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# **CASTLETROY PARK PLAYGROUND EXTENSION**

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Castletroy Park comprises a public amenity on Castletroy College Road, Newtown, Limerick constructed circa 2008. The park contains a playground and skatepark which has provided play and fitness amenities for the young population of Castletroy. With a population of 15,000 Castletroy is one of the fastest growing suburbs in Munster. Castletroy continues to experience growth in terms of developments and population. Therefore, it is imperative that this is matched by the provision of recreational amenities.

Since the original construction in 2008 the population of Castletroy has continued to expand and further growth is expected. There are 5 national schools in the area, all at full capacity and planning permission has been granted for a second secondary school. There has been significant job creation in Castletroy over the last 5 years and further employment is expected through the expansion of Northern Trust and the development of a new facility by Edwards Lifescience. A need has emerged for facilities to cater for the young and teenage demographic which continues to grow in Castletroy. The existing playground meets a certain need and this proposed development will:

- Enhance the offering for the younger children by providing additional space and equipment in the existing playground.
- Create a new facility for older children/teenagers through the provision of a MUGA

The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), which is proposed as part of this development, will facilitate multiple game types on one surface. The MUGA can be used for a large number of sports including, inter alia, football, basketball, badminton, hockey and volleyball. The emphasis is on team sports and the undoubted social and developmental benefits that they will bring to users of the MUGA.

**The proposed development will consist of:**

The construction of a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and extension of the existing playground area including associated site works and provision of drainage and lighting. The works will include preparation of the site to receive the MUGA and the installation of a protective perimeter fence to the play area, installation of a range of play and exercise equipment, site furniture and resin bound surfacing.