Minister Frances Fitzgerald 12th January 2017

Minister’s Office

Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality

Government Buildings

Dublin

Our Ref: Item 51898 LACM

Dear Tánaiste

At the Lucan Area Committee meeting held on 20th December 2016 the following Motion was **AGREED** by the members. The issue being referred to in the motion is that there are serious defects affecting external rooftop balconies of duplex/apartment building in Hansted Estate as detailed in a recent inspection carried out by a private Engineering company on behalf of the Management Company.

**AMENDED MOTION 2 – AGREED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

That this Lucan Area Committee:

- Regrets the manner in which the financial difficulties being experienced by the management company of an estate in Lucan as a result of serious structural defects were brought into the public domain at a premature stage when all other avenues were not looked at; and, in the context of the issue now being in the public domain

- Calls on the Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council and relevant officials to arrange a sit down meeting involving themselves, representatives of the management company and elected representatives to discreetly examine what solutions if any are available involving the potential assistance of the local authority, acknowledging that the local authority bears no responsibility for repair of said defects; and also, parallel to this

-  Calls on the minister for the Environment, the Minister Frances Fitzgerald as the local TD to urgently meet with the management company and all local elected representatives to discuss what further options are available to resolve this impasse at national level, given that the Government makes the laws of this country, including, for example, the requirement if necessary to table new legislation to facilitate the government or its agencies either lending money directly to the management company concerned as well as indeed other management companies nationwide in similar predicaments, or alternatively to facilitate it acting as guarantor for any management company seeking a loan from a private lender so as to resolve such legacy issues over a period of time with the monies paid back in full by the companies concerned.

Your response will be circulated to the members of the Committee on receipt.

Yours sincerely

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