

To the Chairperson and Members of
The Central Area Committee

Meeting: 13th February 2024

Report on Proposed Part 8 for Extended Boardwalk, Pontoon Extensions and New Canopy's at Dublin City Moorings, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1

Planning reference: 4915/23

Dublin City Council, Sports and Recreation Services wishes to provide an update to the Central Area Committee regarding the Part 8 planning application concerning the following development:

Provision of an extended boardwalk, pontoon extensions and new canopy's at Dublin City Moorings, Custom House Quay, Dublin 1. These works are required to facilitate the National Transport Authority (NTA) propose Bus Connects Route 16 at Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.

Proposed Development:

The proposed development comprises of the following:

- Extended Boardwalk and glass balustrading 4.2m in width joining to the granted 1.8m wide boardwalk and elevated above the Quay Wall protected structure level.
- Relocation of existing gangway (N.01) further in the East direction. Relocation and removal of existing pontoons and proposed seven number pontoons to replace existing pontoons and canopy with glazed roof.
- Proposed Gangway (N.02) & platform connected to the extended boardwalk and replacement of existing pontoon with two new pontoons and canopy with glazed roof.

The redevelopment of the DCC Docklands Office at Custom House Quay will deliver two new buildings. The National Transport Authority (NTA) proposed Bus Connects Route 16 will be delivered parallel to this new scheme. To facilitate the new route an extended boardwalk for pedestrian use is required to be provided at the Quayside to facilitate the national infrastructure project.

Images of Proposed Scheme:



3D View from South Quays of new development



3D View of West End Section at New Docklands Office with new gangway and canopied area



3D View of East End Section at New Docklands Municipal Water Sports Centre

The new east building, which will incorporate a changing room, reception area, staff amenity area and equipment storage, will be operated by the City Council's Sports and Recreation Services Section as a Water Activities Centre. The proposed pontoon redevelopment will accommodate a new glazed canopy structure which will function as the main hub for the water tours and other water sports operating on the River Liffey. The canopy will offer a sheltered gathering and safety briefing area for the tours and rentals, and the enlarged pontoon will provide permanent secure storage units for kayaks and canoes, as well as racked and caged storage for equipment such as wetsuits, paddles, boots and helmets.

Consultation Process:

The proposal was presented to the Central Area Committee in May 2023 prior to the commencement of the Part 8 process. Consultation with local stakeholders also took place prior to and during the Part 8 public consultation period. Plans and Particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection during public opening hours at the offices of Dublin City Council, Public Counter, Planning and Property Development Department, Block 4, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, Monday - Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm (excluding Bank Holidays) for a period of 4 weeks from 05th of December 2023. The plans and particulars were available to view online on Citizen Space <https://consultation.dublincity.ie>. Submissions or observations in relation to the proposed development were also invited and the deadline for receipt of these was the 24th of January 2024.

A total of three submissions and one observation were received in relation to the application within the prescribed period. The content of the submissions received were noted and has been considered by the Planning and Development Department in their assessment of the proposal. The Planning and Development Department are supportive of the development and have not highlighted any particular concerns regarding the proposal.

An approval of a Part 8 application is a reserved function of the City Council, it is now the intention to bring the proposal to the April City Council meeting for formal approval.

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