

BELMAYNE: DECISION TO LIMIT NUMBER OF FIRST YEAR ADMISSIONS TO 52 SLAMMED

Parents voice their anger over school spaces

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PARENTS seeking a campaign to secure the new Educare Together secondary school in Belmayne have hit out at a decision to limit the number of first year admissions to 52.

For parents Fiona and Tony Panchan from Baldoyle, the lack of sufficient spaces for first year students is a nightmare.

"I was a founder member of the committee that campaigned to secure a secondary school for Baldoyle in BT, Fina told DublinGazette.

"I have the ethos of Educare Together and we enrolled our daughter Kelle when she was only six months old.

"Now she is due to start secondary school in September 2020 but she is

currently only twelfth on the waiting list.

"Why do we need to secure the many other parents and students who will be disappointed. At least 170 applications were received for first year entries in September, which is now down to 96, but the Department of Education will only guarantee 52 places."

A parent's committee

launched an online petition which has already exceeded over 1,000 signatures in a short period of time.

Mother Jessica O'Toole was equally critical of the curtailed admission numbers, although her daughter Zhana had been accepted for the ET secondary school next term.

She said: "I've been on the Parent's Council for



Students awaiting places at Belmayne Educare Together PS show their numbers listed on the waiting list for Belmayne ET Secondary School



AN BORD PLEANÁLA SIGNIFICANT FURTHER INFORMATION

NOTICE INVARIANT TO Section 17(2)(a) and Section 17(2)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

As announced, the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, require that the Planning and Development Authority (PDA) must refer to the Planning and Development Board (PDB) any application for a development which is subject to a condition of approval that requires the consent of the PDB. The proposed scheme consists of flood protection works, along and adjacent to the River Poddle in the townlands of Tymon North, Whitehall, Fernstown, Tonslopogue, Kinnagee (at Rathbarrow CT) and Kinnagee (at Cornhill CT) in the administrative area of South Dublin County Council.

Kinnagee (at Rathbarrow CT), Kinnagee (at Cornhill CT), Tonslopogue, Agona, Haroldcross West, Haroldcross, and Fernbert's Quay in the administrative area of Dublin City Council.

The significant further information, including a revised Natura Impact Statement, may be inspected free of charge during public opening hours, for a period of five weeks and thirteen days commencing on the 20th November 2020 at the following locations:

- 1. South Dublin County Council offices, County Hall, Belgard Square North, Malahide, Dublin 24 between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on working days from 20th November 2020 to 7th January 2021 (inclusive). For appointment please ring 01-4149000.
- 2. Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm on working days from 20th November 2020 to 7th January 2021 (inclusive). For appointment please ring 01-2228000.
- 3. The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 between the hours of 9:15 am and 5:30 pm on working days from 20th November 2020 to 7th January 2021 (inclusive).

Subject to Covid-19 measures, it may be necessary to make an appointment in advance to attend the offices of South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council.

The significant further information may be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.poddle.ie and www.dcc.ie.

Submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period relating to:

1. The implications of the proposed development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area or areas concerned.
2. The likely effects on the environment, if carried out; and
3. Any other matters which may be relevant to the proposed development on a European site.

Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except in the case of certain prescribed bodies) and except in the case of a person or body who has already made a submission or observation, and must be received by the Board no later than 5:30 pm on 7th January 2021.

Such submissions or observations must also include the following information:

1. the name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observation, the name of the person or body acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
2. the subject matter of the submission or observation; and
3. the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is or are based.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. A submission or observation duly made will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application. It is at the absolute discretion of the Board whether to hold an oral hearing on the case.

The Board may, in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- a. grant the permission; or
- b. make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development, as so modified; or
- c. (i) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications and any of the above decisions);
- (ii) grant permission in respect of the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development, as so modified; or
- (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications and any of the above decisions);

A person may question the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended). Practical information on how to make such an application can be accessed on the Board's website at www.pleanala.ie under the heading 'Information on Judicial Review'. Judicial review of planning decisions or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone: 01 856 8100).

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Council supports local traders

"LOCAL SHOPS LIE at the heart of our towns and villages, and it's never been more important to support local retailers and suppliers than now," says Owen Lavery, (right), Head of Economics and Enterprise, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

"We're all about place making and creating a more attractive retail environment for shoppers and residents here in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown (DLR).

"One of the biggest changes in the last few months is the number of local outlets that have developed websites so you can shop online. There's no need to stick to the big international online retailers – check locally to see what's available, you might be surprised to see how



many great Irish products and retailers will now deliver straight to your door."

"Tell us about your business, what you're selling, when you're open for sale this Christmas and include your business name, web address, email address and phone contact both on screen and in your covering message to us."

Entries close on December 11 and entries must provide an online sales service or a click and collect facility.

Another popular business initiative is the Shop Front Improvement Scheme.

Along with supporting the enhancement of shop facades, street-scapes, it further helps to increase the local and visitor footfall to the area. See www.localenterprises.ie/DLR/FinancialSupports/Shop-Front-Improvement/

home is complete, the majority of ETSs will, significantly, remain open, how many places it is offering."

A spokesperson for the Department of Education said a new 1,000-pace school campus in the Garage Community College site was due to open in early December.

They added: "It will be possible for the original school to increase its enrollment intake beyond the current limit (up to 48 pupils at the year) for the 2021/2022 academic year."