

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Date & Time **27th February, 2019 @ 3pm**

Deputation Group: **St. Marks Residents Association**

Councillors Present	Cllr. Charlie O'Connor, Cllr. Mick Duff, Cllr. Cora McCann & Cllr. Kieran Mahon.
Deputation	James Doyle & Una Ronan.
Council Official Present	
Tony O'Grady	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Jim Kennelly	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Michael Glynn	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Brian Carroll	Housing Social & Community Development
Carol McDonnell	Housing Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Charlie O'Connor.

Items discussed:

- 1) **Information regarding LED Lights for Springfield.**
- 2) **Provision of a healthy circuit around Springfield Estate.**
- 3) **Speed ramps for Maplewood Avenue & Lawns.**
- 4) **Complete path repairs.**
- 5) **Commitments given at Deputation meeting.**

Cllr. O'Connor explains that as there is no official present to deal with the second item on the agenda and that the item will be dealt with at a later date.

Item 1 - Information regarding LED Lights for Springfield.

The group explain that there is an ongoing issue with lights in Springfield during the Autumn/Winter months. The group ask South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to switch the lights to LED, especially around the area of the Green and to turn to column heads facing towards the Green. This would provide light onto the Green for residents going to the shops. The group have requested this from SDCC on previous occasions and would like to know why the changes have not been facilitated whether it be technical or financial reasons.

Mr. Michael Glynn, Senior Executive Engineer of the Land Use Planning & Transportation department explains that he will be speaking on behalf of Caitriona Lambert from the Public Lighting Section, who is not available for today's meeting. Mr. Glynn confirmed that there are problems in relation to upgrading these lights to LED's. There are compatibility issues with the equipment. The current equipment, ducting, cabling etc predates the 1990's. Mr. Glynn explains that it is not possible to use existing equipment to power up LED lights.

Mr. Tony O'Grady, Senior Engineer of the Land Use Planning & Transportation department explains to the group the reasons that the pre-1990's lighting columns cannot be converted to LED's. Mr. O'Grady explains that there is a Health & Safety restriction in place that currently prevents SDCC from upgrading these lighting columns.

LED's to Springfield will continue to be considered – Tony O'Grady.

Item 2 - Provision of a healthy circuit around Springfield Estate.

Department responsible will contact the group to arrange a site meeting.

The Elected Members commit to pursuing this issue on behalf of the group.

Item 3 - Speed ramps for Maplewood Avenue & Lawns.

The group describe the area and the issues of speeding at the top of Maplewood Avenue & Maplewood Road. The group explain that there is a stop sign already at the location but that motorists are ignoring it. The group say that a ramp on Maplewood Avenue will slow down motorists. The residents in the area think that a ramp would help alleviate the issues.

Mr. Jim Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer from SDCC's Land Use Planning & Transportation department replies to the group and explains that the ramps program has been advertised, agreed & allocated for 2019/2020. Mr. Kennelly explained that one ramp could be installed if there was money available in the budget after the current tender process has been completed and a commitment received that there would be no objections from the residents.

Item 4 - Complete path repairs.

The group explains that there is a need for footpath repairs in the area and man hole covers are cracked. The group are looking for clarity on when and where the works will be taking place.

The group also state that there is construction traffic coming through the area every day and parking. The group claim that these construction vehicles are adding to the issues in the area. The group ask that these construction vehicles be stopped coming into the area.

Mr. Michael Glynn, Senior Executive Engineer from SDCC's Land Use Planning & Transportation department replies to the group to explain that the 2019 Road Works Program had been published and had been presented to the Tallaght Area Committee. The program includes significant funding for the Alderwood Green area as well as other estates in the locality. Mr. Glynn acknowledges the list received from the group regarding works on Maplewood Road. Mr. Glynn states that a Road Inspector will be looking at all of these locations. Mr. Glynn says that his department will also look at the extra locations that have been mentioned by the group but the need for further works in 2020 at Alderwood Green have already been identified by

the Roads Inspectors. Mr. Glynn expects the currently agreed works for Alderwood Green to start soon as the tender has already been completed.

Mr. Glynn also states that there is a county wide restriction on the parking of commercial vehicles over 3.5 tonnes, this restriction does not cover a person's private property. Mr. Glynn said his department could look at paths in the Alderwood area to see if any damage had been done to footpaths by that vehicle. Mr. Glynn will bring the matter to the attention of the Traffic Section and the contractor could be contacted if necessary.

Commitments given:

- 1) LED's to Springfield will continue to be considered – Tony O'Grady.
- 2) Councillors will continue to pursue this issue of provision of a healthy circuit around Springfield Estate on behalf of the residents.
- 3) Council will consider ramp (1) if monies become available after current tender process. Residents Association and Tallaght ACM to be informed – Jim Kennelly.
- 4) Path repairs will be pursued – Michael Glynn.