



**Rush and Lusk Educate Together
National School**
Rathmore Road
Lusk
County Dublin

Principal: Patricia Hurley

6 December 2016

Fingal County Council
Planning Department
Town Hall, Swords
Co. Dublin

Applicant: McGarrell Reilly Management

Site Address: Open Space at lands north of Rathmore Road, east of Lusk United AFC Clubhouse, and west of Lusk Community College and Rush & Lusk Educate Together NS

Re: The proposed development of parklands and amenity area to include playing pitches, playground, access road, access footpaths and cycle tracks, pedestrian bridge over Bride Stream, extension of existing car park, provision of pond feature and attenuation wet land, drainage and public lighting.

Planning Ref No.: F16A/0495

With reference to the above planning application we, the Board of Management of Rush and Lusk Educate Together School (RaLET), wish to make the following observations for consideration:

1. Fingal Development Plan

The full area of Open Space lands as part of this planning submission are not aligned with the designated Open Space/Lusk North Townpark as defined in the current (and future) Fingal Development Plans.

2. Planning Application F16A/0361

We encourage the planning authority to review this planning application in conjunction with its recent decision on planning application Ref. F16A/0361, particularly in the context of 'planning decision No.8', which states:

The planning authority has serious concerns in relation to the encroachment of Road No.1, an ESB substation and temporary storm water attenuation area onto land zoned open space to the south. The applicant is requested to redesign the scheme so as to ensure that roadways and other features are located entirely outside of lands zoned for open space.

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3. Transfer of Open Space lands to the Council's control

Finally, we wish to highlight the delay in the transfer of Open Space lands as part of the 'Lusk Village Estate' development, to date. These lands that are an integral part of 'Lusk North Townpark' have been unavailable to residents for more than ten years now, many of which are families of our school community. We request the urgent transfer of these Open Space lands to the Council's control for the benefit of the full community of Lusk.

We ask that the Council take the content of this submission into consideration in assessing this application.

Yours truly,

Board of Management

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