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**MEETING OF CLONDALKIN AREA COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**HEADED ITEM NO. 6**

**Public Realm Improvement Works Programme - Cherrywood Crescent Path**

The [2021 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme](http://intranet/Cmas/Search2.aspx?q=Improvement%20Works%20Programme&m=2004&p=1) as presented to the Clondalkin ACM in January includes the construction of a 3 metre wide path in Corkagh Park from the Cherrywood Crescent pedestrian entrance to the Kilcarberry development. This report provides details of the path and includes drawings showing the location and position of the path.

The provision of a path at this location is in keeping with park development to serve the needs of park users and provide connectivity within the park and through the park. The location had previously been identified as a desirable link however it came into more focus when the entrance at the end of Cherrywood Crescent was permanently closed as part of the housing development at Kilcarberry. The closure of this entrance discommoded park users who had become accustomed to entering the park at this point.

The new path is approximately 300 metres in length and will be located on the housing side of the grassed bank beside the Camac River.  The path will be located below the top of the bank so that it does not interfere with the height of the bank. The path is kept as high up the bank as possible to reduce the amount of cut and fill required. This also reduces the requirement to install drainage to deal with rainfall runoff if the path was located further down the slope. Due to budgetary constraints the project is being carried out on a phased basis. Phase 1 will include a quarry dust finish upon completion. It would be desirable to apply a tarmac finish to the path and this will be listed for consideration as phase 2 in the draft Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2022.

There will be approximately 270 cubic meters of soil excavated during works. Some of this soil will be used to reinstate the surrounding area and the remaining soil will be retained on site. By retaining soil on site, the carbon footprint of the project is reduced as there is less transport of materials required. The retained soil will be regraded in the area indicated on the attached topographical drawing. The location identified is below the top of the bank and will not compromise the banks integrity. At no stage during the works will the height of the bank be reduced. In fact, if it is possible when reinstating the area some of the excavated material may be used to augment the bank.