

## Minutes

Meeting Consultative Group

Date-Time-Location Thursday 12 December 2024 @ 9.30am Microsoft Teams

Members present James Barry (JB) HSE; Kevin Cox (KC) NTA; Alicja Downey (AD)

HSE; Helena Fitzgerald (HF) TU Dublin; Cllr Janet Horner (JH) DCC; Resma KakKattuchalil (RKK) HSE; Lori Keeve (LK) Chair GDA; Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Jim Roche (JR) TU Dublin staff; Liam Sharkey (LS) TU Dublin staff; Seáneen Sullivan (SS)

Community; Nigel Thompson (NT) GDA

Apologies Collette Burns (CB) TU Dublin; Jessica Gallagher (JG) TU Dublin

SU; Neasa Hourigan (NH) TD, Public Rep; Cllr John Stephens (JS) DCC; Andrea Valova (AV) HEA; Shauna Wallace (SW) TU

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## 1. Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1. **LK** welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new term of the Consultative Group and noted apologies.
- 1.2. **LK** invited everyone to introduce themselves, their representative stakeholder group and particular areas of interest.
- 1.3. **LK** outlined the mandate and purpose of the Consultative Group under the GDA Act and noted that presentations and minutes would be published on the GDA website.

## 2. Grangegorman Project Overview

- 2.1. Due to many of the group being new to the Consultative Group, **LK** provided a brief overview of the Grangegorman development to date, noting c.21% of completed development and outlining temporary areas particularly in the public realm. She also introduced the cultural aspects of the Agency's works through the public art and Grangegorman Histories programmes.
- 2.2. **LK** then provided updates on each live project on site starting with the <u>Academic Hub.</u> She noted the building's intended use on completion and it's current construction status. Installation of fitted furniture is progressing in all internal areas. Pre-testing of mechanical and electrical components continues and final works to windows and doors is also ongoing. External paving is progressing well with asphalt finishes being installed this week. **JH** queried if the group could have a tour of the new facility when available. **LK** stated that this would be possible and could be coordinated with a future meeting of the Consultative Group. It was agreed to action this.

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- 2.3. <u>Demolition Works</u>: Planning permission for these works was granted in May and is expected to commence on site in early January. Public notice will be issued prior to start of works.
- 2.4. Planning News: Updates were provided on two projects currently at planning stage the Prussia Street Gate and works to the Junction of Rathdown Road and Grangegorman Upper. It was noted the Prussia Street Gate and temporary construction access application is currently awaiting a decision from DCC. JH requested further details about this proposal. LK agreed to follow up with her with further information and links to the submission following the meeting.

It was noted that the junction works requires a new planning application that is currently being prepared for submission to DCC. **LK** also gave a brief summary of the public consultation carried out in October.

- 2.5. West Quad: It was noted that the refresh planning application for this new building for TU Dublin was granted in May. Tender evaluations for a property exchange procurement with Aungier Street for this development are currently ongoing.
- 2.6. Residential Care Neighbourhood: The first stage of a two-stage public procurement process for Works Contractor has commenced. Stage 2 will launch in early 2025. This will be the first new housing project on site and will also provide another new public access into Grangegorman from North Circular Road.
- 2.7. Updates were also provided on the following:
  - GDA local community elections process
  - Recent Grangegorman Histories events as part of Dublin Festival of Histories
  - The unveiling of the Úlla Orchard artwork from artist Julianne Gee-Ho
  - Open House Dublin events
  - Broadstone lunchtime markets

## 3. 2025 Meeting Themes

3.1. **LK** invited the group to share ideas for topics that would be of interest and could be future meeting themes for this term of the Consultative Group. There was strong discussion and engagement around this with the following suggested possible themes:

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- Transport plans around the Grangegorman area –
  including NTA and DCC plans as well as future
  Grangegorman site permeability. It was suggested that
  the CRAWL project could also form part of this theme.
- Grangegorman Geothermal project (Project GEMINI)
- Decarbonisation of the Grangegorman site to include presentations from GDA, TU Dublin and HSE on work around this topic and climate action roadmaps.
- Grangegorman Biodiversity
- Embodied Carbon of buildings and how this is being managed in future Grangegorman developments.
- Grangegorman Histories
- Residential Care Neighbourhood
- Use and care of Grangegorman's public realm to include campus safety and security, current and planned future public use and permeability, and future site development.

It was agreed to explore these themes in future meetings and to invite others to present on certain topics as required. For

- **4. AGB** ple **HF** suggested inviting Lorraine D'Arcy to talk to group about the CRAWL project.
- 4.1. The next meeting of the Consultative Group will be in March. **LK** noted that meeting dates would be circulated for 2025 early in the New Year.

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