

Renfrewshire Council

Disposal of common good property: consultation

Community Empowerment Scotland (Act) 2015 Part 8 Section 104

In terms of the Community Empowerment Scotland (Act) 2015 Part 8, Section 104 - Renfrewshire Council is considering the disposal of land at Bridge Street, Paisley which is held by the Council as part of the common good. Notices and adverts were published on the 16th March 2022 asking interested parties to make representations to the Council by the 11th May 2022, being an 8 week period.

During this period one representation was received, summarised below along with the Council's response. As this was received from an individual not representing an organisation, that individual's name has been withheld.

The representation asked 5 questions -

1 - Is it proposed that the developer pay a fee for this land?

Response - Yes, this is a sale of land and a price will be paid for it, this will go to the Paisley Common Good Fund.

2 - Will this piece of land remain open to the Public to walk through as they do just now?

Your website says "to facilitate a terrace and amenity space adjacent to new development while retaining the trees, public open space and the riverside walkway". This statement suggests it will remain open to the Public. Please clarify. If it does remain open to the Public then how does that work when it is supposed to be an outdoor area for a restaurant ? I'm sure they wouldn't want members of the Public wandering through their restaurant area ? Something doesn't make sense here !

Response - The detailed drawing on the website shows an area for a restaurant terrace and an area to be enclosed by a hedge outside the windows of 2 ground floor flats, the rest of the area remains unrestricted for public access.

3 - Who becomes responsible for the maintenance of the cherry blossom trees and grassed areas ? I assume this would be the developer ? Please confirm how this will be enforced.

Response - The purchaser will be responsible for maintenance, and this will be part of the conditions of sale.

4 - Will the developer be required to make a separate planning application for any work here ?

Response - No, the necessary planning consent is in place, the consented scheme for the flats includes the terrace and landscaped area.

5 - With respect to representations, please confirm names and addresses are withheld from publication.

Response – name and address withheld from publication.