



18 September 2024

**KN24/0724**

**Part 8 St Johns Convent, New Street, Rathangan**

Mr C Cosgrove gave a presentation to the members on the Chief Executives Part 8 report P82024.02 for the proposed residential development at St Johns Convent, New Street, Rathangan, Co Kildare

The members raised the following points:

- The Development was welcomed and thanked the Housing department for the presentation and the work they had done.
- Could it be confirmed if the development would be 100% age friendly
- Would the carpark spaces be private and would they be monitored
- Would the new residents going into this development be from the Kildare County Council Housing list
- This was a perfect location for age friendly housing
- Definitely need more independent living spaces
- PR was good from Kildare County Council.
- Kildare County Council also had a role to play in supporting those with drug and mental health issues.
- Had using the footprint of the existing building been considered from a cost point of view
- Who would be maintaining the cemetery that was onsite.
- What was the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Sophia Housing Association
- Ryans Field in Newbridge would be similar to this development, and they had a site manager, would this be the same on this development
- If the residents care needs changed would there be medical support?

Mr Henderson raised the following points:



- He could not say for 100% that it was age friendly but that was the intention of this development.
- He was aware that Sophia Housing Association had a history of housing vulnerable people, but this would not be the case with this development.
- The priority was Kildare County Councils housing list and would work with the health Homes Officer on allocating houses.
- He was not sure how Sophia would manage the supports but would find and let the members know.
- It would have cost a lot more to renovate the existing building and changing an 8 bedroomed house to individual units would not have worked
- The cemetery would still be looked after by the nuns
- He was not sure about the SLA but would revert back to the members on this

**Resolved** On the proposal of Councillor P O'Dwyer and seconded by Councillor O'Loughlin and agreed by all members present that the Chief Executives Part 8 report P82024.02 for the proposed residential development at St Johns Convent, New Street, Rathangan, Co Kildare be approved.

(END OF EXTRACT)

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*I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the monthly meeting of Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District held on 17 July 2024.*

Tony Shanahan  
A/Senior Executive Officer  
Corporate Services