MINUTES OF THE ADAMSTOWN SDZ

STEERING GROUP MEETING

Council Office, Tallaght - 02 July, 2007

Attendance:

Councillors Mayor B Gogarty D. Keating G. O'Connell E. Tuffy

Stat. Agencies Garry Keegan Irish Rail

Enda Halpin Health Service Executive

Gabrielle McKeown Department of Environment, Heritage

and Local Government

S.D.C.C. Paul Hogan SDZ Project Manager – Chairman

Fionnuala Lennon Project Planner
Karen Kenny Assistant Planner
David Murray Assistant Planner
Tracy McGibbon Executive Planner
Lorna O'Callaghan Assistant Staff Officer

1. Minutes of Previous Steering Group Meeting (20th March, 2007)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone Steering Group held on the 20th March, 2007 were noted.

2. Project Delivery Update

Residential Development

A Chart on residential development within Adamstown had been circulated with the Agenda.

Fionnuala Lennon advised that planning permission has been granted for 1279 residential units and that approximately 945 units were under construction, 565 units have been completed and approximately 190 - 200 units are now occupied.

Infrastructure

Fionnuala Lennon advised that primary schools are progressing well and the first is due to open in September (patron bodies – RC & Educate Together). First Crèche due to open in the autumn, Adamstown Rail station opened 10 April, 2007. Construction is due to commence on the Tobermaclugg Pump Station & ESB transformer station soon.

Fionnuala Lennon also advised that a part-time Community Development Worker called Andrea Doyne had recently been appointed to work in Adamstown.

Current & Proposed planning applications

Fionnuala Lennon advised that there are three current planning applications: (1) 154 residential units at the Paddocks for Maplewood Developments - still awaiting additional Information. (2) Secondary school and community centre - request for Additional Information sent out. (3) 38 new residential units for Adamstown Square Phase 2.

Fionnuala Lennon gave a presentation on the forthcoming planning application for Phase 1 of the Adamstown District Centre. It will contain 15,700 m^2 retail floor space, 586 residential units, 27,188 m^2 mixed use development eg civic centre / cinema.

* Paul Hogan opened the floor for questions.

Councillor Billy Gogarty asked whether Adamstown library would impact on the exiting Lucan Library? Paul Hogan confirmed that Lucan Library is very well used and no changes to it are planned. The new library at Adamstown will take some of the pressure experienced at the Lucan Library.

Cllr. Gogarty requested an update on position on the two new National schools and the demand they will face. Paul Hogan, in the absence of a representative from the Department of Education & Science, advised that he believed that on the $1^{\rm st}$ September 3 schools will open in Adamstown – 1 X RC school & 2 x Educate Together Schools. Cllr Eamonn Tuffy confirmed that to the best of his knowledge, the RC St John Evangelist school will move into the $2^{\rm nd}$ school once it opens in December, and the two Educate Together Schools will continue to operate in one building until a separate site is found for the Esker Educate Together school.

• Developer Initiatives

Fionnuala Lennon advised that Castlethorn Construction were planning to develop a new larger marketing suite/information centre for Adamstown. It would be located close to the new district centre and a planning application for it would be lodged shortly. Paul Hogan advised that the developers had initiated a landscape design competition in respect of two of the new major parks in Adamstown – Airlie Park & Tandy's Lane Park. The outcome of this would be known before the end of the year.

3. Update on delivery of infrastructure:

Railway Station & Train Service

Garry Keegan gave an update on developments that Irish Rail are presently involved in the area and circulated a project information brochure.

Paul Hogan questioned whether the timetable for the Kildare Route Project is still on- track? Garry Keegan informed the meeting that it is and delays or deviations are not expected. Updates will be provided though documentation and meetings.

Bus Services

Bus Service No. 151 Grange Castle / South Clondalkin to be extended to Adamstown Station along new Link Road shortly. This will improve bus service levels, route choices and journey times for residents.

Roads & drainage

Road construction works on site are continuing.

Funding for the Tobermaclugg Pump Station has been secured and construction work is likely to start shortly.

Health

Enda Halpin, Health Service Executive advised that the HSE is in talks with the Developers on the details of the health premises in the new district centre. The new facility will comprise a major primary health care unit.

4. Any comments or queries from Local Councillors on Adamstown Related issues.

No items were raised.

5. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Adamstown SDZ Steering Group will be held at 2.30pm Tuesday 18th September 2007 in the Civic Offices in Clondalkin.

6. Any Other Business

No items were raised.