

Fw: Walsh road closure

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To: "Griffith Avenue & District Residents Association"



Dear Ruth and members of the Griffith Avenue and District Residents Association,

As outlined in my email update of earlier this month, I sought further clarification from Dublin City Council in respect of concerns that were raised by you and other residents regarding information contained in a Council Question reply put forward by my colleague, Councillor Ray McAdam prior to Christmas.

For sake of clarity, I have attached a copy of that email immediately below this update for your own information and that of the Griffith Avenue and District Residents Association.

Mr. Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive of Dublin City Council with responsibility for Environment and Transportation matters responded to those enquiries today. He has responded in the following way:

1. The criteria upon which Dublin City Council decided to introduce a temporary road closure on Walsh Road ?

Over the last decade and longer there have been many requests from both public representatives and residents t running, speeding, side long damage to cars and the creation of hostile environment for other road users and pec footpaths which exacerbated the danger to pedestrians by inadvertently steering them onto the road itself. A ne Garda presence. Any measures taken to unilaterally reduce volumes on Walsh Road would only divert flow onto l Prior to the implementation of the Walsh Road Trial, Dublin City Council received a significant number of Servic were a result of commuters' rat running through the residential streets of Walsh Road, Ferguson Road, Millmount

2. The objectives the Council sought to achieve by implementing such a proposal?

Dublin City Council has undertaken a traffic study of Walsh Road, Ferguson Road, Millmount Avenue, Drumco reduce the impact of cut-through (rat running) traffic in the area and to enhance the public realm and maintain / p

3. What engagement has been had with the National Transport Authority in terms of a wider traffic analysis across Dru

Dublin City Council Traffic team had no engagement with National Transport Authority when designing the traffic

Dublin City Councils Traffic Engineering Consultants collated the Walsh Road Report by referencing

(a) the Dublin City Council Draft Development Plan 2016 – 2022,

(b) Traffic Management Guidelines – Department of Transport 2003,

(c) Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan – National Transport Autl

(d) Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan – National Transport Authority 2013

and used this in conjunction with road accident, traffic surveys, parking surveys, and speed surveys. See report

4. What consideration was given to this Cycle Plan when recommending to Councillors that a no right turn onto Wal

The no right turn ban was already in place on Homefarm Road to Walsh Road and Homefarm Road to Ferguson by motorists, the public representatives and residents asked for traffic study of Walsh Road, Ferguson Road.

5. What steps are being taken by the Transportation Department of Dublin City Council to advance this Cycle Plan?

There has been no steps taken by the Transportation Department of Dublin City Council to advance this Cycle plan

6. Has any consultation with residents on Bantry Road and Walsh Road to advance this cycle plan been undertaken

The Transportation Department of Dublin City Council has not done any consultation with Bantry Road and Walsh Road

In October 2017, the traffic consultants Arups acting on behalf of DCU had an introductory meeting with Transporta route between their Glasnevin and Drumcondra campuses.

This meeting was held two months after Dublin City Council had installed the temporary bollards on Walsh Road in

Given the concerns raised with me, I wanted to share this information with you and members of the Griffith Avenue and District Residents so that you could consider the details included and obviously, revert back to me if there are any further issues arising from it.

The City Council Executive is intent continuing with the trial period and from speaking with Councillor McAdam, I understand that on completion of the trial, officials will determine whether to make the changes permanent without recourse to the elected members. That has not been confirmed to me as yet, but as soon as I have information in that regard, I will be in further contact with you.

Should there be any local or national matter where I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Councillor Ray McAdam and we will do whatever we can to help.

Best Wishes,

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