

# Landscape Masterplan

*Landscape proposals in relation to proposed public park at Finisklin closed landfill Sligo.*



- Key Elements :**
- The principal elements in the landscape masterplan are :
- The bio-window locations are strategically placed and lightly buffered with a surround of low to mid sized regenerating planting so they integrate well into the setting.
  - A low key walking track network with considered views is incorporated which allow for exploration and appreciation of the scenic landscape and the expanse of regenerating native and naturalised vegetation. The walking track is a generous width of 3.5m
  - Key seating areas form focal point resting and viewing areas. These have been strategically placed based on a considered review and analysis of the site.
  - On areas where soil will be deposited (note - no new soil will be imported to the site (see attached) and also as outlined in engineers drawings), the existing scrub vegetation will be removed. It is proposed to re-seed these areas with species rich grassland to aid in promoting biodiversity and in keeping with the All Ireland Pollinator plan. Precise seed mix to be tailored by wildflower specialist following final soil tests to achieve maximum diversity and pollinator benefits on the site.
  - The resting nodes / seating areas act as key pivot points offset from the circulation pathway within the natural open areas, each offering a distinct focus and offering key views to the distant landscape and the bay.
  - A viewing platform is incorporated at a strategic point in the design. (Size 6 x 3 m). The intention is that this will be a feature area along the walking track route which harmonises with the existing regenerating landscape and which offers the user prime views to the sea together with a sequence of landscape experiences as they progress through the site.
  - The existing regenerating vegetation is retained throughout the site where appropriate and allowed to regenerate. The mid sized randomly distributed clusters of Ulex and juvenile Salix scrub provide partial spatial definition and aids in the creation of a sequence of exploratory experiences throughout the site.
  - Existing retained stands of Salix (Willow) provide vertical punctuation within the space. The irregular nature of the space creates interest coupled with the gradation in topography, gradually leads visitors to the north western corner of the site for key waterscape views.
  - It is proposed to clear Willow / scrub in a meandering area offset approx 3 meters each side of the pathway to aid enticement, movement and direction into the open amenity area. It is proposed that scrub establishment will be minimised in this area adjacent to the walking track by future ongoing management.
- In the future it is envisaged that other elements can be added to enhance the area over time budget permitting. These include :
- A central play zone (designated 50 x 50m space).
  - Educational proposals include developing habitat piles (hibernacular) to be built from the cleared Willow.
  - Signage may be added in the medium term. Based on the re-use of the landfill for amenity purposes interpretive signage will highlight points of interest based on local natural amenity, ecology and the scenic setting.

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