

Ms. Deirdre O’Riordan, Executive Parks Superintendent, Environment, Water & Climate Change department explains the current plan for the Tennis Court resurfacing.

The group suggest that resurfacing the Tennis Courts would not be suitable as the local groups would not use the tarmac surface.

Mr. Egan explains that the budget allocated for the resurfacing of the Tennis Courts is a fixed amount on the maintenance programme would not be enough to develop a MUGA. Mr. Egan states that much more significant input of finances would be required.

Future use of tennis courts will be re-considered in the light of the residents’ requests
- Deirdre O’Riordan

Item 2 - Children’s facility including request for a Duck Feeding Platform.

The group ask for details of the new play space that is going into the area at Ballymount Park.

Mr. Egan explains that it will be suitable for children between 1 and 13 years old. The play space will include a number of play units. The play space will be located close to the car park, along the footpath. Mr. Egan shows the group some designs of the proposed play units.

The group ask about the proposal of a duck feeding jetty that had been discussed at a previous Deputation meeting. The group ask if a duck feeding jetty could be incorporated into the play space plan.

Ms. O’Riordan explains that SDCC would not want to install a duck feeding platform as the food that people generally feed to the ducks is unhealthy. SDCC do not want to be encouraging people who are feeding ducks the wrong food. Ms. O’Riordan also states that there are maintenance costs associated with providing a jetty.

The group ask if it is possible for more trees to be planted at the park.

Mr. Egan explains that the next programme for planting will be in the Autumn.

The group ask if a notice or sign can be placed in the park advising members of the public of the dangers of feeding ducks the incorrect food.

Deirdre O’Riordan will investigate the possibility of providing signs & trees and also make the point about proper food for ducks.

Mr. Egan states that he hopes that works start on the play space in May at the earliest.

Item 3 - Graffiti on Katherine Tynan Road at Kingswood Heights.

The group describe the wall from Kingswood to Ballymount to be in a very bad state. The wall is a bare exposed block wall covered in graffiti. The group would like the wall rendered at the exposed part at Kingwood where there is no tree cover, to improve the appearance of the wall.

Ms. O’Riordan replied to say that the Probation Service could be contacted to see if the graffiti could be painted over. Alternatively, climbers could be planted to cover the walls. Ms. O’Riordan will give consideration to dealing effectively with Graffiti issue.

Item 5 - The dangerous junction, double yellow lines and street signs at Kingswood Heights.

The group explains the issues that are occurring at the Luas Crossing. The group explain that there are two crossings and it is a very busy area. The vehicle layout at the junction had changed recently and the group say that while this layout is working well, there are issues for pedestrians at the location. The group are looking for some traffic calming measures to slow traffic down while passing through the junction to reduce any risk there might be to pedestrians.

Mr. Vincent Heywood, Senior Executive Technician, Land Use Planning and Transportation department replies to say that this is the first indication received that there is an issue at the location. Mr. Heywood commits to examining the junction, doing a pedestrian/vehicle survey to establish what is happening at the location.

The group ask that the yellow lines in Kingswood Heights be repainted and that the street signs are also looked at as some of the signs are faded and illegible.

Mr. Michael Glynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Land Use Planning and Transportation department replies to the group to confirm that the yellow lines, boxes and signs will be repainted.

Commitments given:

- 1) **Engagement with Teenagers & Residents on Teen Space – Oisín Egan.**
- 2) **Future use of tennis courts will be re-considered in the light of the residents’ requests - Deirdre O’Riordan.**
- 3) **Investigate the possibility of providing signs & trees and also make the point about proper food for ducks – Deirdre O’Riordan.**
- 4) **Consideration to be given to dealing effectively with Graffiti issue – Deirdre O’Riordan.**
- 5) **Junction to be examined and action taken – Vincent Heywood.**
- 6) **Yellow lines, yellow boxes and signs will be repainted – Michael Glynn.**