

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



MEETING OF HOUSING SPC

HEADED ITEM NO. 8 (i)

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 update

The Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2025 – 2024 was adopted by the Elected Members in October 2024.

The council's approach to the provision of Traveller Accommodation over the lifetime of the programme includes:

- Filling of casual vacancies in existing Traveller Accommodation sites
- Refurbish existing Traveller Accommodation dwellings
- Redevelop existing halting sites and group housing schemes
- Standard social housing
- Construction of new Traveller Specific Accommodation

New Construction

Adamstown
Rathcoole
Newcastle

Redevelopment of sites at design/planning stage

Old Castle Park
Kishogue Park
Lock Road

Other sites under consideration subject to feasibility studies

Belgard Park
Hazel Hill
Stocking Hill
Cherryfield
Whitestown Way

Construction/redevelopment updates

Oldcastle Park

The council continue to engage with residents regarding the redevelopment of this site. Four of the five families' clusters have engaged, and agreement has been reached on their future housing need within the future redevelopment of the site for three of the family clusters. Consultation is ongoing with the fourth family in relation to their housing need and location within the proposed redevelopment.

The TAU are engaging with architects and residents in scheduling the required onsite preplanning surveys and site screenings and assessments. Housing Construction presented the final masterplan, including the Traveller accommodation to the March Clondalkin Area Committee meeting. Part 8 consultation to commence by end of H1 2026.

Kishogue Temporary Site

15 families have relocated to a temporary halting site until their permanent homes are complete. Homework club fully connected and operational. The de-commissioning of the old site by the contractor is near completion. It is anticipated that works on the permanent accommodation will commence in Q2 2026.

Lock Road

Part 8 Planning Application was advertised on 29th January 2026 for the redevelopment of Lock Road site consisting of 3 halting site bays with a day unit and adjacent mobile unit, 1 x 3 bed bungalow, homework club, play area, and storage shed on lands adjacent to the current site. The closing date for submissions as Friday 13th March. A total of nine submissions were received for consideration, and a report is to be presented at the May Council meeting.

New Construction

Adamstown, Co. Lucan

The handover of the six four-bedroom homes is due to take place in Q2 2026. Following a successful Choice Based Letting Scheme of Priority, offers have been made and accepted by six families.

On confirmation of the handover date, tenancy training and signups will take place.

Newcastle

Six, home on Graydon Rise, Newcastle were advertised on Traveller Specific Choice Based Letting Scheme of Priority with the closing date 13th March 2026. Twenty-three Expressions of Interest applications were received, and

following the evaluation process, the TAU issued four offers which were all accepted.

A further offer was made to a family in homeless accommodation, and the final 5-bedroom unit was offered to a family from the medical list, which was accepted. Handover date to be confirmed once properties are listed on the integrated housing system.

Fire Safety report

The programme of routine inspections and servicing of fire safety equipment continues across the halting sites and Group Housing Schemes. During these inspections/services the extinguishers, fire blankets, detectors and inspected services and replace if required in all property. In addition, the fire hydrants in the sites will be inspected and service. The unit constantly engages with residents with regard to Fire safety with their environment.

Illegal dumping and burning of waste on sites continue, cleansing schedule in place.

2026 Preferential Caravan Loan Scheme

On 16th February the council received notification of the 2026 Caravan Loan Scheme. Our initial allocation of funding of €240,000, has been increased by a further €80,000. The TAU advertised the loan between 20th February and closed 27th March 2026. Eighteen applications were received and evaluated, with seven applicants receiving offers of loans in the amount ranging from €45,000 to €50,000.

LTACC 2026 meeting schedule

- 26th February
- 30th April
- 25th June
- 17th September
- 26th November