


Want to recycle more?

Plastic recycling

Plastics are divided into many categories as follows. Look out for these symbols on some plastic packaging

 (PET)  (HDPE) Plastic bottles, fizzy drinks bottles, shampoo, washing up liquid, fruit and vegetable packaging.

 (LDPE) Plastic carrier bags, heavy duty wrapping

 (PP) Margarine tubs, microwaveable meal trays.

Ballyogan Recycling Park takes plastic category numbers 1,2 & 4

Newtownpark Recycling Centre & **Eden Park Glashule** takes plastic category numbers 1, 2, 4 & 5

Useful sources of information

A useful website for finding a recycling site for unusual items such as car batteries, DVD's or engine oil can be found at www.dublinwaste.ie

The Council operates its own recycling helpline at ph. **205 4817** or email environ@dlrcoco.ie

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Useful phone numbers

Litter can be reported to Freefone number
1 800 403 503

Traffic lights faults can be reported to **230 2041**

Public lighting that is out of order can be reported to **205 4700**, ask for public lighting dept. Quote the location and the number displayed on the lighting pole.

Problems with the water supply can be reported to **205 4700**. Out of office hours contact **677 8844**

Water pollution can be reported at **295 5063** or **295 5087**

Community clean up materials such as bags, gloves and litter pick ups are available from the Council as well as permits for the free disposal of clean-up materials at Ballyogan. Contact the Environment Dept. on **205 4817** or Email environ@dlrcoco.ie for further information.

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Council Budget

The most significant Council news since my last newsletter was the passing of the 2006 budget, implementing the Fine Gael/Labour programme.

Overall expenditure will grow by approx. 12% with particularly large increases in Water Supply and Sewerage budgets that are up approx. 30%, and rubbish disposal that is up 21%.

Other notable items are:

- The commercial rate increase this year is 2% to encourage local business
- €825,000 will be spent on footpath repairs
- Library expenditure up 8%, with €625,000 being spent on the purchase of new books.



- A continued programme of Council accommodation maintenance with €1.6 million being spent on 500 dwellings
- €50,000 for roadside drain cleaning, an area requiring significant attention
- Resources to employ an additional planning inspector to help with planning enforcement.
- Installation of a new skateboard facility at Monkstown Pool and Fitness Centre.

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Local Issues

Dun Laoghaire baths

At a Council meeting in October it was agreed that a sub committee of the Council would review a range of options for this site. The "high rise" and apartment options have been deleted as a result of a motion put forward by Fine Gael and Labour. This motion was opposed by Fianna Fail, while the Progressive Democrat representative and the Green party abstained. Thankfully Fine Gael and Labour have a majority on the Council and were able to carry the motion.



Planning

I was pleased to see An Bord Pleanála refuse planning permission for the 15 storey development at the Leisureplex site as I had submitted an objection to the Council. I was also glad to see the Planning Dept. of the Council reject the proposed development at the Europa Motors site in Blackrock.

The issue of scale and height of developments will be examined by the Councillors this year as part of the mid term review of the County Development Plan.

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Playwright/TGI Friday's

The Council has initiated enforcement proceedings in connection with the unauthorised garish lighting and some other planning issues. I will continue to follow this issue until a satisfactory conclusion is reached.

Local Area Plans

Further progress is scheduled in 2006 for the Stillorgan and Deansgrange local area plans. A local area plan for Blackrock will also be initiated during this year.

Recycling Centres

A number of recycling centres, including Newpark Shopping Centre, became victims of their own success over the Christmas period. I have been in touch with the Council to ensure a programme of regular maintenance in the future. A new recycling centre has opened at Eden Park, Glashule.



Mobile phone mast

I welcome the decision of the Council's Planning Dept. to refuse permission to retain a mobile phone mast at the ESB station at Castlebyrne – Avondale, near Guardian Angels school. I had spoken at a meeting of the Council about the unsuitability of such a location near a school.

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