To the Chairperson and Members of the South East Area Committee

Part 8 Notification: Cork Hill / Castle Street / Exchange Court, Dublin 2 (No. 2277/17)

The Environment and Transportation Department would like to notify the South East Area Committee of Dublin City Council's intention to present a proposal, in July 2017, to the City Council, to carry out the following development:

To provide a new pedestrian crossing point on Cork Hill protected by a new double kerbed build out (in Leinster granite) in lieu of the existing bollards which are to be removed. Re-lay the existing historic setts to Cork Hill. Provide disability access ramps to the existing entrance to City Hall on Cork Hill and to the existing entrance to the Rates Office on Castle Street. To provide a total of 6 no. car parking spaces (3 no. disabled car parking spaces and 3 no. car parking spaces) and 3 no. coach parking spaces on Castle Street. To resurface the roadway in Castle Street in setts. To widen the footpath and plant 3 no. trees (subject to location of underground services) on Castle Street. In Exchange Court the removal of existing road surface and repaving in Leinster granite level to the kerbs on both sides in similar fashion to Palace Street nearby. The proposals include all necessary service, utility and associated site works.

The proposal provided for the permanent replacement of the existing bollards to Cork Hill with a double kerb echoing the existing double kerb in front of the Rates Office opposite.

The proposal provides for the provision of ramped universal access to both City Hall and the Rates Office by way of works to the existing pavements within the public realm. (Universal access within the buildings will be a separate matter to be dealt with by way of a separate process).

The proposals provide for the upgrading of the public realm while retaining its historic character. The upgrading focuses on pedestrian experience and universal access.

The process for approval of a Part 8 Application is a reserved function of the City Council.

The proposal was presented to the South East Area Committee meeting of 14th November 2016 prior to the commencement of the part 8 process.

The formal procedure under Part 8 has been carried out and the Planning & Economic Development Department has notified the Environment and Transportation Department that there are no objections or submissions from the prescribed bodies or third parties.

The recommendation of the Planning & Economic Development Department is as follows:

"Accordingly, it is recommended that a decision be made by elected members of the council to proceed with the proposed development, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Drainage Division, the City Archaeologist Section and the Conservation Section"

Brian Swan Deputy City Architect

