

Submission made on behalf of, Sinn Fein - McCabe Quigley Cumann Ballymun

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Gaeltacht Quarter

- Irish Second Level School; the RRL plan for Ballymun recommended in regeneration plan that a second level school, be provided taking into account local diversity. We propose that the site for this school would on the current site containing the old boy's comprehensive school and that it be a non-denominational 2nd level Irish school.
- Establishment of a Gaeltacht quarter comprising of Setanta GAA club, Scoil an tSeachtar Laoch and the proposed new Irish secondary school mentioned above.
- Relocate the existing public library and law services to the plaza and allow Setanta GAA club to use the building and lands, which would complement the Gaeltacht quarter beside it.

Sports Clubs and Parks

There is a number of clubs in the area that are looking for facilities and space. These clubs such as rugby, soccer and GAA should be accommodated within the confines of what is achievable in the plan.

- Allow Knoll Park (M50 lands) which is a designated park to be used solely by Ballymun Kickhams or even a mixture of clubs.
- Ballymun Utd grounds and facilities beside Ikea should be expanded towards Mayeston Downs (Divided by the closed road) to increase their capacity and facilities, (These lands are in Fingal County Co.)
- The establishment of any new parks should incorporate the inclusion of playgrounds and amenities such as skate parks, gym equipment, etc.
- Hampton Wood should have increased community services such as playgrounds, etc. which at the moment has little or no facilities.
- The LAP should redesign Shangan Park in so that it is more children friendly and provide a new playground and fits in to its close surroundings as well defining the boundaries of the park.

Industry

- Establishment of an Industry/commercial corridor which would extend from Ikea to the M50. These lands are already zoned for industry. Also land in the surrounding the Poppintree Industrial Estate and St. Margret's Industrial Estate.
- We support the proposal within the LAP to extend the plaza to the other side of the road and create a village style mix of residential and retail and not a 'block type' shopping centre.
- There is a greater capacity for more retail due to the housing and population potential across the Local Area.

Transport

- The Metro Stop must be in the centre isle of Ballymun and parallel to the central plaza area.

Housing

- We submit that there should be more residential areas incorporated, comprising of mixed tenure and a greater use of co-op housing.
- In relation to apartment sizes and houses these should be similar to the regulations used in the Ballymun Regeneration, which was minimum:
 - 55/60 sq. meter, for one bed units
 - 70/80 sq. meter for a two bed
 - 90/98 sq. meter for a four bed unit.
- Removal of any prohibition on access to HAP, RAS or rent supplement in the Ballymun area.
- The large number of retail units that are idle and will not be utilised such as on the plaza and Shangan road and also at Santry cross; the LAP should seriously consider the possibility of converting these premises, which are left idle for years into residential units.
- At the back of the Girls Comprehensive School on Ballymun road there is a large dome called Tutsall which needs repairs to the roof. If these repairs were undertaken it would open this impressive venue for many varied community activities and a capacity to host national events.

Infrastructure

- The full implementation of the Moylan Report on drainage in the Ballymun area. This report outlines remedies for drainage issue in certain areas of Ballymun for Coultrey Gardens, Sandyhill Gardens, Shangan Gardens and Silloge Gardens, some have not been done but should be finished immediately.
- Install a link road to Hampton wood as was agreed by the planning department that the link between Hampton Wood and Balbucher lane should be opened to allow more permeability between Ballymun and St. Margaret's road, this should be coupled with a public transport service for the area.
- The road and parking at the front of Poppintree Neighbour centre, **Site No. 20**, needs to be re-aligned and redesigned to remove the sharp bend and to include the provision of extra car parking spaces and relocation of the bus stop.
- Objection on **Site 21**, Residents of the area are opposed to the height of 3 story buildings and the opening up of the cul-de-sac on Belclare Green.

Ballymun Village

- With the changes to the landscape of the main streets of Ballymun and the mix of retail and residential units envisaged. Serious consideration must be given to establishing a village type atmosphere which will include a variety of restaurants, cafes, public houses and other entertainment type venues and other facilities such as day-care and crèches should also be planned for a business plan should be completed which will entice various types of commercial and professional services.

Environmental/Industrial/Educational Urban Farm - Social Enterprise

- Land allocation at **Sites 26 to 31** of 1/4 up to 2 acres of land made available for an Urban Farm - Social Enterprise. A new start up business being pursued by local residents.

Note: Garda consultation should be sought at each stage of design in new builds to advise on how to avoid design flaws leading to anti-social behaviour.