# DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

**Date & Time:** Thursday the 29th of October 2026 @ 2.00pm.

**Deputation Group:** Saggart Village Residents Association.

**Deputation Group attendees:** Amanda Higgins, Anne Sullivan, Brian Moloney.

**Elected Members:** Cllr Francis Timmons, Cllr Shirley O Hara, Cllr Eoin O Broin, Cllr Linda De Courcy.

**Council Officials:** Farhan Nasiem, (Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic/Road Maintenance/Road Safety), Fionnula Keane (AO Community Dept), Catherine White (SSO Community Dept) Alison Somerville (SO Community Dept), Emma Conlon (ASO Community Dept), Bernie Lee (ASO Community Dept), Jeffin Joe (Assistant Engineer).

**The Mayor, Cllr Francis Timmons presided.**

Items Discussed

**Item 1 – Bus shelters for bus stops – with the winter days and especially rainy weather, residents including elderly, young people are being soaked while waiting at bus stops.**

**The group identified a number of locations where they would like bus shelters to be installed.**

*Response from Farhan Nasiem, Senior Executive Engineer (Traffic, Road Maintenance and Road Safety)*

**Commitment Given:**

Farhan Nasiem advised that the bus shelter installation programme is managed by the National Transport Authority (NTA), with South Dublin County Council (SDCC) delivering the programme in partnership with the NTA. He outlined the process involved in the assessment and installation of new bus shelters.

The manager advised that SDCC is currently involved in delivering a number of bus shelter projects in partnership with the NTA and requested that the group submit the specific locations and corresponding bus stop numbers for the shelters they wish to have considered. Upon receipt, the locations will be added to the existing database and assessed alongside the 11 other bus stop locations currently under review.

The manager emphasised that, while SDCC facilitates the assessment and delivery process, the final decision regarding the approval and installation of bus shelters rests with the NTA.

To support their request and strengthen their case, the manager recommended that the group also make a direct submission to the NTA outlining the case for the proposed locations.

He advised that, while a definitive timeframe cannot be confirmed at this stage, subject to approval of the proposed locations, the works would likely be included in the Q3/Q4 2027 programme and delivered during that timeframe.

**Item 2. - Lollipop lady – To enable children to cross the street safely, with the additional cars in the church car park, children are having to navigate more traffic when leaving school. Many children need to navigate the journey home alone as parents are working. We urge the council to work with us and provide this much needed traffic safety support.**

The group identified St. Mary's School, Saggart Village as a location where a school warden may be required and queried whether an assessment of the need for a school warden in the area had been undertaken.

Commitment Given:

*Farhan Nasiem, (Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic/Road Maintenance/Road Safety) replied to the groups query:*

The manager informed the group that school warden allocation depends on the availability of school wardens and is guided by the work force plan. He explained not all schools or areas are guaranteed school wardens however he endeavoured to investigate the feasibility of one for the area in question.

He further explained that school wardens are not generally assigned to locations where controlled traffic signals are already in place.

The manager requested that the group provide the exact location and details of the issues of concern so that the matter can be assessed further in line with the workforce plan. He also noted that, where the provision of a school warden is not feasible, alternative measures such as pedestrian crossings or other traffic-calming interventions may be considered to improve pedestrian safety and mitigate identified risks.

*The meeting ended as there was no other business*