

Minutes

Meeting Consultative Group

Date-Time-Location 7 October 2021, online via MS Teams

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

Dunphy (RD) TU Dublin Staff; Kathleen Eccles (KE) HSE Services Users; Neasa Hourigan TD (NH) Public Rep; Sharon Hughes (SH)

TU Dublin SU; Lori Keeve (LK) GDA; Eugene Kelly (EK)

Community; Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) DCC; Mark O'Donnell (MOD) TU Dublin SU; Mark O'Neill (MON) Community; Cllr Nial Ring (NR)

DCC; Rachel Simons (RS) HSE Service Users; Catherine

Stapleton (CS) GDA; Valova (AV) HEA;

Apologies Eoin Farrell (EF) NTA; Leslie Shoemaker (LS) TU Dublin Staff;

Thomas Stone (TS) TU Dublin;

Item Action Date

1. Welcome and Introductions

1.1. LK welcomed everyone to the new term of the Consultative Group and asked for introductions. She gave a brief rundown of Agenda and explained the role of the group, noting that meetings are quarterly.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1. As there was only one member present from the previous Consultative Group, LK advised sending the last meeting minutes to the previous group for approval.

3. **Project Overview**

3.1. Development Update

LK provided a slide presentation of the Grangegorman development outlining the status of all current projects on site.

Broadstone Plaza - Key milestone met with the opening of the Broadstone Plaza. It connects the campus to the Broadstone Luas stop and provides a major pedestrian/cyclist access on the east side. The Broadstone Link now has 24/7 access which is a core principle of the Masterplan.

<u>D7 Educate Together (D7ETNS)</u> - Construction works progressing well and on programme, currently at 4 floor of the Teaching Block.

<u>Print Making Workshop (PW)</u> – Substantial Completion and handover of this temporary building in August, now in use by students.



<u>Field Sports Changing Facility (SC)</u> – Aim to open these modular facilities at the end of Oct. They are temporary until a longer-term solution can be developed.

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<u>Academic Hub & Library (AH)</u> – Delays since the originally programmed August start-on-site date. Tender process remains live to identify and appoint the contractor. The group will be kept informed of updates.

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<u>West Quad</u> (WQ) – Continuing to complete details of design. The process for sale of Aungier Street is being assessed in parallel to this. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.

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Residential Care Neighbourhood (RCN) – Aim to submit planning application by end of year however this has yet to be confirmed. Further updates and consultation to be provided once confirmed.

<u>FOCAS Research Institute</u> – Closing out the design competition and hope to appoint a Design Team shortly. The c.4,500m² development will further consolidate the emerging research and innovation hub alongside the Greenway Hub.

<u>Clock Tower (CT)</u> – Now home to TU Dublin's President and his team. Currently working through procurement process for stabilisation and fabrication works. Aim to commence on site early 2022.

<u>SDZ Height Review</u> – GDA are statutorily obliged to carry out an independent height review for the SDZ. This is now being assessed internally before it will be presented to stakeholders, including this group.

<u>Filtered Permeability</u> – DCC works are well under way on the permanent scheme and due to be completed shortly.

<u>Grangegorman Gallery</u> – The latest proposal under the Hoarding Strategy saw up to 20 artists contribute to street murals along the hoarding for the new school. It was curated by Emmeline Blake and supported by DCC, TU Dublin and Ganson as well as GDA.

<u>Public Art</u> – 'Solaris Nexum', a major sculptural artwork by Alexandra Carr has been installed in the atrium of the Central Quad.

The 'Public Art Now' international conference held in June was well received with delegates from all over the world. Feedback has been very positive noting that the online nature of the event allowed for a greater demographic spread.

<u>Grangegorman Histories</u> – 'Timepiece', a podcast on the history of the Clock Tower's clock is publicly available following its launch on Culture Night. A second event, a panel discussion around mental health terminology and its history, is due to take place on 21 Oct.



<u>Key Contacts</u> - LK noted key contacts for TU Dublin Campus related enquires as being: <u>estates.city@TUDublin.ie</u> and <u>update.citycampus@TUDublin.ie</u>.

For Grangegorman development and construction queries the contact remains communications@ggda.ie.

3.2. TU Dublin Update

CB provided a presentation briefing the group on recently completed projects for TU Dublin. She noted:

- <u>East Quad</u> Home to the Conservatory of Music & Drama, Creative Arts, & Media. Completed February 2021 and provides for 3,500 students and 150 staff.
- <u>Central Quad</u> Migrated from Kevin St and Cathal Brugha Street, home to Sciences, Computer Science & Maths, Culinary Arts, Tourism, Hospitality, Electrical & Electronic Engineering. Completed March 2021 and provides for 6,500 students and 200 staff.
- <u>Park House</u> Interim TU Dublin Library. Includes a ground floor café block & study space, and Student Academic Support Services. Also houses TU Dublin offices and others including GDA on upper floors.
- Rathdown House Restaurant now caters for 250. A student helpdesk at reception and a Health and Counselling Centre have been added with the building now open for students & staff.
- <u>Lower House</u> Protected Structure completely refurbished for a multitude of uses: sport studios, music rooms, dance studios, Student Union & societies. Restaurant and café with 250 seats. Completed in February 2021.

3.3. Discussion

3.3.1. MON stated that the presentations were beneficial and provided great insight into current developments. He requested a group tour of the new facilities if possible. LK noted that this was unlikely to happen this year and suggested organising a tour as part of the March 2022 meeting.

GDA

- 3.3.2. NH requested further information on Park House. CB explained that the University's library facilities are temporarily located here until the Academic Hub can be completed. It will likely be used primarily as office space once the library moves. She also noted that TU Dublin will eventually re-clad the building.
- 3.3.3. NH and RMA raised queries around the SDZ Heights Review. LK informed the group that the GDA is obligated to undertake the review, as do all SDZs. The GDA is assessing whether there is potential to review the height levels in certain areas of the site. She added that there is currently no recommendation to do so, however this is part of the review process. The review will be presented to all

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stakeholders once it has been completed. It will then be finalised for submission to DCC who will submit it to An Bord Pleanála.

3.3.4. RMA requested additional information on the redesign of the road layout outside the new school and queried if the GDA was working with DCC. LK noted there is ongoing engagement with DCC on the area as it is a DCC space. It is expected to be in place prior to the opening of the new school. The designs will be shared with the group once available.

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3.3.5. KE raised queries around car parking on site, noting recent issues with people parking in HSE spaces. EK also noted issues with parking in the surrounding area. SH raised concern around the limited public transport routes for travelling between the different campuses, noting that without a good system in place, more students will choose to drive which compounds the parking issue in Grangegorman.

LK acknowledged the issues and noted that there is a car parking strategy in place for the site which designates spaces for campus users however the quantum of parking available is defined by the SDZ Planning Scheme. CB explained the metrics of how permits are issued across the three car parking areas TU Dublin can use. It was noted that what is currently available is the maximum permitted at this stage of the development.

- 3.3.6. NR queried if there is an obligation to include the Irish language across campus signage. LK confirmed that campus signage has both English and Irish translations. CB added that TU Dublin are looking to standardise all signage in this regard. NR queried if any signage would include historic information in different parts of the site. LK noted that Grangegorman Histories are exploring ways to make historical information available and are currently looking at podcasts for some of the buildings. CB noted that there are images placed throughout the Lower House to provide historical insight. LK added that this could be included in as part of a group tour at a later date.
- 3.3.7. SH raised the issue of the unaffordability of student accommodation and noted concern that these facilities will be rezoned for other used if students cannot access them. She queried if developing student accommodation on site was a priority. LK stated that the GDA is actively looking to progress student accommodation in Grangegorman as a key part of the Masterplan. She noted that there have been challenges to this however it remains very much on the agenda. It was noted that there had been a recent circular issued in relation to permissions around changing use of student accommodation across the city. RMA offered to issue to the group following the meeting.

RMA

4. Topics for Future Meetings

- 4.1. LK asked the group what topics they would like to cover for future meetings. The topics noted were:
 - Student accommodation
 - Transport



Residential Care Neighbourhood

It was agreed that the Residential Care Neighbourhood would be the focus for the December meeting. LK to invite the team to present to LK Dec the group.

- 5. Any Other Business
- 5.1. None
- 6. **Next Meeting**
- 6.1. LK thanked everyone for their contributions and noted that she looks forward to working with the group over the next three years. The next meeting is due to take place on 9 December 2021.