

Ms. Joan Burton, T.D.,
Minister for Social Protection,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

9th April 2013

Re: Proposed Social Welfare Office for Lucan

Dear Minister,

At the Lucan Area Committee Meeting held on the 26th March 2013, the following Motion was approved:

"That this Committee, noting the number of occasions in recent years that it has asked the Manager to write to the Minister for Social Protection, and the Minister for State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works, on the matter, expresses its disappointment that no progress appears to have been achieved in securing and opening a building to serve adequately as a Social Welfare Office for Lucan, and noting that there is no LES office in Lucan, and no local FAS service, reiterates its demand that Government address this deficit which causes problems for those Lucan residents seeking training and employment, including self-employment opportunities, once again requests the Manager to write to the Minister for Social Protection, including with the correspondence the text of this Motion and the Manager's Report with and a reference to the serious concerns of the local Councillors with the neglect of Lucan, with a population of over 45 000 people, in providing essential facilities and services."

In previous correspondence dated 9th October 2012, Ref: C/GG-2012/509, from the OPW (copy attached), it was indicated that the process of identifying a suitable premises to meet the needs of the Department of Social Protection in the Lucan Area is ongoing.

I should be obliged for your response to the above Motion to enable me to revert to the Lucan Area Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Curtin
Administrative Officer
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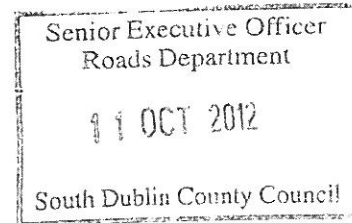
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From The Office of the Minister of State

Our Ref : C/ GG - 2012/509

9 October 2012

Mr. Tom Curtin,
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South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
DUBLIN 24.




Dear Mr. Curtin,

I refer to letter of 15 June 2012 in relation to a new Social Welfare Office for the Lucan area.

I can confirm that my officials are working closely with the Department of Social Protection to progress a number of priority new and expanded Social Welfare Office at locations throughout the Country, including one for the Lucan area. The process of identifying a suitable premises to meet the needs of the Department of Social Protection in the Lucan area is ongoing.

Yours sincerely,


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PRIVATE SECRETARY