

Keady Recreation Centre – Best Practice Model



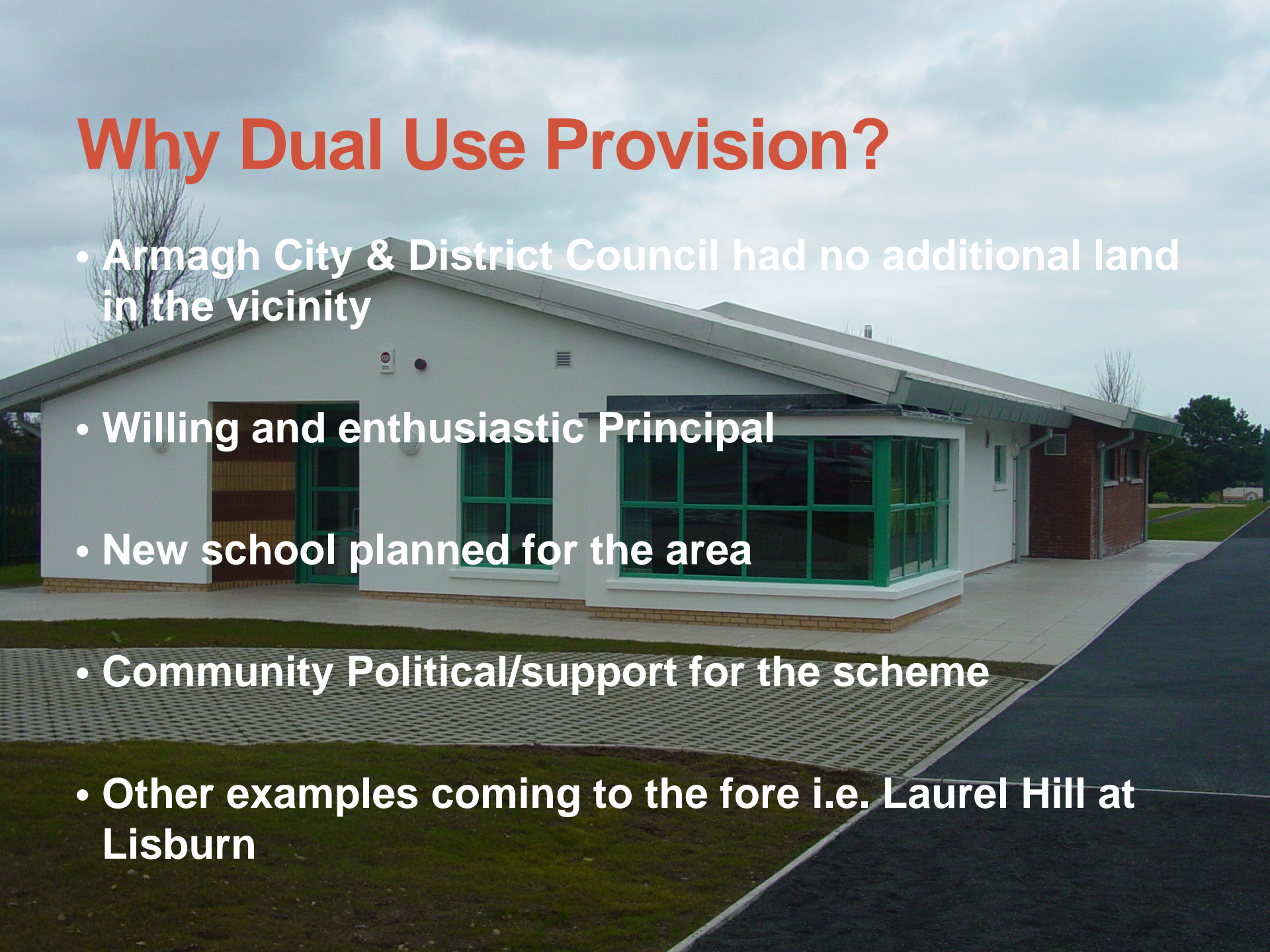
Why Keady?

- Large Community support for increased R&L facilities especially outdoor grass pitches.
- Large sporting base/infrastructure with many failed attempts to secure additional land.
- Largest Town in the District 5,000 in greater keady area.



Why Dual Use Provision?

- Armagh City & District Council had no additional land in the vicinity
- Willing and enthusiastic Principal
- New school planned for the area
- Community Political/support for the scheme
- Other examples coming to the fore i.e. Laurel Hill at Lisburn



Timeline

1997	Application made to SportNI lottery. Armagh City & District Council granted an Award for changing accommodation. School element turned down.
1998	Agreement reached with SportNI to part-fund an audit in the area.
1999	Peter Quinn Associates carried out an audit on behalf of Armagh City & District Council.
1999	New School built
2003	Dual Use funding secured (Sports Share)
June 2005	Licence agreement signed and Keady recreation Centre opened to the public.

Scheme



Armagh City & District Council access to school estate after 5pm.

- Floodlit 3G
- Main Hall
- 2 Fitness Suites – 1 added recently (2012)
- Changing facilities
- 1 Grass pitch
- Garage – recently added in 2012.

- Additional use (outside of licence agreement)
- Assembly hall
- Main grass pitch
- Putting Green
- Dinner Hall

Access of main hall denied at exam time.

Full use of all highlighted amenities in summer recess.

Practicalities

- **Naming of Project**
- **Full Council Support**
- **Legalities**
- **Relationships**
- **Change of personnel**
- **Governance – Lines can get blurred**
- **Payment of Bills – Flexibility required!**
- **Hours of business**

Key Strengths

- Community Support
- Value for money
- Local workforce – especially casuals
- Partnership working at the core
- Meets many strategic targets - Education/curriculum
Health
Physical Activity

Management group established from the outset
Armagh City & District Council committed to dual use
and currently operates one other pilot scheme in
addition to a Big Lottery supported scheme on Armagh
City & District lands.

**Any
Questions**