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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Sheet 6 Lusk-Rush

Motion from Councillor Jimmy Guerin : 81790

School on Sheets 6A

“This Council resolves the map based objective for a School on lands at Station Road/Rathmore (as outlined in black on the attached map), be removed from map sheet 6a of the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029”.

Rationale: The school that was intended for this site has since been built on an alternative site and there is no access for a school at the site marked and subject of this motion

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted.

The subject site is located to the west of the R127 on lands that are zoned RA.

While the provision of new schools is the responsibility of the Department of Education, FCC has and will continue to work collaboratively with the Department of Education and the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the identification of suitable sites for the delivery of new and expanded educational facilities in Fingal.

Due to the overall potential for growth in the settlement of Lusk and surrounding areas, it is not considered appropriate to remove the map-based objective for a school site on these lands at this time.

It should be noted that the overall approach to the identification of school sites, including those in Lusk has been developed in ongoing consultation with the Department of Education.

Furthermore, the decision to retain the symbol was made having regard to a request for the same from the Department of Education, during pre-draft development plan consultations.

Chapter 4 of the Draft Plan (Section 4.5.1.4) includes relevant information on 'Education - Primary and Post-Primary'. The Code of Practice issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and local Government in 2008 entitled '*The Provision of Schools and the Planning System*' 2008, has three core objectives for the effective integration of the school and the planning system. These include the following:

- That schools provision should be an integral part of the evolution of compact sustainable urban development and the development of sustainable communities.
- The provision of any new schools (both primary and post-primary) should be driven by and emerge from an integrated approach between the planning functions of Planning Authorities and the Department of Education and Science; and
- Local Authorities, as Planning Authorities, will support and assist the Department in ensuring the timely provision of school sites.

FCC continues to work collaboratively with the Department of Education in relation to the identification of schools and associated facilities. There are a number of relevant policies and objectives relating to school provision, extensions to existing facilities and school design, including *Policy CIOSP9 Education and Health* and *Objective CIOSO14*.

It is considered that the intent of the motion is adequately addressed by the policies and objectives set out above and these are sufficiently robust to support the delivery of school facilities in the Lusk area, when required.

FCC will continue to work in conjunction with the ongoing review and delivery of school facilities in the County as a collaborative and co-ordinated approach between the Department of Education and FCC. The removal of any school site objective would be informed by advice received from the Department of Education in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change to the Draft Plan.