

Traveller Accommodation Update - September 2016

Allocations: A target of 35 allocations per year is set under the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018. As of August 30th, there were 8 Traveller Priority lettings to Standard Housing (**target is min 20 p.a.**), a further 4 Traveller families housed with homeless priority; and 4 to Traveller Specific accommodation. There is increased overcrowding on group housing and halting sites as families move caravans into the backyards.

Fire Review:

- Waste management and the Traveller Accommodation Unit are working on a joint initiative to tackle the commercial scale dumping and burning of rubbish at Labre Park, which is impacting on the fire safety of the site. As of last week there had been 60 call outs of DFB to Labre Park this year alone.
- Individual site meetings are taking place to discuss the recommendations and implementation plan for each site.
- While many of the recommendations have been implemented, the key remaining difficulties are in getting adequate separation in the over-crowded sites: particularly Cara and Labre. Solutions have been identified but they will take longer to implement.
- In Avila and Cara there are additional issues with unsafe electrical connections being made to caravans at the back of houses. There is adequate space in many of the houses assessed but the feedback is that families are resistant to living together.

Labre Park Redevelopment: Earlier this month, the DHPCLG gave approval in principle for the full redevelopment of Labre Park under the Capital Assistance Scheme. Clúid Housing Association will complete the redevelopment in 3 stages. There is a risk to the project at present, as it was agreed by all residents of Labre Park at the outset that the redevelopment was for existing residents and any new unauthorised occupancies would hamper the project going ahead. This issue will be raised with residents by DCC & Clúid in light of the unauthorised occupant who has refused to leave the site although stating he has alternative accommodation.

New Site Development - Ongoing

Mid-term Review: Final Draft issued to all members of LTACC.

Housing Needs Assessments and Rent Reviews for Traveller Specific Accommodation are underway.

No of Units	Description of Works	Status 13/04/16
Projects In Progress		
3	Labre Park: Rebuilding of 3 Fire Damaged houses in Kylemore Grove (Phase 1) - Construction start date 20/06/16	Advanced construction.

2	Cara Park: Overcrowding Extensions Tender Competition	Tender sent to DECLG for Stage 4 approval
2	Cara Park: Special Needs Adaptations Snagging	Post-project Review/drawdown
Projects With Approval pending Start		
6	Pigeon House Road - Redevelopment of site Proposal submitted to DECLG 04/03/16	Approval to Pre-Tender Stage 2 Pending appointment of architect
10	Tara Lawns - Redevelopment of the site Clean-up of site and drainage works in progress.	Approval in Principle Stage 2 (detailed design) Pending engineer to be appointed
15	Electrical Upgrade - St. Oliver's Park	Approval in Principle Stage 1 pending appointment of an electrical consultant for feasibility
30	St. Margaret's Park Day-house upgrade	Approval In Principle - Stage 1 & 2 Pending a decision on in-house or consultant architect to bring to tender
5	Grove Lane - Refurbishment of 5 derelict houses & redevelop the site No families will move onto the site with existing occupants	Approval In Principle - Stage 1
3	Bridgeview /Northern Close/ Avila Park Rebuild of Single Houses Initial feasibility submitted for 2 houses	Stage 1 & 2 Approval - pending appointment of an architect to prepare for tender
14	Electrical Upgrade - St. Joseph's Park	Stage 1 - Approval In Principle pending Elec consultant to be appointed
9	Refurbishment of Sanitary Facilities 9 units in Cara Park	Approval - Priority is the fire safety works - this will follow
24	Labre Park: Re-development (Phase 2 & 3)	Approval In Principle
2	New Sanitation Unit Requests received - 3 new requests, spec being prepared for quotes	In Progress- emergency units bought in advance of tender
Pending Approval in Principle		
15	Redevelopment of St. Dominic's Park Site occupied without authorisation by c. 20 families. Emergency works to make the site safer. Proposal submitted to DECLG 04/03/16	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle
Not Started		
15	St. Oliver's Park Day-house upgrade	Not Started

1	St. Joseph's Park - Community Centre refurbishment	Not Started
	Change of Submission	
1	Remediation of Pyrite-damaged - Avila Park Community Centre Pending submission by local representative.	On Hold - request to demolish & replace with housing under consideration