

Headed Item 10

Part 8 Report on Public Consultation for Proposed Development of Age Friendly Housing at Pearse Brothers Park, Dublin 16

Meeting of South Dublin County Council

11th October 2021



Context:

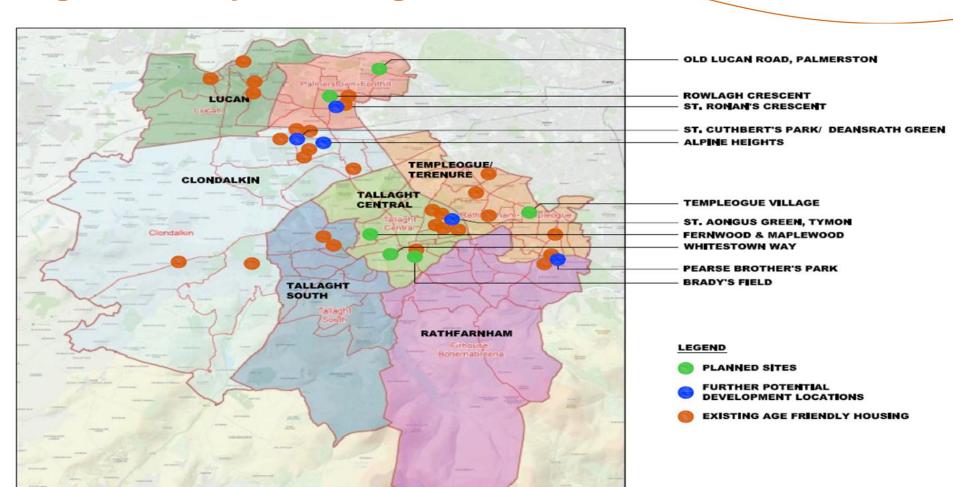
- Ageing population local demographics and future projections
- Best practice & policy development focusing on older people living in their communities for longer
- County Age Friendly Strategy & associated commitment to deliver age friendly housing across the County (presentations to Council & SPCs in Sept 2020)
- Need to provide appropriate & secure housing options to meet needs of older people
- Rightsizing research / under-occupancy study / housing demand / site selection
- Rightsizing Policy adopted Dec 2020
- Developing liaison and support roles



2020-2024



Age Friendly Housing:



Age Friendly Housing:

Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas South Dublin County Council

Need:

- Households of 1 or 2 older adults only, aged 55+
- 892 applicants on housing list
- 76 rightsizing applications & 27 EOIs for Community List to date
- 1,000+ underoccupied 3/4-bed Council tenancies

Supply:

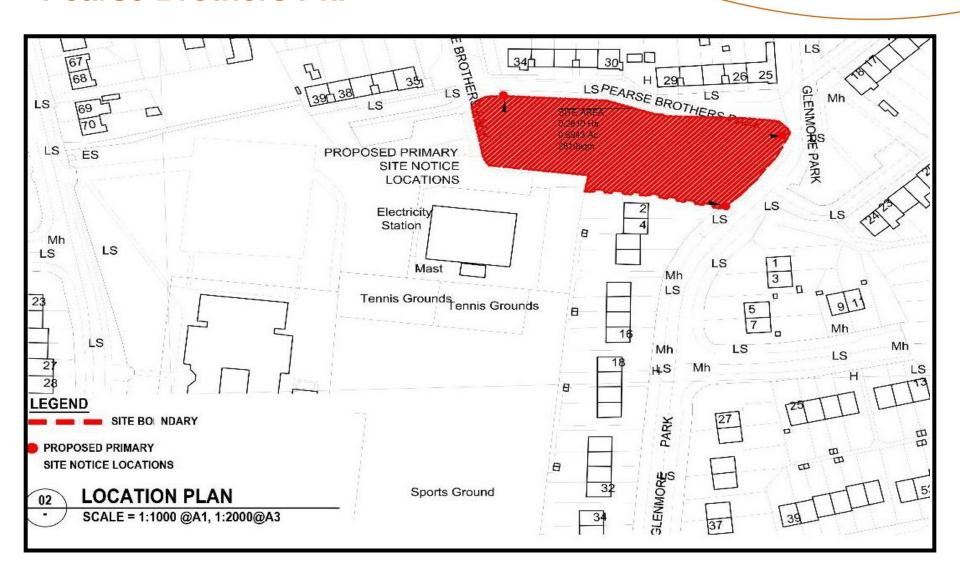
- 450+ current age friendly homes (SDCC & AHBs)
- 239 approved new homes at various stages of delivery
- More sites under consideration—review of site selection process with SPC

<u>Design/Location:</u>

- Best practice design by Age Friendly Technical Specialist
- Shared courtyard in lieu of individual back gardens for amenity & security
- Location within communities and near existing supports for local rightsizing (policy)
 Supports:
- Age friendly liaison / healthy homes project
- Community rooms for healthcare/other supports to existing/new residents

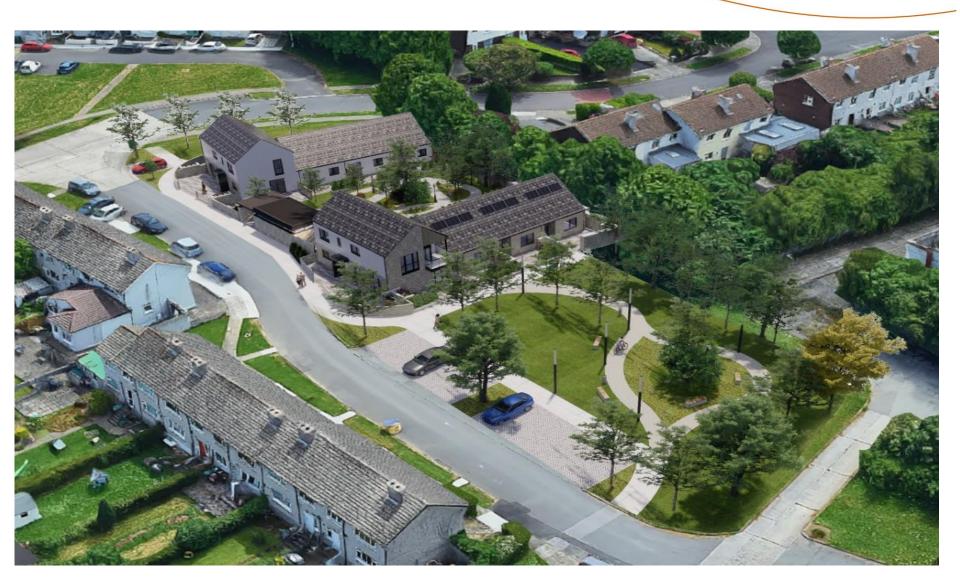


Site Location Pearse Brothers Pk:





CGI of Proposed Development: Pearse Brothers Park





Public Consultation:

- Proposal for 10 new age friendly homes & community room
 - ➢ 6 x 1-bedroom one storey houses
 - 2 x 2-bedroom ground floor apartments
 - 2 x 2-bedroom first floor apartments
- Six-week public consultation 27th May-9th July 2021 inclusive
- Twenty-one submissions received

Overview of Submissions:

- Public realm/loss of open space/recreation amenity/ impact of services/children's wellbeing & safety
- Roads/traffic/parking/waste/drainage
- Consultation
- Design issues, density, location, site investigations/scoping
- Submissions from statutory bodies
- Non-planning related matters



Submissions Responses (1)

Public Realm/Open Space/Recreation & Amenity

- ✓ Balanced proposed development retaining significant & enhanced open space overlooked by homes
- ✓ Detailed landscaping plan/ trees maintained /green space
- ✓ Courtyard model/efficient use of open space and best practice for secure, communal, outdoor area for older people
- ✓ Consistent with age friendly strategy objectives

Roads, Traffic and Parking etc.

- ✓ Limited impact from 10 new age friendly homes
- ✓ Safe access and egress from proposed development with adequate parking provision & improvements to existing road
- ✓ Traffic & waste management plans

Consultation

✓ Site notices erected & consultation in compliance with regulations



Submission Responses (2):

Design and location

- ✓ Low density scheme of 10 single & two storey homes
- ✓ Integrity of policy and best practice age friendly design for integration & longer living in established community
- ✓ Careful consideration of layout / shared courtyard instead of multiple back gardens for communal amenity, maintenance & security

Site investigations/scoping

- ✓ No potential for bat nesting noted in screening report
- ✓ Site free from constraints & sufficient distance from mast
- ✓ Arborist Report at detailed design stage

Submissions from statutory bodies

Non-planning related matters

Summary



- Submissions addressed in CE Report
- Proposal considered to be in accordance with proper planning & sustainable development of the area

Recommendation to Elected Members to proceed with the development as proposed

Consideration by Members adjourned at Sept Council meeting

Decision now required to approve, amend or reject the proposal

Next Steps if Part 8 Approved:

- Develop detailed designs incorporating input and commitments from report
- Conduct tender processes for design/build contract
- Progress funding application to DHLGH
- Anticipated construction start in late 2022