

This community information event follows the request by Belfast City Council, to engage with the local residents of Edenderry concerning the provision of an enlarged area of public open space within the proposed residential scheme as detailed within planning application LA04/2018/1795/F.

The existing site is an area of un-maintained grassland, which is in private ownership.

Your feedback on the proposed increased area of public open space at tonight's event is very much welcomed and matters raised will be taken into consideration and reflected upon in terms of providing a community benefit.

The amount of housing proposed on the site has been significantly reduced from 11no. units (illustrated within the existing planning application submission LA04/2018/1795/F) to 7no. units. The changes behind the decrease and the significant increase in the amount of public open space being provided, follows in depth analysis and reflection of local resident’s comments, following the statutory consultation process.

It was perceived by some residents that the existing private site provides an outlook to their homes that contributes to the enjoyment of residents. Under Planning Policy Statement 8 “Open Space, Sport and Recreation” there is a requirement to consult with residents when there is a proposal to develop on such lands and articulate the community benefit that will come from the proposal.

The location of the public open space would be positioned opposite the existing dwellings along Linen Mill Grove, in order to provide a pleasant outlook for residents. The proposed residents of the housing scheme would also benefit from the pleasant outlook afforded by the public open space. Furthermore, the location of the public open space has been chosen to be sited next to the existing tree belt providing a natural backdrop, and enabling built development to be spread around the open space.



Proposed Layout



Viewpoint 1

This view is taken from Linen Mill Grove with vistas into the site showing the full extent of the public open space.

As shown, it is proposed to include stone wing walls into the site and beyond this would be low level hedging planted around the periphery of the public open space.

In terms of area the public open space would be at least 10% of the proposed site area and that of the housing development at Linen Mill Grove.

Viewpoint 2

This view is taken from inside the site towards the proposed area of public open space. The image identifies that a continuous path is proposed also around the periphery of the public open space enabling residents to walk around and enjoy of the area without any conflict with vehicular movements.

To the rear of the open space and along the edge of the existing trees a no. of park benches are proposed to allow residents a further opportunity to enjoy the public open space.

The area would provide a sizable and usable area of managed public open space. It would also enable children to play without being close to vehicular movements.



We would request that the feedback forms available tonight are completed and returned to Clyde Shanks Ltd, 5 Oxford Street, Belfast BT1 3LA no later than the 5th December 2018.

The feedback obtained from residents will then be collated and presented within a Community Consultation Report to Belfast City Council.