

**Housing and Community Services Department  
South East Area Office**

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

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**Pre-Part 8 Notification: Public Realm Improvement & Library Refurbishment and Extension, Library Square, Ringsend, D04 Y970.**

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Dublin City Council (DCC) – The South East Area Office in conjunction with Dublin City Libraries proposes to extend and refurbish Ringsend Library and to carry out improvements to the surrounding public realm at the above location.

Works to the Library include a single storey extension which wraps around two sides and rear of the existing building preserving the front elevation, and which includes the demolition of the lean-to ancillary structure to the rear. The new extension increases the building footprint from 247m<sup>2</sup> to 544m<sup>2</sup>, comprising universal access to a new entrance foyer which includes a buggy store and public disabled access WC to the north and meeting room, flexible exhibition space, and children's area to southern half of the extension. It is proposed to restore stepped access to the Library front door as part of building conservation. Provision is also made for staff office space, meeting rooms, a canteen, WC and various plant space. At roof level a green / blue roof and solar panels will be introduced in line with the DCC Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

Works to the public realm include re-alignment and reduction of the vehicle carriageway to 3.1m; the creation of a new controlled pedestrian crossing to St. Patrick's Villas; repositioning of the universally accessible parking space adjacent to the medical centre; clear definition of the pedestrian and vehicular spaces by introducing raised kerbs including a 1.2m pedestrian refuge zone along the southern and western facade of the proposed library extension; feature planting with specimen trees and provision of SUDS drainage benefit; feature lighting to enhance the new environment; the introduction of a suite of street furniture to include bench seating and bicycle parking. It is proposed to limit the vehicle length allowed to access Fitzwilliam Street to 8m.

Dublin City Council, South East Area Office, intends to submit a Part 8 Planning Application in November 2023. The approval of the South East Area Committee is requested to initiate the Part 8 procedure.

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