

Drumcondra.  
Dublin 9.  
21<sup>st</sup> Mar 2022.

Mr. Aidan Savage  
Chairperson Corpus Christi G.N.S Board of Mgmt.  
Home Farm Road.  
Drumcondra.

Dear Sir

I write as a parent whose daughter is a pupil in Corpus Christi G.N.S and on behalf of Save Corpus Christi Parish Hall community group who wish for Corpus Christi Parish hall to remain as an amenity for the community and Corpus Christi Girls National School. Our group is supported by parents whose daughters are pupils of Corpus Christi school, a number of resident's associations, community groups who use the parish hall and public representatives.

Corpus Christi parish hall has been a key amenity for Corpus Christi school and the Drumcondra community for the past 50 years and its closure due to fire safety issues is a significant loss to the school and wider community. An independent consultant engineers report with costing indicates the issues identified are not significant and can be quickly remedied at reasonable cost. Our group (among others) have written to Monsignor O' Shea on this matter including an offer to fundraise to cover cost of required repairs. Regretfully, the Monsignor and the church's position is one of non-engagement with the community and public representatives on the matter. The Church's recent submission to draft Dublin City Council 22-28 Development Plan outlines their plan for the overall Corpus Christi church site with the express desire that church lands be re zoned for housing and residential development. The submission is available online: [Dublin Diocese Landholding | Dublin City Council's Planning Consultation Portal](#) – DCC Plan Dublin Diocese Report.

At this time, parents are concerned at the loss of Parish hall for school PE/Assembly activities. Corpus Christi school is currently without a critical amenity when other schools in the area are gaining amenities. Government policy aims to encourage girl's participation in sporting activities hence physical education is part of the curriculum. The scout's den is not a suitable alternative for PE/Assembly activities for Corpus Christi school and possibly not available long

term if church's rezoning request for Corpus Christi site is successful. The question to the Board of Management is: What is your plan to fulfil the Dept of Education physical education curriculum in a situation where there is uncertainty over the future use of Corpus Christi Parish Hall?

We would be grateful if this matter could be raised at your next Board of Management meeting and that you would kindly revert to us with your plan.

Yours Sincerely

Patrick Farrell

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on behalf of Save Corpus Christi Parish Hall Group.

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