

Hollypark

The Council recently approved the construction of new changing rooms at the playing field in Hollypark to replace the existing temporary changing rooms. Construction is due to be completed during 2008.

New Roundabout

The Council is to construct a roundabout at the junction of Avoca Avenue/Avoca Place/Sydney Terrace/ Convent Road. I welcome this initiative as a positive contribution to road safety in the area. The plans can be viewed at County Hall and will also be available in Blackrock library. Submissions can be made up to August 3rd.

Apartment Living

I have recently called for the carrying out of a survey of apartment-dwellers in the county, along the lines of a similar survey carried out in the city, to ascertain the views of apartment dwellers on the merits and demerits of apartments in the County. Such a survey would be a useful source of information and would assist the council in improving the quality of apartment building in the future.

Recognition of Community Service

The Cathaoirleach of the Council recently formally recognised the contribution of a number of people to the local community. Among these was Sam Carroll who is well known to the people of Deansgrange for his previous work as a councillor in the area and his voluntary service to the local parish.

Kind Regards

Cllr Barry Conway



If you have any queries in relation to any of the matters mentioned 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 important developments on the Council since my last newsletter earlier in the year.

Protection of Open Space

The Council recently approved a variation to the county development plan to protect public open spaces from development. The variation will prohibit development on land that has been conditioned as open space as part of a planning permission for a residential development. This variation will help to allay the fears of residents throughout the county who are concerned at the level of development and the extent to which such development is infringing on traditional open space.

Blackrock Park

An ambitious plan to enhance Blackrock Park has recently been unveiled. It will involve:

- a public plaza
- upgraded playground facilities
- improved access from Blackrock main street
- enhanced water features

Architectural Conservation Areas

Pembroke Cottages, Booterstown has recently been designated an Architectural Conservation Area.

Dalkey and Foxrock are also in the pipeline for designation as an ACA.

I welcome these designations as an important step in protecting not merely particular buildings of architectural merit but in preserving the ambience of architecturally sensitive areas.

Pay and Display at Dart Stations

Having highlighted the issue in recent years, I am pleased to advise that the parking charge at Salthill Dart station is to be reduced to Euro 3 a day. The role of local government in encouraging the use of public transport is an important issue and I am glad that some progress is being made in this regard. The Council has also adopted new bye-laws which will make it easier to designate areas as pay and display areas.

Clamping

I voted against the recent proposal to introduce clamping in the county. I did so on the basis that the traditional methods of enforcement should be exhausted before the draconian measure of clamping is introduced.

Stillorgan Local Area Plan

The process for adopting a local area plan for Stillorgan is underway. As a public representative my priority is to ensure that Stillorgan is developed to meet its commercial potential while preserving the residential amenity of surrounding areas. The Council recently approved a plan subject to some important amendments. While there are several positive aspects to the plan, I would have particular concern as to the impact of proposed high-rise "landmark" buildings along the N11.

Graffiti

The Council has recently appointed a contractor to deal exclusively with graffiti removal. This appointment reflects increased budgetary provision to tackle the problem of graffiti which in turn reflects the highlighting of this issue by myself and other councillors.



Councillor Conway at the recent reopening of the Blackrock Community Playgroup.

Deansgrange

I welcome the recent decision of An Bord Pleanála to reject a proposal to build a mixed retail and residential development on the old statoil site of up to 5 storeys involving 49 residential units. I am of the view that Deansgrange has sustained excessive development in recent years which has put inordinate strain on the local road infrastructure.

Anti-social behaviour

I receive many representations from residents in relation to anti-social behaviour. In light of these representations I have submitted a motion calling on the council to adopt a more proactive approach to the problem. For example one simple expedient would be to identify and remedy locations that are conducive to anti social behaviour such as the removal of excessive undergrowth in public parks, dealing with badly-lit walkways etc .