

- (a) Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) & Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) (Part 8)
- (b) Local Government Act 2001

In compliance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 and pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of Dublin City Council's intention to carry out the following works:

Refurbishment of existing single storey changing building and the construction of a new single storey extension at Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10

Planning File Reference: 4001/17

The proposal is to refurbish a single story changing building and the extension of a single storey extension

Attached to this report is a site location map illustrating the proposed development.

Zoning:

In the 2016 – 2022 Dublin City Development Plan the site is zoned "Z9: To preserve provide and improve recreational amenity and open space and green networks." The site is located within a conservation area. The site is located within the Zone of Archaeological Interest.

Site Description:

The subject site is located within Markievicz Park on the eastern portion of the Park bordering O'Hogan Road. There exists on site a single storey changing building

Proposed Development:

The proposed works will comprise:

The refurbishment of the existing single storey changing building and the construction of a new single storey extension.

The works will include amending the existing layout to provide: a fully accessible changing room with shower and toilet; ambulant disabled toilet facilities; 2 refurbished and 2 new changing rooms; new showers; a referee changing room; circulation areas; a small store and services room.

General external alterations include: integration of the new extension into the existing building; new render finishes; new glass block windows with protective screens to all sides; new entrance doors to the park side (east), and road side (west); a new service door to the side (north); new profiled metal roof; external steel goalpost storage cage; extended enclosing weld mesh fencing. There will be modifications to the pathways in the vicinity of the building.

Submissions/Observations:

None received.

Interdepartmental Reports:

The report of the Drainage Division dated 27th August 2017 has no objection and recommends conditions.

Planning Assessment:

Relevant City Development Plan policies which have been considered in this assessment

Policy GI10: To continue to manage and protect and/or enhance public open spaces to meet the social, recreational, conservation and ecological needs of the city and to consider the development of appropriate complementary facilities which do not detract from the amenities of spaces

Policy GI12: To ensure equality of access for all citizens to the public parks and open spaces in Dublin City and to promote more open space with increased accessibility and passive surveillance where feasible. In this regard the 'Fields in Trust' benchmark for green/recreational space city wide shall be a policy goal and quality standards

Objective GIO11: To support the implementation of the Dublin City Council Parks Strategy. The subject site is located within Markievicz Park on the eastern portion of the Park bordering O'Hogan Road. There exists on site a storey changing building. The sponsoring department seeks Part 8 approval for the refurbishment of the existing single storey changing building and the construction of a new single storey extension. The works include amending the existing layout to provide a fully accessible changing room with shower and toilet, disabled toilet facilities; 2 refurbished and 2 new changing rooms; new showers; a referee changing room; circulation areas; a small store and services room. The total floor area of the new extension proposed measures approximately 49sqm. The design of which will match that of the existing.

General external alterations within the site area also proposed, these include new render finishes; new glass block windows with protective screens to all sides; new entrance doors to the park side (east), and road side (west); a new service door to the side (north); new profiled metal roof; external steel goalpost storage cage; extended enclosing weld mesh fencing and modifications to the pathways in the vicinity of the building.

Conclusion

It is considered that the development as proposed accords with states policies and objectives contained within the City Development Plan 2016-2022. Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed works, it is considered that the proposed development would positively contribute to the amenities of the area and subject to compliance with the conditions set out below it is considered that the proposed development is in the interests of proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Need for the Work

The Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department has indicated that the existing changing room building in Markievicz Park is in a poor state of repair and is non compliant in terms of current building regulations and the refurbishment and extension to the building would greatly improved this facility for the sports club and community using this park. There is provision in the Parks & Landscape Services Capital Programme for the works.

Recommendation:

Accordingly, it is recommended that a decision be made by Elected Members of the Council to proceed with the proposed development.

The South Central Area Committee as appropriate were informed of the initiation of the Part 8 planning process for the proposed development at its meeting on the 20th September 2017 and approved the Part 8 planning application for the proposed development at its meeting on the 13th December 2017.

This report is submitted to the City Council pursuant to Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) subject to the provisions of Section 139 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Resolution:

"That Dublin City Council notes Report No 48/2018 and hereby approves the contents therein."

Owen P. Keegan Chief Executive

26th January 2018



