

## MINUTES OF THE ADAMSTOWN SDZ

### STEERING GROUP MEETING

SDCC, Tallaght -15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

#### Attendance:

Councillors            G. O'Connell  
                              W. Lavelle  
                              D. Keating

Stat. Agencies        Christy Stapleton        Irish Rail

S.D.C.C.                Paul Hogan                SDZ Project Manager (Chairperson)  
                              Olwyn James              A/Project Planner  
                              Derek Taylor              Project Technician  
                              Michelle Furney          Clerical Officer

Apologies were received from the Department of Education and Skills and the Health Service Executive.

#### **1. Minutes of Previous Steering Group Meeting (18<sup>th</sup> February 2009)**

The minutes of the meeting of the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone Steering Group held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 were noted.

#### **2. Project Delivery Update**

Olwyn James advised that in total planning permission has been granted for 3428 units. 1381 units have commenced on site and 1155 dwellings are completed and occupied.

#### **3. Updates on Delivery of Infrastructure**

##### **a. Electrification of Kildare Line to Hazelhatch**

**CS** Irish Rail advised that the Rail Order for the Dart Underground has been submitted to An Bord Pleanala. It is envisaged that the Rail Order for the electrification of the Kildare line between Inchicore and Hazelhatch will be submitted to An Bord Pleanala in September/October 2011. Envisaged that construction work on the Kildare line will beginning 2013 and electrification will follow bridge and track works and 2017 is target date for completion in advance of the Dart Underground. Formulating the Rail Order will involve negotiations with the Council and substations will be part of the RO.

No intention to increase frequency due to lack of demand. New rail cars will be available in March 2011 for additional services if deemed necessary.

**PH** Smarter Travel has demonstrated that gaps can be made up by active measures and SDCC would be interested in follow up.

**CS** This could be supported.

**PH** Smarter Travel could be rolled out for wider Lucan/Clondalkin area – if people understood timetable / frequency etc. take-up of services would be greater.

**WL** The Members would be interested in meeting with Operations regarding services.

**GO’C** Passenger surveys at Heuston should be undertaken.

**WL** RO conditions should look at onward connections.

**DK** Concerns regarding onward connections are paramount.

#### Community Facilities

##### **b. Community Facilities**

**PH** Cannot develop in advance without provision of infrastructure.

- 1800 is the next threshold
- 1000 houses occupied in 2008
- 130 occupied since then

Developers are ahead in terms of infrastructure/ community provision. Schools are available and this is satisfactory.

Swimming pool – the Developers have made a proposal to SDCC and it is being examined by the Finance and Community Departments. The Developers are revising the figures. Question remains regarding how it would revert to Council ownership but currently SDCC do not have funds to run swimming pool.

Issue regarding provision of infrastructure has been raised by SDCC with Department of Environment as provision of infrastructure by developers, as has previously be done, may have to be done by State in the future. The focus of the DoE is currently on Ghost Estates but they will return to examining ordered development at the right location and Adamstown is seen as a prime location. SDCC will continue to put pressure on the DoE in relation to this issue.

**GO’C** There is a danger that Adamstown could become like Ballymun / Mayfield

**PH** There is no danger of that happening – Adamstown is being developed with facilities and transport etc. Recognition and support of strategic locations needed for future development. The Interconnector may be the catalyst. Swimming pool may well be achieved but no guarantees of timing.

#### Taking in Charge

##### **c. Taking in Charge**

**PH** ALR has not been offered for Taking in Charge. Significant works are needed to the crossings. Castle 1 & 2 have been offered but no feedback has been received by the Council to date in relation to outstanding snag items. Square 1 has been offered but it is not up to standard. The Paddocks 1 has been offered for TIC. The junctions on Newcastle Road have been TIC but no internal junctions have been taken yet.

**DK** Supportive of what PH has said – also standard of maintenance is very high.

#### **4. Community Liaison**

**PH** Adamstown Race has been successful. Engagement with the community is ongoing.

**DK** Who were the main participants in the Road Race?

**PH** Mainly visitors – excellent organisation from the community.

#### **5. Delivery issues for Adamstown**

Discussed earlier.

#### **6. Comments/Queries on Adamstown Issues**

None.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

**WL** Esker school being housed temporarily in two school buildings. It is getting to a situation where there will be no room in Adamstown as Adamstown will not be able to grow as the building is occupied by a third party. Esker needs to be moved to new premises.

**PH** There is permission for a new school at Dodsboro. There is an application for an extension to the existing school in Clonburriss. Pre-planning meetings ongoing for school in St. Edmundsbury. Classroom and capacity an issue for SDCC but patronage is outside of the scope of SDCC. The issue will however be raised with the Department of Education.

**WL** Requested that the Planning Department's response to a query raised in relation to car parking in Adamstown be sent to him.

**DT** Castlethorn are further investigating the car parking issue and will revert to SDCC with a map of proposed areas for additional car parking.

**WL** CPLN Partnership has looked at using the Marketing Suite as an Enterprise Centre.

**PH** SDCC would be interested in speaking with them regarding this.

#### **8. Confirmation of date of next meeting**

Not decided.