

## DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

**Date & Time:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 @ 3pm

**Deputation Group:** Woodville Downs Residence Association

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Cllr. Paul Gogarty Cllr. William Lavelle  Apologies: Cllr. Gus O'Connell Cllr. Ed O'Brien Cllr. Vicki Casserly Cllr. Danny O'Brien Cllr. Mick Duff
<b>Deputation:</b>	Frank Hynes John Kelly Sylvia Dorigo Eoin Scanlon Michelle Smith
<b>Council Officials Present:</b>	
Paula O'Rourke	Environment, Water & Climate Change
Jim Kennelly	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Mbakure Johnson	Land Use Planning & Transportation
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development
Pamela Hughes	Housing, Social & Community Development
Lindsay Gahan	Housing, Social & Community Development

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Paul Gogarty.

Frank Hynes thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to hold the meeting.

### Item 1.

The group ask that double yellow lines be put on Esker Lane as all day parking at this location is creating difficulties for residents and service vehicles accessing the estates. If an ambulance wanted to access the estate, its route could be blocked. The Group would like to know is there any proposal or plan to put double yellow lines in at the location.

Jim Kennelly stated the estate had been inspected briefly and that double yellow lines could be installed but only if done with agreement from the residents. There is not a current proposal in place.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty tells the group that this issue had previously been raised at the Transport Management meeting and asks what specific area this relates to.

Frank Hynes gives the location as the entrance at Edmundsbury up to the Woodville entrance.

Cllr. William Lavelle explains that the installation of yellow lines on one side of the road had been discussed at the March Traffic Management meeting and double yellow lines would be considered on one side of the road if it was done with the agreement of the residents but that this may cause problems. Other areas had looked at paid parking as a solution.

Jim Kennelly explains that Residents could obtain parking permits if paid parking was introduced.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty adds that a visitor permit is available as well, there is a cost involved and the Traffic Warden would have to come from Lucan Village. All the estates would need to be in agreement. He asks the Engineer present would it be possible to extend the scheme from the Lucan Village?

Jim Kennelly said the Council would have to look at the costs involved, the current contracts and cost of installing meters. Any request for Pay and Display Parking would have to be assessed in accordance with SDCC's Control of Parking Bye-Laws.

Frank Hynes states that Parking Meters would give the impression that parking is acceptable in the area and asks would there be any alternatives such as 'No parking times'?

Jim Kennelly replies to say that this method isn't generally used in the South Dublin County Council area.

Cllr. William Lavelle stated that it was a question of enforcement. Any solution will have to be effective and sustainable.

Sylvia Dorigo states that Parking Meters would not be a solution as the road is narrow and not big enough for parking.

Jim Kennelly told the Group that parking would only be allowed at certain locations and restrictions would have to be put in place.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty states that the easiest option in the first instance is to get double yellow lines and if this is seen not to be working after a 12/18 month period the Parking Meter option could be examined.

Cllr. William Lavelle states that the Traffic Management meeting is taking place in September and the Residents can contact Councillors with their needs before then.

Michelle Smith asks what the cost of a permit would be for Residents.

Jim Kennelly explains that the Residents pass is €20 and the Visitors Pass is €40.

## **Item 2 & 3**

Frank Hynes explains that the Group had received email outlining the proposals and undertakings to do certain things. The Group had informed SDCC that there was no signage on Pedestrian Crossing. Undertaking on signage not carried out. The Residents need to be kept up to date on proposals as all issues there have impact on residents accessing and exiting the estate. The Group would also like information on Cycle Lanes.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty explains that there are major plans muted for that area, the Councillors had been briefed but any changes would need to go through the consultation process.

Mbakure Johnson replied to the Group to say that the slip lane was going to be closed and this change would make motorists come to the junction and turn left. The Council want to create an off road cycle lane which will be safer for users. The plan is for a cycle route over the pedestrian bridge. Closing the slip lane will reduce the amount of light changes you will need to wait for when crossing the road from 4 to 2. The right turn on the junction towards Willsbrook and other estates will be lengthened.

Cllr. William Lavelle agreed that a Cycle Lane from Willsbrook Park to Esker Lane would greatly improve safety. Freeflow had been talked about but this was not possible now. The recessing the Bus Stop had been previously discussed between Councillors and Council Officials. The Councillors have not seen the drawing but would be useful if there was consultation with Residents.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty asks what the time frame would be.

Mbakure Johnson stated the plan might be available by the end of summer.

Frank Hynes asked if a Traffic Light would be put in place at the end of Esker Lane.

Mbakure Johnson explained that this probably wouldn't happen. With the proposed new set up, the traffic will clear much faster. The analysis done shows an improvement in the flow of traffic because there will be two lanes of traffic.

Cllr. William Lavelle stated that this was a similar issue to the one that has effected Hillcrest. Any works at Woodies will affect the residents' ability to get out of Esker Lane. It would be good to have a drawing available to show residents, the Councillors don't have the same level of consultation on projects like this as there is no Part 8 involved and Councillors will not have a vote.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty stated that the issues and concerns of the residents at this stage had been raised and noted.

Michelle Smith asks for clarification on the cycle lane at the front wall across the green.

Mbakure Johnson explains that the wall may need to be moved back to make way for cycle tracks. The wall might be reinstated one or two meters from its current location.

Cllr. William Lavelle explained that the National Transport Authority had earmarked Lucan roads for improvements of Cycle Lanes. There is a need to see the drawings for the area.

Frank Hynes states that the Cycle Lane may solve the parking issues as there is no parking allowed on Cycle Lanes.

**Item 4.**

Frank Hynes asks about previous plans for 'off footpath parallel parking' between Woodies and towards Lucan Village.

Mbakure Johnson tells the Group that there has been no consideration given and it is not within his remit.

Jim Kennelly explains that it is off the plans. The issues at Ballydowd have been given consideration.

**Item 5.**

Frank Hynes explains that at the green near the footbridge, there are large holes on the green space.

Paula O'Rourke confirms the location of the potholes and states that the Foreman will be asked to fix them with topsoil.

Frank Hynes explained about the overgrown areas that are in need of maintenance.

Paula O'Rourke's replies to explain that the Cherry Trees had been removed. The tree planting programme takes place this winter. Woodville is not currently on the programme but if there is a need for trees a survey could be done and a draft done for the programme next year. The draft then goes to the Councillors to approve. On the shrubs, they will see what is needed in autumn and the issue can be reassessed.

Footpaths - need dishing.

Paula O'Rourke explains to the Group that there have been issues with available manpower for Grass Cutting. It is a County wide issue. It is hoped that these issues will be resolved in the coming weeks.

Summary:

- (1) Cycle Lane may impact on yellow lines but there is a need for agreement from residents.
- (2) Tree issues, commitment on autumn and residents will get a copy of the plan at the same time as the Councillors.
- (3) Footpaths – Councillors can submit issues.
- (4) Filling in potholes has been requested.

**Meeting ends.**

