

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Date & Time:	25 th October 2023 @ 2.30p.m.
Deputation Group:	Temple Manor Wilkins Residents Association
Deputation Attendees:	Proinsias MacFhlannchadha, Brian O’Neill
Elected Members:	Cllr Pamela Kearns, Cllr Mark Lynch, Cllr Yvonne Collins, Cllr Lilian Guéret, Cllr David McManus, Cllr Lynn McCrave
Council Officials:	Farhan Nasiem(Senior Executive Engineer) Joe Kelly (Executive Engineer) Declan Healy (Communications Manager) Marian Travers (Assistant Staff Officer) Margaret Farrell (Clerical Officer)

Cllr Pamela Kearns presided.

Apologies were received from Cllr Ronan McMahan

Items discussed:

1. Limekiln Lane Cycle Lane and follow on from Part 8 Planning Application

The group expressed concern that the cycle lane planned on Limekiln lane is to continue up to St Pauls Secondary School, Greenhills, however, given the layout, cyclists would need to cross at the pedestrian crossing which would essentially discourages use of bicycles.

Joe Kelly replied to the groups queries.

Commitment given:

Works to be carried out over the mid-term break, flyer to be sent to the group.

Contractor scheduled to put in the red cycle lanes, a buff-coloured area defining school gateway area, and speed signs. The area will be looked at again after the works have been carried out. Awaiting Part 8 funding approval before the junction can be looked at.

2. No progress made on the Public Consultation portal in use by SDCC or improvements to its functionality

The group expressed concern that there had been no changes made to the public consultation portal since their last deputation meeting. The group requested that a follow up document be made available after public consultations to confirm what has been achieved, without having to search the minutes of a meeting. They note that there is an inconsistent approach to what is made available to the public to view.

Declan Healy, Communications Manager replied to the groups queries.

Commitment given:

Responses to public consultation submissions are included in the reports that go to the Council, that information will be put either on the portal or the website to make it more transparent. To consult with IT as to how to achieve this. Will go back to management team on minimum standard for submissions available to view.

3. Potential removal of roundabouts on St James's Road/Limekiln Avenue. Lack of suitable crossing locations for vulnerable users

The group expressed concern that the roundabouts on St James's Road are not being adhered to as these are 'mini roundabouts'. Cars are speeding and not giving way. The group suggested that the road would be safer if the roundabouts were removed.

The group also expressed concern that there are no pedestrian crossings anywhere on this long stretch of road for children, elderly, and vulnerable people.

Farhan Nasiem, Senior Executive Engineer, replied to the groups queries.

Commitment given:

Review to be carried out of improvements that could be done in relation to increasing the visibility of the roundabout, i.e. providing extra bollards/signage or road markings. This will be looked at in the first quarter of 2024. Will investigate areas where pedestrian crossings may be installed and add to the list of improvements in 2024.

4. The inclusion of a double cycle track from the traffic lights at Fortfield Park to St Pius School as well as the extension of double yellow line zone from Fortfield Avenue

The group expressed concern that the most dangerous part of the cycle journey is from the traffic lights on Fortfield Avenue to the school due to the parking of cars all along the road.

Joe Kelly, Executive Engineer, replied to the groups queries.

Commitment given.

NTA are currently going through preliminary design for Templeville Road Phase 2, which will run from Templeogue College to Springfield Road, when design is finalised, it will be brought to the Councillors. Funding has not been received yet for this phase.

The meeting concluded as there was no other business