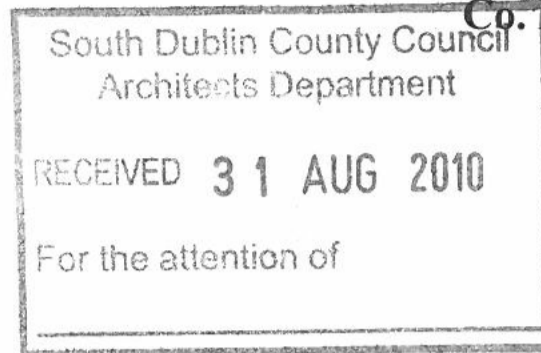


Balgaddy Working Together Group

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Dear Mr Coman

At a recent public meeting attended by twenty seven residents and two local representatives a discussion on the proposed development of the Park at Meile An Ri, Balgaddy Road and Tor an Ri Court, and the other associated works.

After long and detailed discussion the following points represent the views of the meeting.

- The meeting agreed that unless proper and adequate Security measures were taken the proposal would suffer from Anti- Social Behaviour and Vandalism. The meeting further suggested that they were anxious that South Dublin County Council would work with the Residents to ensure this project worked to the benefit of all. The following suggestions were made, accepting that cost may affect choices, but that a secured, Community supported and well maintained area had the best chance of survival. Here are a list of suggestion from the meeting.

Security

- The site is completely secured with gates that are locked at night
- That the site is secured to the extent that cars cannot access the site.
- That adequate Lighting is installed
- That Monitored CCTV with the Voice Warning be installed.
- That the MUGA and Playground area are at least secured with lockable Entrances.

The meeting agreed that the minimum should be Lighting, CCTV and the Muga and playground be secured with lockable gates.

Site Layout

- That the areas described as wildflower/meadow be reduced and lawn grass areas increased
- The meeting proposed that the front two sections that are bordered by Balgaddy Road and Tor an Ri Court change from Wild flower/Meadow to grass/lawn area
- That the playground is increased in size to cater for Toddlers and older children, and divided as with the newer playgrounds on an age basis.
- That the seating type and locations are discussed with the Residents in advance
- That the Park and Meadows be levelled with no mounds or hills to allow full visibility and maintain safety for all

Site 3

- The area behind the current hording should be levelled to ensure increased visibility and reduce opportunities for illegal dumping will. What boundary treatment is proposed for the area behind the proposed landscaped area?

The meeting also proposed that the Council needs to inform, consult and discuss with the Residents, on issues such as play equipment, time frame and work schedule.

The meeting also discussed the possibility of employing some local people to supervise and maintain the area, it was felt that maybe a CE Scheme or participants from another scheme may be possible, or the Council be creative and employ some local person or persons to ensure that this park works for the local people. Alternatively, the Council should be innovative and investigate the possibility of giving a reduction in rent to a number of local residents residing near the proposed developments, as an incentive to maintain these areas.

Other suggestions included looking to Stewards Training workshop or Carline to engage younger people on the possibility of maintaining the area.

There was a major concern over the safety of children crossing the Balgaddy Road in particular, and in this regard traffic calming measures should be put in place to ensure the safety of children and their parents.

Trusting you will give the above due consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

