

# Clondalkin Rugby Football Club



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Clondalkin.  
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14 October 2021

The Planning Department  
South Dublin County Council

Dear Sir, / Madam,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of Clondalkin Rugby Football Club. We were established in 1973 and in our early years we played our games in Moyle Park College. In 1977 after significant fundraising we purchased a tract of land which is now Gordon Park. Our club has had many ups and downs over the intervening years. We cater for players, both men and women as well as underage Boys & Girls. We have also over past few years in conjunction with the IRFU and SDCC run "inclusive rugby" for disadvantaged children. These events have been very successful.

It became apparent over recent years that our grounds were not large enough to cater for our ever increasing number of players and the number of games being played on just two pitches. We have been monitoring available property in our locality and earlier this year a tract of land near Baldonnell went on the market. This was perfect for our long term ambitions.

We looked at different methods of selling our lands to produce sufficient funds to both purchase and part develop a new property. We agreed to sell the lands to Greenwalk Development Ltd. This was a perfect fit with us as we needed to conclude both the sale and the purchase concurrently. We are now planning to develop four/five pitches as well as a dedicated children's pitch. This will more than double our playing capacity. We will also be applying for planning permission to develop a new clubhouse, 5/6 dressing rooms and a Gym for indoor training.

The funding from Greenwalk Development Ltd will cover a significant amount of our expenditure over the coming years. This will set our club up for the next fifty years and enable us to provide sporting facilities to the population of South County Dublin and neighbouring areas.

We fully endorse the planning application from Greenwalk Development Ltd for housing development on Gordon Park. I would add that Greenwalk Development Ltd have agreed to permit us to continue using the lands in Gordon Park until the middle of 2022. This should allow us to prepare our new lands for play from September 2022.

Yours sincerely,

  
Gerry Gilligan

Chairman, Clondalkin RFC



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Dear Sirs,

We are an established creche operated located at the entrance to Citywest Business Campus on the Old Naas Road.

The building we occupy is designated creche facility build as part of the overall Citywest Business Campus. Bright Horizons, the former operators of the creche, struggled to maintain the necessary occupancy levels despite increased levels of business and housing developments in the area. They left in August 2012 and Links Creche & Montessori Southside Limited took over.

We have never operated at capacity and do not believe the business could operate if another creche opened in the immediate vicinity.

We understand you are preparing a planning permission for a residential development on the lands of Clondalkin Rugby Football Club. The last year has been extremely challenging for our business and staff, we would strongly urge you not to include a creche within the new scheme as it will financially upset the operation of our service and will result in job losses.

We trust you will carefully consider our views on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deirdre Kelly", is written over a horizontal line.

Deirdre Kelly

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