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**Re: Motions agreed at July 2016 meeting of South County Dublin Council**

Dear Mr O'Neill

Thank you for your letter of 13 July 2016 concerning motions agreed at the July 2016 meeting of South Dublin County Council in relation to ethnic recognition for members of the Traveller community.

The issue of Traveller ethnicity is being considered within the context of discussions on the forthcoming National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy. The final phase of a three phase consultative process in terms of the development of that Inclusion Strategy is currently underway at a cross-Departmental level under the coordination of officials in the Equality Division of my Department. There will be a further round of public consultations with interested parties, as part of that process, in September 2016.

It is important that the overall discussion on this issue be an inclusive one, including members of broader Irish society, so that we can develop a greater understanding within society in general of the issue. I have initiated discussion with the four national Traveller organisations as to how the involvement of mainstream Irish society in the discussion can be taken forward in the context of the finalisation of the new Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy.

Yours sincerely

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Minister of State with special responsibility for  
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