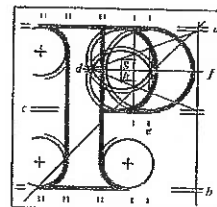


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Baldoyle Forum CLG  
Community Development Organisation  
Baldoyle Community Hall  
Main Street  
Baldoyle  
Co. Dublin  
D13 KK55

Date: 28 October 2021

Re: Park development project at the Racecourse Park  
Located between Baldoyle and Portmarnock, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Section 177AE Application for Racecourse Park Development Project - Baldoyle

Dear ABP,

Baldoyle Forum Clg Board are a registered charity who are actively engaged in Community Development in Baldoyle and the surrounding areas. We run the Community Hall on Main St & we are celebrating our centenary next year. In addition to running the Hall which serves 50,000 annually we also run community events such as the Mayfest, Art in the Park and Viking & Heritage Festivals. These are large scale events which are run in the Racecourse Park attracting thousands of people over the weekends where they are held.

We are situated on Baldoyle Bay, a site with European Habit designations & we very much welcome the change of status to Regional Park of the Racecourse Park & fully support a significant proportion of the plan. However, we are concerned with the potential overdevelopment on and near this important site.

The areas on the plan listed 3,12,14 we believe may compromise the site for a variety of reasons;

1. **Brent Geese** - The site is currently used by brent geese in significant numbers of feeding (it is not their primary site but it is a secondary site used by hundreds of brent geese & other birds.
2. **Car Parking** - Baldoyle Community Hall currently has no parking, we have adapted & fully adopted a green agenda in line with government policy - we successfully encourage people to use Active Travel means to use our centre & attend our events. We would like to see Active Travel supported in this application - we do not believe we should remove green space to provide 161 car parking spaces - to do so would be the opposite of the government agenda. Parking should be limited mainly for buses, wheelchairs, age friendly, cargo bikes & bikes.
3. **Open Event Space** - The people of Baldoyle want & need a green area where they continue to hold current events and with regional park status add more i.e farmers market/open air gigs etc. This space would of course resolve the issue relating to Brent Geese as they are here in the winter and event space is only required between May - Sept. Free wifi in the park in addition to hang out/recreational opportunities incorporated into an event space could be provided for older children/teenagers without rendering the entire space unusable for events.

Kindest regards

The Board and Management of Baldoyle Forum Clg

