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**Pearse Park.**

**It's your park.  
It should be your decision.**

## So what will it cost?

The total cost of the leisure centre - the swimming pool, crèche, children's playground and sports amenities - will be €26.5 million

**But the City Council cannot itself afford to build this. It relies on Government grants. And this Government refuses to meet the full cost.**

So the City Council proposes to sell off a small strip of land for low-rise residential units to help fund the project.

It is unfortunate the City Council has to do this. But, at present, there is no sign of government funding for the project. Therefore, this may be the only way to ensure Crumlin gets this vital community resource. Under this plan, 95% of Pearse Park will remain in community hands, serving the residents of Crumlin.

## Eric's Proposal To Widen Consultation

This project affects Crumlin and Walkinstown. There have been some legitimate concerns raised by residents and community groups. The best way to progress this project, while taking account of these concerns, is to establish a representative steering committee. This would include:

**All local councillors • Crumlin Network, representing residents • GAA (Crumlin Gaels) • Soccer interests (Crumlin United) • Crumlin Bowling Club • Dublin 12 Childcare Consortium • Crumlin Boxing Club • Representatives of swimming interests**

I will be proposing the establishment of this Steering Committee to the City Council as the best way of ensuring YOUR voice is heard.

### What is being proposed?

A new 25 metre pool

A gymnasium and fitness centre including aerobic and treatment areas

Changing and ancillary facilities for the GAA and soccer clubs

A new boxing club

A new not-for-profit community crèche for 70 children

A state-of-the-art children's play ground

Improved boundary treatments and attractive landscaping



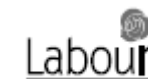
Café  
Swimming pool  
Gymnasium with modern fitness equipment  
Aerobic classes

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# PEARSE PARK and CRUMLIN LEISURE CENTRE

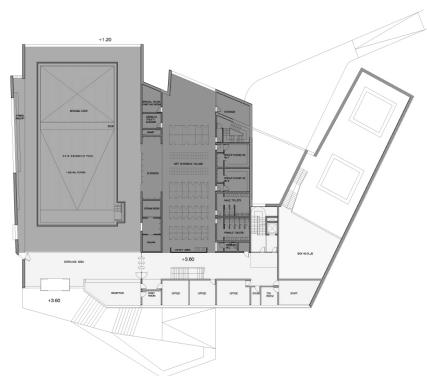
## Your Park, Your Facilities Your Decision



Dublin City Council is proposing to redevelop Pearse Park. Current plans will provide the local community with long-overdue facilities.

New leisure centres are being built around the city, from Ballyfermot to Rathmines. Now Crumlin is in line not only to get a leisure centre but much more.

**The people of Crumlin deserve no less**



## A State-of-the-Art Swimming Pool

If this proposal does not go ahead, Crumlin could lose out.

Not only will the community lose a state-of-the-art leisure centre – it could also end up losing the existing swimming pool.

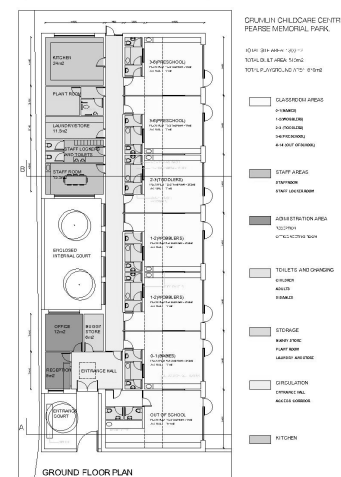
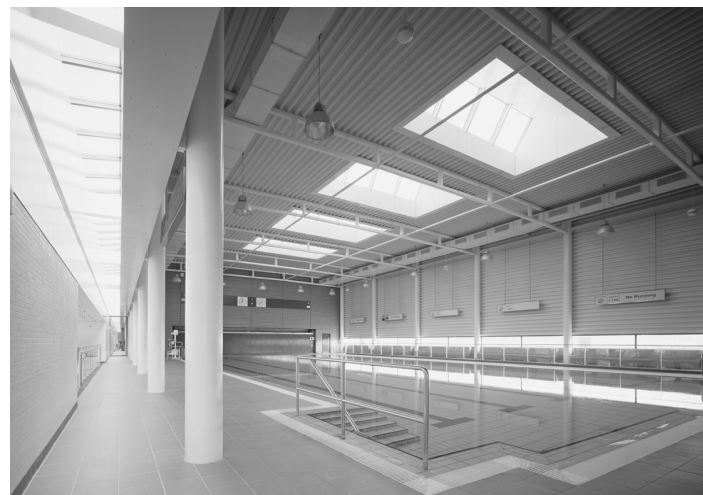
Crumlin Swimming Pool is the oldest public pool in Dublin – old and crumbling. It has already had to close once for urgent repairs. It will soon have to close permanently.

Swimming is now on the school curriculum - but Crumlin parents may have to travel to Ballyfermot or Rathmines seeking a place for their children. And there is no guarantee they will be accommodated.

**But** if the Leisure Centre proposal goes ahead, the people of Crumlin can look forward to a large (25 metre) modern pool, offering swimming facilities to the whole community - from babies to senior citizens.

### The centre will include:

- Café
- Swimming pool
- Gymnasium with modern fitness equipment
- Aerobic classes



## And There's More

A new swimming pool is just one part of the planned new leisure centre

### Children's Crumlin



A playground with ultra-modern equipment where children can play in a safe environment

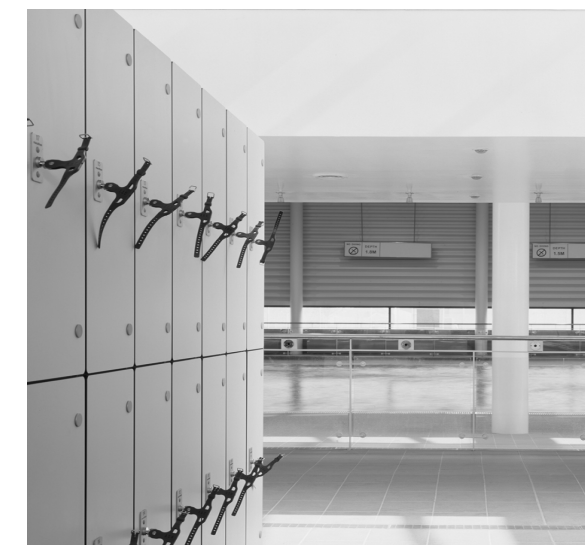
A community crèche, offering class rooms for toddlers and pre-schoolers, as well as staff rooms, toilets and changing areas, and a kitchen

### Sporting Crumlin

The new leisure centre also includes a range of desperately needed sporting facilities:

- Dedicated changing rooms and showers for GAA and soccer clubs
- A new Boxing Club

In addition, there will be a number of meeting rooms



***Crumlin children deserve no less  
Crumlin sports men and women deserve no less***