

Planning Department,
SDCC, Civic Offices, Tallaght,
Dublin 24

20th January 2023

My Ref: COS 2021

Your Ref:

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Church of Scientology & Community Centre Dublin seeks permission for a new SDCC maintenance-vehicle access gate in the existing fence between the Church of Scientology and Dodder park, with landscaping & play items in the area of the park between the Dodder river and the existing fence, and retention permission for the existing 2.5 metres high perimeter fence around the Church of Scientology occupied property, to include the omission of a pedestrian gate and fence plinth, all at the Church of Scientology and Community Centre Dublin, Firhouse Road, Dublin 24, D24CX39

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to the above, and on behalf of my client (the Church of Scientology Firhouse) I attach compliance with conditions **5** and **6.3** of the Planning Permission SD22A/0091.

Condition **5** of the SD22A/0091 permission states:

5. Roads Department.

1. The proposed gate shall only be used for the purpose of allowing access/egress for SDCC Public Realm maintenance vehicles.
 2. The proposed gate shall not be used by pedestrians.
 3. The proposed gate shall be 3.5m in width.
 4. The proposed gate must be closed immediately after any maintenance vehicle has passed through it.
 5. Any gates shall open inwards and not outwards over the public domain.
- REASON: In the interests of public health, safety, the proper planning and sustainable development of the area .

Issues **5.1**, **5.2**, & **5.4** are management issues, largely within the remit of SDCC, given that our client will not be accessing the park area for any reason following completion of the works.

Item **5.3** (the revised width of the gate) and item **5.5** (gate opening direction) have been amended on the attached drawing numbers 001A (site plan) and 003A (gates) to reduce the gate to 3.5m wide and to orientate the gate opening direction towards the Church building.

Condition 6.3 (tree protection plan) states:

3. Tree Protection Plan

A tree protection plan for all trees, shrubs and hedgerows specified for retention shall be compiled by a qualified Arborist and shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of any work on site. No development works shall be carried out within any area of protection required by the Tree Protecting Plan. In particular there shall be no parking of vehicles, placing of site huts, storage compounds or topsoil heaps, storage of chemicals or lighting of fires within such protection areas.

REASON: To protect the trees, shrubs and hedgerows specified for retention in the interest of amenity.

In compliance with the above I attach an Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan, produced by VEON (forestry, ecology & environment) and prepared by Ethan Gannon & Joe Codd, both of whom are Arborists.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm approval of the above. If any further clarification is required please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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