

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

**Pre-Part 8 Notification: The building is referred to as Willie Pearse Park Hurling Practice Pitch and Childcare Centre Crèche extension. The proposed works are the demolition of the existing Dublin City Council Depot Building and yards and the construction of a new floodlit Hurling Practice Pitch, enclosed by a hurling wall, fence and ball stop netting, adjacent to the existing swimming pool and football changing rooms/boxing club;
The construction of a new single storey crèche adjacent to the Crumlin Childcare Centre with a fenced garden enclosure onto Willie Pearse Park, Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12**

Dublin City Council Culture, Recreation and Economic Services has commissioned Dorman Architects to develop a design for a new enclosed and floodlit hurling practice pitch and new single storey crèche at Willie Pearse Park, Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

Dublin City Council's Willie Pearse Park opened in 1949 and is a popular neighbourhood park widely used by the local community. The Park was named after Willie Pearse, younger brother of Padraig Pearse, a leader of the 1916 Easter Rising. The park includes Football Changing Pavilion, a Boxing Club, a Swimming pool, playing fields, an all-weather pitch, bowling club, a community crèche and landscaped parkland.

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. The existing Depot will be demolished with its facilities re-located to Eamonn Ceannt Depot. The site of the depot will be incorporated into the new hurling practice pitch and crèche.

The proposed works include:

Hurling Practice Pitch

The construction of a new hurling practice pitch enclosed by a concrete wall on one side and fencing on the other 3 sides. The pitch will be an all weather hurling training pitch surfaced with an appropriate synthetic turf surface.

The enclosure comprises a 19m long high concrete hurling practice wall with 2 no. 5m high supporting concrete fins, 4.8m long by 5m high return walls; the 5m high concrete wall will have 1m high ball stop netting above to bring the overall height to 6m; 3m high weld mesh fence enclosure to 3 sides with an additional 3 m high ball stop netting above to bring the overall height to 6m; ball stop netting cover to the entire practice pitch.

Access to the pitch will be via double gates and a single gate in the weld mesh fencing along the north west boundary. The pitch will be universally accessible. The pitch will be flood lit by 2 no. 10m high flood lights along the north west boundary.

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Childcare Centre Crèche extension

Construction of a new single storey building, 3.2m high, comprising lobby, crèche, office accessible toilet and toilets. The crèche will be part of the Crumlin Childcare Centre and will be accessed via the Centre's existing main entrance on Windmill Road.

The external works include a natural landscape garden with the existing trees retained. It will be bounded along the park by hedging and by a 2mm high weld mesh fence. A new pedestrian gate will provide access to the park. The ancillary works will include new foul drainage connecting into the existing foul drainage system. Rainwater will run to new soak-away area within the garden.

Construction

It is proposed that construction will commence early 2019 with a construction period of approximately two months. Culture, Recreation and Economic Services wishes to notify the South Central Area Committee of their intentions to initiate a Part 8 for this project.

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