

## Minutes

Meeting Community Liaison Committee

Date-Time-Location Wednesday 16 October 2025 / Online via Microsoft Teams

Members present Lori Keeve (**LK**) Chair GDA; Derval Concannon (**DC**) GDA Project Comms; Mina Eusebio (**ME**) TU Dublin SU; Garda Conor Flynn (**CF**) Cllr Janet Horner (**JH**) DCC; Eugene Kelly (**EK**) Community; Joanne Kearney (**JK**) TU Dublin Estates; Fionnuala McHugh (**FMH**) D7ET; Kathleen McCann (**KMC**) BTLF; Brian Murphy (**BM**) TU Dublin; Seaneen Sullivan (**SS**) Community

By invitation Padraic Ballantyne (**PB**) GDA; Gretta NashCadden (**GNC**) GDA; Desiree O’Hanlon (**DOH**) GDA ; Stephen Kenny (**SK**) D7ET, Grainne Gannon (**GG**) D7ET, Carol Dempsey (**CD**) D7ET

Apologies Jason Aughney (**JA**) TU Dublin SU; Paul Coleman (**PC**) TU Estates; Debbie Clarke (**DC**) DCC; Jenny Donohoe (**JD**) GDA; Sharon Griffin (**SG**) DCC; Cllr Ray McAdam (**RMA**); Eamon McCluskey (**EMC**) HSE; Luke McManus (**LMM**) Community; Garda Amy Murtagh (**AM**); Naomi Sebastine (**NS**) TU Dublin SU President; Cllr John Stephens (**JS**);

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their warm welcome following her return from maternity leave and give a brief overview of the meeting agenda.

She offered to hold introductory one-to-one sessions to build connections with newer members. **LK**

The Chair also welcomed the GDA’s newly appointed Head of People & Engagement Gretta NashCadden invited her to introduce herself to the committee.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

2.1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed with one amendment to item 3.2. to reflect the update provided by TU Dublin Estates.

### 3. Project Update and Discussion: Ivy Avenue and Green Finger Play Area

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**3.1.**

The Chair introduced GDA Project Coordinator Padraic Ballantyne and provided some brief background context to the Playscape and Ivy Avenue project.

**PB** then delivered a presentation on the project sharing design details and an overview of the planning process. These works will deliver a co-ordinated public realm, including natural play space adjacent D7ET, additional cycle facilities and improved access to the campus for pedestrians and cyclists along managed vehicular access for HSE Primary Care Centre and National Optometry Centre visitors and disabled parking.

The presentation showed the site location using proposed site plan, boundary maps, aerial maps and CGI imagery.

For more details on this project please see the **Appendix**.

**3.2.**

**PB** invited questions and feedback from the Committee. A number of comments were made and summarised as follows:

- **EK** inquired whether the wider play area would be closed to the public during school hours and how the school would manage this. **PB** responded that the wider area would remain accessible to the public but highlighted the hedging and separate gate around the area for use by the school during school hours. **DC** noted that signage would also be installed at the gates to inform the public of the designated access hours and the other playground on campus.
- **EK** also inquired about the capacity of the playscape. **PB** to revert with this information.

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**SK** raised concerns regarding the fencing and hedging around the play area. **PB** clarified that a complete physical barrier would be in place when the gates are closed, and added that there are no plans to provide hedging along the avenue. **SK** noted concerns around privacy into school areas from Ivy Avenue, expressing concerns of overlooking and potential for litter to be thrown in. **PB** acknowledged the queries raised and noted that the GDA is in separate discussions with the school around their concerns.

- It was requested that the information presented be shared with the Committee and whether it could be circulated to the wider community. **DC** stated that all

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<p>project details would need to be finalised and Committee feedback received before any wider circulation. The <b>Chair</b> added that information will be shared through the GDA's digital communication channels when available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>FMH</b> expressed disappointment that the whole of the playscape would not be available to the school during school hours. <b>GG</b> added to this raising safety and security concerns, and expressing a strong preference for the gates connecting the school to the play area to remain locked. Issues with the possibility of climbing the low railing to get into the school property were also highlighted.</p> <p><b>PB</b> acknowledged these concerns and expressed optimism that the area could still be effectively used by school children during school hours. He clarified that the responsibility for opening and closing the gates would rest with the school. He also noted that discussions will continue as the project progresses to further address the school's concerns.</p> </li> <li> <p>Positive comments included <b>FMH</b> noting the CGI plan looked impressive, <b>JH</b> noting that the landscaping plan looked fantastic and <b>BM</b> expressed confidence that the project will serve as an excellent asset for the school and the community. He further noted that it will bring life to the area and likely reduce unwanted behavior.</p> </li> </ul> <p><b>JK</b> commended the approach taken to ensure access is provided to both the school and the public, and emphasised security will be a key area of focus by ensuring integration with the wider campus security measures.</p>	<p><b>GDA</b></p>	

## 4. Project Updates

4.1. **DC** provided an overview of the project updates below:

**Academic Hub & Library:** Substantial completion expected by the end of the year with the commission of electrical and mechanical systems and safety files to follow before hand over to TU Dublin. Awaiting B-car certificate.

**Junction Works:** Planning is currently in the 8-week notice of decision timeframe with Dublin City Council with the decision

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expected by end of October.		
<b>Grangegorman Green Finger and Ivy Avenue:</b> DCC planning decision is expected by the end of October.		
<b>Plot 14 / St Brendan's Way / Area D:</b> Hoarding scheduled to come down shortly and be replaced by high steel fencing. The temporary Heras fencing will be erected as close as possible to the existing hoarding to ensure public safety and a secure working zone.		
<b>HSE Residential Care Neighbourhood:</b> Detailed Business case in progress. Tender for construction expected later this year or early 2026.		
<b>Prussia Street Gate:</b> Final Planning Permission Granted on the 9 <sup>th</sup> September. Planning Permission Compliance to be submitted. The GDA is currently investigating procurement options to progress the project to the next stage.		
<b>West Quad:</b> GDA is working towards Stage 2 of the works tender process for the West Quad Property Exchange, involving the construction of the new West Quad building at Grangegorman in exchange for title to the Aungier St campus.  Three developer teams have been shortlisted as part of a prior Stage 1 pre-qualification process. Timeline for going out to tender for stage 2 will be Q1 in 2026.		
<b>Grangegorman Playground at Fingal Place:</b> Playground resurfacing works and installation of the ability swing have an amended timeline and are now expected to commence in early November and finish in late December 2025. It was noted that the playground will be closed during this time to facilitate these works. Public notice will be circulated once due to commence.		

## 5. Community Updates

### 5.1. KMC provided an update on the work of the Build to Last Forum:

**Build to Last Forum:** The formal launch of the Build to Last Forum by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Councillor Ray McAdam took place 25th September. The first formal meeting of the new Forum was held on 7th October with a subsequent

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meeting scheduled for December. It was envisaged that the Forum would have a more strategic oversight role than its predecessor Grangegorman Labour & Learning Forum and it was planned to establish a number of thematic working groups, membership of which would be open to anyone in the area with an interest in their specific area(s) of focus. The Forum was currently in the early stages of work around establishing initial priorities for the coming year, setting up working groups, and planning a community-wide event for the first quarter of 2026.

**Grangegorman Employment Charter:** It was noted that the last local employment figures are from June 2025 when local employment levels were around 10%. There were no further reports post-June as the Academic Hub site was in the process of winding down.

**Grangegorman ABC:** There are eleven Grangegorman ABC programmes currently running addressing topics such as infant mental health, parenting training and supports, literacy, transitions from early years services to primary schools, and a multi-disciplinary team offering play/art therapy and family supports. A range of CPD programmes were also being made available to early years services' staff in the area.

5.2.

**Garda Update:**

**CF** provided an overview of current and planned measures to address anti-social behaviour around the area:

**Halloween celebrations:** Operation Tombola is in effect with a designated patrol van being deployed from 3pm-2am to specifically target anticipated Halloween-related anti-social behaviour. He asked that local communities alert the Bridewell if there are specific areas to target.

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**Prussia Street Access:** Operation Crimson is actively in place to target drug dealing here as it is being used as a scooter rat-run . Additionally, a community support vehicle is patrolling the area which was noted as having made a noticeable difference.

**Scooters/Motorcycles:**

**CF** noted that the Gardaí are keeping an eye on scooters/motorcycles in the area and are constantly liaising with security on campus to immediately flag issues. **JK** highlighted the importance of raising issues with security and the Gardaí particularly on the Broadstone side of the campus as there is less of a security presence there meaning issues may not be flagged as quickly.

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<p><b>5.3.</b> <b>ME</b> reported a scooter theft incident that occurred on Monday between the Lower House and East Quad. <b>JK</b> confirmed that the incident has been logged with TU Dublin security and emphasized the importance of reporting such matters to both the Guards and campus security.</p>		
<p>The <b>Chair</b> proposed including a discussion on security and raising student awareness in the next agenda. This was welcomed by the Committee, with the importance of ongoing dialogue and establishing clear protocols for students and community highlighted.</p>	<b>LK</b>	<b>To include in the next CLC Meeting</b>
<p><b>5.4.</b> The <b>Chair</b> read into the minutes an update from DCC reps on an upcoming community Halloween event on 31 October at the car park beside the fruit market. The event will run from 5.30-9pm and include family entertainment, music and food along with a sensory bus starting at the earlier time fo 4.30pm. An invitation will be circulated once it becomes available.</p>		
<p><b>6. AOB</b></p>		
<p><b>6.1.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair highlighted a number of recent and upcoming events taking place in Grangegorman: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open House Dublin events this weekend (fully booked to date)</li> <li>○ Dublin Festival of History – Grangegorman Histories events around Grangegorman and Genealogy, and an upcoming storytelling event</li> <li>○ Culture Night Histories Tours – as popular as ever</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Horologist Visit to Clock Tower – highlighting some of the more niche aspects of Grangegorman’s heritage.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>7. Date of next meeting</b></p>		
<p><b>7.1.</b> The next CLC meeting takes place <b>in-person</b> on <b>19 November</b>.</p>		

## Appendix 1 – Project Background

### Background to 2NC1 presentation : Green Finger, Playscape & Ivy Avenue

- This site is adjacent to the Dublin 7 Educate Together Primary School, HSE Primary Care Centre and TU Dublin Central Quad and located in the Grangegorman site and Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).
- These works will deliver a co-ordinated public realm, including natural play space adjacent D7E7, additional cycle facilities and improved access to the Campus for pedestrians and cyclists and managed vehicular access.
- The Intention is for the D7ET school to use and manage part of the playscape during school hours. During school hours this part of the playscape will be accessible directly from the school and will be bound by a mix of low height fencing / natural barriers (hedging) 1.2mtrs high and a gate into the rest of the playscape that can be closed by the school during school hours.
- Playscape will be publicly accessible outside these hours – including weekends – and managed as part of the campus by TU Dublin
- The design concept centres on a natural playground scheme with different zones for formal and informal play spaces and may use natural repurposed materials from the larger site.
- The playscape will operate under a shared ownership model. It will be supervised by school staff and secured by a locked gate when the D7ET school children are the sole occupants of the space during school hours. Outside of school hours it will be accessible to the public and the gate will be open.
- A HSE primary care facility is located adjacent to the west side of the playscape site and will be a public footpath between the HSE facility and the playscape area.