

## Addendum Report 2

<b>Application ID:</b> LA04/2022/1203/F	<b>Date of Committee:</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>Proposal:</b> Relocation of 5 No. allotments approved under LA04/2020/0042/F. Introduction of an additional No. 8 allotments, a sensory garden and support hub building for day care of young adults (Amended application site boundary, proposal description and drawings)	<b>Location:</b> Glenriver Lands adjacent to 78 Cloona Park Belfast.
<b>Referral Route:</b> Referred to the Planning Committee under Section 3.8.7 of the Scheme of Delegation (i.e. at the discretion of the Director of Planning and Building Control given the balanced consideration of the issues and level of public interest in the application)	
<b>Recommendation:</b> Approval with conditions	
<b>Applicant Name and Address:</b> Glenriver Lands adjacent to 78 Cloona Park Belfast	<b>Agent Name and Address:</b> C. McIlvar Ltd Unit 7 Cookstown Enterprise Centre Sandholes Road Cookstown BT80 9LU
<b>Background</b> <p>This application was due to be considered by the Committee at its October 2022 meeting. However, the application was deferred for a Committee site visit. The site visit took place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The application was then due to be discussed at the November 2022 Committee meeting. However, the application was deferred for a further Committee site visit because Members could not access the land on the previous site visit. The further site visit is scheduled for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December,</p> <p>This addendum report should be read in conjunction with the original report to the Committee and Addendum Report 1, appended. The officer assessment and recommendation remain as per the October 2023 Committee report.</p> <b>Additional representation</b> <p>A further objection has been received from Cloona Park/Helenswood Residents Association, summarised below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The additional information from the applicant received in January 2023 was only uploaded to the Planning Portal in November 2023.</li><li>• The proposed building is not ancillary.</li><li>• The officer recommendation contradicts the comments of the BCC Landscape and Development team and Plans and Policy unit.</li><li>• Contrary to the applicant's assertion, letters of support have not been provided from Colinglen Trust and Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Board.</li><li>• It has not been clearing established that the proposal will bring a substantial community benefit that would outweigh landscape impacts nor loss of open space. Concerns about loss of landscape wedge and adverse landscape impact.</li><li>• The applicant has not liased with Colin Neighbourhood Board to include the facility in the board's proposed community hub.</li></ul>	

Officers advise that the substantive planning issues are addressed in the original report to the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Planning Committee, appended.

**Recommendation**

Having regard to the Development Plan and relevant material considerations above, the proposal is, on balance, considered acceptable. It is recommended that planning permission is granted.

Delegated authority is sought for the Director of Planning and Building Control to finalise the wording of the conditions, and deal with any other matters that arise prior to issuing the decision, provided that they are not substantive.

## Addendum Report 1

<b>Application ID:</b> LA04/2022/1203/F	<b>Date of Committee:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
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<b>Recommendation</b> <p>Having regard to the Development Plan and relevant material considerations above, the proposal is, on balance, considered acceptable. It is recommended that planning permission is granted.</p> <p>Delegated authority is sought for the Director of Planning and Building Control to finalise the wording of the conditions, and deal with any other matters that arise prior to issuing the decision, provided that they are not substantive.</p>	

## Committee Report

### Development Management Report

<b>Application ID:</b> LA04/2022/1203/F		<b>Date of Committee:</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
<b>Proposal:</b> Relocation of 5 No. allotments approved under LA04/2020/0042/F. Introduction of an additional No. 8 allotments, a sensory garden and support hub building for day care of young adults (Amended application site boundary, proposal description and drawings)		<b>Location:</b> Glenriver Lands adjacent to 78 Cloona Park Belfast.	
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<b>Executive Summary:</b> <p>The application seeks full planning permission for a single storey day care building, allotments and sensory garden with associated car parking. The applicant is a private healthcare group who intend to use the site as a support hub for the care of vulnerable young adults.</p> <p>Access to the site would be through sliding gates via Cloona Park to the south. The gates open onto a car park in the corner of the site.</p> <p>The site is mostly open space with overgrown grassland. Most of the trees in the site are along its boundaries. Site levels generally fall to the south-east of the site.</p> <p>To the west and south of the site is a residential area. To the east of the site is open space which is part of Colin Glen and Suffolk Community Centre.</p> <p>The key issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principle of development</li><li>• Impact on the character and appearance of the area</li><li>• Compatibility with adjacent uses</li><li>• Impact on Built heritage</li><li>• Access and parking</li><li>• Drainage</li><li>• Waste-water infrastructure</li><li>• Contamination</li><li>• Noise, odour and other environmental impacts</li><li>• Climate change</li><li>• Natural heritage</li></ul>			

In terms of the Development Plan, in the BUAP 2001, the site is zoned for Landscape, Amenity or Recreation Use. In dBMAP (v2014), the site is within the Colin Glen (Lisburn) Urban Landscape Wedge, designated as ML 21. In dBMAP (v2004), the site is within the Colin Glen (Lisburn) Urban Landscape Wedge, designated as ML 23.

The site area is 0.31ha. The majority of the site (0.17ha) has previous approval for allotments and an ancillary storage/changing facility/kitchenette (permission LA04/2020/0042/F).

There are no objections from statutory consultees. The Plans and Policy Unit has raised issues regarding protection of the landscape wedge. The Council's Landscape and Development team has raised concerns about landscape impact.

433 objections have been received as detailed in the main report.

The proposal would encroach upon the landscape wedge. This has to be weighed alongside the significant community benefits that the scheme would bring in terms of providing a day care facility, allotments and sensory garden for vulnerable young people.

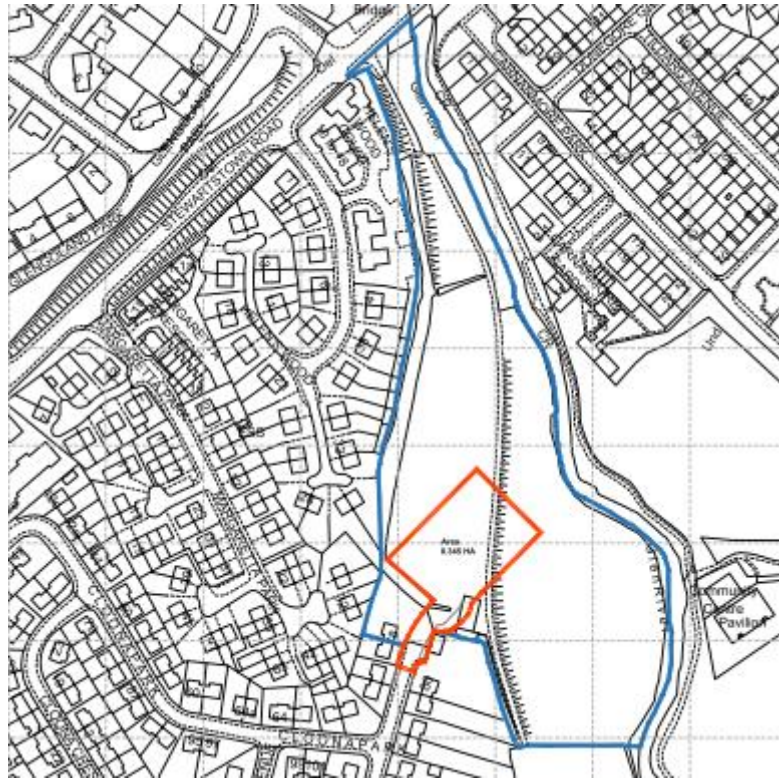
### **Recommendation**

Having regard to the Development Plan and relevant material considerations above, the proposal is considered, on balance, acceptable. It is recommended that planning permission be granted.

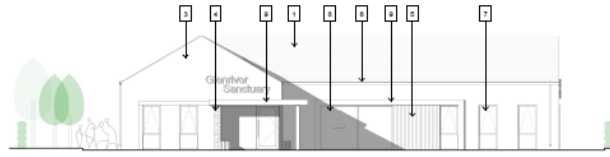
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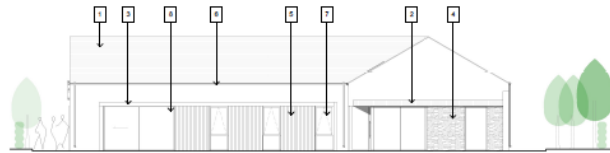
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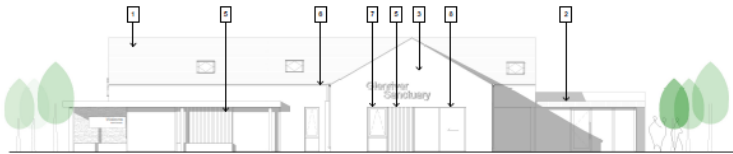
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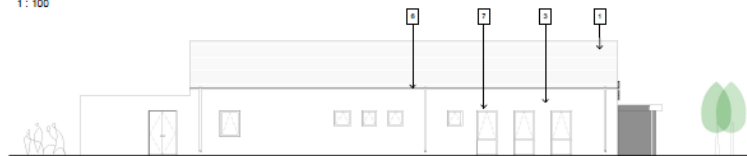
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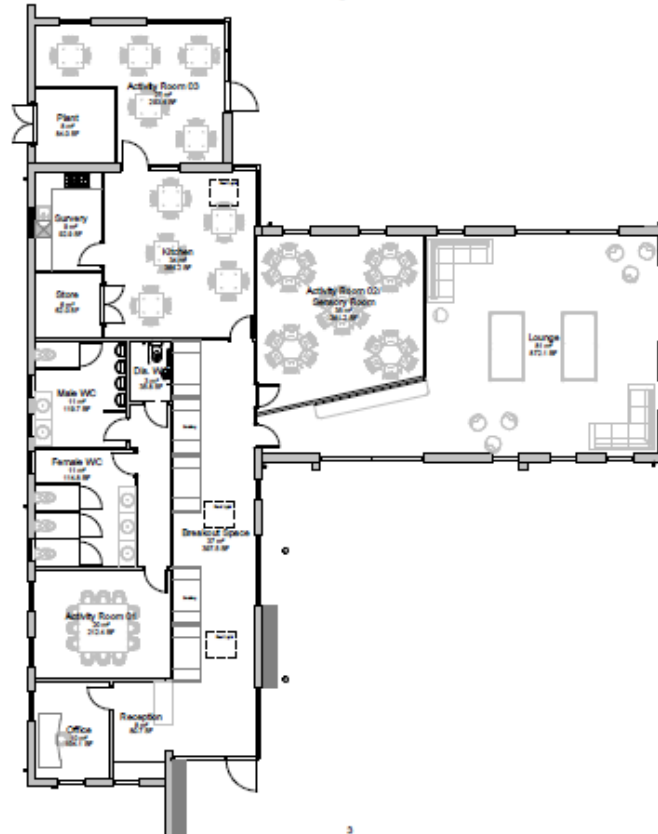
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**Proposed Floor Plan**  
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CGI Views





<b>Characteristics of the Site and Area</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Description of Proposed Development</b>
1.1	The application seeks full planning permission for a single storey day care building, allotments and sensory garden with associated car parking. The applicant is a private healthcare group who intend to use the site as a support hub for the care of vulnerable young adults. The applicant states that the building would be used by no more than 10/15 visiting adults at a time with an additional 5no. trained, support staff and transport being provided primarily by the trust minibus. The operating hours would be Monday to Friday 9 until 5.30pm and occasionally at weekends for one-off events.
1.2	Access to the site would be through sliding gates via Cloona Park to the south. The gates open onto a car park in the corner of the site.
1.3	The proposed building would have activity rooms, a lounge, kitchen, office and changing facilities. It would be finished in smooth render, natural stone and timber cladding. There would be 13no. allotments along the northern and eastern site boundaries. A sensory garden would be situated immediately adjacent the northern elevation of the building.
1.4	The site would have native hedgerows planted along its boundaries, with additional trees planted along the northern boundary and the corners of the site. A 2.4m high mesh green panel fence would enclose the whole site.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Description of Site</b>
2.1	The site is located at land north of No. 78 Cloona Park. It is located at the end of a residential cul-de-sac, rectangular in shape and 0.31 ha in size. The site was grassed and contained a number of trees but has since been cleared. The majority of the site (0.17 ha) has previous approval for allotments and an ancillary storage/changing facility/kitchenette, approved under application LA04/2020/0042/F.
2.2	To the west and south of the site is a residential area comprised of detached and semi-detached dwellings. Three dwellings were approved to the south of the site under the reference LA04/2018/2072/F and an amendment to the road layout approved under the reference LA04/2020/0178/F. To the east of the site is open space which is part of Colin Glen and Suffolk Community Centre.
<b>Planning Assessment of Policy and other Material Considerations</b>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Site History</b>
3.1	<u>Application Number: LA04/2020/0042/F</u> Decision: Permission Granted Proposal: Proposed 5no. allotments, with associated parking and ancillary accommodation (storage/kitchenette and changing area/toilets), adjacent to no.78 Cloona Park, Belfast. Decision Date: 07 December 2021
	<b>Surrounding Site History</b>
3.2	<u>Application Number: LA04/2018/2072/F</u> Decision: Permission Granted Adjacent to, 78 Cloona Park, Dunmurry, BT17 0HF, 3 new dwellings with associated vehicular access, parking and landscaping. (amended plan). Decision Date: 24 May 2019

3.3	<p>Application Number: LA04/2020/0178/F      Decision: Permission Granted</p> <p>Amendment to planning approval LA04/2018/2072/F for 3 dwellings, to provide alterations to the road layout and visitor parking. Decision Date: 7 December 2021</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Policy Framework</b>
4.1	<p><b>Development Plan – operational policies</b></p> <p>Belfast Local Development Plan, Plan Strategy 2035.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SP1A Managing growth and supporting infrastructure delivery</li> <li>• DES1 Principles of urban design</li> <li>• HC1 Promoting healthy communities</li> <li>• CI1 Community infrastructure</li> <li>• BH5 Archaeology</li> <li>• TRAN1 Active travel - walking and cycling</li> <li>• TRAN6 Access to public roads</li> <li>• TRAN8 Car parking and servicing arrangements</li> <li>• TRAN10 Design of car parking</li> <li>• ENV1 Environmental quality</li> <li>• ENV2 Mitigating environmental change</li> <li>• ENV3 Adapting to environmental change</li> <li>• ENV4 Flood risk</li> <li>• ENV5 Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS)</li> <li>• OS1 Protection of open space</li> <li>• NH1 Protection of natural heritage resources</li> <li>• TRE1 Trees</li> <li>• LC1 Landscape</li> <li>• LC1D Landscape wedges</li> <li>• TRE1 Trees</li> </ul>
4.2	<p><b>Development Plan – zoning, designations and proposals maps</b></p> <p>Belfast Urban Area Plan (2001) (BUAP) Draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015 (v2004) Draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015 (v2014)</p>
4.3	<p><b>Regional Planning Policy</b></p> <p>Regional Development Strategy 2035 (RDS) Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS)</p>
4.4	<p><b>Other Material Considerations</b></p> <p>Creating Places Belfast Agenda (Community Plan)</p>
4.5	<p><b>Any other supplementary guidance</b></p> <p>Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Trees and Development</p>

<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>Statutory Consultees Responses</b></p> <p>DfI Roads – No objection (advises conditions)  DfC Historic Environment Division (HED) – No objection (advises conditions)  NI Water – No objection  DAERA NIEA (NED) – No objection</p> <p>Whilst consultees may have referred to the no longer extant Planning Policy Statements in their consultation responses, the equivalent policies in the Plan Strategy are either the same or sufficiently similar to not require the consultees to re-evaluate the proposal in the context of the Plan Strategy.</p>
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b>Non-Statutory Consultees Responses</b></p> <p>BCC Environmental Health – no objection (advises conditions)  BCC Tree Officer – no objection (advises conditions)  BCC Landscape and Development – policy issues raised (see main report)  BCC Plans &amp; Policy team – concerns raised (see main report)</p>
<p><b>7.0</b></p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p>	<p><b>Publicity and Representations</b></p> <p>The application has been advertised and neighbours notified.</p> <p>The Council has received 433 (including 2no. petitions). Concerns raised include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature and scale of the development</li> <li>• Importance of the Urban Landscape Wedge</li> <li>• Loss of Open Space</li> <li>• Impact on the environment</li> <li>• Impact on amenity (noise)</li> <li>• Measurements in the Contamination Assessment</li> <li>• Traffic and Road Safety</li> </ul> <p>These issues are addressed in the main report.</p>
<p><b>8.0</b></p>	<p><b>Assessment</b></p>
<p><b>8.1</b></p> <p>8.1.1</p> <p>8.1.2</p> <p>8.1.3</p>	<p><b>Development Plan Context</b></p> <p>Section 6(4) of the Planning (Northern Ireland) Act 2011 states that in making any determinations under the Act, regard is to be had to the local development plan, and the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.</p> <p>Section 45(1) of the Act states that in determining planning applications, the Council must have regard to the local development plan, so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations.</p> <p>The Belfast Local Development Plan (LDP) when fully completed will replace the Belfast Urban Area Plan 2001 as the statutory Development Plan for the city. The Belfast LDP will comprise two parts. Part 1 is the Plan Strategy, which contains strategic and operational policies and was adopted on 02 May 2023. Part 2 is the Local Policies Plan, which will provide the zonings and proposals maps for Belfast and has not yet been published. The zonings and proposals maps in the Belfast Urban Area Plan 2001 remain part of the statutory local development plan until the Local Policies Plan is adopted.</p>

8.1.4	<p><b>Operational policies</b> – the Plan Strategy contains a range of operational policies relevant to consideration of the application. These are listed in the report.</p>
8.1.5	<p><b>Proposals Maps</b> – until such time as the Local Policies Plan is adopted, the Council must have regard to the land-use zonings, designations and proposals maps in the Belfast Urban Area Plan 2001, both versions of the draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan (v2004 and v2014) (draft BMAP 2015) and other relevant area plans. The weight to be afforded to these proposals maps is a matter for the decision maker. It is considered that significant weight should be given to the proposals map in draft BMAP 2015 (v2014) given its advanced stage in the development process, save for retail policies that relate to Sprucefield which remain contentious.</p>
8.1.6	<p><u>Belfast Urban Area Plan 2001 (BUAP)</u> The site is located on land zoned for ‘Landscape, Amenity or Recreation Use’ within the development limits of Belfast.</p>
8.1.7	<p><u>Draft BMAP (v2004 and v2014) designations</u> In draft BMAP (v2004), the site is zoned as an Urban Landscape Wedge (Zoning ML23). In draft BMAP (v2014), the site is also zoned as an Urban Landscape Wedge (Zoning ML21).</p>
8.2	<p><b>Principle of development</b></p> <p><i>Description of the proposal</i></p>
8.2.1	<p>The application site is located at the end of a residential cul-de-sac and 0.31 ha in size. The majority of the site (0.17 ha) has previous approval for allotments and an ancillary storage/changing facility/kitchenette under permission LA04/2020/0042/F. The principal of allotments, ancillary storage and car parking has been established on just over half of the application site.</p>
8.2.2	<p>The current proposal would extend the site area by 0.14a with a larger day centre building rather than ancillary storage. The number of allotments would also be increased from 5 to 13. Given the scale and function of the proposed building, it is not considered ancillary to the use of the land but an operative community use in its own right in conjunction with the proposed allotments and sensory garden.</p>
8.2.3	<p>The proposed building would have a floorspace of approximately 380 sqm, covering around 11% of the overall site. The site is larger than that under the previous permission and would have an additional 8 no. allotments and more substantial landscaping scheme than before. The allotments would cover around 39% of the site.</p>
	<p><i>Loss of open space</i></p>
8.2.4	<p>The site is zoned for landscape, amenity and recreation use in the BUAP. It is zoned an urban landscape wedge in both versions of draft BMAP 2015. The site currently comprises green open space, which is protected by Policy OS1 of the Plan Strategy. The total area of existing open space which would be lost as a result of the proposed development is approximately 0.31 ha (or net loss of 0.14 ha when taking account of the previous planning permission).</p>
8.2.5	<p>Policy OS1 states that the council will support the retention and improvement of existing open space throughout the district area. There will be a general presumption in favour of retaining all such lands and uses, including protecting any character and amenity value, whether specifically identified in the LDP or not, unless the lands are identified in the LDP for an alternative use. Development resulting in the loss of open space on</p>

	lands specifically identified for these uses in the LDP and/or the council's Open Spaces Strategy and/or GBIP will only be considered in exceptional circumstances where it is clearly shown that redevelopment will bring substantial community benefits that decisively outweigh the loss of the open space.
8.2.6	The applicant is a private healthcare group who intend to use the site as a support hub for the care of vulnerable young adults. The building would support the therapeutic aspect of the allotments, especially in poor weather. The applicant states that they have experience of operating a similar facility for people with learning difficulties and autism at Kilcreggan, Magherafelt. At that location, people have the opportunity to spend their day in a therapeutic outdoors setting, with associated support buildings. The applicant says this is the aim of the proposal and such a facility would be a significant community benefit for West Belfast.
8.2.7	The applicant goes on to state that the proposed allotments re-purpose the existing open space to allow access for those with learning disabilities. Allotments themselves are defined as open space, therefore, the applicant argues that there would not be a loss of open space overall.
8.2.8	Officers recognise that the proposal could provide a facility of significant value to the local community. The applicant's statement sets out why the site was selected (quiet, secure location with open space for allotments and sensory gardens) and that no alternative suitable sites were found.
8.2.9	It is considered that the proposal would bring about substantial community benefits that decisively outweigh the loss of open space in providing a unique facility and amenity for vulnerable young people. Regard is also had to the existing permission for allotments and the open space elements of the proposed use. In these regards, the proposal is considered compliant with Policy OS1.
8.2.10	Regard is also had to Policy CI1, which seeks to provides development opportunities for the community, health and educational facilities based on the local need in line with the projected population over the plan period. Planning permission will be granted for the provision of new and improved community infrastructure at appropriate and accessible locations within the urban area, subject to consideration of the nature and location of any proposals. All proposals shall ensure that there is no unacceptable impact on residential amenity or natural/built heritage and satisfactory arrangements are provided for access for all, including for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport. These detailed requirements are considered in more detail in the following sections of the report.
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Impact on the character and appearance of the area</b>
8.3.1	The site is located at land north of 78 Cloona Park, at the end of a residential cul-de-sac. The site consists of overgrown grassed and contained a number of trees but has since been cleared. To the west and south of the site is a residential area comprised of detached and semidetached dwellings. To the north and east of the site is open space.
8.3.2	The proposed building would be finished in smooth render, natural stone and timber cladding. There would be 13no. allotments along the northern and eastern boundaries. A sensory garden would be immediately adjacent the northern elevation of the building. The site would have native hedgerows planted along its boundaries, with additional trees planted along the northern boundary and the corners of the site. A 2.4m high mesh panel fence would enclose the whole site. Access to the site would be through sliding gates via Cloona Park to the south. The gates would open onto a car park in the corner of the site.

8.3.3	<p>The site is zoned an Urban Landscape Wedge in both versions of dBMAP 2015. Policy LC1 of the Plan Strategy (Landscape) states that new development should seek to protect and, where appropriate, restore or improve the quality and amenity of the landscape. The policy goes on to say the council will adopt the precautionary approach in assessing development proposals in any designated landscape and lists eight policy considerations/requirements.</p>
8.3.4	<p>Policy LC1D (Landscape wedges) also applies. It states that in addition to complying with the above requirements, within designated urban and rural landscape wedges, planning permission will only normally be granted for outdoor recreational uses and only provided all the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the open nature of the landscape is retained and no coalescence of urban areas results;</li> <li>b) buildings are ancillary to the open space/ recreational use and are integrated into the landscape; and</li> <li>c) long and short range views are protected.</li> </ul>
8.3.5	<p>BCC Landscape and Development team has concerns that the proposal could have a significant adverse landscape impact on the character and features of the Urban Landscape Wedge. They believe that the building is a significant intrusion of the semi-naturalised, relatively open landscape and has the potential to impact adversely on the amenity and biodiversity value of the designated landscape.</p>
8.3.6	<p>The Plans and Policy unit also had concerns that building would be of a significant scale and not considered to be wholly ancillary to the outdoor use and would therefore undermine the objectives of the landscape wedge to prevent urban coalescence at this location.</p>
8.3.7	<p>Whilst the proposal would encroach upon the landscape wedge to a greater degree than the previously approved scheme – which comprised a smaller site area with smaller building – it is considered that the impact would not be significant nor excessive, when balanced alongside the community benefits derived from the proposal as previously described in the report.</p>
8.3.8	<p>The site would be bounded by a natural hedge with tree planting on the north-east boundary. This would help to soften its visual impact. The proposed building would be single storey, finished in render with stone and timber cladding elements, again assisting to reduce its visual dominance. Final materials would be controlled by means of condition. The principal landscape impacts would be from the north and the CGI shows that the proposed building and site would nestle into its landscape setting. It is considered that the landscape can accommodate this change without overriding visual harm to the urban landscape wedge.</p>
8.3.9	<p>Approximately 10 of 60 existing trees are proposed to be removed. These are noted as being in poor or in fair health within the tree survey and report. The proposed landscaping plan proposes replacement planting which would further soften the visual impact of the proposal. The Tree Officer was consulted and offers no objection. They recommended mitigation measures to protect existing trees during construction and this can be secured by appropriate conditions. In these regards, the proposal is considered to satisfy Policy TRE1.</p>
8.3.10	<p>In conclusion, whilst the proposal is in conflict with Policies LC1 and LC1D, the overall landscape impact is not considered to be significant and are outweighed by the substantial community benefits that the proposal would provide.</p>

<b>8.4</b>	<b>Compatibility with adjacent uses</b>
8.4.1	The proposed layout of the allotments would be sensitive to the surrounding residential area. The building is approximately 6 metres high, but the proposed landscaping would create a visual buffer and screen the site from public views.
8.4.2	Environmental Health has been consulted and offers no objection to the proposal.
8.4.3	It is recommended that the use of the building and land is controlled by condition.
8.4.4	The proposed use is considered compatible with its surroundings including adjacent residential area. The proposal is considered to comply with Policies DES1 and ENV1.
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Impact on Built heritage</b>
8.5.1	The site contains a former beetling mill (IHR 07415) and its associated millrace. DfC HED has been consulted and offers no objection, advising conditions.
8.5.2	In this regard, the proposal is considered to comply with Policy BH5 (archaeology).
<b>8.6</b>	<b>Access and parking</b>
8.6.1	The proposed development is to be accessed off the turning head at the end of the residential cul-de-sac. There are similar access arrangements under the previous permission. Nine parking spaces are proposed including one disabled space. DfI Roads offers no objection to the proposal subject to conditions.
8.6.2	The proposed access and parking arrangements are considered acceptable. The proposal is considered compliant with Policies TRAN4, TRAN6, TRAN8 and TRAN10 of the Plan Strategy.
<b>8.7</b>	<b>Drainage</b>
8.7.1	The Glen River is to the east of the site. The site is bounded at the south-west by an undesignated watercourse. The site is not shown as being an area at risk of flooding in the flood maps. NIW and NIEA have not objected to the proposal.
<b>8.8</b>	<b>Waste-water infrastructure</b>
8.8.1	NI Water has offered no objection to the proposal, therefore, the proposal is considered acceptable having regard to Policy SP1A.
<b>8.9</b>	<b>Land Contamination</b>
8.9.1	A Contamination Assessment and Remediation Strategy has been submitted. Environmental Health recommend measures to manage the risk from ground gas and from contaminated soils in allotment areas. These can be dealt with by planning conditions. The proposal will not have an unacceptable effect regarding the risks around contaminated land. The proposal complies with Policy ENV1.
<b>8.10</b>	<b>Noise, odour and other environmental impacts</b>
8.10.1	Environmental Health offers no objections in terms of potential environmental or amenity impacts. Similarly, NIEA has offered no objections in terms of ground water impacts. In these regards, the proposal is considered compliant with Policy ENV1.

<p><b>8.11</b></p> <p>8.11.1</p> <p>8.11.2</p> <p>8.11.3</p> <p><b>8.12</b></p> <p>8.12.1</p>	<p><b>Climate change</b></p> <p>Policy ENV2 of the Plan Strategy states that planning permission will be granted for development that incorporates measures to mitigate environmental change and reduce greenhouse gases by promoting sustainable patterns of development. All new development proposals will maximise opportunities to incorporate sustainable design features where feasible (such as grey water recycling, green roofs, maximising use of recycled materials, orientating buildings to optimise solar gain, energy efficiency). Development proposals should, where appropriate, demonstrate the highest feasible and viable sustainability standards in the design, construction, and operation.</p> <p>Whilst the building is orientated to optimise solar gain, the proposal does not include other sustainable design features listed in ENV2 (Mitigating environmental change). However, in view of the longevity of the application and nature of the proposal, it is considered that suitable design measures can be secured by condition.</p> <p>In terms of SuDS and adapting to climate change, the proposal includes allotments, tree planting scheme and other vegetation throughout the site. Further specific SuDS measures can be controlled by condition. The proposal is considered acceptable having regard to Policies ENV3 and ENV5.</p> <p><b>Natural heritage</b></p> <p>An Ecological Appraisal and site surveys have been submitted. DAERA NIEA offers no objection. It is considered that the proposal would not have an unacceptable effect on natural heritage and that the proposal accords with Policy NH1.</p>
<p><b>9.0</b></p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p>	<p><b>Summary and Recommendation</b></p> <p>The proposal would encroach upon the urban green wedge and have an adverse impact on the landscape. However, the proposal would provide an important facility for vulnerable adults, which would potentially have substantial benefits for the community. In the planning balance, the proposal is considered acceptable.</p> <p>Having regard to the Development Plan and relevant material considerations above, the proposal is considered, on balance, acceptable. It is recommended that planning permission be granted.</p> <p>Delegated authority is sought for the Director of Planning and Building Control to finalise the wording of the conditions, and deal with any other matters that arise prior to issuing the decision, provided that they are not substantive.</p>
<p><b>10.0</b></p>	<p><b>Draft Conditions</b></p> <p>1. The works hereby permitted shall be begun not later than the expiration of 5 years beginning with the date on which this consent is granted.</p> <p>Reason: As required by Section 94 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.</p> <p>2. The building and use of the land hereby approved shall be restricted to day care facilities for vulnerable young people as defined in the applicant's supporting statement provided with the application, and shall not be used for any other purpose.</p> <p>Reason: The development has been approved on the basis of it providing a valuable community facility which decisively outweighs other planning concerns.</p>



3. No development shall commence until details of energy conservation and other measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change including SuDS have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The building shall not be constructed unless in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure that the development mitigates and adapts to climate change.

4. Notwithstanding the submitted details, no construction shall take place until details and samples of the external finishes including walls, roofs and fenestration have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The material samples shall be provided on site and shall remain in situ for the duration of the construction. The development shall not be carried out unless in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To minimise landscape impact and ensure that the proposal is in keeping with the character and appearance of the area.

5. No part of the development hereby permitted shall become operational until the roadworks shown on drawing 03d have been completed.

Reason: To ensure adequate vehicular access to the adopted road network.

6. The access gradient to the approved building shall not exceed 8% (1 in 12.5) over the first 5 m outside the road boundary. Where the vehicular access crosses footway or verge, the access gradient shall be between 4% (1 in 25) maximum and 2.5% (1 in 40) minimum and shall be formed so that there is no abrupt change of slope along the footway.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

7. The building hereby approved shall not be occupied until the vehicular parking spaces have been provided in accordance with the approved drawings. The approved vehicle parking spaces shall not be used other than for the parking of vehicles associated with the development and shall be retained at all times.

Reason: To provide sufficient parking to support the development.

8. No development or works shall commence on site (other than that required to fulfil this condition) unless a programme of archaeological work has been implemented in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Council.

Reason: To ensure that archaeological remains and features are preserved in situ. Approval is required upfront because archaeological remains and features could be damaged or permanently lost.

9. A programme of post-excavation analysis, preparation of an archaeological report, dissemination of results and preparation of the excavation archive shall be undertaken in accordance with the programme of archaeological work approved under condition 8. These measures shall be implemented, and a final archaeological report shall be submitted to the Council within 3 months of the completion of archaeological programme of works.

Reason: To ensure that the archaeological remains and features are properly analysed and recorded.

10. Prior to the occupation of the proposed development, a Remediation Verification Report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. This must demonstrate that the remediation measures outlined in the Pentland McDonald report entitled 'Updated Contamination Assessment and Remediation Strategy Proposed Allotments and Day Care Centre, Cloona Park, Dunmurry for Brooklands Healthcare Ltd Planning Ref: LA04/2022/1203/F Pentland Macdonald Ltd Report No. PM23-1001. Dated February 2023'.

Reason: To demonstrate that the required remedial measures have been incorporated into the development, in the interests of human health.

11 All trees and planting within the site shall be retained unless shown on the approved drawings as being removed. Any retained trees or planting indicated on the approved drawings which become seriously damaged, diseased or dying, shall be replaced during the next planting season (October to March inclusive) with other trees or plants of a location, species and size to be first approved in writing by the Council.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity

12. Prior to any work commencing, protective barriers (fencing) and ground protection shall be erected or installed as specified in British Standard 5837: 2012 (section 6.2) on and around any trees / hedging to be retained within the site. The protective fencing must remain in place until all work is completed and all associated materials and equipment are removed from site.

Reason: To ensure the protection of, and to ensure the continuity of amenity afforded by any existing trees to be retained within the site and on adjacent lands.

13. If tree roots are accidentally damaged the council must be notified immediately in writing and given the opportunity to inspect the damage before it is covered over.

Reason: To ensure the protection of, and to ensure the continuity of amenity afforded by existing trees / hedging.

14. No storage of materials, parking of vehicles or plant, temporary buildings, sheds, offices or fires shall take place within the Root Protection Areas of trees within the site and adjacent lands during the construction period.

Reason: To avoid damage to trees.

15. All hard and soft landscaping works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details. The works shall be carried out prior to the occupation of any part of the development unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council. Any existing or proposed trees or plants indicated on the approved plans which, within a period of five years from the date of planting, die, are removed or become seriously damaged, diseased or dying shall be replaced during the next planting season with other trees or plants of a location, species and size, details of which shall have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council.

Reason: In the interests of the character and appearance of the area

### **Informatives**

1. This decision relates to the following approved drawing numbers:  
01b, 02d, 03d, 04d, 05, 06, Mda Glenriver Landscape Plan 23 10 100 1, Mda Glenriver Landscape Plan 23 10 101 1b
2. Please make sure that you carry out the development in accordance with the approved plans and any planning conditions listed above. Failure to do so will mean that the proposal is unauthorised and liable for investigation by the Council's Planning Enforcement team. If you would like advice about how to comply with the planning permission, you are advised to contact the Planning Service at Belfast City Council at [planning@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:planning@belfastcity.gov.uk).
3. This planning permission includes condition(s) which require further details to be submitted to and approved by the Council. Please read the condition(s) carefully so that you know when this information needs to be provided and approved. It could take a minimum of 8 weeks for the Council to approve the details, assuming that they are satisfactory, and sometimes longer depending on the complexity of the condition. You should allow for this when planning the timeline of your project.
4. The grant of planning permission does not dispense with the need to obtain licenses, consents or permissions under other legislation or protocols. The requirement for other authorisations may have been identified by consultees in their response to the application and can be accessed on the Northern Ireland Planning Portal website. The responses from consultees may also include other general advice for the benefit of the applicant or developer.