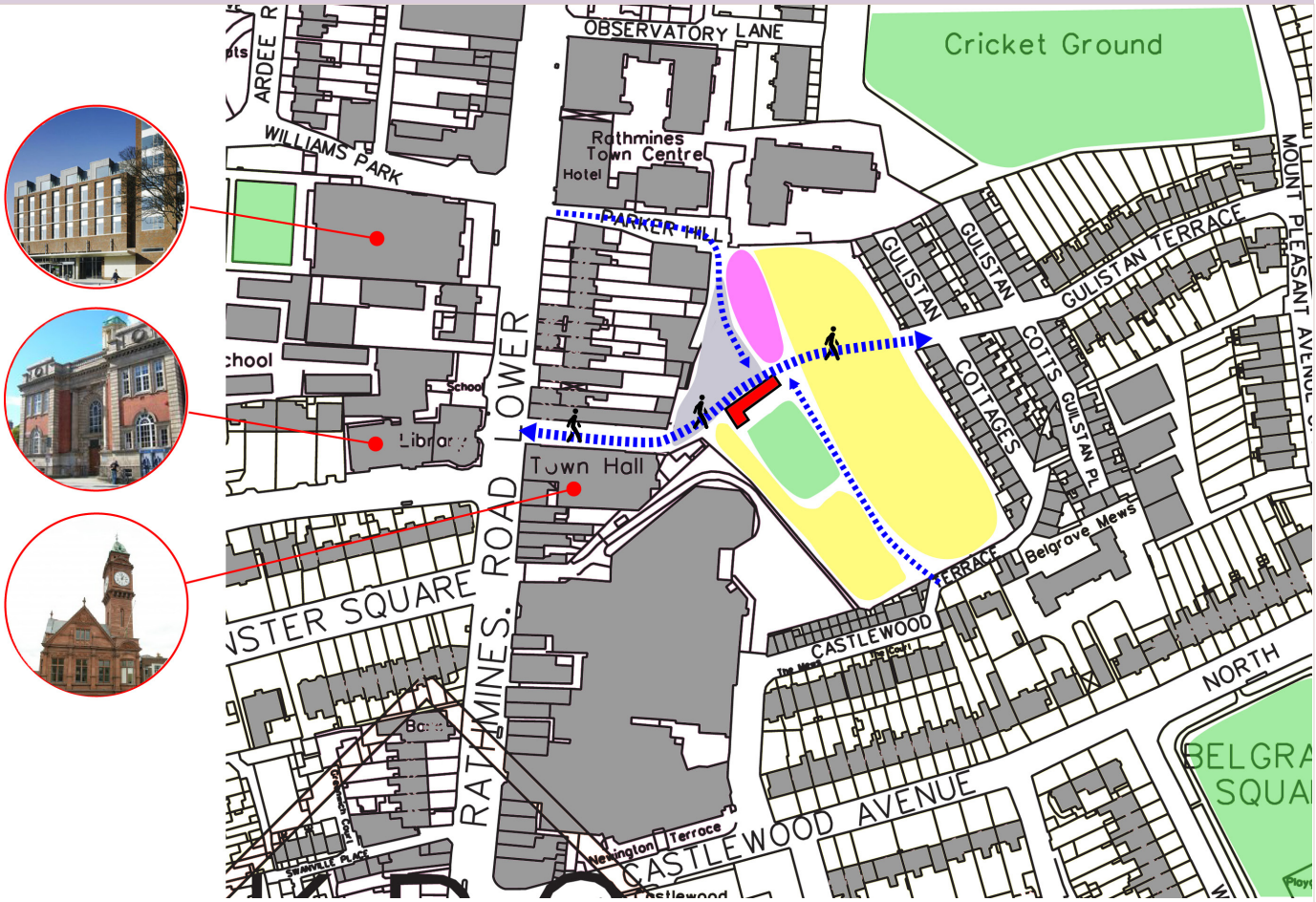
RATHMINES BRING CENTRE

Dublin City Council's Rathmines Bring Centre and the ESB Depot represent the last development site of significant size in Rathmines. It is vitally important that this site is developed to meet the needs of the local community.

The Rathmines Initiative considers that an urban framework plan should be developed by Dublin City Council and agreed with the local community in advance of the Bring Centre site being sold.



Residential Use (to CEUD Lifetime Housing standard)

Community Use (e.g. Meeting Hall; Creche, Health Centre etc.)

Public Green Space

Public Open Space

Existing 19th Century Building Restored for Community Use

Pedestrian connections

The urban framework plan should be developed on the following principles:

- Provide age friendly housing designed to meet Lifetime Housing Standards in a car free environment
- Provide pedestrian routes through the site to connect with adjoining streets
- Create a new public space to the rear of the former town hall building
- Provide buildings serving community uses accessed from the public space
- Promote an open competition to select an urban design proposal
- Retain a reduced scale bring centre

The local community should be consulted on the future of the Rathmines Bring Centre. Contact your local Dublin City Councillors to let them know your views.

THE RATHMINES INITIATIVE

a brief description

The Rathmines Initiative was founded in 1998 and is an apolitical community group. Its area of interest is Upper and Lower Rathmines Road. It is a community organisation which aims to improve the quality of life of the diverse community in Rathmines by working in co-operation with statutory, voluntary and commercial representatives.

With the support of Dublin City Council it published the Rathmines Area Study in association with the School of Architecture, UCD and Gerry Cahill Architects. This publication inspired the design and construction of the hugely successful Swan Leisure Centre which was undertaken by Dublin City Council.

The Rathmines Initiative was invited by Dublin City Council to join the steering group for the preparation and publication of the Conservation Study of the Lower Rathmines Road. The Rathmines Initiative has, prior to four previous general elections and the last local election, convened 'Town Hall' meetings in the former town hall building.

Its annual Garden Trail has established itself as a very popular community event and has raised significant funds for the Rathmines Women's Refuge, the Richmond Hill Crèche, the Donal Walsh Foundation, the Gateway Mental Health Association and the Alice Leahy Trust. It hosted several series of 'Rathmines Discourses': lectures by eminent persons followed by discussion. The Rathmines Initiative reviews significant planning applications and as appropriate lodges observations and on occasions planning appeals.

To commemorate the 1916 centenary, the Rathmines Initiative published the booklet 'Rathmines and The Rising: People and Places' and mounted a two month long exhibition in Rathmines Library.



Copies of this booklet are available to purchase by contacting Michael Kelly on 087 669 7722 or e-mail mkellyarch@eircom.net.

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RATHMINES GARDEN TRAIL

an open garden event

SUNDAY, JUNE 12th 2 - 6 pm

