

Planning and Urban Form

Strategic Policy Committee – November 2021

City Edge Item No. 4 on the Agenda

Local Authority and Regional Assembly City Edge.

The City Edge project is a joint Dublin City Council (DCC) / South Dublin County Council (SDCC) non statutory plan for the Naas Road / Park West / Ballymount areas. The Project is funded by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under Call 1 of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund. The project covers an area of 700 hectares and is set to become one of Europe's largest urban regeneration projects.

The Vision and Emerging Preferred Scenario for the Project was subject to a non-statutory 4 Week Public Consultation from the 9th of September to 6th October 2021 inclusive. All documentation, including environmental reports, were made available on the Project website cityedge.ie. On 29th and 30th September, as part of the consultation, the City Edge International Conference was held to discuss and learn about Best Practice approaches to designing and delivering large scale regeneration projects. On 22nd and 30th September on line public question and answers events were held. These events were recorded and are hosted on the Project website. Over 6,000 people attended these events and there have been 8,800 visits to the website.

A total of 105 submissions have been received. These submissions are currently being summarised in a report, which will list the persons / bodies that make submissions. The main issues raised in the submissions can be summarised as follows:

1. Movement and transport (e.g. capacity of public transport, provision of walking and cycling infrastructure, increased traffic congestion).
2. Housing (e.g. type, size and tenure).
3. Sustainability (e.g. support for green infrastructure, promotion of biodiversity).
4. Flagship Parks (e.g. support for increasing the quantum of multifunctional open space).
5. Interfaces (e.g. Impact of new development on existing residential neighbourhood).

The report will be submitted to the elected members of DCC and of SDCC at their respective December meetings. The report will be available to view by members of the public thereafter.

The findings of the report will assist in finalising the Vision and Emerging Preferred Scenario for the Project which will be completed in early 2022. It is envisaged that the Project will evolve into a statutory plan. However, this is contingent upon financial and political support from national government, backing from DCC/SDCC elected members, commitment from state agencies to deliver key infrastructure and willingness of landowners and local communities to engage with change.

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