

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Date & Time: Wednesday 28th of January 2026 @2.30pm.

Deputation Group: Knocklyon Network CLG.

Deputation Group attendees: John Bird / Peter Brabazon / Eugene Barrett / Judy Kilroy.

Elected Members: Cllr Alan Edge (Chair) / Cllr Sarah Barnes / Cllr Yvonne Collins/Cllr Roisin Mannion/
Cllr Lynn McCrave

Council Officials: Sharon Conroy (Senior Executive Officer), Ronan Carroll (Executive Engineer Active Travel), Richard McCormack (A/ Senior Executive Engineer, Roads / Traffic Management), Damien McNulty (Senior Engineer, Public Realm), David Morrissey (AO, Enforcement & Licensing), Fionnuala Keane (AO Community Dept), Catherine White (SSO Community Dept), Alison Somerville (SO Community Dept), Abdullahi Mohamuud (CO Community Dept), Bernie Lee (ASO, Community Dept), Kelly Fitzgerald (ASO Community Dept),

Cllr Alan Edge presided.

Items Discussed

Item 1 – Destruction of bollards at the Knocklyon Road / Scholarstown Road Junction. Due to the layout & physical tightness of the junction the bollards are regularly being destroyed. Can a review be carried out to ascertain alternative solutions to maintain safety at the junction and to arrange replacement of missing bollards.

R. McCormack (A/ Senior Executive Engineer) replied to the groups query:

Commitment given: The Manager confirmed that when bollards at this junction are struck, the team responds promptly by dispatching crews to inspect and carry out any necessary repairs. However, investigations have consistently found that incidents typically result from driver error rather than any defect in the infrastructure.

All junctions across the county are designed in accordance with the DMRB (Design Manual for Roads and Bridges) standards. The Manager will consult with colleagues to determine whether a survey of this junction can be undertaken. That said, as the junction complies with current design guidelines, it is unlikely that any modifications will be required.

Item 2 - Condition of Cycle Tracks– Can a survey/review be carried out on cycle tracks in the area as we have safety & accessibility concerns around cycle tracks e.g. lighting, signage and overall condition of the cycle tracks, effected areas identified in map.

R. Carroll (Executive Engineer) replied to the groups query:

The Manager acknowledged and commended the recent enhancements and amenities delivered within the community. He advised that the NTA is currently piloting a review of boundary and branding matters to explore common signage throughout as patrons cross from South Dublin to Dublin City or Dun Laoghaire Rathdown administrative areas. In relation to Fáilte Ireland and the Dodder Greenway, he noted that clear parameters must be established regarding the advertising of commercial facilities and this is under review. As this project remains a work in progress, progression is expected to be

gradual, particularly given its scale and the fact that the route traverses multiple Local Authority boundaries.

He further confirmed that a road maintenance programme is currently in place to ensure the upkeep of the cycle tracks. The Manager also clarified that the role of the Active Travel team is to oversee the planning, control, and delivery of such infrastructure projects.

In response to the group's query, R. McCormack (Acting Senior Executive Engineer) advised that he would seek to arrange for an engineer to inspect the areas identified once clarification is given as to the areas of concern.

Item 3 – Traffic survey – Can you please provide an update on the commitment given to carry out a traffic survey following the major works and redesign of the road at the Spawell link and the Firhouse Road.

R. McCormack (A/Senior Executive Engineer) replied to the groups query:

The Manager confirmed that he will coordinate with the Traffic Section to obtain an update on any existing traffic survey for the area. If no current survey is available, he will request that the Traffic Section conduct one when feasible.

Item 4 – Dodder Valley Park / Greenway Park Byelaws & Dog Warden – Can the visibility of park byelaws be increased and dog warden patrols be implemented.

D. McNulty (Senior Engineer) replied to the groups query:

The Manager addressed the issues raised and confirmed that, going forward, the number of dog wardens across the county would increase from two to three. In addition, two park wardens will be assigned specifically to the Dodder Valley Park area. Park Wardens will have an enhanced education role, including public engagement on climate, environmental awareness, responsible dog ownership, and appropriate dog behaviour.

The Manager also advised that provision has been made for a dog run adjacent to the Speaker Connolly entrance to the park. It is anticipated that this facility may help reduce the number of dogs being exercised off-lead.

A full review and refresh of park signage is underway across the county. This will include rebranding and clearer messaging, particularly around responsible dog ownership, dog fouling, leash requirements, and appropriate use of dog-run areas.

The review reflects the significant increase in park usage and activities over the past 10–15 years, with the aim of promoting responsible behaviour by all park user

The meeting ended as there was no other business.