

Appendix 2. Statement of Community Involvement

View of spires to St. John's and St. Mary's Church from St Mary's Park



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How the Office of Regeneration responded:

The Office of Regeneration understands this concern and wishes to offer more clarity on what the issue. It is the objective of the physical framework plan to promote connections to the wider city for economic, social as well as physical reasons. The Office of Regeneration will investigate options as

to where the proposed connections will be located to ensure that the integrity of the environmentally designated sites (SAC’s) are protected.

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St Mary's Park
28 March 2013 3pm – 8pm

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1	Provide a new bridge link across the river Shannon to New Road	38	18	32	12
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned that it would start the feuds again. The proposed route will destroy one of Limericks last remaining wetlands, marshes, floodplains. It will increase pollution from cars and sound pollution from them. It will destroy a beautiful wildlife area. Reason wetlands needs to be protected. Good idea for traffic flow Concerned about anti social behaviour plus traffic volume and noise pollution I think this is a must for the area. The extra traffic and footfall will make it a safer place to live. 				
2	Home for Home within parish (restricted to proposed sites for replacement housing) in areas proposed for demolition	56	12	16	16
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am against this if any of the local marshland is used to build houses on. Plus more information on the proposed houses is needed. Need more information about restrictions Very good idea to give people a choice If we can pick our own places and our same neighbours. I would be in favour but wont be leaving my own home Would not mind moving / own our own house Don't want to move from my own house Other people whose homes are not due for demolition should have a say if they would prefer to be re-housed. Providing that its limited to genuine people who want to continue living in the area and contribute to its regeneration. My home is not for demolition - but if it was I would certainly like to stay within the Parish, I have lived in this house since it was built in 1935 				
3	Convert area proposed for demolition to parkland once remediated	15	18	18	4
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No I do not want this for the reasons stated above. The area is a quiet peaceful area on the edge of a city, a place of peace and quiet, the island bank surrounds it and it is a beautiful walk to enjoy nature. Would improve the area. Great too much dumping going on in parkland areas and fields and too many roaming horses But not just fields and open greens as per the moment. I would like to see proper amenities that will attract people from outside the community in. Recommend parkland will include enclosed children's playground - not horses 				

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4	Upgrade existing water network in St. Marys Park. Environmental improvements to the streetscape will be developed in tandem with upgrade works	66	16	2	16
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">As long as it doesn't harm the community, its occupants rights privacy and the local wildlifeWater improvement very much needed.Much needed				
5	Provide for well equipped replacement housing to back on to Military Graveyard	52	16	16	16
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">May wish to be considered for a house for a house in this development.This area is a natural wetland and flood plain I do not want houses on it. It is a wildlife area that should be conserved for future generations. This whole area is a fantastic local amenity. One acre of wetlands provides the same oxygen output as an acre of rainforest. The wetlands are the lungs of Ireland.Reasons why need to maintain the wetlands, and we want no more carbon monoxide fume where our children will be playing.Very good idea.				
6	Retain as parkland and develop as amenity use (e.g. playing pitches, pitch and putt)	62	10	12	16
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">We have two pitches in Assumpta Park already, one all weather pitch has just been built.We have our pitches already and we don't want any road going through it.Houses needed moreAll kids need somewhere to play. It would be great to see kids out and about. Somewhere that I could bring my grandkids to play.Its not parkland it's a wetlandOnly if it is going to be properly maintained.It would be great to see amenity for young and old in St. Marys, it would be great to see people keeping active and out and about.Retain section nearest island bank as nature reserveBut leave as a special area of conservation not for pitch and putt etc.				
7	Retain and upgrade to facilitate local sports clubs	70	10	6	14
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leave it as a wetland and quiet area for the people of Limerick and future generations to enjoy.Would prefer sports clubsI would love to see a new clubhouse for Star Rovers. As they are the only club in St. Marys Park that do great actives with boys/girls. My own children and grandkids played and play with Star. They keep the kids busy and off the streets.				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Star Rovers badly need a bigger clubhouse that would have boys/girls dressing rooms, shower room, meeting room and kitchen. As Star Rovers numbers of kids are getting bigger since all weather pitch has been open end. This is the only club in the area that keeps kids off the road, and keeps kids active. Essential to support sport under social banner. 				
8	Develop Sheep Street/Athlunkard Street site for replacement housing	66	10	10	14
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I believe the locals should first be informed and consulted about what they want, all of the locals. So close to church and town very good idea Good idea as long as nice people are housed there. More suited to elderly as near church, post office etc. 				
9	Develop small infill scheme at Gaol Lane for replacement housing	60	16	10	14
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would have to see the proposed plans. Good idea near town for people Good idea as long as nice people are housed there. 				
10	Refurbish 3 vacant houses at Gaol Lane for replacement housing	60	16	10	14
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsure. See above. Good idea Good idea as long as nice people are housed there. Build new houses in Gaol Lane 				
11	Potential site for replacement housing and ground floor retail/commercial at Bridge Street	64	20	0	16
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Again I would like to see the proposal and see if it fits in with the local architecture. Very good idea 				

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12	Proposed site for elderly housing at Googoos Hill	78	10	4	8
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would like to see the proposal. Very good for the elderly Why not build houses for the people on St Munchins Street at Googoos Hill not just the elderly. Would be very idea so was medical centre Where will parking take place for King Johns Castle, as this site is the only parking at the moment. 				
13	Provide for a new link to Verdent Crescent	32	24	30	14
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would like to see the proposal. very good idea It wont serve any purpose Don't see the point, whats there is fine 				
14	Redesign Island Road as a street (traffic calming, pedestrian priority)	54	18	8	20
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I feel it is essential. People cant cross the road to the medical centre safely. I would like to see the plans. Leaving St. Mary's Park at present is fine traffic calming and other things might cause undue delay. I would be concerned that traffic lights might back up cars on the bridge and passing the castle, but something needs to be done for pedestrian safety. You seem to be calling Castle Street (Island Road) Island Road. Is it left or right from roundabout. 				
15	Reinforce existing community hub by improving the quality and extending the choice of uses available	66	14	4	16
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What exactly do you mean? It would be great to have a bigger community centre as it is been used now by people in St. Marys. I am in the club that uses the centre, but clubs can only use it one group at a time. A bigger building is badly needed. It would be great to see young and old people mixing together if they had more room. I feel a purpose built community centre needs to be the next step rather than trying to develop existing facilities. The Centre needs badly an upgrade as it is been used by so many groups, young and old. If it was bigger we could have more than a cafe running there. And a meeting place for people to meet up for a chat. There is an urgent need of an upgrade to the existing youth and community centre, particularly with regard to young people – see comments This needs to be a priority 				

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16	Creation of a new street along riverfront	42	20	20	18
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Which Riverfront?yes would improve the areaA beautiful attraction, could this be private				
17	Existing homes for retention to be refurbished	64	10	14	12
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Most of those houses were condemned and have no damp course etc.These houses are condemned and there is no damn course in the foundations and no radon barrier in accordance with EU law.would improve people's livesWould like to use solid fuel to heat house get rid of town gas and use bottle gas for cookingWhat about houses that are overcrowded. Will they get what they need as well.If person chooses to stay then refurbishment should be completed. If person chooses to leave it should be house for house.As these houses have long past their lifespan. I.E. mass concrete damp				
18	Upgrade existing bridge for pedestrian use	44	16	22	18
	Other Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Which bridge(s)?very good ideaShould have been done year agoWould be good to have open in daylight houses only, closed by night.I would like the weir removed altogether to allow boats move freely upstream.Will it be needed if the new road is going through on a new bridge, waste of money if the road does happen. <p>Any Other Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I would be interested in a move to a new house that is adapted to suit my husband and myselfBathroom in no. 58 is adapted for my husband. I would need adaptations made to any house I move to. Bed and bath required downstairs as a minimum.My comments were on 95FM this morning on the news at 7pm 8pm and 9pm. Why didn't everyone that was going to be affected by this receive the proposed plan through their letter boxes? Why weren't the people in Corbally, the Island Road, Assumpta Park Lee Estate included in this? Why has this area lost its wildlife area status in the last ten years. There is at least one species of wildlife in the marsh that is protected by E.U. directives. It is also a point that floodplains and natural wetlands are protected by the E,U, There is a species of lizard there and small stickelback fish. It is a frog grounds and numerous birds migrate there. If building is going ahead 50% of the unemployed locals should be hired for the work, to lift them out of the poverty trap.Hope this is some help to ye for the completion of the area.Will the new houses be semi detached as terrace houses are to awkward for deliveries. I would prefer open fires instead of gas and oil heating. Walls front and back of houses.Would want to keep our old neighbours.I will be making an appointment for Regen office to have a talk with staff to find out more about things that I'm not sure about.				

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<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">I am all in favour of getting insulation back and front / double glazed windows and doors getting all roofing checked and replaced where necessary and everything else that goes with bringing my house up to the required standard but these houses were built in 1935 therefore it would be a health and safety risk if things like the wiring and electrics of my and other houses not to be checked out when all these other home improvements were going on. Therefore it would be a fruitless exercise to do all this work and not care for the safety of the occupants, maybe carrying out electrical work was on your agenda but it was an oversight I hope not.The existing community hub i.e. community centre at present is totally inadequate as a youth family to our youth clubs. At present the existing hall measures approx with chairs, tables, pool tables, football tables and presses all taking up another third of this space. There needs to be an indoor facility for sports i.e. soccer, basketball, uni-hoc etc. It is difficult to see how this could happen through expansion or upgrading. The youth club (St. Mary's) have being voicing this for years and were told the facilities in Grove Island would be made available to all groups in Kings Island but with corporate groups using these facilities in the evenings is impossible for the club to access this. The community hub also needs smaller rooms of a main hall to run smaller programmes with groups as arts/crafts/music/computers/groupwork and meetings. If this was to happen it would be possible for more than one group to use the facility as it the case at the moment. It would then be possible to run numerous programmes on any given evening.I am a private home owner that my house is over crowded. I have 3 kids. 2 boys aged 14 yrs and 12 yrs and a girl 4 yrs. My 2 sons sleep in a small box room. My son of 14 yrs has asthma. The bedroom he shares with his brother is too small for 1 child let alone 2 children. My daughter of 4 yrs sleep in my bedroom as we dont have a bedroom for her. We have just 2 bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. I would like to know that if 7 St. Patricks Ave. is getting builded back up that would I have the option of getting 2 houses knocked into one. We dont want to move out of St. Particks ave. I would just like if someone can get back to me asap to let me know were I stand over been overcrowded. So I know what my options are. As houses are only been refurbished now.While I am not a resident of Kings Island, I work full time in the area as a "Drugs education and prevention" worker. My remit is to provide drugs education to interested parties. However, a large part of my remit is to support and provide alternative social outlets for young people as a way of tackling substance misuse. I have found the greatest barrier to this aim is the complete unsuitability of the present youth and community centre. There is urgent need for the construction of suitable premises that would incorporate 1 x large hall suitable for indoor soccer, dodge ball etc. a number of smaller (but still of adequate size) rooms in which to run programmes such as "woodwork" fly tying art classes etc. It would also be extremely valuable to have a number of smaller office spaces that could be used for "drop in" purposes and access to other drugs related services.We would have reservations of building new houses on the green on St. Ita Street. Also we would like to know when the proposed refurbishment to our home is scheduled to begin, as I myself is semi invalided and my movements are very curtailed about the house. I would require upstairs toilet and shower. Hoping to hear from you soon.I am opposed to the development on the old Star Rovers pitch as it will block my view of the river.Consider me for a house out of 33 Brendan Street. I am in for a transfer. My brothers are living with me and I am overcrowded. My older brother is on the housing list the last six years and could do with his own place as his son stays with him sometimes and as of late my brother and I don't get along we are constantly fighting and arguing. My 10 year old son still sleeps in the bed with me as there is nowhere else for him to sleep and it is affecting my social live as I cant even invite friends down to the house as my brothers are always there I am currently on anti depressants and feel I really need to break away from the boys.I feel is is very unfair that we had to live in a regeneration area where the houses were being knocked all around us and damage to the roads being ignored. To finally be told that the best we can expect is for 80 yr houses to be refurbished, that are built with mass concrete and almost impossible to keep warm. I would like to state clearly that I feel that we have being badly let down by the Regeneration Committee.Good Luck!</div>				