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**HEADED ITEM NO. 8**

**PART 8 REPORT**

**GRANGE ROAD/GRANGE DOWNS AT RATHFARNHAM WALKING & CYCLE ROUTE**

**Report on Part 8 consultation process for the construction of a walking and cycling route from Grange Road to Grange Downs**

It is proposed to construct a walking and cycling route from Grange Road to Grange Downs at Rathfarnham in the townlands of Harold'sgrange and Rathfarnham.

- Upgrading and realignment of the existing footpath/ walkway to a new 4m wide shared walking and cycling route from Grange Road to Grange Downs;
- Upgrading of the existing accesses from Barton Road East Extension, Grange Manor Road, Grange Downs, Grange Road, Park Avenue and Hermitage Drive to the route;
- Provision for a possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh Vale Estate;
- New landscape design along the route;
- Public realm improvement works on Grange Road; including traffic calming, provision of cycle facilities, footpath upgrade and realignment of road (if required);
- Provision of a toucan crossing on Grange Road (location & design subject to consideration);
- Provision of public lighting & CCTV for the route and
- All ancillary works. The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this Manager's Report is to present the outcome of the Part 8 consultation, to respond to submissions made during the consultation period and to make recommendations in relation to the proposed development where appropriate.

### **1.2 Structure of the Report**

This report provides the following:

- An introduction including details on the purpose of the report and an outline of the public consultation programme that was carried out.
- Description of Proposed Development
- List of Submissions received
- A summary of the issues raised in the submissions made during the consultation period together with the Manager's Responses and Recommendations.
- Assessment as to whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- Recommendation as to whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be.

### **1.3 Outline of Public Consultation Programme**

#### *1.4.1 Non – Statutory Consultation*

As part of the feasibility process, the Planning Authority carried out a non-statutory public consultation process to gauge public opinion on the project. In early June, the Council arranged the delivery of an information brochure and accompanying questionnaire to approximately 1350 households in the area. The purpose of the leaflet was to inform residents of the proposed route and invite feedback through a questionnaire. Submission of the questionnaire was available on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) and by postal return.

The questionnaire consisted of 11 No. questions to determine the respondents opinion on the project. During the public consultation period a total of 229 submissions were received from members of the public through the circulated questionnaire, returned by post and online. A number of direct submissions were also received.

The results of the questionnaire outlined the following:

- 95.6% of the total respondents stated that they thought the proposed project would benefit the area

This non statutory consultation informed the design of the project and raised awareness in the local community prior to commencement of the Part 8 process.

#### *1.4.2 Statutory Consultation*

The proposed development and accompanying Appropriate Assessment report was placed on public display for the statutory period of six weeks from Thursday, 6th September, 2012 until 18th October 2012. The Part 8 proposals were presented to the Rathfarnham Area Committee Members at a briefing meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012. They were also presented at the Rathfarnham Area Committee Meeting held on 11th September 2012.

The closing date for receipt of written submissions via email to [travelsmart@sducoco.ie](mailto:travelsmart@sducoco.ie) or to Tony Shanahan, Administrative Officer, Economic Development and Transport Planning Department was Friday 2nd November, 2012 for receipt of written submissions from the public.

Copies of the plans were available at

- South Dublin County Council Offices, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 between the hours of 9:00 am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am - 4.30pm on Friday (Inspection and purchase)

- Clondalkin Civic Centre, Ninth Lock Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 between the hours of 9:00 am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am - 4.30pm on Friday (Inspection only)
- Whitechurch Library, Taylor's Lane, Ballyboden, Dublin 16 between the hours of 2.00pm - 8.00pm Mon –Thurs, 9.45am - 4.30pm Saturday, Closed Friday and public holidays (Inspection only)
- The plans and particulars can be viewed on South Dublin County Council's website – [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)

A total of 23 submissions were received by 5pm on Friday 2nd November.

### **1.5 Legislative Background**

Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), requires that the manager of a local authority shall, after the expiration of the period during which submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made, in accordance with regulations under subsection (2), prepare a written report in relation to the proposed development and submit the report to the members of the authority.

Section 179(b) outlines that a report prepared in accordance with paragraph (a) shall—

- (i) describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area,
- (ii) evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation.
- (iii) list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under subsection (2),
- (iv) summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the manager thereto, and
- (v) recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be.

Under Section 179(4) of the Planning and Development Act, members of a local authority shall, as soon as may be, consider the proposed development and the report of the manager. Following the consideration of the manager's report, the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the manager's report, unless the local authority, by resolution, decides to vary or modify the development, otherwise than as recommended in the manager's report, or decides not to proceed with the development. A resolution must be passed not later than 6 weeks after receipt of the manager's report.

## **2. Proposed Development**

### **2.1 Description of the Proposed Development**

The proposal consists of the construction of a walking and cycling route from Grange Road to Grange Downs at Rathfarnham in the townlands of Haroldsgrange and Rathfarnham. It includes:

- Upgrading and realignment of the existing footpath/ walkway to a new 4m wide shared walking and cycling route from Grange Road to Grange Downs;
- Upgrading of the existing accesses from Barton Road East Extension, Grange Manor Road, Grange Downs, Grange Road, Park Avenue and Hermitage Drive to the route;

- Provision for a possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh Vale Estate;
- New landscape design along the route;
- Public realm improvement works on Grange Road; including traffic calming, provision of cycle facilities, footpath upgrade and realignment of road (if required);
- Provision of a toucan crossing on Grange Road (location & design subject to consideration);
- Provision of public lighting & CCTV for the route and
- All ancillary works.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).

## **2.2 Plans and Details**

The plans and details are attached

## **3. List of Submissions**

23 submissions were received during the specified period of the public consultation in respect of the proposed development from the following:

GRCR0001	Anne Casey
GRCR0002	Brian Horgan
GRCR0003	Richard & Theresa Hance
GRCR0004	Charles Nash
GRCR0005	Maureen McCarthy
GRCR0006	Tony & Mairead Shields
GRCR0007	Noel O'Mahony
GRCR0008	Peter & Kate Cabena
GRCR0009	Lynda Touhy
GRCR0010	Peter Coleman
GRCR0011	Pat Codyre
GRCR0012	Joseph & Gwen O'Neill
GRCR0013	Joe & Ellen Dooley
GRCR0014	LJ & Linda Spain
GRCR0015	Angela & Terry McParland
GRCR0016	John McMahon
GRCR0017	Anne Styles (Aranleigh Residents Association)
GRCR0018	Trevor Nobel & Kathryn Noble

GRCR0019	John Rutherford on behalf of Park Avenue Residents
GRCR0020	Residents Barton Road, Barton Road Extension and Aranleigh Vale
GRCR0021	Cecily & Aidan Kennedy
GRCR0022	Conor Kennedy (Chairman) Barton Residents Association
GRCR0023	Teresa Ryan

## **4. Summary and Categorisation of Issues Raised and Manager's Responses**

### **4.1 Introduction**

This section presents an analysis of the submissions and includes a summary of each of the issues raised and the responses and recommendations of the Manager.

The responses of the Manager have been framed taking account of the statutory obligations of the local authority, relevant Government and Ministerial guidelines and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### **4.2 Summary of Issues Raised, Responses and Recommendations**

#### **Submission No.1 – Anne Casey (65 Barton Drive)**

This submission relate to the following issues:

1. Upgrading main route is a wonderful idea
2. Future possible link into Barton Rd Extension and Aranleigh is unnecessary and the previous pathway at that location created anti social behaviour problems.

#### **Managers Response:**

1. Submission noted

2. In terms of the overall project, it is envisaged that the upgrading of the main route from Park Avenue to Grange Downs will likely increase the use of the route by people accessing local facilities. It is expected that the increased passive surveillance from the users will improve the existing situation in terms of anti social activity and that the proposed lighting and CCTV will further enhance the security of the area.

This submission expresses a specific objection to the link into the Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh. The proposal outlines this link as a 'possible future link'. This link from the main route (into Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh), if provided, would provide easy access to the main route for the residents and provide shorter trips to the facilities existing in the local area. Additionally, the link would increase the users of the main route, thereby providing a higher level of passive surveillance and increasing the safety of the area.

The submission outlines the negative experiences of residents when a link previously existed into Barton Road. The previous link provided access from a poorly maintained area with a low level of lighting and surveillance into the estate. It is the aim of this proposal to change and improve the environment along the main route by virtue of the improved surface, landscaping, lighting and CCTV. In turn, it is envisaged that the number of users and security of the main route will exponentially improve.

The link is proposed as a future possibility and its future commencement is intrinsically linked to the success of the main route. The Manager recognises that the provision of the link to Barton Road Extension is dependant on changing the environment with the main route and

encouraging increased users of the area to ensure passive surveillance for the link. Furthermore, the provision of functional CCTV and lighting is required.

In light of the concerns of the residents, it is proposed to amend the proposal to state that the link is a 'possible future link in the medium term'.

Furthermore, the following safeguards must be in place prior to the commencement of the construction of the possible future link:

- a). Construction and opening of the main route as proposed from Park Avenue to Grange Manor with associated CCTV, lighting and landscape works
- b). Analysis and survey of the users of the route
- c). Further consultation with the adjoining residents
- d). Agreement at a future ACM by the Rathfarnham Area Committee Members, once all the foregoing conditions are met, of the detail and design of the 'possible future link in the medium term'

It is recognised that the circumstances of this link are unique by virtue of the previous link and the past experiences of the residents. In this instance, this project with proposed amendments and safeguards will provide for a phased level of permeability to alleviate the anti social behaviour concerns of residents.

**Submission No.2 – Brian Horgan (71, Barton Rd West)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. No objection to the development of the walking and cycling route
2. Objects to the link into Barton Road Extension due to anti social behaviour at this location in the past.
3. South Dublin County Council closed the previous link and extinguished right the way due to anti social activities.
4. Submission outlines the range of anti social behaviour which previously took place when link was open.
5. Proposal already provides access to the new route at both ends.
6. Allotments along the route would constitute an opportunity for vandalism and consequent increase in criminal activity.

**Managers Response:**

1. Submission noted.

2 -4. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh.

5. The purpose of the project is to enhance permeability in the general area. To achieve this aim, walkers and cyclist require a variety of alternative routes to mirror the desire lines to local facilities.

6. The proposal does not propose the provision of allotments adjacent to the route. Furthermore, the possible provision of allotments is not within the scope of this permeability project.

**Submission no. 3 – Richard & Therese Hance (67 Barton Road)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Welcome the proposal
2. Opposed to the future possible link into Barton Rd Extension and Aranleigh as the previous link at the location created anti social behaviour problems and eventually residents had the link blocked up.

**Managers Response:**

1. Noted.

2. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh.

**Submission no 4 – Charles Nash (69 Barton Road)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. No objection to the development of the walking and cycling route
2. Opposed to the future possible link into Barton Rd Extension and Aranleigh as the previous link at the location created anti social behaviour problems and eventually residents had the link blocked up.
3. Allotments along the route would constitute an opportunity for vandalism and consequent increase in criminal activity.

**Managers Response:**

1. Noted.

2. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh.

3. The proposal does not propose the provision of allotments adjacent to the route. Furthermore, the possible provision of allotments is not within the scope of this permeability project.

**Submission no. 5 – Maureen McCarthy (78 Barton Drive)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Welcome the provision of a link from Barton area to the main route as link would offer a more direct option to Nutgrove for elderly residents who do not drive.

**Managers Response:**

1. Submission is noted. The aim of the project is to enhance permeability in the general area by upgrading the established desire lines and accesses from Park Avenue to Grange Manor. The provision of a new link into Barton Road would provide easy access to the main route for the residents and provide shorter trips to the facilities existing in the local area. Refer to Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh.

**Submission no. 6 – Tony & Mairead Shields (69 Barton Road Extension)**

1. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate due to anti-social behaviour
2. Link has previously existed but was removed following intervention by the Gardaí and residents due to ongoing anti-social behaviour, criminal activity and dumping
3. SDCC requested payment from residents to help defray the cost of erecting the fence to effect the closure of the link

**Managers Response:**

1 – 3. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh

**Submission no. 7 – Noel O'Mahony (74 Barton Road Extension)**

This relates to the following issues:

1. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate due to anti-social behaviour
2. Link has previously existed but was removed following intervention by the Gardaí and residents due to ongoing anti-social behaviour, criminal activity and dumping

**Managers Response:**

1 - 2. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh

**Submission no. 8 – Peter Cabena & Kate Kennedy (57 Barton Road West)**

This relates to the following issues:

1. Welcome the proposal
2. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate due to anti-social behaviour
3. Unsighting of drivers and other road users at junction of Sarah Curran Avenue and Grange Road
4. Security concerns due to increase usage. A wall running from the corner of the rear of No 27 Park Avenue Eastwards to the wall at the rear of No. 63 Barton Road West is suggested.
5. Opposed to allotments on security and noise grounds.
6. The proposed lighting should not be of such intensity as to disturb the enjoyment by residents of bordering properties
7. The area of the road reservation immediately to the south of Barton Road Was in-filled to a depth of 9m. Despite installation of drainage at the time, the water table has been raised by this.
8. The provision of suitable sized mature trees to increase the visual amenity as well as reducing the risk of informal ball games
9. No seating to be provided in an effort to reduce anti-social behaviour
10. Ground levelling and the removal of existing barriers and dense scrub to prevent littering

**Managers Response:**

1. Noted.

2. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh

3. The Part 8 provides for a preliminary design for the junction and the area adjacent. A Road Safety Audit and a detailed survey will inform the Engineering solution and final design for that section of Grange Road and of the junction. Furthermore, the illustrations of relocated car parking spaces are preliminary and are subject to change.

4. It is the experience of the Planning Authority that an increase in the usage of a route results in increased passive surveillance and improves the safety of the area. A new wall at this location is not within the scope of the project. There is existing palisade fencing and this location for a wall would cause 'dead ground'.

5. The proposal does not propose the provision of allotments adjacent to the route. Furthermore, the possible provision of allotments is not within the scope of this permeability project.

6. The new public lighting proposed for the route uses 'white light'. This type of light mimics day-light and is particularly good for facilitating facial recognition and distance viewing. This means it is possible to see further and distinguish people sooner during hours of darkness. As such it is considered to be safer than the more traditional forms of light used previously. The lighting is also proposed to be energy-efficient with dynamic dimming and reduced light pollution as the lamps will allow light to be focused on the proposed route rather than dispersing over the wider area.

7. The infill history and drainage concerns are noted. The proposed development will provide for minor hardsurfacing and landscaping (some strip and fill to level may be required). In terms of the drainage of the area, it is envisaged that the works are minor. Consultation with



the Environmental Services department will be ongoing during the design of the project to ensure existing situation is not adversely impacted.

8. The outline of planting on the layout plan is indicative and the location, number and size of all planting are subject to a detailed landscape design. In order to protect the road corridor any proposed planting will be of a size and species that will not obstruct a future road and located where there will be no impact on a future road or its construction.

9. No seating is proposed as part of these proposals.

10. Removal of dense scrub, low level branches on existing trees and levelling will be incorporated, as appropriate, to prevent littering, anti social behaviour and to ensure passive surveillance isn't impeded.

**Submission no. 9 – Lynda Tuohy**

This relates to the following issues:

1. Traffic on Saturdays and Weekday mornings leaved residents in Stonepark Abbey hemmed in, a road going through this site would create another means of access to the east
2. It is possible to walk or cycle through the waste ground but not drive. A short stretch of road to connect the area would ease the traffic

**Managers Response:**

1 & 2. The County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 provides for a specific objective for a Long Term Road Proposal from Grange Road to Barton Road East Extension. Long Term Road Proposals are considered essential to provide a long term road network of sufficient standard to serve the anticipated future population growth. The proposed walking and cycling link does not preclude the provision of the road under the long term objective. In order to protect the road corridor any proposed planting will be of a size and species that will not obstruct a future road and located where there will be no impact on a future road or its construction. In the event that the road is constructed in the future, walking and cycling facilities will be facilitated thereon.

The aim of the project is to enhance permeability in the general area by upgrading the established pedestrian desire lines and accesses from Park Avenue to Grange Manor. The project is relatively minor in nature and the provision of a road is outside the scope of this project.

**Submission no. 10 – Peter Coleman**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Preference for a full road as was originally planned
2. Doubt over the value for money of the proposal in these current financial times as the pathway is not used to any great extent currently
3. Welcome the provision of a link from Barton area to the main route

**Managers Response:**

1. The County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 provides for a specific objective for a Long Term Road Proposal from Grange Road to Barton Road East Extension. Long Term Road Proposals are considered essential to provide a long term road network of sufficient standard to serve the anticipated future population growth. The proposed walking and cycling link does not preclude the provision of the road under the long term objective. In order to protect the road corridor any proposed planting will be of a size and species that will not obstruct a future road and located where there will be no impact on a future road or its construction. In the event that the road is constructed in the future, walking and cycling facilities will be facilitated thereon.

2. The aim of the project is to enhance permeability in the general area by upgrading the established pedestrian desire lines and accesses from Park Avenue to Grange Manor. The project is relatively minor in terms of funding and funding is provided by the National Transport Authority. Furthermore, the initial consultation survey indicated that 70% of the respondents outlined they currently use the route.

3. Submission is noted. The aim of the project is to enhance permeability in the general area by upgrading the established desire lines and accesses from Park Avenue to Grange Manor. The provision of a new link into Barton Road would provide easy access to the main route for the residents and provide shorter trips to the facilities existing in the local area. Refer to Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh.

**Submission no. 11 – Pat Codyre**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Supports the proposed development; including the possible future link to Barton Rd Extension/ Aranleigh, as it will provide a much safer, better and more attractive walkway.

**Managers Response:**

1. Noted.

**Submission no. 12 – Joseph & Gwen O'Neill**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate due to anti-social behaviour and availability of alternative route

**Managers Response:**

1. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh

**Submission no. 13 – Joe & Ellen Dooley**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate

**Managers Response:**

1. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh

**Submission no. 14 – L.J & Linda Spain (75 Barton Road Extension)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Unsighting of drivers and other road users by parked cars at junction of Sarah Curran Avenue and Grange Road
2. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate
3. Suggests that there is no need to widen pathway to 4m, adequate as is and the proposal would result in an increase in motorbikes.

**Managers Response:**

1. The Part 8 provides for a preliminary design for the junction and the area adjacent. A Road Safety Audit and a detailed survey will inform the Engineering solution and final design for that section of Grange Road and of the junction. Furthermore, the illustrations of relocated car parking spaces are preliminary and are subject to change.
2. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh
3. The proposed width of 4m is to enable a shared cycling and walking 2 way route.

**Submission no. 15 – Angela & Terry McParland**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Welcome the cleaning up of the area and lighting of the route to make it safe for pedestrians.
2. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate
3. Link has previously existed but was removed following intervention by the Gardaí and residents due to ongoing anti-social behaviour, criminal activity and dumping
4. Concerns in relation to drainage
5. Would welcome opportunity for residents to purchase the area to incorporate it into their back gardens to remove anti social behaviour.

**Managers Response:**

1. Issue and content noted.
- 2 - 3. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh
4. The infill history and drainage concerns are noted. The proposed development will provide for minor hard surfacing and landscaping (some strip and fill to level may be required). In terms of the drainage of the area, it is envisaged that the works are minor. Consultation with the Environmental Services department will be ongoing during the design of the project to ensure existing situation is not adversely impacted.
5. There are no plans in the short or medium term to offer the residents an opportunity to purchase the lands.

**Submission no. 16 – John McMahon (27 Park Avenue)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Area should be levelled and landscaped and the large bushes / trees be removed or extensively cut back. Bushes adjoining 27 Park Avenue and the tree opposite are both being used as illegal dumping areas.
2. Landscaping and finish like the route in Leopardstown from the racecourse to Luas.

**Managers Response:**

1. Removal of dense scrub, low level branches on existing trees and levelling will be incorporated, as appropriate, to prevent littering, anti social behaviour and to ensure passive surveillance isn't impeded. Subject to a landscape proposal.
2. Suggestion noted

**Submission no. 17 – Anne Styles (Aranleigh Residents Association)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Link has previously existed but was removed following intervention by the Gardaí and residents due to ongoing anti-social behaviour, criminal activity and dumping
2. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate
3. Unsighting of drivers and other road users by parked cars at junction of Sarah Curran Avenue and Grange Road

**Managers Response:**

- 1 - 2. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh
3. The Part 8 provides for a preliminary design for the junction and the area adjacent. A Road Safety Audit and a detailed survey will inform the Engineering solution and final design for that section of Grange Road and of the junction. Furthermore, the illustrations of relocated car parking spaces are preliminary and are subject to change.

**Submission no. 18 – Trevor & Kathryn Noble**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate
2. SDCC requested payment from residents to help defray the cost of erecting the fence to effect the closure of the link in 1997.

**Managers Response:**

Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh

**Submission no. 19 – John Rutherford on behalf of Park Avenue Residents**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Suggest completion of 20m section of missing footpath at the east pedestrian entrance to Park Avenue.
2. Level and redistribution of the soil such that the 1.5m high south boundary wall of park Avenue is fully exposed.
3. Removal old wild trees and scrub along the south boundary wall of Park Avenue.
4. Low maintenance landscaping along route
5. Raising the heads and pruning of the overgrown kerbside trees between Grange Road and Park Avenue entrance.
6. Confirmation that mature shrubbery on either side of the main Park Avenue gate piers will not be impacted.
7. Provision of toucan crossing at Grange Road/Barton Road West/ Sarah Curran Avenue intersection.
8. A detailed drawing of the Park Avenue main gate area.

**Managers Response:**

1. Issue is very specific and concerns area adjacent to Park Avenue. Suggestion noted and will be incorporated
2. Noted and will be considered as part of detailed design and landscape plan.
3. Noted and will be considered as part of detailed design and landscape plan.
4. Suggestion noted and will be incorporated, subject to detailed landscape design considerations and the requirement to protect the road corridor.
5. Noted and will be considered as part of detailed design and landscape plan
6. Noted. It is not envisaged that the shrubbery will be removed but confirmation can not be given at this stage as all landscaping is subject to a full landscape plan.
7. Suggestion noted. The Part 8 provides for a preliminary design for the junction. A Road Safety Audit and a detailed survey will inform the Engineering solution and final design of the junction.
8. Not available for the preliminary design stage.

**Submission no. 20 – Petition from residents of Barton Road, Barton Road Extension and Aranleigh Vale (c36 no. signatures)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate

**Managers Response:**

Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh

**Submission no. 21 – Cecily and Aiden Kennedy**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Drainage issues on the site
2. Please ensure access points are designed to restrict access for motor cycles
3. The proposed lighting should not be of such intensity as to disturb the enjoyment by residents of bordering properties
4. Provision of monitored CCTV
5. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate. Link has previously existed but was removed following intervention by the Gardaí and residents due to ongoing anti-social behaviour, criminal activity and dumping
6. Opposed to allotments

**Managers Response:**

1. The infill history and drainage concerns are noted. The proposed development will provide for minor hard surfacing and landscaping (some strip and fill to level may be required). In terms of the drainage of the area, it is envisaged that the works are minor. Consultation with the Environmental Services department will be ongoing during the design of the project to ensure existing situation is not adversely impacted.
2. The access points will be maintained with similar access arrangements as currently exist with a low wall and/or bollards and shall be monitored. In the event of persistent problems with motorcycles, alternative access arrangements will be considered.
3. The new public lighting proposed for the route uses 'white light'. This type of light mimics day-light and is particularly good for facilitating facial recognition and distance viewing. This means it is possible to see further and distinguish people sooner during hours of darkness. As such it is considered to be safer than the more traditional forms of light used previously. The lighting is also proposed to be energy-efficient with dynamic dimming and reduced light pollution as the lamps will allow light to be focused on the proposed route rather than dispersing over the wider area.
4. The Manager recognises the importance of the CCTV to the security of the route.
5. Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh
6. The proposal does not propose the provision of allotments adjacent to the route. Furthermore, the possible provision of allotments is not within the scope of this permeability project.

**Submission no. 22 – Conor Kennedy (Barton Residents Association)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Supportive of Grange Road/ Barton Road/ Sarah Curran junction alterations
2. CCTV a vital part of the proposal
3. Concerns about drainage on the site and flooding in back gardens along Barton Road.
4. Lack of consensus within Residents Association with regard to the possible link into Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh.

**Managers Response:**

1. Noted
2. The Manager recognises the importance of the CCTV to the security of the route.

3. The infill history and drainage concerns are noted. The proposed development will provide for minor hard surfacing and landscaping (some strip and fill to level may be required). In terms of the drainage of the area, it is envisaged that the works are minor. Consultation with the Environmental Services department will be ongoing during the design of the project to ensure existing situation is not adversely impacted.

4. Noted

**Submission no. 23 – Teresa Ryan (67 Barton Road Extension)**

This submission relates to the following issues:

1. Opposition to provision for possible future link to Barton Road Extension/Aranleigh Vale Estate.
2. Link has previously existed but was removed following intervention by the Gardaí and residents due to ongoing anti-social behaviour, criminal activity and dumping
3. SDCC requested payment from residents to help defray the cost of erecting the fence to effect the closure of the link

**Managers Response:**

Issue and content noted, refer Submission no. 1 above for response on possible future link to Barton Road Extension/ Aranleigh

**6.0 County Development Plan 2010 - 2016**

The promotion of more sustainable modes of transport that link more consolidated urban areas together is central to the core strategy of the County Development Plan strategy.

Section 2.2.15.i of the County Development Plan 2010 - 2016 outlines that it is the policy of the Council to ensure sustainable forms of movement and the use of the street by pedestrians and cyclists and to promote permeable pedestrian and cyclist networks connecting to shops, community facilities, employment areas and desired places to go.

Furthermore, the County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 states that ‘walking and cycling will be promoted by securing the development of a network of safe cycle routes and footpaths on new and existing roads and on routes reserved exclusively for pedestrians and cyclists and by the development of foot and cycle ways off-road (e.g. through open spaces and along established rights of way)’.

South Dublin County Council, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA), is proposing short walking and cycling routes to serve local neighbourhoods across the County. These will create more sustainable local neighbourhoods with direct pedestrian and cycle links to popular local destinations. The aim is to encourage people to leave the car at home for local trips by bringing more households within walking and cycling distance to local amenities in accordance with the policies of the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the County Development Plan. The proposed link is based on existing shortcuts and desire lines around the area and it is envisaged that the proposed route will enable cyclists and pedestrians; including those with decreased mobility, to access safe, direct, hard surfaced routes to the local facilities including adjacent shops, schools, cycle routes, or the park / playground. Increased walking and cycling within local neighbourhoods reduces carbon footprints, encourages a healthier lifestyle and increased numbers of users will improve the safety of the route and discourage anti-social behaviour.

The County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 provides for a specific objective for a Long Term Road Proposal from Grange Road to Barton Road East Extension. Long Term Road Proposals are considered essential to provide a long term road network of sufficient standard to serve the anticipated future population growth. Having regard to the nature of the proposed

development, it is considered that the proposal will not impact on the long term achievement of the Roads Objective.

Having regard to the nature and extent of the proposed project, it is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and the County Development Plan 2010 – 2016.

### **7.0 Recommendation**

Following consideration of the above submissions, the Manager is of the view that the issues raised by way of the submissions can be satisfactorily addressed during the detailed design stage and as outlined in the foregoing report.

**It is recommended that, as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development, that the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal for the construction of a walking and cycling route and ancillary works from Grange Road to Grange Downs at Rathfarnham and Haroldsgrange as proposed and detailed in the public notices and the foregoing report, with the following modifications:**

1. The proposed future link to Barton Road East Extension / Aranleigh Vale Estate is a 'possible future link in the medium term'.
2. Furthermore, the following safeguards must be in place prior to the commencement of the construction of the possible future link:
  - a). Construction and opening of the main route as proposed from Park Avenue to Grange Manor with associated CCTV, lighting and landscape works
  - b). Analysis and survey of the users of the route
  - c). Further consultation with the adjoining residents
  - d). Agreement at a future ACM by the Rathfarnham Area Committee Members, once all the foregoing conditions are met, of the detail and design of the 'possible future link in the medium term'