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Patronage Assessment Report

School: Ballincollig

Level: Post-Primary

Year: 2021

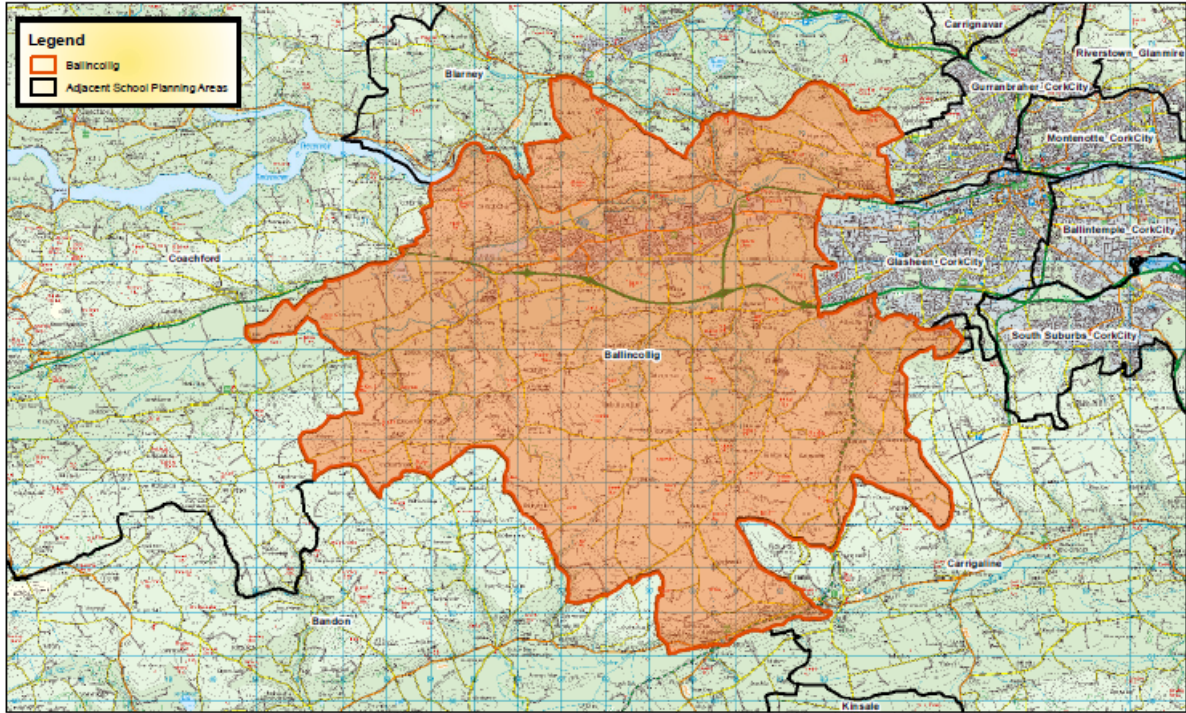
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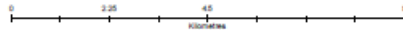
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1. School Planning Area Map

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2. Applications Received

Two applications were received from applicant patrons in respect of this school. A brief profile of the applicants together with a synopsis of the school type proposed is set out in the follow table.

Applicant Patrons	Profile of Applicant	School type proposed		Number of Post-primary schools
	<p>An Foras Pátrúnachta is a private charitable company limited by guarantee and is the patron of a number of Irish-medium primary and post-primary schools throughout the country.</p>	Ethos:	Multi-denominational	6
		Model:	Voluntary Secondary School	
		Language of Instruction proposed:	Irish	
		Also willing to offer:	n/a	
	<p>The Le Chéile Schools Trust is a private charitable trust established to carry on the trusteeship of the schools of a number of Catholic religious congregations with patronage of a number of voluntary secondary schools and trusteeship in a number of Community Schools.</p>	Ethos:	Denominational	63
		Model:	Voluntary Secondary School	
		Language of Instruction proposed:	English	
		Also willing to offer:	Irish	

3. Demographic details

Demographic exercises undertaken in 2018 identified a requirement for 42 new schools to be established between 2019 and 2022 including a new 600 pupil post-primary school to serve the Ballincollig school planning area, to be established in 2021.

The analysis which informed the decision to establish the new school was predicated on the 2017 enrolment base, being the most recent available enrolment data at the time of the exercise.

There are two post-primary schools in this school planning area. The 2017 enrolment at these schools was 2,135. The equivalent 2019 enrolment was 2,181.

In order to identify additional school accommodation requirements analysis was undertaken in respect of:

- underlying demographic trends in the existing population;
- potential school place requirements associated with Additional Residential Development (ARD) in the area including any development arising from the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF); and
- current or planned spare capacity in existing post-primary schools in the area.

Demographics:

The estimated peak year was 2027 with projected enrolments of 2,894. On that basis it was estimated that there will be a requirement for an additional 759 places by 2027.

Additional Residential Development:

A demand for 62 post-primary school places was estimated to be associated with Additional Residential Development in the school planning area and a further requirement for an estimated 119 post-primary school places was associated with an approved LIHAF project.

Gross School Place Requirements:

The peak gross additional school place requirements in the school planning area were, therefore, projected to be 940, being peak demographics and total ARD requirements combined, as the total ARD was expected to materialise by the peak demographic year.

Spare Capacity:

A project at Ballincollig Community College (RN: 713860) was projected to deliver an additional 217 post-primary school places in the school planning area.

Net School Place Requirements:

Having considered the spare capacity in the school planning area, a net school place requirement of 723 was determined to remain to 2027.



Determination:

Given the net post primary school place requirement to 2027 it was determined that a new post-primary school should be established in Ballincollig in 2021. While the school was initially announced as a 600 pupil school, on consideration of emerging demand it has been determined that the size of the school should be increased to have the potential to cater for 1,000 pupils.

New school requirements have continued to be kept under review in the interim and an update of the demographic projections for all school planning areas was undertaken in 2020. This refreshed data upheld the requirement for the new Ballincollig post-primary school.

4. Assessment of Applications

All patrons have agreed to the Patronage Commitments as set out in the Section D of the Patronage Application Form attached to main report.

The invitation letter to patrons, also attached to the main report, sets out in detail the:

- Arrangements for the Establishment and Patronage of New Post-Primary Schools due to open in September 2021; and
- General Information for Prospective Patrons.

4.1.1 Patronage

4.1.1 Existing Post-Primary Provision

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Roll No	School Name	School Planning Area	Patron	Ethos*	Language	Gender	Fee Paying	Total Enrolment 2019/20
91386O	Ballincollig Community School	Ballincollig	Cork ETB and Bishop of Cork and Ross	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	820
71103K	Coláiste Choilm	Ballincollig	Cork ETB	Inter-D	English with an Irish-medium Aonad	Mixed	N	1361

*Ethos: Inter-D = Inter-denominational

There are two post-primary schools in the school planning area, both have an inter-denominational ethos.

One of the two proposed models would facilitate multi-denominational provision in the area.

Adjoining School Planning Areas

There are six school planning areas adjoining the Ballincollig school planning area, with 24 post-primary schools as set out in the table below:

Roll No	School Name	School planning area	Patron	Ethos*	Language	Gender	Fee Paying	Total Enrolment 2019/20
70960D	Coachford College	Coachford	Cork Education and Training Board	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	770
91388S	Carrigaline Community School	Carrigaline	Cork Education and Training Board &	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	1094

			Bishop of Cork and Ross					
76273O	Gaelcholáist e Charraig Uí Leighin	Carrigaline	Cork Educatio n and Training Board	Multi-D	Irish	Mixed	N	118
62050O	Árdscoil Uí Urmoltaigh	Bandon	Mr Sean Hamilton	Catholic	English	Boys	N	397
62060R	Bandon Grammar School	Bandon	Incorpora ted Society for Promotin g Protestan t Schools in Ireland	Church Of Ireland	English	Mixed	Y	675
62061T	Coláiste Na Toirbhirte	Bandon	CEIST	Catholic	English	Girls	N	494
70910L	St. Brogan's College	Bandon	Cork Educatio n and Training Board	Multi-D	English	Mixed	N	602
62661U	Mount Mercy College	Glasheen_Cor kCity	CEIST	Catholic	English	Girls	N	796
62580U	Coláiste An Spioraid Naomh	Glasheen_Cor kCity	Presentat ion Brothers Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	710
91397T	Bishopstown Community School	Glasheen_Cor kCity	Cork Educatio n and Training Board & Bishop of Cork and Ross	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	305
62630J	St Aloysius School	Glasheen_Cor kCity	CEIST	Catholic	English	Girls	N	309
62570R	Presentation Brothers College	Glasheen_Cor kCity	Presentat ion Brothers Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	Y	713
71124S	Coláiste Daibhéid	Glasheen_Cor kCity	Cork Educatio n and Training Board	Multi-D	Irish	Mixed	N	209

62540I	Deerpark C.B.S.	Glasheen_CorkCity	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	326
62560O	Coláiste Chríost Rí	Glasheen_CorkCity	Presentation Brothers Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	575
62693K	Presentation Secondary School	Glasheen_CorkCity	CEIST	Catholic	English	Girls	N	233
71123Q	Terence Mac Swiney Community College	Gurranbraher_CorkCity	Cork Education and Training Board	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	167
62590A	St Vincent's Secondary School	Gurranbraher_CorkCity	Religious Sisters of Charity	Catholic	English	Girls	N	203
62530F	North Monastery Secondary School	Gurranbraher_CorkCity	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Boys	N	346
62621I	North Presentation Secondary School	Gurranbraher_CorkCity	CEIST	Catholic	English	Girls	N	197
62531H	Gaelcholáiste Mhuire	Gurranbraher_CorkCity	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	Irish	Mixed	N	576
62090D	Scoil Mhuire gan Smal	Blarney	Bishop of Cloyne	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	803
71101G	St Aidan's Community College	Gurranbraher_CorkCity	Cork Education and Training Board	Inter-D	English	Mixed	N	400
68264R	Edmund Rice College	Carrigaline	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	English	Mixed	N	335

**Ethos : Multi-D = Multi-denominational, Inter-D = Inter-denominational*

4.1.2 Parental Preferences

The table below sets out the valid first preferences received by each applicant patron:

Applicant Patron	Valid First Preferences
An Foras Pátrúnachta	184
Le Chéile Schools Trust	503
Total Valid First Preferences	687

4.2 Language

4.2.1 Existing Provision

(i) Gaelscoileanna (Primary Level)

The following are the details of the Irish–medium gaelscoileanna located within the school planning area, and in the adjoining school planning areas.

A) Within the school planning area

Roll No	School Name	School planning area	Patron	Ethos*	Enrolment 2019/20		Approx. distance from nearest existing gaelcholáiste / Aonad	Approx. distance from centre of Ballincollig
					Total	6 th class		
19839R	Gaelscoil Uí Riordain	Ballincollig	Bishop of Cork & Ross	Catholic	776	99	1.1km (Aonad in Coláiste Choilm)	1.4km
20500I	Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin **	Ballincollig	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Multi-D	68	0	3.2km (Aonad in Coláiste Choilm)	2.7km

*Ethos : Multi-D = Multi-denominational

**This gaelscoil was established in 2017

B) In adjoining school planning areas

Roll No	School Name	School planning area	Patron	Ethos	Enrolment 2019/20		Approx. distance from nearest existing gaelcholáiste	Approx. distance from centre of Ballincollig
					Total	6 th class		
18292P	Gaelscoil an Teaghlaigh Naofa	Glasheen_CorkCity	Bishop of Cork & Ross	Catholic	224	31	1.5km (Coláiste Chríost Rí)	8.5km
19852J	Gaelscoil Uí Ríada	Glasheen_CorkCity	Bishop of Cork & Ross	Catholic	279	28	4km (Coláiste Daibhéid)	6.9km
19881Q	Gaelscoil Charraig Uí Leighin	Carrigaline	Bishop of Cork & Ross	Catholic	677	76	0.8km (Gaelcholáiste Charraig Uí Leighin)	19.2km
19909M	Gaelscoil Peig Sayers	Gurranbraher_CorkCity	Bishop of Cork & Ross	Catholic	280	15	1.2km (Gaelcholáiste Mhuire)	10.1km

20025E	Gaelscoil Droichead Na Bannan	Bandon	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Catholic	178	23	21.4km (Clonakilty Community College)	30.3km
20151J	Gaelscoil Mhuscraí	Blarney	An Foras Pátrúnachta	Catholic	174	27	5.3km (Gaelcholáiste Mhuire)	9.4km

(ii) Gaelcholáistí/Irish–medium Aonaid (Post-Primary Level)

The following are details of any Irish-medium Gaelcholáistí or, where relevant, English-medium schools with an Irish-medium Unit (Aonad) within the school planning area, and in the adjoining school planning areas.

A) Within the school planning area

While there are no Gaelcholáistí in the school planning area. There is one post-primary school (Coláiste Choilm) with an Irish-medium Aonad (known as Gaelcholáiste Choilm) within the school planning area.

B) In adjoining school planning areas

There are four Gaelcholáistí within the adjoining school planning areas as follows:

Roll No	School Name	School Type	School planning area	Patron	Ethos*	Enrolment 2019/20	Approx. distance from centre of Ballincollig
76273O	Gaelcholáiste Charraig Uí Leighin	Irish	Carrigaline	Cork Education and Training Board	Multi-D	118	19.7km
71124S	Coláiste Daibhéid	Irish	Glasheen_Cork City	Cork Education and Training Board	Multi-D	209	9.0km
62560O	Coláiste Chríost Rí	English with an Irish-medium Aonad	Glasheen_Cork City	Presentation Brothers Schools Trust	Catholic	575	9.6km
62531H	Gaelcholáiste Mhuire	Irish	Gurranbraher_CorkCity	Edmund Rice Schools Trust	Catholic	576	9.7km

*Ethos: Multi-D = Multi-denominational

Attached at Appendix A to this report is a map of the school planning area and surrounding areas, including the locations of the above Irish-medium schools for information. Ballincollig town was chosen as the mid-point of the map given that the location of the new school is not yet known.

4.2.2 Parental Preferences

Breakdown of valid first preferences by language preference

Language Preference	An Foras Pátrúnachta		Le Chéile Schools Trust		Total Preferences	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
English	36		488		524	
Irish	135		7		142	
Aonad*	95	40	5	2	100	42
No Preference	13		8		21	
Total first preferences	184		503		687	

*In order to have more clarity in relation to a parental preference for Irish-medium education at post-primary level, an additional question was added to this OPPS survey. For those parents who indicated a preference for Irish-medium in response to the question on their preferred language for the new school, the following question was also asked: "If you selected Irish as your language preference, would you consider sending your child to an Aonad (Irish-language unit) in an English-language school in the event that a Gaelcholáiste (Irish-language school) was not established in the area?". The options were "yes" or "no". An information box providing a short description of Aonaid was also provided.

The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction is moderate (142 or 20.67% of first preferences) compared with 524 (76.27%) of preferences for English-medium while 21 (or 3.06%) of parents did not specify a preference in relation to language.

The two gaelscoileanna in the Ballincollig school planning area are located up to 3.2 km from the Aonad at Coláiste Choilm. Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin was established in 2017 and has yet to grow to have a 6th class. Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin had an enrolment of 99 6th class pupils in 2019/20.

The Department understands from the school patron of Coláiste Choilm, Cork ETB, that currently, *circa.* 70% of the students from Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin and *circa.* 30% on average of the students from Gaelscoil Uí Riada apply to enrol in the Aonad in Coláiste Choilm and that to date all applicants from Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin and from Gaelscoil Uí Riada who have applied for a place in the Aonad at Coláiste Choilm have been accommodated (however, not all applicants for English-medium places can be accommodated currently). If the same percentage of students in each year from Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin will seek to enrol in the Aonad as currently transfer from Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin, this would work out at *circa.* 20 students per year according to the school patron, Cork ETB. Cork ETB estimates that in order to fully satisfy the demand for places in an Irish-medium setting, the Aonad will need to be able to accommodate 100 students annually with a full capacity of 600 students.

There were 200 pupils in sixth class in total in the 6 gaelscoileanna located in the adjoining school planning areas in 2019/20. All of these gaelscoileanna are located closer to an existing Gaelcholáiste than they are to Ballincollig.

An Foras Pátrúnachta is the only applicant patron to propose an Irish-medium school while the other applicant patron, Le Chéile Schools Trust proposes an English-medium school and is willing to offer an Irish-medium school if demand exists for same. Le Chéile Schools Trust has confirmed it is willing to open an Aonad should the demand require it.

5. Conclusions

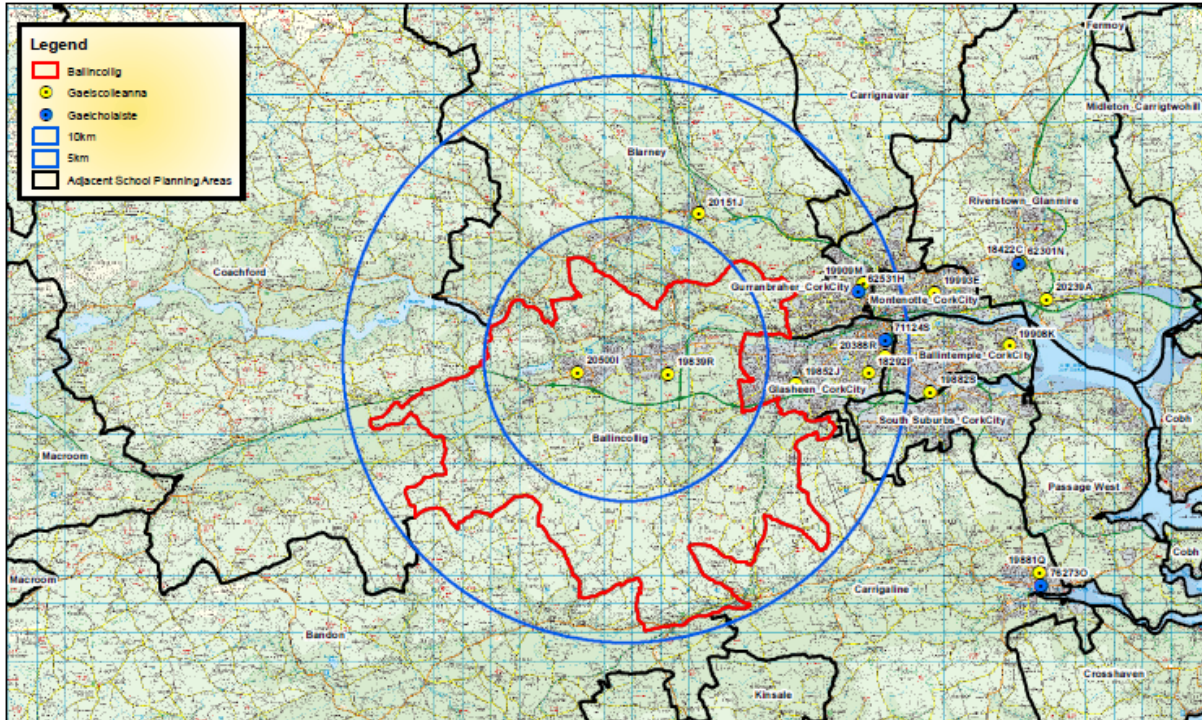
- All patrons have confirmed that they will satisfy the requirements as set out by the Department for the patronage of new schools.
- One of the models would increase provision for diversity in the area by providing multi-denominational provision in the area. Ballincollig Community School is under the joint patronage of Cork Education and Training Board and the Bishop of Cork and Ross. Coláiste Choilm is a designated Community College under the patronage of Cork Education and Training Board with the Bishop of Cork and Ross as trustee partner and is classified as having an inter-denominational ethos. Cork ETB has indicated that there is general recognition of the multi-denominational character of both Coláiste Choilm and the Community School.
- Le Chéile received the highest number of valid first preference votes i.e. 503.
- The level of parental preferences for Irish-medium instruction was 142 of 687 valid first preferences (20.67%) compared with 524 of 687 valid first preferences (76.27%) for English-medium instruction. There is a significantly sized Aonad within Coláiste Choilm, Gaelcholáiste Choilm, which currently has an enrolment of *circa*.390 pupils. The school patron, Cork Education and Training Board, has indicated that Gaelcholáiste Choilm is prepared to expand further to increase Irish-medium provision, should additional demand materialise and that the flexibility afforded by the Aonad model within Coláiste Choilm would allow for this. It is expected therefore that the level of demand for Irish-medium education can continue to be accommodated in Coláiste Choilm.
- The Department understands from the school patron that there are no plans currently for the Aonad to seek to transition to a standalone Gaelcholáiste at this time. The Department would be open to consideration of such a transition under the patronage of Cork ETB or under joint patronage.
- Based on the results of the parental preferences and broader analysis, including the extent of diversity currently available in this and the adjoining school planning areas, the analysis indicates that the patronage of the new post-primary school for the Ballincollig school planning area should be awarded to Le Chéile to provide a denominational Voluntary Secondary School with English as the language of instruction. The Department recognises that there is a reported multi-denominational character within Coláiste Choilm in particular, and, given the outcome of the OPPS process for this area, notes the potential for discussion between Cork Education and Training Board as patron and the Bishop of Cork and Ross as trustee partner to engage in relation to further

strengthening the multi-denominational character of Coláiste Choilm to ensure that such needs are met in the community.

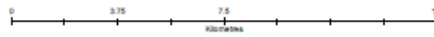
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APPENDIX A

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