

Springbank Estate  
Saggart  
Co Dublin

9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Person In Charge  
South Dublin Count Council

**Re: Erection Of Palisade Fence In Springbank Estate, Saggart, Co Dublin**

To Whom It May Concern,

Please find attached 2 petitions signed by the vast majority of households (80+ %) in Springbank Estate. Both petitions refer to the recent erection of a palisade fence by South Dublin County Council to the North side of Springbank Estate, and adjoining Rathcoole Park.

The 1<sup>st</sup> petition points out that the vast majority of residents were not informed about the erection of the Fence and wish for access to be returned, and fence removed.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> petition points out that the vast majority of residents would prefer the fence be replaced with a more permanent and safe access to Rathcoole Park via a footbridge or similar.

**Background:**

The area where the fence is now erected prevents access to what for many years was an amenity for all residents in Springbank Estate. Last Year there was a meeting with SDCC and a small group of residents of the Springbank Estate about blocking this access to this area. At this meeting SDCC were told that ALL residents of Springbank were in favour of this procedure. This is not true, as verified in the 1<sup>st</sup> petition attached.

In fact the vast majority of residents in this estate were unaware such meetings or decisions took place, before during or after the erection of said fence. Also the vast majority of residents of Springbank Estate state that this small group of residents do not speak on their behalf (Also in 1<sup>st</sup> petition attached.)

As access is now restricted to the area, residents are un happy (Including a lot of young children and elderly) that they have lost this amenity and have no choice but to access Rathcoole Park via the main road.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> petition attached is to request that SDCC could look favourably at an alternate solution for the future

Yours Sincerely

The Residents Of Springbank

## **Springbank Estate And Access To Amenity**

### **Petition to SDCC requesting access to Rathcoole Park from Springbank Estate Via Footbridge Or Similar**

Dear household,

A new fence was erected to the northern side of the estate, and the majority of residents in Springbank were not made aware of same, before during or after erection. Access to this area is now restricted to you, [You must request key from S Delaney] and only use it for water bedding.

So access is no longer immediate, and not everyone feels OK about the fact you have to request access to an amenity where previously you did not. So a historical and well used amenity of this estate has been lost to you, your children and you have no option but to access Rathcoole park and beyond via the main road.



*Springbank Estate*



*New SDCC fence And gate*

With this in mind here is a petition to let SDCC know that we would much prefer permanent and easy access to the park at this location instead of the current situation via footbridge or similar.

It's also a good time to share email address so we all can be updated easily and share important information via neighbours.ie or similar web media.

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The keyholder is Seamus Delaney who lives opposite the gate and he says anyone who wants access may have the key from him. Access is mainly for water to water bedding in the estate. Another reason they wanted the fence was to prevent dumping at this location. All Dublin Fencing erected the fence. We have received no complaints from any residence only thanks for the works complete."

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Oisín Egan  
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