



# TERENURE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Dublin City Neighbourhoods and Tidy Towns Competitions

2010 was the first year for some time when our area was not mentioned in Dublin City Council's Neighbourhoods competition. We are entered in the category for residential areas of more than 300 houses. We would like to get back into the honours list in this competition. It is in all our interests to make the most of the very high amenity value of our area.

#### **Please Help By:**

1. Keeping your gardens and house fronts as well as possible.
2. Keeping front hedges and shrubs neatly pruned and not projecting too much over walls.
3. Removing weeds from the bases of the outside of front walls.
4. Weeding areas around trees on footpaths.
5. Cutting grass verges where they exist.
6. Taking up litter from the road and footpath outside your house.
7. Removing leaves from the footpath outside your house. The Council can only do this once or twice a year.
8. Removing graffiti from your property.
9. Calling on public authorities to remove graffiti from their property.
10. Doing any of the above for an elderly or infirm neighbour.
11. Encouraging a neighbour where appropriate.
12. Cleaning up after your dog and doing what you can to get others to do the same.

In other years our area has been marked down because of graffiti. This year it seems to be worse than ever. Perpetrators, if identified, should be reported to the Gardaí

All of Terenure is entered in the national Tidy Towns competition by Terenure Village Network. It was highly commended last year. Keeping our own area at its best will significantly contribute to success in this competition.

### Garda

The Gardaí were represented at our AGM on 5th May by Community Sgt. John Duffy and Community Garda Des Curry. They reported that overall crime figures are down but that there are burglaries focussing on gold items. The present high price of gold and the presence of many new "businesses" offering to buy such items are factors. 98% of burglaries are opportunistic and it is important to keep doors and windows locked and alarms on when out, and at night. At this time of year, particular care needs to be taken to ensure houses are secure when residents are out in their gardens. Bogus callers are still a problem and the obvious precautions must be taken before admitting any strangers to houses.

### Roads and Traffic

As promised in our last newsletter, we carried out a poll of residents on the Bushy Park end of Rathdown Park on the proposal to install a system of staggered double yellow lines. All available residents voted in favour of the proposal and we are delighted to note that the lines have now been installed. We were pleased at the very positive response. We asked to have something done to reduce the difficulties presented to motorists turning right out of Lakelands Park and Olney Crescent onto Templeogue Road. These manoeuvres are very difficult and hazardous when there are tailbacks on Templeogue Road, as there very often are. We have asked to have the present traffic calming arrangements on Wasdale Park improved. At our AGM we raised with the public representatives, the perennial problems of tailbacks on Templeogue Road in both directions and outgoing on Rathfarnham Road. Considerable work was done, particularly on Lakelands Park, to repair footpaths damaged by tree roots.

### Rathfarnham Bus Corridor

The proposal exhibited last September in Terenure Library was accepted by the Council in April. The right turn ban from Rathfarnham Road into Rathdown Park will apply at peak hours only, 7.00 to 10.00 and 16.00 to 19.00, Mondays to Fridays.

## Aircoach

We are delighted to see that Terenure has at long last got an Aircoach (blue bus) service to Dublin Airport. The service operates via the M50 and takes about 30 mins. from Terenure to the Airport. Fares are €9 single, €15 return, with a reduction of €1 for tickets booked on line. The service operates hourly, and half hourly in the early morning. Timetable details are on [aircoach.ie](http://aircoach.ie) or at the stopping places. Stops in our area are near Rathfarnham Bridge, at Terenure Library and at the Morgue pub in Templeogue Village. We are disappointed that pensioners' travel passes are not valid, whereas they are on all other Aircoach services. At our AGM, councillors undertook to make representations. It is the Dept. of Social Protection that made the decision not to allow free travel to pensioners on this service.

## Terenure Car Park

Management of this car park has been taken over from Dublin City Council by the HSE. They have employed a contractor to operate it. Charges are now €1 per hour with a minimum charge of €1. The charging period is from 7.00 to 19.00, Mondays to Saturdays. Payment hours are therefore longer and costs a bit higher than previously. The HSE has written that they are the freeholders of the site and are recorded as such in the Land Registry. They state that Mr. O'Gara's claims are unfounded.

## Planning

Because of the economic situation there has been no start on any of the major developments approved in our area. Concern has been expressed about the problems presented by dereliction of large sites. At our AGM councillors undertook to address this.

Two major applications only were lodged since our last newsletter, as follows:

### **85 Templeogue Road.**

A new application was lodged for this site comprising 32 apartments and 4 town houses. We supported local residents in an objection to this unsuitable and overlarge proposal. The application was refused permission and there was no appeal.

### **82-84 Terenure Road East.**

This application is for an Aldi store on the site of the former tram sheds which would be demolished. It includes a large underground car park. As we felt that a majority of residents would welcome the development, we did not object to it. There are, however, concerns about traffic. Residents of Healthfield Rd. have objected on this ground. To date, there has been no decision but the developer has been asked for additional information.

The application for development at 122 Terenure Rd. North (Kenny's) was approved. An appeal by local residents was turned down.

Permission was granted for extensions at 28 and 30 Fergus Rd. Alterations were approved for 10 Olney Crescent.

Details of planning applications can be got on [dublincity.ie](http://dublincity.ie) and following the links to Services/Planning.

## Other Items

We offer our sincerest sympathy to those residents who were affected by the recent disastrous fire on Terenure Rd. East. At our AGM, councillors stated that they had asked for a report from the City Manager.

We have asked the Council for more effective implementation of dog regulations in Bushy Park.

The proposal to provide signs marking Terenure village is still ongoing.

We are looking into the possibility of having a website for the Association.

The Association has been active in the recently constituted Dublin City Communities Forum.

The updated Constitution of the Association, as circulated to all residents, was adopted at the AGM without any amendments.

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