



PARKING & SIGNAGE SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parking & Transportation to the Gym

Old Bawn Gymnastics recognises the importance of having a good traffic management plan in order to ensure that traffic activity to and from the facility should not add significantly to current traffic patterns in the area. The proposed class timetable staggers the arrival and departure of gymnasts to ensure that there are sufficient car parking spaces for safe drop-off and collection.

Car Parking/Traffic Management

The Transport and Mobility Section (11.4) of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016 – 2022 sets out the guidelines for both car parking and bicycle parking standards in the County.

The proposed change of use is non-residential so it falls into Table 11.23 Maximum Parking Rates Zone 2 (Non-Residential). Under Sports and Recreation, the number of car parking spaces required for a gymnasium is 1 per 40 sqm GFA (gross floor area). Based on the gross floor area of 503 sqm in Unit 70 Cookstown Estate Road, the maximum number of car parking spaces required is 12.5.

Following the request for additional information, the proposed car parking and bicycle parking plan was reconfigured. Please see Proposed Parking Layout Plan OBG 70-CE Rd 005b-AI for eight car parking spaces (7 standard spaces and 1 mobility/disabled parking space).

Although, the number of car parking spaces is less than the maximum permitted in the development plan, it is submitted that this will not cause a traffic issue due to the age profile of our members, the staggering of the class timetable, the popularity of alternative transportation options such as walking and cycling and the availability of public car parks and public transport in the area.

It is proposed that two car park spaces will be reserved for coaches. The Senior coaches designated to open up the gym will park in these spaces. Many of our coaches are teenagers and young adults who do not drive so all coaches will not require a car parking space at any given time. The remaining spaces will be available to parents/members when bringing their children to/from class.

Age Profile

A large proportion of those using the facility will be under 18 years of age. The practice in our former gym located at Unit 1C Cookstown Industrial Estate was that gymnasts were dropped off and collected before and after class. We propose to continue this practice. Therefore, the provision of a car parking space will not be required for all users at any given time. Nevertheless, we recognise that good traffic management is important in ensuring the safe drop off and collection of gymnasts.

Management of Gymnast Arrival & Departure

There will be a person manning the car park and door into the gym during the arrival and departure of gymnasts. Gymnasts can be dropped to the gym and escorted inside by a member of the Old Bawn Gymnastics team, therefore, reducing the need for the driver of the car to park the car and escort their child into the gym.

Staggering of Class Time-table

The proposed class time-table as submitted in the cover letter with the original planning application details how class times will be staggered. The proposed time-table staggers the arrival and departure of gymnasts so this will limit the number of car movements to and from the gym at any given time. Please see excerpt of proposed time in the table below:

Table 1 Proposed Class Timetable Mon – Fri

		Proposed Gymnasts	Proposed Coaches
10:00 – 11:00	Cleaning & Class Preparation	0	2
11:00 - 13:00	Parent & Toddler	10	2
14:00 – 15:00	Recreational Class	10	3
14:30 – 15:30	Recreational Class	10	3
15:15 – 16:15	Recreational Class	10	3
15:45 – 16:45	Recreational Class	10	3
18:00 – 20:00	Competitive Squads	12	3
18:30 – 20:30	Competitive Squads	12	3
18:45 – 20:45	Competitive Squads	12	3
20.15 – 21.30	Adult Class	12	2

Car Pooling

Based on current transport arrangements of existing club members, it is anticipated that car-pooling will continue to be a popular means of transport in order to reduce the number of journeys parents/guardians of gymnasts have to make in any given day/week. The club will continue to promote this practice.

Operational Hours

It should be noted that the majority of the club's operational hours will be at weekends and after 18.00hrs on weekdays when most of the other units in the industrial estate are closed.

Walking/Cycling

The facility is in easy walking and cycling distance from residential areas in Belgard Heights, Kingswood Heights, Springfield, Bancroft and Kilnamanagh. There are dedicated footpaths and cycle tracks along Cookstown Estate Road to the entrance of the facility.

It is proposed to provide cycle parking and a marked walkway for pedestrians from the entrance gate to the door of the gymnasium. The entrance will be a sliding gate. Gymnasiums fall under the Enterprise and Employment Category of Table 11.22 Minimum Bicycle Parking Rates in the Development Plan and the requirement for short stay bicycle parking spaces is 1 per 50 sqm GFA. Based on the gross floor area of 503sqm in Unit 70 Cookstown Estate Road, the number of bicycle parking spaces required is 10. Please see proposed bicycle parking in Proposed Parking Layout Plan OBG 70-CE Rd 005b-AI

It is also proposed to provide lighting to the exterior of the unit to ensure that the pedestrian crossing is well lit. This lighting will be directed in such a manner to ensure that it projects over the pedestrian crossing and adjacent car parking spaces. The public lighting adjacent to the boundary fence will provide additional lighting.

Public Transport

There is a wide variety of public transportation options available in the Tallaght area.

Luas – The Luas red line terminus in The Square Shopping Centre, Tallaght is in close proximity to the proposed facility (less than 5 min walk).

Dublin Bus Routes – The Square Shopping Centre is serviced by numerous bus routes and it is in easy walking distance to the proposed facility. Local Bus Routes include No.27, 49, 56A, 65, 75, 76 & 77.

Signage

The proposed signage complies with Section 11.2.8 Signage – Advertising, Corporate and Public Information and Table 11.19 Signage of the SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022. The proposed sign will say "Old Bawn Gymnastics".

It will be in simple white lettering that will be no more than 400mm in height. The wording on the sign "Old Bawn Gymnastics" only advertises the service that is associated with the premises.

It will be located on the front of the building. Please refer to Proposed Signage Elevation drawing OBG 70-CE Rd 003b-AI for the location of the sign.