

HAMPERED: INTERNAL FIRE HALTS NEW OWNERS DREAM BUT LOCALS ARE THERE TO HELP

Pizzeria owner touched by generous response to fire disaster for business

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) – PART XI

PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

Proposed new Meakstown Community/Sports Centre on a site of approximately 0.4644 ha at Lanesborough Park, Lanesborough Road, Meakstown, Dublin 11.

In accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Fingal County Council hereby gives notice of the proposed works to be carried at the above site:

The construction of the Community/Sports Centre Building with ancillary infrastructure and associated site development works (all totalling 1,279 sq m Gross Floor Space and ranging in height equivalent from 1 to 2 storeys), comprises of:

- Entrance lobby and reception area, reception station and IT/CCTV facility room;
- Central sports hall with associated storage;
- Changing room/space and toilets facilities;
- 4 no. community/training/studio/meeting rooms with associated storage and kitchen/serving facilities;
- Externally accessible public toilet facilities and plant/storage rooms;
- External plant for air to water heat pumps and rooftop photovoltaic solar panel array (36 sqm);
- 40 no. bicycle parking spaces (10 no electric bicycle, 4 no. cargo bicycle/scooters, and 26 no. regular) and a Surface car park providing a total of 12 no. car parking spaces (2 no. accessible/disabled, 2 no. electric vehicle, and 8 no. regular);
- Boundary treatments, hard and soft landscaping, external site lighting, building signage, 3 no. flagpoles, services (including underground surface water attenuation storage) and all other ancillary and associated site development works above and below ground level;
- Primary vehicular access to the proposed new Community/Sports Centre will be via a new vehicle site entrance from the Lanesborough Road and the most southern existing pedestrian access to Lanesborough Park will be relocated proximate to the main entrance of the new Community/Sports Centre, upgraded and enhanced to function as the primary pedestrian access.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection online at <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>, and inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during office hours at the offices of the local authority from Thursday, 4th November 2021, up to and including Thursday, 2nd December 2021 at the following locations:

- Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2; and
- Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made either online through our website <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse> or by post in writing to:-

Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Community Development Department, Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development can be made from **Thursday, 4th November 2021** and must be received no later than **5pm on Friday, 17th December 2021**.

In accordance with Article 81 and Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Fingal County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination that no significant effects on the environment are likely as a result of the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply in accordance with the provisions of article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. All the issues that are raised in submissions and observations to the Council in regard to this development, including the response of the Chief Executive thereto, will form part of the statutory report to be presented to the monthly meeting of Fingal County Council. The statutory report will list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with regulations made under Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The minutes of that meeting including the statutory report will appear on the Council's Website. Details including the names of those making submissions and observations may also be shared with relevant Council Departments and agents working on their behalf.

Director of Services,
Housing and Community Development Department

By ROSE BARRETT

KARL MURPHY FROM Finglas saw his dreams realised with the opening of Murphy's Pizza Shack, but a fire only three weeks after opening saw his dreams shattered.

With a business background in sales, it was an ambition of Mr Murphy's to open a pizzeria in his native Finglas, to give local employment and to have more time with family.

"An internal fire occurred during the night of Friday/Saturday (Oct 16/17)," Mr Murphy told the Gazette. "We had no cameras in the kitchen so we don't know the exact cause but arson has been ruled out."

"I had public and employer liability; content insurance was being finalised when the accident occurred, it just hadn't been signed off. Of course, this is devastating for the staff and I; by Monday, that would have been sorted."

Acknowledging he will need to spend another €7-10,000 to get the restaurant back up and running, he noted that some of the cookery equipment may be salvageable.

"We are awaiting assessment," he said. "But I am truly grateful for the response from some local businesses, who have been tremendously sup-



Karl with one of his staff members in recent weeks and left some of the damage to the shack after the fire



portive.

"For example, I was contacted by a builder's providers in Clondalkin, and also Elegant John Bathrooms, Finglas who offered materials and goods free of charge. I am flabbergasted at this level of generosity and appreciate such goodwill. It will certainly help us to open more quickly."

"Having invested so much in setting up this business and employing the lads, I don't want to

lose out on all the pre-planning and setting up. We were getting a great response from our customers; we were providing a good service and giving employment."

Karl's sister Emma Murphy and friend, Charlene Gough have started a GoFundMe page to help get the business opened more quickly.

"The pizza shack was operating for just three weeks before the fire," said Ms Murphy. Thank-

fully, no one was there at the time and no-one was hurt. The business was thriving with the locals, the support from our local community was incredible; as a family we are so so proud and happy that you all loved "Murphy's Pizza shack!"

"Karl put his life savings into setting up of the business and it's fair to say there has been bumps along the way but he has held onto his vision.

"We have come together to set this GFM page up to get the business back up and running and to get the staff (3) back to work.

"Many thanks to everyone who has supported the business to date, shared our posts, commented and sent lovely messages, we really do appreciate it."

If you'd like to donate to this fundraiser and help Murphy's Pizza Shack reopen, see <https://www.gofundme.com/f/murphy-pizza-shack>

Supply chain big challenge for retailers

There has been a huge demand for consumer products since the Covid-19 lockdowns which has resulted in people spending more time at home than ever before.

Investing in goods such as clothing, electronics and furniture was one of the few ways that people could spend their discretionary income from the comfort of their own homes. However, this major spike in consumer purchasing is only one of many challenges that the retail industry is currently facing.

Every retailer and consumer is

being affected by rising costs and frustrating delivery delays and this, unfortunately, includes us - EZ Living Furniture. As a well-known furniture retailer, his company has tried to help customers understand the issues the entire retail industry is currently facing.

"We are still continuing to suffer from the lack of containers. This is causing a rise in transportation and raw material costs. Deliveries to customers are also now taking longer than usual," they explained.

"Stores like us are working even harder to ensure that customers

receive the same products in the same time frame and at the same price-point that was in place before the pandemic. Any solution to this supply chain problem is not perfect. Prioritising faster delivery will inevitably lead to higher costs while focusing on lowering product prices will inevitably delay delivery times.

"Alternatives and long-term solutions are being explored such as supply chains in eastern Europe. However, this is a time-consuming process primarily due to quality control and logistics."