# Part 8 for Proposed Works at Lucan Demesne and Lucan Promenade

**Submissions** 

**Observations report** 

The plan for the demesne and promenade overall seem positive. However there needs to be an expansion of parking access to the demesne opposite mc Donald's. The small amount of parking there is often taken up by commuters and it leaves no spaces for people who want to walk in the demesne or kayak etc. there is no parking anywhere else close and there is unused scrub land inside the wall near the outflow from the culvert that could be used. The council needs to be realistic about

Location

Lucan demesne

SD-C216-2	Proinsias Mac Fhlannchadha

Author

Adam Shannon

#### **Title: More spaces**

#### Theme: Cycling

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SD-C216-1

Observation

car use.

Title: Lucan demesne

It doesn't appear clear if there are any cycle stands included as part of this works. A greater number and mix of cycle spaces needs to be incorporated. The bike parking should be designed to cater to those who cycle as a mobility aid, as well as those with non-standard cycles such as trikes, tandems, recumbents, and handcycles. It should also cater to those who use cargo bikes, trailers, tag-a-longs, and child seats. A mix of parking rack sizes can also cater to children's bikes.

SD-C216-2

Proinsias Mac Fhlannchadha

#### **Title: Public Realm improvements**

#### **Theme: Public Realm Improvements**

SDCC should consider as part of this plan that;

1. New bins included in this space should be high volume compactor bins with both general and recyclable bins

		No

Map Attached

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- 2. There is no provision for a water fountain for public use. This should be considered by SDCC
- 3. Consideration should be given for a teqball table to encourage engagement with the area post-completion.
- 4. A number of Pollinator/ wildflower planting beds should be incorporated into the landscaping scheme for the plan

SD-C216-5

Robin Adamson

Lucan

No

#### Title:

#### **Theme: Public Realm Improvements**

There is no pedestrian crossing going west after that at AIB in the village. This is a busy road with walkers, many elderly, going to and from the Demesne. Perhaps consideration could be given to providing a crossing at the new entrance, or preferably at the Tandy's Lane junction, which would also convenience pedestrians from the Dodsborough direction accessing bus stops etc.

It is hoped that the first taxi rank parking spot, alongside the village green, will be removed to allow free access to the right lane at the traffic lights. This is a constant source of unnecessary traffic hold-ups at busy times of the day.

SD-C216-6

David Keane

No

## Title: Possible better use of funds - new pedestrian bridge in Demesne & amp; improvements to existing bridge

#### **Theme: Public Realm Improvements**

Rather than removing car parking spaces etc. I think a new pedestrian bridge to cross the river in the demesne near the main lucan entrance would be a better use of funds.

This would allow a circular walking route through the forested area on the north side of the river and back via the bridge further west (or vice versa).

In addition to this, safety improvements to the pedestrian bridge in the west near the waste water works for the following:

- 1. The railings on this bridge are too low and do not look / appear to be very secure
- 2. The railings are filled with mesh wire which is unsafe and is a possible cause of snagging on hands / clothes etc.

SD-C216-6

David Keane

**Title: Demesne parking** 

#### Theme: carparking

I welcome public space improvements here but not at the costs of reducing parking spaces in the area, there should be no net loss of car parking spaces to Demesne users as a consequence of the works.

SD-C216-7

Eamon Brennan

Part 8 for Proposed Works at Lucan Demesne and Lucan Promenade No

No

#### Title: Quality of materials

#### Theme: Public Realm Improvements

In order to minimise casual vandalsim I suggest that the use of gravel be strictly limited or eliminated. This material is commonly thrown about by children & teenagers causing problems and reducing the efficacy of the design. In addition, without the use of quality natural materials (like granite and lime stones) for/on the streetscapes and floorscapes these projects will not succeed in providing a quality environment. Far tooo much concrete and tarmacadam has been used throughout the village and the use of such low grade materials inevitably results in a poor quality environment that is prone to damage and looks shoddy.

SD-C216-10 Gerry McAndrew

Lucan Demesne Car Park

No

#### Title: Requirement for car parking spaces

#### Theme: carparking

In relation to the proposed improvements to the entrance to Lucan Demesne, I agree with these proposed works but the proposed alternative parking arrangements are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the park users.

I would propose the following:

- the area across from the current entrance to the demesne where the Welcome to Lucan stone is located should be left as is. This area is too small for parking and it is much too dangerous to have cars attempting to park right on the corner. These Welcome stones are a very nice feature of the village and define its area. This area is marked in blue in the attached.
- the area on the other side of the N4 behind the existing bus stop should be developed into a proper car park. If the existing stream was piped under ground, this area would easily accomodate between 25 and 40 parking spaces. This would provide safer access of the road and would provide for expanded use of the park. With the continued growth of Adamstown, more parking spaces are needed and not less. This area is marked in Red in the attached.

#### Attachments (1)

lucan demesne.docx

SD-C216-12 Main Street Clinic

No

#### Title: Misleading Information

#### Theme: carparking

SDCC have included the 23 Spaces in Lucan Demense, which is at least a10 minute walk from the centre of village, as available car parking for local residents planning to access the Village. . Car parking this distance from the Village centre is only suiteable for fit healthy adults. It is most likely that few if any body would park in the Demense on a regular basis to access the Village centre. These car spaces are suprisingly included in SDCC calculations of available car parking for Lucan Village. These available spaces are going to be reduced to 12 for local residents and Destination town tourists which makes no sense as SDCC on the one hand seem to be promting tourism and on the other hand are impairing access to local amenities by substantially reducing availble parking. The planned car park will be moved to the other side of the road at a busy intersection thereby creating a significant Health and safety hazard as people attempt to cross this road to access the Demense. The Current car park is a much safer location particularly for children.

SDCC have a policy of not using Council land for new car parking. This has been stated by Director of Planning Mick Mulhern as a reason for not providing adequate parking in the Centre of Lucan. How then can the Council do an about face of it's policy in Lucan Demense. ?I object to the relocation of

Lucan Demense Car Parking for Health and Safety reasons and because the planned number of spaces being provided are inadequate for Local residents and for Tourists. The latter reason for the objection raises the question is SDCC really serious about promoting Lucan as a destination Town.

SD-C216-17

Catherine O Donnell

Lucan Demesne Lucan Co Dublin No

#### Title: Lucan Demesne Removal of Car Park

#### Theme: carparking

#### **Removal of Car Park LucanDemesne**

I object to the removal of the car park at the entrance to the Demesne.

As a regular walker in the Demesne and user of the car park I cannot understand the logic in moving the car park across the road and forcing visitors to the Demesne to negotiate a road that is on a dangerous bend, has four junctions in quick succession (*i.e.* entrance and exit to garage/McDonalds, entrance to the Demesne carpark, which will still be available to vans, and entrance from Leixlip Road to the R835 where traffic turns left and right). Add the proposed controlled crossing and cars entering and exiting the proposed new car park to the mix and the chaos that will ensue is difficult to imagine.

The present car park is a safe space to park and enter the Demesne with ease. Regular users of the Demesne like myself appreciate this. We see parents taking children, dogs, small bikes, footballs etc out of cars and heading into the Demesne with ease. Imagine the impossible task of getting all of the above out of a car in a carpark on a dangerous corner of a busy road and then trying to get children, pets etc across the road. Why would planners ever think this was preferable for the users of the Demesne.

Those using kayaks can often be seen taking their kayaks from roof racks, or returning them and using the area beside their cars to change out of wetsuits and dry themselves. This is perfectly acceptable in a car park right beside the Demesne. People changing out of wet clothes and drying themselves beside their cars may get a different reception when they are doing so beside a restaurant and a takeaway.

Why would anyone would want to linger in the hard scaped seating area proposed to replace our car park. The view would be of a garage, a McDonalds, a restaurant and the proposed new car park. As stated at page 12 of the report by DHB Architects "Noise from the adjacent N4 is a predominant presence". It is hard to imagine people remaining in such an environment when they have the beauty of the Demesne beside them?

St Catherine's Park, looked after by Fingal County Council provides car parking within the park to facilitate those who want to visit. The same is true of Castletown House which is in the hands of OPW. Even Carton House Hotel allows walkers to park in the hotel grounds. Why when we are lucky enough to have that natural space for parking at the entrance to the Demesne, would the council consider taking it from us, leaving tourists and those who live in Lucan with little option but to visit

other parks instead of the Demesne, where their safety is considered a priority.

SD-C216-18

Matthew Hayes

Lucan

No

Title:

#### Theme: carparking

i fully object to the removal of parking spaces.

Parking spaces should increase by any means such as underground parking or a multistory carpark.

We have a tiny amount of parking as it is and you are proposing to get rid of it. Do you want people to illegally park because thats exactly what happens when you dont provide ample parking.

No to the removal of parking.

Maybe rezone land nearby such as the petrol station beside mcdonalds and use that for carparking? we have plenty of petrol stations around,

SD-C216-19

Fionnuala O'Brien

Lucan

No

#### Title: Lucan demesne

#### Theme: Village Enhancement

A far better idea is to re-instate the wall at Italian embassy near entrance to demesne.

SD-C216-19

Fionnuala O'Brien

Lucan

#### **Title: Lucan Village**

#### Theme: carparking

Leave parking as is. Short stays allows more movement so business can be conducted.

SD-C216-19

Fionnuala O'Brien

Lucan

No

#### Title: Cycling

#### Theme: Cycling

Need to keep the village vibe. No need for cycle lanes. I cannot remember when I last saw a cyclist riding through the village. Not required.

SD-C216-19

Fionnuala O'Brien

Lucan

No

#### **Title: Lucan Village**

#### Theme: Traffic

The traffic regulates itself. No requirement to make one way system that would have drivers/cars going around the world and spending longer in cars and wasting fuel/energy.

SD-C216-20

Dominika Szarzankiewicz

Lucan Demesne and Lucan Promenade No

#### Title: Works at Lucan Demesne and Lucan Promenade

#### Theme: carparking

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in Wild Water Kayak Club's objections to your plans for the above works. Our reasons for objecting are outlined below;

-Every Saturday and Sunday there is extreme demand for carparking in this area. There are not enough spaces. Cars que from the entrance and wait for people to leave, and many people turn away. They also park in inappropriate places like on the kerbs of adjacent roads, partially blocking roads and blocking paths. Has there been any records of the number of empty spaces or demand for spaces in this carpark at the weekends? Can ye go to this carpark on a Saturday and Sunday and see the demand for spaces for yourselfs? If you have already done this, it's hard to imagine you would think it a good idea to reduce the number of spaces. I realise you are planning to develop other carpark spaces across the road, but this number is greatly reduced, and some of the few spaces that will be provided will be earmarked for disabled and elderly use only. Meaning less spaces again for kayakers (we do not have a problem with spaces for disabled/elderly, the problem is with lack of spaces for everybody else!).

-Currently we use this carpark for club trips, where we bring out boats to the Lucan carpark, to get on the Liffey and kayak down to our club house at Chapelizod. In order to do this we need to leave between 5 or 8 cars at the carpark (carrying up to 30 boats, for 30 people on trip. We do carpool). This is difficult enough at present, and will be practically impossible if plans to reduce spaces go ahead. **It is not possible for us to walk/cycle/or bus it** to the carpark with our boats and gear. We are active people using the green spaces and facilities provided, as encouraged by South Dublin County Council, but in this instance it seems no thought has been given towards us. It seems daft that a few years ago the section of river here was developed with slalom gates for kayakers, and now kayakers will be effectively prevented from using it (I realise that is not the intention, but it will be the result).

-For individual club members that do manage to get a carpark space and use the area, they will now have to off load their boat from there car adjacent a busy road/footpath area (for some of the parking along the road). They will then have to carry about 30kg of boat and gear further than before (which is very difficult, you can contact us if you want to give it a go), including along narrow paths along live roads, and a road crossing. With the boat on your shoulder (how it is carried), you can not see to which ever side you are carrying your boat. You need to swing over 90deg to see, and with 8foot+boats, this will mean risking taking other pedestrians out of it, to look before crossing the main road. Even standing at at push button unit to cross road will involve the boat protruding out onto the road. It is much more dangerous than the current situation, where boats are carried within a park, not along and across a live road.

-I think there was mention of kayak drop off area in consultation with business owner's plan, but anybody who drops there boats off, still need to park, and the boats and gear could easily and will likely be stolen by the time they change and get back to their boat (if they get parking, which is unlikely). Worst case scenario, inexperienced people will take the boat out on the water and get into difficulty.

-I believe there are also discussion about developing an area for a kayak club down near the river adjacent the park? If this is to include parking or facilities to solve the above issue, will it be available for all kayakers to use, or just the members of the club that currently use this area?

We would welcome a meeting to discuss these issues, and hope you take them into account before making your final decision,

On behalf of Wild Water Kayak Club

SD-C216-21

Lucan Tidy Towns

Weir Promenade and Lucan Demesne

No

#### Title: The Weir Promenade and The Demesne

Theme: Village Enhancement

#### The Weir Promenade:

In general, we favour the plan. What we would really like to see happen here is as follows:

We strongly request the repainting of Lucan bridge. Over 200 years old, this is the longest single span bridge in Ireland. This has not been mentioned as part of the plan. It would be a serious lost opportunity if the bridge were not repainted and the wire mesh replaced, alongside the other enhancements to the weir.

We approve of the replacement of the existing narrow and frequently hazardous steps up to the Liffey bridge.

Watery Lane – surface and drainage need attention.

All of the railings down Watery Lane and alongside ramp need to be replaced.

Any replanting of green spaces should consist of native planting, pollinator friendly plants and wildflowers.

The invasive Himalayan balsam plants growing in the river Liffey need to be appropriately eradicated.

Ensure that suitable seating and bins are provided.

#### The Demesne:

We are submitting our response to this section of the proposed development of The Demesne. It is unclear whether submissions are still being accepted by SDCC. If it is the case that this particular submission is not in time, then we want to express our disappointment that limited consultation and advertising of the proposal did not occur.

We question the relocation of parking at the open green space opposite the existing entrance to the demesne. This will result in the destruction of all flowerbeds and shrubbery here. These have been developed and maintained by Lucan Tidy Towns over the years. Similarly, it would appear that the existing raised flowerbed at the entrance to the demesne, also maintained by Lucan Tidy Towns, will disappear.

We would be disappointed to lose both flower beds and the green area as these feature in our Tidy Towns programme and we have worked on them over many years. They are part of our chain of small green biodiversity corridors which we have developed around the village over the years. SD-C216-22 Louise Higgins

#### Title:

#### **Theme: Village Enhancement**

While it is great to see the plans for enhancing Lucan village including the Lucan Demesne and Promenade; and establishing Lucan as a tourist destination town, it would seem the plans are all overlooking one of Lucan's potential yet hidden assets. The grounds of the Italian embassy are centrally located within Lucan village and have substantial parkland which connects St Catherine's park and Lucan Demesne, both of which are used extensively by those who live in Lucan and beyond. Furthermore the grounds of the embassy include the remains of buildings of real historical significance e.g., first church and graveyard in Lucan, remains of the old spa. Unfortunately these are not accessible to the public including the people of Lucan to visit, or to historical groups by appointment. Having access to these buildings and part of this parkland would create a wonderful amenity for the people of Lucan and would allow them to access the important history of Lucan; while establishing Lucan as a worthy tourist destination. I wonder has access to this space ever been explored or considered by the SDCC and or the the office of public works (OPW). It would appear a lost opportunity to not conisder how this could be part of the plan for Lucan.

SD-C216-24 Victoria Fradgley

Lucan

No

#### Title: Objection

#### Theme: Village Enhancement

I object to the relocation of Lucan Demense Car Parking. The numbers provided are already inadequate so reducing the number will make the village impossible to park in when using the amenities for locals.

I also object to the destruction of flowerbeds and shrubbery. Lucan Tidy Towns have maintained and taken care of these over many years and they make the village a lovely space.

Michael Boyle

#### Title: More Parking Required

#### Theme: carparking

Dear Sir/Madame,

I object to the Part 8 Proposed Works at Lucan Demense and Lucan Promenade.

I am opposed to the loss of any car parking at the Demense entrance. This will reduce accessibility for people to visit the park.

I would like to support the position of Lucan Tidy Towns in preserving the flower beds and green area where the proposed smaller car park is to be located.

I trust my concerns and objections will be taken into consideration and the proposal refused.

SD-C216-26

John Smith

Lucan Demesne Carpark

No

#### Title: Objection to relocation of parking

#### Theme: carparking

I object to the relocation of Lucan Demense Car Parking for Health and Safety reasons as it will clearly be less safe and less convenient for families with kids, for the physically vulnerable and for the elderly as they will now be required to cross a very busy road in order to access the amenity.

I also object because as far as I can see the number of parking spaces being provided is being reduced from 23 to 12 spaces and this is inadequate for Local residents and for Tourists, especially those hoping to go kayaking. If the status of Faillte Ireland desination town has the desired effect and visitor numbers grow significantly, the Demesne can expect more visitors arriving by all means of transport, not just from cyclists and walkers. Surely an increase in parking would make more sense, not a substantial reduction in a location further from the amenity itself. This is clearly a measure that favours the young and the healthy but discrimates against the elderly and the physically vulnerable.

I also object on the grounds that this will result in the destruction of flowerbeds and shrubbery, which have been developed and maintained by Lucan Tidy Towns over many years.

SD-C216-27

Karen Trimble

Lucan

Title:

#### Theme: carparking

I object to the relocation of lucan Demense car parking for health & safety reasons & because the planned number of spaces being provided are inadequate for local residents & tourists. I also object on the grounds that this will result in the destruction of all flowerbeds & shrubbery, which have been developed & maintained by Lucan tidy towns over many years.

SD-C216-28 Sinéad Murphy

No

#### Title: Support for proposed works at Lucan weir and Lucan demesne

#### **Theme: Public Realm Improvements**

I am writing to let you know of my support for the SDCC proposals in Lucan village, currently at public consultation. I feel that I am part of a large silent group and want to ensure that you hear my voice.

Lucan is a beautiful and historic village. But it has been completely car dominated for years. I think these proposals greatly enhance the public realm at both the Lucan demesne entrance and the Lucan weir and will link in nicely with proposals in the village. Government policy says that pedestrians and cyclists are at the top of the transport users hierarchy and that public space should be reallocated for the public. Much improvement is required in this regard. I live near the village and the entrance to the demesne, I use this entrance and the park regularly. I am reasonably fit and healthy and should be able to conduct all my business in and around the village by foot or bicycle. However Lucan is not a great place for pedestrians - space is limited, many of the footpaths needs resurfacing, there's limited space to sit etc. Lucan is a hostile place for bikes – lane widths are very tight. I don't feel safe and there is limited places to lock up my bike. The links between the demesne entrance, the village and Lucan weir with the rest of Lucan are very important to the success of this project.

Loss of parking does not mean loss of jobs. There are numerous economic studies on the boost that comes following improvements in public realm and the encouragement of more pedestrians and people on bicycles, such as Transport for London study, City of Copenhagen link between spending and transport mode etc. Closer to home, a study has been done on the boost following recent works in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. Cork City has had a boost from recent public realm work although I'm not aware of any study published on this yet. The status quo cannot be maintained and a shift in transport mode is inevitable. Those that are well informed and prepared will be in the best position to take of advantage of the opportunities that this change will bring. Given the distance from the village centre to the demesne entrance, I suggest some consideration of some food/drinks unit of an appropriate size and scale at this location.

Both of these proposals are in public space. Everyone, especially SDCC, should remember that when considering decisions about these areas. Public space is precious and it should be used wisely and for everyone's benefit.

I welcome your proposals for the demesne entrance. The finish on the previously constructed walls, and the various repairs, the ugly yellow gates, the car park surface finish would not be tolerated in many other parts of this city. I sense that your proposals for this area understands that Lucan deserves better for the entrance to a beautiful community park. I note the reduction in parking and

understand that you are maintaining disabled access parking. I believe you should consider age friendly parking for some of the remainder. Serious consideration should be given to improving pedestrian and cycle access to this park from its catchment area and lots of bike parking at the entrance. Perhaps bike parking should be a focal point at the entrance and would make quite a statement. I note cycling in the park on the SDCC side is not permitted but is permitted on Fingal County Council side. Many children from the Lucan side go to training in St. Catherine's Park during Summer hours. It would be great to see them cycling through here legally, rather than being discouraged by a Park Ranger or worse still getting a lift in a car the 3.3km roundtrip. If SDCC is serious about active travel, this policy could be changed. I note also the long awaited repair of the boundary wall of the Italian embassy which presumably revolves around cost. This is wonderful opportunity to consider access or indeed purchase of the property to complete a loop walk right back down into Lucan village through what is now Italian embassy ground. Please also ensure that the original stone in used in this wall and that all works proposed in the demesne entrance compliments this original stone.

I welcome your proposals for Lucan weir. I strongly recommend that the beautiful Lucan bridge and its view from all angles is protected. Many photos have been taken here and hopefully plenty more in the future. The lane through which I normally access the Lucan weir is in need of some attention to become more aesthetic and secure.

I recommend the inclusion of sustainable drainage/green infrastructure in your proposals, which will soften the look and will further the objectives of SDCC's climate action plan.

People in Lucan are being encouraged to sign objections to the proposals in Lucan village without any encouragement to read the SDCC planning documentation and forming their own opinions. This is particularly disappointing in the case of vulnerable adults. I strongly encourage SDCC to pay particular attention to this in future engagement in Lucan or elsewhere in the county.

We are all aware that we are in a climate crisis. Young people are incensed at the lack of action on climate change. Government policy says that walking and cycling should be encouraged and prioritized as these modes of transport produce the least carbon. We all know from the information coming from health professionals that we could all do with more exercise for both our physical and mental well-being. We have all the strategies, policy documents, legislation that we need. Here is another project for Lucan that will greatly enhance the public realm in these two areas, will encourage more people to walk and cycle to these places with all the benefits that come with that and will open up both areas for greater community engagement. Change is never easy and brave decisions need to be made by the community, by elected representatives and by council officials.

I want my children to grow up in an environment where public space is theirs, where walking and cycling is the norm, where it is safe, where it is respected and most importantly where it is the most attractive option when choosing their mode of transport.

I strongly encourage you to hear my voice and that of my children and approve this planning permission.

Yours sincerely

Sinéad Murphy

Ardeevin Drive

SD-C216-29 Power & Smullen Wine Merchants Ltd

Lucan Demesne

No

#### Title: DEMESNE

#### Theme: carparking

To Whom it may concern

I wish to object to the plan to "enhance" the Desmene entrance on the basis that the new plans will actually restrict access to users or visitors alike despite claims by South Dublin Council that it would improve Lucan as a "destination" town and for local recreational use. Without parking and given the "remote" location of this entrance to Lucan residents combined with the challenging landscape including steep hills and climbs and an ageing population: 2km from Beech Park 25 minute walk (50 min return) ,2.2km from Chalet Gardens / 30 minutes walk (1 hour return), from Sarsfield 1.3kmresidents 20 minutes (40 minutes) walk and in the absence of any local public transport policy to facilitate "return access" to Lucan residents and other visitors from outside Lucan, the proposal as presented by South Dublin County Council will fail to deliver its indended objectives.

SD-C216-29

Power & Smullen Wine Merchants Ltd Lucan Demesne

No

#### Title: LUCAN PROMENADE

#### **Theme: Walking**

I object to any change proposed as part of the development of the Lucan Promenade. The Promenade as it stands answers to local needs and provides a safe environment to visit on foot. Adequate lighting and signage is what is needed not a new space. Any further development with the view to create a trading space, as suggested, will further drain local income away from the main street and the village centre.

SD-C216-30

Linda Balfe

Title: Submissions regarding the development of the Demesne

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#### Theme: carparking

I object to the relocation of Lucan Demense Car Parking for Health and Safety reasons and because the planned number of spaces being provided are inadequate for Local residents and for Tourists .

I also object on the grounds that this will result in the destruction of all flowerbeds and shrubbery here, which have been developed and maintained by Lucan Tidy Towns over many years.

SD-C216-31

Breda Eiffe

lucan village

No

#### **Title: Paving**

#### Theme: Village Enhancement

I don't agree with removal historic wall. By removing the walls around the park it will loose its character.

I don't agree with paving in the park. Its too much paving and not leaving enough green space.

I agree with removing the pergola but not replacing it with a metal frame.

SD-C216-32

John McDermott

Lucan Village

No

Title:

#### **Theme: Traffic**

The proposed change to parking will effect access to medical facilities and local business. I am dependent on being able to access the local surgery and chemist and any decrease in parking will greatly impact me and many others like me. I note the parking survey was carried out during a pandemic when demand for parking was at its lowest.

2.	That the design of the	steps does not imp	pede views of the bridge

**Title: Lucan Promenade Eastern end** 

**Theme: Public Realm Improvements** 

3. That the surface of the steps avoids the slippy slimy build up of the western access through choice of the safest materials and regular maintenance

SD-C216-34

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Adrienne Sullivan

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I am in favour of the finishing off of the Weir area but have three concerns:

1. That the design of the steps complements the bridge as a heritage feature

**Title: Safety on Western Access Watery Lane** 

**Theme: Public Realm Improvements** 

Watery Lane

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No

#### Title: Lucan Demesne Parking/ Accessibility

#### **Theme: Public Realm Improvements**

I object to the reduction in parking at the Demesne entrance without sufficient replacement parking and arrangements for the watersports clubs. There are many individuals and families who use the park but have to travel to access the facilities. The overall plans for Lucan fail to take account of the hills that have to be negotiated by families with small children and the less mobile on the way home Page 17 of 36

Watery Lane

The surface on Watery Lane from the apartments to the steps is extremely slippy. There is a handrail but even with the handrail and lace up boots, my feet have gone from under me due to the slimy build

up underfoot. I now walk along the middle of the lane, away from the handrail. **SDCC should** address this as part of the improvement plan as someone is bound to have a bad fall there.

No

from the Destination Town. Furthermore, the reduction in parking will lead to parking and obstruction for residents in the adjoining estates of Ardeevin, Ardeen and the old Tandy's Lane.

SD-C216-34

Adrienne Sullivan

Watery Lane

No

#### **Title: Lucan Demesne Entrance Improvements Planting**

#### **Theme: Public Realm Improvements**

I object to the proposed removal of the planting by the Tidy Towns group without consultation. This group has been working on a voluntary basis for years to improve the appearance of our village and have just achieved a hard won bronze medal for their endeavours. I often see them quietly working away on our behalf in all types of weather. SDCC should be applauding them instead of undoing their work.

SD-C216-35

Donnchadha O'Connell

Lucan Village

No

#### Title: Lucan Demense Car Parking

#### Theme: carparking

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I also object on the grounds that this will result in the destruction of all flowerbeds and shrubbery here, which have been developed and maintained by Lucan Tidy Towns over many years.

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Alan Bryce

Lucan Demesne car park and entrance

#### Title: access for river users

#### Theme: carparking

To whom it may concern,

I object to the plans for the Lucan Demense car park as it will hughly impact the ability of river user to access the canoe slalom course.

Canoes and kayaks are over 2 meters long and typically weigh 30kg, they cannot be brought on a bus or a bike and can only be transported by car. Removing the already insufficient ammount of car park spaces will prevent river users having reasonable access to the canoe course, which should be noted was built by the council for canoeists. The larger upper car park is too far a distance for kayaker to walk with their heavy boats.

SD-C216-38

Alan Bryce

Lucan Demesne car park and entrance

No

#### Title: access to river users

#### Theme: carparking

I note the plans include a setdown area, but fail to see how this is helpful - after the canoe is unloaded from the car, we must then drive around Lucan looking for a parking space, then to return to find the canoe has probably been stolen (highly likely based on the number of cars broken into in that carpark) or risk been used by a child unsupervised.

SD-C216-38

Alan Bryce

Lucan Demesne car park and entrance

No

#### Title: access for river users

#### Theme: carparking

The plans for the small car park across the road from the demense entrance would mean, if a kayaker was lucky enough to actually find a spot there, would have to cross a busy road carrying a long,

heavy kayak - not safe.

Or looking for parking elsewhere in the village, we would then carry the long heavy kayak along the narrow footpaths of the busy Leixlip road, risking the passing traffic and other pedestrians.

SD-C216-38

Alan Bryce

Lucan Demesne car park and entrance

No

#### Title: opportunity to develop Lucan Demesne for river users

#### **Theme: Public Realm Improvements**

There is an opportunity to better develop the facilities for river users intead of taking away the bear minimum of parking.

-Add changing rooms / showers, similar to waterways Ireland facilities through out the country.

- add proper river access points / slip ways / ramps / steps

-develop a blueway along the liffey - potential to include Leixlip village / Lucan Demesne / Lucan Village / Shakeltons mill / Waterstown Park.

-clean all the years of rubish, dumping, fallen trees and other hazards from the river along Lucan Demense.

SD-C216-39

**Ricardo Albrecht** 

Part 8 for Proposed Works at Lucan Demesne and Lucan Promenade No

#### Title: Part 8 for Proposed Works at Lucan Demesne and Lucan Promenade

#### Theme: carparking

The new proposal will reduce significantly the carpark that the all paddling people use to get to sluice in Lucan. It would have several impact on the health and safety of the paddlers, as they will need to care the boat crossing streets in Lucan.

Clayton Neal

Sluice car park lucan

No

#### Title: Sluice car park for kayakers

#### Theme: carparking

#### Dear Council

I would like to bring to your attention that the proposed changes to car parking in Lucan as part of this proposed development will severely impact the kayaking sports people who are regularly kayaking at the sluice in Lucan. This will impact:

- freestyle kayakers
- slalom kayakers
- creek kayakers
- open boat canoeing
- kayaking clubs
- kayaking training

the impact is because of the proposed plans to change the car parking. Car parking is necessary for kayakers to set down their boats, get changed, prepare their equipment. The car park is used by kayaking clubs as well as individuals. Without it and with limited parking as an alternative the sport will surely be impacted and will die a slow death in the area. This depriving the local kayakers and kayaking clubs of the amenities they need to operate there.

kind regards

SD-C216-41

Lorraine Leonard

Sluice Car park

No

Title: car Park

#### Theme: carparking

O feel little thought given to access for kayakers & users of the amenity none as Sluice. Need carpark close by as boats gear to carry

SD-C216-43

Linda Forth

Philip Wall

Title: Car Parking and access for River Users

Car Parking for Park users

SD-C216-43 Linda Forth

#### **Title: Main street**

#### Theme: Traffic

SD-C216-42

Theme: carparking

difficult for them to do so.

Not sure the two way system is going to work, just to cause more traffic and delays through the village. Its evident there needs to be another bridge crossing over the liffey, putting in plazas is lovely on paper but not practical in reality. I suggest all the planners of this plan actually go through this village throughout different days and see it themselves.

As a kayaker and frequent user of the car park at Catherine's park in the village, I object to the current proposals to redevelop this area. Every weekend there is a big demand for spaces with cars often queing to gain entry to the car park. We need to drive here to off-load our kayaks as they are heavy and cannot be carried long distances. Having a car park accross the road with reduced spaces isn't viable or safe for us to carry a boat across to the new area. We cannot leave our boats there either whilst parking in case they are stolen or someone decides to dangerously take them on the river without the proper training. It is not possible to use public transport with all our safety equipment and gear. The sluice section was developed as a slalom area for olympic team members (who have recently gained medals and wins in the Olympics) to practice and train. Limiting access to this area would greatly affect them as the only other area possible for this is in Clonmel. Surely a more optimal plan can be envisaged to help more people enjoy the river and park facilities without making it more

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No

Title:

#### **Theme: Walking**

Maybe focus planning on opening a walkway along the river into town with boardwalk etc. As there is nothing away from the village that joins the demise and river liffey either side, it's a beautiful area and not being used to it's full advantage

SD-C216-43 Linda Forth

Title:

#### Theme: Village Enhancement

You are taking away footfall from shops, not enhancing it with more concrete how many trees are going to be culled and hedgerows doing nothing for the environment with this plan

SD-C216-43 Linda Forth

#### Title: Opposite McDonald's Clane Rd

#### Theme: carparking

This is a terrible plan, the carpark is well used by all. As a kayaker, reducing the number of parking spaces is detrimental for all to use the facilities. I have equipment that I need to carry on a car. I'm also aware only 1 disabled spot which is not clearly defined is also bad. There is so much potential for more space if you planned it correctly. Alot more people use this great facility and travel to it by car reducing no of spaces will lead to car parking in residential estates..ie you're just moving issue instead of planning correctly

Maria Cole

No

#### Title: Car parking/river access

#### Theme: carparking

I wish to object to the plans for lucan Demesne.

The car park already has an insufficient number of 'official' car parking spaces for park users.

The sluice rapids are where a significant number of ireland national slalom team train, and hold regular competitions. Local and national kayak clubs avail of the sluice facility on the river, for skills, and river rescue training. The only mode of transport for the necessary boats, and equipment is by car. It is not an option to drop valuable equipment at the riverside, and leave it unattended, while an individual drives around in search of somewhere to park their car!

SD-C216-46

William Brazil

Lucan Demesne

No

#### **Title: Parking and river access**

#### Theme: carparking

The weir at Lucan Demesne is an essential training location for many of Ireland's top kayaking and canoeing athletes. These athletes require car parking to unload their boats and equipment in proximity to the sluice weir. The removal of current parking ( which may already be considered inadequate) would be of serious detriment to the kayaking community. Furthermore, the proposed solution has the potential to create road safety issues, given the potential need to cross a busy road with heavy and large equipment. Based on these concerns I note my objection to this scheme.

SD-C216-47

Gina Kelly

Entrance to Lucan Demesne at Sluice car park No

#### Title: Access for river users

#### Theme: carparking

This is one of the few public access points to the River Liffey for kayaking and hosts a small whitewater course which is very popular with kayakers for training across a number of disciplines.

This is a central point in Dublin for this sport. A kayak on average weighs 20kgs and is over 2m long so public transport along with equipment is not an option. At the weekends, it is common for at least half of the parking in the current car park to host a variety of kayak clubs, individual water users and groups being introduced to the sport and the proposal to remove this without alternative arrangements would be detrimental to the development of this activity in Ireland. Any proposed drop off point for kayaks would contribute to traffic issues in the area as alternative parking would need to be found elsewhere, with equipment being left unattended and potentially stolen.

SD-C216-48

Eoghan Dunlea

Lucan Demesne

No

#### **Title: Demesne Park Entrance proposal**

#### Theme: carparking

My major concern regarding the proposed works on the Lucan Demesne is the impact it will have on kayakers using the facility. The Weir in Lucan Demesne park is known as "The Sluice" by kayakers and is a very popular feature. It provides an excellent training ground for all levels of kayakers including freestyle kayakers and the national kayak slalom team (which includes Olympic athletes). The feature at the Weir was modified by canoeing Ireland some years ago to improve it for kayakers. On any given weekend it is used by large numbers of kayakers. It's difficult to estimate numbers but I would suspect as many as 50 or more kayakers use it on a daily basis over the weekend. There is really very little other places for kayakers which are as good- making it the most popular/most used site certainly in the Dublin region and probably in Leinster. The current car park is only just about big enough to meet demand at present. I note in the proposed works that there is basically very little/no provision for car parking. Having a car park for kayaking activities is very important as it is not possible to travel with your kayak and gear any other way. Therefore, without adequate provision of car parking, this site will not be usable by kayakers. I hope you will consider the massive impact this would have on kayakers and plan for alternative arrangements for car parking that is feasible.

SD-C216-49

Aoifanna Phibbs

Sluice car park

No

#### Title: Car park is essential

#### Theme: carparking

It is essential that this car park remains. Both my kids kayak on the sluice weekly and I enjoy the walk. Without this car park it would be extremely dangerous pushing people to illegally and dangerously park. Taking this from people especially children is a stroke to far and nothing positive

can be gained from it. Extremely disappointing from SDCC to even consider this

SD-C216-50	Rockhoppers kayaking Club	"Sluice" car park at the
		river in Lucan

## No

## Title: We oppose reducing the number of car park spaces at "Sluice" car park in Lucan

#### Observation

We oppose reducing the number of car park spaces at "Sluice" car park in Lucan We are a prominent kayaking club in Dublin County (Kayaking is a very popular sport here). We strongly oppose this idea. There are already problems with parking there and a Kayaker has 30+ kg of equipment often. Any time a safety and rescue training happens, there is already often nowhere to park.

SD-C216-51

Jakub Madzelewski

"Sluice" car park at the river in Lucan

No

## Title: I oppose reducing the amount of the car parking spaces in the "Sluice" car park in Lucan.

#### Observation

I strongly oppose reducing the amount of the car parking spaces at the "Sluice" car park in Lucan. There is already too little spaces there for the amount of users. The planned new car park doesn't suffice. As a Kayaker and an athlete, I need to carry up to 30kg of gear. Kayaking is a very popular sport in Ireland and a lot of people do their training there. The new car park is way too far from the park. This is good for no one. Please cancel this plan.

#### Title: Access to river for paddlers

#### Theme: carparking

To whom it may concern,

I object to the reduction of number of car park spaces at Lucan demesne since it will make it more difficult to safely access the river for paddling. There are very few spaces available at the moment as it is. The proposed plan may include building parking spaces but its neither safe nor easy to carry a 30kg kayak and walk across the roads to get to the river. You may argue we can unload kayaks and then go and find a space elsewhere to park but there is also the risk of boats and gears being stolen if left unattended. The proposed plan need to be refined in a way that takes into account the river users too since Sluice is one of the few places at our door step that we can practice without traveling too far outside Dublin city.

SD-C216-53 jim kennedy

#### **Title: Carparking for Kayakers**

#### Theme: carparking

The salom course in St. Catherines park is the only dam controlled purpose built kayaking site in the country. It has been used by kayakers from the locality and nationally for decades. The site has been the location for many competitions and is a safe training venue used to introduce many to the sport. Kayaks are cumbersom and heavy to carry long distances. It will not be possible to use the entrance as a drop off location as it will expose the park users to theft. The other carpark in st catherines park is over a kilometer from the slalom site which means the kayaks will need to be carried over a two kilometer round trip including a steep hill risking collision with other park users. The only remaining option is parking in the village and carrying the kayaks through traffic. Thus, the proposed removal of parking at the demense entrance effectively restricts the use of this amenity, increases risk to safety for park users and should be revised.

Lucan Demense

SD-C216-54

john nolan

Reduction of car park spaces at the sluice car park in Lucan No

#### Title: Reduction of car parking spaces at the sluice car park in Lucan

#### Theme: carparking

Only in Ireland would they reduce car park spaces beside such an amenity as the Liffey walkway and sluice car park. There is insufficient parking as it is and visitors have to park in McDonakds or the garage across the road. This part of the liffey is used regularly by visitors and tourists who do not live locally. Kayakers come from all over to practice at the sluice and it is imperative to keep this as a legimate amenity that there is sufficient parking to allow them to use the facility. We should be looking at more parking not less,

SD-C216-55

Ellen McEvoy

#### Title: Increase zebra crossing

#### **Theme: Traffic**

An increase in zebra crossings from the entrance to Lucan demense under the N4 flyover through to Larachon would serve as an active reminder to all vehicles that Lucan is a village, meant for people, not traffic. A speed of 30km/h should apply for this entire zone. Parking should be removed to off street hubs as people cannot enter and exit survey swiftly, therefore create traffic. It is now time to actively discourage vehicles entering Lucan village. This would allow people to be able to walk through the village, enjoy the demense, enjoy the wier and spend more time at local businesses.

SD-C216-56

Peter O'Sullivan

Proposed upgrade to Lucan Demense Entrance No

#### Title: Proposed upgrade to Lucan Demesne Entrance

#### **Theme: Public Realm Improvements**

Dear South Dublin Co. Co.

I have the following observations on the proposed upgrade to Lucan Demesne Entrance. I have marked numbers on the attached plan which correspond to my observations below.

1. The propose development will hinder access to the demesne for wheel chair users. By removing the existing space there will be no dedicated space for wheel chair users on the demesne side of the R835. A second parking area may be built at a later date across the road. If this doesn't go ahead

wheel chair users will be significantly disadvantaged compared to the current situation.

2. Currently there are two gates from the carpark to the demesne. The western gate leads to a ramp that is particularly steep and unsuitable to wheelchairs and prams. In the proposed scheme it appears the eastern white metal gate is being replaced by the feature entrance area. This may lead infirm people to be unable to exit the demesne after descending the ramp.

3. The proposed crossing point is too close to the bend in the R835 and should be moved eastwards towards McDonald's to improve line of site on approach to the crossing.

4. The set down area from kayakers appears to be only 2 car spaces long. This is not sufficient to not accommodate clubs that use mini-busses towing trailers for access to the river.

5. An area of approximately 250m2 has been reserved for future kayak clubhouse and public facilities. This site is impractically small for any reasonably sized clubhouse or facility. It would be prohibitably expensive to develop from an engineering point of view as it appears to be made ground left over after construction of the Lucan bypass. Additionally future planning permission to create a new vehicle access to this site would be effectively impossible due to it's location on a dual carriage way off ramp.

6. The overall goals of the proposed development are confused. On the one hand it aims to improve safety by reducing anti-social behaviour. But the proposed visual screening at the road edge will make the current car park area feel unsafe as the benefit of passive surveillance will be lost. The high fence and block wall around the waste water facility will almost certainly need to be retained. Meaning only a small section of existing block wall will be able to be removed.

7. The proposed noise screen is likely to be ineffective as the N4 Lucan by pass is quiet high relative to the proposed development.

8. The area under consideration for SDCC is currently a pleasant woodland with mature trees. I hope this area remains as it is.

9. The existing N4 signs such as the 'Turn Back' signs will likely need to be retained and will limit options for the proposed visual and noise screening.

10. The two existing bicycle stands are rarely used as this is not a destination for cyclist to stop and lock a bike. While through put of cyclists may increase due to adjoining projects, the number of cyclists stopping at this point is unlikely to increase.

11. Currently this area is lit by over-spill of street lights from the off ramp and N4. As these lights are upgraded to LEDs and over-spill is reduced this park area will become darker. Hopefully any proposed development in this area will have appropriate lighting.

12. The proposed development doesn't cater for the current pedestrian desire line. A significant proportion of pedestrians entre the carpark by stepping over the low wall near the 'Turn Back' sign. They are likely to continue to use this route and walk across the low planting in the future.

13. Water taps are a great idea and will be appreciated by all demesne users. Will the existing signboards be retained? It seems unnecessary to build more.

14. Access to the demesne appears to be though the plaza. Will emergency services and maintenance trucks be able to fit under the propose entrance art feature?

15. The existing cycle lane on the off ramp appears to have been ommitted from the propose development. I hope it is intended to retain this cycle track.

## Regards,

Peter O'Sullivan

### Attachments (1)

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SD-C216-57

Elizabeth Sullivan

Sluice car park Lucan

No

#### Title: Parking at sluice

#### Theme: carparking

I oppose reducing the number of car parking spaces at Sluice car park in Lucan. It is not practical to carry kayaks over long distances and they cannot be transported by public transport. The work and funding that has been put into the improvements on the sluice will be wasted if kayakers can't access it.

SD-C216-58

Vicki Guy

Lucan sluice (Weir)

No

#### Title: Loss of parking at Lucan demense (the River Liffey sluice feature)

#### Theme: carparking

The weir at Lucan Demesne is an essential training location for many of Ireland's top kayaking and canoeing athletes through a variety of disciplines from canoe slalom (Olympic sport), canoe sprint, freestyle (world champions train here), and recreationally river kayaking.

These athletes require car parking to unload their boats and equipment in proximity to the sluice weir. Some of the equipment they use can weigh up to 20kg when transporting them down to the feature.

The removal of current parking (which may already be considered inadequate) would be of serious

detriment to the kayaking community. Furthermore, the proposed solution has the potential to create road safety issues, given the potential of large groups of people in need to cross a busy road with heavy and large equipment.

Based on these concerns I note my objection to this scheme.

SD-C216-59

Johnny Martin

Sluice

No

#### Title: Parking and river access

#### Theme: carparking

To whom it may concern. As a kayaker this area is one of the few public access points to the River Liffey for kayaking along the river. It is always difficult to get parking and on many occasions parking is in small Chinese car park opposite. Canoe Slalom is an Olympic sport and the small whitewater course is the only purpose built training site for our Olympic athletes in Ireland to maintain their fitness in preparation for competition abroad. As a member of a kavak club we use this site for training and introducing others to the sport which promotes fitness, well being and mental health. Children also learn to kayak here which involves volunteers giving their time and must have parking to load, unload kayaks. It is simply not feasible to kayak in this spot if parking is not available. A drop off point is just not workable however well intentioned. Perhaps those who have come up with this plan might consider a short kayak trip to experience first hand what these plans mean to the small kayaking community, and how impractical the plan is. Apart from kayakers there are many families who use this facility to bring their young children, bikes, scooters etc to the desemne and getting their on foot would be dangerous as there is a lot of traffic in the area. If anything there should be more parking made available and more consideration given to the physically impaired as both pedestrian exits from the car park to the river are very steep for wheelchairs, buggys or those with limited mobility. I would urge you to reconsider for everyones sake

SD-C216-61

Irish Freestyle Kayaking Committee Proposed upgrade to Lucan Demesne Entrance No

#### Title: Car parking access essential for kayakers

#### Theme: carparking

Dear South Dublin Co. Co.

The Irish Freestyle Kayaking Committee has concerns around the impact of this proposal on the

kayaking community. Currently, the car park is used for kayakers to access the "Sluice" weir and white-water course. This has been in popular use for decades as it's a great training ground for beginner and experienced kayakers alike. The proposed upgrade will remove all car parking facilities on the northern side. Note public transport is simply not an option for kayakers as the kayaks weigh 15-20kgs and are approx. 2 - 2.5metres in length.

A second parking area may be built at a later stage across the road (on the southern side), but this is not an ideal location as kayakers will have to lift heavy kayaks across a busy road. Also, the proposal to build this new car park cannot be found on SDCC website.

Whitewater kayaking is an inherently risky activity and we would also be concerned that access for emergency services may be curtailed by the proposed upgrade.

Regards,

Chairman Irish Freestyle Committee

Paul Purcell.

SD-C216-62 Canoeing Ireland

Lucan Demesne Kayak Park No

#### Title: kaykaing in Lucan Demense

#### Theme: carparking

Canoeing has taken part in the Lucan Demesne since the 1960s, The Grade 10 kayak club used it in the 70s, and today the park hosts Lucan Kayak Club. In 1988 a major European Cup race was held there. The Liffey Descent has been passing through for 61 years. The area is always busy with kayakers from novice to international athletes. The reduction of car park spaces will have a detrimental effect on activity in the park. As the governing body of the sport, we would ask for a meeting with the planners to discuss this matter,

SD-C216-63

Desmond Rooney

Village Green / Mainstreet

No

Title: Pedestrian Access to St. Catherine's Park and Compatibility with historic plans of heritage importance. Additional information

Theme: Village Enhancement

Robin Hall and Gay O'Neill of Primrose Hill House, Primrose Lane wish to associate themselves with the my earlier submission and I repeat below in italics, it is followed by some additional pointers which Robin has provided with respect to historical plans and studies.

Considering the proposals for modified car parking provision at / near the entrance to St. Catherine's park and the current village proposal, I suggest that plans be drawn up to integrate these proposals by developing a generous footpath and dedicated cycle lanes between the two. Part of the wall separating the R835 and the Italian Ambassador's residence collapsed some years ago and it continues to deteriorate. Given the nature of the land holding, perhaps there is a role for the Department of Foreign Affairs. A strip of approximately 6m width would accommodate the improvement using a retaining structure. It would be desirable, of course, to recreate a stone wall boundary.

With respect to the current Lucan Village proposal, please be aware that this area is a historically planned area. I believe the council should, as part of the Appropriate Assessment, prepare an expert study that identifies historic plans and features in a heritage framework. Accepting that change can be necessary, it is wise to identify heritage features and concepts, explain their significance and indicate their degree of compatibility with the proposed scheme. A good scheme will avoid discarding heritage features or concepts if they need not be discarded and thus honor the efforts of past settlement planners.

Attention should be paid to work by Vesey and by Gandon. Any features involving Coade's Stone(s) should be treated with respect, it is noted that Coade Stone Roundels belonging to the Liffey bridge have disappeared in the past. Ref. Mrs Coade's Stone by Alison Kelly P.78, 229, 326. for associations with Lucan. Another document worth referring to is :

List of Historic Buildings, Groups of Buildings and Areas of Architectural Importance in and near Lucan. By School of Architecture University College Dublin, 1987.

SD-C216-64

**Cllr Vicki Casserly** 

#### Title:

#### Theme: Village Enhancement

While I broadly welcome the opportunity to invest in our village, I don't believe it should be at any cost. Being from Lucan, living in Lucan, and a frequent user of the village, I believe the plan does not favour local businesses and vulnerable residents for ease of access in our community. Daily tasks such as visits to the GP surgery, Mental Health support services, the bank, religious venues and other various local businesses. I would ask engineers to re examine alternative options for parking, that will be all emcompassing of the amition of the plan.

• An informal survey of hundreds of residents and businesses in Lucan in November found that the removal of car parking spaces was the main concern with 78% of respondents saying parking in Lucan Village is already an issue.

- Updates to make the Village Green a more usable space must not come at a cost to the vibrancy of the village
- The removal of parking and accessible bays from outside the medical centre will disproportionately impact older, vulnerable citizens and this must be avoided at all costs. Could we explore age friendly parking? We worked hard previously to enhance our village with additional accessible parking, and this is now at risk. I have strong concerns of the impact of this.
- The car parking survey carried out during Covid is not a true reflection of the car parking situation in Lucan. I would request an updated survey be carried out now that restrictions are lifted. It would be more reflective of daily life through the village.
- The high turnover of the car parking spaces is also really important to note, as it shows that many, many people visit the village staying for a short duration

Lucan deserves investment and enhancement, but done correctly, not with the loss of access in our community and local businesses.

SD-C216-65

Conor Knowles

Lucan Car Park

No

#### Title: Car Parking requirement for Lucan Demense

#### Theme: carparking

The Liffey at Lucan is the only kayak/canoe slalom location in Dublin. At present it is difficult to visit on weekends as there is not enough parking. By reducing the parking further it will become completely inaccessible to both kayakers and anyone else wanting to visit who does not live in walking distance.

SD-C216-66

Jayne Stephens

Sluice car park Lucan

No

#### Title: Maintain the carpark that is there

#### Theme: carparking

The Sluice carpark in Lucan is used by locals and people coming to spend money in the area after

No

training. Either running, walking, cycling, kayaking etc. the carpark is nearly always full. This shows its requirement, in particular for kayakers as they can only transport kayaks by cars to this location for training and recreational purposes.

SD-C216-72 Micheál O'Connor Lucan Demense

Title: Requirement to keep car parking

#### Theme: carparking

Dear South Dublin County Council,

Many people enjoy using the river Liffey that runs through the park for kayaking, both recreationaly and to train for competitions. However, this is currently only possible because of the car park that exists next to the park. Without it, it would be very difficult to access the river.

The car park is frequently full (so much so that it is often difficult to find parking) with kayakers, walkers, families and many more people who all enjoy using the park and its many great facilities. If the car park were to be removed, the majority of these people would no longer be able to access that which you are attempting to improve.

SD-C216-73

Ewan Duff

Sluice Car Park, Lucan

No

#### **Title: Consideration for Car Parking Needed**

#### Theme: carparking

As a member of Canoeing Ireland, I frequently use the carparking facilities at Sluice car park in order to kayak on the liffey at Lucan Sluice. The number of parking spots provided are already inadequate as it is for years, and many people already struggle to find parking in order to access the amenities of Sluice and the park. Without any carpark, our sport would lose access to a vital location for training and development of the sport which is used by kayakers almost every day. Consideration needs to be taken to keep the car park and/or possibly increase the amount of parking spots available.