



Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 15th May, 2024



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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Blackpitts Landscaping – The Area Office and Parks Services have now completed a landscaping project at Blackpitts, between Clanbrassil Terrace and Donovan Lane. The project includes open planted areas for SUDS, trees, pollinator-friendly underplanting, cycle parking, seating (to install shortly) and improvements to crossing points.



Dolphin's Barn Streets – Parks Services have now successfully tendered for street tree planting at Haroldville Avenue, Reuben Street and St Anthony's Road. It's likely the civil works will be completed over the summer with tree planting following in the autumn. In total 15 on-street planted areas are proposed across a number of streets.

Newmarket Pedestrian Improvement

Measures: An informal consultation was undertaken on proposals to increase pedestrian space at Newmarket and to install interim measures to manage traffic and parking. A total of 28 submissions were received via the Consultation Hub. These submissions will now be reviewed and any appropriate changes made to the scheme. It is expected to install the pedestrian improvement measures over the summer and a programme of work will be advised in advance to local stakeholders.

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2024:

This scheme is open to applicants from across SWIC and will support-fund the refurbishment or replacement of shopfronts of ground floor premises with assistance of up to €3,000. The scheme is now in its 10th year and is supported annually by the Discretionary Fund.

Inchicore Library Update

An on-site meeting was conducted with the City Architects office and the Conservation office at the old Inchicore Library building. All universal access options are being explored with a view to maintaining the integrity and fabric of the building whilst also creating a welcoming, functional and inclusive space for all.

There is a great sense of positivity and energy from all involved and we are committed to restoring this iconic and historically significant building back to its former glory for the citizens of Dublin.

Initial discussions with the Inchicore Library Advisory Committee will open up a line of communication between the Project Team and the Advisory Committee to build links and work together on the project into the future.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

Kilmainham Inchicore Network - next meeting 27th May 2024, 5.30pm @ 6 Tyrconnell Road

A proposal for consideration of KIN members with regard to the amalgamation of KIN and IRCF was presented by the Independent Chair at the April KIN meeting. It was agreed, at that meeting, to proceed to develop a framework of what a new amalgamated structure might look like for further consideration at a future meeting, most likely the June 2024 meeting.

Féile Inse Chór 2024 – 14 and 15th June. KIN and Dublin City Council are facilitating members of Inse Chór Conradh na Gaeilge host a mini Festival of Culture, Community and Place in Inchicore in June. The programme of events is currently being prepared with music, art, song, poetry among the themed events across various venues in Inchicore. In time, more details will be shared www.feileinsechor.ie

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – next meeting 27th May 2024, 7pm at 6 Tyrconnell Road.

At the April meeting of the IRCF a proposal for consideration of IRCF delegates with regard to the amalgamation of KIN and IRCF was presented by the Independent Chair. It was agreed, at that meeting, to proceed to develop a framework of what a new amalgamated structure might look like for further consideration at a future meeting, most likely the June 2024 meeting.

The April IRCF meeting reviewed responses received to questions sent to DCC Senior Management with regard to Emmet Road Development. Further clarification is being sought with regard to some of the issues raised.

IRCF Civic and Community Space subcommittee (next meeting 17th May

2024) will be meeting with Dublin City Council Libraries to discuss Community Hub and Library building. This subcommittee is updating their Terms of Reference to reflect progress and changing objectives as the Emmet Road Development project progresses.

IRCF Education Subcommittee next meeting 15th May 2024.

Grand Canal Activation and Animation – Dublin City Council / Waterways Ireland Partnership

Grand Outdoors Summer Programme 2024 is now underway.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Kayaking activities are taking place during May and June 2024, for adult and young persons. Many local organisations and some schools have been invited to take part. At least 19 on water events will take place. Building community capacity and long term interest and sustainability of engaging in waters ports on the Grand Canal is the main objective.

Housing

Basin Street Flat Complex

The Local Area Office Housing Team, Local City Councillors and Resident Representative Group are meeting on 9th May 2024 with the PPP Project and Architect Teams, who have a power point presentation of the latest development design. This will then be brought by the Project Team to the Local Area Committee meeting, 15th May 2024 for presentation to Council. Planning process for this project to be initiated also at the May Area Committee Meeting.

Work has commenced at 116 Basin Street which is being converted to a Men's Shed. There will be an onsite meeting with interested residents later this week.

Meath Place

Before



Meath Place

After



The Timberyard – Cork Street

A recurring leak affecting the basement carpark was resolved by Housing Maintenance. They are also monitoring the operation of the lifts which have been breaking down frequently.

Phoenix View Apartments – James Street

The Management Company is following up on reports of a rodent infestation and taking all necessary measures to deal with the issue.

Islandbridge Court

Painting of the complex due to start end May 2024. A summer project is being proposed in association with Dublin City Council and the Residents Association including events for both children and older persons in the complex.

Rotten Wooden Fence replaced

Before



After



Tyrone Place

The Football / Basketball pitch is to be totally refurbished including the replacement of the goals & basketball hoops and the soft pour surface. The community have been informed of this refurbished pitch through both Dublin City Council and the family resource centre. This work should commence before the end of May.

The Local Area Office are engaging with the Family Resource Centre on the community Garden Project for the complex.

Choice Based Letting process is ongoing for several available units in the complex.

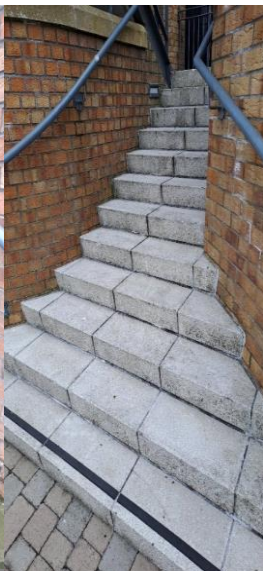
Robert Emmet Close and Walk

The team is currently working diligently to complete the power washing project as per schedule. We are focusing on ensuring that the pathways and surrounding areas are thoroughly cleaned and restored and updating pathways and surrounding areas.

Before

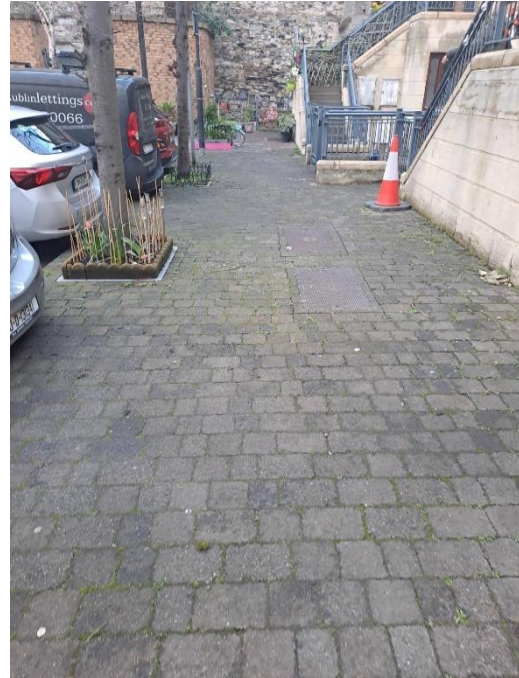


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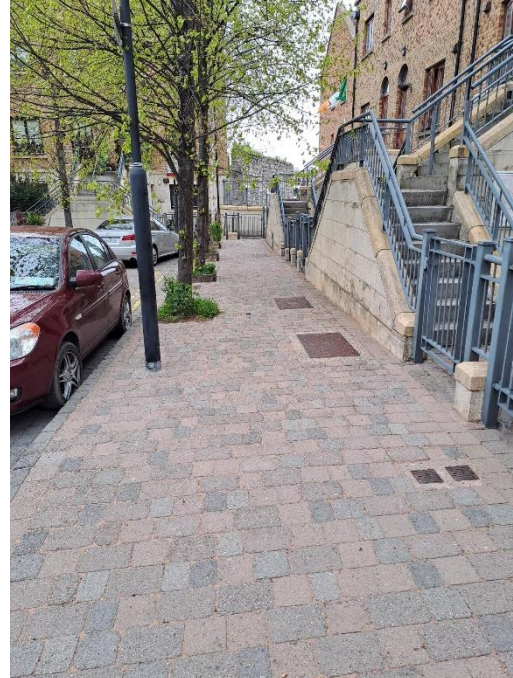


Robert Emmet Close

Before



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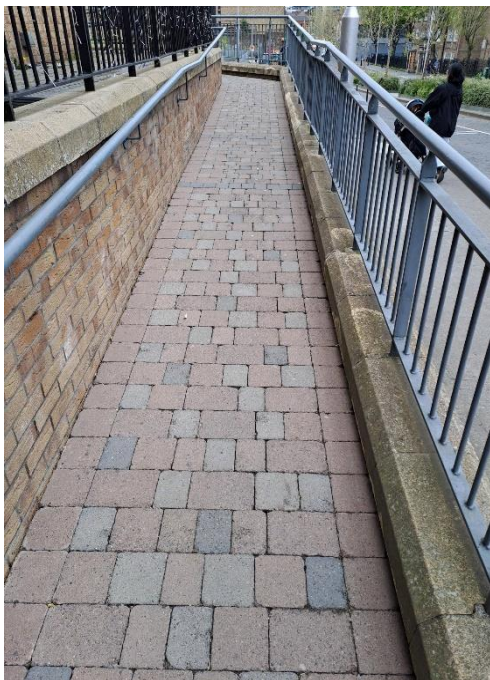


Robert Emmet Walk

Before



After



Completion date scheduled for 8th May 2024

Oliver Bond House

Community space

The final draft of the community and social audit has been received from Planning. The key recommendation is that there will be a multi-use space in Oliver Bond. This space is to be used by residents and others with flexible use. Dublin City Council is looking to put space in one of the ground floor levels in L, M or N in the 1st phase. We won't have any detailed information re: size etc. until the design team is in place.

School Street/Thomas Court Bawn.

Bin sheds are currently under construction.

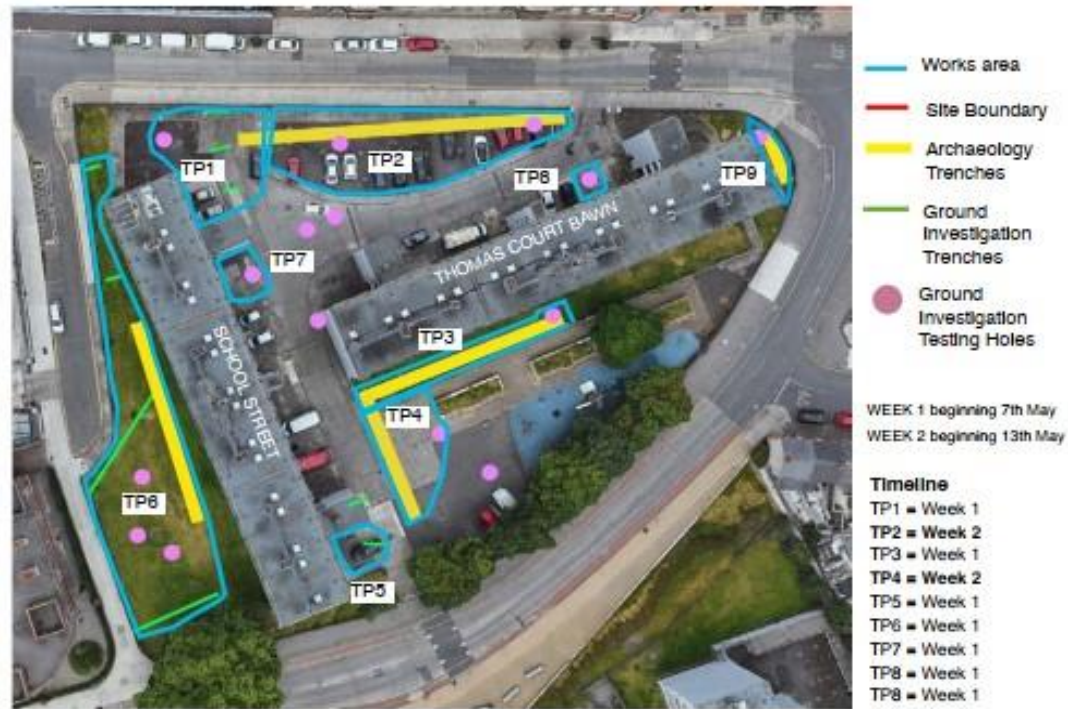
The Local Area Office along with the project management team will engage with residents and update them on plans for the new development within the coming months.

Proposed new site



Ground surveys will commence on the 7th May for approximately 2 weeks.

Map showing areas of works to be carried out



St. Teresa's Gardens

The LEA have been monitoring the site on a regular basis. On inspection steel had been removed/tampered with. All units are now secure.

Removal of offensive graffiti within 24 hours.

Before



After



Bulfin Court

Weeds removed from courtyard.

Before



After



Dolphin House

Old Dolphin Park

Demolition works ongoing.

New Phase

Graffiti removed

Before



After



Herberton/Rialto

Bike racks to be installed in courtyard of Block F St Anthony's Road.

Community Clean-up took place 27th April and was well attended.

Community

Bealtaine Afternoon Tea Dance

To celebrate Bealtaine Dublin City Council Community Team in conjunction with St Andrew Community Centre will host an afternoon tea dance Thursday 16th May at 2p.m. in St Andrew Community Centre.

This will be a ticketed event. For tickets please contact Lois 0872063308.

Environmental Projects / Plant Deliveries

In preparation for this year's City Neighbourhood Competition the SWIC Community Development Team are organising plants for community groups and organisations to support environmental projects.

Over 40 groups locally will avail of plants. These will include, Community Groups, Residents Associations, Senior Citizens Groups and Flat Complexes throughout the area.

Plants will be available for groups to collect in the coming weeks.

Opera in the Open

Opera in the Open comes to the South West Inner City.

On 22nd May at 12.30p.m the Linear Park St James Walk will see a live performance of operatic work in the open air.

Local schools as well and the wider public will be welcome to attend.

An additional performance will take place on the 19th June 2024 in Inchicore. Information to follow.

Bloomsday in the Tenters

On Friday 14th June local residents from the Tenters area will be invited to don their hats and come along to the unveiling of Boulevard Bloom, aka Cow Parlour.

Actor Michael Judd will do a reading from Ulysses in addition to musical performances.

Children from local schools will participate.

Bloomsday on the Barn

The return of the annual tribute to all things Joyce will once again take place in June in Dolphins Barn.

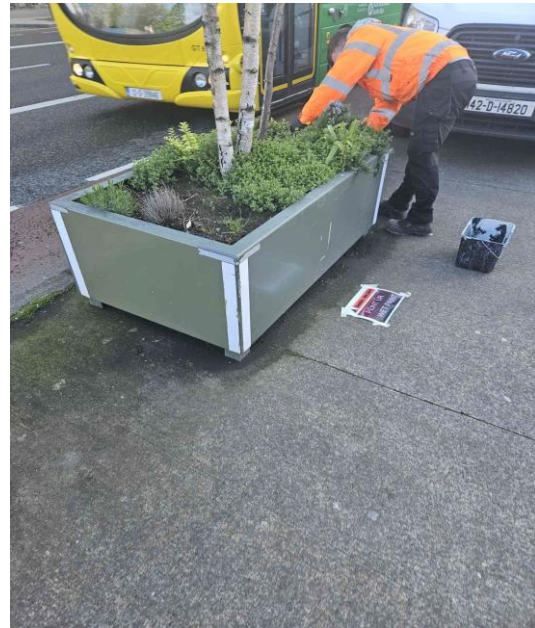
This event will feature readings, music and songs by James Joyce and other Irish writers, all performed by professional actors and musicians.

Date and time to be confirmed.

Public Domain

Graffiti Treatment SWIC

A number of Planters on Cork Street were tagged with an offensive political emblem. This was painted out by the contractor engaged by the City Council. There were numerous complaints about similar tags which appeared in Donore Avenue, Cork Street, Thomas Street, Crane Street and Pimlico. Once it is reported on citizen hub the location is inspected and photographed by Public Domain and then assigned to the relevant Department or directly to the contractor. The aim is treat offensive graffiti within 24 hours from the time it is assigned to removal crew/contractor. Factors affecting delivery timeframe include access to location, roads and traffic issues, construction, weather, (prolonged wet/cold weather hamper delivery).



Location: Pimlico Dublin 8

The hoarding erected by Focus Ireland to secure and screen off the development site had offensive graffiti removed by their painting crew upon repeated requests from Public Domain.

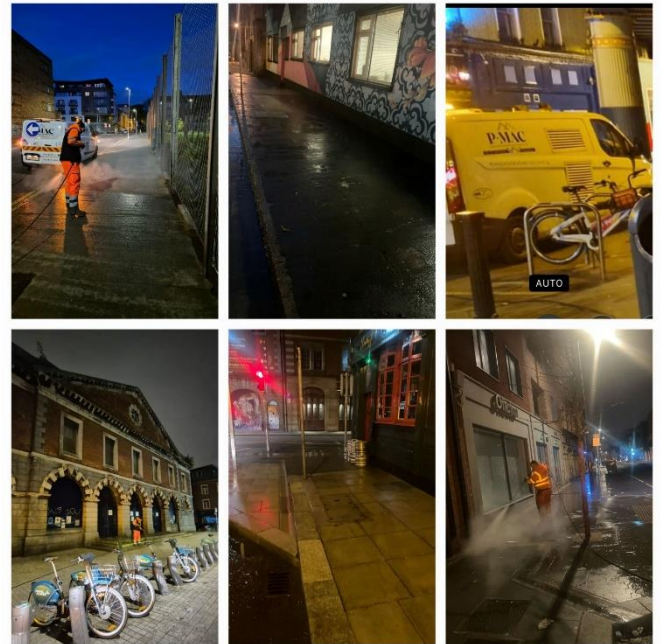


Ganson Development Hoarding, Circle Housing Richmond Place, Inchicore, D8 tagging was immediately removed by developer upon bringing it to their attention by Public Domain



Public Domain Intensive Cleaning 2024

The Public Domain intensive cleaning programme for 2024 is in progress. An approved contractor has been engaged to clean high traffic areas in the South West Inner City. Island Street, Francis Street & Meath Street were power washed over a number of weeks. Thomas Street, & Sheffield Bike Stands will follow.

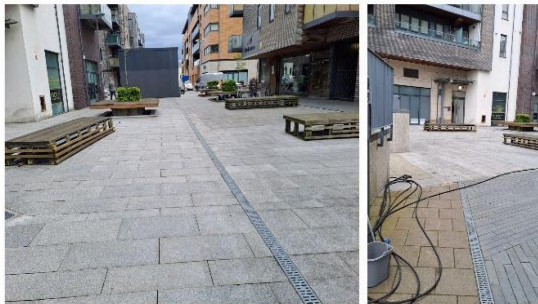


Environmental Initiative Rialto

Power washing completed at Clarkes Terrace Plaza and James Walk. Public Domain engaged a contractor to clean this area to complement the work agreed with Lansdowne Partnership to power wash the apartment complex entrances and Reuben Plaza. Residents came together on 27th April to be part of The Dublin Community Clean-Up.



Clarkes Terrace tree-lined plaza - James Walk



Aloft, St Patricks Cathedral & Donore Credit Union participated in a sustainable community neighbourhood initiative on Friday 26th April to support Team Dublin, leaving the Liberties spotless for the weekend.



Team Dublin Community Clean-Up
The Team Dublin Clean-Up was very well supported with many neighbourhoods showing true community spirit offering coffee and cakes to those who participated in the Clean-Up.

Lansdowne Partnership & Fatima Groups United had a big team out around Reuben Plaza/Herberton Complex, James Walk and environs. They partnered with Four Terraces & Rialto Environmental Group ensuring all streets from Rialto village to James Walk and the Linear Park were cleaned.





(from Left to Right) The Canal Biodiversity Group (operate across SEA and SCA), The Four Terraces, Rialto Environmental Group, Mountshannon Residents Association, Inchicore Environmental Group & canoe courtesy of Stillgarden - Gardener in Residence.



Some of the more unusual finds along the canal.



The Suburban 7/7 shift removed all Community Clean-up litter bags Saturday 27th April



Utility boxes graffiti removal/ repainting

Bridgefoot Street Before



Lamb Alley After



Bridgefoot Street After



Rialto Before



Lamb Alley Before



Rialto After



Sheffield Stand Cleaning

Dean Swift Square



Repainting of Benches and Planters

Frances Street



Earl Street South



High Street



Marks Alleys West



Thomas Street



**Waste Management Incidents Reports
Citizen Hub**

South Central Area

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Abandoned Vehicles | 32 |
| Community Clean up Collections | 60 |
| Illegal Dumping | 235 |
| Report Graffiti | 33 |
| Street Cleaning sweep your street | 40 |
| Public Bin Maintenance | 69 |

BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Tristan Square

Tristan Square was advertised on CBL and closed on the 19th April. Work is now underway in relation to the selecting of the successful housing applicants.

Springvale

All successful housing applicants have signed their tenancy agreements and are in the process of moving in.

Bluebell

The public consultation event on the 18th April was very well attended and submissions are being sought from stakeholders until the end of May.

Lissadel

Inspections of the gutters and roofs of all properties are currently being carried out and any necessary repairs will be addressed. Visual inspections have been carried out and all maintenance issues have been logged for attention.

Sons of Divine Providence

The draft Heads of Terms are still being reviewed by the Sons of Divine Providence. DCC Architects Division are compiling a brief for the procurement of an Integrated design Team. This process is expected to take six months to complete. DCC will use the OGP Framework for Design Teams; the Steering Group will be reconvened when this process completes to enable DCC share more relevant project updates with the group

Cherry Orchard

Site 1 of the Local Area Plan:

As reported previously, the door-to-door surveying of 400 local non-home owners is continuing.

Site 2 of the Local Area Plan:

As reported previously, work is continuing in relation to the preparation of the technical design for the project with the

public consultation now likely to take place in Quarter 3, 2024

Site 4 of the Local Area Plan:

The planning application for this development is with an Bord Pleanála. The outcome of the application will be reported to the members when it is known.

Labre Park

Cluid and their design team have continue to work through design options, conducting further investigations, awaiting results of the River Camac flood alleviation study and redesigning the site plan.

A proposed new flood wall will be provided reducing the flood risk to Labre Park. The contamination issues will also be mainly outside the remit of this development/funding stream.

The new proposal provides 14 new build homes along with the refurbishment/energy upgrade of 19 existing homes. Subject to funding, a proposed new community centre will also be constructed at the front of the estate.

There are currently 2 issues awaiting advice from the local planner:

1. Rezoning of former community centre site to allow construction of new 2 homes.
2. Meeting 'open space' requirements for residential developments.

Pending recommendations on the planning issues and finalisation of design and supporting information, a new stage 2 application will be submitted to the DHLGH in late May.

Interim improvement works to the bays are currently being investigated by the TAU team which will upgrade welfare facilities, surfacing etc. These works will aim to provide better quality living conditions for the residents while awaiting the completion of the wider Labre Park regeneration. Additionally, a contractor has been procured and location agreed for the installation of a new playground. The playground will be located near the entrance of Labre Park within the fenced green.

The following is a summary of the vacant units in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area.

| Property Type | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| House | 38 |
| Maisonette | 2 |
| Apartment | 10 |
| Senior Citizens | 12 |
| Total | 62 |

Vacant (Void) Property Refurbishments completed in 2024 (year to date)

| South Central Area | |
|--------------------|------------|
| House | 48 |
| Apartment | 47 |
| Senior Citizens | 29 |
| Total | 124 |

| ype | Location | Bedrooms | Vacant possession date | Status | Estimated Completion date/Status |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| House | CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN | 2 | N/A | Awaiting vacant possession | N/A |
| House | CROFTWOOD GARDENS | 2 | N/A | Awaiting vacant possession | N/A |
| House | CROFTWOOD GARDENS | 3 | N/A | Awaiting Vacant Possession | N/A |
| House | CROFTWOOD PARK | 3 | N/A | Awaiting Vacant Possession | N/A |
| House | RAHEEN PARK | 3 | | Awaiting Vacant Possession | N/A |
| House | ROSSMORE ROAD | 3 | N/A | Awaiting Vacant Possession | N/A |
| House | BALLYNEETY ROAD | 2 | 03/04/2024 | For framework | TBC |
| House | BALLYNEETY ROAD | 3 | 12/04/2023 | For framework | TBC |
| Senior Citizens | BERNARD CURTIS COURT | 1 | 21/01/2024 | Tenant selected | 30/05/2024 |
| Senior Citizens | BERNARD CURTIS COURT | 1 | 21/01/2024 | Tenant selected | 15/05/2024 |
| Apartment | BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE | 2 | 06/08/2023 | 1st offer refused - new tenant selected - AGS checks done | 13/03/2024 |
| House | BENMADIGAN ROAD | 2 | 04/07/2023 | Tenant selected | 30/04/2024 |
| Senior Citizens | BLACKDITCH ROAD | 1 | | For framework | 30/05/2024 |
| House | CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE | 4 | 16/08/2023 | Tenant selected | 05/05/2024 |
| House | CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE | 3 | 31/03/2024 | For framework | TBC |

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|-----------------|----------------------|---|------------|--|------------|
| House | CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN | 2 | 13/09/2023 | Tenant selected | 30/03/2024 |
| House | CHERRY ORCHARD GROVE | 3 | | Issued to Contractor | 28/06/2024 |
| Senior Citizens | CLADDAGH COURT | 1 | 26/11/2023 | Tenant selected - financial contribution | 26/01/2024 |
| Senior Citizens | CLADDAGH COURT | 1 | 27/09/2023 | Issued to Depot | 10/05/2024 |
| House | CLIFDEN DRIVE | 3 | 19/10/2023 | Issued to Contractor | 31/05/2024 |
| House | CLIFDEN DRIVE | 3 | 01/09/2023 | Tenant Selected | 31/05/2024 |
| House | CLOVERHILL DRIVE | 3 | 10/03/2024 | To be referred to contractor | TBC |
| House | CLOVERHILL DRIVE | 3 | 12/03/2024 | For framework | TBC |
| House | CLOVERHILL ROAD | 3 | 11/02/2024 | To be Issued to Contractor | TBC |
| House | COMERAGH ROAD | 2 | 21/11/2023 | Tenant Selected | 15/06/2024 |
| House | COLEPARK AVENUE | 3 | 22/01/2024 | Acquisition | 30/05/2024 |
| House | COOLEY ROAD | 2 | | | |
| House | CROFTWOOD DRIVE | 3 | 12/09/2023 | Tenant selected | 18/04/2024 |
| House | CROFTWOOD PARK | 3 | 12/04/2023 | For framework | TBC |
| House | CROFTWOOD PARK | 3 | 22/08/2023 | Tenant selected | 07/05/2024 |
| House | CURLEW ROAD | 3 | | With contractor | 25/06/2024 |
| Apartment | DAVITT HOUSE | 0 | 21/02/2023 | Tenant Selected | 10/05/2024 |
| Apartment | DAVITT HOUSE | 0 | 25/11/2023 | Tenant selected | 10/05/2024 |
| Apartment | DAVITT HOUSE | 0 | 20/09/2023 | Tenant selected | 10/05/2024 |
| Apartment | DAVITT HOUSE | 0 | | Tenant selected | 10/05/2024 |
| Apartment | DAVITT HOUSE | 0 | 04/03/2024 | With Depot | 10/06/2024 |
| House | DRUMFINN AVENUE | 4 | 20/10/2023 | Tenant selected | 04/06/2024 |
| House | ELMDALE DRIVE | 3 | 31/03/2024 | For Framework | TBC |
| Senior Citizens | Fr KITT COURT | 1 | 23/04/2023 | Issued to Depot | TBC |
| Senior Citizens | FATHER LEMASS COURT | 1 | 29/06/2023 | Tenant selected | 10/05/2024 |
| Apartment | KINGS HALL | 1 | 19/10/2023 | tenant Selected | 10/05/2024 |
| House | KNOCKMAREE | 3 | | Tenant selected | TBC |
| Senior Citizens | LA TOUCHE COURT | 1 | 20/09/2023 | Issued to Depot | 08/05/2024 |
| House | LE FANU ROAD | 2 | 25/02/2024 | Issued to Contractor | 27/05/2024 |
| House | LALLY ROAD | 3 | 06/02/2024 | With framework | 19/05/2024 |
| House | LANDEN ROAD | 3 | 10/01/2024 | With framework | 31/05/2024 |
| House | LANDEN ROAD | 3 | 28/08/2023 | Tenant selected | 31/05/2024 |
| Maisonette | LISSADEL ROAD | 3 | | Tenant selected | 30/04/2024 |
| Maisonette | LISSADEL ROAD | 2 | | Tenant selected | 10/05/2024 |
| Apartment | OBLATE VIEW | 1 | | For framework | TBC |
| House | O'DWYER ROAD | 3 | 25/05/2022 | Legal issue with boundary | |
| House | ORANMORE ROAD | 3 | 12/12/2023 | For framework | 12/06/2024 |

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|-----------------|-------------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| House | ORANMORE ROAD | 2 | 03/12/2023 | For framework | 20/05/2024 |
| House | ORANMORE ROAD | 3 | 12/06/2023 | Offer refused - New tenant to be selected | 31/05/2024 |
| House | RAHEEN PARK | 3 | 03/03/2024 | For framework | TBC |
| Senior Citizens | RIVER VIEW COURT | 1 | 20/07/2023 | tenant selected | 03/04/2024 |
| Senior Citizens | ROSSAVEAL COURT | 1 | | Issued to Depot | 30/05/2024 |
| Senior Citizens | ROSSAVEAL COURT | 1 | 03/12/2023 | Issued to Depot | 08/05/2024 |
| Senior Citizens | ROSSAVEAL COURT | 1 | 09/10/2023 | Tenant selected | 08/05/2024 |
| Apartment | Seven Oaks | 1 | | Tenant selected | |
| Apartment | Seven Oaks | 2 | | Issued to contractor | 20/05/2024 |
| House | WALKINSTOWN DRIVE | 4 | 20/12/2023 | For Framework | 10/05/2024 |

Community

Community Participation

Community Festivals 2024

The Community Team are actively involved at committee level with the community festivals and are providing funding and practical support to the events detailed in this report. The next steps for festival committees are to complete festival schedules, secure park permits and complete event management plans and risk assessments. The Dublin City Council Community Team will provide key supports for the following groups:

Walkinstown Festival:

Walkinstown festival is due to take place on 1st September 2024. The third festival meeting is planned for 21st May 2024. Fund raising has been quite successful to date and will continue until desired amount is secured to deliver a varied and exciting festival line-up. The key aim of this year's festival is to celebrate and involve new communities. Dublin City Council Community team are assisting with this through linking in with existing and new contacts to ensure this element of the festival is achieved.

Drimnagh Summer Festival:

The Drimnagh Festival will take place in July or August this year. Due to changes in festival committee governance, key roles will need to be negotiated and festival dates agreed in order to move forward with the planning process. Dublin City Council Community team are in contact with committee members to support them with this issue and initial festival committee meetings will commence in May.

Opera in the Park:

The annual open air evening opera is planned to take place this year in July in Brickfield Park. Exact dates and times are yet to be confirmed with Opera Company.

Bluebell Summer Festival:

Initial committee meeting for Bluebell Summer Festival Committee will take place in May. The festival committee have discussed further formalising committee structure and expanding committee membership through invitation to local organisations to actively take part in the festival at organisational and delivery level. The festival will take place in July or August, exact dates and times to be confirmed.

Chapelizod Festival:

Chapelizod Festival takes place from Monday 1st July – Sunday 7th July. Programming is nearly finalised.

Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival:

Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival programme will be finalised by the end of May. The new committee has brought great energy and plenty of new ideas for the festival which takes place from July 7th – 14th. Opera in the Park will return this year as part of the festival on Thursday 11th July at 7.00pm. The festival will be launched on Wednesday June 26th at 7:00PM in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre, with a presentation to the 2024 Community Ambassadors.

Cruinniú Na nÓg:

For Cruinniú Na nÓg this year, Familibase and Dublin City Council again host the now annual “Unsung Youth” live music event which will take place on Saturday June 15th from 2:00PM in the Peoples Park at the Civic Centre in Ballyfermot.

The event will begin at 2:00PM with young musicians from the area taking to the stage to perform together. The park will also host stalls for different youth services, ice cream and coffee vendors and youth health & wellbeing information. The event will include VR Arts workshops. A youth arts digital illustration group (Paint n Pixels) will design artwork that will be shown on an LED screen on the stage.

Cherry Blossoms Festival 2024

The Cherry Blossoms Festival has been an amazing success. The City Council, local organisations and businesses all went above and beyond this year to create a month long series of events that

engaged with the local community in aspects of mental health, wellbeing, sports and inclusion.

Cherry Blossoms created a sense of ownership within the local community groups and residents who played their part in organising and participating in events in their own area. The input of the residents in the planning of the festival was invaluable and full of insightful ideas and creativity. The City Council provided the bulk of funding for the programme with funding from the 2024 discretionary funds, Slainte Care funding and funding from the Area Office.

A review of the programme will take place in May (date to be confirmed) in the Equine Centre.

Halloween 2024

The first meeting of the Ballyfermot Halloween Festival Committee will take place online on Wednesday May 8th at 3.30pm. Each youth organisation will host a family friendly event in public spaces throughout the day.

The Community Team will also support Halloween Festival Events in Drimnagh and Walkinstown and Bluebell. Meetings for these festivals will commence in June.

Environment.

Plant Sales:

The annual Community Plant Sales will take place during the month of May in 4 locations across the area. The bedding plants for the Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard and Chapelizod areas have been grown locally in the Cherry Orchard Community Garden and will be sold at a subsidised rate. The remaining plants required for Bluebell, Walkinstown and Drimnagh areas will be sourced through B & V Nurseries and also sold at a subsidised rate.

The sales will take place as follows:

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|-----------------------|----------|--|
| Saturday 18th May | 11.00 AM | Ballyfermot Civic Centre |
| Tuesday 21st May | 7.00 PM | Bunting Road Depot, Walkinstown |
| Wednesday 22nd May | 10.30 AM | Our Lady's Hall, Drimnagh |
| Wednesday 22nd May | 6.00 PM | St. Laurence's Grove, Chapelizod |
| Thursday 23rd May | AM | Sheltered housing complex & Community Groups deliveries |



Bealtaine

The South Central Area Community Team from SWIC and Ballyfermot Offices have been working collaboratively to organise community events and theatre productions for older residents throughout the South Central area in order to celebrate Bealtaine National Arts Festival. The programme includes theatre performances from Guna Nua and The Dublin Touring Theatre Company at Ballyfermot Civic Centre on the 8th and 15th of May and

Moeran Road Hall on 20th May. In order to support age friendly access to arts and to encourage intergenerational exchange, this programme will involve local schools and where required, provide transport for participants from SWIC and Bluebell, Walkinstown and Drimnagh to support people wishing to attend performances at Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

South Central Age Friendly Programme

Ballyfermot Age Friendly Programme: The Ballyfermot Spring/Summer Age Friendly Programme will continue from 7th – 28th May and will include theatre productions scheduled during Bealtaine Arts Festival incorporating this national celebration of Arts and Creativity as we age.



Sheltered Housing Complexes

Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Chapelizod: Events will also take place in the Dublin City Council sheltered housing complexes including chair aerobics and talks.

Drimnagh, Walkinstown, Bluebell:

Fr. Kitt sheltered housing complex animation programme will continue until 19th June. Activities include, chair yoga, flower arranging and history talks with DCC Local Historian Cathy Scuffil (see Bealtaine Festival Programme).

DCC Community Team is supporting Fr Kitt residents committee to set up an informal gardening group to increase outdoor social activity and maximise use and enjoyment of garden space at the back of the common room. DCC Community team is currently liaising with Dublin City Council parks personnel who have agreed to provide some practical advice and information regarding the management and upkeep of this outdoor leisure facility.

Lord Mayors Afternoon Tea:

A variety of Drimnagh and Walkinstown community groups and organisations are set to enjoy the Lord Mayor's afternoon tea on Saturday 1st June. Groups attending include Drimnagh Women's Shed, Drimnagh Mother McAuley Centre Day Care Centre, and Walkinstown's Sister and Women's Sheds.

Social Inclusion

Labre Park Play Area:

Dublin City Council Community Development team continue to support the ongoing progress of this project. As part of the overall design proposal additional options were provided in the event that additional funding should become available. The Community Team have now completed DCEDIY Funding for Capital Projects (Playgrounds). Additional funding would assist in covering costs of additional elements to the proposed play area and ensure a more comprehensive play facility. However, going forward the initial design and tender process is now complete and works are set to commence in Q3 (Mid-July).

Dynamic Drimnagh:

DCC Community Development Team will provide financial and practical support to Dynamic Drimnagh with regard to the development of the "Welcome to Drimnagh" Booklet which is in draft stage. The booklet is aimed at providing information on local amenities, community development support and local heritage for new residents e.g. 3 x recently completed developments at Eleanora Court, Slieve Bloom and Davitt Road and in preparation for further and future developments e.g. Landsowne and Moorefield.

History/Heritage

Walkinstown/Crumlin History Group:

DCC Community Development (Crumlin & Walkinstown) have been liaising with and supporting the Walkinstown/Crumlin History Group with regard to the republication of "Crumlin and the Way it Was" by local resident Finola Watchcorn. Thanks to local fundraising and financial support from Crowdfund and South Central Area Office, the book is now going to print. The launch of the completed republication is planned for July, exact date and times to be confirmed.

Drimnagh Historical Group:

Dynamic Drimnagh are progressing well with developing the "Drimnagh Historical Pocket Map"; a detailed user friendly map of local historical sites.

Camac Residents Association:

The City Council Community and Public Domain Team are engaged in continued work with local residents in Camac Park to install a commemorative stone at the entrance to the Park. Text, required Irish translation and material for the commemorative stone has been agreed. The DCC contracted engraving/stone mason company are due to provide commencement dates of works for engraving and installation of the commemorative stone and this will determine dates and times for celebratory event.

Summer Projects

Dublin City Council Community staff and Crosscare annual summer project general meeting took place on 15th April where support criteria for voluntary and non-voluntary summer projects and 'special needs' summer projects was discussed.

Funding for non-voluntary Summer Projects is currently being processed and awarded by Crosscare who will inform Dublin City Council community development area teams of updates.

As part of the Summer Project Working Group, Dublin City Council Community Development has reviewed previous support and secured agreement to increase funding for both special needs summer projects. Special Needs Summer Projects will receive an additional €300.00 per project.

Additional funding of up to €300 per project is also available for voluntary summer projects for an additional "Home Based Activities" grant for projects who use local facilities for play and recreational activities included within their activities programmes. This grant will be processed from each relevant area office.

The amount of Zoo passes provided by Dublin City Council Community Development for each Summer Project will be doubled from number provided in 2023.

The Dublin City Council non-voluntary Summer Project Funding Applications have been received by closing date 3rd May 2024 and will be processed in due course.

An annual '*end-of-summer projects*' event to support and celebrate local volunteers who co-ordinate, facilitate and supervise local summer projects, is planned for September in Erin's Isle GAA Club.

Funding

Summer Project Funding:

Dublin City Council Community Development staff have sent out updated information to all non-voluntary and voluntary summer project groups to provide information on funding support for 2024 Summer Projects (see above).

Fundingpoint: Local groups have been sent information on the latest edition of the Dublin City focussed Fundingpoint Local Digest. This provides up to date detailed information and links to viable alternative sources of local, national and EU funding to which local community groups could apply.

It is also available to download on the Dublin City Council website at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/community-grants-and-funding>

Crowdfund:

Dublin City Crowdfund 2024 Spring Programme was announced on 12th April on all Dublin City Council Media e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Dublin City Council Web Page etc. See link [Crowdfund Dublin City | Dublin City Council](#)

Supporting online and in-person workshops also took place in April. The spring 2024 round was opened with deadline of Friday the **17th of May** to have project fully costed, any relevant permissions in place and project page created on Spacehive. Applicants must also have pitched to the Crowdfund Dublin City fund by this date. Please see the following links for more information [Slua-mhaoiniú Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath/ Crowdfund Dublin City - About \(spacehive.com\)](#)

Dublin City Council Community Development Team also sent out information to Local groups and organisations.

Orchard Centre

A visit from Lord Mayor Dublin Daithí de Róiste in early April to our Musical Men Shed in the Orchard Centre turned quickly into a ballad session with the Lord Mayor giving over an hour of his time to the dedicated members of the Men Shed. The Musical Men Shed has a very positive impact on its member's mental health providing a key mechanism for social engagement.

A selection of famous songs and many originals were played and sang, attracting a number of other users in the centre at the time. It was really enjoyed by all!



On April 10th The Cherry Orchard Implementation Board (COIB) launched its action plan. Over 120 people attended the launch where Chair Brendan Foster & Lord Mayor of Dublin Daithí de Róiste co launched the plan.

The action plan, made up 6 Pillars, is now active in the area and you will see from the pictures, heavily community driven.



Dublin City Council's Chief Executive, Richard Shakespeare attended, in addition to Assistant Garda Commissioner, Angela Willis along with numerous statutory agencies and local services, community reps and volunteers.

The membership of the Board is made up of a number of key stakeholders in the provision of services and community development in the area

One of over 90 events that took place as part of the 2024 Cherry Blossoms Festival, on Friday 26th April Irish Wrestling came to The Orchard Centre. A great night was had by all as the professional athletes put on a 2 hour stellar performance in front of over 150 guests of all ages. The interaction and dedication to the show from all involved was very much welcomed and everyone left late on Friday with smiles on their faces!!



**Ballyfermot & Cherry Orchard – Pictured
Cherry Orchard Environmental Group
Ballyfermot Environmental Group &
Elmdale Environmental Group**



Public Domain

Team Dublin Clean-Up 27th April 2024

Congratulations and a huge thank you to all the groups that turned out for the annual Team Dublin Clean-up event on Saturday 27th April. It was inspiring to see the work being carried out by the large number of volunteers. Below are some images taken on the day across the Ballyfermot – Drimnagh Area.



Chapelizod Tidy Towns



Drimnagh – Pictured, Benmadigan Residents Group & Tidy Drimnagh



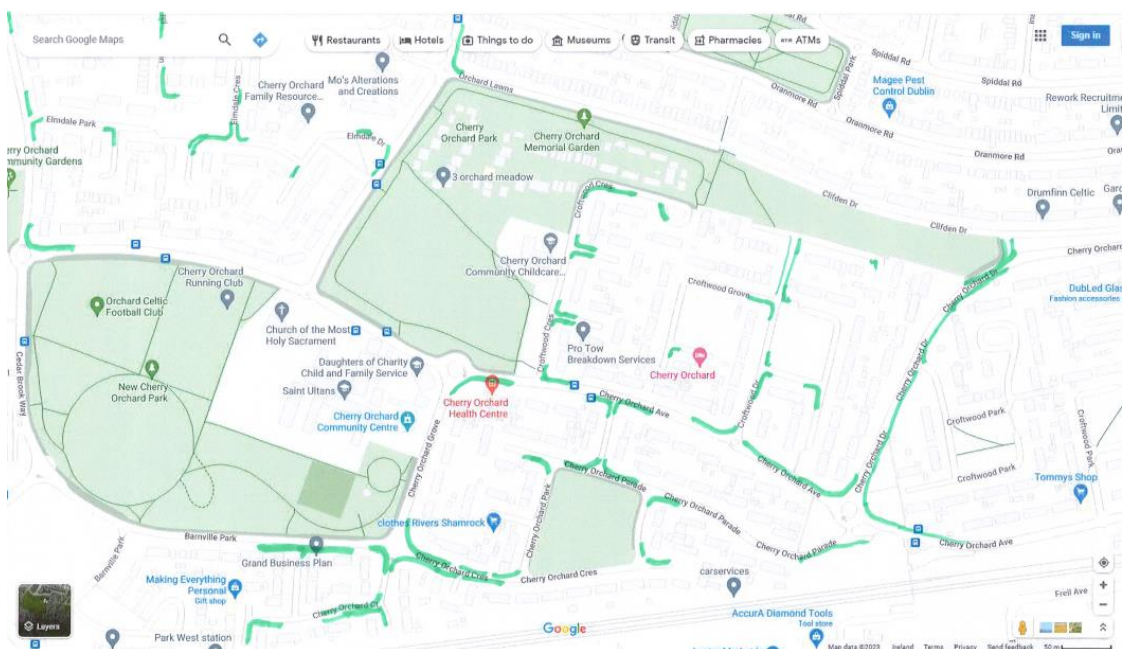
Approximately 25 groups were out supporting the Team Dublin Clean-Up event, with teams of volunteers, helping to clean-up the Ballyfermot Drimnagh LEA. Thank you all.

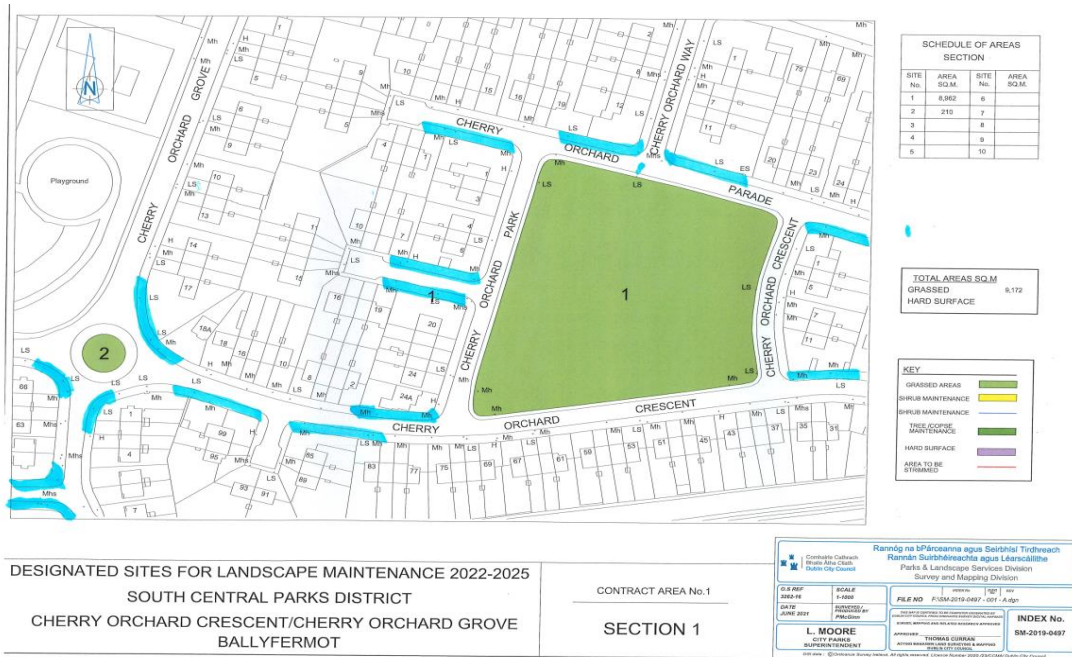
Grass Verge Survey

Our Public Domain Officer engaged with our Parks Department to request that all large grass margins not directly outside residents homes, in the Cherry Orchard area, be included in Dublin City Council's grass cutting contract. Many of these margins are located along corner sites, where it was felt, it was unfair to expect any individual household to maintain.

I am delighted to report that the Parks Department have agreed to include these margins in the main grass cutting contract going forward, the margins will be cut fortnightly in the summer and monthly thereafter.

It is hoped this positive news will encourage householders to maintain their margins in front of their homes to enhance the area generally. Below is the main site location map and a sample of one of the detailed designated site maps





Bus Connects - Liffey Valley to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme

The Public Domain Officer has been approached by a number of local residents and local businesses concerned about the perceived loss of amenity that will occur due to the Bus Connects Liffey Valley to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme, in particular along the Ballyfermot Road.

The Public Domain Officer has also been made aware of a planned protest against the Bus Connects scheme due to be held on Saturday 11th May. A flyer is in circulation in the area, highlights concerns, these are:

- Replacement of the Ballyfermot Roundabout to a signalised junction
- Section of Ballyfermot Road, i.e. from Le Fanu Road to Kylemore junction, being restricted to a one way general traffic lane
- CPO of land
- Removal of parking for residents along Ballyfermot Road
- Only allowing left hand turns onto the Main Road i.e. Ballyfermot Road
- Removal of green space & trees
- Effects on local businesses

This flyer also calls for the NTA to engage with the local communities and to listen to their concerns. Locals have also placed red ribbons around trees in Ballyfermot, which will be lost due to the construction of the scheme.

BusConnects is the National Transport Authority's programme to improve bus services across the country. In response to the concerns raised above the Public Domain Officer

made contact with Dublin City Councils NTA contact and sought additional information that could inform the community about the scheme and hopefully alleviate people's concerns.

Below is a link to the NTA's Bus Connects Liffey Valley to City Centre Scheme, here can be found detailed information about the scheme, including detailed plans.

[Home - BusConnects Dublin – Liffey Valley to City Centre \(liffeyvalleyscheme.ie\)](https://www.liffeyvalleyscheme.ie)

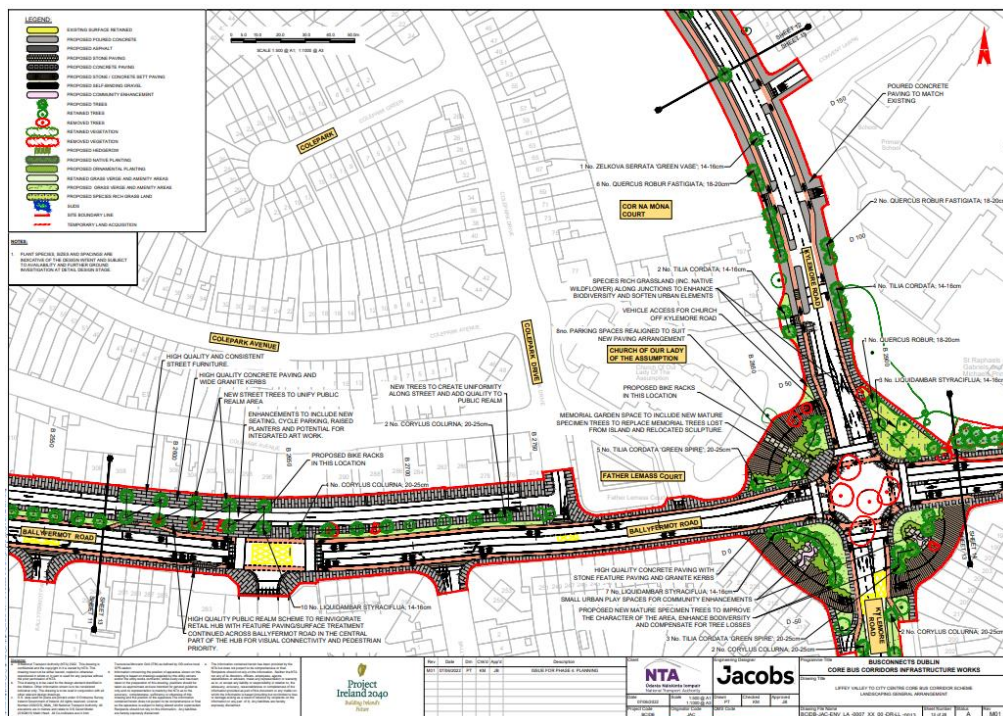
General Arrangement drawings are available, which show the changes to junctions, traffic lanes, and parking.

Landscaping General Arrangements plans are also available which show trees that will be removed, trees retained & proposed new trees plus other proposed landscaping improvements to the public realm, including enhancements to paving, enhancement to existing tree pits, new street furniture installations and other community enhancements as part of the scheme.

You can also find the Construction Phasing & Programme and see details of all CPOs required for the construction of the scheme.

Below is a sample Landscaping General Arrangement drawing, this drawing covers the Ballyfermot Road section at Tesco/Colepark Ave shops and the Ballyfermot

Roundabout/Kylemore Road. The plan highlights the extensive public realm improvement works that will be carried out during the construction of the scheme.



The NTA have also produced visualisation video of the scheme, please see link below; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ob_EVtg0yNw

And also a number of photomontages for the scheme, please see link below;

<https://liffeyvalleyscheme.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2022/07/EIAR-Figure-17.2.pdf>

It is important to note that the NTA applied to An Bord Pleanála for planning approval for this scheme back in 2022 after extensive public consultation, the consultation process is detailed

on the scheme web page above. An Bord Pleanála granted planning approval for the scheme in December 2023, and it is likely that the scheme will commence construction in 2025.

Abandoned Vehicles

As noted in last month's report the Public Domain Office has received a large number of reports regarding abandoned vehicles in the Ballyfermot area, many of which were causing obstructions to residents properties or restricting pedestrian passing and/or facilitating anti-social behaviour. This included a recent report of a caravan parked on a public footpath and related anti-social behaviour.

With the support of An Garda Síochána and DCC's Abandoned Vehicle Section many of these vehicles, including the caravan below, have been removed.

The Public Domain Office will continue to monitor the area for abandoned vehicles and welcome any reports of same so that they can be investigated and actioned by the appropriate authority.



Rough Sleeping

If you notice anyone rough sleeping in your community, please report it. There are a number of ways this can be done. You can go directly online to the Dublin Region Homeless Executive website (link below) and report it

<https://www.homelessdublin.ie/homeless/i-am-rough-sleeping/report-rough-sleeper>

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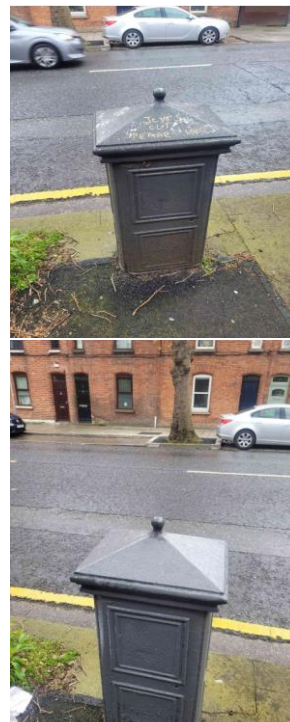
Download the Dublin Rough Sleeper Alerts app from the Apple store or Google play

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive is the lead statutory local authority in the response to homelessness in Dublin. The information you provide will help street outreach teams, run by Dublin Simon Community for the DRHE, to locate the person and offer support.

Graffiti

The Public Domain Office continue to address the anti-social issue of Graffiti in the area, both by engaging contractors to remove graffiti from public infrastructure/property and by engaging with private property owners, and utility companies such as the ESB, Dublin Bus and Eir, to remove graffiti from their infrastructure located in the public realm.

Tyrconnell Road - Racial Graffiti



Illegal Flyers

The Public Domain Office has engaged with a number of operators advertising their travelling entertainment in the area. While there is a planning exemption for the placing of placards, posters or bills relating to the visit of any travelling circus, funfair, carnival, show, cinema, musicians, players or other, no such advertisement can be exhibited for more than seven days after the visit or performance to which it

relates. The Litter Pollution Acts provide for the issuing of an on the spot fine and/or prosecution in respect of posters/notices that are not removed within 7 days after the date of the meeting/event. Dublin City Council also has a protocol for the erection of temporary posters/notices on Dublin City Council property to advertise such events. This protocol also outlines the rules in relation to when, where and how posters/notices can be put up/taken down.



