

# DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

**Date & Time**                      **20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 @ 2pm**

**Deputation Group:**            **Riversdale Riverview Old Lucan Road Residents Group**

Councillors Present	Cllr. Ed O’Brien      Cllr. Gus O’Connell Cllr. Paul Gogarty
Apologises:	
Deputation	Michael Kennedy, B Fleming, A O’Connor & Frank Fahey.
Council Officials	
Jason Frehill	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Anne Hyland	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Brian Leonard	Housing Social & Community Development
Brian Carroll	Housing Social & Community Development
Pamela Hughes	Housing Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Ed O’Brien.

**Items discussed:**

- 1) **Status of Palmerston Village having regard to South Dublin County Council policy on village communities within the Council area.**

The group are situated on the village side of the N4. There is a long history of volunteering, self-funding & DIY attitude from the residents. A lot of awards have been received for the work they have done. The group also had a positive involvement in the “Have your say 300k” process. The group are concerned by some of the stuff that is happening in the village area.

The group asks what is the status of Palmerston Village in the context of South Dublin County Council’s (SDCC) policies and plans?

Ms. Anne Hyland of the Land Use Planning & Transportation department replies to say that the relevant policy in regard to the groups question would be the County Development Plan 2016 – 2022. Within that policy, Palmerston is designated as a village centre. The objective is to protect, improve & provide for the future development of villages. It is intended that this will support the protection and conservation of traditional villages while providing for enhanced retail and retail services, tourism, residential and other uses appropriate within a village context.

In terms of how SDCC identify villages, SDCC need to distinguish between villages located in the metropolitan area of Dublin which would be influenced by Dublin, Palmerston would be one of those. Ms. Hyland explains that Palmerston is very much influenced by its proximity to Dublin. Within the County Development Plan, it is the objective to promote the consolidation and sustainable intensification of this area. Because Palmerston is so close to the City Centre there is an objective to take advantage of the town being on bus routes which helps to facilitate appropriate development. Mr. Hyland explains that there are other broader objectives that apply to these areas, one being Urban Centres 3 Objective 6 which is to encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other appropriate centre uses and encourage the full use of buildings and in particular the use of upper floors and back lands with due cognisance to the retail sequential approach, quality of urban design, integration and linkages. Related to this is Urban Centre 3 Objective 2 which is to promote design standards and densities in traditional village centres that are informed by the surrounding village and historic context and enhance the specific characteristics of each town or village in terms of design, scale and external finishes. Ms. Hyland explains that in line with the groups concerns and in terms of the broader objective of policy Urban Centres 3, it is the policy of SDCC to strengthen the traditional villages of the County by improving the public realm, sustainable transport linkages, commercial viability and promoting tourism and heritage value. Ms. Hyland states that this information is contained in the County Development Plan, which can be sourced through the SDCC website.

Commitment given:

- 1) Jason Frehill to voice concerns of residents with Architects Department & Roads section regarding the Village Scheme & Parking.