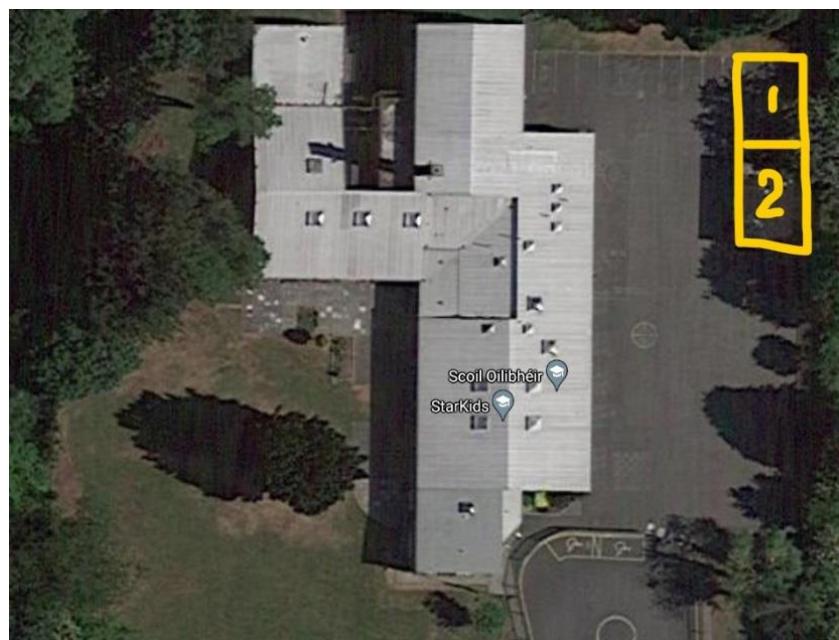


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Mar is eol daoibh tá an comhlacht ailtireachta Oppermann Associates ceaptha chun an Fhoireann Deartha don fhoirgneamh nua a stiúradh agus tá siad ag obair leo i gconaí. Mar is eol daoibh freisin, fuarthas cead pleannála don dá fhoirgneamh shealadacha laistigh den gheata ar an bhféar. Agus muid ag iaraidh cur isteach ar na píosaí féir sin a laghdú chomh mór agus is féidir, tá an Bord Bainistíochta, i bpáirt leis na haitlirí, tar éis an cinneadh a ghlacadh, (coinníollach ar fhaomhadh na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna) iad a bhogadh agus iad a chur sa chúinne in oirthuaisceart an tsúimh (féach an léarscáil thíos), san áit ina bhfuil an foirgneamh réamhphleanála faoi láthair. Ciallóidh sé seo go gcaillfear cúpla spás páirceála don fhoireann ach tá talamh amú ar chál an fhoirgnimh réamhphleanála atá ann faoi láthair agus má úsáidtear an talamh sin i gceart tá na haitlirí den tuairim nach gcaillfear aon chuid den spás súgartha. Ní gá aon chead pleannála nua a fháil agus tá na haitlirí dóchasach go mbeidh an dá fhoirgneamh shealadacha nua ann roimh dheireadh mhí Mheán Fómhair.

Tá Oppermann dóchasach freisin go mbeidh an chéad dréacht den dearadh don fhoirgneamh nua acu sna seachtainí atá romhainn. Is dréacht réamhphleanála a bheidh i gceist leis seo. Mar a thugfidh tú bíonn próiseas agus tógann sé am ach chomh luath is atá aon rud coincréiteach le roinnt (maith dhom an t-iméartas focal), roinnfear libh é.

Tá an obair fós ag dul ar aghaidh ar an gcorás teasa agus tá comhlacht innealtóireachta Delap & Waller ag obair air seo. Tá siad ag fiosrú na bhféidearthachtaí maidir le gás nádúrtha a thabhairt isteach. Tá súil againn go ndéanfar an obair seo i rith an tsamhraidh.



As you know, the architectural firm Oppermann Associates have been appointed to steer the Design Team for the new building and they are working away all the time. As you also know, planning permission was granted for 2 temporary buildings inside the gate on the grass. As we try to reduce the interference with those grass areas as much as possible, the Board of Management, together with the architects, have taken the decision (conditional on Departmental approval) to move them and put them in the northeastern corner of the site (see map above), where the prefab is at present. This will mean the staff losing a couple of parking spaces but there is land wasted at the back of the prefab there at present and if this land is used correctly the architects are of the opinion that no playing space will be lost. It is not necessary to seek new planning permission and the architects are optimistic that the 2 new temporary buildings will be in place before the end of September.

Oppermann are also hopeful of having their first draft of the design of the building in the coming weeks. This will be a pre-planning draft. As you will understand, there is a process and it takes time but as soon as we have something concrete to share (forgive the pun!), it will be shared with you.

The work on the heating system is ongoing and the engineering firm Delap & Waller are working on this. They are exploring the possibilities around bringing natural gas in. We hope this work will be carried out over the summer.