

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Deputation meeting – 26th January 2022 @ 4pm.

Temple Manor Wilkins Residents Association

Deputation attendees – Proinsias Mac Fhlannchadha, Brian O’Neill & Dermot Stanley.

Elected Members – Cllr. P. Kearns, Cllr. A. Edge, Cllr. Y. Collins, Cllr. C. Bailey & Cllr. D. McManus

Council Officials – Brian Carroll, Fionnuala Keane, Margaret Farrell, Michael McAdam, Brendan Redmond, Maeve Cantwell, Máire Ní Dhomhnaill, Niall Noonan & Leo Magee.

Cllr. Alan Edge presided.

Items discussed:

1. School zone outside Holy Spirit School & provision of cycle lanes.

The group are requesting a school zone system be set up at the school which is located at Limekiln Lane. The group explain that this is a busy area for traffic at school time as there are a number of schools located close to each other in the area. The group suggest that the congestion caused by cars, which are trying to get as close to the school as possible for drop offs in the morning, deters the children attending the schools from perusing more active ways of travel. The group are asking that SDCC engaging with stakeholders in the area, particularly cyclists, to improve facilities such as cycle lanes.

Michael McAdam, A/Senior Engineer, Land Use, Planning & Transportation department replies to the group and explains that the route is being worked on and options reports are being finalised. These will be brought before the Area Committee. In terms of the Section 38, a non-statutory consultation will take place – M. McAdam.

2. Biodiversity plan & tree planting & 3. Improvements to Greenhills Park.

The group have been working to improve biodiversity in their estate. The group acknowledge the work carried out by SDCC. The group state that they have responsibility as well and the group have met with SDCC officials. The group are looking to establish a Pollinator Trail into the area and see this as a way to encourage residents to plant pollinator plants. The group explain that SDCC have planted additional trees in the area and that plans for further planting is before the Council in February. The group are looking to partner with SDCC to work on green spaces in the ownership of the Council.

The group address the issue of flooding in Greenhills Park. The group explain that there are a number of locations on footpaths in the park that are susceptible to flooding and these have an adverse effect on park users.

Brendan Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent and Leo Magee, Senior Engineer, Environment, Water & Climate Change department reply to the group's questions. A trial location is being looked at, a review is taking place in terms of an alternative cut to the grass and funding is pending on wildflower planting, SDCC will look at planting more pollinator friendly bulbs in the larger area in the future and the flooding issue is to be discussed with the residents – B. Redmond & L. Magee.

4. Car Parking provisions with Temple Manor Estate.

The group are seeking advice, ideas and support if possible. The group explain that there are a lot of cars per household in the area, there is not enough room on the roads and cars are now parked on the green area. This has created concerns for the safety of children crossing the road from the green area and the condition of the green area has also deteriorated. The group are not looking for punitive steps to be taken but are looking for advice on what may be a solution.

Maeve Cantwell, Executive Engineer; Land Use, Planning and Transportation department replied to the groups query and explains that there are little solutions available without removing a portion of the green area and that this is something that the Council would not want to pursue. The Council would welcome and would investigate any workable solutions suggested by the group.

5. Submissions made as part of public consultations.

The group describe some of the anomalies that exist when using the SDCC's Public Consultation portal. The group state that some of the comments are not made public on some of the Public Consultations but are on other ones. The group also describe a facility on other Local Authority Public Consultation portals called We asked, You Said, We Did; for this facility the feedback is reported to the Elected Members at their Council meeting. The group suggest that improvements could be made by showing how transparent the process is and how feedback is received and acted upon. The group are proposing that all comments received are made public on Public Consultations, that the facility for users to support submissions is made active and that reports from the Council, the feedback and the findings on what the Council have subsequently done; would also be made public.

Niall Noonan, Communications Manager, Corporate Performance & Change Management department replied to say that examples of submissions sent by the residents will be looked at to see if improvements can be made. The issue of discrepancies to be also looked at as well – N. Noonan.

6. Commitments given.

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