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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023

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Motion from Councillor Adrian Henchy: sheet 7. AI029131

CVQ 3813

To provide for expansion for the existing schools, to facilitate a new school vehicular drop off and collection area; and to provide in tandem other ancillary community infrastructure uses.

REPORT:

Motion No. **AI029128** (Councillor Henchy) also relates to lands adjacent to St Patrick's National Schools.

This motion is seeking an area of expansion for the existing National schools on the Portrane Road, to facilitate a new school vehicular drop off and collection area and to provide, in tandem, other ancillary community infrastructure uses.

The motion does not clarify if a local objective or the re-zoning of these lands is sought. It is assumed that a Local Objective is sought from the wording of the submitted motion.

The recent CE Report acknowledges the on-going traffic management issues relating to the drop off and collection of pupils at St Patrick's National Schools. A number of submissions were received requesting the rezoning of lands adjacent to the schools to provide a dedicated set down area and to rezone lands to 'CI' and 'RS'.

The CE Report recommends that the small area of 'HA' zoned lands (0.15ha) separating the existing 'CI' zoned school lands from the Portrane Road be re-zoned 'CI'. This will provide access to the existing 'CI' zoned lands to the north and will enable the development of a suitable safe set down area adjacent to the school lands. The CE Report also recommends that a new map-based Local Objective be attached to these lands to provide access for a school set down area as follows;

'CE SH 7.4:

Rezone lands to the south of the 'CI' zoning at St Patrick's National School fronting the Portrane Road, from 'HA' to 'CI' (0.15ha).

Attach new map based Local Objective to read as: 'To provide pedestrian and vehicular access to a designated school set down area to serve St Patrick's National Schools'.

The existing (and proposed) areas of 'CI' zoned lands facilitate the development of community infrastructure and such uses are permitted in principle under this zoning objective. Furthermore, the need for community facilities and the important role of community groups is recognised by the Council and a fully integrated approach to developing sustainable communities is a key facet of the Draft Plan.

The Draft Plan, aided by the Local Area Plan and Development Management processes, will ensure, where possible, the timely and accessible provision of community services and resources, including schools, religious, and community and health facilities. There is an identified demand for places of worship within the Donabate area and this enlarged area of 'CI' zoning would facilitate such a use. It is recommended that a Local Objective be attached to these lands, to ensure the delivery of a new 'place of worship' at this location.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Council uphold the CE Recommendation CE SH 7.4, which proposes to rezone lands adjacent to the school for a dedicated school set down area to serve the National Schools at this location. The response to Motion No. AI029128 recommends the rezoning of lands north of St Patrick's Schools from 'HA' to 'CI'. The Planning Authority has no objection to the attachment of a Local Objective with an amendment to ensure the delivery of lands for a place of worship recognising the demand and shortage of suitable land in Donabate for same:

- Rezone lands from Objective 'HA' to Objective 'CI' north of the existing National Schools.
- Attach a new Local Objective on these lands to read as:

'Provide a designated school set down area and Place(s) of Worship'.

RECOMMENDATION:

- *Rezone lands from Objective 'HA' to Objective 'CI' north of the existing National Schools.*
- *Attach a new Local Objective on these lands to read as:*

'Provide a designated school set down area and Place(s) of Worship'.
- *It is also recommended that **CE SH 7.4** be upheld.*