

Casino Malahide Project Update

The conservation and protection of the Casino and its restoration and extension to provide a suitable home for the Fry Model Railway collection remains a priority project for Fingal County Council.

Following a public planning consultation the Council accepted the recommendation to proceed with the development on 12th December 2016.

A proposal to carry out rethatching at the property in late 2016 did not proceed as the thatching works would require modification as part of the overall refurbishment of the house. The availability of suitably skilled thatchers and appropriate materials for such a large roof at short notice was also a significant constraint on these works proceeding. A decision was made to include the rethatching and roof repairs in the main contract where safety and the sequence of works would be better managed by the main contractor.

Enabling Works:

Some enabling works at the Casino are imminent. These are to address immediate roof protection issues and enabling works to inform the final design and tender documentation include testing on foundations, ground condition testing etc. A partial cutback of the ivy on walls will provide a better structural assessment of requirements.

It is also proposed to erect a construction site hoarding to secure the site which will remain in place for the duration of the construction project. This will be well set back from the road with graphics to illustrate the proposed development.

Update on project timeline:

A full design team is now in place and design development work on tender documentation is proceeding.

An application for a fire safety certificate and disability access certificate is imminent.

The process of inviting and prequalifying of contractors to undertake the full refurbishment works will commence in May 2017.

Tender returns for the design and construction of the exhibition design are expected in early July 2017.

Tender documentation for the full refurbishment are expected to be completed for issue in late September and a main contractor should be appointed in November 2017.

The construction works are expected to take 12 months to complete with a follow on exhibition fitout of 8 weeks allowing for full completion December 2018.

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