

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Sheet 2 Fingal North

Motion from Councillor Adrian Henchy : 82366

GAA Club Garristown

That the Council resolve, to rezone the lands on the attached map outlined in black located to the west of Garristown GAA Club be rezoned from RU (rural) to OS (Open space), in order to facilitate the expansion of the playing pitches for the local community

REPORT:

The content of the motion requesting a change in zoning from RU to OS to facilitate the development of additional playing and training grounds is noted.

The subject lands comprise an extensive area of c.2.4 hectares [c.6 acres] of agricultural lands to the east of the existing Gaelic Football Club at Garristown and assessed off Chapel Lane and a county lane off the R130 which are narrow in width and alignment. The subject lands are currently zoned RU-Rural in the current Development Plan 2017-2023 and immediately outside the settlement boundary of Garristown village. This zoning objective is carried through to the Draft Plan.

The lands immediately to the west comprise existing zoned OS - Open Space lands of the existing Garristown Gaelic Football Club and is accessed from Chapel Lane.

The Council is fully committed to the continued protection of the agricultural sector and the preservation of agricultural land within the County in accordance with the RU zoning objective and vision. Notwithstanding, it is noted that a

Recreational/Sports Facility is Permitted in Principle in the RU zoning objective subject to caveat 2 *where it is in proximity to residential settlements and would not generate unacceptable traffic problems.*

Proposals for additional playing/training fields fall within the category of Recreational/Sports Facility where such a proposal can be assessed in accordance with the provisions of the RU zoning objective and vision and normal standard planning criteria including any required assessments relating to traffic issues through the Development Management process.

Having regard to the rural nature of the area, the RU zoning objective and vision to protect agricultural lands and where a Recreational/Sports Facility is Permitted in Principle in the RU zoning objective, the existing RU zoning objective is considered the most appropriate approach to the subject lands.

As such no change is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change to the draft Plan.