

CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004

PROPOSED VARIATION (NO. 5)

OPEN SPACES

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Cork City Council proposes to refine the *Cork City Development Plan 2004* policy that provides protection to greens and small open space areas within private and public housing estates and other parts of the city. To this end an amendment of the existing policy is proposed to indicate clearly that green areas developed as open space to provide for amenity and recreation are deemed to benefit from a “public open space” zoning objective.

Chapter 8: Natural Heritage and Recreation

PROPOSED MATERIAL AMENDMENT 1:

OPEN SPACE

Amend Policy NHR11 (p115 of the *City Plan 2004*) as follows:

(New text is highlighted in bold, and text proposed for deletion is indicated in strikethrough).

Policy NHR11: Public Open Space

- To protect and improve existing areas of public open space. There will be a presumption against development of public open spaces, including ~~unzoned~~ public spaces within housing estates. In exceptional circumstances development of ~~unzoned~~ public open spaces may be considered where the public open space is not functioning effectively due to scale, location, layout or where there is some significant community gain from its development for other purposes.
- **That all open space in estates in the city along with any green area that formed part of a planning permission for development and was identified for the purposes of recreation/ amenity/ open space is deemed to be zoned as “Public Open Space” to protect and provide for land for recreation, open space and amenity purposes. It is also acknowledged in relation to such areas that if the appropriate colour on the Development Plan maps (Figures 9.1, 9.4, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 &10.5) is not in place then it is accepted that it is for technical reasons and notwithstanding this, the areas are deemed to be zoned for recreation, open space and amenity use.**
- To provide and promote high quality open spaces that are well designed, suitably proportioned and accessible to the surrounding community. The development of open spaces should aim to enhance and protect natural features and views and be set in safe and secure environments with the emphasis on active open spaces enjoyed by all sectors of the community.
- To follow an approach of qualitative as well as quantitative standards for open spaces providing high quality open spaces with high levels of access to recreation for local communities.



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