



Submission to Draft Cork City Development Plan

This submission is on behalf of Marymount University Hospital & Hospice in respect of current / future zoning of lands surrounding and adjoining the hospital / hospice.

About Us:

Marymount University Hospital & Hospice ("Marymount") provides specialist palliative care services and services to care for dependent older people. Its origins date back to 1870 with its foundation by the Religious Sisters of Charity in Cork. The original hospital was built on the north side of the city but the service relocated in 2011 to purpose-built, modern, high-quality facilities in Curraheen, Cork. Marymount is an independent voluntary hospital with university status and is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. It is a section 39 organisation under the Health Act 2004 and works closely with the statutory health services in provision of care services. Marymount is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors and has a staff base of >300 persons.

Marymount is the oldest and largest hospice in i.e. covering a population base of approximately 560,000.

We provide community outreach services, OPD/day services, 44 bedded inpatient unit as well as 63 Service for Older People beds. Marymount provides specialist training/education to various healthcare professionals up to MSc level. Marymount continues to expand its range and reach of services inline with an ambitious strategic plan; <https://online.flowpaper.com/7a800795/MarymountStrategicPlanpub/#page=1>

The lands adjoining Marymount are currently zoned in the draft city plan as follows:
"ZO21 City hinterland"

Purpose: "To protect and improve rural amenity and provide for development of agriculture" as shown on the mapped objectives of the proposed development plan.
<https://www.corkcity.ie/en/proposed-cork-city-development-plan-2022-2028/draft-plan-documents/phase-2-draft-development-plan-2022-2028/volume-2-mapped-objectives/>

Marymount respectfully requests consideration be given to amend these from ZO21 to ZO14 "Institutions and Community" for the following reasons:

- This would be more appropriate to adjacent lands given our services are regional. Marymount provides key regional services across the county and sometimes beyond.
- The description of ZO13 fits our range of health/education/community facility which is long established and of national importance (i.e. in Irish hospice movement)
- Re-designation to ZO14 allows for potential expansion of Marymount's services in the future as the need arises.