Project Overview for Local Authorities

About the Project

Sport Ireland are leading on the development of a **National Database of Sport & Recreation Amenities.**

The database will include up-to-date, accurate information on opportunities to be active in Ireland, including:

1. Sports & Recreation

- Pitches, Pools, Courts & Courses
- Gyms, Halls & Studios
- Surfing, Paddling & Swimming Spots
- Clubs, Groups & Teams
- … & much more

2. Public Places

- Parks & Green Spaces
- Beaches & Forests
- National Parks & Nature Reserves
- Playgrounds & Skate Parks
- … & anywhere else to Get Out & Get Active

3. Trails

- Walking Trails
- Cycling Trails & Lanes
- Horse Riding Trails
- Paddling Trails
- Greenways & Blueways

4. Amenities & Information

- Parking
- Toilets & Showers
- Accessibility

- Opening Hours
- ... and more

The system will have a public side (Website & App) to provide information on all opportunities to be active in Ireland, facilitating higher physical activity levels and promoting recreational facilities.

The internal system will provide GIS, data and tools to stakeholders for data management, analysis and collaboration.

This is a hugely important project, and is strongly backed by the CCMA and across Government.

Local Authorities are requested to provide data on Activity Locations (Facilities) in their area, including public places and especially those under their ownership and/or management. If data on clubs is available, that is also welcome.

This data is requested to be returned in templates provided by the project team by **26ᵗʰ of May 2023**.

Aims

The National Database of Sport & Recreation Amenities, aims to:

1. **Collect Authoritative Data on Sport & Recreation in One Place**. Data will include Sports (pitches, pools, clubs…), Recreation (trails, greenways, surfing spots…), Public Places (parks, beaches, forests…) and Amenities (parking, accessibility, toilets…).
2. **Serve Information to the Public** to encourage higher activity levels for health and wellbeing. The main channels will be a central Hub (website & app), Ordnance Survey Ireland's GeoHive and Open Data (for further benefits & use-cases).
3. **Facilitate National Policies** covering National Development, Sport, Health, Data, and more.
4. **Provide Benefit to Data Providers** to improve how recreational amenities are planned and managed, including Planning; Analysis & Business Intelligence; Data Sharing & Collaboration; Asset Management; and other Targeted Use Cases.
5. **Facilitate further important use-cases** such as: social prescribing & healthcare, emergency services, tourism, open data, and third-party app development

Timelines

Phase	Time	Tasks
System Design	Jan 2022 – Apr 2022	User journeys, system wireframes, data consultation beings, architectural runway, system design, ETL workflow, environment commissioned

Programme Implement 1	Apr 2022 – Aug 2022	Environment, data models, ETL workflow, prototype website, MVP, data load 1
Programme Implement 2	Sep 2022 – Dec 2022	Website filtering, trails service, refine ETL, stakeholder review, scope security, complete data load for NGBs and trails
Programme Implement 3	Jan 2023 – Mar 2023	Refinements to website, training plan, trails workflow, publish to Geohive, complete data load
Programme Implement 4	Mar 2023 – May 2023	Final refinements, technical debt, training, reporting & analytics, data updated
User Acceptance Testing	Jun 2023	Test with users
Go live		System support, website & app release, asset management system live, future management plan complete

Contact Details

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Definitions

For the purposes of this project, we use the following definitions:

Activity Location: An activity location is any place where physical activity is carried out. Examples include a GAA ground, a town park, a beach or a leisure centre.

Club: A club is a group of people who take part in a sport or activity. Examples include a soccer team, a hillwalking club or an active retirement group. While colloquially we often refer to a 'club' having 4 pitches and dressing rooms, in this case we do not consider it as such.

Facility: A facility is something at an activity location that facilitates sport or physical activity. Examples include an artificial pitch, a walking track, an outdoor gym or a surfing spot.

Trail: An established and waymarked route designed for recreational use, such as walking, biking, paddling or horseback riding.

Public Place: Any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and, in this context, constitutes places in which sport and recreational activities can be carried out or on which recreational facilities are located.

How to supply data

The method to enter information about a club or activity location is by:

Bulk upload: this is using an Excel template to enter the details. There are two Excel templates – one for Clubs, the other for Activity Locations. A row in the Excel file should hold the details of one club or activity location. Please see the data upload guides for more details.

If you are considering supplying data in other formats, please contact us.