

Killiney Bay: Enhancement proposal

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1. Introduction: Killiney District Community Council (KDCC)

KDCC was set up with the aim of promoting a strong sense of community in the areas of Killiney and Ballybrack whereby people come together to tackle challenges which can lead to local solutions to improve the quality of life in the area. KDCC supports and promotes Killiney/Ballybrack as a vibrant residential and business community with its own unique story and heritage. KDCC works in cooperation with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLR) and in line with the Local Economic & Community Plan 2016–2021, to give effect to the views of the community in relation to the enhancement, care and protection of the environment and our community.

It is in this context that KDCC is proposing to work together and in consultation with the community and local authorities on a project to enhance access and signage to Killiney Beach, to include a boardwalk/level surface path, and to construct a playground.

An initial meeting took place with Clean Coast to seek guidance about best practices for these types of projects and examples of other similar facilities around the country. Clean Coast encouraged KDCC to continue with the plans and that they would support and contribute to the plans once there is a proposal in place. Another meeting was set up with the Irish Architecture Foundation (IAF) and a set of guidelines and suggestions were discussed for the context and content of the proposal. IAF would support and facilitate specifications for the enhancement project that takes community interest into account and once a feasibility plan is in place in consultation with local authorities.

2. Proposal: Enhancement of Killiney Beach

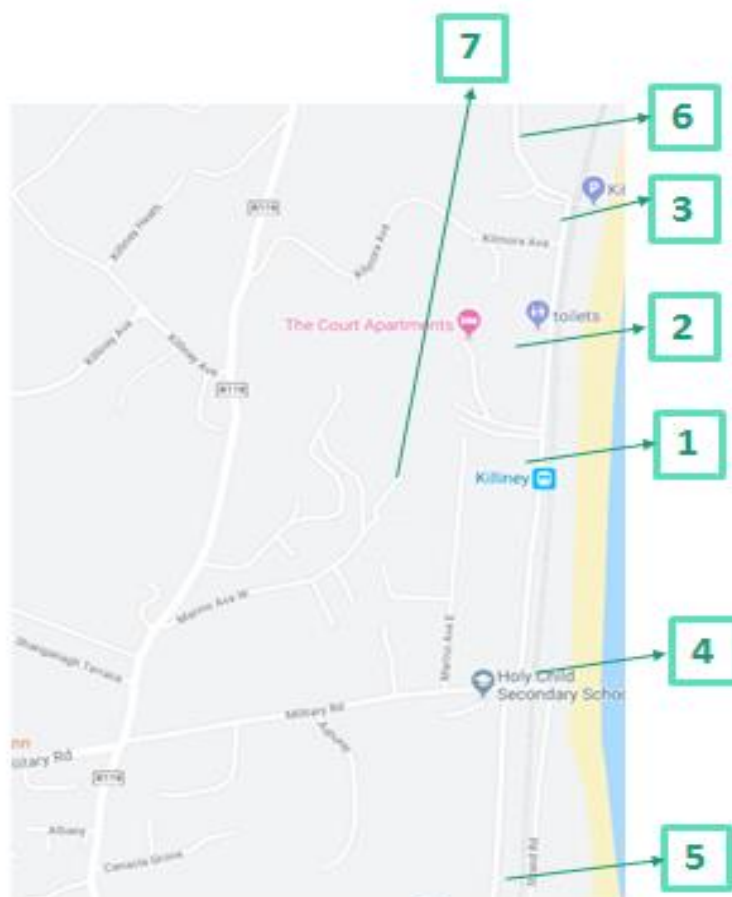
Killiney Beach is a long stony beach of approximately 800 metres suitable for swimming, bathing, fishing, walking, surfing and recently to other newer aquatic sports such as stand up paddleboarding. With close proximity to Killiney D.A.R.T., the beach is a popular place for events and gatherings attracting a diversity of groups locally and beyond. Visitors and city dwellers frequent Killiney Beach on a regular basis. Local people have a wide range of rights of way to choose from in order to enjoy this amenity. Killiney Bay is mentioned in most Dublin guide books as a day trip making it a popular tourist destination on any given day.

Bordering Killiney Architectural Conservation area, Killiney Beach is a rich amenity that is of immense environmental importance due to its distinct character and intrinsic health and well-being potential.

KDCC has been concerned for some time now about the inclusiveness of access to the beach, the lack of signage and general upkeep of immediate surroundings. It is with this purpose that KDCC would like to present suggestions for enhancement.

Outline of Killiney Beach Access Points

Figure 1: Access points to Killiney Beach



Note: Numbers represent Killiney Beach Access Points

- **From Killiney DART station (Access 1):** Access primarily is via a set of steps and a tunnel under the train line. It could be observed that this access point is available for able-bodied persons without a child's buggy. Signage is at a remove from the DART station and offers no alternative routes for people with disabilities or families with pushchairs.



- **From the main (paid) car park (Access 2):** This non-signposted access is via a tunnel. On the right-hand side the tarmacadam path leads to a considerable downward gradient. It could be perceived that the gradient here could be reduced to allow for independent wheelchair access in keeping with the minimum allowable gradient without interfering with the floor level of the adjacent building. This access point links by way of a tarmac path to Access 1 and rises up a steep slope to the tunnel/steps, which then makes it unusable again for wheelchairs/pushchairs. The short tarmac pathway to the left-hand side of Access 2 links across to Access 3 and is the only fully accessible pathway on the entire beach.

Some tidying up here could well visually improve this major access point.



- **From car park accessible via Strathmore Road (Access 3):** This car park is the only free parking area for the entire beach. The entrance offers access on the left towards the old Tea Rooms. The surface is level but unresolved, in terms of its surface quality, and deemed as difficult for wheelchair users and pushchairs. It is also quite overgrown and needs to be maintained. This entrance also offers access to the right on a flat surface and the only really accessible surface of the entire beach linking back to Access 2.



- **From Military Road/Station Road Junction (Access 4):** Access is via a set of steps. It could be observed that this access point is available only for able-bodied persons without a child's buggy. There is no signage for this access point to the beach. It is often overgrown and in need of repair, and loose rusty wiring is observed.



Existing visual appearance of Killiney Beach **Access 4**

- **From Seafield Road (Access 5):** Pedestrian access via Seafield Road under the rail line, crossing Strand Road and on to the South beach. Again, this access route is in need of attention visually. This access is via a concrete pathway and offers access directly onto the pebble beach.



Existing visual appearance of Killiney Beach **Access 5**

- **From Strathmore Road laneway (Access 6):** Pedestrian access via Strathmore Road with steep descent and steps down a tunnel under the train line and on to the lane to the old Tea Rooms. There are a few steps down on to the beach from this point.

Existing visual appearance of Killiney Beach Access 6



- **From Marino Avenue West (Access 7):** This busy access route runs from Marino Avenue West to Killiney Beach and D.A.R.T. station. In appearance, the pathway is very overgrown and the surface quality is extremely poor. The uppermost section is a very uneven surface consisting of loose large stones, pebbles and mud making walking very difficult and unsafe for the elderly or infirm. The lower section shows some tarmac patching to one side.

Existing visual appearance of Killiney Beach Access 7



Swimmers' changing facility

The changing facility for swimmers could be transformed into an attractive space for swimmers, as at similar facilities at White Rock and Sandycove. At present, it is in a serious state of neglect and in need of urgent maintenance and upgrading. As the photographs below show, the facility requires immediate attention. A recent volunteer beach clean organised by the European Commission Rep Office in Dublin, KDCC and Clean Coast highlighted the over-misuse of the facility and the resulting level of accumulated rubbish.



Phase I – Signage, changing facility, boardwalk, upkeep

A. Signage

Many people arrive at Killiney Beach by D.A.R.T., yet there is no signage directing them to the range of beach access points or to the facilities and amenities available in the area. Simple signs, strategically positioned, perhaps numbered, could both inform and highlight the potential of this amenity in terms of inclusive access to the beach. Signage should also use visuals/graphics of international symbols for amenities.

Signage at Access 1 leads to a set of steps going downward and through a tunnel to the beach. Enhanced signage at this point could direct visitors with pushchair, wheelchair or limited mobility to Access 2 in order to avail of some level surface pathway to the left but the steep gradient does restrict access by mobility impaired visitors. Signage at these 2 important access points could be revamped and enhanced by the addition of access suitability symbols.

Information boards could be used at key points showing a map of all access points and their suitability for a range of visitors. The visual impact of Killiney Beach could very well be enhanced by such signage as a way of improving the tourist experience.

Existing signage on the beach area also needs improvement.

B. Swimmers' changing facility

This existing shelter clearly shows neglect and deterioration over a number of years. Our research shows that this shelter is used consistently and daily by a local swimming group who are displeased with its current condition despite their ongoing attempts to clean up the space. Our survey indicates that swimming is one key reason why individuals and families visit Killiney beach. It is essential that changing facilities, toilet and shower facilities be enhanced/provided in order to ensure privacy and security in keeping with the basic standards required and evident at other beaches in Ireland. Photographs below clearly indicate the existing condition of this important facility.

C. Boardwalk/Level surface path

At present, people with a pushchair, wheelchair or limited mobility, can only stay on the existing path for a short distance due to the pebbly nature of the beach. Extending the pathway could well improve access for all visitors to the beach and allow for a pushchair, wheelchair, scooter or child's bike etc to go the full length of the beach. A boardwalk/level surface pathway is the perfect place to get lots of fresh sea air, bring inclusivity of access and relax the mind.

Slightly raised and running parallel to the sea, a boardwalk/level surface pathway would certainly give inclusive, direct access to all who wish to visit this valuable amenity. At the moment, some visitors are restricted in accessing beach level and may be confined to the car parking area as there is little safe and direct access to and along the beach at beach level.

It is proposed that an accessible, continuous and ergonomic boardwalk/level surface pathway should be provided, at beach level, encompassing all of the above access points to Killiney Beach.

This proposal will enhance access for elderly people and wheelchair users, especially in an age when the health benefits of walking and fresh air are clearly prescribed by healthcare professionals for the benefit of all.

Examples of other boardwalks

- **Youghal Eco Boardwalk, Co. Cork**



- **The Donegal Boardwalk, Co. Donegal which allows access to Tra Mór Beach**



Advantages of a boardwalk on Killiney Beach

There are numerous benefits to having a continuous level surface path running along the length of the beach, such as the following:

- Completely disability-access friendly whatever the season, making it ideal for wheelchair users, child buggies, toddler scooters and bikes.
- Parents/carers/minders stay local with little ones and hence use local coffee shops, convenience stores in Ballybrack/Killiney etc.
- Improves the area as a visitor attraction
- Offers quicker access of local residents to Dart services
- High return on investment in terms of health benefits of ocean air and inclusivity, as well as tourism

D. General upkeep of access points

Observation indicates that access points to the beach reflect deterioration and a visually unwelcoming entry point to Killiney Beach. The railings and underpass immediately adjacent to the D.A.R.T. station and the underpasses beside the car parks, Military Road and Seafield Road could well be improved in order to enhance the visitor experience. Likewise, the verges opposite the station could benefit from improvement.

Phase 2 – Playground

Nobody will dispute how good sea air is for the health. The bracing climate by the sea is especially beneficial to the respiratory organs and the skin, but also improves circulation and strengthens the body's defence mechanisms. Ireland has one of the highest rates of pulmonary and asthma disease among children in the world. (www.asthma.ie/get-help/resources/facts-figures-asthma).

KDCC proposes the construction of a playground for younger children, those with reduced mobility, special needs and also even older persons at Killiney Beach. A playground would provide a safe environment for small children to play, away from dog foul, steps and other hazards, particularly when they are being minded by older grandparents. The playground would be inclusive for all children, where they can meet, play, interact and have fun. For example, children on the Autism Spectrum, children with mobility issues who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aids, hearing and

visually impaired children and children with motor coordination difficulties such as Developmental Coordination Disorder/Dyspraxia.

Examples of existing coastal/beach playgrounds

- **Greystones, Co. Wicklow:** This is a very inclusive playground, with musical chimes/percussion play, sandpit, a variety of swings and lots more



- **Bray, Co. Wicklow:** Seafront playground



- **Wicklow Town:** Seafront playground



3. Data collection and survey

Data collection at Killiney Beach: July 2019

Visitors to Killiney Beach		12.00pm – 13.45pm
Date	Adults	Children
Sunday 14 July	1167 (*)	237
Wednesday 17 July	400	45
Thursday 25 July	296	30
Friday 26 July	380	49
Saturday 27 July	345	53

(*) Epilepsy Ireland Swim

Annual events held at Killiney Beach

Event	Date
Dublin Branch of the Irish Wildlife Trust – guided outing	Sunday 31 March 2019
Killiney District Community Council - Killiney Beach Clean-Up	Saturday 27 April 2019 and 21 September 2019
Killiney Beach to Dalkey Island Sea Kayaking	Sunday 2 June 2019
Student Experience Mid-Summer Trip	Friday 28 June 2019
Liane Deasy Memorial Swim	Sunday 14 July 2019
Arena School of English Day Trip Dalkey and Killiney	Saturday 27 July 2019
Leinster Open Sea Swim	Sunday 18 August 2019

Community survey: Questionnaire and data on responses

Questionnaire – to be circulated via PPN/community networks

1. Age

- 15 – 24
- 25 – 34
- 35 – 59
- 60 +

2. If you have children, please indicate age group(s):

- 0 – 5
- 6 - 15

3. How do you travel to Killiney Beach most of the time?

- On foot
- By bicycle
- By DART
- By car

Other/comments

4. When coming to Killiney Beach, how would you rate existing signage?

- Extremely clear
- Very Clear
- Not so clear
- Not at all clear

Other/comments

5. How often do you visit Killiney Beach? [On average throughout the year]

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Less often
- Never

Other/comments

6. What activities attract you to this beach? Tick those that apply

- Walking
- Swimming
- Surfing
- Relaxation
- Family/friends outing
- Fishing
- Dog walking

Other/comments

7. Are pedestrian approaches to the beach accessible to all? How would you rate them?

- Above average
- Average
- Below average
- Please comment

8. Are pedestrian approaches to the beach visually inviting

- Above average
- Average
- Below average
- Please comment

9. Suggestions for improvement at Killiney Beach [can select multiple answers]

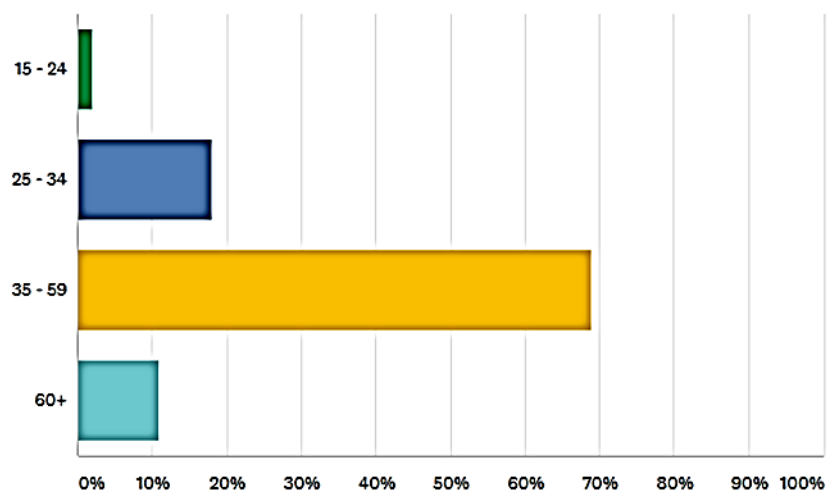
- Enhanced signage
- Disability access enhancement
- Visual enhancement at pedestrian access points
- Safe play area for children
- Extension of level surface paths (boardwalk)

Other/comments

Community survey responses

Q1. Your age group

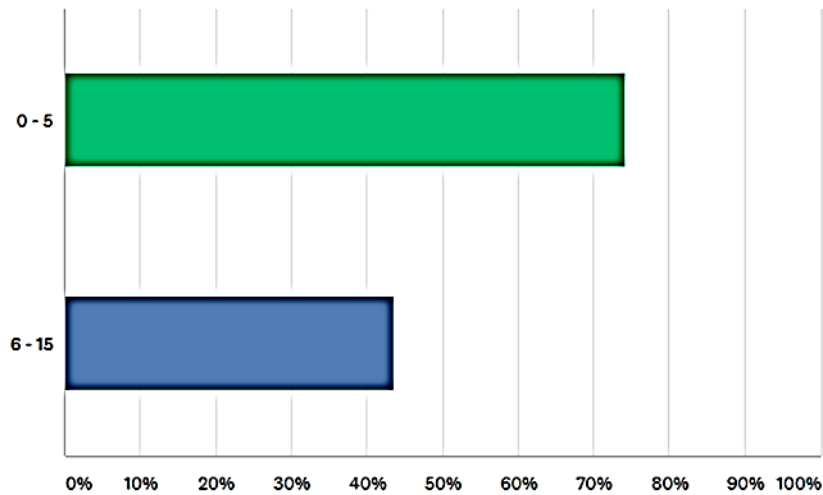
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Answer choices	Responses
15 - 24	2%
25 - 34	18%
35 - 59	69%
60+	11%

Q2. If you have children, please indicate age group(s)

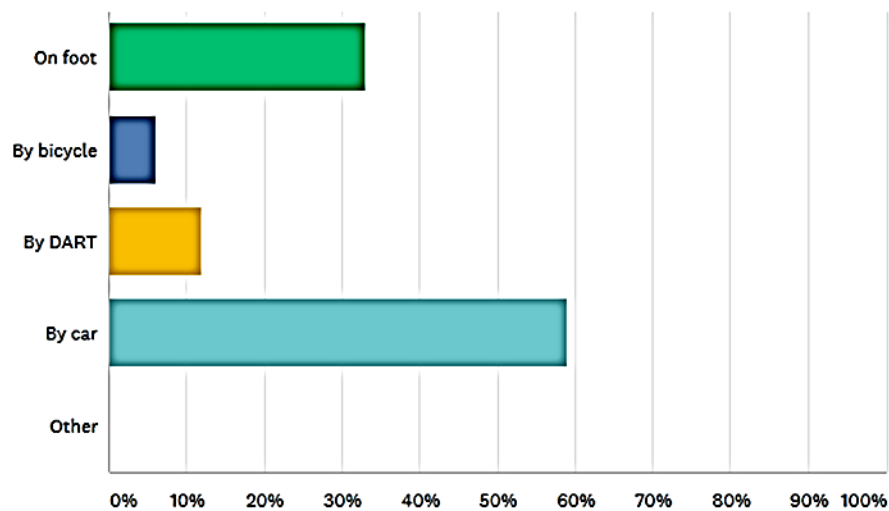
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Answer Choices	Responses
0 - 5	74.2%
6 - 15	43.6%

Q3. How do you travel to Killiney Beach most of the time?

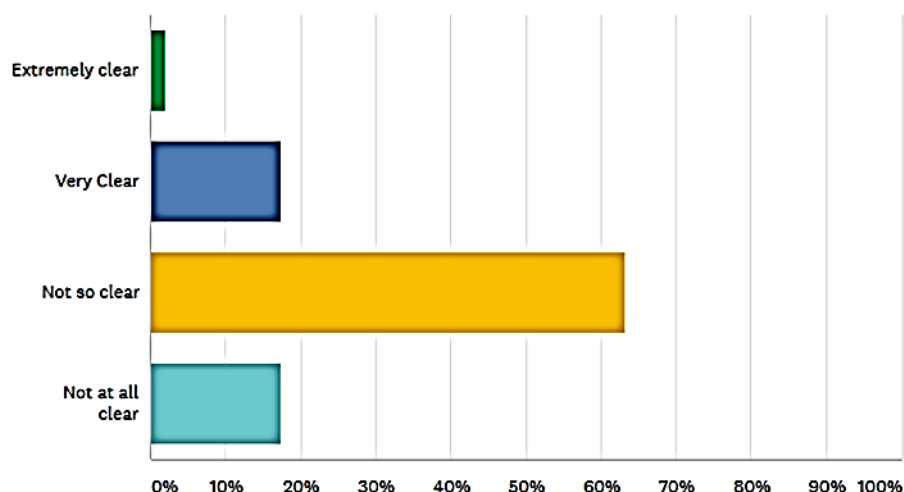
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Answer choices	Responses
On foot	33%
By bicycle	6%
By DART	12%
By car	59%
Other	0%

Q4. When coming to Killiney Beach, how would you rate existing signage?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 2



Answer choices	Responses
Extremely clear	2.0%
Very clear	17.4%
Not so clear	63.3%
Not at all clear	17.4%

Feedback from respondents: Showing 20 responses to Q4 (unedited)

<i>It is not easy to find the entrances to the beach</i>
<i>I think signage is always going to be a challenge with so many entry points to the beach. maybe a clear logo could be used to signify – e g the wild atlantic way</i>
<i>no communication boards showing access suitability for visitors with differing mobility issues. suggest total re design of signs in an attractive and informative format as seen at other beaches in Ireland. Access should be inclusive of all abilities and this is not happening at a beach that could become a great tourist site because of public transport access</i>
<i>no sign for buggy way to beach</i>
<i>suggest more better placed signs showing signs for disabled people</i>
<i>More signage from nearby area eg Killiney park, Vico road, Dart station More litter bins</i>
<i>possibly something in the station. which would indicate both the way to the beach, and up the laneway to the Church, informing them that they could get the key in the Cafe de la Gare, but that they would have to leave some ID there to ensure the key's return</i>
<i>As a local signage is not needed, but I feel that it is poor at the Killiney Hill Road / Military Road Junction, and also directly outside the DART station. Tourists constantly asking for directions on how to get down to the beach.</i>
<i>Clearer signage is needed to direct you to the carpark.</i>
<i>Maps on street</i>
<i>Signage for what? I've not noticed any</i>
<i>I never notice if there are signs or not</i>
<i>More signage on the Vico road, in Killiney village and on Killiney hill Road.</i>
<i>Signs in around Ballybrack junction</i>
<i>Better signage for the access points would be good, plus better wheelchair and buggy accessibility</i>
<i>It's quite clear, i just think maybe a sign in the village would be helpful too</i>

New tourists arriving at the station need to be clearly orientated in relation both to access to the beach and to other interesting features in the immediate Killiney/Ballybrack area.

Needs refreshing

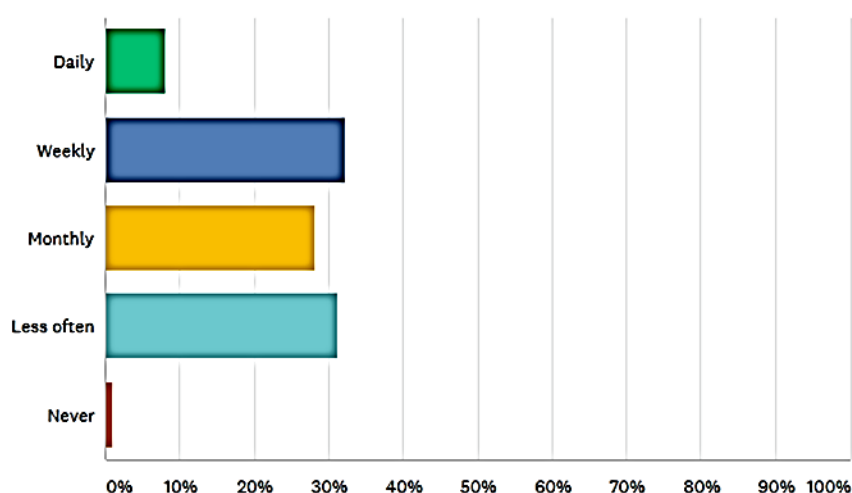
need to be clearer and in a better position so that you can see it when you come out of the station

Enhanced visual signage for all beach access areas. Pruning / cutting back of trees and overgrowth on the approach to the carpark and in the carpark itself.

Existing signs do not show access for disabled people. More information and directions to entrances to the beach are required

Q5. How often do you visit Killiney Beach? [On average throughout the year]

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



Answer choices	Responses
Daily	8.1%
Weekly	32.3%
Monthly	31.3%
Less often	1.0%

Feedback from respondents: Showing 19 responses to Q5 (unedited)

We enjoy the trip to Killiney beach by DART with our grandchildren. The view from the train is amazing as we approach Killiney beach but what a shame that when we arrive the beach arrival points are unclear, dirty with very bad upkeep - a total insult to this beautiful beach facility. I'm sure that tourists must be disgusted - as we are. The beach itself is beautiful but a very poor show from the council in not taking care of their environment

not very pleasant to look at dirty entrances

we would go more often but my husband is in a wheelchair

Daily in the summer

Not buggy accessible

Used to visit monthly but too inaccessible with buggy now that I have a child.

once a week from may to sept

about 3 times a week twice weekday 1 weekend day

During the summer months

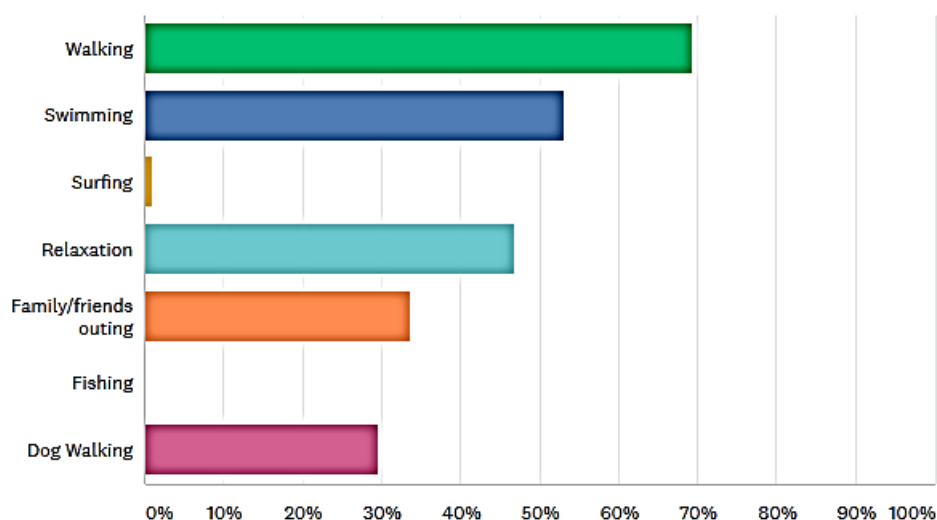
During swim season may to Oct 2 times per week

Swimming weekly, dog walking every second week

<i>Weekly from May- Sept</i>
<i>Open water swimming during the summer</i>
<i>Weekly during the summer to swim</i>
<i>May to September weekly</i>
<i>Would go more often in winter if there were facilities for children like a playground</i>
<i>Depends on the weather! If it's nice, we'll walk down as we're only a 10 minute walk away</i>
<i>usually school holidays</i>
<i>For a weekly swim in summer and several times a week for walking</i>

Q6. What activities attract you to Killiney Beach - Tick those that apply

Answered: 98 Skipped: 2



Answer choices	Responses
Walking	69.4%
Swimming	53.1%
Surfing	1.0%
Relaxation	46.9%
Family/friends outing	33.7%
Fishing	0%
Dog walking	29.6%

Feedback from respondents: Showing 10 responses to Q6 (unedited)

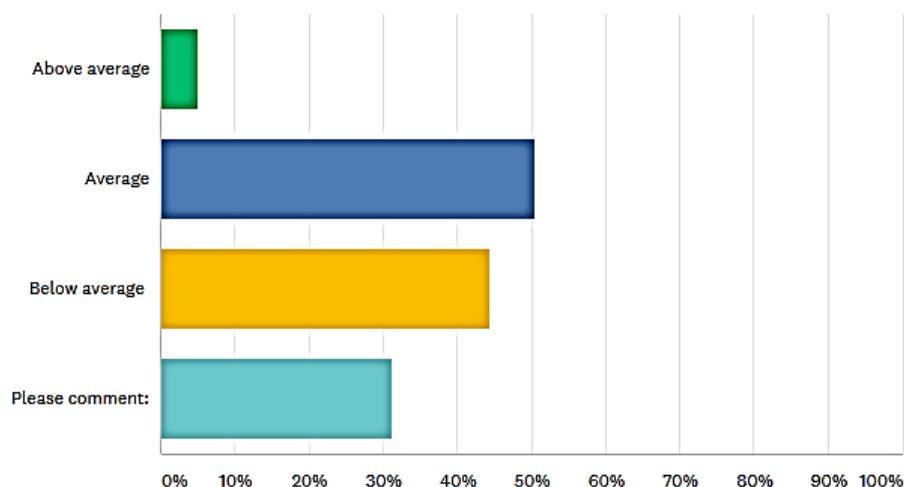
<i>We live nearby and love visiting Killiney beach at least once a week, it is a wonderful place , always changing with the seasons.</i>
<i>I enjoy swimming at Killiney 365 days so would like to have access to a shelter similar to White Rock where I can leave clothing etc while in the water. Currently the bunker underneath the DART station is not very user friendly.</i>
<i>swimming with my triathlon club and with friends on other days</i>
<i>Triathlon Club OWS session</i>
<i>Taking children to beach</i>
<i>Facilities like a playground would be great, or even in the summer months, something like kayak, boat or sup rental would be brilliant</i>
<i>Reflection upon nature.</i>
<i>Going to the beach with youth groups</i>

Its a wonderful scenic and tranquil amenity to have on our door step and should be maintained as such

Picnic

Q7. Are pedestrian approaches to the beach accessible to all? How would you rate them?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



Answer choices	Responses
Above average	5.1%
Average	50.5%
Below average	44.4%
Please comment	31.3%

Feedback from respondents: Showing 30 responses to Q7 (unedited)

Approaches unkempt and do not provide access for all - people with buggies, wheelchairs and walking aids are disadvantaged from the get go

Danger taking child down slippery steps in buggy and holding another by the hand

Dart is an issue, obviously but it can be intimidating. There is no real accessibility for wheelchairs or other walking aids

Not accessible for wheelchair users or anyone who has trouble walking.

Laneway from Marino Ave West is in dreadful. indeed dangerous. condition

Not buggy accessible

Be good to make wheelchair accessible like greystones beach, and also to help ppl with buggies access it

Difficult for older people and young children

Wheelchair and buggy access not very well sign Post

You can't access with buggy

The more accessible tunnel at the bottom of the car park is not signposted well.

The paths are good but a little bumpy with a buggy. It would be wonderful to have more paths too as the beach is so Stony it's inaccessible with the buggy

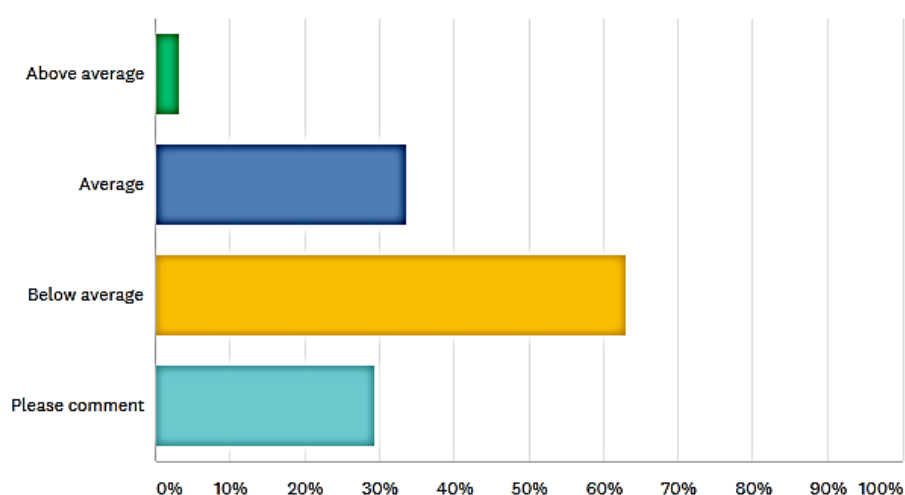
#I drive so i cant really comment

I only ever use the entry under the tracks at the end of the car park. I would say some less able people would struggle to get in and especially those who need walking devices or wheelchairs

<i>Rough road surfaces, many barriers obstacles and stairs etc.</i>
<i>The access beside the station is not well signed</i>
<i>Most access is via steps or rough terrain leaving access to buggies and wheel chairs very difficult</i>
<i>They are fine</i>
<i>Slopes and poor surfaces make it less accessible than it could be.</i>
<i>The steps are not buggy accessible and the path through the car park is often blocked so with buggies you have to walk through the car park rather than on the path</i>
<i>The main steps down are really steep - very bad for a buggy, wheelchair, or elderly person. Even carrying a child is a bit scarey. The 'tunnel' entrance is less steep, still steps though, and stinks of urine/rubbish a lot of the time</i>
<i>Access is above average for an able-bodied person who is aware of the locations and nature of the various access points. To a timid, or less able-bodied person many of these would present a problem. One or two might well be modified for elderly and disabled persons.</i>
<i>Access poor for people with disabilities</i>
<i>signs are not clear how to get a baby buggy down safely</i>
<i>Cleanliness and clean up of grafitti on granite walls and paths clear of dog mess both important. Also long term camping on grassy patch can lead to cleanliness problems.</i>
<i>We are OK but I can realise that older people and disabled could have problems</i>
<i>Most of the access areas are not easy to find due to lack of signage. I am only away of them as I am local. some are able bodied access areas only while the accessible access areas are not clearly marked. A map of the immediate area at the carpark AND DART station would make an immense difference.</i>
<i>Hard to find, not well maintained, ugly, not accessibly for disabled people</i>
<i>The entrance beside the DART station has steep steps so I generally use the un signposted entrance from the main car park.</i>
<i>Very difficult to get down with mobility limitations or small</i>

Q8. Are pedestrian approaches to the beach visually inviting?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 8



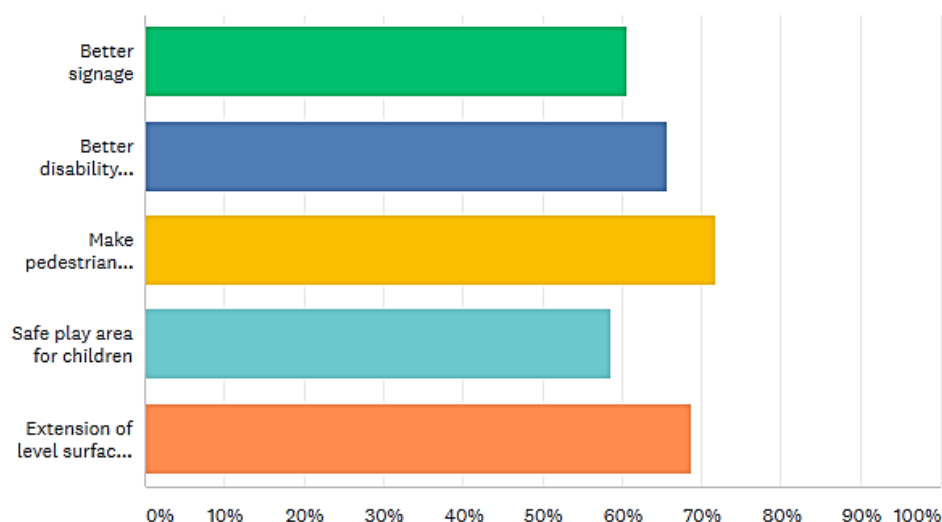
Answer choices	Responses
Above average	3.3%
Average	33.7%
Below average	63.0%
Please comment	29.4%

Feedback from respondents: Showing 25 responses to Q8 (unedited)

<i>All my comments above show a general disappointment in the first impression on arrival at this beautiful amenity. this amenity and people visiting deserve more from their experience. A very poor visual approach</i>
<i>Not pleasant</i>
<i>Absolutely not inviting they are intimidating! 7 access points = exit points to ??? Fine when it's busy, not so when it's quiet</i>
<i>Very run down</i>
<i>Unkept concrete, car park and grass area</i>
<i>You have to enter through dark tunnels need more lighting. Maybe paint white to brighten up areas, railings at steps are Rusty and dangerous at far right entrance</i>
<i>The steps at the Dart Station are hard to manage, especially is you have pram/buggy. The entrance at the bottom of the car park is not indicated.</i>
<i>Average</i>
<i>Very hidden we would often use the steps from Millitary Road badly grown over</i>
<i>Afraid of anti social behaviour in tunnel entrance.</i>
<i>Only locals know where to go</i>
<i>They are a little run down. Rusty metal etc</i>
<i>I mostly use the carpark by the dart station. Its fairly rank. The tunnel could be made to feel more inviting</i>
<i>Generally dirty and unkept. No seasonal floral planting.</i>
<i>Dark tunnels or laneways, especially if damp or smelly give an impression that it is neglected</i>
<i>Average</i>
<i>If you didn't know the area it's hard to tell where the beach entrances are</i>
<i>It's been a while since I've been there so I'm not sure.</i>
<i>Same reasons as above, also the 'steeper' entrance is often overgrown with branches sticking out</i>
<i>A number of approaches are not immediately obvious to the casual passer-by. A balance is needed between the adventure of taking a mysterious route and taking an overly prescriptive approach</i>
<i>As a resource a refresh is needed</i>
<i>The dirt and smell going under the bridge</i>
<i>not inviting to look at</i>
<i>Dirty, bad maintenance. This is a beautiful beach let down by lack of care of approaches</i>
<i>Most access is hidden, and over grown, thus not very inviting to potential visitors</i>
<i>Visually the approaches to the beach show a clear lack of maintenance. Very uninviting for visitors and locals and a poor reflection of the beautiful beach and surrounding area</i>

Q9. Suggestions for improvement at Killiney Beach [can select multiple answers]

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



Answer choices	Responses
Better signage	60.6%
Better disability access	65.7%
Make pedestrian access points more attractive	71.7%
Safe play area for children	58.6%
Extension of level surface paths (boardwalk)	68.7%

Feedback from respondents: Showing 32 responses to Q9 (unedited)

<i>Dog fouling is an ongoing issue</i>
<i>Better bus routes</i>
<i>More bins, ashtrays</i>
<i>We would like to see Killiney beach get a full enhancement over time in order to show some regard for this great amenity and to capitalise on its beautiful surroundings for visitors and tourists.</i>
<i>Benches and tables plus a playground would be amazing. A dedicated children's area would be good as there is a lot of dog poo in grass so would be nice for young kids to have an area above sand.</i>
<i>A boardwalk would be amazing</i>
<i>Better bicycle parking facilities and cycle paths to the access points</i>
<i>Access point 3 needs serious resurfacing work as the pot holes are occasionally filled but because of water flow from the road down the hill they reopen quite quickly.</i>
<i>Cars broken into at dart car park. Don't feel safe to park. Toilets are not good either</i>
<i>Car park needs to have security cameras installed. We swim as a club on a Monday and cars have been broken into</i>
<i>Really like that the beach is non commercial but some slight improvements such as safer access, play area, also car park feels v hidden</i>
<i>Playground nearby would be lovely.</i>
<i>It would be great to walk from the boardwalk all the way to the Killiney car park</i>

<i>Additionally there is a huge amount of dog fouling all along Station Road and Military Road on a daily basis. This is our main access road to the beach and also part our daily commute into Dublin via the DART. It is impossible to push a buggy along these pavements without running into dog excrement. There is signage relating to fines for dogwalkers but no actual enforcement. It is a disgrace and disgusting to walk along these roads with young children who come into contact with the soles of their shoes more than adults.</i>
<i>Safer car park. Cleaner toilets.</i>
<i>Control cleanness level. People litter a lot</i>
<i>All of the above would be great one major problem I see every single time I'm there is car windows being smashed in and cars being broken into there's zero security at all for such a great beach added security would improve people's perception of attending the beach knowing their cars are ok.</i>
<i>Better safety in carpark. Lot of break ins this year</i>
<i>A number of our cars have been broken into in the car park. On one occasion two cars had windows smashed when we returned from the beach. At one point we had to appoint someone to act as security person and keep an eye on the cars when we were swimming. We could have up to 70 swimmers on a Monday eve and it really ruins things when we come back to find cars broken into. There can be some very unsavoury characters in the area on occasion.</i>
<i>The toilets are a disgrace</i>
<i>Boardwalks would allow buggy and wheelchair access to the sea</i>
<i>Better access with buggies; daily patrols / CCTV along walkways from Ballybrack village down to Killiney to fine dog walkers who don't pick up after their dogs to ensure dog owners are aware that the routes are actively monitored. It's disgraceful that the pathways are covered in dog-poo (a daily occurrence) and it's dangerous for children who tend to make contact with the soles of their shoes.</i>
<i>More bins</i>
<i>Better Water quality protection</i>
<i>A playground would be really a huge plus for the beach and surrounding area</i>
<i>All great ideas! It's a brilliant amenity to have on the doorstep and more could be made of it</i>
<i>Great idea to extend boardwalk as this would allow buggies/wheelchair users to enjoy the beach. A play area would be a lovely idea too, if the funds allow, but i think the other things are more important.</i>
<i>Some of the lower approaches close to the station area might well be effectively modified for wheelchair access and connected to a relatively level pathway system at upper beach level (preferably above high tide).</i>
<i>Redevelopment of old coffee shop buildings into a social resource of some type</i>
<i>Life guards during summer months</i>
<i>I think the Boardwalk idea is an excellent one. Perhaps a hard surface could be used instead of wood as this can get slippery when wet. The walk could even be connected to the Shanganagh Cliff walk meaning you could walk from Bray to Killiney Kill/Dalkey along the coast.</i>
<i>A revamp of signage is needed so that visitors can best choose the most appropriate entrance in relation to their mobility. Disability access is poor - there is a steep gradient after leaving the main car park on approach to the beach. A boardwalk would be great in terms of improving access. A good revamp, in terms of the visual experience, overall is necessary</i>
<i>The road down to the car park is full of pot holes. The swimmers group bathe daily at the beach and use the sheds below the DART station. The building is an eyesore and should be improved. The group cleanup very often but DLRCoCo should include it for maintenance.</i>