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Meeting Consultative Group

Date-Time-Location Thursday 16 June 09:30 – 11:30

Members present Collette Burns (CB) TU Dublin; Fiona Davis (FD) HSE; Ronan Dunphy

(RD) TU Dublin Staff; Lori Keeve (LK) Chair GDA; Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) DCC; Annette Murphy (AM) HSE; Mark O'Neill (MON) Community; Cllr Nial Ring (NR) DCC; Andrea Valova (AV) HEA; Thomas Stone (TS) TU Dublin; Leslie Shoemaker (LS) TU

Dublin Staff

By invitation Des Marmion (DM) GDA; Valerie Mulvin (VM); Coran O'Connor (COC);

Aengus Cooke (AC) GDA

Apologies Eoin Farrell (EF) NTA; Neasa Hourigan TD (NH) Public Rep; Sharon

Hughes (SH) TU Dublin SU; Mark O'Donnell (MOD) TU Dublin SU

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1. Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1. LK welcomed everyone and gave a brief rundown of the Agenda. She noted that the previous meeting comprised a campus tour of the new facilities which went very well.
- 1.2. LK introduced DM, VM and COC to the group and invited them to present the latest designs for the RCN.

2. Residential Care Neighbourhood – Design Presentation

- 2.1. DM gave a brief introduction to the design team and the context of the project. VM and COC then presented the design to the group. Key points of note were:
 - The RCN will primarily consist of homes for older people comprising three 25-bed households with ensuite bathrooms and onsite catering. Part of the RCN is also dedicated to housing those with mental health support needs.
 - It is located along one of the Masterplan 'green fingers' with the Primary Care Centre to the south of it.
 - The aim is to create homes that get as close possible to independent living for residents.
 - The building pulls back from the boundary at a lower height than permitted by the SDZ and increases in height towards the centre of the site.
 - The entrance can be accessed from multiple points via Grangegorman Upper and NCR. The basement car park for visitors and delivery area will be accessed via NCR.
 - An east-west pedestrian link runs under the building and will be accessible to all Grangegorman users. It will also be used as a discrete drop-off point for RCN residents.
 - There is a daycare facility on the upper level, a pharmacy on the ground floor at the south corner and a large

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communal garden for RCN residents facing Grangegorman Upper.

- Two-storey courtyard at upper level and lower level. Accessed directly from main social spaces. Generous planting at ground level and a landscaped green buffer between the residents of Grangegorman Upper.
- Sustainability considerations include biodiversity of the extensive planting and how the heat management has been integrated into the design.

The current programme timeline was noted as the following:

- Planning permission submission end summer 2022
- o Aim construction commencement autumn 2023
- Anticipated completion summer 2025

VM and COC then invited questions from the group

- 2.2. CB noted that it is a fantastic design and arrangement of spaces. She queried the ground floor uses and whether the east-west link would be gated. VM noted that all the public facilities are on the ground floor and along the green finger as far as possible, as are the general dining rooms and day-care therapy. The east-west link is important to be accessible for everyone and is not intended to be gated.
 - CB also highlighted the importance of ensuring that the public and private spaces are very clearly delineated. VM noted this has been integrated into the design citing one example through planting which shields the dining room
- 2.3. AM raised queries in relation to the drop-off via Grangegorman Upper as this gate is currently closed in the evenings and has infrequent use. It was noted that this is part of a wider discussion to look at how this will be managed as this area of the site becomes more developed. AM also noted that the GDA and building contractor will need to work closely with Audiology in the Primary Care Centre to minimise disruption during the construction process
- 2.4. TS enquired about SMART technology in the building and suggested possible links with TU Dublin. LS noted that the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering also carries out projects with older people. It was agreed the conversation was worth exploring.
- 2.5. The group thanked DM, VM and COC for their time and great presentation and look forward to seeing the project progress. DM, VM and COC then left the meeting.

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3. **Project Updates**

- 3.1. LK provided a presentation outlining the status of all live projects in the development beginning with the school.
- 3.2. <u>D7 Educate Together School</u> works continue to progress well with brickwork and internal services being the current focus for the teaching block and main structure of the GP block now in place. The sample classroom has been setup to finalise details between the design team, contractor and the school. The project remains on programme for completion in spring 2023.

A play area adjacent to the school is in detailed design stage. It will be a natural play space comprising different zones, one of which will be partitioned for the school's use during school hours and public outside those hours.

- 3.3. Academic Hub & Library construction commenced in March.
 OHLA Townlink JV is the contractor for the build. A sod-turning event with Minister Simon Harris and Minister Paschal Donohoe took place on 22 March. The first phase of work included installing a new public path south of the hoarding line. The demolition of the North House Annex is currently underway.
- 3.4. Clock Tower Stabilisation Works Tolmac Construction are carrying out essential works to the Protected Structure to prevent it from deteriorating further. It is short project that should be completed in the autumn. Further works will be required to refurbish and bring the full building back into use at a future phase of development.
- 3.5. Residential Care Neighbourhood Consultation session with residents of Grangegorman Upper was held in April. The residents were very positive about the project.
- 3.6. <u>FOCAS Research Institute</u> The design team is working through the preliminary design for the project.
- 3.7. <u>Prussia Street Gateway</u> Design submitted as part of third party SHD application to An Bord Pleanála. Currently awaiting decision.
- 3.8. <u>Area D: Mixed Use Development</u> Workday has announced their planned new European HQ in Grangegorman. They will be located between the East Quad and Broadstone.
- 3.9. <u>Events</u> The new National Policy for Architecture was launched in Grangegorman in May and Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland visited the campus. Upcoming events include a Climate Action Day in Grangegorman as part of the Stoneybatter Festival on 18 June.
- 3.10. <u>Grangegorman Histories</u> a series of events are planned including Culture Night, Dublin Festival of History and Stages of

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Memory play, with TU Dublin Conservatoire Drama students. Details will be circulated closer to the dates.

3.11. Public Art – Celebrated 'Solaris Nexum' for International Sculpture Day in April. 'What Does He Need' exhibition from Fiona Whelan and Rialto Youth Group and supported by Grangegorman Public Art held in IMMA.

4. **AOB**

4.1. RMA requested an update on the HSE project at 1-5 Grangegorman Villas if available. LK noted that the HSE had informed the GDA that a new tender process is underway to find a new contractor to complete the project.

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

5.1. The next meeting will take place on 22 September 2022 online via MS Teams.

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