

## Recycling

The Council is organising composting clinics at the following venues:

### Stillorgan Library:

Wednesday 15 March 10am to 12pm

### Deansgrange Library:

Tuesday 21 March 2pm to 4pm

If you are interested you should book in advance. Call 2054817 or email [environ@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:environ@dlrcoco.ie).

## Litter

The Council recently adopted a three year Litter Management Plan for the County. The Manager gave an undertaking to adopt measures to deal with the regular emptying of bins and the replacement of dilapidated bins which myself and my colleague Councillor Cormac Devlin had highlighted.

## St. Fintan's Park and Villas

I would like to congratulate the Deansgrange Residents Association for their recent participation in the Community Awards Scheme. This participation reflects in particular the refurbishment of the community hall and various community activities organised by the Association.

## On-Line Planning

From 6 February 2006 a new on-line planning enquiry service will be available to the public at [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie). This service will enable members of the public to make an enquiry as regards the current status of a planning application on line. By the end of the year it is also envisaged that members of the public will be able to submit submissions and observations in relation to planning applications on-line.



## Heavy Goods Vehicles

Dublin City Council recently published a draft strategy document in relation to the management of heavy goods vehicles following the opening of the Dublin Port Tunnel. Any policy measure adopted by Dublin City Council may have serious implications for the Blackrock area. It is imperative that heavy goods vehicles are routed away from residential areas and to the Port Tunnel via the M50. I have made a submission to Dublin City Council along these lines.

Regards,

**Cllr Barry Conway**

If you have any queries in relation to any of the above mentioned matters or any other issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## Dear Resident

I am writing to update you in relation to certain developments on Dún Laoghaire / Rathdown County Council since my last newsletter in November.

### High Rise Developments

Concern has been expressed in many quarters at high rise developments in the County. This concern has been reflected in a number of recent decisions by An Bord Pleanála. The Bord has overturned a number of decisions of the Council to grant permission for high rise developments at certain locations in the County.

I agree with these decisions of the Bord.

The Council is currently undertaking a study of high rise buildings generally and this study together with the upcoming review of the Council's housing strategy provides an opportune moment to confront this issue. While acknowledging the need for a reasonable increase in height and density, there is a clear public demand for the imposition of stronger and clearer controls over high rise buildings particularly in existing and settled low-level residential areas.

I also welcome the recent decision of the Council to refuse permission in respect of the application to develop the Europa Mazda site in Blackrock. The planners had particular regard to the protected structures in the vicinity of the site and the negative impact on the residential amenity of adjacent properties.

### Blackrock Park

The Council is to install a small car park opposite Phoenix Terrace for visitors to Blackrock Park. This measure will facilitate improved public access to this amenity.

### Airfield

As you may be aware the Fianna Fáil group on the Council recently submitted a motion to change the zoning on part of the lands at Airfield from residential zoning to open space in order to safeguard these lands as a public amenity. Unfortunately our motion was opposed by the other parties on the Council and was defeated. We remain committed however to pursuing whatever avenues are open to us to protect this important community asset.

### Libraries

There was good news for libraries in the recently adopted Council budget for 2006. Provision was made for the purchase of new books in the sum of €475,000.

In the recently unveiled five year programme for the library service commitment was made to retain and develop Deansgrange Library. €200,000 is to be spent on improving the library service there.

### Graffiti

I have pursued this issue over the last year. I am pleased to advise that increased provision has been made in the 2006 budget for the removal of graffiti. Hopefully in the months ahead we will see a more systematic approach on the part of the Council to the removal of graffiti.

### Special Speed Limits

The Council is to roll-out special speed limit zones in the vicinity of schools over the coming years. These special speed limits will operate at certain times during the day and during the school term. It is intended that a pilot scheme will be operated at a location in the County later on this year. The Council will use the results of this scheme to formulate a policy framework for the operation of these zones throughout the County.

### Monkstown Ring Road

The oral hearing into the proposed Monkstown Ring Road was recently completed. Many residents made submissions. Particular concerns were raised in relation to noise and vibration, road safety and the impact on air quality. It is imperative that these issues are satisfactorily addressed by An Bord Pleanála.

### Foxrock Avenue and Hollypark

I welcome the recent upgrading of the ramps on Foxrock Avenue and Hollypark. These works follow representations by the local residents' association in conjunction with the local Councillors.

### Pay by Weight

The recent budget while increasing the pay by weight charge made no increase in the standing charge or the lift charge. This is consistent with the Council's policy of encouraging recycling. In 2005 usage of green bins increased by 25%. I would like to take this opportunity to commend households in the County who have made such an important contribution to recycling in recent years.

### Blackrock Baths

The Blackrock Baths Site and the surrounding lands remain derelict and under developed with the result that this entrance to Blackrock is dilapidated and unsightly. I would like to gauge public enthusiasm for its development. With that in mind I would be interested to hear any suggestions that residents may have for the development of this area.