



Proposal for a Community (Food) Garden

Sustainable Skerries and its sub-committee Skerries Community Food Garden makes the following submission in response to Fingal Co. Council's proposed Skerries Town Park Masterplan.

Sustainable Skerries wishes to submit a proposal to Fingal County Council with respect to the Skerries Town Park development to allow an area for a Community garden in the plans.

Site specification:

Good drainage
Easy to secure
600 -1000m²

We believe that the ideal location for the community garden would be beside the Bowling green, where the shipping container is at present. This area has easy access for young and old people alike, and is somewhat secure.

Benefits of a Community (Food) Garden for Skerries:

- Provides a space where people can grow food together with other people
- Enables the people of Skerries to become more resilient and sustainable with respect to food, it will also encourage people to think more about their environment
- Better health from growing and eating fresh food
- Re-Skilling our community and educating people on growing food, plants and flowers
- Encourages the development of new friendships and builds Community Spirit
- Inclusive to all ages, also provides an outlet for Age Active and Transition Year students
- Increases biodiversity levels in the area

- Supports Skerries' Tidy Towns campaign

Support for a Community Food Garden in Skerries:

In late 2014, Sustainable Skerries hosted an information evening on Community gardens, with a guest speaker from Santry Community Garden. There was a lot of interest expressed at this meeting, with the set-up of a steering committee to drive this plan forward. In addition to this, we have circulated a petition, to establish the level of interest for a Community Food garden (these are enclosed with the submission). We have set up a Facebook page (Skerries Community Food Garden) and this has over 130 likes.

Please find an annotated map, a screenshot of our facebook page and the signed petitions attached.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Zaneta Wright.

Yours truly

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