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

Update Notification for information purposes only –

**Development of a Tearooms and public toilets, at Merrion Square Park, Dublin 2**

Further to the Part 8 approval (in 2017), construction of the new Tearooms in Merrion Square Park will commence this summer. The construction programme will be subject to further detail, but will likely take a minimum of 12 months. The new tearoom will comprise a refreshment facilities, accessible WC facilities, a space for interpretation/artwork and an external seating terrace.



**Image;** by Bucholz McEvoy Architects (from the Part 8 report), shows the proposed building in the park context

To facilitate the construction of the building, one sycamore tree will be felled and replaced (post construction works) by a semi-mature tree. The tree is currently arboriculturally assessed as being of 'fair' condition, Category C (low quality) and expected longevity is short; adequate for retention for a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of 20 years. Two other nearby trees; a Cedar and a Beech tree, will be 'crown lifted' to accommodate the building. These works will be carried out in May-June 2023.

Separate to this project, two dead/dying Elm trees are scheduled to be felled elsewhere in the Park (for Health and Safety reasons).

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