

Report to Housing SPC

Date: Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Item No. 5

Traveller Accommodation Update

1. Traveller Accommodation - Profile of Living Units April 2017

A profile of living units has been carried out across Dublin City Council in order to ascertain the housing needs of the travelling community. There are 234 official living units in the city with a further 180 illegal units spread throughout 6 illegal sites and in official sites.

Northside	House	Caravans	Bays	Structures	Units	Mobiles
Avila Park	28		0	0	1	0
Avila Close	6		0		0	0
Avila Gardens	14		0	0	0	0
		27				
Cara Park	30		0	0	8	0
Cara Close	12		0	0	0	0
		22				
St Margaret's Park	0	22	30	8	0	0
St Mary's Park	10	1	0	0	0	0
St Joseph's Park	0	14	14	0	0	0
Grove Lane	0	1	0	0	0	0
Northern Close	11	0	0	0	0	0
Total	116	87	44	8	9	0
Southside	House	Caravans	Bays	Structures	Units	Mobiles
Labre Park	14	5	0	0	18	0
Kylemore Grove	8	11	0	0	0	0
Bridgeview	10	1	0	0	1	0
St. Oliver's Park	1	0	14	0	0	0
Total	33	17	14	0	19	0
Illegal Sites	House	Caravans	Bays	Structures	Units	Mobiles
St Dominics	0	0	23	0	0	0
Wards Belcamp	0	4	0	6	0	4
Gavins Belcamp	0	12	0	2	0	0
Joyces Belcamp	0	4	0	0	0	0
Purcells Belcamp	0	4	0	4	0	0
Tara Lawns	0	0	10	0	0	0
Total	0	24	33	12	0	4
1		Caravana	Pave	Structures	Units	Mobiles
	House	Caravans	Bays			111001100
Overall Total	144	128	90	20 Council Are	28	4

2. Health & Safety: Following meetings with Health & Safety and an increasing number of incidents over the last number of weeks the Travellers Accommodation Unit have to withdraw services from the Traveller sites named below due to the nature of the threats being levelled against our staff by individuals or groups of individuals on these sites.

St Josephs Park, Finglas, Dublin 11

Tara Lawns, Belcamp, Dublin 17

Grove Park, Donaghmede, Dublin 17

H&S Statistics

2017 – 6 incidents 1st January to date

2016 – 10 incidents January to December

2015 – 10 incidents January to December

3. Fire Safety Review: Implementation of the Review is ongoing. On a number of sites there is not sufficient space between caravans (due to overcrowding) and there are ongoing inspections to check all electrical installations. Currently checking various options that allow for the implementation of the Fire Safety recommendations with minimum disruption to Traveller Families.

TAP 2014-2018 Schemes Complete	ed to Date		
Schemes	No of Units	COLOUR CODE	
Special Needs Adaptation:	5	BLUE	WITH COUNCIL
Special Needs Extension:	2	YELLOW	WITH AHB
Removal of pyrite: x Avila Gardens	1		
Kylemore Grove - Rebuild of 3 Houses	3		
Bridgeview - Rebuild Houses	2		
Acquisition	2		
Day House Refurbishment	7		
Yard Resurfacing	10		
St. Margaret's Electrical Upgrade	30		
Energy Efficiency Insulation	130		

Schemes Under Construction Stage 4				
Schemes Unit		Status	Next Milestone	Expected Completion
				Date
Overcrowding	1	Tender Approved by	Start date Mid June	Q3 2017
Extensions: Cara Park		DHPCLG 24/01/17		
GHS		Awaiting		
		appointment of		
		successful tenderer		

Schemes at Tender Stage - Stage 3					
Schemes	Units	Status	Next Milestone	Expected Completion Date	
Special Needs Adaptation: Belcamp Crescent	1	Approval to Tender	Tender Document complete. Expect tender approval mid May.	Q4 2018	
Capital appraisals submit	ted to t	he Department - Stages	1 & 2		
Schemes	Units	Status	Next Milestone	Expected Completion Date	
Electrical Upgrade - St. Joseph's Park	13	Pending appointment of a design team; other works - fire safety & accommodation - prioritised with agreement of LTACC	Stage 2	Q2 2018 Currently offsite due to threatening and abusive behaviour.	
Electrical Upgrade - St. 14 Oliver's Park		Pending appointment of a design team; other works - fire safety & accommodation - prioritised with agreement of LTACC	Stage 2	Q4 2018	
2 Bridgeview, Cloverhill Road	1	Costings complete. Application to Dept for Stage 2 approval sent to Department.	Stage 2 Approval	Q4 2017	
St. Margaret's Park Dayhouse Upgrade	30	Quotes back in from Architects - due to appoint successful tenderer	Will tie into fire safety upgrades. Currently looking at various options to deliver this project given the massive overcrowding on site. Stage 3 application being compiled.	Q4 2018	
8 Avila Park , Cappagh Road	1	Costings complete. Application to Dept for Stage 2 approval sent to Department.	Stage 2 Approval	Q4 2017	
Pigeon House Road - Redevelopment of site	6	Initial consultation taking place to agree plan. Stage 1 application sent to Department.	Next step to appoint design team.	Q4 2018	
Tara Lawns - Redevelopment of the site	10	Met with RESPOND. Circumstances dictate that they will not be involved with this project. Interim	Interim works - Refurbishment contract. Topographic Survey report completed.	Currently offsite due to threatening behaviour.	

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		plan for drainage /		
		water /electrical/		
		dayhouse		
		remediation by DCC		
		for implementation.		
Labre Park: Re-	31	Approval in principle	CAS – Design Team secured.	Q4 2019
development (Phase 2			Expect designs to be	
& 3)			completed and presented to	
			City Council by September	
			2017.	
Grove Lane -	5	Ongoing	Works cannot progress at	Offsite due to attacks
Refurbishment of 5			present. Still attempting to	on various personnel
derelict houses &			meet with the family to	including HSE.
redevelop the site			resolve situation.	
Schemes at Preliminary	Planning	/Design		
Schemes				
Avila Park:		Stage 1 application	Change of Submission at Mid-	Q3 2018
Community Centre		sent to Department	term Review to demolish and	
,			building of 2 houses.	
Labre Park:		Stage 1 application	Tender approved. Onsite by	Q 2 2017
Temporary Bay		sent to Department	end of May	
1 Northern Close -	1	Not Started - Legal	Issues to be resolved.	
Rebuild		Issues		
St. Oliver's Park Day-	14	Not Started -link to		
house upgrade -		Electrical upgrade		
St. Joseph's Park Day-	13	Not Started -link to		Currently offsite due
house upgrade -		Electrical upgrade		to threatening
				behaviour under H&S
				guidelines.
St. Joseph's Park -	1	Will not proceed.	Change of Submission at Mid-	Currently offsite due
Community Centre			term Review to Demolition	to threatening
refurbishment			and Rebuild of Smaller ESB	behaviour under H&S
			Metering Room	guidelines.
St. Dominic's Park	23	Met with RESPOND.	Interim works -	
		Circumstances	Refurbishment contract.	
		dictate that they will	Topographic Survey report	
		not be involved with	completed.	
		this project. Interim		
		plan for		
		water/drainage/		
		electrical/day house		
		remediation by DCC		
		for implementation.		