

Glanmire Park

**Proposed New Public Park
for the Glanmire area**



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INTRODUCTION

A New Park for the Community

Creating a vibrant, inclusive and accessible public park for people of all ages and abilities.

Glanmire Park is a proposed new park that will complement John O'Callaghan Park and the Glanmire greenway. The recent completion of the greenway and the two new pedestrian and cycle bridges over the Butlerstown and Glashaboy Rivers has created an opportunity to expand local recreation and amenity facilities to meet the needs of Glanmire's growing population.

Cork City Council has recently acquired lands off Eastcliff Road, previously occupied by Riverstown FC. These lands offer a unique opportunity to develop a new public park.

Glanmire Park will transform riverside lands into a welcoming destination for play, recreation, active travel, biodiversity and community wellbeing, while strengthening connections to the new greenway and surrounding neighbourhoods.



Indicative view of the park

PROJECT OVERVIEW | A New Chapter for Glanmire

John O’Callaghan Park is currently the only public park serving the wider Glanmire area. While it is a valued community amenity, parking is limited and the existing playground is vulnerable to flooding.

In recent years, Glanmire has seen major investment in housing, transport, community facilities, and flood relief. As the area continues to grow, so does the need for high-quality public spaces that support recreation, wellbeing, and community life.

Glanmire Park will be a landmark amenity for residents of Glanmire, Riverstown, Ballinglanna, and surrounding communities, providing:

- **A new children’s playground**
- **A Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)**
- **Learn to cycle track**
- **Dog park**
- **Community gathering spaces**
- **New visitor parking**
- **Riverside access and viewing areas**
- **Walking and cycling connections**
- **Biodiversity-rich landscapes**

Parts of the park are located within the floodplains of the Glashaboy and Butlerstown Rivers and may occasionally flood, particularly during winter.

The park has been carefully designed to minimise impacts through flood protection measures for key facilities, including the playground and MUGA, and the use of resilient materials in areas prone to occasional flooding.

OUR VISION & HERITAGE | A Vision for the Future



Health & wellbeing



Play & recreation



Walking & cycling



Biodiversity



Community interaction



Accessibility for people of all ages & abilities

Inspired by Local History

The park’s design is inspired by the historic St. Patrick’s Mill at Ballinglanna and the industrial heritage of the Glashaboy River. The shapes, textures and patterns of woven fabrics, reflecting Glanmire’s long tradition of textile production have influenced

the landscape design, creating a contemporary park with a strong sense of place. The result is a vibrant public space that celebrates Glanmire’s riverside, industrial and cultural heritage for future generations.



Landscape General Arrangement



PLAY, SPORT & RECREATION

Spaces for Every Generation

A key objective of Glanmire Park is to provide facilities for people of all ages and interests.

Children's Play Area

A new high-quality playground will provide opportunities for:



Climbing



Creative Play



Balancing



Social Interaction



Sliding

Importantly, the playground will be raised above flood levels to ensure greater resilience and year-round usability.

Learn-to-Cycle Track

Young children will be able to develop cycling skills in a safe and protected environment before progressing onto wider greenway routes. The track will support bikes, balance bikes and scooters while encouraging active travel habits from an early age.

Facilities for Teenagers

The park recognises the importance of providing dedicated facilities for older children and teenagers.

New facilities will include:



A Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)



Outdoor fitness equipment



Informal social spaces



Open recreational areas

These facilities will provide positive opportunities for recreation, exercise and social connection within a visible and well-managed setting.



AN INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE PARK Designed for Everyone

Accessibility and universal design are at the heart of the proposal.

The park will provide easy access for:

- **Wheelchair users**
- **People with disabilities**
- **Older people**
- **Families with buggies**
- **Mobility aid users**
- **Walkers and cyclists**

A network of clear, accessible pathways will connect entrances, activity areas, quiet spaces and riverside amenities.

Visitor Facilities

To make the park welcoming and convenient for all users, the proposal includes:

Car Parking

Over 30 car parking spaces will be provided, supporting families, older visitors and those carrying sports or recreational equipment.

Bike Repair Station

A dedicated bike repair station will support greenway users, commuters and recreational cyclists.

Seating Throughout the Park

Generous seating will provide places to rest, meet friends, enjoy views and spend time in the park comfortably.



Indicative view of the park



Indicative view of the dog park

NATURE, BIODIVERSITY & THE RIVER Connecting People with Nature

Glanmire Park will celebrate its unique riverside setting while supporting biodiversity and climate resilience. New riverside access points will allow visitors to safely experience the Butlerstown River and enjoy views of the surrounding natural environment. These carefully designed spaces will improve access while respecting the character and ecological value of the river corridor.

Enhancing Biodiversity

- **New tree and shrub planting**
- **Naturalised meadow areas**
- **Pollinator-friendly habitats**
- **Native planting schemes**
- **Wildlife-friendly landscapes**

Together these interventions will create a richer habitat for wildlife while providing year-round colour, interest and enjoyment for visitors.

The park has been carefully designed to work with the site's natural floodplain, helping deliver both environmental and community benefits.



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

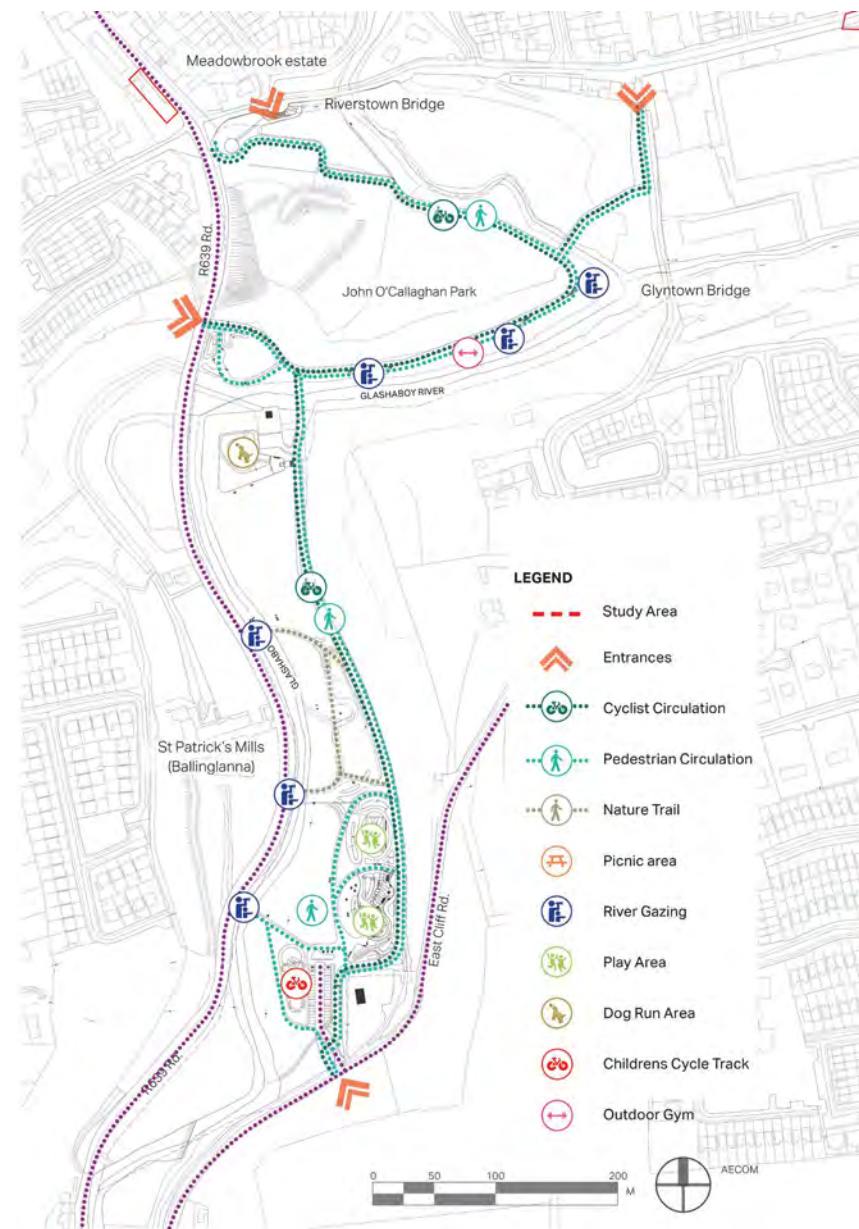
Linking Neighbourhoods Through Active Travel

One of the greatest strengths of Glanmire Park is its connection to the expanding network of walking and cycling routes.

Major investment through the greenway and associated infrastructure provided under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) and the National Transport Authority (NTA) places the park at the centre of our growing community.

New pedestrian and cycle bridges across the Glashaboy and Butlerstown Rivers are already improving access and creating safer, more attractive routes for residents.

Glanmire Park will build upon these investments by creating a destination at the heart of the greenway network.



HAVE YOUR SAY

We Want to Hear From You

Before progressing the project further, Cork City Council invites residents, community groups and stakeholders to share their views on the proposed development.

View the Plans

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Environmental Impact Screening Report, are available at <https://consult.corkcity.ie> or by scanning the QR code. Alternatively, the plans may be viewed at Glanmire Library or at Reception, City Hall, Anglesea Street.



Public Consultation Events

A public consultation event will take place at Glanmire library. This event will be advertised locally and on Cork City Council's social media.

Submit Your Comments

Submissions and observations regarding the proposed development may be made by post:

Senior Engineer,
Infrastructure Development,
City Hall,
Cork.

Please clearly mark: "Glanmire Park - Part 8 Submission"

Online: <https://consult.corkcity.ie>

Closing Date: All submissions must be received no later than Friday 2nd October 2026 at 4.00p.m.





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