To the Chairperson and Members Of Central Area Committee

10th May 2022

With reference to a Naming and Numbering proposal for Phase 1A of the regeneration of O'Devaney Gardens, Dublin 7.

O'Devaney Gardens is one of three development sites that Dublin City Council intend to bring to the market under the Housing Land Initiative, which offer the combined potential to provide over 1,600 homes and the opportunity to create three new, high quality urban quarters. The other two sites are at St. Michaels Estate, in Inchicore and at Oscar Traynor Road in Coolock.

The gross site area of O' Devaney Gardens is 14 acres. Permission was granted (ABP PL29N.JA0024) in 2011 for Phase 1 of the regeneration comprising 110 no. residential units. Phase 1A of the scheme uses a portion of the site on the North West corner and consists of 56 units, comprising of a terrace of two storey houses and a courtyard block comprising a mix of houses, duplexes and apartments. They will be the only units directly managed by Dublin City Council and will house previous residents and family of O' Devaney Gardens.

The proposed numbering for Phase 1A is numbers 1-34 Montpelier Avenue and 1-22 Montpelier Close.

Address Proposal:

The name Montpelier Hill was initially given to the western end of Arbour Hill as it was an extremely popular place name during the 17th and 18th centuries. It was deemed especially fitting for the area as it was an elevated area with fresh air and scenic views of the city. Montpelier Gardens and Drive were built circa 1930's and 1980's and were let to local families with strong links to the area. When O' Devaney Gardens was being detenanted, residents moved to available properties within the Montpelier area as they had strong family and community links within the area.

After consultation with local residents, it was determined that the 56 unit direct build on the old O Devaney Gardens site should be named after the surrounding area as its links to the local area were inextricable.

It is therefore proposed that the new roads within the development be called Montpelier Avenue and Montpelier Close.

Heritage Officer Report

The City Councils' Heritage Officer considered the proposals and recommended that the name "Ascaill Montpelier / Montpelier Avenue" and "Clós Montpelier / Montpelier Close" is appropriate and the Irish translation has been supplied by the Council's Irish Office.

The proposed naming and numbering of the development is: 1-34 Ascaill Montpelier / Montpelier Avenue and 1-22 Clós Montpelier / Montpelier Close, Dublin 7.

Recommendation:

The addresses Ascaill Montpelier / Montpelier Avenue and Clós Montpelier / Montpelier Close and the numbering details set out above are considered suitable and are recommended for adoption.

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