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Street	Total Number of houses	Number of residents spoken to
Rathdown Road	71	26
Marne Villas	11	1
Grangegorman Upper/ Orchard Tce	41	13
Grangegorman Lower	22	8

Comments and Observations –Rathdown Road

- No seats. Worry about Autumn shedding of leaves as there can be some flooding on the road as it is. Free parking is used by garage up the road. They won't be happy. The turn off to NR will be very busy in the mornings. Overall no objections but wants flooding kept in mind
- No objections looks good
- Keep lower junction just make people slow down. Not happy that all of this is being done just for school. There are enough green areas on the campus, don't mind paving. Make sure there will be no stones that can be used as missiles. Where are parents going to park.
- This is a good idea. Happy that ad-hoc parking is going. Perhaps a turning circle for parents could be considered.
- Worried that parking will be lost on Rathdown Road. No seating. Prevent people from driving on paths. Agrees with getting rid of north bound lane as only a matter of time before there is an accident on that road.
- Lots of bike parking should be provided. Benches would be nice. Appreciated us coming out to give opportunity for discussion
- Will be a bit put out by free parking going but thinks whats happening with the Grangegorman project is great. No objections
- No seating. Might be traffic issues but no objections
- Planting should deter people from sitting in the area but other than that happy with the plan

- No issues, appreciates consultation
- Looks positive. No issues with it
- CCTV should be put in. Overall very much in favour of what is happening. Paths should be properly dipped and views should not be obscured for safety. Bike spaces are great
- No objections. The proposal looks good but feels there should be benches for people to sit on.
- Very happy with the proposal
- No objections to this plan but feels there should be no parking in Grangegorman (campus) at all as it encourages car use.

Grangegorman Upper/ Orchard Terrace

- Wants nothing put in that could encourage ant-social behaviour, including seating. Thinks removing the northbound lane is a good idea. Feels strongly that there should be more CCTV in the area.
- Sounds like a good plan. No objections
- No objections. Appreciates being consulted

Marne Villas

- Looks sensible

Grangegorman Lower/Villas

- The school drop off will cause chaos as it is here. There should be a proper strategy for this.
- Fundamentally disagree with this plan. An opportunity is being missed to put in a proper drop off for the school. Parking is going more and more in the area and will eventually push more cars down to Grangegorman Lower. The disabled drop off does not look safe. Will be discussing this more with neighbours.
- New to the area. Really appreciates being informed of what is happening.
- Looks like a plan that makes sense. No objections

Comments coming in through e-mail following area consultation

- Just wanted to add my strong voice of support for the proposal as sketched. I really like the narrowing of this junction and elimination of the dangerous left slip lane . I like the planting. I'd hope for footpath to be paved rather than the ugly expanse of concrete there at the moment. Please minimise or eliminate parking at the junction. Car drop off points will just get parked on opportunistically so why bother? I like the cycle stands. I like the pedestrian crossing at Rathdown Road. Another crossing is needed on the south side of the junction for people coming from Grangegorman Luas stop. How will you ensure planting is maintained? Will that be a GGDA responsibility?

Main Points Raised from Consultation

- There should be nothing put in here which will encourage anti-social behaviour in any way. That includes benches, walls, high planting, stones etc
- There should be more CCTV put into the area. There is not enough as it is.
- There is a worry about the drop off and pick up times. Some people feel that a formal drop off area/turning circle should be put in here for parents in cars. There is a split on this. Not everyone feels the same way.
- Overall there is a lot of support for this proposal and the overall development
- Out of all residents we spoke to only one disagreed with the proposal in its entirety.

Actions to be looked at.

- Is there a way of us putting in CCTV in this area or somehow pointing CCTV from the campus towards the triangle?

Ends

Addendum to Original Report – 5th February 2018

Following completion of the consultation report a further six residents contacted us with further feedback, comments and queries. Each of these pieces of correspondence were forwarded to the designers and project co-ordinator as they came in in order to be included in the overall process.

For the purpose of clarity these comments are summarised below. Four of the respondents live on Rathdown Road and two live on Grangegorman Upper.

Further Comments Received via e-mail/mail (Listed in chronological order of when they were received)

- Worried about removal of existing parking at the triangle
- Everything should be left as is with the exception of changing the slip road into a 90 degree junction. This would address the safety concerns for the school. (This resident's comments were already captured when we met with him twice during consultation.
- Request one more speed bump at the southern end of the proposed area.
- The area should feature a roundabout effect with a pull-in area for pick-ups and drop offs (this submission included a detailed drawing).
- Traffic has already increased in the area. Why have the GDA abandoned the one-way system on GG upper?
- A range of questions were submitted rather than any opinions or feedback. Questions and responses below;

1.0 Will the land still be owned / maintained by the council?

The land will still be owned by DCC. It is possible that we will take on looking after the trees and shrubs but all other maintenance will remain with DCC.

2.0 What are the reasons for not making GG Upper one way?

The decision to make Grangegorman Upper one way was on for the City Council to make, we could only suggest it. It would require a Part 8 process by the City Council and they chose not to undertake it. I think they would need to be approached directly to give a full answer.

3.0 How many official car spaces will be lost?

I will come back to you with a clear answer on this but from looking at it I can see an area which would accommodate around 3 cars that will be lost from this work.

4.0 Can you give us detailed dimensions of all the proposed set down area's for the school, what will happen to this space outside of school hours, will it be a dedicated set down area or can people park here?

There is no official set down area being included in the plan. This is per normal practice today and as per Dublin City Council's belief that car usage in the city is to be discouraged generally.

If people are to drop their children to the school they will have to avail of on-street parking and then walk their children to the school. Again this is normal practice.

5.0 What are the guidelines for set down area's for a school of this size and how does your proposal compare to this?

See answer 4.0 above.

6.0 Who is the bike parking for, if this is for the school for security reasons should it not be located within the school grounds?

The bike parking is for everyone who wants to use it. The thinking is that parents dropping their children to school will also use.it. I believe there will be bike parking inside the gate for children's bikes as there presently is.

7.0 Has a roundabout been considered for this junction?

A roundabout has been suggested but it is not considered the best use of the area especially referring to answer 4.0 above.

8.0 Granite paving and more soft landscaping is a very welcome proposal and will enhance the area greatly.

Noted.

Generally speaking the feedback submitted in the above correspondence was very similar to that already received.

One extra action might be to examine the possibility of putting in an extra speed bump if this has not already considered.

Ends