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Dear Mr Murphy

I have been asked by Mr. Seán Canney T.D., Minister of State for Community Development, Natural Resources and Digital Development to refer to your correspondence regarding Ashton Pound. This correspondence has been forwarded to this Department from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in view of the Minister of State's responsibility for the Control of Dogs Acts.

Under the Control of Dogs Acts, local authorities have responsibility for operating and managing dog control and licensing services in their administrative areas, including the management of dog pounds and shelters and my Department has no involvement in this process.

The Minister has asked me to say that he cannot provide a commitment to fund and construct a publicly owned pound to service the four Dublin local authority areas. It is a matter for each local authority to determine its own spending priorities in the context of the annual budgetary process having regard to both locally identified needs and available resources.

Yours Sincerely

Tara Taheny
Private Secretary to Seán Canney TD
Minister of State for Community Development, Natural Resources and Digital Development