

17th August, 2015.

Mr.David Joyce,
Operations Manager,
Transdev,
Red Cow,
Naas Road,
Clondalkin,
Dublin 22.

REF 44074

RE: <u>Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 20th May, 2015.</u>

Dear Mr. Joyce,

At the meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee held on $20^{\rm th}$ May the following motion was passed by the Members:

"This Committee agrees that the Council write to Luas Managers Veolia asking them to open the gates from the Luas stop to Tallaght Hospital to assist access for Luas passengers of limited mobility who wish to access Tallaght Hospital."

I would be obliged if you would respond as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Breda Clifford.

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09th Sept 2015

Dear Breda.

Further to recent correspondence in relation to the gates at Tallaght Hospital Stop dated the 17th August 2015 addressed to David Joyce of Transdev, I wish to confirm the following:

In 2012 RPA (now Transport Infrastructure Ireland as of 1st August 2015) sought to improve access between the Luas Hospital Stop and Tallaght Hospital in order to improve accessibility to the hospital via public transport. RPA consulted with the hospital at the outset of the project and agreed that RPA would obtain funding to construct a direct access from the Luas Stop into the hospital grounds and that Tallaght Hospital would seek funding to make the necessary modifications in order to provide secure access through the hospital into the main reception area.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) approved funding for the RPA portion of the works in 2012 and works were completed in 2013. However Tallaght Hospital have not been able to secure funding to complete the necessary modifications needed to provide secure access through the hospital into the reception area. As a result a gate has been installed and the access is currently closed due concerns relating to security within the hospital., Tallaght hospital have advised that this will continue to be the case until the necessary security and building modifications can be made to facilitate regular public access.

TII have engaged with the NTA and requested that this funding be provided to TII in order to allow Tallaght Hospital complete the necessary modifications under the smarter travel scheme, but this application was refused.

At this stage, we advise that the committee engage with Tallaght Hospital and/or the HSE and the National Transport Authority in order to see if the matter can be progressed any further at this stage. TII remain committed to providing this access and will support completion of the project in any way possible.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Sturgeon

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