

## DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

**Date & Time:** 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 @ 4pm

**Deputation Group:** Finnstown Abbey Residents Association

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Cllr. P. Gogarty Cllr. D. O'Brien Cllr. R. Nolan Cllr. G. O'Connell	Cllr. C. O'Connor Cllr. E. O'Brien Cllr. W. Lavelle Cllr. L. O'Toole
<b>Deputation:</b>	Barry Kennedy John McKinley Pat Brophy Aisling Darcy Sean Cronin	
<b>Council Officials Present:</b>		
Helena Fallon	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Willie Purcell	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Derek Taylor	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Anne Byrne	Housing, Social & Community Development	
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development	
Carol McDonnell	Housing, Social & Community Development	

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Paul Gogarty.

- 1. Management of traffic congestion on the Newcastle Road: R120 2017 – 2020.**
- 2. Proposed measures to alleviate traffic congestion around the R120.**

The Group outlined residents' concerns and highlighted deterioration of the situation with traffic on the R120 over the past three years and are suggesting a number of ways that the Group feel would help traffic flows including:

- Two right turning lanes from the R120 onto the N4.
- Open up the access point at Esker Lane.
- Open up the access point at Ardeevin.

Ms. Helena Fallon of the Land Use Planning & Transportation Department responded to the suggestions advising that:

- Regarding the opening of access at Esker Lane, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) would not be happy with that as there would be issues with weaving & safety. It is TII policy to close non-standard openings.
- Issues regarding a second right turn lane from the R120 onto the N4 would have to be looked at i.e. the bus lane & footpath.

A discussion ensued regarding aspects of traffic on Newcastle Road to which Cllr. Gogarty, Ms. Fallon & Mr. Barry Kennedy from the Group contributed. Ms. Fallon advised that TII have jurisdiction in this matter. Cllr. Gogarty asked that a request be put forward to TII regarding these issues.

### **3. Timeline for the Adamstown – Celbridge Link Road.**

Mr. Kennedy enquired as to how advanced the discussions were and the timeline for the new road. Mr. Derek Taylor of the Land Use Planning & Transportation Department reported that funding for this aspect has been approved, with discussions ongoing with Department of Agriculture regarding Adamstown lands, it is anticipated that the planning process will commence before the end of this year and be on site in the summer of 2018 with a completion in the summer of 2019. Mr. Kennedy stated that this road will be at the edge of the development and requested that consideration to meet the local needs be noted and the project “future proofed”.

### **4. Updated Traffic Model & Traffic Management Plan for Newcastle Road 2017 – 2024.**

Mr. Sean Cronin from the Group highlighted issues regarding the Newcastle Road advising that the road is in permanent crisis mode and stressing that another 6,500 housing units are planned for the next 5 years. Ms. Aisling Darcy from the Group concurred, highlighting ongoing traffic issues including HGV trucks numbering 70 per day.

Cllr. Gogarty asked if there is a plan to make this more workable for residents and will construction traffic be alleviated. Mr. William Purcell from the Land Use Planning & Transportation Department advised that while it is difficult planning for housing developments, the Council will endeavour to try and maximise the use of the road network, that talks with the developer are ongoing to honour traffic measuring and a meeting is scheduled in the coming days with the developer. Cllr. Gogarty requested a report from the scheduled meeting. Mr. Purcell agreed to advise group if there are any significant developments from the meeting (this is dependent on the information not being commercially sensitive).

Cllr. Gogarty requested a model for all aspects to be done. Ms. Fallon reported that a local model has already been completed, highlighting:-

- Expense of area model for Lucan.
- Reporting on traffic including the summer, Easter and Bank Holidays periods.
- Options around cycle tracks/footpaths, cycling to school/work.

Mr. Kennedy stated that it is imperative that modelling is done. Mr. Cronin concurred stating that major input must be implemented, suggesting that housing should be delayed until the road infrastructure is in place. Cllr. Gogarty advised that tree area modelling is not enough. Mr. Purcell advised that a change of thinking for all of us is required, stressing difficulties in delaying homes being built and advising of alternative transport options. Ms. Darcy advised that there are no public transport routes to Tallaght from Adamstown.

## **5. Commitments**

- 1 - Willie Purcell to circulate report with the Deputation following meeting with Developer regarding Phase 2 of Adamstown SDZ, once this information is not deemed to be commercially sensitive.
2. Helena Fallon to bring proposal on Traffic Modelling in relation to item 1 and 2 to the September Area Committee meeting.
3. Councillors to seek a written response from Transport Infrastructure Ireland on the opening of access points to the N4.