Question: Councillor J. Dillon Byrne

"To ask the Manager to please ensure that the dipping of pavements to facilitate wheelchairs and pushchairs be parallel with the road, at the edge of the footpath, with particular attention to the Glenageary/Glasthule area?"

Reply:

The dish kerbing at pedestrian crossing points is currently installed with a minimum width of 1200mm and a bulldozed upstand (lip) of 6mm (max.) to flush, to allow wheelchair users ease of access to the footpath from the road. This lip of 6mm is specified to avoid “ponding” of water and subsequent ice formation.

The location of the kerb dishing at pedestrian crossing points is determined from site inspections of locations. The main consideration and of prime importance is Driver Visibility of pedestrians and wheelchair users at corners of junctions.

The junction of Adelaide Road/Hudson Road/Eden Road has been upgraded recently and tactile dishings have been installed on all four arms of this junction. Adelaide Road in the vicinity of the Church Hall (St. Pauls) at Villarea Park/Claremont Villas will be examined with a view to upgrading the existing pedestrian crossing locations.

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