

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: 24th September 2014

Deputation Group: Residents of Beechdale.

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Fintan Warfield (Mayor) Cllr. Pamela Kearns, Cllr. Dermot Looney, Cllr. Paul Foley, Cllr. Colm Brophy, Cllr. Ronan McMahon, Cllr. Charlie O'Connor.
Deputation:	Mary Rice, Emma Nevin Douglas, Sarah Hardwicke, Amanda Cullen.
Council Officials Present:	
John McLoughlin	Land Use, Planning and Transportation
Bill Kearney	Environmental Services
Dee Kelly	Community Services

The meeting was **chaired** by Councillor Pamela Kearns

Apologies: Cllr. John Lahart

Item No. 1.	Residents of Beechdale and Oakdale Park are requesting the closure of the road at the end of Beechdale Avenue, where the road meets Oakdale Park.
Item No. 2.	Discuss/address a number of traffic safety issues related to the estate and the effects it has on the estate (subject to point No. 1 above), in view of the high percentage of young children accessing the unsafe green open space area.
Item No. 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Increased use of the route from Oakdale Park to LIDL, as a short cut to the M50 and Stocking Lane.b. Enforced single lane traffic from entry into Oakdale Park to LIDL due to cars being parked on the road.c. High number of blind hazards for drivers and pedestrians due to the design of the estate.d. Speed calming measures along Beechdale Road and Beechdale Ave have been ineffective.e. Unsafe green area due to 3 of the 4 sides naturally sloping onto a road.

	Action To Be Taken	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All three items on the Agenda were addressed together. • The residents of Beechdale and Oakdale presented a comprehensive report outlining their request for closure of the road. • John McLoughlin stated that he was not in a position to close the road. • The concerns of both the residents and road users must be taken into consideration. • The Deputation requested Children at Play signage, reducing the speed limit, and ramps. John McLoughlin undertook to investigate the matter. • Cllr. Looney suggested that a temporary road closure would be put in place, and was supported by Cllr. Kearns and Cllr. Brophy. John McLoughlin did not agree to a temporary road closure. • John McLoughlin will produce a report for the December 2014 Area Committee Meeting. 	John McLoughlin
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Kearney had a look at the green open space and suggested that a low barrier/fencing be erected. The estimated cost would be €15,000. • Levelling the open space would be costly, and works would take a long time to complete. • As there are no funds available this year, Bill will list it on the improvement works programme next year. 	Bill Kearney