

Expressions of Interest for use of the Former Credit Union Building, Blunden Road, Ayrfield - First Round

Ideas for Use of the Former Credit Union Building, Blunden Road, Ayrfield: Dublin City Council North Central Area Office want to invite 'Expressions of interest' from individuals, groups/organisations in North Central Area to submit ideas and proposals for the sustainable future use of the former Credit Union Building, Blunden Road, Ayrfield.

The land where the former Credit Union premises is situated is zoned Z9 Amenity/Open Space Lands/Green Network in the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 which is "To preserve, provide and improve recreational amenity, open space and ecosystem services."

Permissible uses and those open for consideration under this zoning are set out below -

Z9 – Permissible Uses

Allotments, cemetery, club house associated with the primary Z9 objective, municipal golf course, open space, public service installation.

Z9 – Open for Consideration Uses

Boarding kennel, café/ tearoom, caravan park/camp site (holiday), car park for recreational purposes, childcare facility, civic and amenity/recycling centre, community facility, craft centre/craft shop, crematorium, cultural/recreational building and uses, garden centre/ plant nursery, golf course and clubhouse, place of public worship, restaurant, shop (local), sports facility and recreational uses, water-based recreational activities.

In this **Round 1** of the Open Call for Expressions of Interest a shortlisting process will occur on the following criteria.

- (a) Quality of the proposal
- (b) Track record and experience of the applicant
- (c) Feasibility of the proposal.

Interested individuals, groups / organisations will also have to demonstrate the following:

- **Financial:** the ability to be able to meet all associated costs with structural changes, fit-out, utility services, rates and ongoing maintenance of any premises under a Lease/Licence including any planning requirements regarding use as well as Funding Source/Grants and the ability to commit to a Fee/Rent under the relevant occupancy agreement.
- **Legal**: ability to engage Legal Advice regarding Deed of Renunciation and execution of Legal Documents in a timely manner
- **Structure of entity/Responsible parties**: Details relating to the structure of entities and details of Directors/Trustees/Nominated Parties
- **Governance**: provision of Audited Accounts, Proof of Affiliation, Memorandum/ Articles of Association, Constitution, Committee details
- **Responsibilities**: ability to be able to provide for and commit to Insurance, Rates (if applicable), Utilities, Waste Disposal, Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance, Health and Safety, Fire safety, Security, General Upkeep, etc.

Shortlisted applicants will advance to **Round 2**. No formal feedback will be given in Round 1. After Round 2 selected candidates may be called to interview. Dublin City Council reserve the right to not award use of the building if the applications do not meet the criteria set out.

Application Form and Process Dublin City Council is committed to an open, transparent and competitive process. Applications can come from individuals, groups / organisations.

How to Apply: Completed and signed applications to be emailed to <u>deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie</u>

Deadline for Applications

Deadline for receipt of applications is **Friday 23rd May, 2025 at 12.00 noon.** No late applications will be accepted.