South Dublin County Council Planning Department, County Hall Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC

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Our Ref: D1754

Re: Response to additional information request for application Ref SD22A/0298 St. Finians GAA Club, Rathcreedan, Newcastle, Co. Dublin.

Applicant: St. Finians GAA Club.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached our response documents relating to the request for additional information dated 01/09/2022.

The items raised have been addressed as follows;

- 1 Please, see below further information relating to the operation of the sports pitch as requested:
 - Days and times of use:

This pitch is primarily going to be used for training and playing matches involving the underage section of the club. Activity will therefore be limited to early evenings with all activity generally finished by 9pm when daylight allow. Weekend activity with underage teams usually happens between 10am and 6pm and possibly on Sunday mornings from 10am to 1pm.

Number of uses at any time:

There could be continuous use during the above times by different underage teams.

Future intention of provision of changing facilities:

There is no plan to provide changing facilities. They are not required for underage players who arrive to the pitch dressed to play and go home in their playing gear. Toilets will be required and how these are to be provided is currently being considered. They will be the subject of a further planning application.

This additional pitch is needed because of the rapid growth in the number of children playing GAA in Newcastle. Its' use will be no different to the use of any juvenile GAA facility anywhere in South Dublin. These facilities should be, and generally are, adjacent to residential facilities without causing any problems for the communities they serve.

2(1) Please refer to Site Plan Drawing Ref. D1754-KB-XX-XX-DR-A-D3 PL1 showing the intended location and number of carparking spaces at 14 No. We have consulted Table 13.25: Maximum Parking Rates (Non - Residential) from the SDCC County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 to ensure compliance is provided.

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- 2(2) Please refer to enclosed Site Plan Drawing Ref. D1754-KB-XX-XX-DR-A-D3 PL1 showing the following:
 - Car parking arrangements (14 No. provided, 15 No. maximum)
 - Bicycle parking (6 No. provided, 4 No. minimum)
 - Pedestrian routes on site.
 - a. All proposed footpaths are 1.8m wide as requested.
 - b. All bicycle parking shall be covered as requested.
 - c. The proposed footpaths shown on the updated Site Plan (Drg Ref. D1754-KB-XX-XX-DR-A-D3 PL1) provides pedestrian connectivity from the road through the carpark and the pitch in the normal way. An accessible viewing area is provided to the front of the pitch to facilitate wheelchair users.
- 2(3) There is no requirement for site lighting as this facility will only be used in daylight hours as noted in response No 1 of this submission.
- 2(4) We have reviewed the site access arrangements and provide revised horizontal sightline in accordance with DMURS criteria (2.4m setback with 49m sightline each way for 50 kph.) Drawing Ref. D1754-KB-XX-XX-DR-A-D4 PL1.
- 2(5) Please refer to Site Plan Drg ref. *D1754-KB-XX-XX-DR-A-D2 PL2 & D1754-KB-XX-XX-DR-A-D3 PL1* showing 5% of carparking provided for mobility users at 10% of car parking equipped with electrical charging points.
- 2(6) Please refer to Site Plan Drg ref. D1754-KB-XX-XX-DR-A-D4 PL1 showing vehicle swept paths carrying out a right turning movement from the R120 into the development. With the speed limit set at 50kph coupled with existing traffic calming cushions installed along the R120, the right turning movement can be safely executed in this low speed limit zone.
- 3(1) Please refer to Drawing Ref. *JBA-XX-XX-DR-L-0001 P01* for Landscape Masterplan and Drawing Ref. *JBA-XX-XX-DR-L-0002 P01* for Planting Plan and Plant Schedule.
- 3(2) Please refer to Drawing Ref. *JBA-XX-XX-DR-L-0001 P01* with the proposed native hedge boundary around the carpark and drawing Ref. *JBA-XX-XX-DR-L-0002 P01* for Planting Schedule.
- 3(3) Please refer to Drawing Ref. JBA-XX-XX-DR-L-0003 P01 for Green Infrastructure Plan.

We trust the above is in order and look forward to future correspondence.

Yours Sincerely,

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