

# BECKETT PARK, CHERRYWOOD

Cherrywood SDZ is located in the south of Co. Dublin, south of Cabinteely & Foxrock. A planning scheme developed by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council will guide the development of what is effectively a new town. The client, Hines Ireland, elected to progress with the parks and primary infrastructure within their ownership in advance of residential development commencing so that the parks and street trees can establish and mature prior to occupation of the new town. Beckett Park is one of the three main parks in the SDZ area, a Class I Open Space which will provide a wide range of active recreational facilities and a high-quality open space for passive enjoyment for the people of Cherrywood.

The layout of the park is dynamic, angular and geometric, with concrete paving in a variety of finishes to define spaces and emphasise place. Granite stone excavated in the course of the wider Cherrywood Infrastructure project was utilised to create robust and rough seating and retaining walls throughout the park which contrast strongly with the geometric lines of the paving. All of the park elements are set into this angular framework, integrating the disparate spaces and elements within a single harmonious composition. The park includes a large all-weather synthetic pitch, six tennis courts, a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), boules courts, an outdoor gym and play area, as well as passive

spaces for sitting, walking, relaxation, etc. The planned schools adjacent to the site will benefit hugely from these facilities. Underpinning the design is the use of native vegetation and a range of landscape typologies including grassland, woodland copse, hedgerow habitats, which are beneficial to local biodiversity. Existing retained vegetation was carefully managed during the construction process to ensure its long-term viability. The park is expected to be opened to the public in 2021 and will undoubtedly add to the quality of life enjoyed by all in Cherrywood.

**LOCATION :** Cherrywood, Dublin  
**APPROX. AREA:** 5 hectares  
**YEAR :** 2015 - On Going  
**CLIENT :** Hines Ireland

**DESIGN TEAM :**  
Engineer: Arup Engineering  
Architect: MOLA Architecture  
Quantity Surveyor: Linesight  
Project Manager: KSNPM  
Ecologist: Scott Cawley  
Archaeologist: Irish Archaeological Consultants  
Contractor: Jons-Cradock JV



**LEGEND**

- 1. Park Entrances
- 2. Park Main Path
- 3. Car Parking
- 4. Future Greenway Entrance
- 5. Lawn and Native Wildflower Meadow
- 6. All Weather Sports Pitch
- 7. Pavilion Terrace
- 8. Pavilion with Green Roof
- 9. Tennis Courts to ITF Standard
- 10. Boules / Petanque Courts
- 11. Outdoor Gym
- 12. Playground
- 13. Multi-Use Games Area
- 14. Central Plaza Space
- 15. Structural Hedgerow
- 16. Gravel Aggregate Maintenance Path

Landscape Masterplan



Pavilion view with local Cherrywood granite stone walls



Pavilion terrace seating on local granite walls



Paving Detail - Variety of concrete finishes



Native Wildflower Meadow with Pavilion to rear



West Birdseye View (Courtesy of G-Net 3D)



East Birdseye View

