

The Chairperson and Members of the  
Central Area Committee

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### Naming and Numbering of New Development

For Strategic Housing Development Application for Residential Accommodation at the  
Former CIE Lands, 2-4 Carnlough Road, Cabra, Dublin 7

Block A-Block G Apartments, Block H (The Principle Building – Resource Centre),  
Block I (3 bed house) Hamilton Gardens, Carnlough Road, Cabra, Dublin 7.

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Crekav Trading GP Limited applied to An Bord Pleanála, (ABP 300492/17) for permission for a strategic housing development at former CIE lands, 2-4 Carnlough Road, Cabra, Dublin 7. The site is located to the south of Faussagh Ave, to the north of Cabra Road, to the west of a rail line and to the east of Carnlough road. The Development will consist of the construction of 420 no. residential units and 3,667m<sup>2</sup> of other floor space. The former would include 66 three bedroom apartments, 260 two bedroom apartments, 93 one bedroom apartments, 1 three bedroom house. The other floor space includes 1 supermarket of 1,719m<sup>2</sup>, 3 other units whose use is described as retail/café/restaurant of 144 m<sup>2</sup>, 464m<sup>2</sup> and 468m<sup>2</sup> respectively. An office unit of 102m<sup>2</sup>, a community centre of 442m<sup>2</sup>, a childcare facility of 328m<sup>2</sup>. There would also be a basement with car parking and other services for the residential and other developments in the scheme. The total floor area of the proposed development is stated to be 46,211m<sup>2</sup> (including the car park) of which the gross floor space of the apartments would be 34,353m<sup>2</sup>.

Accordingly, the masterplan is to be known as **Hamilton Gardens (*Gairdíní Hamilton*)** and the spaces within the masterplan named to celebrate areas of his life that are important and might serve to inspire further investigation into his life and work. Crekav see opportunities in the planning condition for the provision of public art to further enhance this association, with the possibility for interactive and exploratory spatial art themed around mathematics, astronomy or physics.

The strategy to name buildings after notable Irish persons in the fields of Science and Mathematics will not be pursued in this naming submission, rather the buildings will have simple alphabetic block references, with the concentration of associated naming given to the open spaces within the masterplan.

The proposed names are as follows and are marked the attached map.

#### **The Principle Building (*Foirgneamh an Phrionsabail (Bloc H)*)**

Hamilton's principle is William Rowan Hamilton's formulation of the principle of stationary action. At the entry to the masterplan is located a resident and community resource building, this building is proposed to be given the title *The Principle Building*.

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**Rowan Place** *Plás Rowan.*

At the entry to the masterplan is situated a small triangular public space, the proposed location of the public art. Rowan was Hamilton's Christian name, accordingly this space serves as the first introduction to the man.

**Observatory Square** *Cearnóg na Réadlainne.*

Rowan Hamilton worked at Dunsink Observatory, located a few kilometres to the North of the site. The main publicly accessible square in the Development is proposed to be given the title *Observatory Square*.

**Dominick Square** *Cearnóg Dhoiminic.*

Hamilton was born at 36 Dominick Street in Dublin 1. The terraced Georgian building – like most of Dominick Street- no longer stands, however it is deemed relevant to mark Hamilton's local Dublin birth to the identity of the first of the resident's garden squares.

**Poetry Place** *Plás na Filíochta.*

Hamilton was passionate about poetry and was close friends with William Wordsworth. This lesser known aspect of Hamilton's life is deemed to be an associated title to the north most and quietest of the resident's gardens. Unrelated to this naming proposal, this garden space has previously been given the title 'The Watergarden', as a water feature is located within this garden. It is conceived as a contemplative space, in contrast with the busier public spaces of the masterplan.

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed names appropriate.

The names above are considered suitable and are recommended for adoption.

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