

Adamstown parks competition



Pictured left to right: Eddie Conroy Chief Architect, South Dublin County Council, Remi Salles & Dermot Foley (Competition Winners), Kieran O'Neill Irish Landscape Institute

Irish French landscaping duo win Adamstown parks competition

Foley & Salles, a talented Irish and French landscape architect duo have fought off stiff opposition from 12 other countries to win an international competition to design the two largest parks in Adamstown (Airlie Park & Tandy's Lane Park)

The overall plan for Adamstown provides for approximately 74 acres of open space that includes four major parks totalling 55 acres. After deciding to sponsor a Parks Design Competition, Castlethorn Construction and Maplewood Developments approached the Irish Landscape Institute to run a major international event on their behalf, to obtain the best possible designs for Airlie Park and Tandy's Lane Park.

The brief for the competition was to design parks of a high contemporary standard and quality that will provide high value recreational amenities, stimuli and excitement for residents, and visitors alike at Adamstown. "The parks competition underlined the commitment of the Adamstown developers to select the best-in-class designers, to deliver the key components of the infrastructure at Adamstown. Partnering with the Irish Landscape Institute ensured that the winning design would address the unique requirements at Adamstown and would meet the highest standards in current landscaping design practice." says Jude Byrne, of Castlethorn Construction.

The features to be included in Airlie Park are the following:

- A secured and managed Sports Area containing:
 - Playing pitches
 - 4 Tennis Courts
 - 4 Five – A – Side all weather playing pitches
 - Permanent Changing & Shower Facilities
- Education zone – Tober Stream, wildlife/ nature area linked to the adjacent school
- Children's playground
- Secured multi-use court/active play area to accommodate a variety of games and skateboard facilities for children and adolescents

The features to be included in Tandy's Lane Park will comprise the following:

- Playing Pitch
- One Children's Playground
- Running and walkway zones
- Sports amenities area

It is intended to consult with various interested community groups before designs are fully submitted for planning. Construction on the Parks will commence later in 2008.