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**Chief Executive Report on the Proposed Sports Changing Rooms Pavilion at Tymon Park South, Tallaght, Dublin
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Pursuant to the requirements of the relevant Planning Acts and Regulations, South Dublin County Council gave notice to construct the following development in the townland of Tymon North:

The proposals are:

- One single storey pavilion building consisting of two individual team changing rooms each with one WC area, one club storage area, and one plant room, all with individual access.
- 2 No. Storage facility for equipment with a Plant room.
- Ancillary landscaping works adjacent to the pavilion building.
- All associated ancillary works in adjacent areas including but not limited to foul & surface water drainage and utility supplies.
- CCTV.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU. The Planning Authority has made a preliminary examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed development. The authority has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and a determination has been made that an EIA is not required.

Any person could, within 4-weeks from the date of publication of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

The plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection online on the Council's Public Consultation Portal website (<http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>) during the period from **18th October 2024 to 29th November 2024**. Printed plans and particulars were available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during office hours from **18th October 2024 to 15th November 2024**.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated could be made in writing up to **5pm on 29th November 2024** and could be submitted either via:

Online Submissions: <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>

or Post to: Senior Executive Officer, Environment Water and Climate Change,
South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5.

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Report

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

1.2 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 Proposed Development
- List of submissions received during the consultation period.
- A summary of the issues raised in the submissions made during the consultation period and the Chief Executive's 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 may be.

1.3 Outline of the Public Consultation Process

1.3.1 Non – Statutory Consultation

Meetings were held with local sports clubs during the development of the pavilion programme in late 2023 and early 2024.

1.3.2 Statutory Consultation

The proposed development and accompanying Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and reports were placed on public display for the statutory period from 18th October 2024 to 29th November 2024.

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Submissions were requested to be by one medium only. All submissions were to include a name and a contact address. It should be noted that the Freedom of Information Act, 1997-2006 (as amended) applies to all records held by South Dublin County Council. South Dublin County Council's Personal Data Privacy Statements can be viewed at www.sdcc.ie and all personal data will be retained in line with statutory requirements.

- A total of **5** submissions were received by the end of the public consultation period.

2. Proposed Development

2.1 Overview Description of the Proposed Development

- The proposed development consists of the following:
- One single storey pavilion building consisting of two individual team changing rooms each with one WC area, one club storage area, and one plant room, all with individual access.
- 2 No. Storage facility for equipment with a Plant room.
- Ancillary landscaping works adjacent to the pavilion building.
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2.2 Plans and Details

Plans and details are available at the following link:

<https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/development-proposed-sports-changing-rooms-pavilion-tymon-park-tallaght-dublin-24-0>

2.3 Map of the relevant area

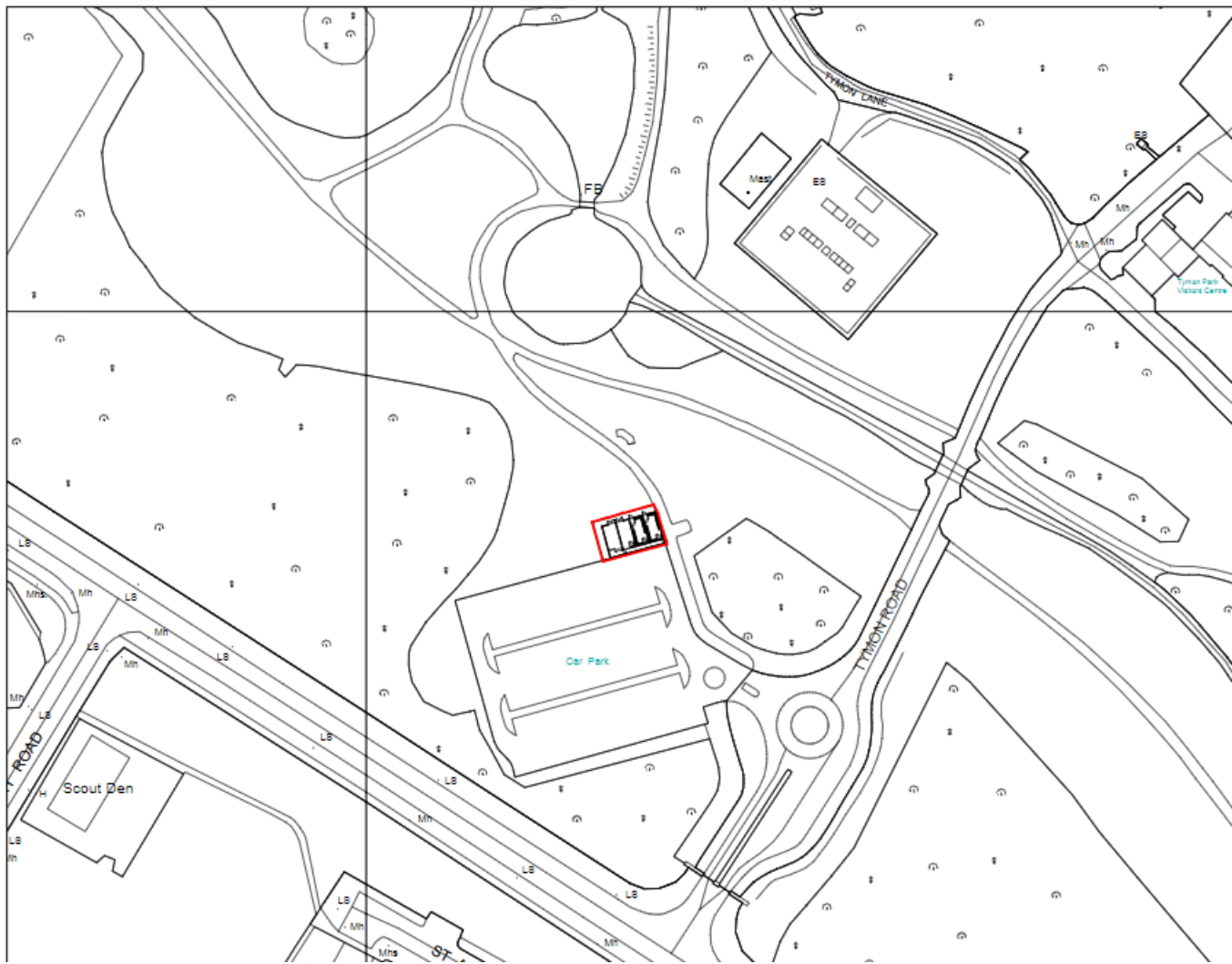


Figure 1. Map of Relevant Area

2.4 Plan of the development

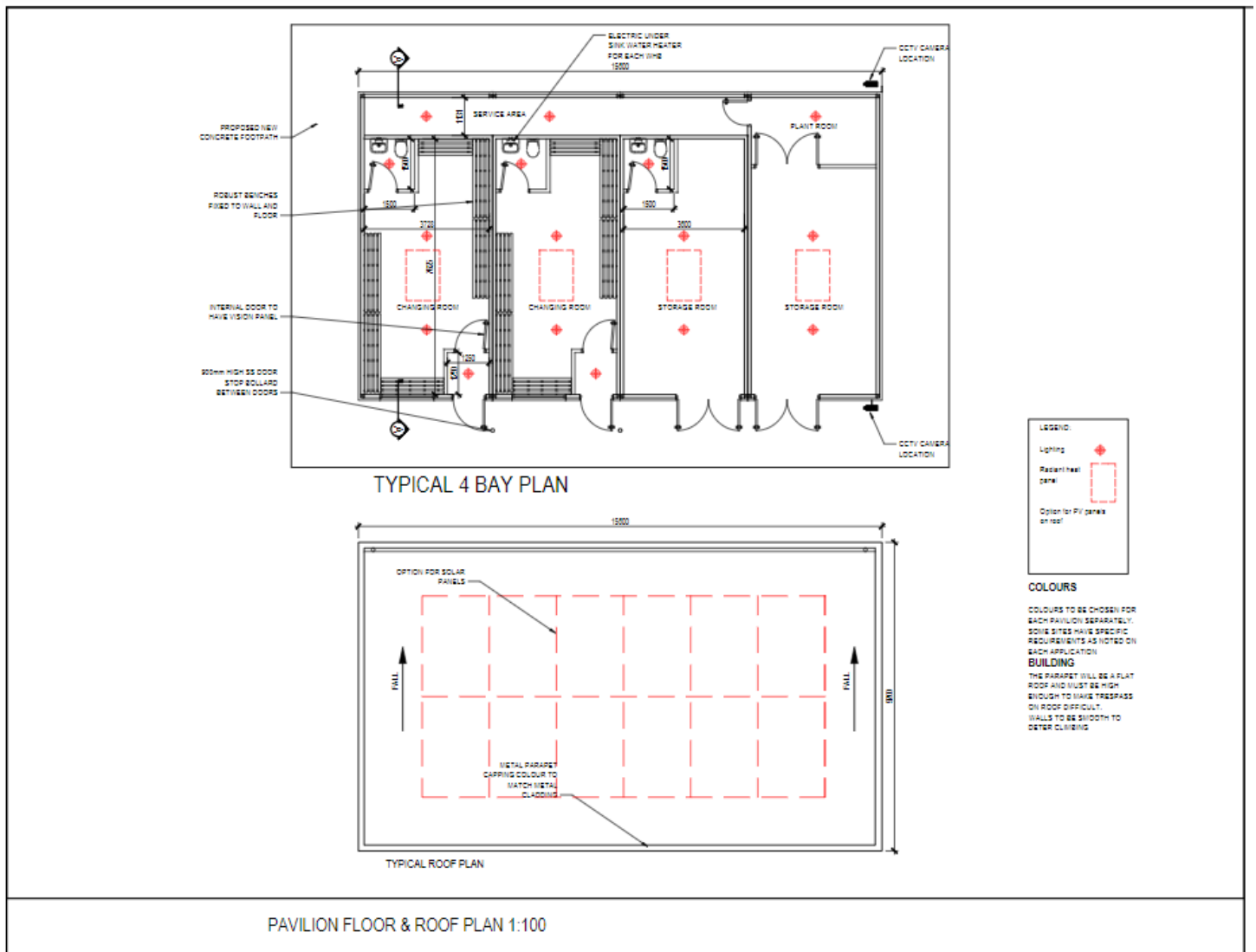


Figure 2. Plan of the Development

3. Public Consultation Process

3.1 List of Submissions

5 No. submission below was received during the specified period of the public consultation in respect of the proposed development from the following:

- SD-C354-SD008-1 Declan McCormac via Consultation Portal
- SD-C354-SD008-2 James Martin via Consultation Portal
- Brian MacCormaic via Postal Submission
- SD-C354-SD008-4 Deirdre Kerslake via Consultation Portal
- SD-C354-SD008-5 Dermot Mangán via Consultation Portal

3.2 Summary and Categorisation of Issues Raised and Chief Executive's Responses

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.

Submission 1: - SD-C354-SD008-1 Declan Mccormac via Consultation Portal.

The Submission relates to the following:

Claims the development is a total waste of funds for changing rooms as there are only two pitches this side of the M50 and claims the pitches are seldom used.

Would prefer to see an upgrade of the children's playground

Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:

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There are 3 No pitches in this section of Tymon Park, one of these is a quite high-quality pitch that is shared, and, consultation with the club to which it is allocated, indicate a need for changing facilities and existing high use of the pitch.

1 of the pitches has been historically under-used due to drainage issues and is frequently unplayable. The Council recently applied and were approved for Sports Capital Grants to upgrade this pitch in this section of Tymon Park and this will bring this pitch back to full availability and use. SDCC's Sports Pitch Strategy aims to maximise the use of all existing grass pitches to meet the need and demand for these facilities and it is intended to do this and a pitch upgrade programme is underway.

Initial location options for this project were assessed prior to Part 8 and discussed with ecologists and checked via the County Development Plan policies. The preferred location is to place the pavilion close to the car park; to concentrate active use and environmental disturbance (both at construction and operation stage) at this existing busy location within the park. As this is the only public car park at this side of the M50 for Tymon Park, car-borne park users start and finish their park journey here, so many of the pitch users will park at this location to access the pitch and will return here after training and games. The risk of environmental impact, both at the construction and operation stage, is higher the further one progresses into the park.

The location of the pavilion also facilitates multi-use of the facility. The sports changing room pavilion is not just for clubs who utilise the pitches but for any club or group who require such a facility within the park. The location is located centrally within the park. The location of the pavilion does facilitate multi-use of the facility; though all events have to be considered on a case-by-case basis. Events could be additional park runs, orienteering, school sports days, Summer Fun days etc.

The request for upgrade of the playground is outside the scope of this part 8 report.

Submission 2 - SD-C354-SD008-2 James Martin via Consultation Portal

The Submission relates to the following:

Claims there are no pitches adjacent to, or close to, the proposed site. Prefers to see changing facility at the pitch locations.

Concerns that the view from the car park would be severely restricted. The proposed site is regularly frequented by

herons, terns, mallards and egrets. There are a number of ponds and lakes nearby, and concerned regarding negative environmental impact.

Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:

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The pavilion location was assessed for both environmental impact and appropriate assessment, both impacts were screened out.

Assessment of views from the car park versus the pavilion location:



Figure 3: Key plan for view assessments

- Row 1 is the parking area highlighted in yellow.
- Row 2 is the parking area highlighted in blue.
- The red x's mark the parking spots in which the photos were taken. Left side, middle and right side of each highlighted area.

ROW 1:
View from left side



Figure 4: View from row 1 left side car parking space



Figure 5: View area highlighted in orange

ROW 1:
View from the middle



Figure 6: View from row 1 middle car parking space



Figure 7: View area highlighted in orange

ROW 1:
View from the right side



Figure 8: View from row 1 right side car parking space



Figure 9: View area highlighted in orange

ROW 2:
View from the left side



Figure 10: View from row 2 left side car parking space

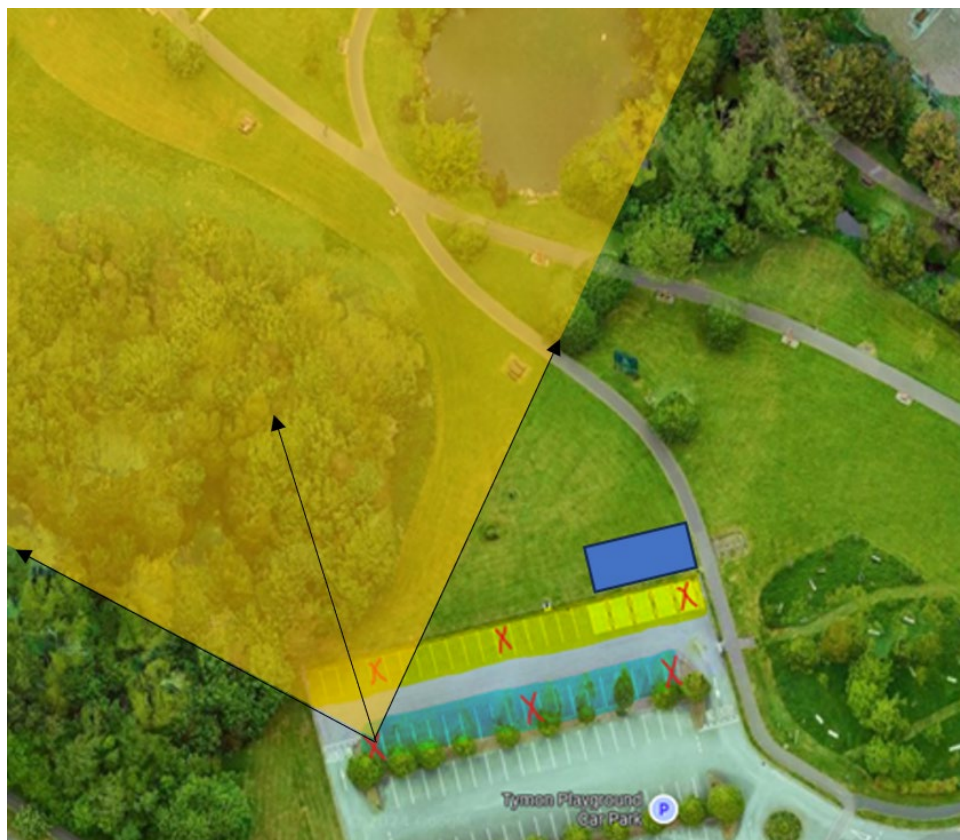


Figure 11: View area highlighted in orange

ROW 2:
View from the middle



Figure 12: View from row 2 middle car parking space

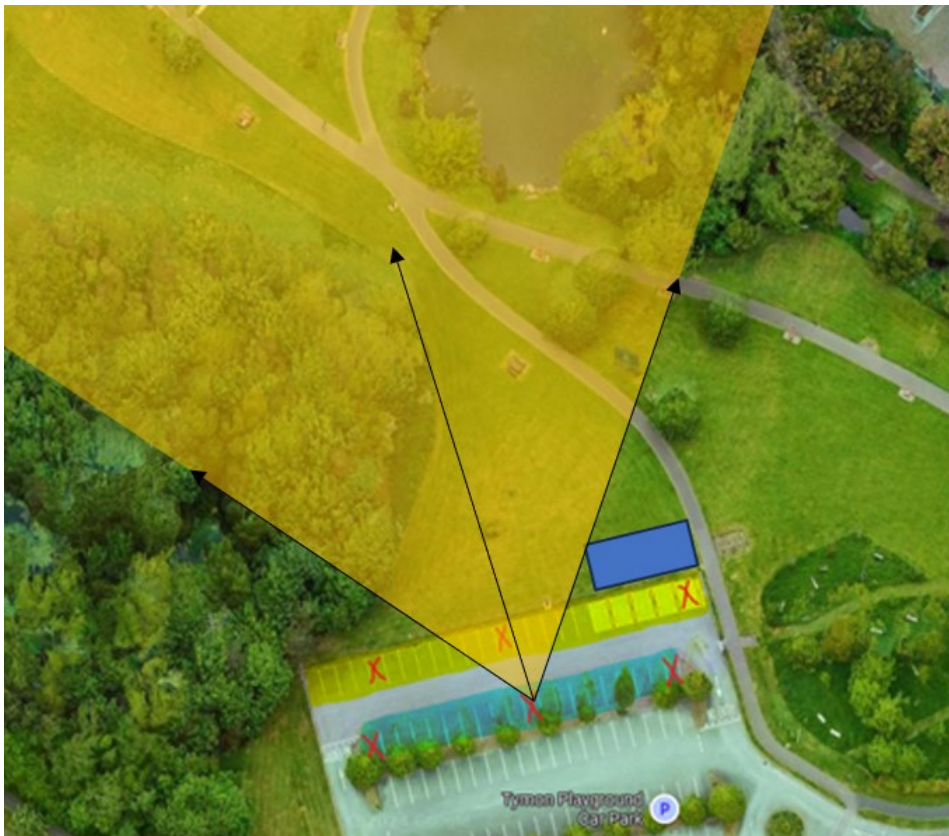


Figure 13: View area highlighted in orange

ROW 2:
View from the right side



Figure 14: View from row 2 right side car parking space



Figure 15: View area highlighted in orange

As can be seen from the assessment above, the visual impact of the proposed pavilion will not be high. The pavilion is a modest, single storey structure. The proposal leaves a large section of car parking spaces with an unobstructed view of the trees, park and the lake. Indeed, as can be seen from the photos, the existing view of the lake is predominately from the left-hand side of the car park (as viewed from the plans above), away from the pavilion, and will not be affected by

the proposal. In order to ensure equal access to all to the view, it is proposed to provide additional wheelchair accessible car parking spaces to the left hand side of the car park, as viewed from the plans above.

Submission 3 - Brian MacCormaic via Postal Submission

The Submission relates to the following:

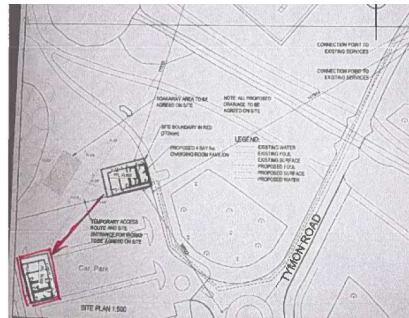
Asks was there a public consultation survey amongst park users / sports clubs and if so, what were the results of same.

States that the changing rooms at Limekiln are not being used and does that have a bearing on the new proposal.

Claims that the proposed location causes an obstruction to the view of trees and lake.

Claims there are no active playing pitch close to this location, the pitches that are within this section of the park are no longer used frequently; but were in the past.

Suggests the pavilion should be relocated to the central section of the car park: illustrated below:



Claims usage of the sports pavilion will most likely be used during Summer months and will bring additional use to the car park when it is already busy.

Asks if it is intended to use the pavilion for cross country running events and claims that damage that was caused to the southern part of the park and its meadows by that event in the past.

Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:

The Part 8 process is a statutory consultation, with information available as set down by legislation, both at the Council offices and via an on-line portal and with on line, newspaper and site notices of the consultation process. This report outlines the submissions received and the response to same. In addition, sports clubs were consulted during the review of the pavilion programme, the results of which were presented to public representatives and published as part of the Council meeting minutes. The Council is also aware of circulation of the consultation information on-line by park stakeholder / interest groups. 5 Submissions in total have been received.

The pavilion at Limekiln is used. In addition it is proposed to upgrade the access system at Limekiln to that currently being used at the more modern pavilion locations, this will enable increased use of the changing room at that location as well. The changing room at Limekiln serves a different section of Tymon Park that is across the M50 from this current location.

Regarding concern around views, please see **“Assessment of views from the car park versus the pavilion location”** as set out in response to Submission 2.

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Regarding relocating the pavilion proposal to the centre of the car park: this would remove existing car parking spaces and locate a changing room in the centre of a busy car park. The submissions later refers to the busy nature of the car park especially in Summer months and the need to ensure there are sufficient car parking spaces. It is not recommended to move the location as proposed.

The pavilion supports use of the pitches, the car park is provided for all users of the park, including those using the pitches. It is not deemed counterproductive to the park to provide changing facilities to clubs who use the park. It is the nature of transport at present that cars are dominate, however with policies supporting climate change action and active travel and facilities being provided for same at pace, it is expected that car borne travel will become less dominant, except for those who require the car for access or who travel from further distances.

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Submission 4 - SD-C354-SD008-4 Deirdre Kerslake via Consultation Portal

The Submission relates to the following:

Does not object to the proposal but concerned that the location will block the view of the park from older people who drive to just sit in the car to enjoy the view

Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:

Regarding concern around views, please see **"Assessment of views from the car park versus the pavilion location"** as set out in response to Submission 2.

Submission 5 - SD-C354-SD008-5 Dermot Mangan via Consultation Portal.

The Submission relates to the following:

Claims that the location is away from the majority of Tymon Park pitches, apart from a distant rugby pitch and an almost never used American Football pitch, all the pitches are on the other side of the M50. The Spawell end of the park has changing facilities at St Jude's, Faughs and Templeogue United. Claims there are many pitches close to the Limekiln Road car park, but no changing facilities.

Objection regarding the location close to the side of the car park where he claims it obstructs the view of the green fields and trees of the park; concerns for people who sit to view the park. Proposed an alternative location between the car park and Castletymon Road.

Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:

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Regarding concern around views, please see **"Assessment of views from the car park versus the pavilion location"** as set out in response to Submission 2. It is not proposed to change the location.

4.0 Assessment as to whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area

County Development Plan 2022-2028:

The lands are zoned - South Dublin County Council Development Plan *Zoning Objective 'OS': 'To preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities'*



Figure 16. Extract from SDCC County Development Plan 2022-2028 Zoning map

Table 12.15: Zoning Objective 'OS': 'To preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities'

Use Classes Related to Zoning Objective	
Permitted in Principle	Allotments, Community Centre, Cultural Use, Open Space, Recreational Facility, Sports Club / Facility.
Open for Consideration	Agriculture, Bed & Breakfast, Camp Site, Car Park, Cemetery, Childcare Facilities, Crematorium, Education, Garden Centre, Guest House, Home Based Economic Activities, Hotel / Hostel, Housing for Older People*, Outdoor Entertainment Park, Place of Worship, Public Services, Recycling Facility, Residential*, Restaurant / Café, Shop-Local, Stadium, Traveller Accommodation.
Not Permitted	Abattoir, Advertisements and Advertising Structures, Aerodrome / Airfield, Betting Office, Boarding Kennels, Caravan Park-Residential, Concrete / Asphalt Plant in or adjacent to a Quarry, Conference Centre, Data Centre, Doctor / Dentist, Embassy, Enterprise Centre, Fuel Depot, Funeral Home, Health Centre, Heavy Vehicle Park, Hospital, Industry Extractive, Industry-General, Industry-Light, Industry-Special, Live-Work Units, Motor Sales Outlet, Nightclub, Nursing Home, Office-Based Industry, Offices less than 100 sq m, Offices 100 sq m-1,000 sq m, Offices over 1,000 sq m, Off-Licence, Petrol Station, Primary Health Care Centre, Public House, Refuse Landfill / Tip, Refuse Transfer Station, Residential Institution, Retail Warehouse, Retirement Home, Rural Industry-Food, Science and Technology Based Enterprise, Scrap Yard, Service Garage,

Shop-Major Sales Outlet, Shop Neighbourhood, Social Club, Transport Depot, Veterinary Surgery, Warehousing, Wholesale Outlet, Wind Farm, Work-Live Units.

Figure 4. Showing Use Class Tables from County Development Plan

The county development plan policies that affect the site directly are the following:

COS1 Objective 1: To provide appropriate and accessible community facilities to meet the needs of all citizens of the County, comprising of a fast-growing young population and including an ageing population, consistent with NPOs 28 and 30 of the NPF.

COS1 Objective 3: To support and facilitate the implementation of local plans and programmes (and any superseding documents) with a social inclusion and community development focus including:

- Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (2018-2022);
- South Dublin County Council Integration Strategy (2019-2023) – A More Inclusive County;
- The South Dublin County Traveller Accommodation Programme (2019- 2024);
- South Dublin Disability Accommodation Strategy;
- South Dublin Age Friendly Strategy (2020-2024);
- A Strategy for a Healthy South Dublin (2019-2022);
- South Dublin County Sports Partnership Strategic Plan (2017-2022).

Policy COS2: Social / Community Infrastructure. Support the planned provision of a range of universally accessible and well-connected social, community, cultural and recreational facilities, close to the communities they serve, consistent with RPO 9.14 of the RSES. (See also Chapter 5: Quality Design and Healthy Placemaking)

COS2 Objective 1: To support the provision of a wide range of community facilities and to ensure that such facilities are provided in new and existing communities in tandem with housing development, with special consideration for a period of review to adapt to the needs of an increasingly multi-cultural and diverse community, in accordance with the phasing requirements of Local Area Plans and Planning Schemes.

COS2 Objective 3: To protect and enhance existing community facilities, and to support the development and expansion of new and existing facilities and services, in proximity to the populations they serve, where their need is identified.

Policy COS4: Sports Facilities and Centres. Ensure that all communities are supported by a range of sporting facilities that are fit for purpose, accessible and adaptable.

COS4 Objective 1: To promote the provision and management of high-quality, multi-functional, sport and recreational infrastructure across the County, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to meet existing and future needs, to include sports hubs and multi-sport astro-pitches, in accordance with the South Dublin County Council Sports Pitch Strategy (2020), the National Sports Policy (2018-2027) and the aims of the South Dublin County Sports Partnership, consistent with RPO 9.15 of the RSES.

COS4 Objective 4: To support and encourage the co-location and sharing of community and sporting facilities within the County where feasible. (See also COS8 Objective 8).

COS4 Objective 8: To support the provision of permanent space for well-established sports and recreational activities at appropriate locations within the County, aspiring to the standards and conditions met for such playing areas by National Governing Bodies, where feasible and in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.

COS4 Objective 9: To support and facilitate a framework for the improvement, maintenance, and enhancement of existing community-based sports facilities within the County.

COS4 Objective 11: To facilitate as far as possible all sports played by the citizens of South Dublin County including rugby, recognising the growing numbers taking part in the sport and the particular requirements of the game in terms of pitches.

COS4 Objective 17: To ensure that any sports club established for over 5 years in the community be provided with proper facilities (changing rooms / toilets) to ensure they can continue to operate and grow within our community.

Policy COS5: Parks and Public Open Space – Overarching

National Sports Policy 2018-2027

This national policy highlights the influence and importance of sport across Irish society, it provides a vision for Irish Sport in 2027 and defines the key actions required to achieve its ambitious goals:

"Lead Role for Local Authorities

Local Authorities are key stakeholders in the context of the public spaces which are widely used for sport and physical activity. They manage the public parks; they are responsible for the local road network; and they are key facilitators for outdoor recreation with almost 1 in 5 recreational walkers walking in public parks and 1 in 3 adult sports participants taking part in public spaces. Public spaces are often used on an informal basis by meet-and-train groups while sports clubs are also widespread users of these spaces.¹¹

ACTION 22 We will work with relevant stakeholders to explore the merits of a new programme of current sports funding under a targeted scheme to support schools on a sustainable basis in defraying reasonable costs (such as necessary transport and facility hire) incurred in delivering the aquatics strand of the PE curriculum. We will encourage Local Authorities to promote and facilitate more sharing of facilities locally, especially where capacity is available at off-peak times during the day, in the evening or during holiday periods in the case of educational establishments. This will involve working closely with clubs and sporting bodies, schools and colleges, leisure facility providers and others. As part of the Local Sport Plans, Local Authorities will also lead on other collaborative initiatives to improve access locally e.g. Local Authorities and LSPs will combine to see how recreational areas can be utilised more fully by local communities for sport and physical activity e.g. for park runs.

"Local Authorities have a significant role in promoting participation in sport and physical activity in the community. They invest significant resources in physical infrastructure for sport and physical activity and employ sport and recreation development officers. They are strongly engaged in community development through the LCDCs and the associated Local Economic and Community Plans, which seek to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of communities linking strongly with the policy agenda around sport and physical activity. They have a close working relationship with LSPs and NGBs, sports clubs, facility providers, schools, community groups and other stakeholders locally. As already noted, we see potential for an expanded role for Local Authorities in leading collaboration within and beyond sport in their local area."

Active South Dublin Plan 2023 (SDCC's Local Sports Plan):

On the 08/05/2023 SDCC formally ratified the aims and actions of the inaugural Local Sport & Physical Activity Plan for

the county for the period 2023-2028. Titled "ActiveSouth Dublin" the plan stems from Action 8 of the National Sports Policy 2018-2017 which seeks all local authorities to develop local sports plans.

South Dublin County Council is the first local authority nationwide to achieve this aim. The plan includes many ambitious objectives and actions in areas such as participation opportunities, facility development, club support and leader training, to support and motivate every citizen in the county, regardless of age, background or ability, to lead active healthy lives.

Relevant sections include:

Ambition 4:

Optimise the potential of existing natural and physical assets such as community centres, parks, mountains, water, leisure centres and schools as places where sport, physical activity and recreation can occur.

Ambition 6:

Significantly enhance the availability of quality sport, recreation and physical activity facilities and spaces through the full delivery of our sports capital programme and other capital programmes.

- Work collaboratively to deliver the planned projects included in the current Three-Year Capital Programme 2023-2025 and beyond, and seek to expand the range of sport, physical activity and recreation projects in the Council's capital programmes based on assessed need and demand.
- Ensure that the Active South Dublin work programmes are aligned to and support the ongoing implementation of the Council's strategic plans for pitches, parks and open space, green infrastructure, cycling and other relevant strategies.

5.0 Recommendation

Following the period of public consultation and the consideration of submissions, the Chief Executive is of the view that the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development.

It is recommended that, as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development, that the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal for the Sports Changing Rooms Pavilion at Tymon Park South, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

