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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF LUCAN / PALMERSTOWN / NORTH CLONDALKIN AREA COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 16th December 2021**

**Item 4**

Question: To provide an update on the request for a comprehensive report on progress on agreed actions to be undertaken by SDCC, as part of the Palmerstown Tidy Town Strategic Plan.

Answer: Updates have been provided to the Community Department from Public Realm and Roads Department in relation to agreed actions to be undertaken by SDCC as part of the Palmerstown Tidy Town Strategic Plan as follows:

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|  Update Palmerstown Meitheal/Tidy Town Strategic Plan |
| **Issue** | **Location/ comments** | **SDCC Response** |
| 1. Wildflower area - PTT identified 3 x areas in Palmerstown area - | Palmerstown Manor, Old Court, Woodfarm Acres | Did not proceed in 2021 due to Covid restrictions which prevented site meeting taking place. Will liaise with TT and if suitable sites identified will list for consideration on the 2022 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme. Parks Department |
| 2. Median at Palmerstown R148 cross - centre area needs upgrade works - the area below the safety barrier - ground surface is crumbling and unsightly | Median - R148/Kennelsfort Rd Crossroads at Palmerstown -safety barrier under footbridge | 17th January, 2020 - This area will be examined. It should be noted that as this is a large area the Council will have to cost the works required before taking a position. 24th November, 2021 - The grass median on the R148 to be repaired as necessary. It was never agreed to replace the grass median with concrete. Roads Department |
| 3. R148 - Palmerstown Crossroads Grass area on median - needs to be edged & weeds along kerbs needs to be removed and maintained - PTT aware that this is a National Road but the area is in great need of an upgrade. Also moss on the outside of railings on south side of road to be removed (power washed?)  | Median on R148 - DCC Boundary to M50 Junction | as above |
| 4. Railings at R148 Palmerstown Cross (Kennelfort Road) Railings need replacing again. (Aware that the job is currently out to tender) | SW corner of junction - Railings continuously needing to be replaced. Would it be possible to look at an alternative design to combat continuous damage? Possibility of a flower/shrub bed as part of alternative design? | 17th January 2020 - Railings have been provided specifically for the protection of pedestrians. Safety must take priority over flower beds. However, the location will be examined to see if there is a specific reason for the continuous damage, and if it might be addressed. 24th November 2021 - Railings are constantly being repaired, and area will be inspected again, and any damaged railings will be repaired. Roads Department |
| 5. Road markings on R148 at Kennelsfort Junction & at Oval Junction | The yellow and black markings/boxes and lines at both junctions on R148 need to be redone (weeds and debris to be removed first) | 17/1/2020 - This will be included in the 2020 Road Markings Programme.24/11/2021 - Section of road at this location on the R148 in front of the Applegreen Filling Station was recently resurfaced and new road markings installed. Road will also be inspected from the boundary with DCC to the boundary with the TII and any road markings that need to be refreshed will be done inside the next week or so after inspection. Roads Department  |
| 6. Signage | The signage on gantry on R148 coming from Dublin City says Cherry Orchard - 80% of Palmerstown is to the left of the crossroads. There is no indication that Palmerstown is to the left as well as the right. Sign for Kennelsfort Road required (like that coming from the West) | 17/1/2020 - Exiting Gantry signing required for Lane designation and major destinations. However, the Council will examine if signs for Palmerstown Village and Kennelsfort Rd can be provided, like approach from the West. Roads Department. |
| 7. Estate Signage  | Possible Estate signage on the R148 pointing people to Palmerstown estates such as Woodfarm Acres, Oak Court, Palmerstown Court, Palmerstown Manor etc. | 17/1/2020 - It is not appropriate to signpost estates off a major road such as R148. 23/11/2021 - The inbound sign is the one referred to. It has three panels. City Centre ahead, Palmerstown Village Left, Kennelsfort Rd right. The outbound sign is the equivalent from the City. It has two panels - N4 M50 (N7) ahead - Palmerstown Right. The Roads Department suggest replacing this sign with a new sign mirroring the inbound sign. This would now have three panels: N4 M50 (N7) ahead - Kennelsfort Rd Left - Palmerstown Village Right. This would enable drivers to locate the estates off Kennelsfort Rd and would help differentiate between the Village and its hinterland. If people are happy with that it could be organised for early in the New Year. Roads Department  |
| 8. Tourist Signs Pointing to Waterstown Park and Old Church and Graveyard on Mill Lane on the R148 | No one knows they are there | 23/11/2021 -It would not be appropriate to put signs for estates on the R148. This is due to the speed and volumes of traffic. It would not be possible to list all the estates at a size that would be legible to passing traffic. Roads Department. |
| 9. 4 Heritage Lampposts - upgraded to LED they replaced the tops - need to be reattached | Need to reattach heritage tops | 17/1/2020 -It transpires that in 2015 (as part of the village works) SDCC upgraded the lanterns (4 No.) along Main St Palmerstown to LED, and there was no LED version of the existing heritage lantern available at the time. Considering this TT issue, the Council source a suitable heritage fitting for these four poles. Efforts will be made to replicate what was installed before, but no absolute guarantee. This may take 8 - 12 weeks as lead times on these special fittings is longer than for standard ones. Roads Department |
| 10. Overhead Cables in Village and at Silver Granite area | Seemingly ducts put underground but ducting never took place. Can SDCC confirm? | 17/1/2020 - There were ducts installed for ESBN in Palmerstown Village in the late 1990's as part of the Village Scheme taking place at that time. Several attempts have been made by both ESBN and SDCC to locate the ducts since that time, to no avail. The Council is not aware of any ducts installed at the Silver Granite. Roads Department |
| 11. Finger pointing signage | Palmerstown TT would like this to be followed through in Palmerstown area, like the signage in Tallaght Village | 17/1/2020 - Tallaght Wayfinding Signage was provided as element of Village Initiative in 2015. The County Town was chosen to pilot the project and was the first area in South Dublin County to experience the introduction of the wayfinding signage and panels. The Council is currently preparing a County-wide signage strategy, and as part of this process will identify capital works to be delivered. Given this process, it is considered premature to provide "bespoke" wayfinding signage for any one area. The issue can be revisited when the signage strategy is complete. Roads Department |
| 12. New Litter Bins - Litter Bins need replacing - Pilot Scheme in SDCC - Can Palmerstown be the Pilot? | Palmerstown do not get the opportunity to Pilot - can this happen in this case | 3/12/2021 - The trial of solar powered bins was carried out in the Rathfarnham area as agreed at the Environment, Public Realm and Climate change SPC in 2019. Public Realm. |
| 13. Tree Pits on Kennelsfort Rd | Need ongoing maintenance - have not been maintained | 3/12/2021 - Tree pit maintenance was carried out and is ongoing. Public Realm. |
| 14. Waterstown Park | Parks information Boards - can these be upgraded? | 3/12/2021 -These were upgraded in Summer 2021. Public Realm. |
| 15. Green Spaces & Landscaping - Item 12. Plan Native Tree Trail | Waterstown Park | 3/12/2021 - Native tree trail was planted by Public Realm in Waterstown Park in 2020 & signs erected in 2021. Public Realm.  |
| 16. Green Spaces & Landscaping - Item 13. Plant more shrubs at tree surgeon depot fencing; | Shaw tree Services R148 | 3/12/2021 - There is an existing beech hedge at this location which was replanted circa 2016. This will be gapped up in Spring 2022 where failures have occurred. Public Realm. |