Mayor and Members

Re: HI – 9 Public Consultation on Council Projects during COVID 19

Dear Members,

As outlined elsewhere, it is intended to continue to plan and execute planned projects in the interests of this county’s socio- economic development and broader economy recovery generally. The near certain continuation of social distancing in the medium term requires consideration in the context of public engagement on projects and policy. This includes:

* Formal Part 8 consultations.
* Pre planning informal consultations such as:
  + Sometimes takes place for housing developments
  + Those planned for projects like Killinarden Open Space Redesign, the Canal Loop through Lucan.
* Policy initiatives including the County Development Plan Review and the new County Biodiversity Plan.

In terms of the government roadmap, stage 4 from the 20th of July allows small nonfamily social gatherings, which extends to larger gatherings from the 10th of August. The following is the indicative list of plans and projects involved.

**Indicative list of Plans and Projects to 31/12/2020**

* County Development Plan Review – starting July 2020
* County Biodiversity Plan – July 2020
* Killinarden Open Space – predesign consultation July /August 2020 – Part 8 October 2020
* Canal Loop – non statutory consultation July / August 2020 – Part 8 September 2020
* Lucan Village Improvements– predesign consultation July / August 2020– Part 8 October 2020
* Civic Plaza – Part 8 August 2020
* Innovation Centre - Part 8 August 2020
* Tallaght Stadium – Part 8 July 2020
* Airton Road Extension – Part 8 September 2020
* Astro Pitch Sean Walsh Park – Part 8 September 2020 – might also include bowling green
* Kiltipper Park Phase 2 - Part 8 August 2020
* Templeogue Intergenerational Facility – Part 8 September 2020
* Teen spaces x 4 – Part 8s July to September 2020
* Collinstown Pavilion – Part 8 September / October 2020
* St Maelruans Affordable Scheme – Part 8 September 2020
* Lindisfarne Housing Proposal – Part 8 September 2020
* Stocking Avenue Potential Housing – Part 8 October 2020
* Elderly Housing – Part 8s October / November 2020 - locations to be determined

**Consultation Facilitation**

It is suggested that the following will apply generally in so far as practicable:

* Members will continue to be informed through the SPC, ACM and plenary monthly meetings in advance of public consultation. ACM presentations will be via Microsoft Teams.
* Part 8s will continue as normal, to be advertised on the council consultation portal which people can view online from their own home. Where this is not possible, we will consider allowing viewing from our housing and planning portal in the foyer of County Hall and can consider putting an additional screen in Clondalkin. The viewing may need to be by appointment and will require cleaning between viewings etc. We do not consider it appropriate to return to paper based hard copy displays.
* It may not be possible in the near term to have face to face meetings with local residents on housing Part 8’s
* Policy consultations will be done in the same way, with consideration to accompanying video clips and introductory commentary.
* Where pre planning consultation with local residents is considered necessary, such as in Killinarden and Lucan we will trial a combination of:
  + Live Microsoft presentations that people can tune into – where people cannot connect, they can view it later on YouTube.
  + Followed by an informal submission phase where people can make submissions for consideration in advance of the Part 8.
* Town hall type meetings or public gatherings will not be facilitated.
* Our social media channels will be used extensively to promote opportunities to engage and make submissions.

The move to digital presentations and consultation was underway in any event, but this will hasten that approach and no doubt its improvement.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive