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Thanks, Eamon

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Dublin Mid-West Labour Party

Submission on proposed new public park and other associated landscape works at Meile an Ri and Tor an Ri, Balgaddy, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

Made under the terms of Planning and Development Acts
2000-2008, and Planning and Development Regulations
2001-2008 Part 8

Signed

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For the attention of
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Introduction

We welcome the proposal, under the Mayor's Initiative, to provide much needed public recreational facilities for the community of Balgaddy and Foxdene. We believe that the provision of facilities of the type proposed is overdue, given the number of years that many of the residents, including children and young people, have lived in the area. We urge the Council to implement the proposed development, once the agreement of residents and their representative groups including the Balgaddy Working Together Group and the Environmental Group has been secured to as great a degree as possible, in as speedy a manner as possible, having regard to regulations regarding tenders for contract work and purchase of equipment.

We note and welcome the growth and maturing of involvement by individual residents, residents groups such as Balgaddy Working Together and the Environmental Group, in activities aimed at improving community spirit, achieving community based facilities and services, and collaborating effectively with the Council's Housing and Community Departments, the CPLN Partnership, The Ronanstown Youth Service, the North Clondalkin Community Safety Forum and other organisations. We believe that this strengthening of the community can be supported and enhanced by the Council working on the proposed development in a spirit of partnership that results in the community genuinely influencing the project outcomes, so that when the project is completed and in operation all residents will feel that they have got what they wanted, and believe that they own the park in a real sense.

We have seen the submission from Balgaddy Working Together, and we can confirm that its contents very much reflect the views expressed by residents at the public meeting in the Bush Centre on 24th August, attended by one of us (Cllr Tuffy). We urge the Council to give serious consideration to every point made in the Balgaddy Working Together Submission.

Consultation with Residents and Residents' Groups

We believe that the residents, having waited for facilities of this type, wish to have the proposed project completed and available for use at an early date. It is also clear that residents, and residents groups such as Balgaddy Working Together have already given a lot of thought and effort to campaigning for such facilities and setting out, in their submissions to the Council and otherwise, their wishes on what facilities should be provided and how they should be provided. We therefore urge the Council to give as much time and attention as

possible to considering the views, requests and stated priorities of residents, and to facilitate and engage in further consultation with residents and residents' groups before the final decision on the proposed project is taken, in accordance with Part 8 regulations, by councillors at a full Council meeting.

We note that in recent correspondence to councillors from the Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department, that it is intended to place the Part 8 Proposal, with recommendations from the Manager on the Agenda of the September Council meeting, on Monday 13th September. We accept that it is not desirable to have to wait until October to have the Part 8 proposal ratified, so we agree with the intention to bring the project to the September meeting. In these circumstances, we urge that the Manager allocate sufficient staff and other resources to have the submissions made assessed by Monday 6th September, and to then make appropriate arrangements to consult with those who made submissions, especially residents and residents' groups including Balgaddy Working Together and the Environmental Group, through consultation meetings during the week beginning 6th September. Noting that the Manager proposes provide a report to councillors on Monday 6th September, we believe there should be sufficient time for further worthwhile interaction and council officials on aspects of the proposed plans, so that the final report that goes to the September Council meeting is based on a very thorough consultation process between the Council, the residents and residents' groups and councillors.

Points relating to some aspects of the proposed public park and associated landscape works

We request the Council to give sympathetic consideration to all of the requests and views in the Balgaddy Working Together submission, and in the submissions sent in by individual residents. We will not repeat their requests, but will instead use the opportunity given by the Part 8 submission process to emphasise a small number of points, most if not all of which will have been made in the Balgaddy Working Together submission.

- We request that pedestrian safety be treated as a priority issue, and that particular attention be given to reducing to the greatest extent possible any risk to children and other park users in going to and coming from the park. In our view provision must be made, through effective traffic management measures, to ensure that children and adults crossing Balgaddy Road, from Burg an Ri and the primary schools, to go to and come from the park, must be able to cross the road in safety. Currently there is no footpath between Meile an Ri and Tor an Ri along the front of the land for the proposed park. It is essential that a footpath be provided at this location. We note that part of the proposed project is Site 2, at Meile an Ri View. We recommend that as part of the

proposed project the hazard to pedestrians, especially children, in the area of Meile an Ri View and Crescent(which has already been the subject of a meeting between residents and Roads Department officials), be dealt with, through the provision of bollards at a suitable location, either at or near one of the entrances to Meile an Ri Crescent (from Foxdene or Meile an Ri Drive), or on the Crescent leading in to Meile an Ri View.

- We agree with the view that the Boundary treatment on Site 1 of the proposed project must be such as to absolutely prevent incursion onto the park of cars, vans, lorries, motor cycles, quadruped motor cycles and similar vehicles.
- We welcome the proposal that a large part of Site 1 be developed as a wild flower meadow with gentle mounding where appropriate. However we ask that consideration be given to the two small areas proposed for such landscaping near the park entrance from the Balgaddy Road, being changed to level cut grass playing areas.
- We recommend that the proposed Playground be of sufficient size and have an appropriate range of equipment to cater for the large number of children of all ages living in the area. We believe that the Arthur Griffith Park Playground is a good model on which to base the design of the Balgaddy Playground. We recommend that parents, and children, be consulted on the selection of equipment and that equipment with the highest level of resistance to damage be chosen, consistent with the highest safety standards.
- We believe that the success of the project will be very dependent on the nature of the boundary treatment put in. We realise that it is difficult to provide boundary treatment and fencing for facilities like the MUGA and the Playground, and recommend that the Council assess the measures taken by other Local Authorities in the Dublin Region which have proved effective in providing security and safety and at the same time maximizing the availability to the users.
- We recommend that the Council explore the setting up of a Balgaddy Park Users Group, in consultation with residents, to work with the Council's Housing and Parks Department in overseeing the good operation of the facility.
- We recommend that if at all possible, the Park be included in those Parks owned by the Council which are patrolled by Park Rangers.
- We recommend, that innovative initiatives be explored, in consultation with residents, FAS, CPLN and other organisations for projects/work experience/ training and employment schemes which would involve the youth of the area in the use, maintenance and management of the park.
- We support the proposals in other submissions for appropriate lighting(having regard to wildlife issues) and CCTV security installation.

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