

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Date & Time	26 th October 2022 @ 4pm
Deputation Group	Orwell Park Residents Association
Deputation Attendees	Mary Sheehy, Declan Devlin, Sean Ward
Elected Members	Cllr Pamela Kearns, Cllr Yvonne Collins, Cllr Ronan McMahon
Council Officials	Gary Walsh, Damien Wildes, Fionnuala Keane, Margaret Farrell, Marian Travers,

Cllr Pamela Kearns presided.

Items discussed

1. Footpath repairs Orwell Park Estate

The group expressed concern in relation to trees lifting the footpath/kerbs. 2 addresses provided that are of particular concern as trip hazards. They stated that the tree maintenance team believe that the damage is caused by heavy cars, old age and settlement. Another address was provided where repairs had been carried out to fill a hole but that the resurfacing had never been done and they expressed concern that the issue had not been resolved. They would like an assessment of the footpaths to be carried out. The group also enquired about cutting back of grass verges which are encroaching on footpaths.

Gary Walsh replied to the groups query

Commitment given:

- To do an assessment of the footpaths at the 2 addresses provided and the broader surrounding areas and review what initial phase can be added to 2023 works programme
- To talk to the senior engineer in relation to carrying out a permanent patch or resurfacing at the 3rd address provided.
- Survey to be done within the next week and report back to group on both those issues
- To look at grass verges on a localised level if they are causing issues and the Council is made aware of them

2. Tree Pruning schedule for Orwell Park Estate for future years

The group gave an address where the tree is considered to be too large for the area and sheds branches during the winter months. They would like to see robust pruning and replacement of trees that they consider to be unsuitable for housing estates.

Damien Wildes replied to the groups query

Commitment given:

- If group provide a list of trees that they want checked out the Council will meet with them to have a look at those trees. If the Council have any concerns in relation to those trees they will contact an arborist to determine if the trees need to be removed.