

## Longwood Playground Development

**Re: Part 8 Planning Application Cover Letter for the above proposed development**

**Description:** In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000- 2022 (Part XI) and Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2024 (Part 8), Meath County Council proposes to undertake the following development on the Green, Longwood, County Meath. The proposed development will consist of:

- **A new Playground which is accessible to pedestrians by extending the existing footpath along the L80314 road northern side in Longwood and by the provision of a footpath from the playground across the green to tie in with the existing footpath along the R160 road as shown and include for road markings.**
- **The existing mature trees located adjoining the playground along the Green eastern boundary will be retained and will not be impacted by the proposed works.**
- **A 1.2m high safetop weldmesh fencing, galvanised and powder coated green, will be installed to the perimeter of the play area as shown.**
- **All associated site works.**

The proposal seeks to provide a new playground at the Green, Longwood, County Meath. The proposed playground will comprise of the play equipment shown on the indicative equipment drawing contained with the Part 8 application documents. The Playground will be enclosed with a 1.2m high metal fence.

The proposed works include removing the existing soil for the footprint of the proposed playground and building back up with preambled stone foundation and surfacing. A permeable surface will be provided for surface water drainage.

The site will be stripped of turf and topsoil to the playground formation level and any suitable topsoil can be stockpiled for reuse for later landscaping purposes. 100mm – 200mm depth of 50mm free draining clean stone or crushed rock sub base material, laid in layers and well consolidated. 50mm depth of compacted base course blinding will then be laid on top of the subbase material.

The surface layer to the playground will be completed in a 40mm depth of resin bound rubber mulch material which is porous which will allow for any surface water runoff to penetrate and flow through the various stone layers above which will ultimately soak away naturally into the subsoil below.

The Mature trees along the eastern green boundary will not be removed and will not be impacted by the proposed development.

The proposed development has been subject to an Appropriate Assessment Screening in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2022. In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2024, Meath County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination under Article 120(1)(b)(i), that there is no real likelihood of significant

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effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

In conclusion, the provision of a playground in the heart of the village on the Green will provide a much needed community facility in Longwood.