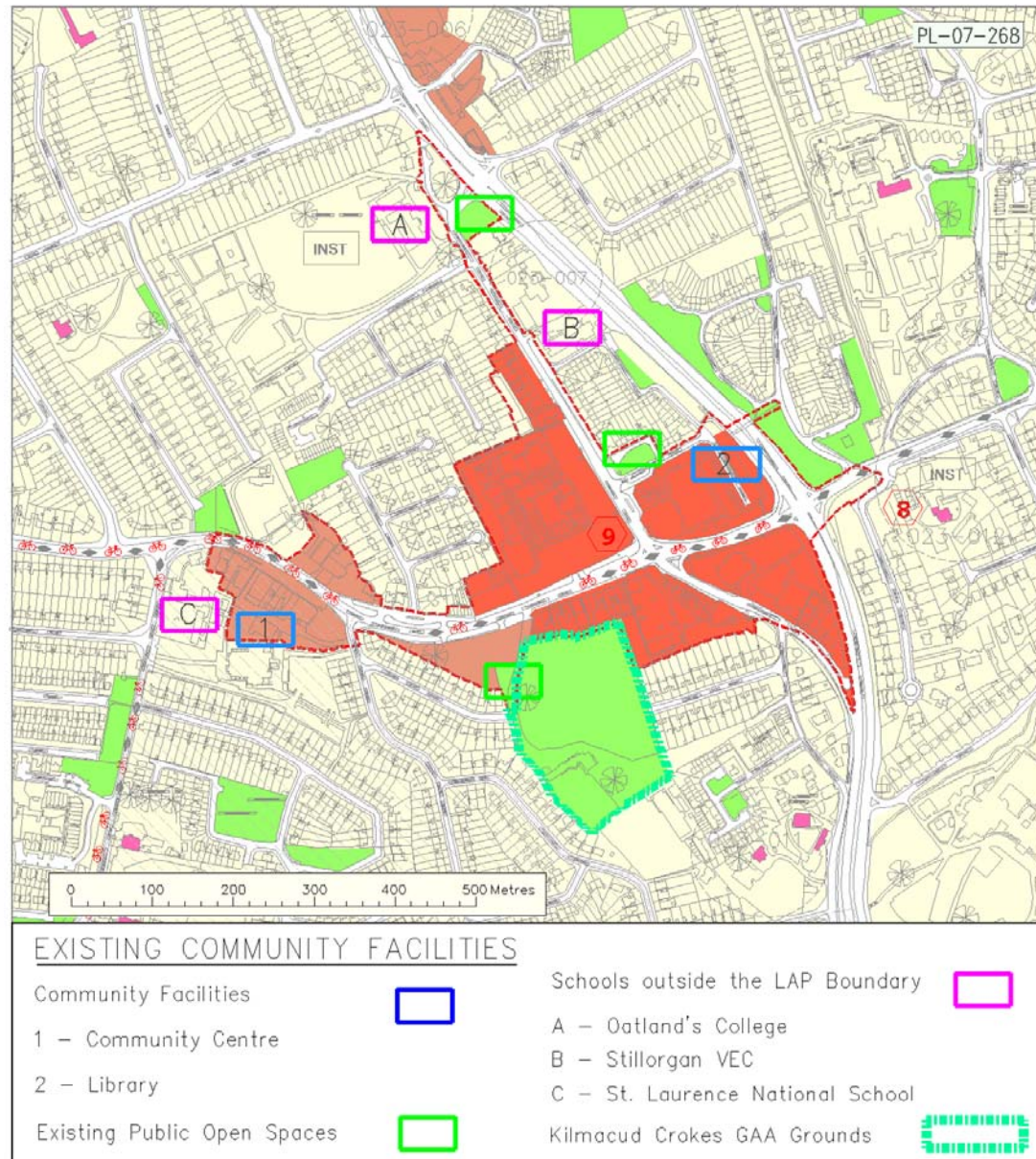


4.1 Community Facilities



Vision

There are two community centres within the Stillorgan Area. There is one Parish Community Centre located adjacent to St. Lawrence's Church and a further located outside the Local Area Plan boundary at Patrician Villas. The existing Library is adjacent to the residential estate of St Laurence's. The Kilmacud Crokes GAA facility lies to the south of the Local Area Plan boundary at Glenalbyn, south of which is Glenalbyn Swimming Pool. There are also three schools located in or within close proximity to the Plan boundary (see Fig. 4.1).

Community facilities are focal elements that can help to create a strong sense of community and identity. Community facilities are an integral element of socially and environmentally sustainable communities. It is the aim of the Plan to facilitate an appropriate level of provision of community facilities commensurate with the scale of new residential development.

Figure 4.1

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Strategic Objectives

To the east of the Leisureplex site is the existing public library, which is currently an unsuitable and unsightly temporary structure that has been in place since the 1970's. It is an objective to replace the existing library to the following minimum specifications:

- ❑ To be at the foreground of any development fronting onto a central public area.
- ❑ To be a visible, focal point to all using the area.
- ❑ To be located at ground floor level and easily accessible.
- ❑ To be a minimum of 1115 sq m (12,000 sq ft).

It is also an objective to encourage the improvement and provision of a mix of quality uses for the community as part of new development and;

- ❑ To provide a new 25m public swimming pool as a replacement for the existing pool at Glenalbyn, which is over 30 years old and difficult to access.

It is an objective to secure the provision of these essential facilities at an early stage of the development of the area.

- ❑ It is the intention of the Council to enter into negotiations with landowners and or developers to secure the implementation of these objectives and to ensure the provision of these community facilities.



Photo 4.1. St Laurence's Community Centre

4.2 Childcare Facilities and Play

Vision

The goal is to assist in creating a sustainable community through the provision of quality childcare facilities and play areas to meet future demand.

Strategic Objectives

- ❑ The provision of quality childcare and crèche facilities, shall be encouraged at suitable and convenient locations, in association with major employment developments and in accordance with the Childcare Guidelines, 2001.
- ❑ To encourage the provision of recreational facilities for young people, both indoor and outdoor facilities, in particular children outdoor play areas.

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4.3 Mobility

Vision

The aim is to ensure that there is equality and inclusiveness for all within buildings and in the external environment.

Strategic Objectives

- Future development should take account of the specific needs of people with mobility requirements.



Photo 4.2 Access for All Elevators at Dundrum Shopping Centre



Photo 4.3. "The Fiddler Dooney", Stillorgan Shopping Centre

4.4 Public Art

Vision

It is the policy of the County Development Plan, 2004-2010, to require all new major commercial developments to incorporate public art in the scheme. Given that one of the main aims of the Stillorgan Local Area Plan is to enhance the local character and public domain, it is envisaged that public art will play a large role in the redevelopment of the area.

Strategic Objectives

- The much-esteemed piece of public art located in the Mall of the Stillorgan Shopping Centre "The Fiddler of Dooney" (by Imogen Stuart) shall be retained or relocated where appropriate.
- That all new major developments and public spaces shall incorporate public art appropriate to its context.