



Grangegorman
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Newsletter

Planning Permission Granted for new Health Facilities

The proposed redevelopment of Grangegorman has just received a major boost with the final granting of planning permission for the first stage of the development. This will see brand new replacement mental health care facilities being located on the site.

The new development will contain 30 intensive care beds, 20 continuing care beds and 16 respite rehabilitation beds. Not only will it provide much needed upgraded facilities for existing service users but it will enable the next stage of the Grangegorman project to begin, which is the development of the new DIT campus.

The Chairman of the Grangegorman Development Agency, John Fitzgerald, welcomed the announcement saying it showed how significant progress is being made in the current economic climate.

He added *"With everything that is happening in the country this project and ones like it are more important than ever. This project alone will create in the region of 5,000 jobs in construction, services, and administration amongst others at a time when they are most needed."*

CEO of the agency Gerry Murphy said that the fact that there were no objections to the planning application for the new health facilities was a reflection of the importance that everyone in the community saw in the project and also confirmed how well designed and planned the buildings were.



Computer Image of new Health Facilities

He said "information sessions were held with all stakeholders prior to a planning application being submitted and even at that stage the feedback was very positive. Everyone wants to see the users of St. Brendan's finally get the new facilities they so desperately need in addition to seeing the Grangegorman project finally up and running in earnest. Credit must go to the designers Murray O' Laoire architects as well as the HSE for the great work that has been done to get the plans to this stage."

Government Consideration

The Taoiseach, Brian Cowen T.D. visited Grangegorman in May, as did the Minister for Education and Science, Batt O' Keefe T.D., officials from the Department of Education and Science and officials from the Department of Finance. Everyone who came to visit was very positive in their feedback on the project and was aware of its significance and possible impact on the future success of the area.

The Draft Strategic plan is still with Government awaiting their consideration. We hope to have a decision on it very soon. The GDA is aware that the McCarthy Report on public service numbers and expenditure programmes makes many recommendations on a vast array of issues for Government to consider, including the shelving of the Grangegorman project. Like all bodies mentioned in the report we will await the outcome of this consideration, but remain committed to meeting our current project deadlines.



Discussing the Masterplan, from left to right; Taoiseach Brian Cowen T.D., Professor Brendan Drumm (HSE), Gerry Murphy (GDA), John Fitzgerald (GDA), Danny Pender (NWICN).

New Primary School Ready

On the education side of the development the temporary primary school was handed over to Dublin 7 Educate Together on 21st September. The school, which has 16 classrooms and includes some special needs facilities, will allow D7 Educate to move back to the neighbourhood where they were first established. This is a very significant milestone as it will be the first new building occupied as part of the Grangegorman Development.



Just about ready- D7 Educate Together temporary school

International Recognition for Grangegorman Masterplan

The Grangegorman Masterplan has just received a 2009 Urban Design Award from the American Institute of Architects California Council (AIACC). This award "recognises distinguished achievements that involve the expanding role of the architect in urban design, city planning and community development."

Commenting on the Masterplan the AIACC jury said

"This project takes a piece of land in the centre of the city that was an island and knits it together with the rest of the urban fabric. It is a remarkable, world-class project."

In addition the Grangegorman Masterplan has been shortlisted for this year's World Architecture Festival Awards. There were more than 630 entries this year from 81 countries. The winner will be chosen at the World Architecture Festival in Barcelona from 4th - 6th November 2009. This is another great endorsement of the quality of the Grangegorman project and for the designers Moore Rubell Yudell and their Irish associates Duffy Mitchell O' Donoghue Architects.

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