

Minutes

Meeting Community Liaison Committee

Date-Time-Location 19th July 2023 10.00am via Microsoft Teams

Members present Jason Aughney (JA), Cllr Joe Costello (JC), Jenny Donohoe (JD), Brian

Gormley (BG), Lori Keeve (LK) Chair, Fiona Kelly (FK), Joanne Kearney

(JK), Kathleen McCann (KMC), Victoria MacKechnie (VMK), Luke

McManus (LMM),

By Invitation Aideen Lowery (AL) GDA, Peter McGovern (PMG), John Riordan (JR),

Orla Conlon (OC) and Gonzalo Costa (GC) Workday Design Team.

Apologies Paul Coleman (PC), Brendan Doggett (BD), Brian Jordan (BJ), Cllr Ray

McAdam (RMA), Liam McDonagh (LMD), Fionnuala McHugh (FMH), Neasa Hourigan TD (NH), Garda Shauna Naughton (GSN), Eugene Kelly

(EK), Neil O'Riordan (NOR), Cllr Nial Ring (NR).

Item Action Date 1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising 1.1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. 1.2. It was agreed to request an update on the installation of the LK/BD requested DCC bins at Broadstone for the next meeting. 1.3. JK noted the coffee van "Happy Days" has recently closed and a NOTE new supplier is currently being procured for the campus. 1.4. BG noted Laura Fitzpatrick is progressing replacing table tennis BG tables and can provide an update to the group at the next meeting. 1.5. LK LK noted that repair work had been carried out to the ground surfacing in the playground and added that it is likely that further work will be needed to replace the surfacing. She agreed to update the group when works are confirmed.

2. Workday Presentation

- 2.1. LK invited representatives from Workday and their Design Team led by Henry J Lyons to present the proposed plans for the Workday development.
- 2.2. PMG led the presentation to the group. He noted that the Design Team is in the process of completing the design ahead of public information sessions in August. He noted that the team is working closely with GDA around ensuring this development complies with the Grangegorman Planning Scheme. They intend to submit the plans to DCC for planning permission in September. Key points noted in the presentation included:
 - The development comprises two plots Building A and Building B on either side of St Brendan's Way.
 - Shapes are derived from the curve of the Masterplan

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routes and the project defines the edges of two key routes in Grangegorman – St Brendan's Way and the Serpentine Walk.

- The ground floor will include a number of public facing facilities such as retail opportunities and a community multi-purpose space.
- The buildings will range from 8-12 storeys in height with a total floor area of c.60,000sqm and will include an underground basement connecting the two.
- The new development is planned to accommodate approximately 3,500 employees on completion.
- Majority of parking provided will be bike parking (620 spaces), with a max of 50 EV car spaces planned a significant reduction from what envisaged in the Planning Scheme.
- The access to the car park is via Constitution Hill and moves underground at the Serpentine Walk. It is designed to be as invisible as possible with a single lane in/out.
- The landscaping plan aims to maximise planting, including incorporating planter boxes at basement level to facilitate growth of larger trees.
- There is an opportunity to host/create events in the public realm space between the two buildings.
- The existing public route along St Brendan's Way will be affected and will likely be rerouted along the Serpentine Walk during the construction phase. It will be part of the construction plan to reopen St Brendan's Way as soon as possible.
- Sustainability highlighted as an important element in the project citing the proposed use of carbon capture concrete and façade, along with plans to encourage flora and fauna to grow on the building.
- The expected timeline following planning approval will be 18 months build for Building 1 followed by Building 2 12 months later.

PMG then welcomed comments or queries from the group.

- 2.3. There were a number of queries around the buildings. It was noted that Building A will be the larger of the two buildings. JC expressed the view that this was not what he'd expected for the mixed-used area and stated that he found the design 'dark' and imposing. PMG noted the current images are basic renderings and that more photo realistic renderings and a 3D model would be produced for the public information sessions. He added that the design adheres to the height requirements set out in the Planning Scheme. VMK noted that further imagery showing how the development sits into the fabric of the campus are also being produced.
- 2.4. LMM noted that he did not share the same concerns around the

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buildings design however he had a few queries about the impact on St Brendan's Way, both the level of disruption during construction, and the ownership of that part of the route after completion. He noted that there is a lot of uneasiness around the idea of private ownership of this access in the local community. AL noted this part of St Brendan's Way will be owned by Workday but emphasised that there are strong commitments made in the lease agreement to ensure public use. LK noted that details around changes to the access during the construction period will be confirmed as the development progresses towards construction stage.

- 2.5. LMM queried how the single-use car lane would be managed and if there would be a possibility of queues of idling cars. PMG noted that there are only a small number of parking spaces catered for and as a result, it is not envisaged that this would be an issue.
- 2.6. FK noted that she was largely positive about the design and the Workday development She added that the 3D model would be useful. She also noted that she would be less concerned about the issue of ownership as maintenance on site is generally great with everyone welcome to address issues on this side of Broadstone. She viewed this as enhancing the level of security and stability of the Broadstone area and also elevate this part of the campus.
- 2.7. BG noted that general feedback from campus users is that the existing landscaping while good is of its time and people would prefer more softer plans, including a demand for open water on site for biodiversity. He queried if there is scope for this within the Workday development landscaping. PMG agreed to take this back to the Design Team for consideration.
- 2.8. PMG thanked everyone for the feedback and noted that it would be brought back to Workday and the rest of the Design Team. He agreed to keep the group updated through VMK and LK as plans progress. PMG, JR, GC, OC and AL then left the meeting.
- 3. **Project Updates**

LK gave an update on the following projects which included:

3.1. **D7 Educate Together National School:** Now occupied and opened since end of May. Feedback has been largely positive. The school also held tours of the new building led by 6 class pupils as part of the Revealing Grangegorman event.

<u>Junction Work:</u> No new update since the last meeting. We are still working with DCC on this and will confirm details when

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available. LMM queried if the design was complete. LK noted that it is most of the way there however it has not yet been fully agreed with DCC. LMM noted a request for leaf mulching facilities around the area. It was agreed to raise this with DCC.

- 3.2. TU Dublin Academic Hub: The concrete frame of both the new north and south blocks are topping out soon. The project is on programme for completion next summer, with the building due to be in use by September 2024. Roof works on the Protected North House are almost complete and mechanical and electrical works are under way throughout.
- 3.3. HSE Residential Care Neighbourhood: We are delighted to note that the planning application has been submitted to Dublin City Council. A decision is expected in the autumn.
- 3.4. <u>Clock Tower Building</u>: McGlynn Conservation Joinery are working on restoring a number of the old windows following receipt of a heritage grant from DCC.
- 3.5. <u>Indoor Sports:</u> O'Donnell + Tuomey have been appointed as the Design Team lead for phase 1 of this project.
- 3.6. West Quad: Lots of behind the scenes work on progressing this project to the next stage. It is expected that a refresh of the planning application will be submitted in the autumn as the original 5 year term is coming to an end.
- 3.7. **Grangegorman Histories:** A number of key updates were noted:
 - Call for the PhD has closed with 22 applications. The successful candidate is due to be selected in autumn.
 - Public Funding Call is now live with the closing date on 29 September. Link to be circulated to the group for wider dissemination.

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- "Grangegorman, A thousand years in the making" talk will take place for Heritage Week. Prof. Raymond Gillespie will give the talk on both 16 and 17 August in the RIA and in Grangegorman. Booking links to be circulated to the group.
- Seminar around exhibiting sensitive materials is planned for 10 October. Further details to be circulated once available.
- Additional resources have been added to the 'Resources for Further Study' guide, this phase focused on international and secondary resources. It is available at grangegormanhistories.ie.
- 3.8. Special Needs School: Dept. Education are leasing the former D7ET school site for an interim special school for young people with additional educational needs in the Dublin 7 area. This is being managed directly by the Dept. Education. We will keep everyone informed of updates on site.

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3.9. Revealing Grangegorman Event: A brief overview was given on the day which was hugely successful. It was noted that c.4,500 people attended the family fun day. There were a total of 40 free activities over the 3 days and all ticketed events were booked out. LK noted the efforts of Limelight Communications and TU Dublin Estates in making the event such a success, and thanked VMK for Workday sponsoring the popcorn and candyfloss for the family film. VMK and JC both congratulated the GDA team on the event and noted the train as a particular highlight. LK noted that a large part of the overall success of the event was due to the input of this group.

4. Bring Centre Update

- 4.1. LK noted that a new temporary location has been agreed in principle with DCC. It is adjacent to the existing centre but further away from the Clock Tower. Details are still be worked out to find an alternative solution to the compactors and GDA/DCC are in discussions with WEEE Ireland to coordinate a regular manned drop-in service. The Christmas tree recycling will also be accommodated.
- 4.2. JC noted that he sent a reply from DCC to circulate to CLC and stated that it was disappointing that nothing has been firmed up, everything is 'being explored'. He noted that the site is going to be unmanned and felt tiny in comparison. He stated that this proposal would not be accepted by the Councillors until everything that is currently there will be provided for.
- 4.3. LMM queried why the proposed facility would be unmanned as he stated this wouldn't work for the community. LK noted that that is a DCC decision as they will continue to manage the facility.
- 4.4. LMM noted that the local Residents' Association will be writing to the Agency on the matter. He stated that an unmanned and reduced facility will damage the Agency's stated commitment to sustainability. He added that given the recycling needs of TU Dublin and the community, there should be a solution that fits together within the Grangegorman site.
- 4.5. There was further discussion about the proposal which was agreed to be unsatisfactory by Community and Public Representatives. LK agreed to feedback the discussion internally and to have further details for the next meeting.

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

5.1. The next meeting will take place on **19 October** at 10am online via MS Teams.

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