

South Dublin County Childcare Committee CLG.

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To South Dublin County Council Planning Department Ref SD22A/0399

Re: **Explore Together Childcare Centre, 136a Hillcrest Grove, Lucan, County Dublin**

It has come to the attention of the South Dublin County Childcare Committee (SDCCC) that the Preschool Service at the above address is facing issues in relation to their planning application are providing this letter as support for the service.

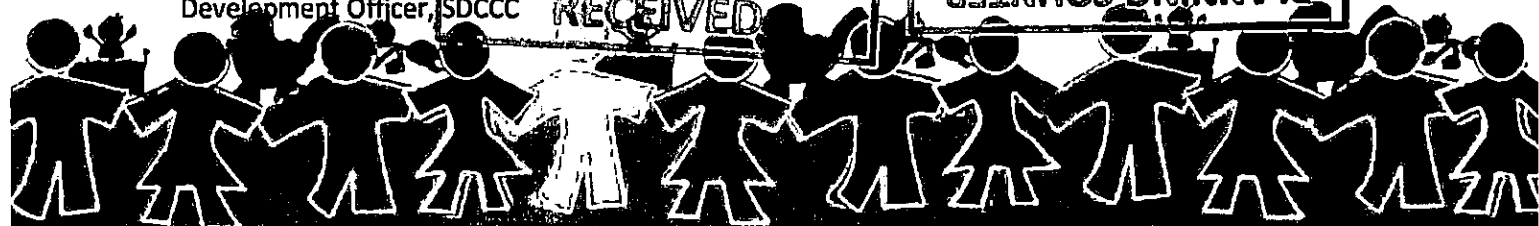
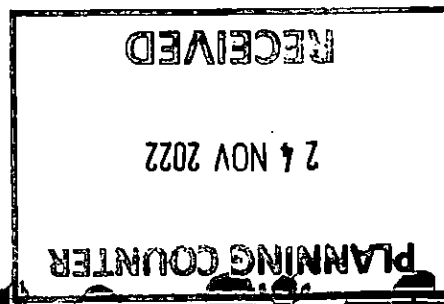
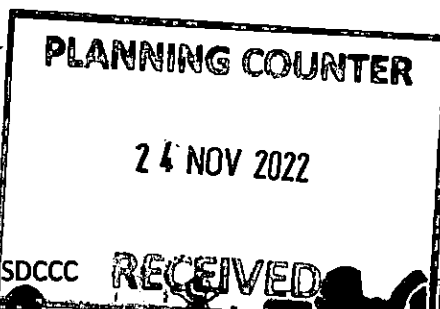
We are aware of the service, which is run by Ursula Kelly and John Kelly and registered with Tusla TU2015DS086. From the numbers attending the service which caters for preschool children aged between 2.5-5 years, we can observe that the service is required in the area as the occupancy rates are always very positive. The service is catering for 22 children from the local community and anecdotally we are aware that the service could provide more childcare places as some parents that wish to register their children with the service cannot be due to full occupancy. Our local information on the need in this area identifies that a service closure would result in inadequate early years' provision locally. The loss of this service would be a disadvantage to the community of parents and children who use the service.

From the information provided to us we are advised that the service is fully insured to provide an early years' service. We have been informed that the service maintains a good ratio of adults to children of 11:1, which is the recommended Tusla requirement for this age group. The service has a view to increasing the level of quality care and education available to children.

SDCCC considers this early year's care and education service should continue to operate and consider the planning department should award any planning retention of the premises that is required and the provision of increased planning to provide for an increased number of children in the local area. SDCCC will continue to support the service in the application for retention of business planning.

Yours Sincerely

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Development Officer, SDCCC



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Date: 25-Nov-2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Register Ref: SD22A/0399
Development: Change of use from all day creche to a preschool sessional childcare facility consisting of two sessions of 22 children per session per day: 9:15am to 12:15pm and 12:30pm to 3:30pm; Retention of an extension to the existing sunroom over the previous patio area and a WC attached to the extended sunroom, along with associated works.
Location: 36A Hillcrest Grove, Lucan, Co. Dublin
Applicant: John Kelly
Application Type: Permission and Retention
Date Rec'd: 25-Oct-2022

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in connection with the above planning application. The appropriate fee of €20.00 has been paid and your submission is in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended). The contents of your submission will be brought to the attention of the Planning Officer during the course of consideration of this application.

This is an important document. You will be required to produce this document to An Bord Pleanála if you wish to appeal the decision of the Council when it is made. You will be informed of the decision in due course. Please be advised that all current applications are available for inspection at the public counter and on the Council's Website, www.sdblincoco.ie.

You may wish to avail of the Planning Departments email notification system on our website. When in the *Planning Applications* part of the Council website, www.sdblincoco.ie, and when viewing an application on which a decision has not been made, you can input your email address into the box named *"Notify me of changes"* and click on *"Subscribe"*. You should automatically receive an email notification when the decision is made. Please ensure that you submit a valid email address.

Please note: If you make a submission in respect of a planning application, the Council is obliged to make that document publicly available for inspection as soon as possible after receipt. Submissions are made available on the planning file at the Planning Department's public counter and with the exception of those of a personal nature, are also published on the Council's website along with the full contents of a planning application.

Yours faithfully,

M. Crowley

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