

26/04/2021

Ms Teresa Walsh Director of Environment, Water & Climate Change South Dublin County Council Tallaght, Dublin 12

Dear Ms Walsh

I write on behalf of Hermitage Residents Association to apply for the Council Discretionary Fund 2021 – Deputy Mayor's initiative. I wish to acknowledge recent positive engagement with your Parks Department over the management and maintenance of the Priory Ruins within our estate. The ruins are of significant historic value within Rathfarnham as it was the home of Sarah Curran.

Presently, Hermitage has no estate stone on the green area as you enter the estate. Many years ago, our estate stone was removed due to road works on the Grange Road but was never returned. It appears we are the only estate across Rathfarnham without an estate stone.

Outlined below is our request which we understand SDCC can procure through their own suppliers and subject to budget.

1 x standard size estate stone, bright in colour, engraved with 'HERMITAGE' on the front.

As Hermitage Residents Association, we believe the addition of an estate stone would be of significant value to the public realm within our estate and to visitors

seeing the Priory Ruins. Our committee have been working towards enhancing the estate over the past three years. We have worked on clearing the historical ruins of the Priory from over-growth, planted flowers and erected the estate name plaques at the entrance.

We would be delighted if you would give this request your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes and thanks for your ongoing support.

Chair Hermitage Residents Association