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FAQs – Grangegorman Junction Works

1 What is the plan and why is it happening?

These plans are part of the original planning conditions for the Dublin 7 Educate Together school on the Grangegorman site. The works aim to permanently improve safety around the current road layout for the school, while also creating a welcoming new public space that the whole community can enjoy.

2 How is it that the school opened if the plan was not delivered?

Interim measures agreed with Dublin City Council (DCC) were installed in April 2023 to address the related planning condition for the school that allowed the school to be opened the following month in May 2023. The interim measures achieved the key objectives of the permanent scheme, safer access to the school. The interim measures agreed with DCC involved erecting a series of barriers around the junction that will remain in place until permanent works can be implemented. These interim works included:

- Closure of the one-way section of the road to the north of the junction that is currently blocked by temporary barriers,
- Implementation of restricted vehicle access and movements taking place at the T-Junction.

3 How will the permanent new public realm be different from the interim measures

The completed works will;

- permanently remove the one-way section of road north at the junction currently blocked by temporary barriers,
- provide accessible drop-off for the school and
- create a new public paved space with a number of trees, pollinator-friendly planting and bike parking.

The existing two-way T-junction will remain unchanged.

4 Why is new planning permission required?

The Agency originally received planning permission for these works back in 2019, but we were not in a position to progress the works prior to the previous permission expiring. We'll now be submitting a new application to get things moving again.

5 What has changed since the public consultations in October 2024?

Back in October 2024, the Agency held a number of public consultation events – including a letter drop, door-to-door conversations, and a public information session to present the scheme which subsequently led to the Agency gathering and compiling residents' thoughts and the key points raised on the proposed works.

The key points raised related to parking, traffic and landscaping issues. As a result of the October sessions the agency has now compiled this FAQ document containing details on how we have addressed and explored the key issues raised.

6 How have parking issues been explored since October 2024?

Parking related concerns were raised by the residents who attended the public consultation sessions - parking availability, illegal parking enforcement and how local parking is managed. This topic came up specifically in relation to **the junction works** plan and also as a **local matter of concern**, particularly on Rathdown Road and the surrounding area during weekday evenings and Saturday mornings as a result of campus sporting events.

To address the issues raised about parking during public consultation sessions, the Agency;

6.1 Commissioned a Parking Survey:

After the October 2024 sessions, a traffic survey which included traffic movements, and a car parking survey was commissioned by the Agency and conducted on Monday March 24th to Thursday March 26th and on Saturday March 29th. The survey indicated that there is ample street parking currently in the area, including evenings and Saturday mornings, when activities are taking place on the Grangegorman site.

The survey measured junction traffic flow and mapped the days, times and location of parking in the area. The Traffic Consultant concluded that even with campus sporting activities and the removal of 8 paid parking spaces;

- the proposed works to the junction will accommodate anticipated levels of traffic movements now and into the future
- car parking is sufficient in the area to accommodate current and future demands.

To request a full copy of this survey please contact communications@ggda.ie

This survey also picked up on a **local matter of concern** relating to illegal parking. The survey mapped where and when illegal parking was frequently happening in the area. To resolve the issue of illegal parking residents should report illegal parking violations to:

- Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) by calling 01 602 2500 (open 24 hrs)
- Dublin City Council's Parking Enforcement; call 01 222 2261 or email parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie

6.2 Will provide accessible drop-off spaces:

Two accessible drop-off spaces will be installed to provide a safe location for children attending D7ET to be dropped off and collected. Illegal use of these spaces can also be reported to DCC parking enforcement department using the contact details provided.

6.3 Will include parking enforcement measures:

Bollards will be installed as part of the **junction works** plan finished plaza to prevent illegal set down / parking. All illegal parking violations in this area can be reported to the DCC Parking Enforcement department using the details provided in this document.

6.4 Will provide bike parking and dismount areas:

Bike parking and dismount areas will be provided as part of the **junction works** plan for the plaza for cyclists arriving from the south and the T-junction, along with bollards and dishing where appropriate to allow occasional service vehicle access to the school via the main gates. Standard and cargo bikes will be accommodated. Extensive bike parking is also available with the school grounds and on the Grangegorman site.

6.5 Will not include EV Charging points:

Having engaged with Dublin City Council provision of EV charging parking spaces are not envisioned for the **junction works** plan.

6.6 Will re-direct bus parking:

Bus parking is not provided as part of the **junction works** plan but did come up as a **local matter of concern** during the public consultation events. Since the October public consultation sessions, the Agency is working with TU Dublin to organise drop-off and pick-up within the campus.

6.7 Has supported extended hours residential parking permits

During the public consultation sessions, parking for local residents was highlighted as a **local matter of concern**. To improve parking availability and accessibility for residents, DCC approved a Rathdown Road residents request to extend permit hours to 7am-midnight, Monday to Sunday, effective early 2025.

The Agency is not aware of an application for an extension of parking permit hours from the residents of Grangegorman Upper, Orchard Terrace or Marne Villas at this point time. However, residents can contact DCC directly using the details provided.

- Dublin City Council's Parking Permits; call 01 222 2259 or email parkingpermits@dublincity.ie

7 What changes have been made to traffic design within the junction works plan since October 2024:

Some of the residents who attended the October public consultation sessions were not in favour of the removal of the slip road and the realignment of the priority junction with Rathdown Road/Grangegorman Upper for improved and safer traffic movement.

The proposed **junction works** road layout aligns with best practice road/street design standards (Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets – DMURS), DCC safety policies and are a requirement of the planning permission granted for D7ET. The removal of the slip lane mitigates the risk of harm to vulnerable users in particular and allows the creation of a safe area outside of the school.

To address key issues raised about traffic safety, volume and to gather evidence to support removal of the slip road as part of the **junction works** plan, the Agency has;

7.1 Commissioned a Traffic Survey:

A traffic survey that was conducted from March 24–26th and on March 29th indicated that the removal of the slip road does not impact traffic flow at the junction and allows sufficient capacity in the area for current and future traffic volumes. The **junction works** plan is adequately designed for current and future traffic levels and delivers increased safety in the area.

To request a copy of this report please contact communications@gdda.ie

The **junction works** plan prioritises safety and speed reduction through a combination of reduce traffic turning radii, traffic calming measures, changes in surface materials and improved visibility for all road users. The traffic design as part of **junction works** plan remains the same as the original proposal. The objectives of the proposed junction works are also aligned with the objectives of the filtered permeability scheme on Grangegorman Lower.

8 What changes have been made to Landscaping as part of the Junction works plan?

A number of landscaping issues were raised at the October public consultation sessions. To address these issues, the Agency

8.1 Proposed greenery and planting in line with DCC Policy and best practice:

The proposed landscaping for the **junction works** plan, developed with DCC Parks, balances desire lines, visibility for both drivers and pedestrians and allows for passive surveillance, using low, maintainable planting where appropriate.

8.2 Retain the existing tree and consider the works impact on the NW boundary

DCC confirmed the existing tree at the NW boundary is to be retained. The proposed trees are set at least 12m from the boundary wall, ensuring minimal impact. The contractor will be required to carry out a precondition survey of the existing tree and the boundary wall and take measures to mitigate any risk to either the tree or the wall during the works. **Junction works** near the wall will be limited to reinstating hard standing and flagged as a risk element. The contractor will on completion of the works be required to carry out a post condition survey to verify effective protection.

8.3 Will install a Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS):

The landscaped area within the **junction works** plan plaza design includes SuDS rain gardens to manage stormwater by collecting and filtering runoff, in line with DCC's Surface Water Management policy. Soft landscaping will be open to subsoils to reduce ponding and surface flooding.

8.4 Will not provide benches:

No benches are being proposed as part of the **junction works** plan. Lighting has been designed and agreed in line with DCC requirements to adequately light the area and assist with limiting anti-social behaviours in the area.

8.5 Will provide a bin:

Agreement in principle has been reached by with DCC for a bin to be installed in the area when the contractor is carrying out the works.

9 What will the new road layout look like?

The new layout will remove the parking spaces and the slip road junction to form a plaza area in front of the entrance to the school. Details of proposed layout can be found in the **appendix** of this document.

10 When will the new planning application be lodged?

It is anticipated that the new planning application will be submitted to DCC on August 22nd 2025.

11 Can the space be improved while awaiting planning approval?

The focus is on delivering the permanent scheme which will achieve a much more favourable outcome than any limited improvement to the interim measures.

12 If planning is approved when could construction work start at the junction?

Subject to a favourable outcome from the planning process, GDA hope to be in a position to commence construction works in the summer of 2026 which will remove the temporary barriers currently in place replacing them with a new public realm amenity for the community.

13 Will you be replacing the lost parking spaces elsewhere or nearby?

The results of the parking survey conducted in March 2025 indicate that there is adequate parking currently and into the future in the local area. Local residents have and are eligible to apply for extended hours parking permits from DCC. There will be bike parking (including cargo bike) and two accessible drop-off spaces.

14 Once construction starts what hours will the builders be working?

The Agency expect that DCC will impose the standard conditions for normal working hours; Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to 2pm. Works outside these hours, but only for specific periods, require permission from DCC and residents will be informed of this in advance by letter.

15 Who is the contractor?

The contractor is not known at this time and will be determined by public procurement.

16 What will be done to minimise disruption to residents?

In advance of the works commencing the Contractor will prepare a plan for how they intend to carry out the works which will include measures to minimise disruption including traffic and pedestrian management, noise, dust and vibration. The contractor will not be permitted to commence works until DCC are satisfied with the contractors' proposals.

17 Do I need to have a residential pass for driving through the area while construction takes place?

Resident vehicular access to the area will not be impacted during the construction phase.

18 Is parking for the builders being provided?

The contractor will have access to and use of the Agency's' contractors' car park. However, while we aim to facilitate as much parking on site as possible, we unfortunately can't guarantee parking for everyone.

19 I have a wheelchair/buggy/walking stick. Will the path be moved during construction?

On occasion segregated pedestrian walkways may be required to ensure safe pedestrian access.

20 Who can I contact if I have a complaint or query?

The Agency can also be contacted at communications@ggda.ie between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Regular updates on the project and further information regarding operational issues throughout the duration of the construction will be posted on the Agency's website www.ggda.ie and social media pages (@GrangegormanDev).

Appendix:



Computer rendering of proposed new public space outside Dublin 7 Educate Together School – view north



Aerial showing area proposed to form the new public space



Proposed site layout map

