



## **New Primary Schools 2016**

### **Patronage Assessment Report to the New Schools Establishment Group**

#### **Appendix E**

**Assessment report for: Goatstown/Stillorgan, Co. Dublin**

**Forward Planning Section, Department of Education and Skills  
April 2016**

## **New primary schools 2016 – assessment of applications for patronage**

<b>School planning area to be served:</b>	Goatstown/Stillorgan - see map attached.
<b>Location:</b>	The new school will be located within the school planning area. Work is ongoing at present to identify a suitable location.
<b>Year Required:</b>	2016
<b>School Size required:</b>	Long-term projected need up to 16 classrooms (2-stream junior infant intake)
<b>Applications Received:</b>	Five applications were received to establish the new school in Goatstown/Stillorgan. A brief profile of each applicant together with a synopsis of the school type proposed is set out hereunder:

### **An Foras Pátrúnachta**

#### **Profile of applicant**

An Foras Pátrúnachta is the patron body for 63 Irish-medium primary schools and five post-primary schools. An Foras was founded in 1993. It is a company limited by guarantee and has charitable status. The primary focus of An Foras is to develop and enhance the provision of Irish-medium education. The ethos of schools under the patronage of An Foras can be denominational, multi-denominational or inter-denominational.

#### **School type proposed**

An Foras Pátrúnachta proposes a co-educational, multi-faith, Irish-medium school.

## **Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB)**

### **Profile of applicant**

Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) is a statutory body providing primary and post-primary education, further education, adult and community education, and youth services since 1930 within Dublin City. It also has a range of functions in relation to second-chance education, apprenticeships and training. It is a registered school patron and has charitable status.

### **School type proposed**

DDLETB proposes a co-educational, multi-denominational, English-medium, Community National School.

## **Educational Society of Ireland**

### **Profile of applicant**

Educational Society of Ireland (ESI) has been consulting on Irish education needs since 2004. It is a body focused upon education within Ireland. Membership consists of individuals from diverse backgrounds and ethnic origins familiar with the educational system either professionally, academically, as business people, or as parents. ESI is a company limited by guarantee and it has applied for charitable status. In this regard, ESI has provided correspondence dated 19 February 2016 from a company formation agent, Kearney Curran Secretarial Ltd, confirming that they have been retained by ESI to make application for charitable status for that company. The letter states that the application commenced on Friday 19 February 2016 and that it is currently in progress. There are currently no schools under the patronage of ESI.

### **School type proposed**

Educational Society of Ireland proposes a multi-denominational, multi-cultural, co-educational school.

## **Educate Together**

### **Profile of applicant**

Educate Together is the representative organisation of the Educate Together schools and associations throughout the country. The organisation became a company limited by guarantee in 1998. It is a registered school patron and has charitable status. Educate Together is registered patron of 64 primary schools and a further 12 primary schools are in the Educate Together network. Educate Together is also a registered patron of three second-level schools and is a Trustee partner in respect of another second level school..

### **School type proposed**

Educate Together proposes an equality-based, co-educational, English-medium school.

## **Secular Schools Ireland**

### **Profile of applicant**

Secular Schools Ireland is a company limited under guarantee. The company's Memorandum of Association states that one of the objects for which the Company is established is to promote, in furtherance of the public good, education which is secular, child centred and co-educational and to carry out all related activities. The company has applied for charitable status. In this regard, the applicant has provided information stating that they have submitted the proposed Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association for approval (23/3/16) to The Charities Regulatory Authority (18/3/2016). There are currently no schools under the patronage of Secular Schools Ireland.

### **School type proposed**

Secular Schools Ireland proposes a secular, co-educational, English-medium school.

## **Demographic information for the area**

For the 2015/16 school year, 456 junior infants enrolled in primary schools in the Goatstown/Stillorgan area.

For the 2016/17 school year, the demographics indicate that up to 484 junior infant will be seeking places.

This is an additional 28 junior infants over and above those enrolled for the 2015/16 school year. The map at page 20 of this report shows the distribution of the junior infants for the next three school years ( 2016, 2017 2018).

All of the existing schools are at capacity.

## **Assessment of applications**

### **1. Requirements**

**Has the applicant Patron(s) confirmed that they will comply with the requirements as set out: (comment if necessary in regard to any requirement)**

- Is willing to operate by the rules and regulations laid down by various Department of Education and Skills circulars and operating procedures and to follow the prescribed curriculum
- Is willing to operate the school within the resourcing and policy parameters established by the Department of Education and Skills
- Is willing to prioritise enrolment of children in the area for which the Department has identified the need for a school
- Is willing to accept and open special education facilities
- Is willing to have up to three streams subject to demand for the school
- Is willing to enter into the appropriate standard lease agreement with the Department of Education and Skills
- Is willing to be part of a campus development with other primary or second level schools as identified by the Department

**An Foras Patrúnachta -**

applicant has confirmed that they will meet all the requirements set out above.

**City of Dublin Education & Training Board -**

applicant has confirmed that they will meet all the requirements set out above.

**Educational Society of Ireland -**

applicant has confirmed that they will meet all the requirements set out above.

**Educate Together -**

applicant has confirmed that they will meet all the requirements set out above, including willingness to enter into the standard lease agreement.

**Secular Schools Ireland -**

applicant has confirmed that they will meet all the requirements set out above. They have also submitted a “without prejudice” letter stating that *“we are making this application without prejudice to our legal advice that the process you are adopting is ultra vires the enabling legislation”*.

**2. Examination of current provision in the area versus school type proposed by applicant patron(s)**

**(a) Outline details of current number of schools in the area, ethos of schools, total number of pupils in existing schools, percentage of pupils by school type in existing schools, what percentage of children already attending school in the area attend a school of the same patronage as the applicant patron? (need to take into account the development already achieved by recently established schools of a particular patronage in the identified area and the potential for future growth of these schools, and the extent to which schools of similar patronage have already expanded to three streams subject to space on existing site etc.)**

There are 9 primary schools in the area to be served by the new school. The breakdown is:

- 7 Catholic English-medium schools.
- 2 Church of Ireland English medium schools.

### Details of current schools in the Goatstown/Stillorgan school planning area (9)

Roll No	School Name	Ethos	Gender	Patron	Provisional 2015/16 Total Enrolment	% in school of Total Area Enrolment	Medium of Instruction
15284B	Taney NS, Dundrum	Church of Ireland	Co-ed	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough	438	13%	English
16794G	St Brigid's NS, Merville Rd, Stillorgan	Church of Ireland	Co-ed	Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough	99	3%	English
16893I	St Laurence's BNS, Kilmacud	Catholic	All boys	Archbishop of Dublin	444	14%	English
17470I	St Raphaela's NS Upper Kilmacud Rd, Stillorgan	Catholic	All girls	Archbishop of Dublin	471	14%	English
17979A	Mount Anville Primary School, Lower Kilmacud Rd	Catholic	All girls	Archbishop of Dublin	466	14%	English
19319O	ST OLAFS NS, Balally Drive, Dundrum	Catholic	Co-ed	Archbishop of Dublin	453	14%	English
19374W	Our Lady's Grove Primary School Goatstown Rd, Dundrum	Catholic	Co-ed	Archbishop of Dublin	436	13%	English
19904C	Holy Cross NS, Upper Kilmacud Rd	Catholic	Co-ed	Archbishop of Dublin	233	7%	English
19922E	Our Lady's NS, St Columbanus Rd, Milltown	Catholic	Co-ed	Archbishop of Dublin	245	7%	English
<b>Total</b>					<b>3,285</b>	100%	

**By class group – provisional 2015/16 enrolments**

<b>Roll No</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Jnr</b>	<b>Snr</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>Total</b>
15284B	Taney NS	57	60	58	57	52	57	51	46	<b>438</b>
16794G	St Brigid's NS	13	14	12	12	10	11	13	14	<b>99</b>
16893I	St Laurence's NS	61	61	57	61	58	52	44	50	<b>444</b>
17470I	St Raphaela's NS	59	62	58	61	59	46	61	65	<b>471</b>
17979A	Mount Anville Primary	60	59	60	54	59	57	60	57	<b>466</b>
19319O	St Olaf's NS	60	57	60	57	55	56	54	54	<b>453</b>
19374W	Our Lady's Grove Primary	58	60	59	59	48	59	52	41	<b>436</b>
19904C	Holy Cross NS	30	51	32	27	23	29	18	23	<b>233</b>
19922E	Our Lady's NS	58	43	42	40	15	20	14	13	<b>245</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>3,285</b>
	<b>Junior vs Senior</b>	<b>1,789</b>				<b>1,496</b>				



## Historic 5 & 10 year trends

Roll Number	School Name	2006/07	2011/12	Provisional 2015/16	5year trend	10 year trend
15284B	Taney NS	468	449	438	-11	-30
16794G	St Brigid's NS	90	85	99	14	9
16893I	St Laurence's NS	438	434	444	10	6
17470I	St Raphaela's NS	226	345	471	126	245
17979A	Mount Anville Primary	413	411	466	55	53
19319O	St Olaf's NS	353	424	453	29	100
19374W	Our Lady's Grove Primary	325	431	436	5	111
19904C	Holy Cross NS	248	195	233	38	-15
19922E	Our Lady's NS	68	97	245	148	177
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>656</b>

**(b) Will the applicant patron(s) provide a school with an ethos not already catered for in the area?**

**An Foras Patrúnachta:**

Yes - the school model proposed by An Foras Patrúnachta (a multi-faith, all-Irish school) will provide a school with an ethos not currently available in the area. There currently are no multi-faith or all-Irish medium schools in the area to be served.

**Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB):**

Yes – the school model proposed by DDLETB (a multi-denominational Community National School) will provide a school with an ethos not currently available in the area. There currently are no multi-denominational schools in the area.

**Educational Society of Ireland (ESI):**

Yes - the school model proposed by ESI (a multi-denominational school) will provide a school with an ethos not currently available in the area. There currently are no multi-denominational schools in the area.

**Educate Together:**

Yes - the school model proposed by Educate Together (an “equality-based” school) will provide a school with an ethos not currently available in the area. There currently are no “equality-based” schools in the area.

**Secular Schools Ireland:**

Yes - the school model proposed by Secular Schools Ireland (a secular primary school) will provide a school with an ethos not currently available in the area. There currently are no secular schools in the area.

**(c) The proximity of school(s) of similar ethos to those proposed by the applicant patron(s)**

The exact location of the new primary school has not been yet confirmed.

**An Foras Pátrúnachta:** There currently are no Irish-medium or multi-denominational primary schools in the area to be served. The closest Irish-medium primary school is Scoil Naithí RN 19437U which has a Catholic ethos and is in the adjoining school planning area of Ballinteer (can be seen to the west of the school planning area on the map at page 19) . The closest Irish-medium, multi-denominational primary school to the area is Gaelscoil Shliabh Rua, Ballyogan Rd, Stepside 20425U which has been recently established in the adjoining school planning area of Ballinteer\_Stepside in order to meet demographic need in that area.

**Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB):** DDLETB proposes a multi-denominational community national school. There is no existing primary school with a multi-denominational ethos in the area.

**Educate Together:** Educate Together proposes an “equality-based” school. There is no existing primary school with an “equality-based” ethos in the area.

**Educational Society of Ireland (ESI):** ESI proposes a multi-denominational school. There is no existing primary school with a multi-denominational ethos in the area.

**Secular Schools Ireland:** There is no existing primary school with a secular ethos in the area.

**(d) Will the proposed school or schools under the prospective patron(s) provide for extending or strengthening diversity of provision in each area having regard to the views of parents?**

**An Foras Patrúnachta:**

As there is currently no Irish-medium (or multi-denominational) school in the area to be served, the model proposed will extend diversity of provision.

**Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board:**

As there is currently no multi-denominational school in the area to be served, the model proposed will extend diversity of provision.

**Educational Society of Ireland:**

As there is currently no multi-denominational school in the area to be served, the model proposed will extend diversity of provision.

**Educate Together:**

As there is currently no “equality-based” school in the area to be served, the model proposed will extend diversity of provision.

**Secular Schools Ireland:**

As there is currently no secular school in the area to be served, the model proposed will extend diversity of provision.

**(e) Has the applicant patron demonstrated that there is a demand for this type of school in the area (Comment on the applicant’s demonstration of parental demand for the school type proposed? Take into consideration the extent or range of diversity offered across existing schools in the identified area, having regard to the views of parents)**

The details of parental demand for the various models are set out below:

**An Foras Pátrúnachta**

An Foras Pátrúnachta provided details of **571** prospective pupils. An analysis of the details showed that:

- 335 children are outside the area to be served by the school.
- 1 child did not provide a complete address
- 2 children are resident outside of the country
- 11 children from within the area to be served are already in school elsewhere.
- 1 child within the area to be served did not provide a date of birth.
- 2 children will start school after September 2020.

All of these pupils have been deducted from the demand for the An Foras model of provision leaving the following net position in terms of valid parental demand for the model proposed:

<b>An Foras Pátrúnachta</b>		<b>Goatstown/Stillorgan</b>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Junior Infants</b>	42	49	45	59	24	<b>219</b>

### **Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board (DDLETB)**

DDLETB provided details of **8** prospective pupils. An analysis of the details showed that:

- 7 children are from outside the area to be served by the school.

All of these pupils have been deducted from the demand for the Education and Training Board model of provision leaving the following net position in terms of valid parental demand for the model proposed:

<b>DDLETB</b>		<b>Goatstown/Stillorgan</b>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Junior Infants</b>	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>

### **Educational Society of Ireland (ESI)**

ESI Ireland provided details of **55** prospective pupils. An analysis of the details showed that:

- 14 children are from outside the area to be served by the school.
- 7 children from inside the area to be served are already in another school.

All of these pupils have been deducted from the demand for the Educational Society of Ireland model of provision leaving the following net position in terms of valid parental demand for the model proposed:

<b>Educational Society of Ireland</b>		<b>Goatstown/Stillorgan</b>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Junior Infants</b>	10	6	11	4	3	<b>34</b>

## **Secular Schools Ireland**

Secular Schools Ireland provided details of **37** prospective pupils. An analysis of the details showed that:

- 8 children are from outside the area to be served by the school.

These pupils have been deducted from the demand for the Secular Schools Ireland model of provision leaving the following net position in terms of valid parental demand for the model proposed:

<b>Secular Schools Ireland</b>			<b>Goatstown/Stillorgan</b>			
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Junior Infants</b>	6	9	7	5	2	<b>29</b>

## **Educate Together**

Educate Together provided details of **226** prospective pupils. An analysis of the details showed that:

- 27 children are from outside the area to be served by the school
- 1 child did not provide a date of birth
- 3 children are already in school
- 2 children were duplicated on the list

All of these pupils have been deducted from the demand for the Educate Together model for provision leaving the following net position in terms of valid parental demand for the model proposed:

<b>Educate Together</b>			<b>Goatstown/Stillorgan</b>			
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Junior Infants</b>	46	43	38	42	24	<b>193</b>

**(f) Has the applicant patron demonstrated that the school will, as a priority, cater for children in the area in which the school is located (or an area defined by the DES)?**

<b>An Foras Patrúnachta:</b>	Yes, applicant has confirmed that it will cater for the children of the area to be served.
<b>Dublin &amp; Dún Laoghaire ETB:</b>	Yes, applicant has confirmed that it will cater for the children of the area to be served.
<b>Educational Society of Ireland:</b>	Yes, applicant has confirmed that it will cater for the children of the area to be served.
<b>Educate Together:</b>	Yes, applicant has confirmed that it will cater for the children of the area to be served.
<b>Secular Schools Ireland:</b>	Yes, applicant has confirmed that it will cater for the children of the area to be served.

**(g) If this area is to be served by a single school, can proposed school meet the needs of all pupils in the area?**

Not applicable

### **3. Additional Information provided by applicants**

**An Foras Patrúnachta:**

An Foras Pátrúnachta's application states the following:

*"It is AFP's vision to foster, develop and extend first class all-Irish education throughout the country. Our mission statement is that AFP will be central in the promotion of all-Irish education and that we will serve the schools under our auspices effectively, professionally and comprehensively at first and second level."*

**Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB):**

Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board's application states the following:

*“Community National Schools provide for children of all faiths and none and also allow for faith formation during the school day. The CNS “Goodness Me” programme nurtures all children in the school in their own belief systems whilst celebrating and respecting the belief systems of their peers. It encourages the involvement of parents/guardians and the community.”*

**Educational Society of Ireland (ESI):**

ESI’s application states the following:

*“The ethos of our school typifies the modes of interaction between pupils, teachers, neighbours, managers, board members, committed contributors, and friends within the school catchment area within which we serve. Our ethos reflects a school best serving the needs of young people as well as the entire community in the school catchment area through valuing and respecting each individual child while considering diversity a rich learning resource.”*

**Educate Together:**

Educate Together’s application states the following:

*“The school’s ethos is defined by the Educate Together Charter”. The charter commits itself to “Support the establishment of schools which are, equality-based i.e. all children having equal rights of access to the school, and children of all social, cultural and religious backgrounds being equally respected; co-educational and committed to encouraging all children to explore their full range of abilities and opportunities; child centred in their approach to education; democratically run with active participation by parents in the daily life of the school, whilst positively affirming the professional role of the teachers”.*

**Secular Schools Ireland:**

Secular Schools Ireland’s application states the following:

*“Characteristic Spirit: Inclusion and Respect – The welcoming of and inclusion of all children in the catchment area, all parents and all teachers: Truly inclusive, respectful, welcoming, supportive school community”. The secular Schools Ireland Charter states” We give voice and choice to parents who have a valid preference (irrespective of their own faith background and irrespective of whether they have a faith background or not) for their children to attend a school where religion is not taught during the school-day, as part of their state-funded, nationally provided, primary school education”.*



## 4. Conclusions

- An Foras Pátrúnachta, Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board, Educational Society of Ireland, Educate Together and Secular Schools Ireland have agreed to comply with the Department's requirements for the establishment of the new school as set out in the published patronage commitments.
- Secular Schools Ireland has also submitted a "without prejudice" letter which states "*we are making this application without prejudice to our legal advice that the process you are adopting is ultra vires the enabling legislation*".
- The model proposed by each of the applicants would extend diversity of provision in the area.
- However, the level of demand presented by three of applicants is not strong enough to establish a viable school. The applicants in question are Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board, Educational Society of Ireland and Secular Schools Ireland.
- Two of the applicants, namely Educate Together and An Foras Pátrúnachta have presented strong demand for their model.
- After application of the relevant exclusions, the numbers of pupils counted towards each school model from 2016 to 2020 (inclusive) are:

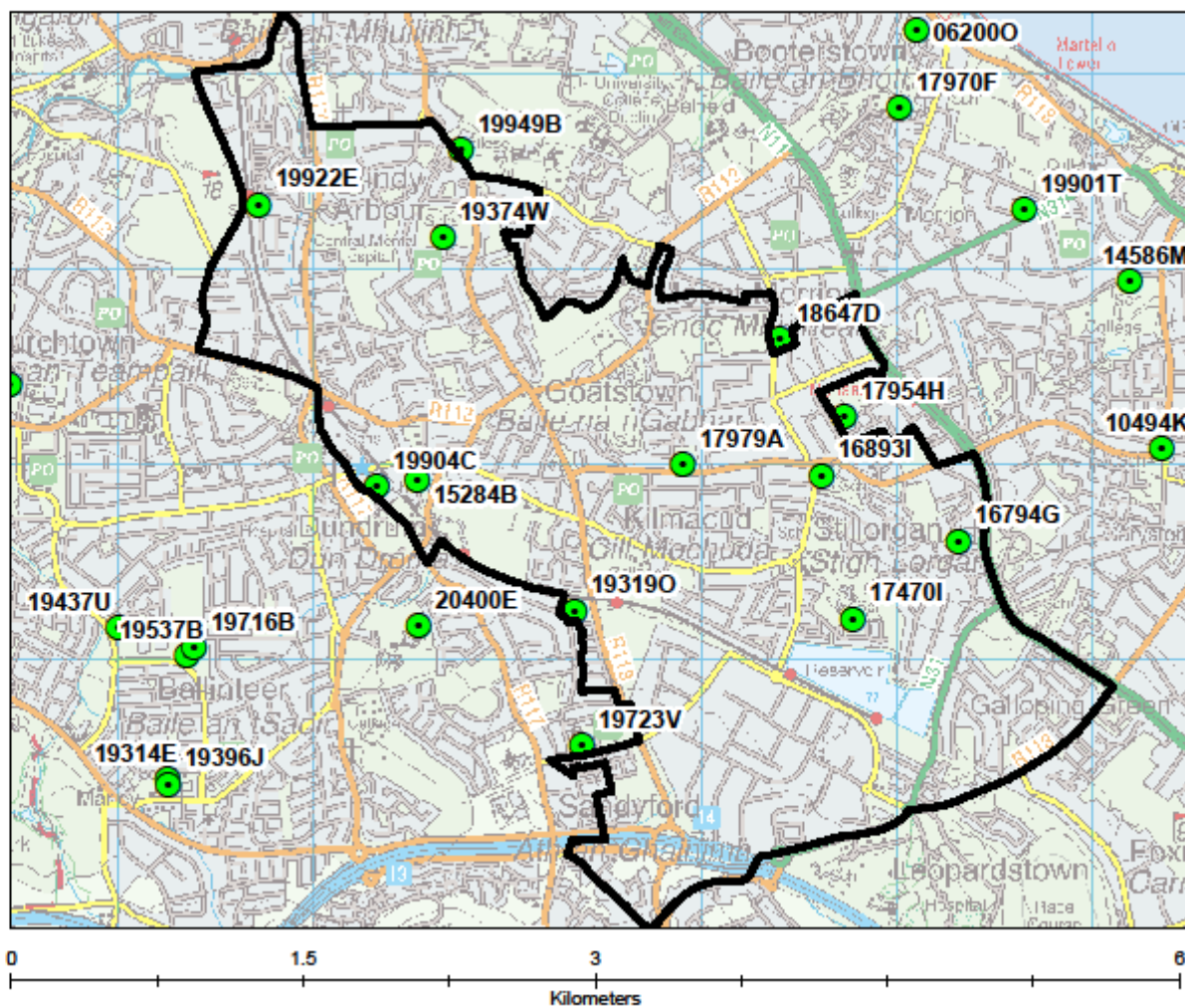
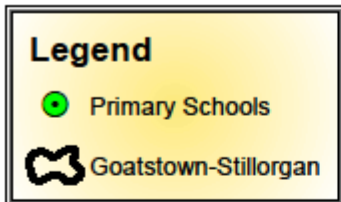
➤ <b>An Foras Pátrúnachta -</b>	<b>219 pupils</b>
➤ <b>Dublin &amp; Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board –</b>	<b>1 pupil</b>
➤ <b>Educational Society of Ireland –</b>	<b>34 pupils</b>
➤ <b>Educate Together –</b>	<b>193 pupils</b>
➤ <b>Secular Schools Ireland –</b>	<b>29 pupils</b>

## **5. Recommendation**

The Department recommends that patronage be awarded to An Foras Pátrúnachta as they have presented evidence of considerable demand for the model they propose, namely a multi-faith, Irish-medium primary school and this model will extend and strengthen diversity of provision in the area.

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### **Proposed Primary School Goatstown-Stillorgan Feeder Area**



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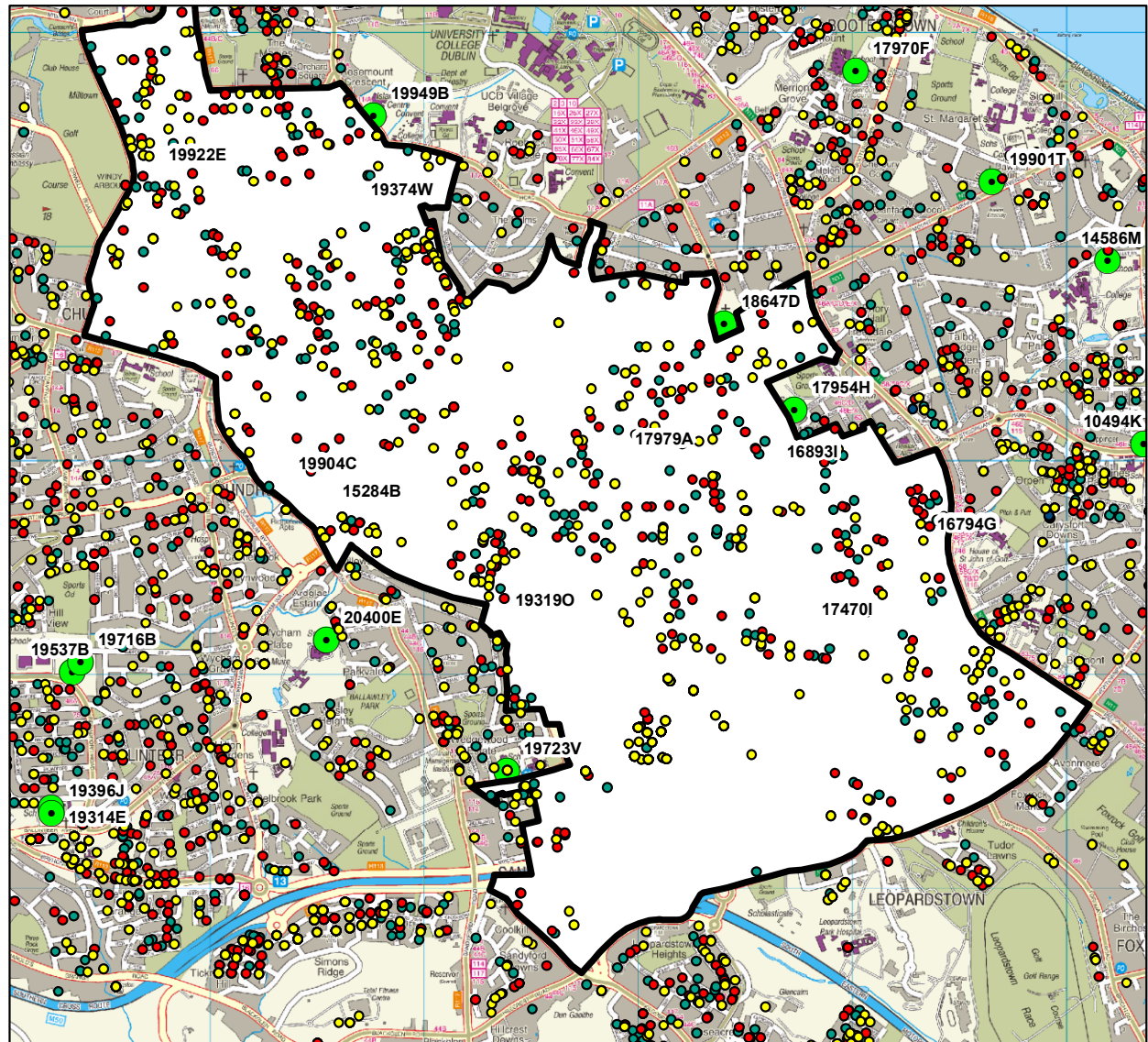
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