

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time **24th October, 2018 @ 3pm**

Deputation Group: **Rathcoole Community Council**

Councillors Present	Cllr. Mark Ward, Cllr. Madeleine Johansson & Cllr. Trevor Gilligan.
Apologises	Cllr. Breda Bonner & Cllr. Francis Timmons.
Deputation	Christy Mc Donnell & Dick Butler.
Council Official Present	
Willie Purcell	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Jim Kennelly	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Brian Carroll	Housing Social & Community Development
Carol McDonnell	Housing Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Trevor Gilligan.

Items discussed:

- 1) **Traffic Management Plan for Rathcoole.**
- 2) **Heavy goods vehicles at Greenogue Industrial Estate.**
- 3) **On street parking on the School Road at Broadfield, Rathlawns & St. Anne's Estate.**
- 4) **Commitments given at Deputation meeting.**

The Group ask if there is a long or medium term plan for the traffic in the area. The Group explain that there are particularly bad traffic issues in the area on Mondays to Fridays between the hours of 7 and 10am. The group claim that there does not appear to be any plan in place to eradicate the difficulties experienced by the residents of Rathcoole when attempting to access or exit Rathcoole Village between those hours of the morning. The group explain that they had previously put forward a suggestion at a site meeting with Council Officials which would limit Heavy Goods Vehicles entering Fitzmaurice Road, thereby going through the roundabout and across the bridge at the N7 to Greenogue Industrial Estate, between 7 and 10am Monday to Friday. This traffic could be redirected to the Kingswood exit and down the Grange Castle Road.

The Group explain that a new estate called Croftwell has recently opened. The Group explain that the road is very narrow and that no restrictions in relation to on street parking have been put in place. There is also an issue in relation to Beechwood Lawns, in particular, access in Rathcoole Park. Residents find it difficult to access this area.

Mr. Jim Kennelly of the Land Use Planning & Transportation department explains that in 2013, South Dublin County Council, following a long period of consultation with relevant stakeholders, adopted a policy on the South Dublin County Road Network. The policy identified existing Strategic Road Networks and the R120 is one of these. Fitzmaurice Road is part of the R120. As part of the policy, no HGV restrictions would be placed on the Strategic Road Networks. The suggestion had come before from a number of Elected Members at the Area Committee Meetings. The response has always been that any restriction of HGV's would have to be in line with the SDCC policy. The suggestion made to divert this traffic up the Outer Ring Road would be considered but only when the Nangor Road R120 works have taken place. Mr. Kennelly expects those works to be completed early in the New Year. Mr. Kennelly stated that, in accordance with the policy, a trial period of stopping HGV's coming off the N7 onto Fitzmaurice Road and rerouted to the Outer Ring Road & Nangor Road, would be considered in Quarter 1. Mr. Kennelly explained that some Traffic Surveys had been completed but more will have to be carried out.

The Group clarify that the restriction that they would be requesting would be only between 7 and 10am, Monday to Friday and during the school period.

Mr. Willie Purcell of the Land Use Planning & Transportation department explains that taking HGV's out of Rathcoole may not reduce traffic volumes on the Main Street as high volumes of cars would still be coming from the N7 exit.

A discussion between Mr. Purcell & the Group takes place and a number of ideas regarding traffic management are put forward.

Cllr. Gilligan asks if some of the items discussed could go to the next Traffic Management Meeting.

Mr. Purcell recommended that the Group identify the areas that they consider that double yellow lines would be a benefit and pass them on to his department through the Elected Members.

The Group ask if the traffic surveys carried out are done at specific times of the day.

Mr. Kennelly explains that the traffic surveys are carried out over a twenty four hour period and break downs can be given for a period requested. These results can be provided to the Group when a decision is made.

Commitments given:

- 1) A trial period of stopping Heavy Goods Vehicles coming off the N7 onto Fitzmaurice Road and rerouted to the Outer Ring Road & Nangor Road, would be considered in Quarter 1 – Jim Kennelly.