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From: Jonathan Preston
Sent: Wednesday 15 October 2025 16:13
To: Emer O'Callaghan; Helen Finlay
Cc: Oluwatosin Kehinde; Adrian Leahy
Subject: RE: LDA Childcare facilities
Attachments: Childcare pipeline - discussions purposes only.pdf; RE: LDA Childcare facilities

Hi Emer, Kenny

Looping in @Helen re Clongriffin

1. Hazel O'Byrne DCDE has suggested below that we might discuss the prospect of their involvement in the workshoping about the community needs in Clongriffin. What are your thoughts on this?
2. In relation to the rest of our portfolio, we provided her with a list of pipeline highlighting creches, as you'll see below. They asked for further detail which we have inserted into an updated list (thanks Kenny) that I intend to share with her by email – see **attached**. Any observations on sharing this info with them or the content?
3. You'll see they've provided us with a link to the Universal Design Guidelines webpage, which includes documents providing design guidance for Early Years settings: <https://aim.gov.ie/aim-supports/universal-design-guidelines/>. They also provided us with
4. The other matter Hazel said she would welcome is whether it may be appropriate to formalise and publicise the engagement between the LDA and DCDE. Who is best placed to consider this internally – PR/EMT?

Thanks
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Hi Mathieu, Hazel

Thank you for your email and sharing your Quality and Regulatory Framework and link to the UDG. Apologies for the delayed acknowledgement. We are collating further information for you including planning links and Eircode's and will provide this week. Once we provide this information it might be worth us all having a catch up call in the coming weeks.

Regards
Jonathan



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Hi Jonathan, Emer,

Thank you very much for this information.

I was wondering if it would be possible to get two additional columns in the table below. The first with an Eircode for the site, which will help us double check that we are appraising the right location. The second with a link to the planning permission. We are interested in seeing the designs of the buildings and we have found that the planning permissions are helpful in this regard.

Additionally, please see attached the Quality and Regulatory Framework attached above. Please also find a link to the Universal Design Guidelines webpage, which includes several helpful documents providing design guidance for Early Years settings: <https://aim.gov.ie/aim-supports/universal-design-guidelines/>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Mathieu

From: Hazel O'Byrne (DCDE) <[REDACTED]>
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Hi Jonathan, Emer,

Many thanks for sharing this list. Mathieu will revert to you separately with a request for some additional columns where it would be helpful for us to have some additional information in order to inform our thinking and will also circulate the Universal Design Guidelines and Quality and Regulatory Framework that we mentioned at our last meeting.

In particular though I note that you have specified that you are in the process of appointing letting agents in the case of Clonburris. I wonder if this is a site that we could prioritise for consideration in the shorter term? If you are in a position to share some additional detail of this building we would be happy to meet to discuss next week.

In that context we might also discuss the prospect of our involvement in the workshopping about the community needs in Clongriffin. The other matter I would welcome your and colleagues' perspective on is whether it may be appropriate to formalise and publicise the engagement between the LDA and DCDE.

Current the morning of Tuesday 23rd or 3-5pm on Wednesday 24th look good for us if either of those options suits on your side.

Look forward to discussing further,
Hazel

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To: Oluwatosin Kehinde; Oluwatosin Kehinde; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Jonathan Preston; Emer O'Callaghan

Subject: LDA Childcare facilities

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