** Positioned between the two pitches, the community building offers equal access for both hockey and soccer players. Its location also creates the opportunity for a central viewing platform, creating opportunity for unique spectating of both pitches.
- **Separate pitches:** The separation of the pitches allows matches to be played simultaneously.
- **Adequate parking provision:** The parking layout maximises the number of available spaces while improving safety by ensuring children do not need to cross the parking area to reach the pitches.

Where there is strong support for certain elements in Concepts A and B, these have also been incorporated into the preliminary design for Millers Lane, where possible, to combine the most valued elements from all concepts.

This ensures the **preliminary design best reflects community preference** and **meets the expectations of a wide range of users and stakeholders**.

Next Steps: The Planning Process

Development of the Masterplan for Kingston Park and Millers Lane

- Following this consultation stage, the preliminary design for Kingston Park and Millers Lane will undergo final refinement to incorporate the latest community feedback.
- The environmental and ecological assessments for the entire Masterplan area will be finalised.
- A final Masterplan for the whole site will be created and published in winter 2025.

Planning Submission for Millers Lane and the Northern Section of Kingston Park

- A Part X planning application will be lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála (formerly An Bord Pleanála) for Millers Lane and the northern section of Kingston Park. The southern section of Kingston Park is subject to landowner negotiations and it is anticipated that it will be progressed as a separate planning application at a later date.
- A statutory consultation period of 6 weeks will begin once the application is lodged:
 - Submissions can be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála during this period.
 - There is no fee to make an observation.
 - Supportive submissions are welcome and can be made by the community.
- An Coimisiún Pleanála may approve (with or without conditions) or refuse to approve the application. There is no statutory timeframe for the Commission to make a decision.
- Galway City Council shall seek to secure funding from various applicable national funding sources for the delivery of the approved development. Galway City Council will also, where appropriate, directly fund elements of the delivery.



Constraints, Opportunities & Proposed Schemes

Public & Stakeholder Feedback and Site Surveys

In the second non-statutory public consultation, the design team presented three layout options for Kingston Park and for Miller's Lane. Some site surveys were not yet completed when three options for each of the park's layouts were designed. Since then, topographic, ecological, archaeological, arboricultural (tree) and site investigation surveys have been carried out within lands owned by GCC.

Both the additional survey information and the feedback from the public consultation on the three options have informed the current proposals for Kingston Park and for Miller's Lane. The survey information and the feedback refined the design team's opportunity and constraint analysis of the site and the resulting design proposals are summarised in the following sections.



Kingston Park: Constraints, Opportunities & Proposed Scheme

•Connection, Active Travel and Road Safety

- The site is currently divided by Altan Road. This makes it more difficult to connect all the different parts of the park. Changing the road layout is an opportunity to improve facilities for school runs as well as making the park more connected.
- Following consultation and site survey, the new layout takes into account the Safe Routes to School Draft Delivery Plan for St. John the Apostle, Knocknacarra NS and the feedback from GCC's active travel team.
- The access road and parking circulation provides a looped coach set-down access to enable visiting teams to arrive safely.
- The current proposal includes a shared use route following the northern boundary that avoids the car park. The entrance to the school has been reconfigured to provide a gateway area where the proposed shared route converges with the school parking access route, access from the west along White Oaks and the western entrance to the proposed Kingston Park. The gateway area will facilitate a safe transition from active travel to the school and park entrances with walls, seating and planting configured to slow movement and encourage cyclists to dismount.
- The proposed circulation through the park will also improve the local network by connecting to active travel routes in the proposed Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD) on the King Development site to the east of Kingston Park.
- An active travel route will enter the park from the approved GCC Clybaun Road Residential Development on the western park boundary. Within the park, an active travel route running east – west will connect this to the wider network at Kingston Gardens on the eastern boundary.
- Parking provision has been devised in accordance with Galway City Council City Development Plan 2023–2029 and accommodates active and vulnerable users across all modes of transport to include covered and lockable cycle storage for longer-term use.



Kingston Park:

• Topography, Playing Fields and Universal Access

- Topography varies across the site making it a challenge to provide universally accessible routes and features.
- Two routes will run north-south through the park linking the greenway in the south to the active travel route in the north. One route will facilitate easier access with wide dimensions and smooth gradients. An alternative, more challenging route will offer a more undulating surface and curving geometry. This variation will allow park users to select looped routes or choose the level of challenge on their route.
- Following stakeholder consultation and site survey, there are two constraints in particular that gave rise to the proposed layout. Firstly, the playing field requires a relatively flat area with minimal slope and because of its dimensions, can only be located in one area of the park. Secondly, the entrance and paths connecting to the proposed Large Residential Development (LRD) on the adjacent site must meet at the same level. These two constraints determined the final location and elevation (levels) of the playing field.
- The playing field location and elevation (level) resulted in highly variable topography in the area directly south of it. This high variability in level presented a challenge for many uses but is also an opportunity to provide a playground that exploits varied topography, so this is where the play area is located in the current proposal.
- Because the topography is less sloped to the west of the site, the smaller playing fields and gaming areas are located to the western side of the main avenue running north-south.



Kingston Park:

• Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Following the site surveys the design team was able to identify with more accuracy any trees, hedgerows and features that were recommended for retention on the site where possible.
- The habitats identified on site that were of Local Importance (Lower Value) consisted of Recolonising Bare Ground, Dry Calcareous Grassland and Dense Bracken. The habitats identified on site that were of Local Importance (Higher Value) consisted of Treelines, Hedgerows and Scrub. The current design will retain portions of hedgerows, scrub and treelines where they can be accommodated in the scheme.
- There were no trees of high or moderate value identified on the site. The tree strategy for the proposed scheme includes for the following provisions:
 - Tree lines to improve the micro-climate for active travel routes
 - Trees to support solar gain in winter and solar shading in summer for the facilities building.
 - Large tree planting to the avenue running north-south to define the avenue and improve its microclimate.
 - Trees in transplant and semi-mature form within the woodland areas proposed in the scheme to add variety to the tree canopy's age profile.
 - Orchard trees to increase the pollinator-friendly planting.
 - Medium and small tree planting to define human-scale spaces, improve micro-climate, and expand the canopy for climate mitigation.
- The dry calcareous grassland identified on site as well as the site investigation findings will inform a robust strategy for enhancing biodiversity in seeded areas.



Kingston Park:

• Social and Cultural Spaces and Passive Surveillance

- An amphitheatre area formed by a u-shaped mound will allow for tiered informal seating as well as space to host an outdoor class.
- The plaza serving the main entrance of the facilities building is defined by pleached trees and a raised platform onto which a stage can be built. The plaza can accommodate performances or a small market with stalls as well as bench seating and external seating for the café.
- A small parks maintenance staff kiosk is located near the entrance to the park to facilitate maintenance oversight and passive surveillance.
- The main north-south avenue is wide enough to form a place in and of itself, functioning both as circulation and as access for a range of activities along its borders.
- To the east of the facilities building a secondary meeting plaza is defined by trees, planters and benches. It serves as a gathering spot for running, cycling groups etc. and is located adjacent to the external showers access doors.
- Along the western edge of the north-south avenue are a range of gaming and playing field spaces with bench seating to accommodate onlookers in sociopetal configurations.
- The play spaces and learn-to-ride facility are located along the eastern border of the main avenue, with picnic areas and benches to facilitate caregivers.
- The orchard and waterbody landscapes to the south of the site provide more areas with sociofugal seating arrangements to accommodate meditative experiences in nature while remaining within sight of main pathways.



Kingston Park:

• Water, Power and Services

- There are no visible waterways on the site at present, but the currently culverted Clybaun Stream traverses the north of the site and then flows south from the north west corner of the site and heads in a southern direction hugging the north western boundary. The Clybaun Stream links the site's hydrology to the Galway Bay Complex SAC and Inner Galway Bay SPA. This means that maintaining water quality on-site is of high importance.
- Nature Based Solutions (NBS) and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) are prioritised for resolving site drainage in the proposal, including the use of bioretention areas, rain gardens, permeable parking bays and site attenuation.
- Trees and earth mounds are used in the plaza area to improve solar design of the facilities building.
- Fire tender access is accommodated for a distance of 20m to the western side of the facilities building.
- There are some overhead cables on the site. Moving or undergrounding these cables will have cost implications but will improve the skyline of the area for all.
- There are existing watermain, gas and fibre optic services that serve Knocknacarra NS currently in the Áltan Road. These services will need to be diverted around the proposed building in the new site layout.



Miller's Lane:

Constraints, Opportunities & Proposed Scheme

• Connection, Active Travel and Road Safety

- The site is well connected to the local pedestrian and cycle network already with an active travel route to the eastern boundary and a greenway along its southern boundary.
- The proposal retains the active travel route as it is an important route serving local pedestrian permeability. This route connects the existing Miller's Lane Greenway to the pedestrian link from Bothar Stiofain to the Gateway Retail Park.

Millers Lane Emerging Proposal

Legend - Context

- Residential
- Recreation and Amenity
- School

Key

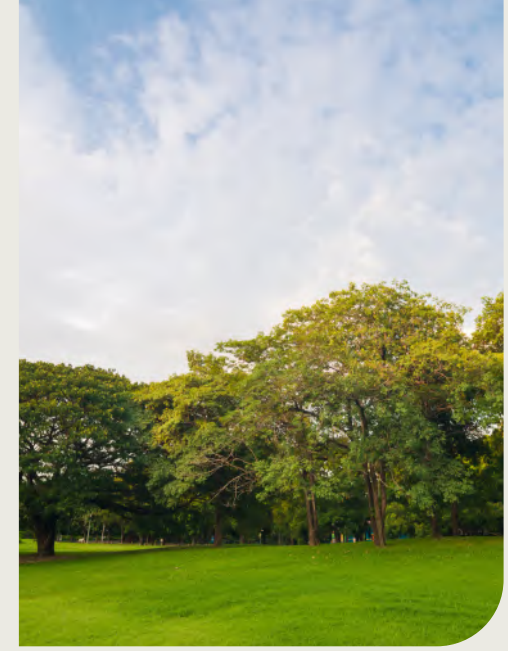
- A Vehicular access point/route
- B Coach drop-off area
- C Cycle parking
- D Pedestrian access point/route
- E Parks super facility and maintenance shed
- F Mixed age play area
- G Soccer pitch
- H Multi-use Sports building with viewing terrace on upper floor. See Architect drawings
- I Hockey Pitch
- J Calisthenics area
- K Handball wall



Miller's Lane:

• Topography, Playing Fields and Universal Access

- The site is constrained at its boundaries with little room to extend and it is a challenge to fit all the features required by the brief.
- The hockey pitch and soccer pitch are dimensioned optimally following stakeholder consultation.
- The facilities building is located centrally, overlooking both pitches and avoids overshadowing adjacent residential developments.
- The hockey pitch is located in the east to exploit the topography in softening the required perimeter fence into the landscape.
- Topography is also a significant challenge as there is almost 6m in level difference from east to west. This makes it difficult to provide universally accessible routes and features. It also makes fitting playing fields and other features a challenge as more space is needed to accommodate the level changes.
- While the greenway running east to west to the south of the site is retained, access to the site's amenities is provided in the form of direct paths leading from the gates, coach drop-off and entrance points to the facilities building and pitches.
- The main pedestrian entrance is located near to the existing road crossing at the entrance to Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh. The main vehicular entrance and the coach lay-by are located away from this area to improve safety for pedestrians using the crossing facilities and footpaths.
- A series of ramps and stepped access softened by planting is provided to facilitate access to the hockey pitch which is on higher ground.



Miller's Lane:

• Natural & Cultural Heritage

- Following the site surveys the design team was able to identify with more accuracy any trees, hedgerows and features that were recommended for retention on the site where possible.
- The habitats identified on site that were of Local Importance (Lower Value) consisted of Amenity Grassland, Buildings and Artificial Surfaces. The habitats identified on site that were of Local Importance (Higher Value) consisted of Treelines and Scrub. The current design will retain portions of scrub and treelines where they can be accommodated in the scheme.
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 - Site investigation findings will inform a robust strategy for enhancing biodiversity in seeded areas.



Miller's Lane:

• Social and Cultural Spaces and Passive Surveillance

- The plaza serving the main entrance of the facilities building is defined by the undercroft of the building and by standard trees. The undercroft can provide shelter from the elements and the plaza can accommodate casual trading e.g. a coffee truck and seating.
- Informal play facilities are located along the western border of the park, with picnic areas and benches to facilitate caregivers.

• Water, Power and Services

- There are no visible waterways on the site currently, but the site's hydrology is connected to the Galway Bay Complex SAC and Inner Galway Bay SPA. This means that maintaining water quality on-site is of high importance.
- Nature Based Solutions (NBS) and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) are prioritised for resolving site drainage in the proposal, including the use of bioretention rain gardens, site wide attenuation and permeable car parking bays.
- Trees and earth mounds are used to improve solar design of the facilities building.
- Fire tender access is accommodated for a distance of 20m to the western side of the facilities building.



Buildings

Buildings at Kingston Park

Location

The design of the new Community Building at Kingston Park has been shaped in close collaboration with DRLA Landscape Architects to ensure it blends naturally into the park setting. Positioned at the north of the site, the building acts as a welcoming gateway to the wider park. This location offers many benefits – it's close to car and coach parking, and it provides the perfect spot for a viewing area overlooking the All-Weather Pitch.

Approach & Access

Visitors will arrive along the park's central walkway, which leads to a welcoming Plaza at the northern end. From here, the main entrance opens into a bright, double-height foyer – a space that also serves as a comfortable seating area for the café. On sunny days, the café extends out to the Plaza, creating a vibrant hub that links indoor and outdoor community life.

General Purpose Hall

At the heart of the Community Building is a large, versatile General Purpose Hall. This flexible space is designed to host an impressive range of activities – from basketball, volleyball and badminton to indoor soccer, pickleball, and even archery. Retractable bleacher seating means the Hall can also transform into a venue for music, dance, drama, and other community or cultural events. It will be a place for sport, performance, and celebration.

KINGSTON PARK SPORTS FACILITY:

Room Legend. Floor Plans

1. Main Entrance
2. Reception
3. Café' and Servery
4. Stairways and Lift
5. Multi-Purpose Sports Hall – Double Height

6. Administrative Offices
7. Toilets
8. Change Rooms
9. Referee Change Rooms
10. First-Aid Room
11. Joggers Showers and Toilets
12. Store Rooms

13. Plant Rooms, Electrical and Mechanical
14. Multi-Purpose Activity Rooms
15. Sensory Room
16. Commentary Booth
17. Atrium
18. Changing Places Facility

Ground Floor Facilities

The ground floor also includes practical facilities such as four spacious team changing rooms – two serving the General Purpose Hall and two for the All-Weather Pitch – each with showers and toilets. Additional facilities include dedicated changing for referees, a First Aid room, and shower and toilet facilities for joggers and park visitors.

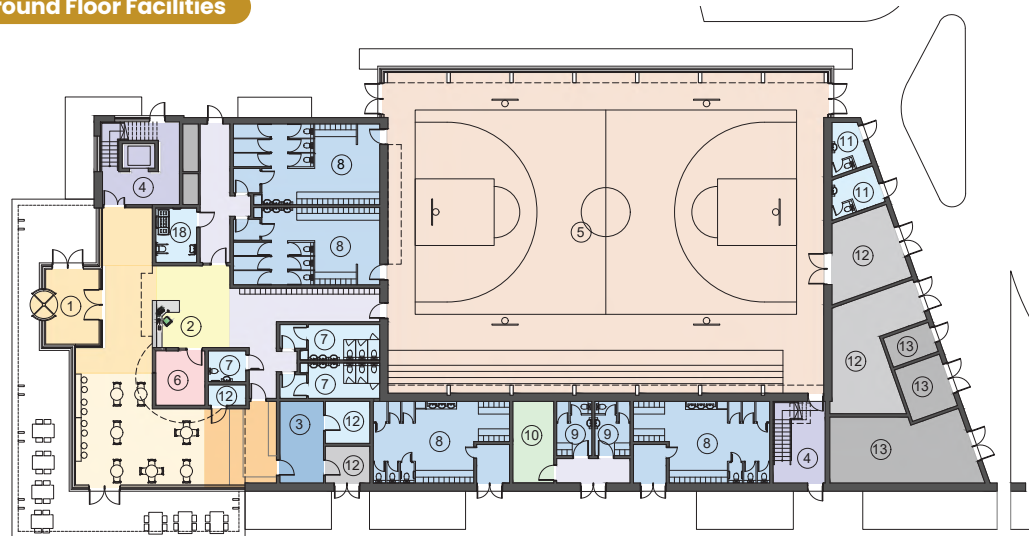
Park Maintenance Facilities

To help keep the park in excellent condition, the project also includes a separate building and yard for Galway City Council's Parks Department.

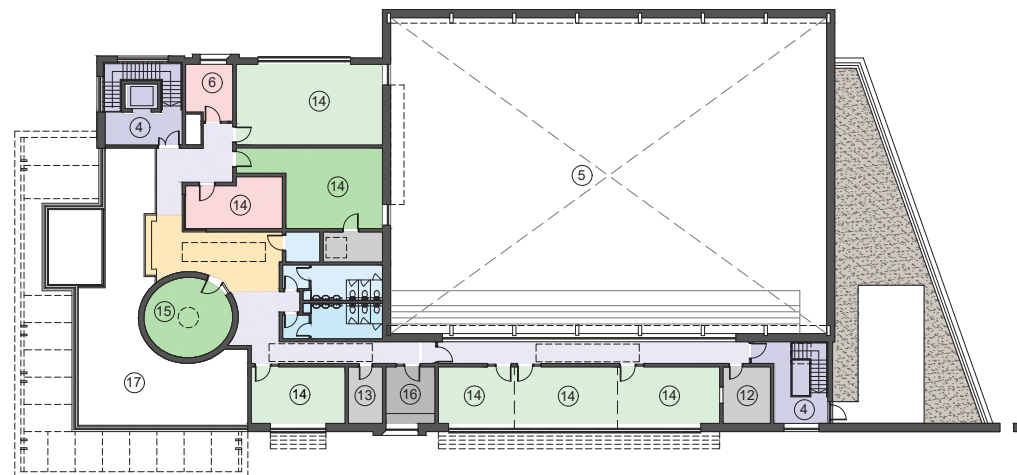
First Floor Spaces

Upstairs, a range of multi-purpose rooms of different sizes cater for groups large and small. Along the south façade, three bright community spaces feature large windows and doors that open to panoramic views of the All-Weather Pitch and park. At the centre of the first floor is a circular Multi-Sensory Room, positioned above the foyer as a striking focal point within the building.

Ground Floor Facilities



First Floor Facilities



Buildings at Kingston Park

– Key Highlights

- **Shaped by your feedback** – reflecting what we've heard from past consultations.
- **A welcoming gateway to the park** – perfectly positioned for easy access and great views.
- **Indoor and outdoor life connected** – Café spills out to the Plaza on sunny days.
- **A hall for every occasion** – sport, culture, and community events all under one roof.
- **Flexible spaces for all groups** – rooms of all sizes for meetings, classes, and activities.
- **Designed for everyone** – from sports teams to casual park visitors.

Sustainability & Materials

– Key Highlights

- **Built to LEED standards** – international benchmark for green design.
- **Energy-efficient and water-wise** – lowering running costs and environmental impact.
- **Using local, natural materials** – reducing carbon footprint and connection to the locality
- **Low-maintenance finishes** – designed to last for years with minimal upkeep.



Buildings at Millers Lane

Location

While Kingston Park's building serves as a multi-purpose community hub, the Millers Lane building has a stronger focus on sports yet offers community space too. Located centrally between the soccer and hockey pitches, it offers equal access to both. The linear two-storey design reflects the layout of the site, making the most of its position in the heart of the development.

Approach & Access

The building is approached directly from the adjacent car park. To provide shelter in all weather, the first floor extends over the main entrance, creating a covered forecourt for spectators and visitors. A glazed entrance façade gives a warm welcome, and in winter evenings the glow from inside will create a bright, inviting atmosphere.

Sustainability

In line with Galway City Council's commitment to sustainability, both buildings are being designed to meet LEED standards — an internationally recognised benchmark for green building. This means they will achieve high levels of sustainability, from energy efficiency and water conservation to the use of environmentally responsible materials.

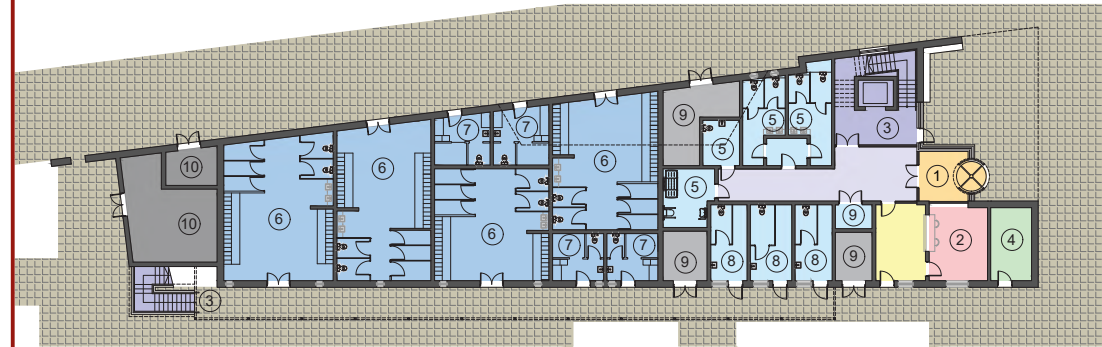
Ground Floor Facilities

The ground floor is designed for high levels of sporting activity, with four large changing rooms (all with showers and toilets) to support both pitches. There are also dedicated changing facilities for referees, a First Aid room, and additional shower and toilet facilities for spectators and the general public.

Materials

The final choice of materials is still under review but will focus on those with low embodied carbon and minimal maintenance needs. Where possible, local and natural materials will be used, helping to reduce environmental impact and give the buildings a strong connection to their surroundings. The images presented here show on-going design work to give an indication of building form and massing, as well as the proposed elevational treatment in concept form.

Ground Floor Facilities



MILLER'S LANE SPORTS FACILITY:

Room Legend. Floor Plans

1. Main Entrance
2. Reception
3. Stairways and Lift
4. First-Aid Room

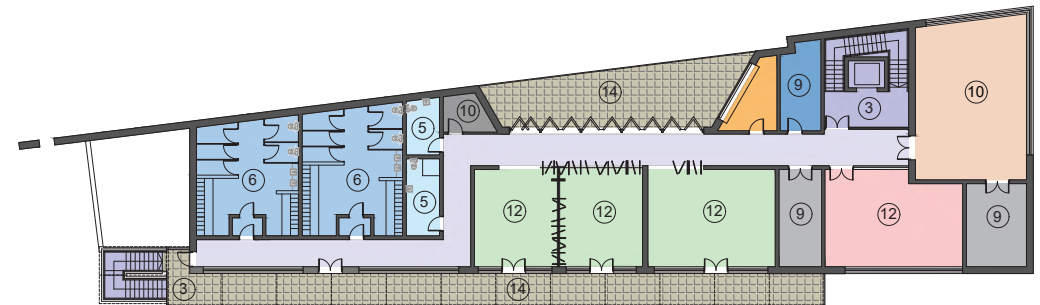
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10. Plant Rooms, Electrical and Mechanical

11. Multi-Purpose Sports Hall
12. Multi-Purpose Activity Rooms
13. Kitchenette
14. Viewing Terraces

First Floor Spaces

Upstairs, four flexible multi-purpose rooms serve a variety of community uses or can be used exercise and fitness related activities. These rooms line the south-east façade, offering views over the hockey pitch. One end of the building features a gym above the main entrance, while the other includes extra changing facilities. An external terrace on the north-west side provides an elevated viewing spot for the soccer pitch.

First Floor Facilities



Buildings at Millers Lane

– Key Highlights

- **Sports at the heart** – serving both soccer and hockey equally.
- **Bright and welcoming** – warm glow in winter, open and airy in summer.
- **Shelter in all weather** – covered entrance for spectators and visitors.
- **Room for variety** – flexible spaces upstairs for sport and community use overlooking the hockey pitch.
- **Terrace with a view** – elevated spectator area for the soccer pitch.

Sustainability & Materials

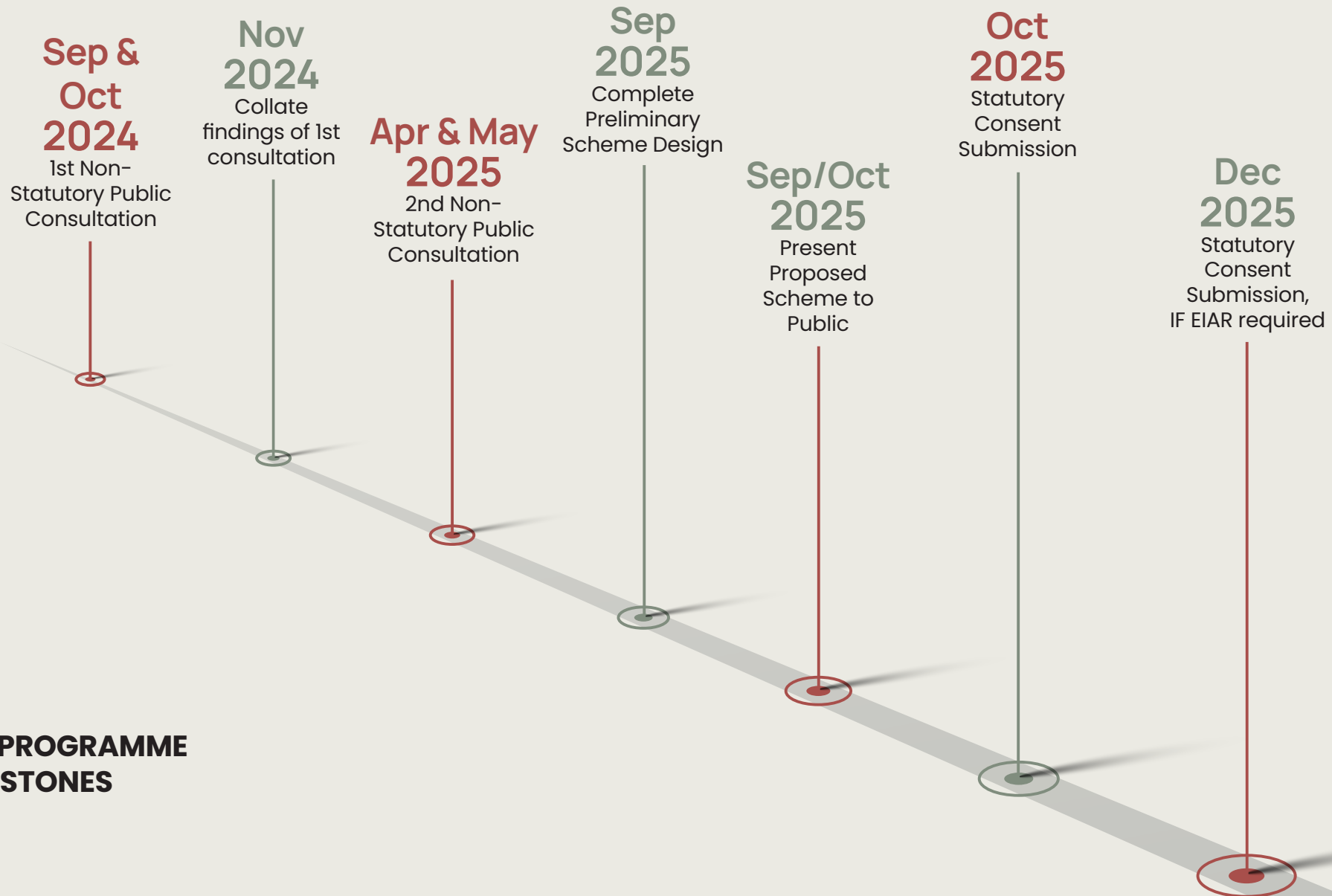
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What happens next?

Indicative Project Timeline



KEY PROGRAMME MILESTONES

Appendix 3: Public Surveys



First Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Galway City Council considers parks to be key elements of the city's public realm and important amenities for communities, residents and visitors to the city to share and enjoy.

As we engage in a process of consultation to help us design enhancements to Kingston Park and Millers Lane, we would like to hear your vision what a modern and accessible park should be. **Your input is essential in shaping the future of these public spaces to better serve the diverse needs and interests of our community.**

It should be noted that the elements of the master plan for the area passed by members of Galway City Council in 2017, including the provision of full-size rugby, soccer and hockey pitches, remain locked into the design plan and will not be changed. All other elements of the parks are entirely open for consideration as to how they will look and what they'll include. We want to get your views on this through this first public consultation, a non- statutory consultation and further consultations that will follow i.e., a second non-statutory public consultation and the statutory public consultation.

This public consultation is intended to elicit ideas and suggestions for the remaining areas of the urban parks, from the members of the community most likely to use and benefit from them in the future.

Please answer the following questions to help us understand your preferences and priorities regarding the enhancement of the parks. Your responses will guide the decision-making process and ensure that the upgrades reflect the collective vision of our community.

1. Usage and Awareness of Parks in Galway

- a) Which parks do you most frequently visit in the city?
- b) How often do you currently visit the parks?
- c) What activities do you engage in most often when visiting the parks?

2. Park Facilities and Amenities

- a) What facilities or amenities do you enjoy when visiting parks?
- b) Which of the following elements do you regard as most important in an urban park design? Please rank from most important to least.
 - ☐ Playground equipment
 - ☐ Picnic areas
 - ☐ Sports courts/fields
 - ☐ Walking/cycling trails
 - ☐ Outdoor fitness equipment
 - ☐ Public restrooms
 - ☐ Seating areas

- ☐ Food/drink vendors
- ☐ Cultural or art installations
- Other (please specify) _____

3. Accessibility and Inclusivity

- a) How accessible do you find existing parks for people with disabilities or mobility issues?
- b) Are there any specific features or modifications you suggest to improve accessibility and inclusivity in the proposed parks?

4. Safety and Security

- 1. Do you feel safe when visiting existing parks in Galway, especially during evenings or weekends?
- 2. Are there any specific concerns regarding safety or security that need to be addressed in the proposed parks?

5. Healing Societal Differences and Conflicts

An issue that can affect a city park is anti-social behaviour. This investment into the Kingston Park and Millers Lane areas will aim to bridge the societal differences that can lead to anti- social behaviour. What measures would you suggest to achieve this?

6. Biodiversity and Climate Change

As a minimum, all development works carried out as part of this project will be to a net zero carbon standard and the constructed facilities will not utilise fossil fuels, the park development will also deliver biodiversity net gain. What other features or measures would you like to see as part of the project relating to biodiversity, climate change and other such goals?

7. The Arts

Galway City Council believes that our public parks should be communal spaces which actively facilitate, encourage and celebrate the arts, in the form of installations, performance spaces, concerts, etc. How do you feel the Kingston Park and Millers Lane areas could be better equipped and better utilised to meet these aims?

8. Health and Wellbeing

Spending time in the outdoors and coming in contact with nature is beneficial to both physical and mental health and wellbeing. How do you feel the enhancements to the

Kingston Park and Millers Lane areas can encourage residents and visitors to spend more time with nature to better reap these benefits?

9. Environmental Sustainability

What environmentally sustainable initiatives would you like to see implemented in the parks?

10. Community Engagement

- a) How would you like to be involved in the decision-making process for the park upgrades?
 - i. In-person public consultation event
 - ii. Mailing list
 - iii. Online – website, email
 - iv. Other – please specify
- b) Do you have any suggestions for community events or activities that could be hosted in the park?

11. Overall Satisfaction and Vision:

- a) What Galway City parks would you consider are the best at present, and why?
- b) How do you feel the parks of Galway City could get better?
- c) What is your vision for the future of Galway's parks over the next a) 5 years, b) 10 years and c) 20 years? Feel encouraged to highlight parks from other cities around Ireland, Europe or the world from which you feel Galway City should take example for its own parks.

Demographic Information (optional):

Age:

Gender:

If you wish to be kept informed of future updates, please provide your contact details **Contact Information (Optional):**

Name

Email

Phone number

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Thank you for your valuable input. Your feedback will play a crucial role in creating vibrant and inclusive urban parks that benefit our entire community. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We want to assure you that your data will be used solely for the purposes of compiling a long list of ideas for the regeneration of Kingston Park and Millers Lane and will not be shared with third parties. In compliance with data protection laws in Ireland, we are committed to safeguarding your data. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary, and we appreciate your valuable input.

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Second Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Galway City Council is pleased to invite you to take part in **the second stage of consultation on the new Kingston Park and Millers Lane Public Urban Realm Project.**

The Kingston Park and Millers Lane Project is an exciting opportunity to reimagine these two green spaces to better serve the communities of Knocknacarra and Ragoon. It is envisioned that the project will create accessible, public, connected green spaces, with dedicated areas for sports, play, relaxation and nature.

This is the second public consultation on the project and follows on from our extensive public consultation in autumn 2024. The Design Team analysed the feedback received during the first consultation and, taking into consideration the sites' constraints, developed **6 concept designs**:

- **3 concept designs for Kingston Park; and**
- **3 concept designs for Millers Lane.**

Please read the Information Boards before completing the survey. The survey contains questions asking you about the design options presented in the Information Boards. The Information Boards also describe the rationale for each design option, as well as their strengths and weaknesses.

You may complete the survey on your phone, laptop or desktop. For optimum use, we recommend that you use a laptop, tablet or desktop

You may complete the survey online or, alternatively, we would be happy to hear your feedback at our public consultation event on **29th April 2025 (1pm-8pm) in the Clybaun Hotel**. Paper copies of the survey will also be available at the consultation event.

Responses from this consultation survey will help to refine the design of Kingston Park and Millers Lane which will be presented for further consultation in autumn 2025. Your input will help shape the future of the area ensuring it serves the needs of the local community both now and for generations to come.

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes. **Please note there is a space for other/general comments at the end of the survey.** The survey will be open for four-weeks from **Thursday 24th April to Thursday 15th May 2025**

If you have any difficulties completing the survey, please email info@kingstonparkmillerslane.com

1. Design Options for Kingston Park

1. ***Overall**, which design option for Kingston Park do you think best suits the expectations of your local community?*

- ☐ Option A – Intensity Gradient
- ☐ Option B – North / South Axis
- ☐ Option C – A Playful Meander

2. *What do you see at the **main advantage** of your Preferred Option over the other two design options?*

3. To enable us to understand where the design emphasis should be when developing the preferred design, please **rank** the following facilities and features in order of preference **from most to least important (1 = Most Important, 10 = least important)**

	Rank 1-10
Sports Pitches	
Sports Courts and Exercise Areas	
Community / Sports Building	
Children's Play Areas	
Walking / Cycling Paths and Access Points	
Parking and Vehicular Access Points	
Relaxation Spaces (seating / picnic areas, informal areas)	
Community / Educational Spaces	
Biodiverse and Nature Spaces	
Park Staff Kiosk and Equipment Storage Area	

4. Please indicate how you feel about the **location** of the following facilities in your preferred option

	Most Suitable	Neutral	Least Suitable
Sports Pitches			
Sports Courts and Exercise Areas			
Community / Sports Building			
Children's Play Areas			
Walking / Cycling Paths and Access Points			
Parking and Vehicular Access Points			
Relaxation Spaces (seating / picnic areas, informal areas)			
Community / Educational Spaces			
Biodiverse and Nature Spaces			
Park Staff Kiosk and Equipment Storage Area			

2. Design Options for Millers Lane

5. Overall, which design option for Millers Lane do you think would best serve the needs of the community? Please tick the box of the option you prefer.

- ☐ Option A – Optimise Site for Wider Uses
- ☐ Option B – Pavillion to South Side
- ☐ Option C – Pavillion to the Centre

6. What do you see as the **main advantage** of your Preferred option over the other two design options

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7. To enable us to understand where the design emphasis should be when developing the preferred design, please **rank** the following facilities and features in order of preference **from most to least important (1 = Most Important, 6 = Least Important)**

	Rank 1-6
Sports Pitches	
Sports Courts and Exercise Areas	
Community / Sports Building	
Children's Play Areas	
Walking / Cycling Paths and Access Points	
Parking and Vehicular Access Points	

8. Please indicate how you feel about the **location** of the following facilities and features in your preferred option

	Most Suitable	Neutral	Least Suitable
Sports Pitches			
Sports Courts and Exercise Areas			
Community / Sports Building			
Children's Play Areas			
Walking / Cycling Paths and Access Points			
Parking and Vehicular Access Points			

3. General Information

9. Are there any other facilities or features that should be proposed in the design of the parks? If your response is no, please skip this question

Yes, in Kingston Park

Yes, in Millers Lane

10. Are there any other facilities or features that should not be included in the design of the parks? If your response is no, please skip this question?

Kingston Park

Millars Lane

11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us that you think may be useful at this stage in the project?

12. Please select from the options below that best describe how you are connected to the area:

- ☐ I live in/near Kingston Park or Millers Lane.
- ☐ I work in/near Kingston Park or Millers Lane
- ☐ I go to school in/near Kingston Park or Millers Lane
- ☐ I am a member of a community group in/near Kingston Park or Millers Lane
- ☐ I am an elected representative of the area
- ☐ I represent a business / organisation / other institution (please specify below)
- ☐ Other (please specify below).

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Final Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Galway City Council is pleased to invite you to take part in the third and final non-statutory public **consultation for the Kingston Park and Millers Lane Public Urban Realm Project.**

This is the third and final non-statutory public consultation on the project. This consultation follows on from the public consultation in autumn 2024 and summer 2025. The feedback received during the previous two stages has been assessed by the Design Team, and, taking into consideration policy and site constraints, has informed the creation of:

- **1 preliminary design for Kingston Park, and;**
- **1 preliminary design for Millers Lane.**

The survey contains questions asking you about the preliminary designs presented on the Information Boards. **Please read the Information Boards before completing the survey.** The Information Boards also describe the rationale for the preliminary designs.

We would be happy to hear your feedback at our public consultation event on **Wednesday 10th September 2025 (1pm-8pm) in the Clybaun Hotel.**

Responses from this consultation event will help to inform the Part X Planning Application Submission. Your input will help shape the future of the area, ensuring it serves the needs of the local community both now, and for generations to come.

The survey should take approximately 5 minutes. The survey will be open for four weeks: from **Monday 1st September through Monday 29th September 2025.**

If you have any difficulties completing the survey, please email info@kingstonparkmillerslane.com

Kingston Park Preliminary Design

1. Please indicate your **view** on the impact the **Kingston Park Preliminary Design** will have on your community.

1	2	3	4	5
Very Harmful	Small Harmful Impact	No Impact	Small Positive Impact	Very Positive Impact

2. Would you like to explain why you made your choice above?

3. Could you **describe** how we can **improve the rating** you gave above/ tell us what you found most **positive**?

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Millers Lane Preliminary Design

4. Please indicate your view on the impact the **Millers Lane** Preliminary Design will have on your community.

1	2	3	4	5
Very Harmful	Small Harmful Impact	No Impact	Small Positive Impact	Very Positive Impact

5. Would you like to **explain** why you made your choice above?

6. Can you **describe** how we can **improve the rating** you gave above / tell us what you found **most positive**.

About You

7. Do you feel the community has been able to influence the design process for the Kingston Park and Millers Lane Preliminary Design?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not at all				Some-what					Very Much

8. Please select from the options below that best describe how you are connected to Kingston Park or Millers Lane:

- ☐ I live nearby
- ☐ I work nearby
- ☐ I go to school nearby
- ☐ I am a member of a community group or club nearby (please specify in 'Other')
- ☐ I am an elected representative of the area
- ☐ I represent a business / organisation / other institution (please specify in 'Other')
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

9. We would appreciate it if you could provide your contact details so we may better understand your responses, and follow up with you about any questions or concerns. Please see our GDPR Statement on the project website for information on how we collect, use, and protect your personal data

Name: _____

Home Eircode: _____

Email or Phone: _____