**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**REPORT OF LAND USE, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION
HYBRID STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 25th May, 2023 at 5.30p.m.**

**PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh (Teams) | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
|  Cllr Eoin Ó Broin (Teams) | Michael McAdam | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Yvonne Collins (Teams) | Eoin Burke (Teams) | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Baby Pereppadan (Teams) | Hazel Craigie (Teams) | Senior Planner |
|  | Susan Sinclair | Administrative Officer |
|   | Rosaleen Dwyer | Heritage Officer |
|  | Ally Menary | Road Safety Officer |
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| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
| Eoin Ahern (TEAMS) | PPN |  |

Prior to the commencement of business, Cllr Lyn Hagan Meade introduced herself to the committee, having been recently approved by Council to replace Cllr Liam Sinclair as Chair and new member of the LUPT SPC.

**H-1 (1) Item 79077 - Minutes of 23rd February 2023**

[Minutes of LUPT SPC held on 23rd February 2023.docx](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CMinutes%20of%20LUPT%20SPC%20held%20on%2023rd%20February%202023.docx)

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC, held on 23rd February, 2023 were proposed by

Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin, seconded by Cllr Yvonne Collins and **AGREED**

**H-1(2) Item 79201 - CySD – Year 2 Update**

[Cycle South Dublin Year 2 Update.pdf](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CCycle%20South%20Dublin%20Year%202%20Update.pdf)

The report as circulated was presented by Mr. Michael McAdam, Senior Engineer

Mr McAdam gave an update on the public consultation and engagement process. The Active Travel team use a variety of means including face to face meetings, direct outreach to business groups, schools, focus groups, online consultation portal and leaflet drops. In the past year approximately 1,000 submissions and survey have been submitted through the consultation portal for Active Travel Scheme.

Mr. McAdam advised that there has been significant progress on over 30 projects, including:

Schools Projects – Construction of the Safer to Schools Streets will commence in Q2 2023 at

• St. Lorcan’s B.N.S. and St. Brigid’s G.N.S., The Oval, Palmerstown.

• Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin and Coláiste Chilliain, Old Nangor Road, Clondalkin.

• St. Mark’s J.N.S. and S.N.S., Springfield, Tallaght.

Part 8 Approvals on

• Wellington Lane Cycle Scheme

• Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway

• Dodder Greenway Firhouse Road/Butterfield Avenue

Significant construction on

• Avonbeg Road

• Grange Road

• Templeville Road

• Dodder Greenway (including Springfield Avenue, Dodder View Road and Dodder Road Lower)

Mr. McAdam also informed that, at the request of the National Transport Authority, South Dublin County Council have commenced delivery of a series of Rapid Deployment Schemes. These schemes reallocate road space using hardware e.g., bolt down kerbs, bollards etc. Schemes have been completed in locations such as Taylors Lane, Dodsboro, Junctions on the Outer Ring Road, Bothar Katherine Tynan and Cookstown Road.

Mr. McAdam gave a progress update on the Cycle South Dublin NOW and SOON Schemes as well as information on the Walking and Cycling Index – to be published later in 2023 and will include reports from regional cities as well as the Dublin Metropolitan Area.

A significant project South Dublin County Council are leading on is the Pathfinder Project which includes the D24 Neighbourhood network and Castletymon projects. The D24 Neighbourhood Cycle Network will be 11km long and the Castletymon Scheme will contribute towards 15 minute neighbourhood.

Mr. McAdam gave an update on the work of the Active Travel Admin team including

* Successful Bike Week recently completed
* Development of a dedicated Active Travel Website, a first for Local Authorities
* Bike Parking Rollout

Finally, Mr. McAdam gave an outline of the Active Travel Communications and Engagement Strategy which includes plans for a series of Active Travel Roadshows later in 2023 covering topics such as Safe Cycling to School and Inclusive cycling and cycling without age.

Mr. McAdam responded to queries raised by Cllrs Collins, Ó Brádaigh, Ó Broin and Hagin Meade and Mr. Eoin Aherne regarding signage, upkeep of cycle tracks, School Streets. project routes, inclusion of new schools in bike network and bike parking.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 79202 – City Edge – Variation of County Development Plan**

[City Edge - Variation of County Development Plan.pptx](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CCity%20Edge%20-%20Variation%20of%20County%20Development%20Plan.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Mr. Eoin Burke, Senior Planner

Mr. Burke gave an update on the proposed variation of the County Development Plan including the anticipated timelines for variations. Public Consultation on the variation is anticipated to be during the period November 2023 to January 2024 with May 2024 being the deadline for completion of the statutory variation process. This will all conclude in advance of the May/June 2024 local elections.

Mr. Burke explained that a consultant’s services has been extended to carry out background studies which will support the Variation. Other studies which will be carried out are:

Environmental Reports – Recommence SEA and AA screening, Natural Impact Statement and Strategic Environmental Assessment and an updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

Further Studies – Feasibility study for first large park; feasibility study into undergrounding of overground high voltage electricity cables; energy management and provision feasibility study.

The report was **NOTED**.

**H-1 (4) Item 79203 – Heritage Plan Review**

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The report as circulated was presented by Ms. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer.

Pre Draft Consultation: A Public Consultation survey was live on the Council’s Consultation Portal between 10th March and 11th April, 2023 to which 43 submissions were received. Submissions and outputs from consultation workshops are being review and assessed.

Ms. O’Dwyer detailed the programme for the review of the Heritage Plan, anticipating a presentation on the Draft Plan content and consultation to the September 2023 meeting of the LUPT SPC, with final Heritage Plan going to full Council in January/February 2024.

Ms. O’Dwyer outlined the proposed format of the Heritage Plan which will be in 3 sections covering changes in legislation etc, projects achieved from the first plan, summary of the plan making process and the focus point/categories for list actions.

Ms. Dwyer responded to queries raised by Cllrs Hagin Meade and Ó Broin, and Eoin Ahern regarding Community Archaeology and that Clondalkin is an Architectural Conservation Area.

The report was **NOTED**.

**H-1 (5) Item 79205– Road Safety – School Warden Crossings Review**

[School Crossing Report - presentation.pptx](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CSchool%20Crossing%20Report%20-%20presentation.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Ms Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer.

Ms. Maguire gave an overview of the review:

* 95 Primary School crossings
* 104 School Wardens (Permanent/Relief)
* Counts undertaking at existing crossing location and at requested new crossings

Details of the data collection and analysis were presented by Ms. Maguire for crossing locations in each of the following areas:

* Lucan/Clondalkin – 37 crossings. 2 locations <1 Peak User per minute; 4 locations >1 but <2 Peak Users per minute
* Tallaght/Rathcoole – 31 crossings. 4 locations <1 Peak User per minute; 1 location >1 but <2 Peak Users per minute
* Templeogue/Rathfarnham – 27 crossings. 1 location <1 Peak User per minute; 2 locations >1 but <2 Peak Users per minute

The next steps in the process will be

1. Examine crossings highlighted red (except for SC-032 due to Luas track) in consultation with Traffic technical staff to explore alternative road safety engineering solutions,
2. Explore whether staff assigned to crossings highlighted in red (except for SC-032 due to Luas track) can be relocated/ reassigned to new crossings identified and highlighted in green,
3. If, point 2 above is not feasible, submit business cases for additional staff appointments to cover new crossings meeting criteria,
4. Begin processes of exploring 30km/h zones, were appropriate, initially outside primary schools in consultation with Traffic technical staff and plan to deliver as a separate project to upcoming speed limit review.

Ms. Maguire and Mr. Menary, Road Safety Officer, responded to questions raised by Cllrs. Ó Broin and Hagin Meade and Mr. Eoin Aherne regarding NS Deansrath, new schools requesting School Wardens, and possible closure of crossings.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (6) Item 79206 - Clondalkin Local Area Plan Update**

[**Clondalkin local area plan\_update 25.05.2023.pptx**](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CClondalkin%20local%20area%20plan_update%2025.05.2023.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Ms Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner

Ms. Craigie gave an update on the progress of the Clondalkin Local Area Plan, which is currently at Stage One of the process: Non-Statutory Public Consultation which includes surveys and workshops.

Feedback from on online survey carried out in April to May 2023 found that the participants favourite things about Clondalkin were:

Community Spirit 46%; Green Spaces 37%; Village Feel 34%; Culture & Heritage 26%; Shops, Services & Facilities 24%

Aspects of Clondalkin where participants would like to see improvement included more footpaths/cycle paths, bike facilities; traffic issues; culture and heritage to be restored/maintained; independent local businesses; more schools; provision of youth spaces; support for the Arts.

Ms. Craigie gave details of two workshops held in relation to the LAP. There was also additional consultation carried out via one-to-one interviews with disabled persons; youth specific online survey; a children’s corner at the face-to-face workshop; outreach to local groups, clubs the library and schools.

Ms. Craigie also explained the next steps in the process which will involve Urban Design Stage 1 (July 2023 to Q1 2024) and Urban Design Stage 2 (Q1 2024 to Q3 2024)

Ms. Craigie responded to questions raised by Cllr. Ó Broin in relation to independent businesses and engaging with assisted living complex.

The report was **NOTED**

**The meeting concluded at 6.53p.m.**