



Mr Paul Hogan
Planning Department,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

23rd May 2013

Re: Extinguishment of Rights of Way at Bewley Grove/Mount Bellew Way, Lucan.

Dear Paul,

Further to our submission of the 11th March, the National Transport Authority ("the Authority") wishes to support South Dublin County Council in exploring alternatives to the extinguishment of the Public Rights of Way at the grassed strip at Bewley Grove and Mount Bellew Way, which provide important non-vehicular access to St. Andrews Fairway and Lucan Educate Together School in Lucan, Co. Dublin, as well as facilitating local trips by foot in the area.

In addition to the alleged anti-social behaviour, there is evidence of a school-related parking problem. The Authority wishes to assist South Dublin County Council in addressing both issues to achieve an outcome that supports sustainable transport in the area.

In conjunction with South Dublin County Council, the Authority wishes to explore options that will address both problems. These options may include *inter alia*

- Alterations and improvements to the existing pedestrian and cycle route.
- public lighting changes
- CCTV
- An overall approach agreed with the school to manage drop-off
- New traffic/parking management arrangements in St. Andrews Estate and other locations.
- Delivering a "park and stride" strategy using agreed drop-off locations

The Authority would also welcome the setting up a stakeholder group including Residents, Lucan Educate Together, Gardaí and South Dublin County Council to ensure that the problematic issues are fully understood from the outset, and properly addressed by the interventions.

The Authority would welcome an immediate application from South Dublin County Council for this project, under the Sustainable Transport Measures Grants Programme.

The Authority is committed to assisting South Dublin County Council in maintaining and improving the existing permeability for pedestrians and cyclists, as its absence is likely to generate significant extra walking and cycling detours for local residents, and may indeed, encourage a mode shift away from the more sustainable choices of travel. However, if, having exhausted all potential solutions, problems still persist to an unacceptable degree, the Authority will not object to the subsequent extinguishment of the rights of way.

Finally, the Authority is currently funding a report which reviews permeability projects in South Dublin. This report will inform best practice guidance for the future implementation of permeability projects. It is recommended that this location at Bewley Grove / Mount Bellew Way / St. Andrews Fairway is included in the review.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael Aherne', is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Aherne

Head of Transport Development