



Response to Section 140 Motion regarding the Grangegorman Bring Centre

Dublin City Council is committed to providing the best possible recycling infrastructure to communities across the city, including those in the Central Area.

The site on which the existing Grangegorman Bring Centre is situated is in the ownership of TU Dublin and is part of the Grangegorman Strategic Development Zone. The Grangegorman Development Agency (GDA) is the organisation appointed by central Government to facilitate the development of the Grangegorman campus. The GDA informed Waste Management Services in mid-2022 that they now require the land on which the current Grangegorman Bring Centre is situated in order to further develop the Grangegorman campus, specifically the “Clock Tower” building which lies adjacent to the bring centre site. Since that time, there has been ongoing negotiations between Waste Management Services and the GDA in relation to potential alternatives to the existing site. Most recently, the GDA offered a small site currently in the direct ownership of the GDA adjoining the existing bring centre as a replacement facility. Due to the smaller footprint, the proposed facility would be an unmanned site and would not be capable of facilitating the full range of services currently on offer. The site being offered can provide glass bottle, textile and dry mixed recyclable (i.e. paper, plastic, cardboard) recycling services only.

Many councillors have expressed concern regarding the proposed new facility and potential downgrading of services on offer by way of council questions, motions, emergency motions and direct correspondence with the Chief Executive.

Following these representations, Waste Management Services has reengaged with the GDA regarding these concerns and a meeting has been scheduled for 29th September to discuss the matter further in an effort to reach a satisfactory outcome for all parties.

In advance of this meeting, Waste Management Services has set out its position regarding the proposed new facility to the GDA in an email sent 25th September 2023 (extract below)

*“Waste Management Services currently operates a Bring Centre within the GDA campus, which provides Recycling facilities to the local Community (Outlined in **Green** in the image below). Currently the site accepts Dry Recyclables (Plastic, Cardboard etc), Glass Bottles, Textiles, Green Waste and WEEE. The site is approximately 440m² and is a manned facility. The City Council want to continue to provide this service in the D7 area.*

*GDA have a requirement to take back the land currently used by DCC as a Bring Centre and have offered an adjacent site as a replacement. This site is approx. 125m² (outlined in **Red** in the image below). This space is not large enough to accommodate the waste streams that are currently accepted by DCC at the GDA facility.*

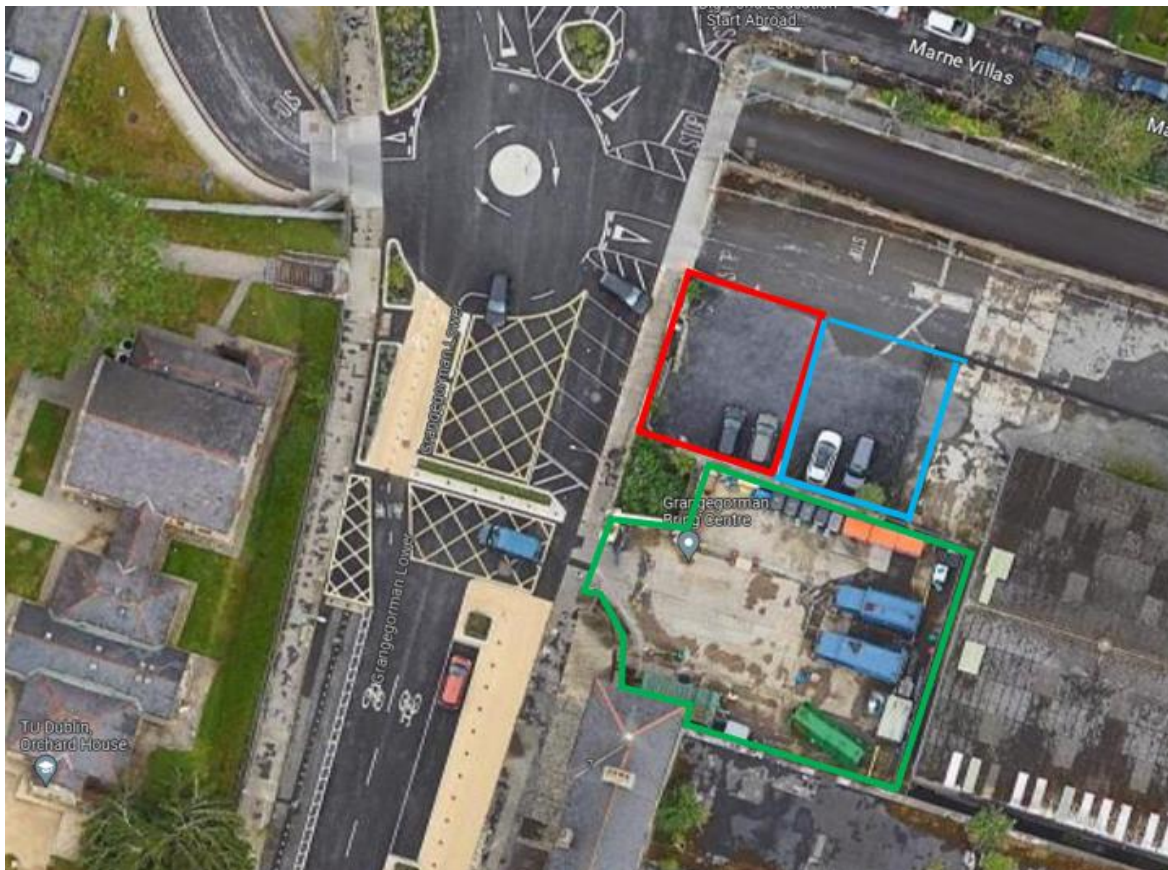
Section 7.3.2 of the Grangegorman SDZ Planning Scheme states that:

“The site will also include a Bring Centre for local residents in lieu of the existing facility which is to be removed. This will be appropriately sized to accommodate waste generated from on the site and from local residents.”

As stated above the alternative site being offered by the GDA is not of a sufficient size to accommodate the recyclable waste generated locally. Therefore the Council is not in a position to accept the current site being offered. It appears from aerial footage that the site being offered has significant space to the rear (outlined in [Blue](#) in the image below) that would make the facility viable as a Bring Centre. This is what I would like to discuss on Friday.

I would like to bring about a satisfactory outcome for all parties here but I must be clear on one point, Waste Management Services cannot accept a site that is not appropriately sized to accommodate the waste streams that are generated in the area and as such could not consent that the site being offered meets our needs if/when the relevant planning application is made under the terms of the planning scheme.”

The Chief Executive and the Head of Waste Management have no intentions of vacating the current location of the Bring Centre unless and until a suitable site is made available and is consistent with the terms of the SDZ planning scheme as outlined above.



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