

5<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Mr. John McKeown  
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**Our Ref:**        24714

**RE:**            Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin  
County Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010

Dear Mr. McKeown,

At the meeting of the Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 the following motion was adopted and approved by the Members of the Area Committee:

*“That the Manager would present a detailed report for discussion on his proposals, in association with Waterways Ireland, to resolve the ongoing and unacceptable problems being experienced by the residents of Clondalkin adjacent to the Grand Canal, including horses being unattended, motor cyclists, litter including horse dung etc. Such problems, including anti-social issues in Omar House, are the cause of great distress for local residents in the local community. That the Manager would also invite an official from Waterways Ireland to attend this Area Committee Meeting to participate in the debate and present Waterways Ireland's proposals at this Area Committee Meeting.”*

With regard to the invitation by the Committee Members to attend a Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting the next meeting takes place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 at 3.00pm.

I would be obliged for your comment and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

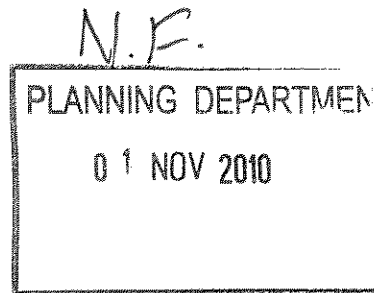
Yours sincerely,

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29 October 2010

Dear Ms Fitzgibbon,

I write in response to your letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and our subsequent telephone conversation on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in relation to difficulties with horses and motorbikes etc in the Clondalkin area along the Grand Canal.

As you are aware there was a recently a significant upgrade to the towpaths through this area including improved widened surfacing, public lighting and CCTV. This project, known as the Green Route, was a joint project between South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council, Waterways Ireland and ESB, and extends along the south bank of the Grand Canal from Inchicore (3<sup>rd</sup> Lock) to Lucan (12<sup>th</sup> Lock). The project is currently in maintenance period of 12 months from 18<sup>th</sup> June (36 months for the landscaping elements) and the future maintenance arrangements are being finalised through a Steering Group with members from each of the bodies listed above and the consultants supervising the project.

In future maintenance the public lighting, CCTV and bin emptying will be looked after by the local authorities, but Waterways Ireland own the lands and are responsible for other elements along the paths and the lock areas. The Gardai have been consulted as part of this process and one issue being addressed is a legal issue of coming on to 'private property' to address public order issues, although clearly this path is 'public' property for use by all. As indicated this is an ongoing process and I would hope to have more clarity on the outcomes shortly.

I trust this addresses your query at this stage, and you may also wish to liaise with the relevant personnel in the Council about their role in addressing the issues raised.

Yours sincerely,



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