

## DEPUTATION MEETING Notes

**Date & Time:** 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 @ 2pm

**Deputation Group:** Orwell Park Residents Association

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Cllr. Enda Fanning Cllr. Paul Foley  Apologies: Cllr. Looney Cllr. Duffy Cllr. O'Donovan Cllr. Kearns Cllr. Holland
<b>Deputation:</b>	Ciaran Boylan Joe Kieran Declan Devlin Donacha Lehane
<b>Council Officials Present:</b>	
Oisin Egan	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Eamon Harnett	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Michael Hannon	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Michael Glynn	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Jim Johnson	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Brian Leonard	Housing, Social & Community Development
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development
Carol McDonnell	Housing, Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Enda Fanning.

### 1. Road signage and road marking.

The group address the meeting and state that there has been no progress on this issue since the last Deputation meeting that took place last year. The group submitted a detailed 16 page professional report to the Council which included examples & forty photographs.

The group also request that the Council look at providing markings for yield signs.

Mr. Michael Glynn of the Land Use Planning & Transportation department replies to the group to say that he has not had sight of the report submitted by the group. Mr. Glynn acknowledges the ongoing issue in the area with road signage. Mr. Glynn will ask the Traffic Section to look into the signage and numbering issue.

Mr. Glynn said that road marking would be added to road marking list of works and this work would be carried out subject to weather conditions.

Mr. Glynn confirms that the Traffic Section report on the issue of road markings will be brought to the next Area Committee Meeting as a headed item.

## **2. Condition road ramps- Orwell Estate.**

The group states that there is an issue with ramps which have a red covering and say that the ramps produce higher noise levels and need to be upgraded.

Mr. Glynn replies to say that the red ramps previously causing issues had been replaced.

The group ask about the ramps at Wellington Lane.

Mr. Glynn says that all the ramps on Wellington Lane had been replaced and is not aware of any other ramps that are in a broken state.

Cllr. Foleys states that it can be raised as a separate issue after this and that it had been suggest that lines keeping motorists on the right side of the road and slow them down through junctions, this would be a better option than installing ramps to the area. A consultation process is ongoing.

Cllr. Fanning said that there is a mixed reaction from residents on the issue and that it was hard to call.

The group confirm that they will come back with more details of ramps they have an issue with.

## **3. Grass cutting and scheduling of same.**

The group ask that the frequency of grass cutting be increased and ask that there is a tighter cut on the grass on Orwell Green, similar to the level cut at Tymon Park.

Mr. Oisin Egan from the Environment, Water & Climate Change department states that Orwell Park Green and other open spaces is cut on a two week rota. Tymon Park playing pitch areas are cut on a weekly rota and it is not possible to use similar machinery on a green area. Mr. Egan says that sometimes there are issues with weather & staff availability which will have an affect the schedule. The issue can be looked again in the spring.

The group ask if the grass can be cut short on a permanent basis.

Mr. Egan replies to say that the grass can only be kept at a short height if it is cut on a weekly basis.

The group ask about wet grass being left on footpaths and the associated dangers. The group believe that there are practical steps available which would address this issue.

Mr. Egan agrees that the area should be cut at the same time but this may not be possible due to inclement weather conditions. Mr. Egan said that he would monitor the two week grass cutting rota schedule for Orwell Park Green in the New Year.

#### **4. Development plan – Orwell Park Green.**

The group would like a site meeting.

Mr. Michael Hannon of the Environment, Water & Climate Change department agrees to a site meeting and will exchange contact details with the group.

#### **5. Spawell Complex.**

The group state that the previously discussed issue with golf balls at the Spawell Complex is ongoing and further to Cllr. O'Donovan's question to the February 2016 Rathfarnham/Templogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting about planning permission of the Spawell and the planning condition that was to indemnify South Dublin County Council against golf balls leaving the range, the indemnity was not given and nothing has been done about it.

The group are also aware that the complex has been taken over by the Dublin County Board want an undertaking from the Council that their Residents Association will be pivotal in any decision making for the development process. The group want to be involved at a very early stage.

Mr. Jim Johnson of the Land Use Planning & Transportation department reads the motion from the Rathfarnham/Templogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting that took place in February 2016.

Mr. Johnson states that if a planning application for the site is made, a public notice is placed on site and there is also a notice placed in the newspapers, there is also a weekly planning list emailed to subscribers to the service. Mr. Johnson explains that these are the three methods by which the public are informed of planning applications. If there is any change relating to the County Development Plan a Residents Association would be notified and any comments received would be taken into account.

Cllr. Fanning asks if there is any pre planning on the Spawell Complex.

Mr. Johnson can't say as there has been no planning application relating to the site submitted.

Cllr. Foley says there is no responsibility taken for the issue of golf balls landing on the main road and bouncing into the gardens of residents. Carr Golf have closed the upstairs right hand golfing bays but then open the bays back up during busier periods.

The group ask if the Council have been indemnified by the previous entity and ask if this is still pertinent to the current planning regulations.

Mr. Johnson states that the planning permission relates to the site and therefore the operators of the site as well.

Cllr. Fanning asks for the Council to write to the owners seeking that indemnity.

Mr. Johnson states that the response given at the Rathfarnham/Tempelogue-Terenure Area Committee Meeting in February 2016 outlines responsibility and if there had of been an opportunity to pursue that indemnity, it would have been stated in the response. It is Mr. Johnson's understanding that there is no further opportunity to pursue the issue.

The group ask if the issue was explored.

Mr. Johnson said that a range of issues would have been taken into account in the reply previously given at the Area Committee Meeting and it was not at that point considered that enforcement could be pursued in relation to that condition.

Cllr. Foley stated that he was worried about Council being exposed as the indemnity was a condition of the planning permission.

The group ask if there has been no indemnity given it a breach of application conditions.

Mr. Johnson states that there is no record of the receipt of details from the applicant relating to any indemnity to the Council. Mr. Johnson states that the alleged breach is not in the response.

Cllr. Fanning suggests that if the Residents Association complain to Building Control about the breach of the planning condition.

**Commitments given at meeting:**

- 1) Michael Glynn to ask Traffic Section to look at issue of road signage.
- 2) Michael Glynn to add road marking to works list.
- 3) Michael Glynn to bring issues to next Area Committee Meeting as a headed item.
- 4) Residents group to send list of ramps to Michael Glynn.
- 5) Oisin Egan to monitor grass cutting rota on Orwell Park Green in the spring.
- 6) Michael Hannon to organise site meeting with residents group to discuss development plan for Orwell Park Green.
- 7) Residents group to make complaint to Building Control about planning issue.