

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 13th March, 2012 at 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 5244 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 14th February, 2012.
(Attached) pages 5-8
- 5245 Questions to the Area Manager
(Attached) pages 50-54
- 5246 With reference to a presentation by Volunteer Ireland on their structure and their activities.
- 5247 With reference to flood prevention in the Central Area
(Report Attached) pages 11-21

Planning and Development Matters

- 5248 With further reference to Proposed Addition to the Record of Protected Structures of Bealnagowan House, St Mobhi Boithirin, Dublin 9 in accordance with section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.
(Report Attached) pages 22-25

Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

- 5249 With reference to Public Library Events for March, 2012 in the Central Area
(Report enclosed)

Roads & Traffic Department Matters

- 5250 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 23rd February, 2012
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Central Area Matters

- 5251 With reference to the Protocol for submission of Emergency Motions to the Central Area Committee Meeting
(Report Attached) pages 27-28
- 5252 With reference to the Central Area Works Programme 2012
(Report Attached) pages 29-30
- 5253 With further reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway to the rear of 16-23 St. Ignatius Road, Dublin 7
(Report Attached) pages 31-32
- 5254 Updates on the following:
Environmental Services Unit **pages 33-37**
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North West Area (including HARP) Housing Issues **pages 40-44**
North East Inner City Housing Issues **pages 45-47**
North West Inner City Housing Issues **pages 48-49**

Motions

5255 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee agrees to ask representatives from NAMA to attend the Central Area Committee in April to allow members of the Central Area Committee to outline the housing shortage in the Central Area and to request that NAMA agree to report back to the Central Area Committee with the need for housing units to be transferred to Dublin City Council for letting.

5256 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee agrees that a multi agency approach be put in place to deal with anti social breach of planning laws and overcrowding at some properties on the North Circular Road, Dublin 7. Multi agency should consist of Planning Department, Enforcement Department and C W O's from the Department of Social Welfare and the Gardaí.

5257 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee agrees that the Central Area Committee request C.I.E. to paint the steel gantry on Spencer Dock and if C.I.E. would give a date as to when the works will start.

5258 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea

That this Area Committee instructs the Manager to issue a request to Dublin Bus to upgrade the current bus shelter outside the shops on Cabra Road (shelter is opposite 97 Cabra Road) as the current structure offers insufficient shelter as it is without sides and does not provide shelter from wind or rain.

5259 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan

This Area Committee calls on the Traffic Department to introduce improved traffic calming measures on Dingle Road. The current ramps serve little purpose. There is a long outstanding request from local residents to improve the current situation.

5260 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan

This Area Committee calls on Dublin Bus to build a bus shelter at the stop outside the Precious Blood Church on Fassagh Avenue.

5261 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan

This Area Committee calls for the skate park in John Paul Park to be re-named after the late Conor Hickey who was a regular user of the park.

5262 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

This Area Committee insists that any changes to the Passport for Leisure Scheme must be approved by the full City Council and not just the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs SPC.

5263 Motion in the name of Councillor Cieran Perry

This Area Committee calls for the overhead structure on Spencer Bridge at Sheriff Street to be preserved. It should be recognised as a significant historical feature of heritage value for the area. We call for the visual appearance of this to be addressed and improved in the style

of similar structures on North Wall quay. This should be done without haste, but certainly in advance of the Tall Ship event 2012.

5264 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee agrees that the decision to close O'Connell Bridge for the Bavaria City Racing event scheduled for June 3rd be reversed and that the City Council authorise a different route that will aid the flow of traffic, pedestrian and motor, in and out of the City Centre on June 3rd. The committee further agrees that an alternative route using the Quays in the Docklands with a crossing over the Samuel Becket Bridge should be used, as this route has the backing of Dublin City BID, City Centre Retailers and the DCBA.

5265 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee instructs the Manager to write to the owners (JC Decaux) of the "Suicide Plot" located at the junction of Ballybough Road and Clonliffe Road (South West Side) and request that they contact the Heritage Office (which recognises that historical and social significance of this graveyard), to agree a suitable plaque/statue for the site and further request the owners that any future planning application for the site recognises and takes account of the significance of the site.

5266 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

In light of the recent confirmation that the prostitution problem in the Stoneybatter /Arbour Hill/Benburb Street areas now includes child prostitution, this Committee instructs the Manager to immediately set up a meeting with the Gardai, the HSE, Social Services, Ruhama and any other relevant organisation to put together an all agency strategy to investigate and take immediate action to eliminate the prostitution problem in these areas.

5267 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee instructs the Manager to contact the directors of Chartered Land and request that it makes available to members of this committee all material information on their recent (Nama funded) application for Ministerial consent for proposed work to the 1916 National Monument at 14 to 17 Moore Street.

5268 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring, Councillor Aine Clancy and Councillor Mary O'Shea

In light of the progress made and commitment to the development of the Phibsborough area by Phizzfest, Phibsborough Business Association and the local residents, and the fact that Phibsborough is a defined area which has potential for real change, that this committee agrees that Phibsborough should be used as a pilot area for the implementation and evaluation of the City Council's Vacant Spaces Project.

5269 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That this Committee call on Dublin City Council to amend their "outdoor advertising" strategy to exclude Constitution Hill / Phibsboro Road, Navan Road and Manor Street as being suitable for additional outdoor advertising.

5270 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That this Committee call on DCC to apply the Choice Letting Scheme for the North Wall area.

5271 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That this Committee call on DCC Housing Dept to bring forward a plan for social regeneration of the North Wall area that would include exploration of the various options possible with the CIE lands previously ear-marked for blocks M/N.

5272 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That this Committee call on DCC to facilitate the provision of a permanent Garda sub- station in the North Wall area.

5273 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That this Committee call on Dublin City Council and the Gardai to ensure that the Event Management plan for the Tall Ships event ensures that residents and businesses in the area are facilitated with access to the area.

Next Meeting Tuesday 10th April, 2012

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

12 noon on Wednesday*, 28th March, 2012

***(earlier date due to Easter Bank Holidays)**

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 14th February, 2012 at 2.30 p.m.

MINUTES

Standing orders were suspended and a debate took place in relation to the cessation of the bin collection service by Dublin City Council. The Members agreed that their concerns about potential problems arising as a result of this decision be conveyed to Mr. Seamus Lyons, Assistant City Manager, Environment and Engineering Department.

5227 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 10th January, 2012.
ORDER: Agreed.

5228 Questions to the Area Manager
ORDER: Noted.

5229 With reference to a presentation by Focus Ireland (3.30pm)
ORDER: Presentation noted.

Planning and Development Matters

5230 With reference to Enforcement Report for October - December 2011 for the Central Area
ORDER: Report noted. Councillor McAdam requested a written update on 236-260 North Circular Road to be circulated to the Members.

5231 With further reference to the proposed disposal of a lease of the premises known as No. 30/31 Lower Liffey Street, Dublin 1.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

5232 With further reference to a proposal to grant a 35 year lease to Blackhall Parade Children's Project Limited of a premises at North King Street, Dublin 7
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

5233 With reference to the proposed disposal of land at East Point Business Park, Dublin 3 to Earlsfort East Point.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

5234 With reference to Public Library Events for February, 2012 in the Central Area
ORDER: Reports Noted.

Roads & Traffic Department Matters

5235 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 19th January, 2012
ORDER: Report noted.

5235(a) With reference to the 3 Tonne limit on the East Wall Road.
ORDER: An update was given by the Traffic Engineer on measures to discourage trucks from using the East Wall Road.

Central Area Matters

5236 Updates on the following:
Environmental Services Unit
NEIC IAP

North West Area (including HARP) Housing Issues
North East Inner City Housing Issues
North West Inner City Housing Issues
Sports and Leisure Services – Central Area

ORDER: Reports noted. The following items were raised under Central Area Matters

- (a) **Agreed that the Assistant Area Manager will conduct a review on the Dublin City Council administered fora and report back to a future Central Area Committee meeting**
- (b) **Members requested that where Dublin City Council appoints a contractor to work on Social Housing Units that they should be asked to consider employing locals as apprentices.**
- (c) **Manager requested to check protocol from emergency motions at the Central Area Committee and a report to be on agenda for the next meeting.**
- (d) **Agreed that Volunteer Ireland be invited to the next meeting of the Central Area Committee, that Tolka Area Partnership be invited to the April meeting and that Dublin Bus be invited to the May meeting (to give an update on the changes in bus routes in the Central Area).**

Motions

The following emergency motions were tabled

5236(a) Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That the elected members of the Central Area Committee call on the City Manager to establish an independent inquiry into matters relating to the Fire Service Maintenance Contract from 2005 to 2010. Specifically the inquiry should seek to determine if best practice was followed with the way the contract was performed and identify any mismanagement of the contract.

ORDER: Agreed

5236(b) Emergency Motion in the name of Councillors Nial Ring, Cieran Perry, Seamas McGrattan, Mary Fitzpatrick and Christy Burke.

Since it is now clear that representatives of Chartered Land deliberately misled members of this committee as to the extent of NAMA funding available to them for the carrying out of work to the National Monument (14/17 Moore Street) site, the members of this Committee call on Minister Jimmy Deenihan to refuse to consent to Chartered Land's application for works on the National Monument site, and request him to take immediate steps to honour his undertaking to preserve the Monument under Preservation Order No.1 of 2007, adopted by both Houses of the Oireachtas.

In addition, this Committee instruct the Manager to inform Minister Deenihan of the entire contents of this Motion, the misleading of City councillors by the developer and of the contents of the reply from NAMA to the Manager (on foot of a Motion passed at the December Central Area Committee Meeting) confirming that "no decision has been in respect of funding the actual execution of any proposed works" at the National Monument but that "NAMA approved sufficient funding (€250,000) to cover the professional costs incurred in preparing and submitting the application for Ministerial Consent to works at the National Monument.

Finally, this Committee condemns the use of taxpayers money by NAMA to fund an application to the Minister for consent to works at the National Monument which involves the destruction of part of the Monument site.

ORDER: Agreed

5236(c) Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

In light of the recent transfer of the Garda Superintendent from Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station to Store Street Garda Station, this committee instructs the Manager to immediately write to the Garda Commissioner and the Minister for Justice & Equality requesting the following information regarding the refurbishment of Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station, as this transfer has caused much disquiet, concern and suspicion about the future of the station:

- a. Confirmation that this refurbishment programme is committed to by the Commissioner and the Minister.
- b. Commencement date of refurbishment
- b. Estimated completion date.
- c. Estimate cost and exact details of where in the National Accounts the budgeted amount is included. (e.g. Year - Capital Budget - Department of Justice - Garda Station Refurbishment Programme - Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station Dublin).
- d. Explanation if no details at C above are available or in existence.
- e. Confirmations as to whether, or not, the vacancy caused by the transfer will be filled and if so, when?

ORDER: Agreed

5236(d) Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam

That the Central Area Committee calls upon Dublin Bus management to ensure that all buses when parked opposite the homes of residents on Infirmary Road have their engines turned off. Too many buses are terminating at the Infirmary Road stop with drivers leaving engines ticking over for a prolonged period of time causing disruption and disturbance for local residents.

ORDER: Agreed

5237 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee agrees that the €100 charge by Greyhound Waste Services be removed without delay as this is further hardship on residents.

ORDER: The following amended motion was agreed “that this Committee agrees that the €100 charge for existing waiver customers be extended beyond the end of 2012”

5238 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee thank the Waste Management Section for a great service the workers provided to the residents of the Central Area over the years.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

5239 Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam

That this Area Committee calls upon the City Manager to redeploy those Council staff who were on the bin collection service to the Public Domain Unit with the specific responsibility of tackling our problems with illegal dumping across the North Inner City.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

5240 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Area Committee instructs the Manager to write to Dublin Bus, informing them that the Area Committee requests the installation of a bus shelter at the bus stop at Lower Drumcondra Road (junction of Clonliffe Road – stop no. 47) as this is a stop serving over 10 routes and has ample space for such a shelter.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Dublin Bus.

5241 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Area Committee acknowledge the great achievement of East Wall schoolboy, Scott Graham, in his role in the film 'Pentecost', which has been nominated for an Oscar.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

5242 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Area Committee instruct the Manager to write to the operator of the Port Tunnel requesting them to immediately arrange for temporary mobile road signage (portable variable message signs) to be made available for use at the junction of East Wall Road/Alfie Byrne Road and at the Annesley Bridge/Poplar Row/East Wall Road junctions advising, when appropriate, of Port Tunnel closure times and also advising of the HGV ban on the stretch of East Wall Road from Alfie Byrne Road to Annesley Bridge.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

5243 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan

This Area Committee calls on the Manager to introduce measures to tackle the growing problems of dog litter in the Central Area

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

ATTENDANCE

Cllr. Ray McAdam (Chairperson)
Cllr. Seamas McGrattan (Vice Chairperson)
Cllr. Cllr. Aine Clancy
Cllr. Christy Burke
Cllr. Mary O'Shea
Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick
Cllr. Nial Ring
Cllr. Claire O'Regan
Cllr. Anna Quigley

Apologies

Cllr. Cieran Perry

Officials

Charlie Lowe, Executive Manager, Central Area
Hugh McKenna, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area
Declan Wallace, Executive Manager, Development Department
Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer, Central Area
Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Central Area
Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager, Central Area
Fiacra Worrall, Assistant Planning Enforcement Officer, Planning & Development Dept
Ronan O'Dea, Senior Engineer, Traffic Division
Cathy Cassidy, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Central Area
Ciaran Kavanagh, Acting Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area

Councillor Ray McAdam

Chairperson

14th February, 2012

Motions with replies
Central Area Committee Meeting
February, 2012

Item 5237

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Report

110 Waste Management operational staff were available for reassignment following the exit from the kerbside waste collection service. 43 of these have been assigned duties within Waste Management Division with the balance assigned to other operational areas of the City Council.

The majority of the 43 staff assigned to Waste Management have been detailed to street cleaning duties across the city with 12 remaining on the night shift in the city centre. All areas, including the North Inner City, will have some additional resources for street cleaning.

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Report

A letter will be forwarded to Dublin Bus if the members agree to the terms of the motion.

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Report

Tunnel operator has positioned 3 no. temporary VMS signs on East Wall Road, Annesley Bridge and Poplar Row to direct HGV traffic away from East Wall Road during current tunnel closures. Dublin City Council has ordered new signage for Poplar Row and Annesley Bridge to advise drivers of vehicle weight on East Wall Road. This signage will be erected within the next 6 weeks.

Item 5243

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

This Area Committee calls on the Manager to introduce measures to tackle the growing problems of dog litter in the Central Area

Report

The programme for the provision of free poop-scoops, erection of signs and the provision of special dog bins was not particularly effective and was considered to be an inefficient use of resources. We do not intend to resume such a programme at this time.

As an alternative we will in 2012 be running awareness programmes highlighting the need for responsible behaviour on this issue. Also Dublin City Council together with other Local Authorities in the region have proposed a number of amendments to Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act. Proposed changes are in red :-

Section 22 (1) Where faeces has been deposited by a dog in any place to which this subsection applies, the owner or person in charge of the dog shall carry a means to collect the faeces at all times and shall immediately remove the faeces, ensuring that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.

Section 22 (2) Subsection (1) applies to a place that is—

(a) a public road, a public place,

A submission on amendments to the Litter Pollution Acts will be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment in the coming weeks.

**To the Chairperson and Members
of the Central Area Committee**

**With reference to a progress Report to the Central Area Committee on the Extreme
Pluvial Flooding Event that Occurred on 24th October 2011**

The flooding that occurred on the 24th October 2011 was the result of an extreme rainfall event that exceeded the carrying capacity of existing river and drainage systems within Dublin City.

The City Council received over 1300 reports of flooding on roads and properties throughout the City. Investigations by the Drainage Department to determine the full extent of the effects of the flooding and to identify suitable remedial measures are ongoing. The length of time required to complete the investigations will be considerable due to the limited resources, both financial and staffing, that are currently available to the Department.

The following reports which address the nature of the event and the manner in which resources were deployed to handle the emergency have already been presented to the City Council and the Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee.

- Report No. 338/2011 considered by the Council at the Monthly Meeting held on 7th November 2011 on Dublin City Flood Risk and interim report on extreme pluvial flooding event affecting East Coast and Dublin City on 24th November 2011.
- Progress Report on Extreme Event Pluvial Flooding 24th October 2011 considered by the Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee at a meeting on 16th December 2011.
- Progress Report on Extreme Event Pluvial Flooding 24th October 2011 (Incorporating the report from Jacobs titled Interim Review and Recommendations following the Dublin flood event of 24th October 2011) considered by the Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee at a meeting on 15th January 2012.

The purpose of this report is to brief the Area Committee on the specific drainage issues that have arisen in the Central Area as a result of the rainfall event of 24th October.

Flooding in the Central Area

Main Flooding Locations

The City Council has received reports of flooding at 125 locations in the Central Area. The list of these locations is provided in Appendix 1 of the report. These locations were compiled from a number of sources but primarily by complaints from the affected householders, through the Customer Services Centre either on the night itself or subsequently. In addition, flood locations were sourced from the Fire Brigade call out data base for the night. The list of locations is not a definitive list and it should be noted that there may be other locations which were adversely affected by the flood event on the night but have not been, as yet, officially notified to Dublin City Council.

Road Flooding

Road Flooding was reported at the following locations:

Abbey Street Upper
Abbey Street Lower
Annomoe Road
Ashington Avenue
Ashington Close
Ashington Dale
Ashington Grove
Ballybough House
Ballybough Court
Blackhall Place
Blessington Street
Blythe Avenue
Broadstone
Broombridge Industrial Estate
Broombridge Road
Capel Street
Castleforbes Road
Cathal Brugha Street
Charleville Avenue
Charleville Road
Clare Park Villas
Coleraine Street
Constitution Hill
Conyngham Road
Crescent Gardens
Dominick Court
Dominick Street Lower
Dowth Avenue
Eden Quay
Finn Street, Arbour Hill
First Avenue
Galmoy Road
Georges Place
Granville Place, North Strand
Great Western Square

Greek Street

Hibernian Avenue
Home Farm Road
Infirmary Road
Islandbridge
James's Street North
Jones's Road
Killarney Street
King Street North
Kings Avenue, Ballybough
Lagan Road
Leinster Street
Lotts Lane
Lucan Road
Mary Street Little
Mayor Street Upper
Millmount Avenue
Mountjoy Street
Navan Road
Nephin Road
North Circular Road
North Strand
North Wall Quay
O'Connell Street Lower
Old Cabra Road
Parkgate Street
Phibsborough Road
Portland Place
Quarry Road
Rathdown Road
Ratoath Road
River Road
Ravensdale Road
Richmond Cottages
Sean McDermott Street
Seville Place/Oriel Street Junction
Shamrock Cottages
St. Mura Terrace
Strangford Gardens
Thor Place
Villa Park Road
West Road
Whitworth Road
Wolfe Tone Quay

Where road flooding occurred on main roads, significant traffic delays occurred. At the majority of the above locations flooding resulted from surcharged mains. After the amount of rainfall ceased the surface water systems regained capacity, and the flooding quickly subsided.

Property Flooding

Property Flooding was reported at the following locations:

Bachelors Walk
Ballybough Road
Bayview Avenue

Belvidere Road
Beresford Place
Bessborough Avenue
Blackhorse Avenue
Bolton Street
Botanic Avenue
Buckingham Street Lower
Cabra Road
Carnlough Road
Church Place
Church Road
Clonliffe Road
Coburg Place
Connaught Parade
Cuala Road
Dingle Road
Doreen House, Blackhorse Avenue
Drumcliffe Drive
Fitzgibbon Court
Glasnevin Hill
Glendhu Park
Griffith Avenue
Hawthorn Terrace
Hollybank Road
Imaal Road
Irvine Terrace
Island Key apartments, East Wall
Leix Road
Northbrook Avenue Lower
Offaly Road
Oriel Street Upper
Oxford Terrace
Saint Brigids Avenue, North Strand
Saint James's Avenue
Saint Mary's Road North
Seaview Avenue
Shandon Road
Sherrad Street Lower
Strandville Avenue
Villa Park Gardens
William Street North (Rendu Apartments)

Flood Alleviation Measures in the Central Area

Swales in Glendhu Park and Park Road.

The two swales at Glendhu Park and Park Road operated well for the 60-90 minute thunder storm event for which they were designed. However because the event of the 24th October was of a much longer duration the capacity of both swales was exceeded. As a consequence six dwellings in Glendhu Park were flooded compared to eight that were flooded following an extreme rainfall event in August 2008. Severe road flooding also occurred elsewhere within this sub-catchment.

In view of the flooding experienced during the recent event the City Council does not intend to proceed with the proposal to reduce the storage capacity of the swale in Park Road.

However plans are being completed to increase the capacity of the swale in Glendhu Park to cater for more extreme events.

Cabra West

Flooding was reported in:

- 29 on Dingle Road (11 in August 2008)
- 8 on Drumcliffe Drive (5 in August 2008)
- 1 on Carnlough Road (6 in August 2008).

Recent works (new gullies and a surface water connection) carried out by the City Council on the drainage system significantly reduced house flooding on Carnlough Road.

Two flood retention swales and associated pipework are planned for construction at Drumcliffe Road and Killala Road in 2012. The proposed works will reduce the risk of house flooding to properties at these locations. Approval for the projects was granted by the City Council on 7th November 2011.

Cabra East

Flooding was reported in:

- 10 dwellings on Leix Road the same number as in August 2008.
- 19 dwellings on Cuala Road (1 in August 2008).
- 6 dwellings on Offaly Road (1 in August 2008).
- 2 dwellings on Imaal Road (none in August 2008).

The provision of flood retention swales at this location is not an option due to the fact that the drainage network in this area is mainly a combined system.

The City Council recently laid a new sewer from the New Cabra Road to the junction of Annamoe Terrace and Annamoe Drive. This pipe will assist in alleviating flooding in the area.

East Wall

Work has been carried out on gullies at West Road and CCTV investigatory work has been carried out on sewers at Strandville Avenue and West Road.

Villa Park Gardens A pressure plate has been installed on a manhole that will assist in relieving flooding at this location.

Leinster Street North

Additional gullies were installed at this location.

Flood Resilient City Project (FRCP)

The FRCP currently underway will identify areas that are vulnerable to the threat of pluvial flooding and develop the most appropriate strategies to protect those areas against flooding. A final report will be available by mid 2012.

Gully Management Programme

Dublin City Council radically revised its gully cleaning programme in 2004. A new database was introduced which records the date and location of every single gully cleaning operation. All of the city's 54,000 gullies are cleaned on average once per annum. Gullies on the main thoroughfares are cleaned more frequently, in some cases once every six to eight weeks. In addition, during adverse weather conditions and in particular on receipt of severe weather forecasts, normal gully cleaning work is suspended and the crews travel to areas which have

historically flooded in the past to deal with any visible flooding and also carry out precautionary gully cleaning.

Flood Resilient Communities

The City Council will endeavour to progress alleviation schemes to minimise the adverse effects of flooding within Dublin City. However it is not feasible to afford protection to every location for extreme pluvial events. The City Council's sandbag policy (Appendix 2) points out that the prime responsibility for the protection of premises at risk of flooding rests with the owners of those properties.

In Scotland a model has been developed by the Scottish Flood Forum that has enabled over 200 Community Flood Groups to plan and prepare for flood events.

Recently the Flood Resilient City Project (FRCP) invited the Scottish Flood Forum to meet with residents in the East Wall area with a view to establishing a Community Resilience Group to deal with floods. This type of model provides individuals and communities with an effective and efficient means of protecting properties from floods by:

- Establishing local area flood watch systems
- Establishing awareness of factors contributing to flood risks.
- Developing local community flood action
- Minimizing the danger of flooding within the local area.
- Assisting at times of flooding and supporting people who have experienced flooding to ensure effective support is available to assist recovery.
- Meeting regularly to ensure that flood preventive methods are being maintained and monitored.
- Monitoring and reporting to the City Council those areas which are at risk of flooding through lack of maintenance or repair.
- Raising the awareness of personal and collective actions to limit the occurrences of flooding.
- Engaging with the City Council and other organisations to reduce the risk of flooding.
- Developing a local community flood awareness training programme
- Promoting flood protection equipment and materials to prevent further flooding to property
- Arranging free surveys of properties and giving specific advice on the most appropriate means of flood protection.
- Providing advice on the type of protection and suitability of products that will minimize the risk of flooding to properties.
- Making recommendations on minor repairs to properties that may prevent entry of water.
- Facilitating substantial reductions in the cost of flood defence products such as flood gates through bulk buying.

The City Council has explored the possibility of establishing Flood Resilience Groups in the recently flooded areas as the most appropriate means of facilitating the protection of homes and businesses from flood events. The FRCP has created a trans-national learning alliance between Dublin City Council and the Scottish Floods Forum (SFF). A workshop between City Council staff and the Director of the SFF was held on Thursday 12th Jan 2012. The purpose of establishing the Alliance is towards developing a Dublin Flood Forum that will

encourage and support the establishment of Community Resilience Groups across the Dublin region in areas that are faced with the threat of flooding. This will be advanced through the Area Committees.

Of particular benefit in establishing flood resilience communities in the Central Area is in the flooding of basements and properties below road level.

The 2005 Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study highlighted a number of issues with regard to basements and the associated flooding risks. Throughout the city many properties have basements with connections to old sewers and culverts. When these sewers become surcharged the flows often enter basements as these basements are built below the surcharge levels. These basements can be protected by backflows from surcharged by the installation of small pumping stations or anti flooding devices.

The City Council has a Basement Policy which advises property owners on all aspects of drainage concerning basements. The policy strongly advises against any basements in new developments as these areas will always be liable to flooding. Properties below road level in areas like the North Strand are will always remain susceptible to flooding. Rooms that may have been once used as storage areas when the buildings were originally constructed have, in many cases, been redeveloped as apartments or other living accommodation.

The Council has produced an advisory leaflet on Basement Flooding (Appendix 3) advising owners of basement properties to install Non-Return Valves or, where possible, a separate drainage system which is then pumped to the public sewer. In both instances the objective is to break the direct connection to the main sewer as in flood conditions the level in the sewer will rise, in many cases to a level above any drain inlets in the particular basement, and the sewer will back-up and flood the basement.

An important measure to reduce flooding within these areas will be the actions taken by property owners themselves, whether in the installation of non-return valves or pumped connections to the main sewer, in many cases it is actions they will undertake themselves that will protect their property from flooding.

Appendix 2

Dublin City Council's Sandbag Policy

The City Council does not provide or distribute sandbags to individual premises at risk of flooding. The prime responsibility for the protection of such premises rests with the owners of those properties.

The primary role of the City Council during pluvial events is to manage the drainage network in order to minimise the extent of flooding to the general public. The supply and distribution of sandbags would present a considerable impediment to this task. In addition the inevitable increase in telephone requests for sandbags to emergency call centres would seriously interfere with the ability of those centres to cope with major flooding events.

The use of sandbags has become established in the public's mind as an effective flood protection measure. This is reflected in demands for the City Council to make sandbags available to householders and businesses at risk of flooding.

The Council maintains strategic stocks of sandbags at a small number of locations. These amount to around 9,000 at various locations including Clontarf, Sandymount, Glendhu Park, and the drainage depots at Marrowbone Lane and Bannow Road. The stocks at these sites

are maintained for strategic purposes and play a useful role in areas when dealing with flood events which have sufficient advance warning.

General advice to property owners on dealing with floods is provided by the OPW in booklet format and on the website www.flooding.ie. The OPW advice recommends property owners at risk of flooding to have a supply of sandbags close at hand. The advice notes also acknowledge that sandbags can be difficult to deploy during flood events and can also pose health risks if contaminated with sewage.

A major report on of the serious pluvial flooding that occurred in the UK in 2007, known as The Pitt Review, concluded the following with regard to the role of sandbags as a means of protecting individual properties during flood events:

- *While it is clear that sandbags have a useful role in certain types of floods when used strategically, their benefits are less clear when they are used by householders to protect individual properties. This weakness is further heightened by their relative inefficiency when compared with alternative dedicated flood defence products that have been developed in recent years, such as floodgates and airbrick covers.*
- *Extensive evidence of public over-reliance on sandbags which often proved of little value in protecting against flooding.*
- *Many householders and business owners put time and energy into obtaining and installing sandbags which would have been better spent on other activity such as moving possessions to safety and deploying door boards.*
- *Sandbags can be effective when it is marginal, as to whether water enters a house or not, but in relation to large volumes of water they are largely ineffective, contrary to public perception.*

To supply sandbags to all properties at risk of flood during sudden rainfall events would require a level of resources that is much greater than is currently available to the City Council. Even if such resources were provided the deployment of sandbags in sufficient time to prevent significant flooding of properties, particularly during monster rainfall events would be logistically impossible. During a flood event, invariably the transport network is very busy, which means that DCC crews have great difficulty in reaching certain areas to deploy pumps, close flood gates, or deliver sandbags. If there is little notification that an event will occur, delivering sandbags would not be possible.

The provision of sandbag stores at specific locations around the City that could be accessed locally by residents on foot of flood warnings would require considerable investment by the City Council to manage and maintain. The unpredictable nature of flood warnings which can average 4-5 a year would result in sandbags being deployed more often than required, leading to the unnecessary expense of maintaining the required stock of bags at each location. The transportation and placement of sandbags from local containers would still require a considerable effort by local residents and they would be unlikely to be in position in time to prevent flooding to most properties subject to sudden rainfall events. Furthermore, if sandbags were deployed at certain locations, there is no guarantee that the people who need them will get them. During a flood, panic generally sets in, and those who are not in risk of flood could easily exhaust the supply of bags at the expense of those in need.

Owners of properties that are at risk of flooding are encouraged to keep where possible, their own stock of empty sandbags together with sufficient stocks of sand to fill bags at times of potential flooding. Preferably owners should invest in the provision of suitable proprietary flood gates and covers to protect openings such as doors, windows and vents. Dublin City Council does not have financial provision in the 2012 budget for purchase of any additional sandbags.

Central Area - Reported Flood Locations

Abbey Street Upper	Broombridge Industrial Estate	Doreen House Blackhorse Avenue	Killarney Street,	Portland Street North
Abbey Street Lower	Broombridge Road	Dowth Avenue	King Street North	Quarry Road
Annaly Road	Buckingham Street Lower	Drumcliffe Drive	Kings Avenue, Ballybough	Rathdown Road
Annamoe road	Cabra Road	Dunne Street	Lagan Road, Industrial Estate	Ratoath road/River road
Ashington Avenue	Capel Street	Eden Quay	Leix Road, Cabra	Ravensdale Road, Eastwall
Ashington Close	Carnlough Road	Finn street, Arbour Hill	Lotts Lane	Richmond Cottages
Ashington Dale	Castleforbes Road	First Avenue	Mary Street Little, Smithfield	Saint Brigid's Avenue, North Strand
Ashington Grove	Cathal Brugha Street	Fitzgibbon Court	Mayor Street Upper	Saint James Avenue, Clonliffe Road
Bachelors walk	Charleville Avenue	Galmoy Road	Millmount Avenue, Drumcondra	Saint Marys Road North, East Wall
Ballybough House	Charleville Road	George's Place, Off Hardwick Place	Mountjoy Street Middle	Sean MacDermott Street
Ballybough Court	Church Place	Glasnevin Hill	Navan Road	Seaview Avenue, East Wall
Ballybough Road	Church Road , East Wall	Glendhu Park	Nephin Road	Seville Place, Oriel Street Jcn
Bayview Avenue, Ballybough	Clare Park Villas	Granville Place North Strand	New Cabra Road	Shamrock Cottages North Strand
Belvidere Road, Ballybough	Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra	Great Western Square	North Circular Road	Shandon Road, Phibsborough
Beresford Place	Coburg Place	Greek Street	North Strand	Sherrard Street Lower
Bessborough Avenue, North Strand	Coleraine Street	Griffith Avenue	North Wall Quay	St. Mura Terrace @ bottom of Strangford Road East
Blackhall Place	Connaught Parade	Hawthorn Terrace, East Wall	Northbrook Avenue Lower, North Strand	Strandville Avenue, North Strand
Blackhorse Avenue	Constitution Hill	Hibernian Avenue	O'Connell Street Lower	Strangford Gardens, East Wall
Blackhorse Avenue, Martin's Grove	Conyngnam Road	Hollybank Road Drumcondra	Offaly Road, Cabra	Thor Place, Arbour Hill
Blessington Street	Crescent Gardens	Home Farm Road	Old Cabra Road	Villa Park Gardens , Navan Rd
Blythe Avenue	Ballybough, Sackville Avenue,	Imaal Road	Oriel St Upper	Villa Park Road, Navan Road
Bolton Street	Cuala Road, Cabra	Irvine Terrace East Wall	Oxford Terrace, East Wall	West Road, East Wall

Botanic Avenue	Dingle Rd Cabra West	Island Key Apartments East Wall	Parkgate Street	Whitworth Road
Botnanic Avenue at Mannix Road	Dominick Court	James's Street North	Phibsborough Road, Saint Peters Court	William Street North, Rendu Apartments
Broadstone	Dominick Street Lower	Jone's Road ,D 3	Portland Place	Wolfe Tone Quay

Conservation Section, Planning Department
Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8

28th February 2012

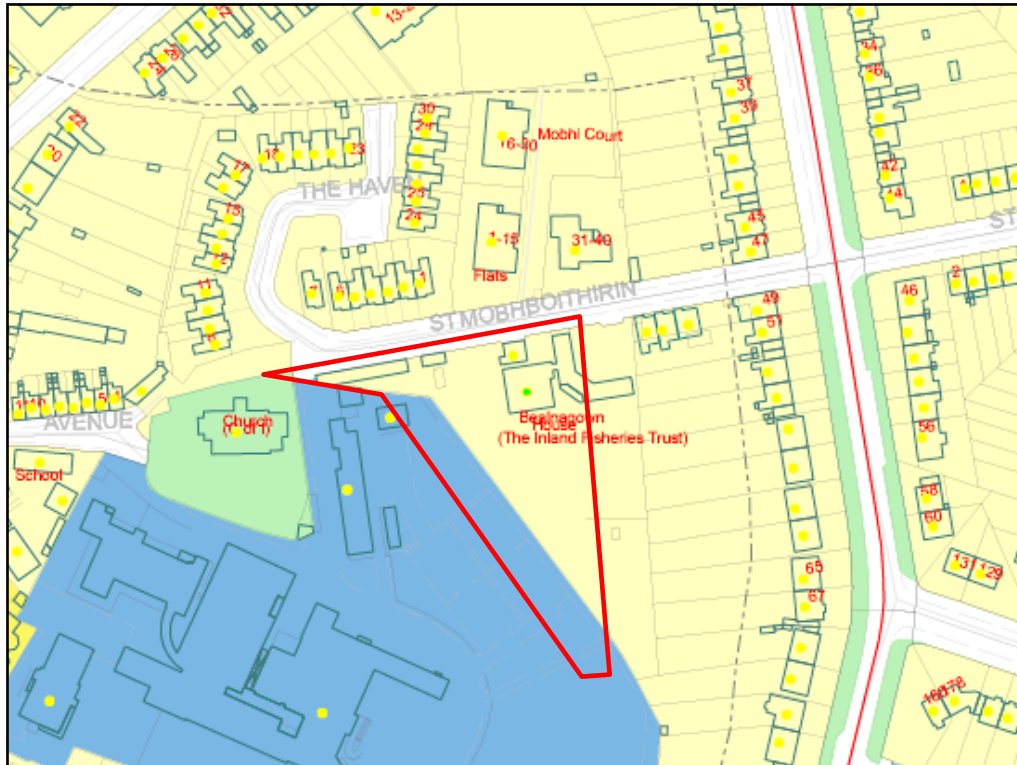
**To the Chairman and Members
of the Central Area Committee**

Proposed Addition to the Record of Protected Structures of Bealnagowan House, St Mobhi Boithirin, Dublin 9 in accordance with section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.



In accordance with the procedures set out in Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, Dublin City Council by public notice on 15/12/2011 indicated its intention to add Bealnagowan House, St Mobhi Boithirin, Dublin 9 to the record of Protected Structures (RPS). One submission was received by the City Council in response to the proposed addition.

Site Location & Zoning map



Saint Mobhi Boithirin is sited approximately 4-5 km's north of Dublin city centre. This is a minor residential cul-de-sac which runs west from Saint Mobhi Road. The site is located mid-way along the south side of the road. The land use in the area is a mix of institutional and residential uses. The site is comprised of a broadly triangular shaped plot with adjoining portacabin structures to the rear west and south, with a large rear wedge shaped garden area.

Summary Description of Structure

Detached, L-shaped, multiple-bay, two-storey, International Style, house, built 1930.

Exterior

Walls: The front elevation has a painted grey smooth plaster render, with dark grey band at parapet level.

Windows: The front elevation has original metal windows with square-headed openings.

Doors: The front entrance door is glazed timber panel painted door, set back to stepped rendered door surround with semi-circular hood above.

Roof: The roof is set behind a parapet level and is not visible from street level.

Boundary Wall & Gate: Original concrete wall with decorative gate. Remains of original fountain to front garden.

Interior: Not inspected

Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017

The site is located in an area, zoned objective Z1: To protect, provide and improve residential amenities

Assessment of Special Interest under the Planning and Development Act 2000

1. **Architectural:** The house was constructed in 1929-1930 and was specially commissioned for the Dublin builder George Linzell. The design of the house reflected the newly emerged 'International Style' of architecture and still retains many of its original external design features.

The house is reputed to be the first private house in Ireland to be built in the International Style and is considered to be an exemplar of this style. Paul Larmour in 2009 publication *Free State Architecture* describes the house as an interesting and eccentric example of Irish Modernist architecture for the period in question (Larmour, 2009, 29).

The building is the work of the architect Harold Greenwood who worked for the internationally renowned architect Edwin Lutyens. Greenwood went on to work for a number of years with George Linzell, designing Linzell's developments between 1929 and 1936. The significance of Greenwood's work is already recognised in the protection of 114 Ballymun Road (RPS Ref 492, Volume 3, Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017).

2. **Technical:** The building displays innovative materials in the construction of the house. It is an early example of a concrete house in its use of early concrete rendered pre-cast blocks with reinforced concrete beams and roofs, steel windows and also in its internal fit out.

Submission Received

Arising from the public consultation, one submission was received by email on 5th February 2012 from the owners of the building and the accompanying site to the rear, Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI). The IFI consider that Bealragowan House should not be included on the list of protected structures. In a spirit of compromise, they consider that the building could be preserved by record and copies of the report could be lodged with Dublin City Council and the National Library.

The submission from IFI states that some aspects of the original design of Harold Greenwood, the architect, were never built: The original design allowed for single storey ends to each of the two wings. In the current building, the ends of these wings have been modified to include first floor accommodation and the position of the chimneys is therefore less dominant than it should be. The owners, IFI also suggest that the site to the rear should not form part of the curtilage, nor should the garage and portacabins be included in the RPS.

The building has been vacant since 2004. As the plan of the building is quite narrow and it proved difficult to have both cellular and open plan office space into the narrow

area of accommodation. The building is thermally inefficient and it would be very expensive to achieve compliance with the current requirements of Part L and to other parts of the building regulations. Adding the building to the RPS would place a significant burden on the owners with respect to the development potential of the house and the remainder of the site. If however the building is added to the RPS the owners wish to get a letter of comfort from Dublin City Council by way of a reduction in any financial contributions and a greater level of site density on the remaining site.

Response to Objections

Paragraph 15.7, page 191 of the Dublin City Development Plan allows for the relaxation of the zoning objectives of the Development Plan for protected structures. It states “in certain limited cases to ensure the long-term viability of a protected structure, it may be appropriate not to stringently apply city wide zoning restrictions including site development standards provided the protected structure is being restored to the highest standard”

While no reduction can be allowed in the financial contributions and levies, paragraph 15.7 does provide certain flexibility in relation to the zoning and site development standards.

In relation to upgrading and insulation of the house, it should be noted that when a building is on the RPS, a BER certificate is not required. In addition advice will be available from DCC’s Conservation Section on any future upgrading proposals required by the current or future owners of the site. In relation to the later free standing garage and the more recent portacabins, these elements do not form part of the protected structure.

Meeting of the Area Committee

The addition of the structure was brought forward to the Central Area Committee on 11/10/11 where it was agreed by the elected members to initiate the procedure to *add* this structure *to* the RPS.

Recommendation to the City Council

In accordance with section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, it is recommended that Bealnagowan House, St Mobhi Boithirin, Dublin 9 be added to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017.

The making of any addition to the Record of Protected Structures is a reserved function of the City Council.

Patricia Hyde
Senior Planner

Central Area Committee March Agenda 13/03/12 (TAG Date: 23/02/12)

	Request Category	Ref	Road	Topic	Request Description	Request by	TAG Result	TAG Comments	Sec
1	School Warden	1899	RATOATH ROAD (C-EA)	School Warden	at Colaiste Mhuire.	Resident	Not Recommended	Does not meet criteria	0
2	Traffic Conditions	1685	KING STREET NORTH (C-EA)	Traffic Island	at the pedestrian crossing on North King Street.	Resident	Not Recommended	However, following a review the signal timings have been altered to provide a longer all red period which will reduce conflict between vehicles and pedestrians crossing North king Street.	0

7th March, 2012

The Chairman and Members of
Central Area Committee

With reference to the Protocol for submission of Emergency Motions to the Central Area Committee Meeting

Following on from a discussion at last month's Central Area Committee meeting concerning the protocol for submission of Emergency motions to the Central Area Committee meeting, it is proposed that the following protocol should be adopted by the Members of the Central Area Committee. This proposal is in line with the existing protocol that is in place for the monthly City Council meetings.

Emergency Motions – Central Area Committee Meeting

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Standing Orders, a motion may be proposed without notice for the purpose of dealing with urgent business related to a function of the local authority, subject to the requirement that not less than three-quarters of the members present (being at least one-half of the total number of members of the authority) vote in favour.

- *An Emergency Motion is one that due to its seriousness gives rise to an unexpected, urgent and potentially dangerous situation requiring immediate action of Council. The proposer of such a motion must in submitting the motion outline clearly why an emergency situation exists and why the motion cannot be dealt with by way of motion to the City Council or to an Area Committee as already provided for.*
- *A motion which is deemed not to be an emergency motion will be listed for the next City Council Meeting or Area Committee as deemed appropriate.*
- *Emergency Motions must be submitted to the Central Area Office by 9am on the day of the monthly Area Committee meeting, unless related to an issue that has arisen after 9 am on the day in question. **Emergency Motions received will be circulated to all Councillors prior to the Area Committee meeting.***
- *The City Council executive may appoint a representative to adjudicate on emergency motions submitted and determine in conjunction with the Chair of the Area Committee as to whether or not they will be put before the Area Committee for consideration.*

Alternatively the Area Chair will make such determination in accordance with Standing Orders.

Emergency Motions will be dealt with at 4pm or the earliest possible time thereafter following completion of the business underway at that time. If the section of the Agenda for the Area Committee meeting dealing with motions has not been reached by 4pm, the order of business shall be suspended at 4 pm or the earliest possible time thereafter by the Chair to enable the emergency motions to be dealt with.

Charlie Lowe

Executive Manager

DRAFT CENTRAL AREA WORKS PROGRAMME 2012

ROADS MAINTENANCE		
OPTION A		
National Primary		Total
Winter Maintenance		10,000
	No grant received from NRA thus far	
Regional Roads		
Misc. new gullies		5,000
Bridge Maintenance		10,000
Misc. c/way ramps		25,000
Winter Maintenance		10,000
Regional Footpaths		
Misc.		10,000
Local Roads		
Misc. new gullies		5,000
Misc. c/way ramps		22,000
Litton Lane		100,000
Western Way Wall		25,000
Winter Maintenance		10,000
Local Footpaths		
Misc.		13,000
Bridge Maintenance		10,000
Emergency call outs		20,000
Misc. new gullies		10,000
Misc. direct labour (Cllr questions, etc.)		650,000

Option B – Replace Litton Lane with Castleforbes Road

Extra Funding for City Centre Footways			
Ellis Quay	200	200	40,000
Parnell Street	1670	200	334,000
Talbot Street	2029	200	405,800
Liffey Street (North Lotts – Batchelor’s Walk)	310	200	62,000
Ormond Quay Lower	738	200	147,600
Batchelor’s Walk (Litton lane – O’Connell St)	420	200	84,000
Dorset Street Upper	500	100	50,000
Cathal Brugha Street	260	200	52,000
Ormond Quay Upper	500	200	100,000
Faussagh Avenue	500	100	50,000
Ellis Quay	100	200	20,000
			1,345,400

PUBLIC LIGHTING		
Street	Works to be carried out	Cost
Annamoe Drive	Upgrade 14 lights to 100w son ARCs	5,138
Clonliffe Road	Replace existing poles with 10m conical poles and replace fittings with 150w SON Koffers, ESB transfers required. Phase 1: Poles 12-31 (20 total)	67,180
Goldsmith Street	Upgrade 9 lights to 100w SON ARCs and change brackets	5,067
Navan Road	Change brackets, cells, interface units & fittings on 27 ESB poles	17,793
Red Cow lane	Upgrade 3 lights to 60w Cosmo Evolve2	1,248
Seaview Avenue East	Upgrade 11 lights to 60w Cosmo and change brackets. Install 1 new Housing pole at side H58 with 60w Cosmo	8,676
Wolfe Tone Quay	New lighting and ducting to be installed	
Various locations	Painting of poles as required	10,000
		115,102

PARKS		
Location	Works to be carried out	Cost
John Paul Park	Upgrading boundary plinth wall at Ratoath Road	10,000
John Paul Park	Installation of ball stop netting	3,500
Portland Place Park	MUGA surface repairs and hard landscape improvement works	7,000
Ashington Park	Landscape improvement works	2,000
Griffith Park	Pedestrian bridge improvements/removal of concrete wing walls at river steps	25,000
		47,500

TRAFFIC		
Location	Works to be carried out	Cost
Ratoath Road	Traffic calming measures	20,000
Liscannor Road	Traffic calming measures	20,000
		40,000

29th February 2012

The Chairman and Members of
Central Area Committee

With further reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway to the rear of 16-23 St. Ignatius Road, Dublin 7

Proposal

A request was received from a resident to have the public right of way extinguished over the laneway to the rear of 16-23 St. Ignatius Road, Dublin 7. The reason given for this proposal was to eliminate anti-social behaviour in the area. The extent of this proposed extinguishment is shown on the attached Drawing RM 23303C.

The Central Area Committee, at its meeting on 11th October 2011, agreed to initiate the statutory procedure to extinguish the public right of way over this laneway under the provisions of Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

Statutory

By public advertisement on 15th November 2011, representations or objections were invited by 13th January 2012. The site notice at this location was erected on 15th November 2011.

A letter of objection was received during the public consultation period from the solicitors representing the owner of the premises which houses the P. Spains and Sons factory, located on the laneway. It is their opinion that proceeding with this right of way extinguishment would adversely impact on the operation of current and future business.

Service Check

A service check has been carried out and no service access is required.

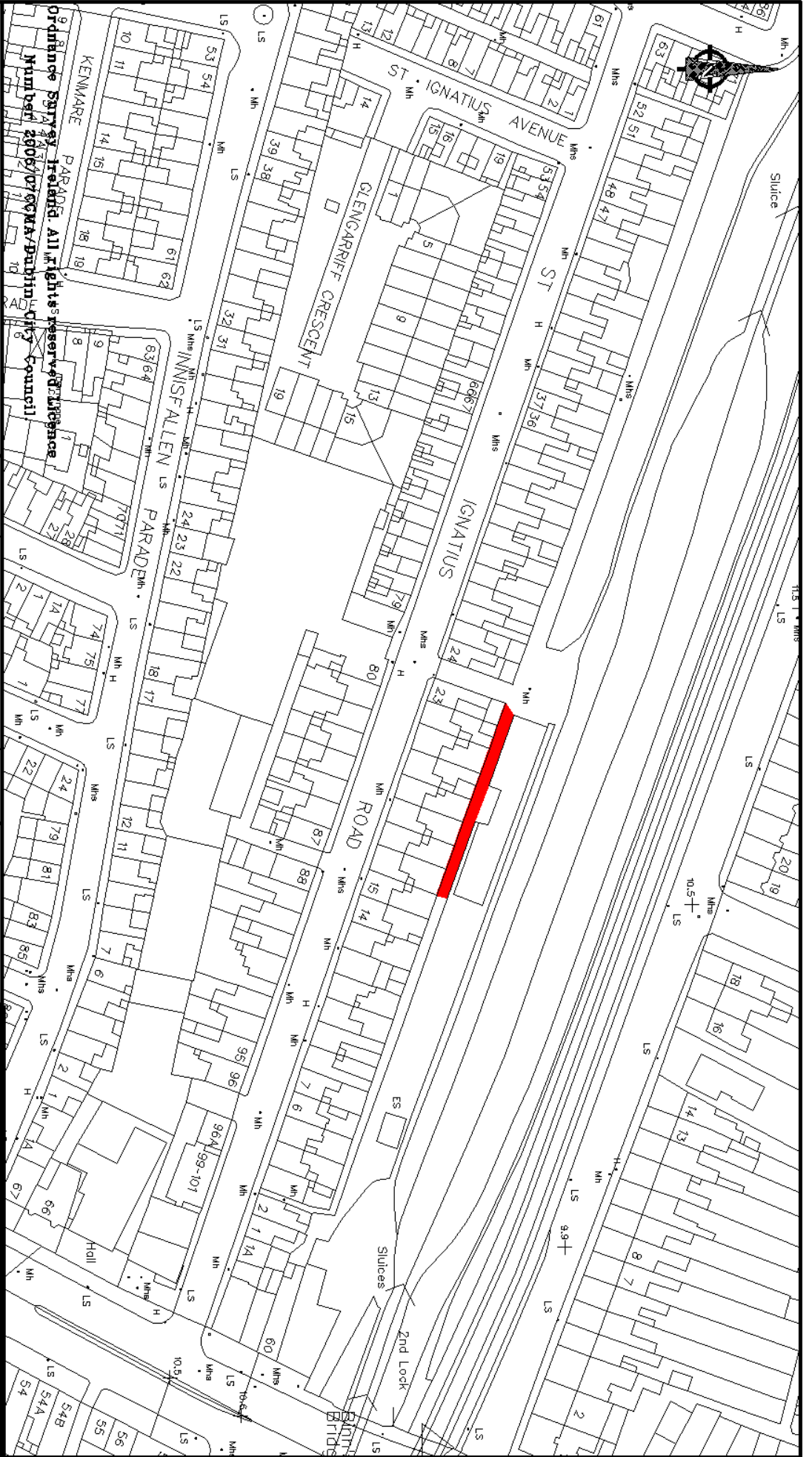
Recommendation

Due to the significance of the objection received I would not recommend proceeding with the extinguishment of the public right of way over the area shown on the attached drawing RM. 23303c.

The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the City Council.

Charlie Lowe

Executive Manager



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 WOOD QUAY, DUBLIN 8.

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 DEPUTY CITY ENGINEER - ROADS & TRAFFIC

ROADS MAINTENANCE DIVISION	DATE	SCALE	DATE
1/20	1/20	1/1	14/08/2011
1/20	1/20	1/1	14/08/2011

Roads Act 1993 Section 73(J)
 Proposed extinguishment of public r.o.w.
 over laneway (part of) at rear of
 nos 16-23 St Ignatius Road, Dublin 7.

SCALE 1:1250
 DATE 14/08/2011

DRAWING No.
R.M. 23303C

**To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee**

March, 2012

Environmental Services/Public Domain update

Smithfield Horse Fair

Bridewell Gardai convened a meeting of the multi agency group in lead up to the March Fair and checkpoints and a section 21 Garda order was in place for the March Stallion Fair which is traditionally the biggest fair of the year. All 80 planters were moved and secured with massguard fencing, funded by Dublin City Council, to protect them from damage from the horses. The terrace at the north end and planted area at the southern end of the square were fenced off and a controlled area to separate the public from horses was erected at Church Street. This was the only access point for horse owners. .

On Sunday 4th March over 100 horses were allowed through the checkpoint and an estimated 1,800 people attended despite advertisements being placed by D.C.C advising that the space was unavailable. There were no major incidents reported, but the crowd did not disperse till the afternoon. Clean up crews were able to access the area and remove the heavy soiling with power washing continuing on the Monday morning right through the day.

Litter Monitoring Group

The Litter Monitoring group agreed a procedure for dealing with illegal dumping at a recent meeting that entails the removal of a sample of bags for investigation by Litter Wardens followed by removal within 24 hours of bags in Category A areas (Litter Management Plan ref) and the removal within 7 days in Category B and C areas. The removal of bags identified and stickered as dumped by the litter wardens is to be undertaken by waste management in cooperation with the litter wardens and these bags will be investigated in full where possible.

Boardwalk

The section of the Boardwalk running from O'Connell Bridge to Butt Bridge is closed to accommodate the construction of the Marlborough Street Bridge. A section of the boardwalk will be removed and stored in Convent Lands. Decking from this section will be salvaged for use as replacement decking for damaged and worn sections of the Boardwalk.

The Liffey Cruise Pontoon has been secured and a licence agreement with the operators of the cruise has been drafted and handover of keys will take place once the agreement is signed.

Slip testing continues to be carried out on the Boardwalk but an effective way of sealing the decking has not been agreed upon.

BIDs

Revised Baseline Service Level has been forwarded to BID for inclusion in their renewal proposal document.

Weeding

The weed removal contract has been extended for a further year into 2012. Two complete separate sprays will be carried out during the spring/summer months, the first scheduled to commence on 14th April and the second commencing on or around 1st August weather permitting. The Central Area is scheduled to be the first of the 5 areas to be completed.

Graffiti Removal

Probation Services

The probation services are currently working on a large project within the Central Area. Sean McDermott Street parish hall is currently being painted and the surrounding garden area will also be litter picked and cleaned. This project will take approximately 10 weeks to complete. The probation services have also completed the painting of a large wall within the grounds of Rutland Street community garden. A total of 300sqm was painted.

Graffiti has been removed from the following areas using the Corporate Contractor:

Royal Canal, Dublin 1
Boardwalk/Quay Wall, various locations, Dublin 1
Larkin Monument, O'Connell Street Lower
Ashford Street, Dublin 7
Faussagh Avenue
Kilkiernan Court, Dublin 7

Total area of graffiti removed by corporate contractor in the period was 60sqm.

Litter Hotline

In the period 1st February 2012 – 29th February 2012 212 incidents were reported to the Litter Hotline:

Dumping - 143
Litter – 19
Cleansing – 50
Non tagged bags – 0
Other – 0
Graffiti - 0

The breakdown of how incidents were reported to the hotline is as follows:

E-mail – 24
Phone – 76
DCC staff – 24
CRM – 98
Counter - 0

The breakdown of the areas that the complaints relate to is as follows:

Drumcondra – 12	Phibsborough – 11
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Cabra – 26	Ballybough – 32
East Wall – 19	North Wall – 7
NEIC – 63	Stoneybatter – 13
NCR - 11	Other – 28

Litter Warden Statistics

There were a total of 71 Fines issued by the area based Litter Wardens in the Central Area for littering offences in the period 1st February 2012 – 29th February 2012

411 Streets were inspected by the Area based Litter Wardens

515 Dumped Bags were removed

508 Dumped Bags were investigated

1438 Dumped or wrongly presented bags were labelled with warning stickers

1189 Gardens inspected

36 Warning Letters issued to householders

Environmental Response Unit

A total of 121 incidents were responded to by the environmental response unit in the period 1st February 2012 and 29th February with 31 tonnes of dumped material removed.

Community Forum Update

Drumcondra/Glasnevin Community Forum

The most recent meeting of the Drumcondra/Glasnevin Community Forum was held on 25th January 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Closure of Whitehall Garda Station
- Illegal parking and double yellow lines
- Unoccupied buildings
- New bin service

The next meeting Forum will take place on 16th April 2012.

East Wall Community Forum

The last meeting of the East Wall Community Forum took place on 8th February 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Illegal dumping and graffiti
- Dog fouling
- Traffic issues

The next meeting will take place on 9th May 2012.

Mountjoy and District Community Forum

The last meeting of the Mountjoy and District Community Forum was held on 10th January 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Reclaim Blessington Basin
- Illegal dumping
- Public lighting
- Hostels in area

The next meeting will take place on 6th March 2012.

North East Inner City Community Forum

The last meeting of the North East Inner City Community Forum took place on Tuesday, 28th February. The main issues raised were:

- Drug dealing, loitering and anti-social behaviour
- Traffic and illegal parking issues
- Illegal dumping and dog fouling
- Cumberland Street market.

The next meeting will take place on 24th April 2012.

North Strand/Ballybough Community Forum

The last meeting of the North Strand/Ballybough Community Forum took place on 16th January 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Bin collection
- Traffic
- Anti-social behaviour
- Flood gates/pedestrian foot bridge

The next meeting will take place on 16th April 2012.

North Wall Community Forum

The last meeting of the North Wall Community Forum took place on 12th January 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Anti-social behaviour
- CCTV
- Social housing
- Traffic related issues

The next meeting will take place on 22nd March 2012.

North West Inner City Community Forum

The last meeting of the North West Inner City Community Forum took place on 22nd February 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Smithfield Horse Fair

- Anti-social behaviour
- Public lighting

The next meeting will take place on 9th May 2012.

Phibsborough/Mountjoy Local Area Plan – Monitoring Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12th January 2012. The main issues raised were:

- Hostels in the area
- Planning issues
- Bin collection (release of personal information)
- Low cost/no cost improvements in the area

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 19th April 2012

Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee

The last meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee was held on 12th December 2011. The main issues raised and discussed were:

- Anti-social behaviour in the North Wall area
- Garda initiatives in relation to case management
- Operation Kerbside in the Stoneybatter area
- Increase in burglaries in the Cabra, Navan Road and East Wall areas
- Closure of Whitehall and Fitzgibbon Street Garda stations

The next meeting will take place on 12th March 2012.

Extinguishment of Public Right of Ways

Pre Initiation Stage – awaiting further information

- Laneway to the rear of 25-43 St. Anne's Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

Procedure initiated by Area Committee

- Laneway to the rear of 16-23 St. Ignatius Road, Dublin 7 - *public consultation period ended 13th January 2012, further information requested*
- Harbour Court, Dublin 1 – *public consultation period ended February 27th, Recommendation report to be prepared for Central Area Committee*

Hugh McKenna
Senior Executive Officer

March 2012

**The Chairperson and Members of the
Central Area Committee**

PROJECTS UNIT, NORTH EAST INNER CITY

Liberty Park Crèche

There are currently 30 children attending the crèche on a full time basis. The 2-year extension agreement with Davencrest Ltd. T/A Kids Inc will expire on 31st May 2012.

Tenders have been invited by open procedure from suitably qualified contractors for the operation of a full services Crèche on behalf of Dublin City Council at Liberty Park Crèche, Foley Street for a period of three years effective from the 1st June 2012 with an option to extend the contract for a further one or two years should finances permit.

A contract notice was placed in the Official Journal of the European Union on the 31st January 2012 inviting Invitations to Tender. The closing date for receipt of Invitations to Tender was 12:00 noon on Friday 24th February 2012. Three submissions were received and they are currently being assessed.

Liberty Corner - Disposal of Nine Retail Units

Five of the units have been disposed of, and there are four remaining units. Lisneys have been marketing the remaining units for lease however there has been very little interest in the letting of the units.

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Units 6 and 7 Liberty Corner Complex, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 and a Unit in Sean Treacy House, Empress Place, Dublin 1

An Expressions of Interest exercise commenced to offer units 6 and 7, Liberty Corner Complex and a unit in Sean Treacy House for community type use to local groups / projects who have previously sought office type space within the Central Area environs.

Each unit will require total fit-out and this will be the responsibility of each successful applicant along with utility, rates and maintenance costs. It was agreed that a review of all applications would be carried out and an offer to use the unit(s), by way of licence agreement would then be made to the most suitable group(s).

Process

The process took place as follows:

- Three groups were interested in the units available and were invited to view the units.

- Submissions were invited from the interested parties. Two submissions were received.
- Both applicants expressed a preferred interest in the unit located in Sean Treacy House therefore it was decided that the applicant who scored highest in the weighting criteria would be offered this unit and the second highest scoring applicant would be offered unit 6 in the Liberty Corner Complex.
- Both applications were weighted on specific criteria; however it was considered that both applicants did not fully demonstrate their organisations financial capacity to provide funding for the fit-out and operational costs.
- It was recommended to provisionally offer the unit in Sean Treacy House to the highest scoring applicant (Traiga Burhanya - Essam Muhamed) on the condition that they demonstrate their organisations capacity to provide funding for fit-out and operational costs. The applicant has been given a two month time period to submit this information. The applicant must provide financial evidence in terms of how they can sustain future operational costs. The applicant must also provide details of the proposed works for the unit and related costs for same. The proposed works must be agreed with Dublin City Council. Funding for any proposed works must be secured and in place and evidence of same must be submitted to Dublin City Council prior to the Council entering into negotiations for a licence/lease agreement for the use of this unit.
- It was recommended to provisionally offer unit 6 in the Liberty Corner Complex to the second highest scoring applicant (Acts of Compassion Project) on the condition that they demonstrate their organisations capacity to provide funding for fit-out and operational costs. The applicant has been given a two month time period to submit this information. The applicant must provide financial evidence in terms of how they can sustain future operational costs. The applicant must also provide details of the proposed works for the unit and related costs for same. The proposed works must be agreed with Dublin City Council. Funding for any proposed works must be secured and in place and evidence of same must be submitted to Dublin City Council prior to the Council entering into negotiations for a licence/lease agreement for the use of this unit.

Foley Street Improvement Works

Phases 1 and 2 are complete.

Phase 3 of the improvement works includes the upgrading of 120m of carriageway between Beaver Street and Buckingham Street. Roads Design will organise a topographical survey of the relevant section of Foley Street for the final phase. Roads Design will issue commencement notices to the various Utilities concerned with regard to their existing services infrastructure and will then prepare the detailed design. It is anticipated having the tender documents and drawings complete and going to tender by the end of April 2012.

Edel Whelan
A/Staff Officer

March, 2012

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North West Inner City Cabra Area Office

The following lists the issues that are regularly raised for attention at the various community / business forums attended by DCC:

NWIC Community Policing Forum

1. Street drinking
2. Prostitution
3. Event management e.g. Smithfield on Ice
4. Horse Fair
5. Parks management
6. Planning issues
7. Traffic

Smithfield Business Forum (New)

1. Footfall promotion
2. Plaza design completion / utilization
3. Plaza visibility / accessibility / management
4. Event activities e.g. Farmers' Market
5. Parking / Traffic management
6. Anti-social behaviour e.g. street drinking
6. Litter

Cabra Community Policing forum

1. Anti-social behaviour
2. Local drugs situation
3. Precinct upgrades –Faussagh Ave
4. DCC Housing / property estate management issues
5. Event management e.g. Halloween

Cabra Rd / Pk Residents Assoc

1. Waste management – impact of intro of Brown bins
2. Level of rented properties in area
3. Impact of hostels / half way houses in the area
4. Planning issues
5. Railway line – dumping / drainage

NCR Res Assoc

1. Trees on NCR – impact on pathways on driveways
2. Anti-social behaviour at Altona Tce.
3. Litter / waste management
4. Roads issues
5. Planning issues

Finglas / Cabra Local Drugs Task Force (LDTF)

1. Supply reduction tactics
2. Communication with DCC and Gardai re drug supply matters
2. Monitoring of impact of local drug treatment services
3. Education and prevention

4. Growth in intimidation of drug users' families over debts
5. Updates from participating agencies on activities

Navan Rd/Pelletstown Area

1. Tolka Valley Linear Park
2. Horses/ motor bikes in Pelletstown
3. Vandalism at Ashington Playground
4. Swales at Park Rd/Glendhu
5. Navan Rd QBC
6. Blackhorse Ave road works

Community Policing Fora

There are 3 key issues arising across all Forum meetings that have citywide relevance.

1. The transfer of the bin service to Greyhound.
2. The volume of dog fouling on city and neighbourhood streets.
3. The impact of poorly managed private residential accommodation. This is a particular issue on North Circular Road and Cabra Park and the subject of repeated complaints because of the deterioration of the fabric of houses and because of the behaviour of some tenants that is upsetting neighbours.

Blackhorse Avenue

The leak at the Cabra Gate which has been an ongoing problem for residents and traffic has finally been resolved. Taken together with recent additions to gullies along this stretch of road as part of the road upgrade works, this should help reduce the risk of flooding in the area, which has been severely impacted by the last two major flooding crises.

Fassaugh Ave CCTV

The long awaited replacement camera intended to target criminal and anti-social behaviour along a section of Fassaugh Avenue has now been installed and is operational. Management of the camera has been transferred to the Gardai who will manage and maintain it henceforth.

Royal Canal Study Group

The group continues to meet to explore ways of improving the amenities of the canal for residents, visitors and water users alike. Inland Waterways Association members are particularly concerned about the area around Spencer Dock and a submission has been made to the Operation Liaison Group to approach CIE on this directly.

Development Works

Tolka Valley Linear Park – River Rd

The engineering works for the Park are continuing as planned:

- The new bridges have been installed.
- The new park entrances are completed.
- The main cycle route path is being completed by March 2012.
- The Manager has approved an Order for the repair of the boundary wall of Cardiffsbridge Park at the western end of River Road (facing Rathborne) in the interests of the security of the Park. These works will be carried out in March and April 2012.

The landscape works will follow on when these works are completed and will continue through the 2012-2013 planting season. This will be co-ordinated by the Parks and Landscape Services Division. The park will then be opened to the public, probably in spring 2013.

The residents in Pelletstown, Tolka Trout Anglers, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Fingal County Council Parks and other local landowners have been contacted.

Killala and Drumcliffe Swales

The project was approved at a meeting of the full City Council on November 7th.
The following are the proposed timelines.

January/February 2012 – Overflow pipe from the junction of Faussagh Avenue and Killala Road to the park area (100m long approximately).

March/April – Construction of the two swales, weather permitting.

May – Landscaping of the two swales.

Summer – Main grass growth period.

Proposed Royal Canal Cycleway

A feasibility study has now been completed following consultations with residents groups and other interested parties by the office of the QBN. The project will now seek funding and planning permission.

Development Works - Other Agencies

New Pelletstown Train Station

Charlie Lowe and DCC planners have met with Ballymore Homes and Iarnród Éireann regarding the design of the station. Considerable work has been done and the overall design is near agreement. When agreement has been reached, the Planning Department will review. It is intended that this stop will be similar to a Luas stop and will function as a fully automated station.

Reilly's Bridge Flyover

Irish Rail have obtained planning permission from An Bord Pleanála and have put this project out to tender with a view to starting work in early 2013 subject to funding.

Royal Canal Works

Waterways Ireland (WI) have completed the relining of the canal on a section between the 5th (Cross Guns Bridge) and 7th locks. However, they stopped short of the 7th lock at Shandon Gardens due to the presence of creosote, which must be removed under licence. WI and Irish Rail (IR) are now in discussions re commissioning a study to identify the extent of the creosote, which is understood to have come from a now extinct coke plant.

IR have also cleaned up an area along the canal bank at the rear of Des Kelly's premises at Cross Guns bridge. This was previously used by drinkers and was a deterrent to walkers and other users of the canal. Unfortunately the fencing deployed by IR is not in keeping with the area but they say that they are not in a position to upgrade it.

CIDP Development Works - Navan /Ratoath Rd

No further complaints have been received from residents since the meeting of 12th September

HARP Community Gain

At the end February 2012, over €200,000 has been paid in Minor and Major grants to the 2011 applicants. All applicants must supply regular reports to the HARP office setting out the progress of the project and information on expenditure.

Development works

Annamoe Terrace

Work on the installation of a pipe to connect the drainage system on the Cabra Road to that on Annamoe was carried out and completed in December.

McKee Court: The first units have now been allocated and further allocations are in process.

Smithfield Enhancement Scheme

Phases 1 and 2 are completed with the exception of the putting the planters in place. It is expected that they will be in their final positions by the middle of March. The resurfacing of New Church Street, Bow Street and May Lane is substantially completed while works are in progress on Haymarket. Some minor repair works to the surface will be carried out on the main space. The public lighting on these streets has been upgraded. Phase 4 which involves the construction and fit out of the welfare building is due to be completed in February. On carrying out a further review it was decided not to proceed with installing adult exercise equipment as it wasn't physically possible to segregate this equipment from the play equipment in accordance with the recommended guidelines. Accordingly tenders have been invited for the supply and installation of the play equipment only. The closing date for the receipt of tenders was 23rd January.

Community Development Report CAC March 2012

Community Grant Scheme

Ninety six applications were received from the NWIC & Cabra area, which are now being processed.

Drumalee

The official opening by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Councillor Andrew Montague of the M.U.G.A. (Multi-Use Games Area) in Drumalee Estate took place on 24th February. This is a valuable resource to the community and has come about following extensive consultation with residents in the estate and surrounding areas. It will facilitate the positive engagement of young people in sporting activities and contribute to the integration of the communities in the locality. It will also be made available to local schools and compliment activities in the Aughrim Street Centre.

International Women's Day 8th March 10.30am to 2.30pm on the outside the shops on Cabra Rd."The Circle of Life"

The response from the Traders Volunteers and Community Groups has been remarkable. The event features Displays, Music, Thai Chi, Face painting, Information Stands & Refreshments. All we need now is the weather. This is our third year so third time lucky.

Comhairle na Nóg

The representatives are working on an anti bullying campaign B.A.T. (Bullying Attack Team). They have met with reps from the National Parents Council, National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals, CDYSB, CYC, Pavee Point, Exchange House Youth Reach to discuss rolling out the programme in the schools which will involve teachers Pupils and Parent. The community development staff supports the Comhairle by attending meetings, facilitating workshops and organising Seminars.

Senior Citizens

We are working with the residents and Liaison Officers to develop committees in DCC Complexes to encourage community spirit, taking responsibility for the running of the community rooms and enhancement of their environment. St Finbarra Court now has a committee in place and a breakfast club once a week to encourage the residents to use the facility and socialise. Convent View has a vibrant committee who also volunteer to serve meals during the week. The new complex in McKee Park has a new Community Centre for the residents and also for their neighbours in the adjoining houses. We are planning a "getting to know you" exercise in the near future.

MACRO Building

The Senior Community Officer is on the Advisory Board of MACRO Building Management and is working with the committee to promote increased community use of the facility. A Men's Groups is being set up and activities for children over the Easter Holidays are being planned and a small grant has been recommended for these activities.

Pelletstown

We are working with the Royal Canal Park Residents Group on an ongoing basis and a new group has been set up in Rathborne. The both hosted Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies and have plans

for events at Easter. They also attend the Community Policing Forum. The Parent & Toddler Group is still going strong and is supported by the Pastoral Worker from Blanchardstown Parish and the Senior Community Officer. They are working towards putting on a Spring Fair in April on the banks of the Canal

Seachtain na Gaeilge

There is a calendar of events organised by St Finbarr's GAA Club promoting the Irish Language and Culture running for the month of March. For details and times contact St Finbarrs GAA Club on Faussagh Ave.

Fergus Synnott

Administrative Officer

**To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee**

March, 2012

North Inner City Housing Update

Chris Butler – Area Housing Manager

Matt Talbot Court

Maintenance issues in relation to roof and dampness have been flagged with Housing Maintenance Section. Still awaiting report from Housing Maintenance Engineer. Works on voids are now to be done by direct labour.

Repairs to damaged play equipment have been delayed due to difficulty in sourcing materials. Repairs are now expected to be completed by mid March.

Liberty House

Tenders submitted for January 13th. Currently being examined by Quantity Surveyors. Once contractor has been selected submission seeking approval to appointment the contractor will be sent to Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Six families have now moved out of section of E block that needs to be detenanted. One other family due to move to the Forge but this has been delayed due to the gas flue issue. One family still to agree to move.

St. Mary's Mansions

One vacant unit has been allocated to case with lower points than normal in accordance with agreement to re-let outside Scheme. A three bed unit is now ready and awaiting letting. Two one bed units ready for allocating shortly. Complex is currently being painted.

Patrick Heeney House and Crescent

Snagging issues in relation to heating persist. Tests on heating system are being undertaken by independent contractor.

Avondale House

Contractor has been selected to undertake Precinct Improvement Project. Minor alterations to original plan required for technical reasons. Work now expected to commence on site April/May.

Alfie Byrne/Hill Street

Contractor has been selected for Precinct Improvement Project. Work will commence on site on March 12th and will take approximately 52 weeks.

Father Scully House

Catholic Housing Aid Association (CHAS) have received approval and funding from the DOE to commence redevelopment of the site. The redevelopment will provide 100 social housing units for older persons. This will be comprised of 88 one bed units and 12 two bed units. CHAS have in the region of 35 tenants temporary living in other complexes who are due to move back to the redeveloped complex. Construction is due to commence on March 12th.

The Kiln/Forge

A problem has been identified with the gas flues in these apartments. As a result 8 units had their gas disconnected in mid November. The issue is now being addressed by the original Mechanical Engineers. Works were due to be completed late January but due to problems with sourcing materials it is likely to be late

Brian Kavanagh – Area Housing Manager

Poplar Row, Taaffe Place, Annesley Avenue & Place

Housing Maintenance Division has carried out testing in the duplexes. These tests showed traces of pyrite in the dwellings. Further investigations are being carried out at present to determine the severity of this issue.

See report below;

Testing of Stone Samples

A representative amount of samples (i.e. not every house) were taken and test results of the five recent samples have all indicated traces of Pyrite.

Three samples taken from footpaths at the same time have been tested, and the results indicate the presence of Pyrite. Further sampling will take place on Annesley Avenue/Close and Poplar Row, as the condition survey is nearing completion.

Condition Surveys

The surveying of the dwellings has been ongoing and nearing completion, the Structural Engineer has indicated that he expects these surveys be completed by the end of February. Following inspections carried out by the Structural Engineer, Housing Maintenance have carried out repairs on effected ceilings, doors and floors in some units.

Levelling (i.e. measurement of lifting of the floors)

Surveyor has visited the site, and reference points (benchmarks) have been installed. One on the vacant site, one on the vacant land on at Newcomen Court and one on a building on East Wall. Levelling Studs are currently been installed in the ground floors of a representative number of dwellings. Regular measurement will commence shortly thereafter.

Courtney Place

Housing Maintenance Division has completed an extensive painting programme in the above complex. Residents in the complex expressed their gratitude, as this work enhanced the appearance of their complex.

Croke Villas

There are now 16 dwellings out of a total of 79 occupied in the complex. The Estate Manager is liaising with the remaining individuals/families in trying to identify suitable accommodation in the areas they have requested. However, this process is becoming more difficult with the remaining families in Croke Villas being very specific in where they want to be accommodated. To date this year 2 families/individuals have refused an offer of accommodation.

A meeting was held with the remaining residents in the complex on 6th March 2012.

Ballybough House

There are still ongoing estate management issues in the complex. A notice to quit and demand for possession has been served on one tenant in the complex. This case is currently before the courts. The Estate Manager has been liaising with An Garda Siochana to identify the teenagers who have been congregating in the complex over the past number of months. To date, 18 tenants have attended for interview with Dublin City Council and we are continuing to monitor the number of complaints being received from residents.

Four flats were allocated during the month of February to families/individuals off the Housing List. Monthly meetings are continuing with the residents association and the residents association hope to carry out their annual AGM in April 2012.

St. Agatha's Court

The Five Lamps Arts Festival has approached Dublin City Council with a proposal to use part of the vacant site to cultivate plants and flowers as part of their "Flowers for the Alter" project. The feasibility of this possibility is currently being investigated and discussions with the group are ongoing. The site has been cleaned and temporary fencing erected to partition of a section of the site.

Brendan Behan Court

Funding has been approved by the Croke Park Community Fund for the installation of a new pedestrian gate in the complex. This funding was requested by the Brendan Behan Court Residents Association with the assistance of the Estate Manager.

Charlie Lowe
Executive Manager

**The Chairman and Members of
Central Area Committee**

North West Inner City Housing Report

Blessington Street

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.
Meetings are ongoing between residents and Estate Management.

Chancery House

There are no outstanding estate management issues within this complex.
Constant contact is maintained between the residents and Estate Management.

Constitution Hill

Regular meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise. No outstanding issues.
The new fencing around the playground is working successfully in eradicating anti social behaviour

Dominick Court

No estate management issues within this complex.
Constant contact is maintained between Estate Management, the residents and the warden.

Dominick House/Palmerston Place

There are no Estate Management issues within this complex.
Consultation between the Residents Association and Estate Management to discuss any issues, which may arise, is ongoing.

Dominick Street Lower

There are no outstanding Estate Management issues within this complex.
Constant contact is maintained between estate management and the residents.
Detenancing in Dominick Street Lower is ongoing in preparation for the Redevelopment of the site.
The Housing Projects Task Force continues to work on the finer details of the plans, whilst awaiting a response to the planning application that was made to An Bord Pleanala in December 2010. This decision is deferred until 16th March 2012. The Painting Programme is completed in this complex.

Dominick Street Upper

There are no Estate Management issues with this Complex.
Constant contact is maintained between Estate Management and the Residents.
Works have been completed on the CCTV and monitoring of same has been routed back to the Area Office Parnell Street.

Dorset Street Flats

Following meetings involving Dublin City Council, the Gardai and local residents prior to Halloween, there was very little incident with regards to Anti-Social behaviour on the night itself. The parties above are keeping in touch and Anti-Social behaviour is being kept under control for now.
The CCTV contract will be put out to tender in the coming weeks.

Eccles Court

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise.
There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

Friary Court

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

Georges Place

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management. No outstanding issues within this complex.

Painting Programme has finished in the Complex.

A proposal for a gardening project is under discussion; this project should commence early Spring.

Hardwicke Street: (Dermot O'Dwyer & Rory O'Connor House)

There are no estate management issues within this complex.

Regular meetings are held with the elected residents committee.

Henrietta House

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. No outstanding issues at this time.

Kevin Barry House

Meetings are taking place between the Residents of Kevin Barry House, regarding any issues that may arise.

The CCTV contract will put out to tender in the coming weeks.

North King Street

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. No outstanding issues at this time.

Ormond Square

Ongoing liaising is taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and the Parks Department.

Saint Michans House

Meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise.

Any issues that may arise are dealt with expediently.

Saint Peters Court

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise. No outstanding issues.

Sheridan Court/Place

Monthly meetings are being held with the Residents Committee and Estate Management. There are no outstanding issues in this complex.

Wolfe Tone Close

There are no outstanding estate management or maintenance issues within this complex.

Contact is maintained on an ongoing basis between Estate Management and the Residents Association.

Joe Farrell

Housing Projects Manager

Question to City Manager
Central Area Committee
Meeting 13th March 2012

Q1 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Manager (details supplied).

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