

6th October 2010

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RE: Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 28th September 2010

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

At the meeting of the Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee held on the 28th September 2010, the following motion was passed by the Members of the Area Committee:

“That the Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee agrees to write to Waterways Ireland

(a) To find out why there is no pedestrian access to the Grand Canal Bank (south side) west of the 12th Lock.

(b) When that pedestrian access will be restored..”

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

Yours sincerely,

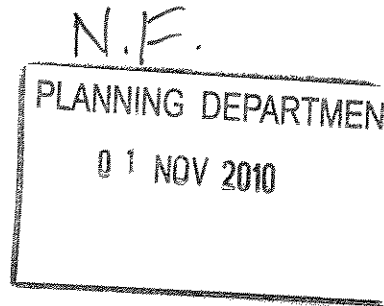
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Dear Ms Fitzgibbon,

I write in response to your letter dated 6th October 2010 in relation to the south bank of the Grand Canal west of the 12th Lock.

The original towpaths of the Grand Canal were only on one side of the canal, which was the south bank through the South Dublin area as far as the 12th Lock. At this point it changed to the north bank as far as Hazelhatch from where it reverts to the south bank again just before the Council boundary. I'm not sure what the historical reason was for changing sides along this stretch but this happens on various canal stretches and you will see it here in the Dublin Street Guide and other mapping. As the north bank towpath is fully accessible along this stretch there are no immediate plans in Waterways Ireland to do upgrade works to the south bank to create a new path, although this could be investigated in the future.

I trust this addresses your query at this stage.

Yours sincerely,



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