

To: Mayor and Members

I refer to the following Notice of Motion from Cllr D. Forde which is on the Agenda for the Council meeting on the 14th of September:-

“The the CE give a written comprehensive report on why the Roundabout entrance to Maryborough Ridge Maryborough Hill has not yet been commissioned. What is the current status of the planning, the date of the original planning for this site, outline any discussions between NAMA or its agents in relation to the current situation, and any potential School site, or through road. Further clarify which agency has recently carried out investigations on the site and on whose behalf.”

Response:

Permission for the development of this site was first granted in 2006. Since then, a further 13 planning permissions have been granted, most recently in 2015.

The proposal to construct a new roundabout entrance to the site was included by the developer in the original proposals for the site and has been reflected in the subsequent permissions granted by the County Council. The roundabout and ancillary works were partially constructed in the early stages of development but were not completed when economic circumstances brought a halt to construction on the site towards the end of the last decade. The roundabout and ancillary works are on private land and the primary responsibility for their construction rests with the developer. In recent years, a receiver has been appointed and control of the site, and responsibility for the completion of these works, now rests with them. In all recent planning permissions granted, the completion of the roundabout has been a pre-requisite to further development taking place.

Discussions have taken place with the Dept. of Education with regard to the possible acquisition of a schools site in this area.

There are no current proposals for the construction of a through road. However, options are being considered for access related to the M28 Motorway scheme, some of which may affect the site. These options are expected to be formalised in the coming weeks.

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