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**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

**PART 8 REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS TO GRANGE ROAD PART 8.**

**Report on Amendments to Grange Road Part 8 consultation process for the construction and upgrading of a walking and cycle scheme and public realm improvement scheme on Grange Road, (between Beaufort Downs and Tara Hill Road).**

The proposed changes to the existing Part 8 includes the following works:

1. Continuation of the cycle tracks through the full length of the scheme. Advisory cycle tracks to be provided in the narrowest section.
2. Removal of three small areas of parking, one to the south of Beaufort Downs, the other north of Convent Rd N and the other opposite Convent Road S, in order to maximise the footpath width in these areas.
3. A pedestrian crossing is to be provided at Stonepark Abbey, as this is a significant crossing point.
4. Various increased traffic calming proposals, including extending traffic platforms and changes to the colour of the road surfacing.
5. Merge the two northbound bus stops, one adjacent to Tara Hill Rd the other near Convent Lane, which are only 117m apart, as the bus stop adjacent to Tara Hill Rd causes significant congestions and is a safety hazard.

# Introduction

* 1. **Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this Chief Executive Report is to present the outcome of the Part 8 consultation, to respond to submissions made during the consultation period and to make recommendations in relation to the proposed development where appropriate.

# Structure of the Report

This report provides the following:

* An introduction including details on the purpose of the report and an outline of the public consultation programme that was carried out.
* Description of the proposed development.
* List of Submissions received
* A summary of the issues raised in the submissions made during the consultation period together with the Chief Executive Responses and Recommendations.
* Assessment as to whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
* Recommendation as to whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case maybe.

# Outline of Public Consultation Programme

* + 1. *Non-Statutory Consultation for the original Grange Rd Part 8*

Non-statutory consultation was carried out for the original Part 8 in St Enda's Park in July 2015 and a stakeholder’s workshop event was held on Wednesday July 2015 at Pearse Museum, St Enda’s Park, Rathfarnham. In addition visits to all the schools were carried out in September/October 2015 with the (the Green schools coordinator attended some of the meetings) to make them aware of and brief them on the Part 8.

* + 1. *Statutory Consultation for the original Grange Rd Part 8*

The Part 8 proposals were presented to the Rathfarnham Councillors at a briefing meeting on Thursday 19th of November 2015. The Statutory Consultation for the original Part 8 proposed development and accompanying Appropriate Assessment report was placed on public display for the statutory period from Thursday 3rd of December to Wednesday 10th February 2016. The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations via e-mail to [smartertravelsd@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:smartertravelsd@sdublincoco.ie) or to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use Planning and Transportation on or before 5.00pm on Wednesday 10th February 2016. Copies of the plans were available at :

* South Dublin County Council Offices, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 between hours of 9.00am- 5.00 Monday to Thursday and 9.00-4.30pm on Friday (Inspection and purchase)
* Whitechurch Library, Taylor’s Lane, Ballyboden, Dublin 16, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 2.00pm to 5.00pm and 6 to 8pm. Wednesday 9.45am-1pm and 2-5pm. Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Library closed from Friday 18th of December 2015-to Sunday 3rd January 2016.
* Ballyroan Library, Orchardstown Avenue, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, Monday – Thursday 9.45am-8.00pm, Fridays and Saturdays 9.45-4.30pm (Closed Saturday and Mondays of bank holiday weekends).
* Council staff were available for planned drop-in sessions between Monday 1st February to Thursday 4th of February 10am-12pm, inclusive.
  + 1. *Statutory Consultation for the Amendments to Grange Rd Part 8*

The Amendments of the Part 8 proposals were presented to the Rathfarnham Area Committee on the 12th of June 2018. The Statutory Consultation for the Amendments to the Grange Rd Part 8 was placed on public display for the statutory period from the 22nd of June to the 9th August 2018. The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations via South Dublin’s on-lin[e consultation portal: http://consult.sdublincoco.ie](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/) or to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use Planning and Transportation on or before 4.00pm on 9th August 2018. Copies of the plans were available at :

* South Dublin County Council Offices, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 between hours of 9.00am- 5.00 Monday to Thursday and 9.00-4.30pm on Friday (Inspection and purchase)

Submissions

Submissions and observations on the Amendments to Grange Rd Part 8 could be made online and in writing to the addresses below between Thursday 22nd of June to Thursday 9th of August inclusive (excluding Public Holidays) as follows;

* Online: at https://consult.sdublincoco.ie
* By Post: In writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use, Planning and Transportation, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

A total of 1 submission was received by 4pm on the 9th August 2018.

# *1.4* Legislative Background

Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), requires that the Chief Executive of a local authority shall, after the expiration of the period during which submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made, in accordance with regulations under subsections (2), prepare a written report in relation to the proposed development and submit the report to the members of the authority.

Section 179(b) outlines that a report prepared in accordance with paragraph (a) shall-

1. describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area.
2. evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation.
3. list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under *subsection (2)*,
4. summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the Chief Executive thereto, and
5. recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be.

Under Section 179(4) of the Planning and Development Act, members of a local authority shall, as soon as may be, consider the proposed development and the report of the Chief Executive. Following the consideration of the Chief Executive report under *paragraph (a)*, the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive report, unless the local authority, by resolution, decides to vary or modify the development, otherwise than as recommended in the Chief Executive report, or decides not to proceed with the development.

(*c*) A resolution under *paragraph (b)* must be passed not later than 6 weeks after receipt of the

Chief Executive report.

# Proposed amendments

* 1. Description of the Proposed amendments :

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# Plans and details

The plans and details are available at the following link: https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/amendments-grange-road-part-8

# List of Submissions

1 submission was received during the specified period of the public consultation in respect of the proposed development from the following:

AGR0001 Hugh Raftery (Via consultation Portal Ref: SD-C62-1)

# Summary and Categorisation of Issues Raised and Chief Executive’s Responses

* 1. **Introduction**

This section presents an analysis of the submissions and includes a summary of each of the issues raised and the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive.

The responses of the Chief Executive have been framed taking account of the statutory obligations of the local authority, relevant Government and Ministerial guidelines and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

# Summary of Issues Raised, Responses and Recommendations

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| Submission No.1 –Hugh Raftery  This submission relate to the following issues:   1. Submission states that it is disappointing to see that the road cannot be widened sufficiently to provide better cycle infrastructure and considers advisory cycle lanes in a narrow road are ineffective in providing a safe zone for cyclists. Suggests that the design team should review the provision for trees, to see if more space can be given to the cycle lanes. 2. Segregated cycle lanes   Submission considers that the segregated cycle lanes are very welcome in this design. Feels that this is the most effective means for providing safe cycling infrastructure and in addition, the provision of cycling inside the parking zone at the northern end of the scheme is welcome. |

# Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:

1. The advisory cycle lanes are being proposed as the road and footpath are both very narrow at this location. Platforms are being used, plus coloured surfacing, in order to slow traffic. The reduced speeds will help to improve safety for cyclists and the inclusion of coloured advisory cycle lanes will help to empathise that cyclists are using this route. The road is being narrowed to 6m, which is minimum where there is a bus route. The only way to provide segregated cycle lanes would be to further narrow the footpath, which would be unacceptable. The inclusion of a small number of trees is also to improve the visual environment and has no effect on the road or footpath widths.
2. Noted.

# 5.0 County Development Plan 2010-2016

The promotion of more sustainable modes of transport that link more consolidated urban areas together is central to the core strategy of the County Development Plan strategy.

Section 2.2.15.i of the County Development Plan 2010 - 2016 outlines that it is the policy of the Council to ensure sustainable forms of movement and the use of the street by pedestrians

and cyclists and to promote permeable pedestrian and cyclist networks connecting to shops,

community facilities, employment areas and desired places to go.

TM3 Objective 2:

To ensure that connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists is maximised in new communities and improved within existing areas in order to maximise access to local shops, schools, public transport services and other amenities, with seeking to minimise opportunities for anti-social behaviour and respecting the wishes of the local communities.

TM Objective 3:

To ensure that all streets and street networks are designed to prioritise the movement of pedestrians and cyclists with a safe and comfortable environment for a wide range of ages, abilities and journey types.

TM Objective 4:

To prioritise the upgrade of footpaths, lighting and public realm maintenance and supporting signage on public roads/paths where a demonstrated need exists for busy routes used by runners and walkers.

Having regard to the nature and extent of the proposed project, it is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and the County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 and the draft County Development Plan 2016-2022.

# Recommendation:

As there was only 1 submission received and as segregated cycle lanes cannot be provided throughout the length of the scheme, the Chief Executive is of the view that the Amendments to Grange Rd Part 8 should be approved.

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