



Board Direction PL06S.246021

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on June 20th 2016.

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to

- (i) the existing dual purpose of the park to serve as both an active and a passive recreational facility,
- (ii) the existing open plan accessibility of the park to all sections of the community,
- (iii) the nature and extent of the proposed enclosed development and associated car parking and floodlighting, and
- (iv) the limited capacity of Delaford Park to accommodate the proposed development,

it is considered the proposed development would represent the exclusive use of a disproportionate area of the existing Delaford Park by one sectoral interest, which would compromise accessibility to the existing open space for the wider community and would limit the potential use of the residual area of the Park as passive open space, and would thereby seriously injure the amenities of property in the vicinity. Furthermore, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to objectives C12 Objective 3 and C12 Objective 8 of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016 - 2022, where it is the policy of the planning authority to develop parks and open/green spaces that cater for the diverse needs of the County's population, in particular different age groups and abilities, through the facilitation of both active and passive recreational activities and universal access, and to retain lands with established recreational uses as open space. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member: _____ Date: 20th June 2016
Philip Jones