

## **SHANGANAGH PARK PHASE 1 (Part 8) - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

### BACKGROUND (Archaeology):

As part of the Part 8 process, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage were consulted as a statutory body. A submission was received relating to Archaeology from the National Monuments Services (NMS) which highlighted the requirement for an Archaeological Impact Assessment (including Geophysical Survey and Archaeological Test Excavation) before a decision is made on the Part 8. A geophysical survey and archaeological test excavations were subsequently undertaken under license from the NMS which revealed areas of archaeological significance specifically in the area of the proposed playing pitch.

### COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028 (Policy):

In light of the archaeology encountered, there are a number of policy objectives for the protection of archaeology heritage in the County Development Plan 2022-2028. In particular, Policy Objective HER1 states that 'It is a Policy Objective to protect archaeological sites, National Monuments (and their settings), which have been identified in the Record of Monuments and Places and, where feasible, appropriate, and applicable to promote access to and signposting of such sites and monuments'. Under Policy Objective HER2 concerning the Protection of Archaeological Material in Situ, the policy is 'to seek the preservation in situ (or where this is not possible or appropriate, as a minimum, preservation by record) of all archaeological monuments included in the Record of Monuments and Places, and of previously unknown sites, features and objects of archaeological interest that become revealed through development activity. In respect of decision making on development proposals affecting sites listed in the Record of Monuments and Places, the Council will have regard to the advice and/ or recommendations of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. This Archaeological Impact Assessment Report is included as an appendix to the Chief Executives Report.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Taking account of the above, the following amendments to the development are being proposed:

- To re-locate the pitch in an easterly direction including the ballstop netting and goalposts to preserve the Archaeological Material in Situ.
- To remove the floodlighting from the pitch.
- To amend the levels to create pitch and install drainage.
- To re-position the viewing mound location.
- To re-shape the bio-retention pond but retaining the same volume.

Note: See also the accompanying updated plans, lighting design, tree survey drawings and report and correspondence with the National Monuments Service.

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

- None of the conclusions in the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening, the Ecological Impact Assessment and the Appropriate Assessment Screening have changed.
- Addendums have been undertaken to these reports taking account of the proposed amendments.

### NOTE:

- The proposed amendments as outlined above are considered non-material

- The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (NMS) have reviewed the proposed amendments and provided written confirmation that they are satisfied with the amended proposal.
- This proposal will have a reduced impact on existing trees as outlined in the updated tree survey and report.
- The project description has not changed, nor has the red line site boundary. The size and dimensions of the pitch as well as its intended use will not change. The net impact on the overall park area remains unchanged, as the park area given over to active sports facilities remains unchanged. The removal of the proposed pitch floodlighting will result in reduced potential impacts on amenities.
- The traffic and parking issues raised during the public consultation are reduced by the removal of the floodlighting on the pitch.
- More of the existing meadow will be retained.
- Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determinations have been updated for completeness.
- The amended plans and reports were circulated to the relevant service departments within Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in January 2024 and no comments of note were received.