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SOUTH DUBLIN CO. COUNCIL

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HOUSING ADMIN. DEPT.

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Dear Ms Rooney

RE: Tallaght Area Committee meeting- 22nd February 2010

Further to your recent letter.

We have been aware of the issue of golf balls being hit/ thrown outside the perimeter of the complex for some time now and we have found it very difficult to control.

Can I explain to you that these balls are not being hit outside the perimeter by paying customers. It is impossible for a paying customer to hit a ball out onto the main road, due to 1) the orientation of the driving range and 2) the distances involved.

The balls that are causing the nuisance and risk are being stolen by young people and then thrown or hit over the wall of our property. These young people are both trespassing and committing theft and we have advised the local Guards several times unfortunately we can do nothing to stop them.

Planning permission would be required for such extensive netting and we have been verbally advised that such permission would not be granted to the adverse visual impact it would cause.

In addition, such netting would cost in the region of €50,000.

You are incorrect in your statement that "the problem is made worse by the lack of proper netting around the golf area". The problem is not being caused by "paying golfers". "Proper" netting is provided for the driving range area.

We have cleared the area in question and we will be monitoring this antisocial behaviour and will also be seeking co-operation from the Guards.

May we also suggest that if the local residents become aware of this happening, that they too call the Guards.

I am sure that if we all co-operate together we could bring this issue under control.

I look forward to hearing from you if you have any suggestions to propose.

Yours sincerely



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