

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Date & Time: Wednesday the 22nd of October 2025 @2.30pm.

Deputation Group: Glendown Residents Association.

Deputation Group attendees: Coleman Concannon, Eamonn Aspell, Nora Ellard, Brian McSweeney, Tim Flynn.

Elected Members: Cllr Alan Edge, Cllr Pamela Kearns, Cllr Yvonne Collins, Cllr Justin Sinnott, Cllr David McManus, Cllr Lynn McCrave.

Council Officials: Diarmuid Corry (Executive Engineer, Roads Dept), Stephen Brady (Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Public Realm), Caitriona Lambert (Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Dept), Damien McNulty (A/ Senior Engineer, Roads Dept), Alison Somerville (S.O Community Dept), Abdullahi Mohamuud (C.O Community Dept), Kelly Fitzgerald (ASO Community Dept), Catherine White (SSO Community Dept), Fionnuala Keane (AO Community Dept), Helen Roche (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer).

Apologies: Brendan Redmond (Senior Executive Parks & landscape Officer, Public Realm).

Cllr Alan Edge presided

Items Discussed

Item 1 – Hedging blocking footpath on Wellington Road.

Damien McNulty replied to the groups query in Brendan Redmond's absence:

Commitment given: D. McNulty introduced himself and made apologies on behalf of B. Redmond. The manager acknowledged the issues raised and will discuss with B. Redmond and arrange a meeting out on site (date tbc) to endeavour fixing the problem.

Item 2 – Repair/Replace/Maintenance of footpaths throughout the estate, particular areas identified in attached application.

Diarmuid Corry replied to the groups query:

Commitment given: The manager advised the list is very comprehensive and walked a lot of the work list and noted some works have been completed. He outlined some of the issue lies with Uisce

Eirreann and is a result of Uisce Eirreann temporary reinstatements and they will endeavour for the Glendown Estate to be put forward for a scheme for 2026 for extensive refurbishments. He again advised that the works outstanding to be carried out that Glendown Estate is best suited to a scheme for 2026.

Item 3 – Some lighting within the estate is obscured by trees and request for additional lights.

Caitriona Lambert replied to the groups query:

Commitment Given: The manager acknowledged the poor lighting in the listed areas and acknowledged it is most addressed by tree toppings. The manager advised some upgrades are done already and endeavoured to complete further upgrades in 2026. The manager explained – to carry out such upgrades it is regulatory requirements that the ESB are required on site. Due the shortage of resources within the ESB at present, she will propose to complete refurbishments by 2026 but reiterated that it will depend on availability of the ESB to assist. During upgrades generally a light tree pruning is also carried out by subcontractors and is only around where the new upgrades are being fitted. The manager acknowledges that there is a need for extensive tree pruning in the estate however as that falls under the remit of Public Realm (PR) and suggested that they contact PR and request to be included in the 2026 tree pruning program.

Regarding additional lighting in the estate the manager recommended that on completion of the lighting upgrade that the group forward in a list of black spots and it will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Also discussed how the Active Travel upgrades tie in with the additional lighting request for the green area at Glendown Drive.

The manager advised when it comes to the trees along the River Poddle, they do not fall into part of the programme upgrades, and when it comes to private homes to please pass on her email to the group members and for the group to give Poll number and house number in question.

Stephen Brady replied to the groups query:

Commitment given: The manager advised regarding the tree concerns in Glendown, under the tree maintenance programme from 2023 - 2025 - all works were completed by November 2024. The manager walked the listed area 3 weeks prior to this meeting and could not identify any issues. That said he agreed to meet the group out on site to let them show him the areas the group are referring to. The manager advised the trees along the river Poddle are not included as part of the programme.

Item 4 – Request for a maintenance assessment on the area along the Poddle River, comprehensive details included in the application.

Damien McNulty replied to the groups query:

Commitment given – The manager apologised on B. Redmond's behalf and advised inspections do have to be carried out, and he will organise B. Redmond to do a walk through out on site. The manager stated how they take pride and care in all SDCC parks and surrounding areas, and the team ensure that there are rotas and schedules in place to ensure they are kept to standard. He stated there are over 75,000 and 125,000 trees that need to be looked after. The manager advised the works outstanding are on a list and resources will be put to it and that it will be looked after. He is very confident they will sort the issues by Christmas time 2025.

The meeting ended as there was no other business.