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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

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Sheet 6 Lusk-Rush

Motion from Councillor Robert O'Donoghue : 82213

Draft Sheet 6 - Lusk - 11 Acres to the east of the Lusk Bypass – Map Based Objective

That Fingal County Council resolves that the lands outlined on the attached map, which is in the ownership of FCC be considered for use for community amenities and recreation by the people of Lusk, consideration to include recommendations from the Lusk Vision 2030 document and Lusk 2020 Sports Committee.

REPORT:

The content of this submission is acknowledged. The subject lands are located on the east of the Rathmore Road (R127) and to the north of Station Road (R128) at Lusk and measure 5.7 ha. The subject lands are zoned RU (Rural) apart from a small section which abuts the R127 which is zoned RS (Residential). Apart from this portion of RS lands, the remainder are located outside of the development boundary of Lusk.

The motion proposes that the lands have a mapped based local objective for community amenities and recreation and consideration to include recommendations from the Lusk Vision 2030 and Lusk 2020 Sports Committee. are zoned from RU to CI.

Reference is made in the motion to the 'Lusk Vision 2030' document and the Lusk 2020 Sports Committee. The Council recognises and will draw upon the work/studies that local communities carry out including the "Lusk Vision 2030: Lusk for Life' is a unique community-led action plan for Lusk town. The Council

also recognises the efforts of the Lusk 2020 Sports Committee in helping to ensure that the sports and recreational needs of the town are met.

In this regard, it should be noted that arising from the work undertaken by the community with respect to Lusk Vision 2030, the Council has committed to undertake a Framework Plan with respect to Lusk over the life of the Plan and that the Council will seek collaboration with the local community in producing same.

In addition, it should be noted that a Park Development Plan for Rathmore Park in Lusk includes provision for a Multi-Code Active Recreational Sports Hub in addition to significant areas dedicated to passive recreation and play. The Council also opened a State-of-the-Art playground in Rathmore Park in 2021.

The further development of the park which is due to progress through the planning process over the coming months will provide for additional play and sporting facilities including night-time training and associated infrastructure.

In terms of the provision of recreational infrastructure across Fingal, the County Council recognises the importance of having a strong network of community centres and amenities in both established and growing communities which offer a wide range of facilities and services.

In terms of providing accessible community, sporting and recreation facilities, Chapter 4 of the Draft Plan 'Community Infrastructure and Open Space' contains policies to support the development of sports and recreational infrastructure within Fingal. For example, Policy CIOSP8 seeks to *'Ensure that all communities in the County are facilitated with a variety of sporting facilities that are fit for purpose, accessible and adaptable.'*

For Fingal County Council owned facilities, the delivery of specific items of recreational infrastructure are more appropriately considered within the context of a capital or works programme. It is noted that a Sports and Recreation Facilities Audit was published in February 2021 for the local electoral areas of Balbriggan, Swords, Rush-Lusk.

The aim of the audit was to develop a comprehensive overview of the existing provision of recreation, leisure and sports facilities within the study area. One of the key objectives was to identify a gap and needs analysis, focusing on what is required in the study area to develop and maintain facilities.

With this in mind, the Community Development Department will conduct a countywide study of community centre provision in 2023 which will identify the areas of need and provision across the County. This study will inform future

decision making in relation to the provision of such facilities going forward and will continue to support the enhancement of community centre facilities where appropriate.

While the delivery of such community infrastructure is the responsibility of numerous stakeholders, the Council will use its financial resources and/or external funding to deliver new facilities while also maximising the potential of existing resources. In this regard, collaboration in delivery is considered to be the optimum approach.

The policies and objectives set out in the Draft Plan are strategic in nature with broad applicability and are considered sufficiently robust to promote, support, develop and enhance the development of community facilities in Lusk.

Having regard to the above, and to the ongoing efforts to provide a Multi-Code Active Recreational Sports Hub in Lusk as part of the Park Development Plan for Rathmore Park, it is not considered necessary to insert a mapped based local objective at this location.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change to the Draft Plan.