

To: Each Member of the Tallaght Area Committee, the Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee and the Rathfarnham Area Committee

Dear Councillor,

It is proposed to receive the undermentioned Deputation(s) in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24** on **Thursday 28th October 2010**.

The matters for discussion are set out below:

4.00pm – 4.45pm Saggart East Residents Association

1. Taking-in-charge of Saggart Abbey, Verschoyle Park, and Corbally Heath.
(see additional pages for background information).

- a) Is there SDCC budget allocated to taking-in-charge? - If not, will budget be allocated in 2011?
- b) Is there a list of estates due to be taken in charge? - If so, are we on it?
- c) What is the time-frame for taking-in-charge to be completed?
- d) Are discussions required with the Developers, or is the issue solely in the hands of SDCC?

2. Taking-in-charge of footpaths and verges on Citywest Road.
(see additional pages for background information).

- a) Do SDCC plan to take footpaths/verges on Citywest Road in charge? If yes, by when?
- b) If no, can the Developer obtain permission to build a pedestrian crossing?

3. Development of recreational facilities by Place Properties.
(see additional pages for background information).

- a) Is there any budget available for SDCC to contribute to developing recreational facilities?
- b) Can SDCC review the planning permission granted to Place Properties to reach a compromise plan, with input from the residents?

Agenda – background information.

Item 1) Taking-in-charge of Saggart Abbey, Verschoyle Park, and Corbally Heath

Background

Although Westbrook Lawns is taken in charge, the other three estates in the area are still under the developer, almost 15 years after being built. This is now the number one issue impacting the residents.

SDCC have stated that because the drains are draining into private lands, this is an obstacle to taking-in-charge. Councillor Marie Corr also advised SERA in 2008 that there was no budget to take the estates in charge.

In June 2010, Cathriona Nolan, SDCC Roads Department emailed SERA;

"The only locations "in charge" are the south side of Corbally Heath (the main entrance road from the roundabout at Citywest) and all locations south of that in the direction of the N81 Blessington Road, i.e. Corbally Park, Green, Drive, Vale, Way, Close, Glade Rise (called Westbrook Lawns on the map).

Our Chief Technician advises that none of the roads in Saggart Abbey or Verschoyle or indeed Corbally Lawn, Downs, Square are in charge (i.e. all roads north of Corbally Heath in the direction of Fortunestown Lane), they are private roads still under the developer"

Impact

- No litter collection or control of dumping
- Maintenance of green areas
- Prevented from installing of road signs, speed bumps etc.
- No regular painting or maintenance of boundary walls and fences
- Unable to place yellow box on exit from Saggart Abbey

Questions

- 1) Is there SDCC budget allocated to taking-in-charge? - If not, will budget be allocated in 2011?
- 2) Is there a list of estates due to be taken in charge? - If so, are we on it?
- 3) What is the time-frame for taking-in-charge to be completed?
- 4) Are discussions required with the developers, or is the issue solely in the hands of SDCC?

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Item 2) Taking-in-charge of footpaths and verges on Citywest Road

Background

In June 2010 SERA approached Brian Hayes regarding installation of a pedestrian crossing on Citywest Road. We were informed by SDCC that this was not possible as although the road itself is in charge, the verges and footpaths are under the control of the developer.

Impact

- Prevents SDCC placing pedestrian crossing
- Results in safety issues, increased risk of accidents on a fast/dangerous road

Questions

- 1) Do SDCC plan to take footpaths/verges on Citywest Road in charge?
- 2) If yes, by when?
- 3) If no, can the developer obtain permission to build a pedestrian crossing?

Item 3) Development of recreational facilities by Place Properties

Background

As part of the planning permission for Citywest Shopping Centre, Place Properties (Davy Hickey) committed to spending €600k on developing recreational facilities. The green space behind the shopping centre was ear-marked as land which could be used for this purpose and the planning process was initiated.

This is a long-running saga, and has involved much debate between the residents and Place Properties on what exactly should be delivered. Currently this seems to have stagnated; SDCC have granted Place Properties planning permission to develop the green area, Place Properties are claiming it is well beyond their initial €600k budget.

The green area has not been developed or maintained. It is now overgrown wasteland and a general dumping ground and encourages anti-social behaviour.

Impact

- No recreational facilities for the residents of the area
- No playground for children in the estates
- Anti-social behaviour
- Litter, dumping, environmental hazard
- Place properties have not yet complied with a key condition of the planning permission for Citywest Shopping Centre

Questions

- 1) Is there any budget available for SDCC to contribute to developing recreational facilities?
- 2) Can SDCC review the planning permission granted to Place Properties to reach a compromise plan, with input from the residents?