

## DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

**Date & Time:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at 2pm

**Deputation Group:** Springbank Residence Association

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Cllr. M Genockey Cllr. E Hendrick
<b>Deputation:</b>	Jenny O'Toole      Padraig Nolan Neill Brady        Seamus Delaney
<b>Council Officials Present:</b>	
Leo Magee	Environment Water & Climate Change
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development
Carol McDonnell	Housing, Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Genockey.

At the outset, the group asked if this meeting would have minutes and Cllr. Genockey advised that there would be.

### 1) Retention of the fence in Springbank.

The group highlighted that the recent correspondence sent into South Dublin County Council (SDCC) from Springbank residents is not supported by all residents, stressing that a recent petition of the 46 houses in the estate was not signed by 18 houses.

The following was highlighted by the group:

- Vast majority of content in the above named correspondence is untrue.
- This group was not consulted into the removing of the fence in the estate.
- Break in attempts and antisocial activity have decreased with the erection of this fence.
- Health & Safety aspects of local river, including horses being washed in river and rearing up.
- Parking problems during soccer matches.
- Storm effects on river.
- A letter sent out by SDCC signed by Concerned Residents.

Mr. Leo Magee from the Environment Water & Climate Change department responded to all of the above stressing that the removal of any fence was not requested, only the pedestrian entrance and works associated with, stressing that there will be consultation with all residents prior to any works taking place. Mr. Magee also confirmed that the correspondence had not been sent by SDCC.

The group asked if the questionnaire set out in above named correspondence is to happen, is there is any proposal /scope agreed as yet.

Mr. Magee highlighted the following procedures, which would be generally taken before any works take place:

- Instruction from Tallaght Area Committee to add to works programme.
- Brought to full Council meeting for approval.
- Consultation with residents.
- Report on consultation back to Tallaght Area Committee.
- Consultation will be examined and progressed.
- Strong arguments will be considered.
- If outcome is not to proceed then the works will not proceed.

The group asked what happens in the case of the majority of residents wanting to remove the fence.

Cllr. Genockey advised that consultation will take place before anything is agreed, once consultation takes place a report will be brought to full council, stressing that no works will be planned until consultation has taken place. Cllr. Genockey stated that this group should ensure that all Elected Members on the Tallaght Area Committee are aware of this groups reservations in regard to this fence.

The group advised that they had emailed all Elected Members but have not received any response.

Cllr. Hendrick advised that she will put cases forward to other Elected Members in the Tallaght area.

Cllr. Genockey agreed to discuss with the group after this meeting.

Cllr. Hendrick noted that the 46 houses in this estate are spilt over this, she asked if this group have sat down with the other group from the estate to discuss the issues pertaining to the fence.

The group summed up their feelings against the removal of fence, their families are living in this estate for the past 40 years and stating that the removal of this fence would only adversely affect their 10 houses.

## **2) Commitments given at Deputation meeting.**

Consultation to be carried out by SDCC to see if residents want the access opened up or not.