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Kilbogget Park - Development Needed

Councillor Eoin Costello has given his backing to a campaign to upgrade and maintain Kilbogget Park. Together with the Kilbogget Park Combined Residents Association, acting as the Kilbogget Park Project (KPP) - which combines 2,500 local homes and the many local sports and recreational clubs who utilise the park, Cllr Costello has called on Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to make the landscaping of Kilbogget Park a priority for 2002.

He has also requested that the Council install a full time parks presence in the Park. Kilbogget Park is approximately 104.6 acres, evolved

from land designated as open space in the various planning permissions given to surrounding housing estates. The KPP want to see a num-

ber of points addressed in relation to future development of the Park.

The status of the Park is fundamental to its future development. At present it is classified as an 'open space', and the park has developed on a piecemeal basis through a

number of successive development plans in 1989, 1992 and 1996. The KPP want the Park re-designated as a 'Public Park'. This would ensure that proper Bye-Laws could be posted and enforced. The Parks current status as a 'public place' lim-

its the action Gardai can take within the area.

A 1998 survey of local residents identified security and boundaries as a main issue. There has been damage to improvements previously made and to existing fences.

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