

Mr. Maurice Buckley, Chairman, The Office of Public Works Head Office, Jonathan swift Street, Trim, Co, Meath, C15 NX 36

16th January, 2020

Our Ref: M 64749

Re: <u>Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council</u>

held on 15th January, 2020

Dear Mr. Buckley,

I write on behalf of the Elected Members who at the Clondalkin Area Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 passed the following motion:

"That this Committee ask that South Dublin County Council write to the OPW and ask them to light up the Round Tower blue for World Autism Awareness Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April this year and every year after, as a symbol of solidarity for all who live with Autism."

I would be obliged for your comments and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Michael McAdam,

A/Senior Executive Officer.



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27th February, 2020

Mr Ralph McGarry,
Administrative Officer,
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Department,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24

Dear Mc McGarry,

I refer to your correspondence of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020, in which you detailed a motion that had been passed by the Clondalkin Area Committee in relation to the lighting up blue of Clondalkin Round Tower on World Autism Awareness Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020, and each year thereafter and the South Dublin County Council response to same.

The Office of Public Works frequently receives requests from a great number of committees and organisations who wish to light up various National Monuments in State care for various charities, etc. As you can appreciate, it is very difficult to choose one very deserving cause over another and so, in the interest of fairness and for operational reasons, regrettably, the Office of Public Works has to refuse these requests.

In the case of Clondalkin Round Tower which has been lit up previously to mark specific occasions or celebrations with the agreement of the OPW, we are happy to continue to support such initiatives in the future when appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Buckley

Chairman

cc. Mr. Michael McAdam, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24