

**Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department
Parks & Landscape Services Division**

**To the Chairman and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Pre-Part 8 Notification: The building is referred to as Eamon Ceannt Park Depot. The proposed works are the upgrade of the existing single storey depot building with the construction of a new single story extension along the eastern boundary onto Rutland Grove and the construction of a new single storey extension along the southern boundary backing onto the other side of Rutland Grove; the extension of the northern Rutland Grove boundary wall up to the park entrance with new pedestrian gate to the proposed relocated recycling centre; construction of new relocated vehicular entrance gateway onto Rutland Grove; general layout changes to the depot compound yards; at Eamonn Ceannt Park, Rutland Grove, Crumlin, Dublin 12

Dublin City Council Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department has commissioned Dorman Architects to develop a design for the re-organisation of the Eamonn Ceannt Park Depot compound. The works will comprise the refurbishment and extension of the existing single storey depot building; the construction of a new single story storage building; the relocation of the recycling centre; the extension of boundary wall onto Rutland Grove; altered layouts to the depot compound yards and ancillary works.

Eamonn Ceannt Park comprises of 17 hectares and is situated between Sundrive Road, Clogher Road and Rutland Grove in Crumlin, Dublin 12. The park was developed in the 1960's and includes an athletic track, velodrome (banked cycling track), playing fields, tennis and basket courts, football changing rooms and a children's playground. The park's depot, situated off Rutland Grove, serves the park and also the wider area.

A workforce plan drawn up by Dublin City Council recommended the reduction of the number of park depots in the city and to improve facilities in the remaining depots. Eamonn Ceannt Park Depot will be retained and its depot extended to accommodate an increase in staff from 12 to 20; the provision of new storage building and re-organisation of the depot compound.

The Depot Building

The proposed works to the depot building are the general refurbishment with extensions to existing depot building in order to upgrade, enlarge and improve the existing accommodation facilities for parks personnel and to provide additional storage for machinery and equipment. The proposal will include making the building accessible for all.

The existing depot building has been extended in a piecemeal manner over a number of decades. With the proposed increase in park's personnel it will no longer meet the depot's needs. Currently the building is not universally accessible, the facilities are inadequate and the mechanical and electrical services are not compatible with current standards.

This proposal is to extend and consolidate the depot building in order to provide for enlarged office, canteen, changing and sanitary facilities along the eastern boundary of the building.

Along this side the refurbishment upgrade and extension will include amending the existing layout to provide: a large office; large canteen; accessible toilet; large changing room with showers and ambulant disabled toilet facilities; various storage rooms and circulation areas. The blacksmith's workshop will be retained.

Currently machinery, equipment, supplies and ancillary storage are contained in various small out-buildings and shipping containers within the Depot yard. An L-shaped single storey return extension off the depot is proposed along the southern boundary to provide secure storage for the various parks machinery, equipment and vehicles including tractors, vans, grass cutters etc. It will also provide for general ancillary storage.

General alterations are proposed to the external façade to integrate the new extensions into the existing which include: a consistent parapet line, new render finishes; new windows with protective screens; new entrance door and escape door to the side of the accommodation wing; steel doors and large sliding doors to the storage wing.

The accommodation areas will be thermally upgraded along with the installation of energy efficient lighting, heating and water services. It is also proposed to separate the existing foul and surface water drainage system and provide a new sustainable urban drainage system.

The Depot Compound

The existing boundary wall onto Rutland Grove will be extended west towards the park replacing a section of iron railings and concrete plinth. The existing entrance gates into the compound will be replaced with new entrance gateway further west adjacent to the proposed relocated recycling centre. A new pedestrian gate will be provided for public access to the recycling centre.

The lower compound yard will be re-organised to provide for parking facilities separate from the working depot yard area. Parking will be provided for 10 bicycles, 1 disabled car space and 18 car spaces.

The upper yard will be re-organised into separate areas to include a tree nursery, wood chip storage, general parks storage bays and waste collection point. Access for parks vehicles to the park will remain via the existing gates on the west boundary.

The Recycling Centre

The proposal is to include the relocation of the recycling centre further west adjacent to the park. The public will access the recycling centre via a pedestrian gate from Rutland Grove. Recycling vehicles will access the centre from within the depot compound.

Construction

It is proposed that construction will commence early 2019 with a construction period of approximately five months.

Culture, Recreation and Economic Services wishes to notify the South East Area Committee of their intentions to submit a Part 8 in the near future. This report is submitted for information purposes only.

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