

LOCAL NEWS UPDATE

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MAJOR NEW ROAD PLANS NOW OUT ON DISPLAY

PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME ON PART OF THE R125 FROM LISPOPPLE CROSSROADS TO AREA WEST OF RATH LANE JUNCTION, ROLESTOWN

At our December Transport area meeting, Fingal County Council (FCC) put forward proposals to improve the stretch of the R125 from Lispopple Crossroads to the area west of Rath Lane junction. FCC had engaged Consulting Engineers to examine this area and to prepare a road improvement scheme. The Consultants reported that the stretch of road in question is located in the area of a corkscrew bend where the land is higher than the road.

This proposal would involve the construction of a new carriageway to run from before the Lispopple crossroads to the end of the section of severe bends, completely removing the 3 dangerous bends. Lispopple crossroads to be replaced by staggered T-junctions. Sightlines of the T-junctions are a significant improvement on the existing crossroads and footpaths would be provided on both sides of the road for the extent of the works. A 650m section of existing road would be removed from the R125 and would become a cul-de-sac at both ends. An access road would be provided to this road, 120m of retaining wall, varying in height to a maximum of 3.5m, would need to be provided to construct a footpath that ties in to the existing footpath from Rolestown Village. The construction of this new stretch of road will necessitate the acquisition of land.

- Construction of 750m of Carriageway.
- Construction of 2 No. staggered T-junctions to replace the existing Lispopple Crossroads.
- Construction of an access road from the new road to the existing road which will be closed at both ends.
- Provision of right turning lanes from



the R125 at Lispopple Crossroads into the two T-junctions and the access road.

- Construction of 850m of footpath on the south side of the new road including the proposed access road.
- Construction of 750m of footpath on the north side of the new road
- Construction of retaining wall to enable footpath to be provided on the south side of new road, where required
- Appropriate signing and lining

This scheme is currently on display (Drawing reference number 06 099 201) up until the 13th March 2009. The plans can be viewed at (a) County Hall, Main Street, Swords, (b) FCC,

Grove Road, Blanchardstown or (c) Rolestown National School. The plans and the particulars of the proposed scheme can also be viewed on Fingal County Council's website under www.fingalcoco.ie/roads

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed scheme, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, in which the proposed road improvement scheme will be situated may be made in writing to Mr. Garry O'Brien, Senior Engineer, Transportation Department, Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, to arrive not later than 4.30pm on Monday 30th March 2009. You can also email: roads@fingalcoco.ie

RIVERMEADE/ TOBERBURR LOCAL AREA PLAN

The Rivermeade Local Area Plan (LAP) was on display up until the end of January and residents were invited to make submissions so their views could be heard. Rivermeade is one of 10 rural villages identified in the Fingal Development Plan 2005-2011 as requiring a LAP to ensure the sustainable growth of the village and the need to enhance local amenities, facilities and local need housing for the community. Sustainable communities require a range of services and amenities, including high quality open space and recreational opportunities, access to good educational and childcare facilities, and good transport links to places people need to get to. We will keep you updated on this issue.

PREVIOUS PLANS ON DISPLAY

The planned road widening and provision of right turning lane on the R125 (Swords to Ashbourne Road) at Rolestown Village (including the upgrade of footpaths and provision of dropped kerbs with appropriate tactile paving and provision of surface water drainage, public lighting, and appropriate road signage and lining for the scheme) was approved at our December 2008 meeting. The Ward Cross improvement scheme should come back to the Councillors during 2009 and we will keep you updated.



D.A.A. EXTEND KILREESK LANE BUY OUT OFFER

The Dublin Airport Authority (D.A.A.) confirmed at the end of November that the house buy-out option scheme with regard to the proposed new runway was being extended to all households on Kilreesk Lane. Previously this scheme only include 8 households on Kilreesk Lane, but now all of the remaining 12 households are also to be included as well as another 8 households on the east side (Cloghran / Coachman's Inn area). In summary, previously the scheme only included 19 households, but it is now being extended by another 20 to make 39 in total. Minister Lenihan and Councillor Butler had met will residents regarding this issue and are pleased that this is at least at step in the right direction but there are still issues that need to be clarified and

resolved with regard to the D.A.A. and the future plans of Dublin Airport. Late in December the D.A.A. announced the second phase of the planned investment programme at Dublin Airport, covering the years 2010-2014, may be reduced in light of the current economic downturn, significantly affecting the timeline for delivery of the proposed new runway. Separate to this, Fingal County Council have confirmed that St. Margaret's residents will shortly be presented with a number of alternative proposals for linking Cherryhound to Stockhole Lane as part of the new road network planned for the area to facilitate the growth of Dublin airport. It is important that residents are given this opportunity and consulted with regard to these plans.

IKEA TO OPEN 27TH JULY – 450 JOBS TO BE CREATED



When An Bord Pleanála gave permission for Swedish furniture giant IKEA to build their new superstore just off the Ballymun Road, close to the M50 Ballymun interchange, they attached 30 conditions to the planning permission which were mainly designed to alleviate traffic congestion on the surrounding roads and area. The main condition was that although the building would be ready early 2009, IKEA could not open until the M50 upgrade works were completed. In addition, IKEA would not be allowed to open before 11am so they do not add to additional morning rush hour congestion. The store will include a 500 seat restaurant, a Swedish food hall, bistro, cafe and a free crèche. There will be 1,500 parking spaces. Agreement has now been reached for the 27th July opening date and over 450 jobs will be created at the store. More information and recruitment opportunities can be found at www.ikea.ie



COUNCILLOR DARRAGH BUTLER (SWORDS ELECTORAL WARD), AN TAOISEACH BRIAN COWEN T.D. AND COUNCILLOR MARGARET RICHARDSON (MULHUDDART ELECTORAL WARD). COUNCILLOR RICHARDSON HAS DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL AND NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION NEXT JUNE. MARGARET HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT COUNCILLOR IN REPRESENTING THE MULHUDDART ELECTORAL WARD AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HER VERY MUCH FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AND WISH HER ALL THE BEST FOR THE FUTURE.

ST. MARGARET'S GRAVEYARD

We continue to fight the case for the extension of St. Margaret's graveyard. Councillor Butler recently asked the Manager of Fingal County Council to investigate options with regard to extending the graveyard, including talking to local landowners, and received the following reply:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- The Council has five burial grounds in the St. Margaret's / The Ward area including St Margaret's, The Ward, Chapel Midway, Rolestown and Mulhuddart graveyards. There are currently no plots available in St.

Margaret's as it had been sold out prior to the Council taking it in charge. There is however, based on current burial trends, sufficient capacity in the area with Rolestown having between 15 – 20 years capacity. The Council has also commenced extending Mulhuddart burial ground which will give a further capacity of 2,000 plots. While there is no immediate need at present for extra land at this location the Council would be willing to open discussions, on an exploratory basis, with any interested landowner to ascertain what might be available.



REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

The Litter Management Unit (within the Environment Department of Fingal County Council) has a Freephone Number - 1800 20 10 93 - whereby reports of dumping can be reported. Should anyone witness an incident, it is important that the details of the incident, including date and time & registration details if from a vehicle, are provided so that FCC may fine and prosecute offenders successfully. Please note that should FCC receive reports on such offences and the Litter Fine is not paid they would be requesting the person who reported it to act as a witness when the case proceeds to court.

BUS STOPS AND SHELTERS

At the request of residents, we were delighted to be able to get permission for new bus stops on both sides of the road at the junction of St. Margaret's Road and Rivermeade. We also requested Bus Stops on both sides of the road between Rivermeade and St. Margaret's Football Club. In addition, we have also requested bus shelters on both sides of the Ward Cross and May's Cross. We will keep working on these issues and for a continued 40B direct service from Rivermeade to the City Centre.



WORKS PROGRAMME 2009

Some of the items included in the 2009 works programme are: €15,000 has been allocated for Rivermeade footpath improvements; €200,000 for the Newpark Road, St. Margaret's restoration programme;

€100,000 for the North Road, Kilshane Cross improvement schemes; €98,000 for maintenance on the St. Margarets Road and € 48,000 for Shallon Lane (The Ward).

COUNCIL & EUROPEAN ELECTIONS – JUNE 2009

Who can vote? – all residents, no matter what Country you are from, as long as you are living in Ireland, are allowed to vote in the Council elections in June 2009. Irish Citizens are eligible to vote in all elections and referendums. British Citizens are

eligible to vote in Dáil, European and Local Elections but not in Presidential elections or referendums. EU citizens are eligible to vote in European and Local Elections. Non-EU citizens are eligible to vote in the Council elections on Friday 5th June 2009.

With regards to voters turning 18, the onus is on the person to ensure that they are included on the Register as there is no automatic notification from any government department or body.

WHO CAN VOTE? - RESIDENTS WHO ARE:	LOCAL (COUNCIL) ELECTIONS	GENERAL (DÁIL) ELECTIONS	EUROPEAN ELECTIONS	PRESIDENTIAL & REFERENDUM
Irish citizens	YES	YES	YES	YES
British citizens	YES	YES	YES	NO
EU citizens	YES	NO	YES	NO
Non-EU (includes all residents)	YES	NO	NO	NO

FINGAL NEW ELECTORAL AREAS

- Swords / Donabate / Rolestown / St. Margarets = 5 seats
- Malahide / Portmarnock / Howth = 5
- Balbriggan / Skerries / Lusk / Rush = 5
- Mulhuddart ward = 5
- Castleknock ward = 4

CURRENT FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Fingal County Council is currently controlled by Labour (6), Fine Gael (5) and the Greens (3) who have 14 of the 24 seats. The remaining seats are held by FF (5), Independents (2), Socialist Party (2) and Sinn Fein (1).

CHECK THE REGISTER

You can check the election register at the following website or check the draft register at your Council Offices, Garda Station, Public Library or Post Office. www.fingalcoco.ie/ereg
Please email me if you want me to check the election register for you and send you the appropriate forms. Please remember that all residents, no matter what nationality, are eligible to vote in Local Government (Council) elections that are due to be held in early June 2009. - Darragh.



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LOCAL NEWS TO DO WITH YOUR AREA AS IT HAPPENS:

One thing we attempt to keep residents up to date with local issues that affect them. As we cannot be out knocking doors or delivering leaflets all of the time, email is the best solution for this. If you send us your email address and estate name / area, we will add you to our email list and send you important news update to do with your area whenever possible. Examples may include notice of road closures, new facilities in your area or issues that have been raised with me for your area that we are attempting to get resolved. So please send us your email address and location and we will promise to keep you updated on local news and issues.