



TERENURE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Dublin City Neighbourhoods and Tidy Towns Competitions

The area covered by our Association did not do so well this year in the Dublin City competition. We were not mentioned.

All of Terenure area was entered in the National Tidy Towns competition. Prizes of €300 and €500 were awarded. The adjudicators were impressed by the low levels of litter observed and by the efforts of some residents to plant flowers at the bases of trees and to provide hanging baskets. The high level of graffiti pollution was noted.

Security and Garda Liaison

We still hear of incidents where residents have had trouble with unknown persons calling to their doors offering to carry out repairs etc. Never let such people into your house or employ them in any way. Residents are also advised to always seek identity from callers who say they are from a statutory organisation such as Eircom or Dublin City Council and need access to the house. It is easy for bogus representatives to get false identity cards so if there is any suspicion, ask the person to remain outside while you call the organisation concerned..

Terenure Car Park

The position with Terenure Car Park continues to be unsatisfactory. Attempts have been made by Mr. Noel O'Gara to claim ownership of the site on the basis that he bought the interest of the Shaw estate some years ago. Most of the site is owned by the HSE and they have allowed Dublin City Council to operate a car park there under a "gentlemen's agreement" There is no lease to the City Council. The HSE is anxious to formalise the arrangement and offered the City Council a lease but required that the Council bring the car park up to standard by resurfacing etc. The Council declined the offer as they have no money to carry out the works. The HSE now proposes to take over the operation of the car park themselves from January 2011 and has invited tenders from private operators. We have written to the HSE emphasising the importance of the car park to our community and the necessity to maintain charges at present levels.

Ground Rent

Because of recent events, residents who do not have freehold title to their property might wish to buy out their ground rent. Ground rents on residences can be bought out under the 1978 Ground Rent Act.

The procedure is as follows:

Lodge an application at the Property Registration Office at the Four Courts and pay a registration fee of €105. Lodge at the same time, copies of the Lease, Deed of Assignment and Rateable Value Certificate. After a period of some months the Property Valuation Office will advise one's right to buy out the ground rent and, if this is in order, will also advise the cost and arrears of ground rent. Following payments of these amounts, a vesting certificate is issued. This must then be registered in the Registry of Deeds Office in Henrietta St.

Full details are available on the Land Registry website, www.landregistry.ie

Rathfarnham Bus Corridor

Proposed changes to this bus corridor were on exhibition in Terenure Library until the end of September with an opportunity to lodge comments. The proposal to ban right turning from Rathfarnham Road to Rathdown Park would present very obvious difficulties to residents. We made a submission and met the engineer in charge of the project pointing out these difficulties. We asked to have the proposed right turn ban dropped or, if this is not possible to have the ban at peak times only. Very many residents also made submissions and there was an organised campaign by members of Rathfarnham Parish to point out that the proposed movement of the bollard outside the entrance to the Memorial Hall would make access to the hall almost impossible.

Earlier proposals in the project to ban right turning at Leinster Road and Leonard's Corner have been dropped. A Part 8 planning proposal will be presented to Councillors at their January Area committee meetings and final proposals in February. We were advised by the Planning Dept. that €20 was required with submissions but this turned out to be incorrect information as no fee is necessary with a Part 8 submission. Apologies for that.

Planning Matters

An application has been made to build two three storey houses and 30 apartments at 85 Templeogue Road. The apartments will be in two blocks of 3 – 4 storeys. The scale of this application is very similar to a previous one for this site which was refused permission on the basis of excessive massing and bulk, overdevelopment of the site, damage to residential amenity and potential traffic hazard. Little has changed with this application. The latest date for submissions to The Planning Dept., Dublin City Council is 22nd December 2010

An Bord Pleanála has upheld Dublin City Council's decision to refuse permission for a house in the rear gardens of 38/40 Rathdown Park.

Permission was granted after an appeal for an infill two storey house at 77 Bushy Park Road. The Association supported the appeal.

The decision to grant permission for six houses and a restaurant and office block at 122 Terenure Road North has been appealed. Access would be from Elm Park Terrace.

Other permissions granted were:

Extension at 2 Rathdown Park (after appeal)

Extension at 5 Rathdown Drive

Three extra rooms at St. Joseph's School

Permissions for minor works were granted for 81 Templeogue Road., 11 Wasdale Park and 8 Rathdown Avenue.

Terenure Roads and Traffic

Some time ago we asked Dublin City Council to consider a system of staggered double yellow lines on the section of Rathdown Park between Rathdown Avenue and the Rathdown Crescent roundabout. The Council has offered to provide the lines on half of the section, i.e from Rathdown Ave. as far as No.99. We will consult affected residents before going back to the Council. The suggested scheme for restricted entry to Rathdown Avenue will not be implemented.

It is hoped to erect signs marking Terenure Village on the five entrance roads..

We are delighted to note that the bus gate light and bollard on Templeogue Road before the Springfield Ave junction

has gone. It served no useful purpose and was a danger to traffic.

We again remind all not to park opposite continuous white lines in the centre of the road.

We have asked for repairs to the carriageway at Rathdown Crescent and at the roundabout with Rathdown Avenue.

Extra ramps and "Slow, Children at Play" signs have been suggested for Wasdale Park

We have submitted a list, with photographs, of locations where tree roots have damaged footpaths.

Rathfarnham Road.

Some time ago it was suggested that the name of this road be changed to Terenure Rd. South which it was up to about 1930. A preliminary poll showed about 50% support but over 70% would be needed to get a change. We asked the City Council to advise us and to process the matter. They recently came back to say there was no support from councillors for the change. Locally, we feel there is not now much enthusiasm so we have decided to drop the matter.

Miscellaneous

If you have elderly neighbours living alone, please keep a check on them, particularly in times of bad weather.

We have written to ask that regulations concerning dogs and cycling in Bushy park be enforced.

We have also written to ask that green bins be left after emptying outside the premises to which they belong.

New lamp standards in Bushy Park Gardens have been put into operation after being left unlit for a long time.

We understand that the new Swan Leisure Centre in Rathmines has an arrangement for pensioners to get free entrance to some facilities such as the swimming pool and the gym..

Terenure Traders have initiated a "Love Terenure" campaign. Please support it. A separate circular is being distributed about this.

Terenure Residents' Association recently joined the Dublin City Communities Forum.

Keep our Village Alive.

Support Terenure's Traders

*Best Wishes To All Our Residents
for Christmas and New Year*