

DUN AN RÍ FOREST PARK MASTERPLAN (DRAFT)

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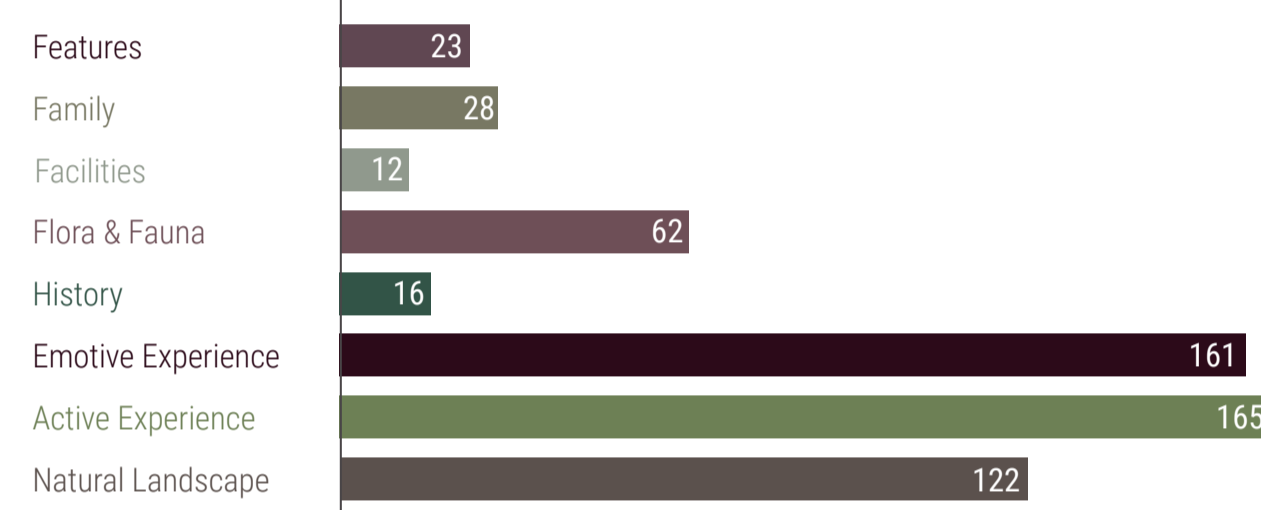
CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL, WORKING IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH COILLTE, IS DEVELOPING A MASTERPLAN FOR DUN AN RÍ FOREST PARK, KINGSCOURT. THE PLAN WILL BE USED TO INFORM POLICY & INVESTMENT DECISIONS, BRINGING FORWARD PROJECTS SUITABLE FOR FUNDING AND DELIVERY.

ANALYSIS

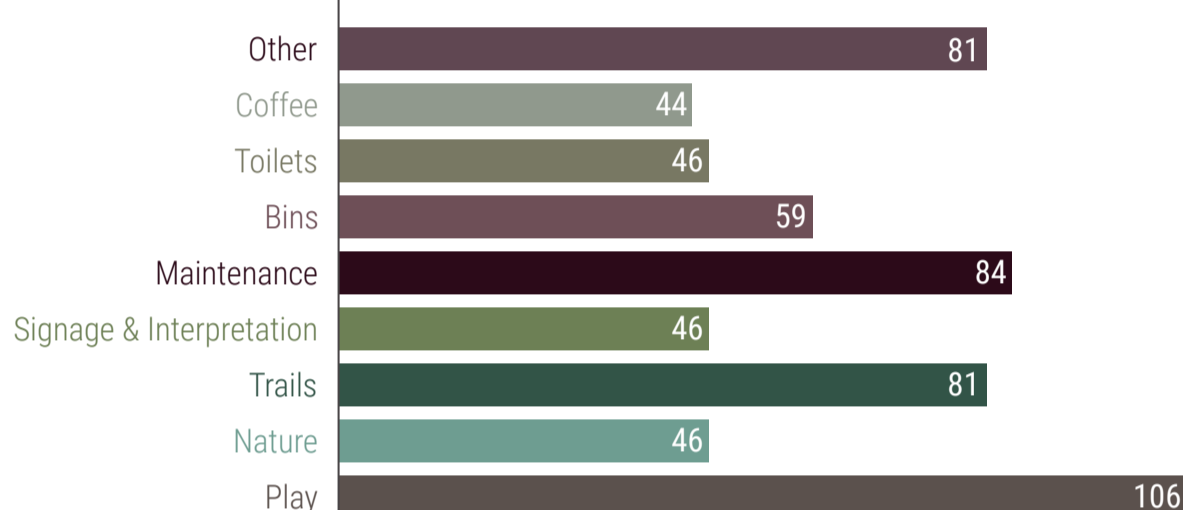
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RESPONSES

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WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT DUN A RI FOREST PARK?



WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD IMPROVE YOUR EXPERIENCE?



"Please remove the coffee van from the green area, the generator is noisy and its causing the green to become mucky, this coffee van could be in the car park with cars"

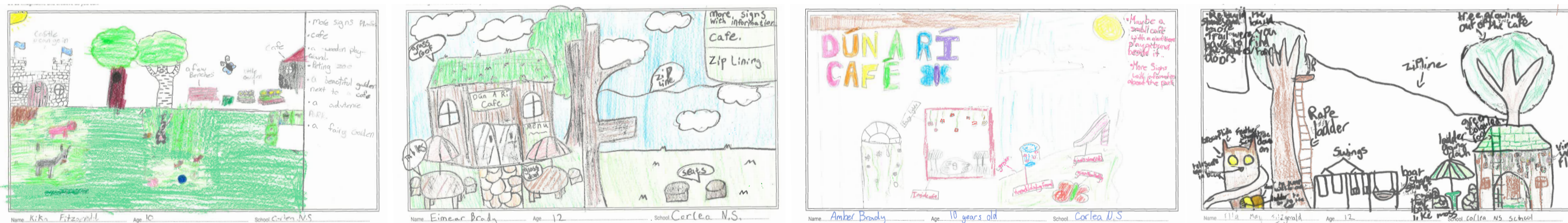
"ACCESSIBLE TOILET FACILITIES, INCREASED SIGNAGE, LESS UNEVEN SURFACES, BBQ AREA, OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE AREA"

"Start volunteering group?? Get teenagers / transition years students / youth reach involved from local"

"NATURAL WOODEN TYPE PLAYGROUND"

Treasure hunt trails for families

"Better signage & mapping out of routes. Clean up ladies lake. Tidy up & make a better use of what is there. Like the ice house, more enticing to visit. Plant more varied flowers."



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An Established popular park - much heritage significance - strong landscape character - A need for conservation, signage & interpretation - scope for more events & activities

VISION & OBJECTIVES

A FLAGSHIP OF SUSTAINABILITY

A DEEP RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL PEOPLE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

AN INTEGRAL PART OF KINGSCOURT AND CAVAN.

Shape the Vision.

Give the park a clearer identity, ethos and voice.

Protect the Assets.

Ensure the park and its natural and built heritage are secure for future generations.

Meet the challenge.

Be a leader in climate action and biodiversity and act by example. (eg foot and cycle access)

Let the park talk.

Communicate more clearly and bring the heritage assets alive through engaging and creative interpretation.

Bring the town to the park.

Enhance accessibility, linkages and create opportunities for meaningful local involvement.

Making more happen.

Programme and provide for a greater range of activities and events. (e.g., play and plays)

Bring the park to the town and beyond.

Increase the physical presence and awareness of Dun a Ri into the heart of Kingscourt and back to a much wider audience.

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PROPOSED PROJECTS & ACTIONS

A. Shape the Vision

1. Active

- i. Proposed upgraded trails
Development of existing trails with improved access to proposed routes and secondary connections.
- ii. Natural Play Area
Construction of designated natural play area playing with historical themes of the park.
- iii. Play Trail
Play integrated along trails to engage visitors along routes.

2. Access for all

- i. Arrival
*Improved visibility to main entrance of park with unique signage to welcome visitors.
Improved signage to secondary access points*
- ii. Improvements to existing trails, steps and railings
*Assessment of infrastructure and improvements where necessary.
Specific extension of access for all trail.*

3. Facilities

- i. Cafe + Tea room.
Designated agreed area for Cafe/Coffee stall with located seating and sufficient bins.
- ii. Toilets
Improvements to existing toilet block



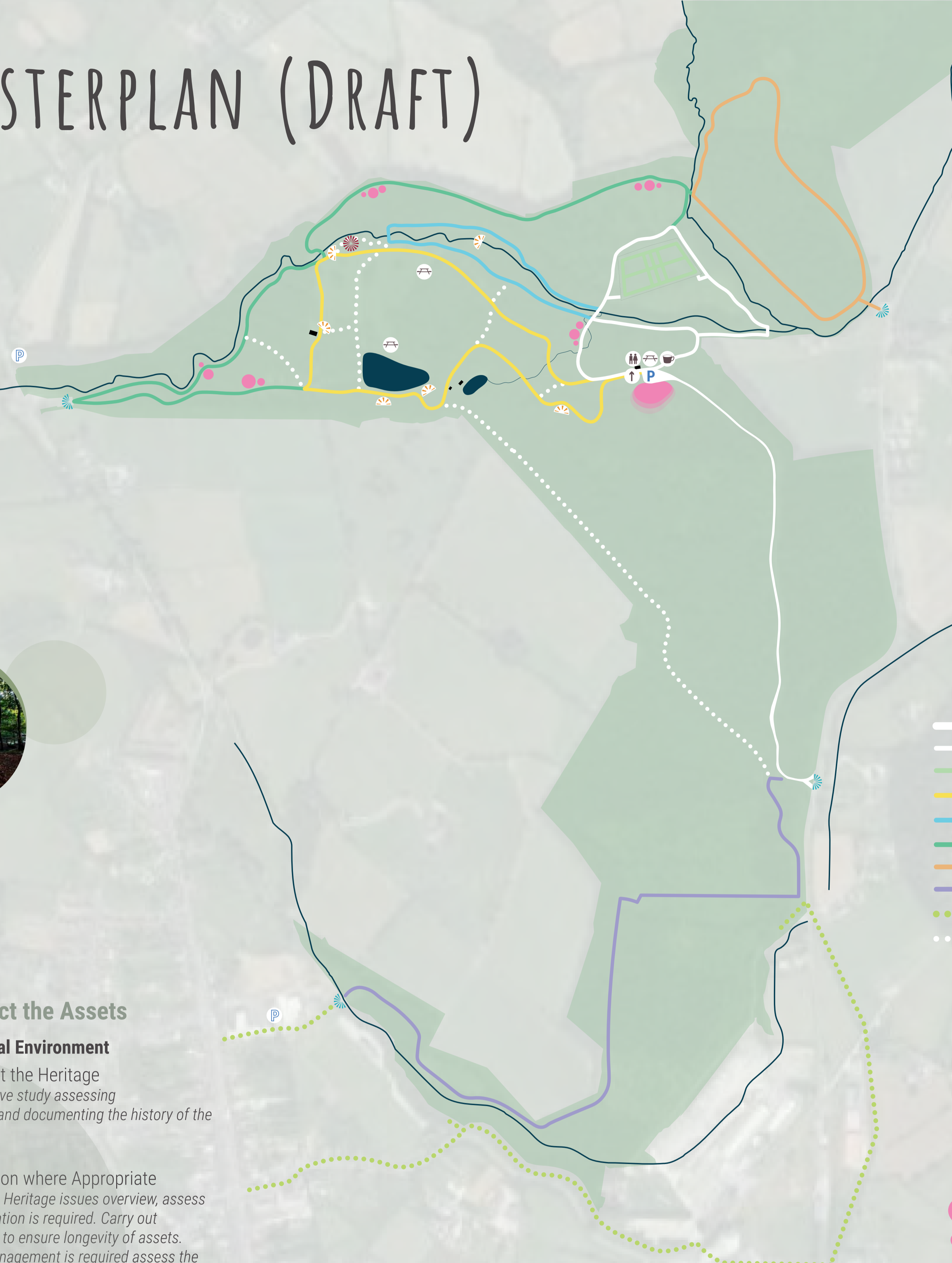
B. Protect the Assets

4. Historical Environment

- i. Document the Heritage
Comprehensive study assessing researching and documenting the history of the park.
- ii. Restoration where Appropriate
Following the Heritage issues overview, assess where restoration is required. Carry out management to ensure longevity of assets. Where no management is required assess the protection of site.

5. Management

- i. Integrate Forestry Plan and Masterplan
Working with Coillte, establish management plan of forest.
- ii. Ranger Patrols
Work with Coillte to positively engage with visitors



KEY	
	Existing Drive
	Proposed Extended Access for All Route
	Proposed Wall Garden Routes
	Existing Village Walk
	Existing River Walk
	Proposed Extended Nature Walk
	Proposed Avenue Walk
	Proposed Town Connecting Routes
	Proposed Greenway Connecting Routes
	Proposed Secondary Connecting Routes
	Access
	Main Car Park
	Proposed Parking Improvements
	Toilets
	Designated Picnic Area
	Proposed Coffee Stop
	Proposed Wayfinding
	Proposed Natural Play Area
	Proposed Segements of Play
	Viewpoints

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C. Meet the Challenge

6. Natural Environment

i. Ecology Study

Comprehensive study assessing the parks habitats and ecological value.

ii. Woodland Regeneration

Following the ecology study, assess areas of woodland requiring regeneration. Ensure the longevity of forest and identify areas requiring planting.

iii. Habitat Protection

Following the ecology study. Ensure the protection of habitats in conjunction with woodland regeneration.

iv. Flooding Survey

Assess the impacts of flooding on site.



D. Let the Park Talk

7. Orientation

i. Signage + Wayfinding

Create a comprehensive set of signage providing clear wayfinding throughout the park.

ii. Interpretation + Education

Additional signage and interpretation displaying history of park and education of habitats.



E. Bring the Town to the Park

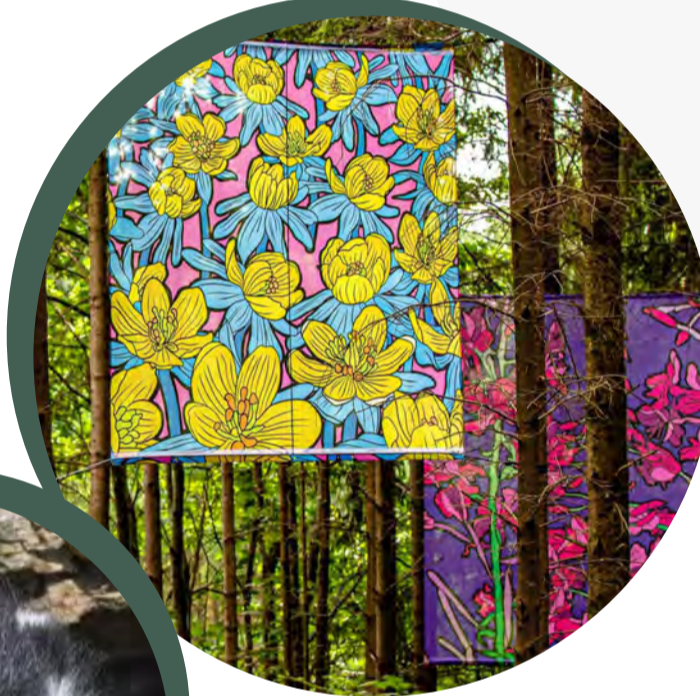
8. Connection

i. Greenway - Kingscourt

Following the ongoing development of Greenway, establish accessible routes connecting park, greenway and town of Kingscourt

ii. Public Engagement - Schools

Establishment of regular communication with the public about the park.



F. Making More Happen

9. Walled Garden

i. Restoration and Conservation.

Following the heritage assessment, restore the exterior of Walled Garden to allow accessibility. Reinstate historic path network.

ii. 'Activate'

Encourage function and use of Walled Garden.

10. Ownership

i. Volunteering Opportunities

Formation of local group to engage the community in forest projects.

11. Engagement

i. Active Space

Provide area for public activities.

ii. Performance

Designated area for community performance active space.



G. Bring the Park to the Town and Beyond

12. Destination

i. Cultural Significance

Following the documentation of heritage and creation of signage and wayfinding, advertise the cultural significance of Dun an Rí.

ii. Wider Connection

Reinstate tourism connections to Dublin and advertise cultural significance.



YOUR FEEDBACK HOW TO RESPOND:

Scan the QR code or visit
www.cavancoco.ie and
complete the survey online.

Collect and complete the paper
surveys at Kingscourt Community
Centre

