

**MINUTES OF LAND USE, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION
HYBRID STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 5th October , 2023 at 5.30p.m.**

**PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh (Teams) | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
|  Cllr Eoin Ó Broin (Teams) | John Hegarty | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Yvonne Collins (Teams) | Eoin Burke (Teams) | Senior Planner |
| Cllr. Paul Gogarty (Teams) | Hazel Craigie (Teams) | Senior Planner |
|  | Susan Sinclair | Administrative Officer |
|   | Eimear O’Sullivan | Staff Officer |
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| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
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Apologies for nonattendance was received from Eoin Ahern

Before commencement of business the Chair Cllr. Lynn Hagin Meade congratulated Planning officials on their recent success at IPI awards. All members present associated themselves with the remarks.

In responding, Director of Service M Mulhern also congratulated his team, and noted especially the award for Workplace of the Year.

On a point of note, Cllr O’ Brádaigh expressed dissatisfaction with the delay in accessing reports for the agenda items, particularly given that the meeting had been postponed by a week, citing such delays made making meaningful discussion difficult.

In response Senior Executive Officer acknowledged the delay, and apologised. Cllr Hagin Meade concurred with Ms Maguire when she identified some earlier technical hitches resulting in some reports needing to be reloaded.

### **H1/1023 Item ID:79776 – Minutes of 25th May 2023**

[Mins of May 2023 Meeting](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79413)

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC, held on 25th May , 2023 were proposed by

Cllr. Lynn HM seconded by Cllr Y. Collins and **AGREED**

### **H2/1023 Item ID:79780 – City Edge – Update**

[City Edge](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80011)

The report as circulated was presented by Mr. Eoin Burke, Senior Planner

Mr. Burke gave an update on the proposed variation of the County development plan specifically for the area in question and advised that DCC will also have to make a variation to their plan in respect of the area within the DCC administrative boundary.

Mr Burke outlined the direction of the variation, and the need to set policy requirements for the mix of uses in primarily a regeneration area but also a brownfield site.

He advised of a phasing approach and provided on this occasion an overview of direction on Transport, Priority Development Areas & Types of Development.

Members were advised of the existing and planned infrastructure including:

* New Luas stop
* New Railway Station
* Bus Connects planning applications
* Level of Public Transport accessibility linked to intensity of planned development (height/density/plot ratio/ floorspace)

Mr Burke also provided an outline of the proposed parking strategy, proposed variation typologies including:

* Residential led typologies.
* Stand alone office/employment typologies.
* Stand alone urban industry.
* Approach to co located with residential.
* Industry co-located with residential offices.

Priority development areas were outlined as well as environmental assessments and screenings, and other stakeholder consultation requirements.

Estimated timelines were outlined as follows:

Commence Public Consultation in September 2024

1. If there are no Material Alteration the variation decision could be made in December 2024
2. With Material Alterations a further process will be required and likely variation decision in March 2025

Mr Burke and Mr Mulhern responded to queries fromCllr. Y. Collins and Cllr Ó Broin regarding collective car storage and public safety; orientation of residential units; Co location and relocation; greening initiatives; parking; could it become an SDZ.

Cllr. Gogarty expressed appreciation for the presentation.

It was NOTED that the next SPC will receive update on the proposed open space and social infrastructure approach.

### **H3/1023 Item ID:80245 - Sustainable and Compact Settlements Draft Guidelines for Planning Authorities – Update**

[Sustainable and Compact Settlements Draft Guidelines](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80015)

The report as circulated was presented by Ms. Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner

Ms Craigie advised that draft guidelines were released by the Department in August 2023 under “Housing for All”. The consultation submission deadline was today, and SDCC had made a submission.

The presentation focused on:

* Public Consultation
* Themes covered
* Main changes
* Implications

Ms. Craigie advised of the public consultation timelines; the stated purpose and contents of the guidelines. She advised of the defined areas and density ranges for Dublin and definitions for Medium/Small town on which SDCC has sought clarification.

Members were updated on Placemaking and 5 indicators of quality and guidelines on public open spaces, as well as development standards for Housing SPPRs

Finally, Ms Craigie outlined the implications of the guidelines.

Ms. Craigie and Mr. Mulhern responded to queries from Cllr. P. Gogarty, Cllr Ó Broin, Cllr Collins regarding parking requirements in the absence of quality and reliable public transport; density increase; heritage buildings; footpath levels at junctions and open spaces.

### Cllr Collins thanked Ms Craigie for the presentation.

### **H4/1023 Item ID:80246 – Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 – Update on the key relevant changes**

[Road Traffic Road Act 2023 - PPT](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79995)
[Road Traffic Road Act 2023 - Summary Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79994)

The report as circulated was presented by Ms. Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer

Members noted that this Act is a consolidation of a multiplicity of amendments which will, when all sections are commenced, provide several measures aimed at improving road safety for all users, and will have implications for all drivers.

There are a range of issues covered including but not limited to:

* Access to insurance database
* Medical fitness to drive
* Illegal use of scramblers
* legal use of powered personal transporters, including escooters
* Legal definitions
* Addressing false applications for disabled parking spaces
* Additional payment option for FPNs
* Variable Speed limits – 20kph to 120 kph
* New framework for use of CCTV and other data gathering devises on roads.

Ms Maguire also referred to the requirements and restriction on the use, and places of use, of e-scooters/e-bikes.

### Cllr. Gogarty thanked Ms Maguire for the update.

### **H5/1023 Item ID:80247 - Government's draft EV Charging Strategy - Update**

[Update on the guidance for EV Charging Infrastructure](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79997)

The report as circulated was presented by Mr. John Hegarty, Senior Engineer

Mr Hegarty outlined steps undertaken to arrive at the draft guidelines which included:

* Desktop review
* Stakeholder engagement
* Drafting guidelines
* Public consultation
* A look at International best practice & understanding user needs.

The members noted that there are 3 pillars:

1. Charging station design
2. Site design
3. Information and communications.

The process included:

1. Publishing draft guidelines
2. Seeking feedback
3. Further stakeholder engagement

Submission closed in September 2023 and the guidelines are expected to be published in December 2023.

Mr Hegarty responded to queries from Cllr P. Gogarty; Cllr O Bradaigh and Cllr Ó Broin regarding installing home chargers on space near homes and guidelines for ESB on providing charging points.

It was noted that the biggest issue relates to residential areas where there are shared spaces not designated to any one individual but where an individual seeks to put cabling in that shared space.

With the agreement of the committee members, the meeting time was extended by 5 minutes to finish agenda.

### **H6/1023 Item ID:80248 - Heritage Plan - Update**

[Heritage Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80012)

The report was previously circulated. Mr. Mulhern advised that due to unforeseen circumstances the plan has been delayed, and an update will be provided at a future SPC.

### **AOB**

### It was advised that the next SPC meeting date is schedule for 30th November 2023 – the last Thursday of November 20236.

Meeting concluded at 19.04