

## Local news

### Developments at Stillorgan

I am becomingly increasingly concerned at the impact all the proposed new developments in Stillorgan will have on the general locality. It is proposed to construct a 11 storey building at Blake's site and a 15 storey building at the Leisureplex site. I had opposed both these developments on the grounds of height and the negative impact on local traffic.

There is now a proposal to build to 11 storeys on the Esmonde garages site.

I believe development of this scale is inappropriate in a suburban location. I also think it premature to approve these in advance of completion of the Stillorgan local area plan.

### Stillorgan & Deansgrange Local Area Plans

Further public consultation will take place on both of these plans in the autumn

### QBC on Mount Merrion Avenue

A revised plan has been drawn up for this QBC and discussions will take place with local residents.

### Readymix factory on Newtownpark Avenue

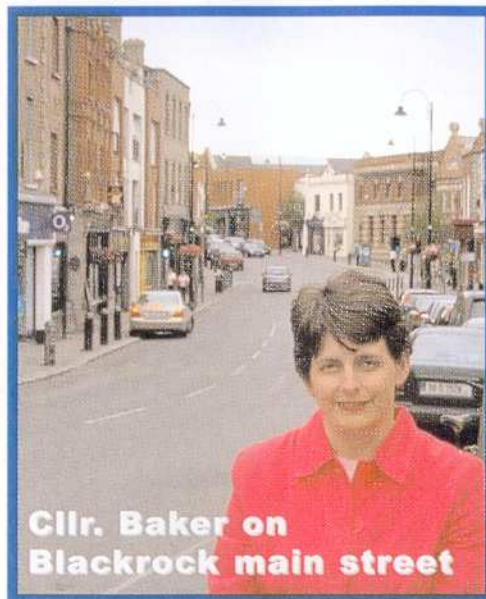
Many residents share my concerns about traffic, dust and cement debris from this location. While many local residents would welcome it relocating, the most likely replacement would be an apartment development. I would be interested to hear residents views on whether or not they feel this would be any better?

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### Blackrock town centre improvements

For some time I have been active in trying to improve the appearance of the Main Street and the surrounding area. I was delighted to recently meet representatives of the local businesses new association Unique Blackrock Traders, who are also anxious to enhance the appearance of the town. The hanging baskets installed for the summer are a welcome addition but more needs to be done. I intend to work with local traders to get improvements in the areas of street lighting, footpath repairs and street cleaning.



**Cllr. Baker on Blackrock main street**

### Monkstown Ring Road

The Monkstown Ring Road has been part of the County Development Plan for a long number of years. It will provide a direct link from Stillorgan to Deansgrange Road via Fleurville, Yankee Terrace and Rowanbyrn.

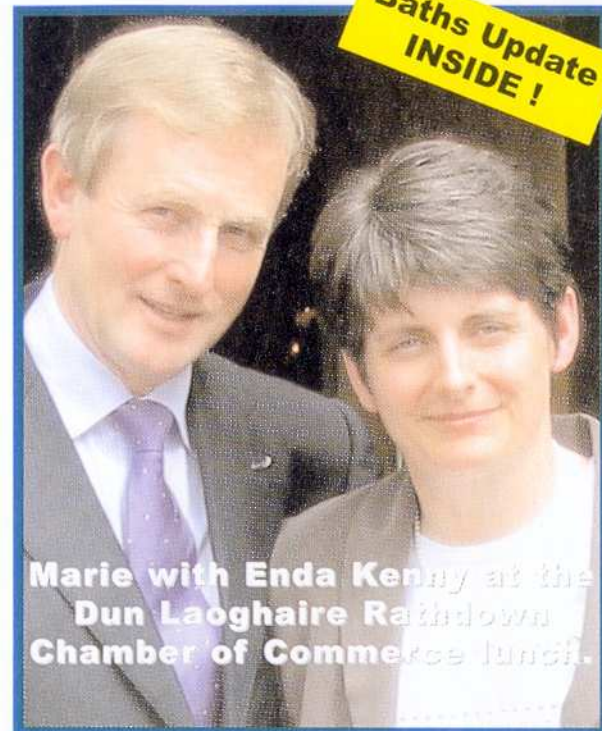
An Environmental Impact Study is being completed. There will be a public consultation period, with notices in the newspapers. When we reach this stage I will let the areas affected know.

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**Marie with Enda Kenny at the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber of Commerce lunch.**

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## New skateboard facility

I am delighted to confirm that the Council has agreed on the need to provide a skateboard facility for the people of Dun Laoghaire. It has also been decided that the most appropriate location is at the Monkstown Pool and Fitness Centre. The Council has applied for Government funding for this project.



## Pay and display parking bye-laws

During this year there will be a review of the pay and display parking scheme operated in this county council area. I invite your comments on how you feel the scheme is currently operating and what changes you would like to see. Your views are vital so that the review is a meaningful one.

## Coastal Erosion

The Council has completed a survey to look at coastal erosion from Booterstown to Bray. The data is currently being logged in a database to enable the Council to better manage this important issue.

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## Recycling of waste

Since the introduction of the new pay by weight system there has been a 40% reduction in waste going to the landfill dump.

A new organic recycling facility is due to be completed at the Ballyogan site in 2006. Following its completion the Council will begin distributing brown bins to enable householders recycle organic waste.

An additional recycling centre is also due to open in Eden Park, Dun Laoghaire.

I firmly believe that we cannot continue to produce and dump the level of waste that we do at present. I welcome the efforts the Council has made to date, but much more still needs to be done to make recycling easier for all residents.



In conjunction with Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has carried out a feasibility study on what is termed the S2S cycle track from Sandycove to Sutton. Full public consultation will take place shortly.

I have also asked that a number of cycle tracks be cleaned on a regular basis.

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## Dun Laoghaire Baths

A proposal to re-develop the baths site had been proposed by the County Manager to incorporate a waterworld, swimming pool, café, amphitheatre and park for public use. Also included were apartments and shops in order to fund the cost of the development. Following feedback from the public and councillors, the Manager presented revised proposals at a Council meeting on the 4th July that made some changes to the overall height and scale of the buildings.

No vote was taken at that meeting, but had a vote been taken I would have voted against the proposals, as I believe the development is still too high.

However, I am also opposed to those who believe the ratepayers and citizens of the County should be saddled with the initial, and possible ongoing cost, of re-developing the baths without some private capital.

The Council will look again at the re-development of the Baths at the October meeting.



**Marie with Cllr. Pat Hand (FG)  
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