Project Brief – Upgrading Windy Arbour Playground, Patrick Doyle Road

Aims and Objectives:

1.Community Engagement:

•Actively engage the local community, including children, young adults, parents, and other stakeholders, throughout the design and implementation process to ensure the playground meets their needs and preferences.

2. Deliver a High-Quality Playground:

•Develop a new, high-quality, local playground as a public amenity that facilitates inclusive and creative play for children of all abilities in a safe and natural environment.

3.Promote Health and Wellbeing:

•Provide a recreational space that enhances the physical and mental health of children and families in the locality, encouraging outdoor activity and social interaction.

4.Enhance Accessibility and Connectivity:

•Upgrade access and circulation routes to ensure the playground is easily accessible while also improving seating and rest areas for visitors.

5.Incorporate Heritage and Biodiversity:

•Integrate elements that reflect the local heritage and enhance biodiversity, creating a space that connects children and families with nature and their community's history.

6.Stimulate Imagination and Inclusivity:

•Design the playground to provide a wide range of play experiences that stimulate imagination, encourage risk-taking, and cater to people of all ages, abilities, and preferences.

7.Collaborative Approach:

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•Work collaboratively with other departments and external partners to maximize the positive impact of the playground on the local community.

Key Features to Include:

Nature-inspired play elements.

Inclusive play equipment for children of all abilities.

•Features that encourage agility, creativity, and outdoor adventure (e.g., slides, tunnels, climbing structures).

Seating areas for parents and caregivers.

•Landscaping that enhances the natural environment and promotes biodiversity.

Strategic Alignment: This project aligns with the dlr Play Policy (2023-2028) by delivering a play space that is inclusive, imaginative, and community-focused, while promoting health, wellbeing, and environmental sustainability.