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Office of the Minister of State

14th May 2021

Mr Brian Carroll

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Dear Mr Carroll,

I wish to refer to your correspondence dated 27th April 2021 to Mr Peter Burke T.D., Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning regarding legislative provisions for the holding of plebiscites on the changing of place-names.

On behalf of the Minister, I wish to thank you for your email and for the notification of Tallaght Area Committee’s motion. The Department wrote, on 24th March 2021, informing South Dublin County Council of the current situation in relation to place-names plebiscites, and I can give you a further update at this stage.

While it remains the case that there is currently no legal basis in place for the holding of a plebiscite in relation to the changing of a place-name, this Department is continuing to engage with officials in the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media to resolve the matter. It is hoped that draft amendments to legislation under the remit of both Departments can be agreed in the short term and then placed before the Oireachtas.

Both the Minister and the Department are aware of the urgency with which Tallaght Area Committee wishes the situation to be resolved, and officials are working so that a resolution to the current situation can found as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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**Conor Madden**
Private Secretary to Minister of State Peter Burke

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