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Dublin 8

**The Chairperson and Members
South Central Area Committee**

Report on the Part VIII for the proposed Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme

The South Central Area Office lodged a Part VIII planning application concerning a proposed environmental improvement scheme for Francis Street, Dublin 8. The scheme aims to:

- Provide a more pedestrian friendly environment which encourages people to visit Francis Street on foot, and to remain longer on Francis Street;
- Create a safe environment for vulnerable road users (pedestrians and bike users);
- Provide an environment suitable for people of all ages and levels of physical ability, including wheelchair users and those with walking aids;
- Ensure sufficient access, parking and loading is maintained to facilitate and encourage the continued commercial operation of the Arts and Antiques quarter, in light of the sale of typically bulky and heavy goods;
- Maintain Francis Street as a through route for motor traffic;
- Use high quality durable stone materials in keeping with Francis Street's existing character, and in compliance with the adopted Liberties Local Area Plan;
- Increased greening and landscaping.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection or could be purchased from 28th April 2017 for a period of six weeks. Submissions or observations in relation to the proposed public realm improvement plan were also invited and the deadline for receipt of these was 4.30pm on 28th June 2017.

Following the passing of the above deadline, seven third party submissions were received in relation to the application.

As approval of a Part VIII application is a reserved function of the City Council, it is now our intention to bring the proposal to the September City Council meeting for formal approval.

Peter Finnegan
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