

Message from the Management Committee

On Sunday 14th June last, an article appeared in both the print and online versions of the Sunday Business Post under the headline ‘Clontarf Golf Club agrees to vacate site for new homes’. The article went on to claim that Club members had voted in favour of relocating to a new course in Abbeyville in Kinsealy.

The headline, and the report that followed, were factually incorrect and the Management Committee of Clontarf Golf & Bowling Club wishes to state quite categorically and unambiguously that the Club has **not** agreed to vacate its lands in Clontarf and that **no vote of members, to either accept or reject such a proposal, has taken place.**

Furthermore, **no proposal or offer to relocate our Club to lands in Kinsealy or anywhere else is currently under consideration by the Club and no vote in regard to such a matter is necessary or planned.**

The background to this inaccurate report is as follows.

On two occasions in the past 18 months, Clontarf Golf Club received correspondence from Cairn Homes PLC seeking to engage with us on the possibility of a land swap arrangement involving our lands at Clontarf and lands at Kinsealy where, Cairn suggested, they would construct a new golf course on our behalf. **On both occasions, the Club responded, timeously, categorically, unambiguously, and in writing that we had no interest in discussing any such arrangement.** Our response was not open to interpretation and Cairn were left in no doubt as to the Club’s position on the matter.

Notwithstanding this, in April 2026, a submission was made to Dublin City Council by KPMG on behalf of Cairn Homes PLC in regard to the Proposed Variation No.11 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028. The submission largely concerns the rezoning of lands in the Dublin area for residential purposes.

This is a long document running to 13 pages in all. However, it references Clontarf Golf & Bowling Club in two instances, on pages 4 and 11 and these form the basis of the report that appeared in the Sunday Business Post.

On Page 4 it is stated as follows:

“The recent decision by the membership of Clontarf Golf Club (sic) to support a relocation project illustrates the type of landholding which, subject to independent assessment, warrants strong consideration.....”

On page 11 it is stated as follows:

“....the potential availability of for example Clontarf Golf Club (sic) lands following the club’s vote to relocate to Kinsealy illustrates the type of site that could, subject to proper assessment and infrastructure capacity, contribute to a more credible medium-term housing pipeline.”

Both of these statements contain factually inaccurate information and are seriously and dangerously misleading.

The Club sought an immediate retraction of the Article that appeared in the Business Post. While the online version was taken down for a period during the course of Sunday 14th June, it was later replaced with an amended version which, in the opinion of the Management Committee, continues to create a misleading impression regarding the status of the Club's lands.

The Club also immediately informed DCC of the inaccurate nature of the report and of our true position in regard to this matter.

The Management Committee has now referred the matter to the Club's solicitors and we await their full advices with regard to other possible action the Club might contemplate to remedy the potential damage to our interests.

The Management Committee will continue to update to members, staff and stakeholders as appropriate.