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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Tuesday, 18th January 2022

Chapter 2 – Planning for Growth, Core Strategy & Settlement Strategy

ITEM No. 46

Motion from Councillor Natalie Treacy : 74226

ADD:

That any of our free infill spaces zoned for housing should be used to build social houses to increase our housing stock.

REPORT:

The intention of the motion is noted and welcomed. A cross-cutting theme of the Draft Plan focuses on the achievement of consolidated development within existing settlements and the many benefits arising from this approach. This is addressed in particular in Chapter 3 Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes. Consolidation may be achieved through the re-use and/or repurposing of previously developed, under-utilised, vacant or derelict properties and sites within existing development boundaries.

Infill development opportunities or gap sites between existing buildings of varying extent also offer opportunities to consolidate existing development and to enhance streetscapes.

The Local Authority actively reviews all suitably zoned lands within its ownership, including infill sites, for residential development purposes. Proposals arising must be compliant with Development Plan standards in relation to qualitative development standards, engineering requirements and access arrangements. Not all zoned infill sites will therefore be available for such purposes given issues

such as e.g. site constraints, proximity to infrastructure, inability to meet Development Plan standards.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Insert new objective at appropriate location in Chapter 2 to state:

Where feasible, that infill spaces on residential zoned lands in the ownership of Fingal County Council, are used to build social houses to increase our housing stock.