

**Terenure Residents Association  
Committee 2015-16**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our three new committee members, Onora, Carol and Aaron, and looking forward to working with them. Also we say goodbye and a big thank you to Jin O'Reilly, Joan Finkel and Peter Duffy who have stepped down after many years of service to the committee and the association.

**Chairperson** - Fionnuala Blake, Greenmount Rd,  
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**Roads and Traffic**

There are several traffic black spots in Terenure which we have been working on in recent years with little success.

There is a long-standing problem with traffic tailing back into Rathdown at the junction of Rathdown Pk and Rathfarnham Rd because of the short green light time for cars exiting the estate. This has been measured at 12 seconds in a 130-second sequence. Only 6 cars are able to exit the estate, and we have observed that there is sometimes

plenty of dead time in this 130-second sequence. A major cause of the problem is that it is not possible to turn right anywhere on the 4km stretch from Templeogue Bridge to Dartry Rd with the exception of the right turns at Rathdown Ave (near Terenure College), Rathdown Pk (near the VEC Grounds) and Terenure Place on to Rathfarnham Rd (which is time restricted). It is estimated that on average over 40% of traffic on Templeogue Rd turns in to Rathdown to by-pass Terenure crossroads. The reinstatement of the right turn from Templeogue Rd on to Springfield Ave would alleviate the problem. We have requested an on-site meeting with Donal Brennan and engineers of the Dublin City Council Traffic Dept so that they can see for themselves the extent of the problem.

Residents in our area have often expressed concerns about pedestrian safety in Terenure. We would like to see pedestrian traffic lights installed at the western end of Bushy Park Rd. Because of the increased traffic on Beechlawn Way following the opening of the Lidl store we would like a marked-out pedestrian crossing area east of the vehicular exit from the Lidl car park. The impending opening of the Aldi store on Terenure Rd East is also of major concern in terms of pedestrian safety and traffic volumes.

**Planning Matters**

There are **two** major outstanding planning application in our area.

**Presentation Convent site** on Terenure Rd West. The developer has applied to alter the proposal to 50 units comprising 27 x 2½ storey terraced houses, 22 apartments or duplexes and the refurbished gate lodge.

**A new application has been submitted for 2 houses and 28 apts. on the site at 85 Templeogue Road. Plans can be viewed on DCC's website [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie) Deadline to object. 01st July.15.**

**Lidl** got permission to extend their opening hours and to retain notices stating that their car parking is for customers only which was in breach of their planning permission. It is a condition of this latest grant that the public be allowed to use the 15 outdoor car spaces.

Work is in progress on the **Aldi** site but the committee has not been able to get a statement of the measures to be taken to manage traffic.

**Terenure College Rugby Club's** proposal for a floodlit all-weather pitch got permission but a proposed fence between their grounds and the college lake was refused.

Permission was granted for:

- a restaurant on the ground floor of the former **Falk's** premises with a medical centre on a first floor addition to the building
- padel courts at Bushy Park with some additional car parking in the service yard

An application for change of use of the street frontage building proposed for 122 Terenure Rd North (Kenny's Yard) from restaurant and office to retail and residential was refused

Permission was granted for domestic extensions at the following locations:

- 51 and 63 Rathdown Pk
- 6 Rathdown Dr
- 24 Rathdown Cres
- 34 Rathdown Ave
- 24 Rathdown Cres
- 94 Bushy Park Rd
- 37 Wasdale Pk

An application for an extension at 91 Bushy Park Rd was withdrawn.

### **Garda Liasion**

We welcome Supt Pat Conlon to Terenure. He attended our AGM together with our Community Officers Sgt John Duffy and Garda Tom Kennedy. All three gave useful advice on crime prevention and personal security. Below is a summary of advice gleaned from our monthly meetings with Sgt Duffy:

Be aware of strangers loitering – they may be planning to commit crime.

Do not open your door to strangers. Fit a door viewer and chain/limiter.

Do not give money to people selling lines - most are bogus.

Keep doors and windows locked, curtains drawn at night and alarms set.

If an alarm goes off, phone the Gardai immediately.

Do not keep keys on hall tables – they can be stolen through the letterbox.

When gardening be mindful of thefts of tools or from your house through open doors.

ATM skimming is increasing – be alert.

Do not keep large sums of money at home.

Do not allow strangers to do jobs in your home.

If necessary phone Age Action local care and repair group - Martin Laffan, 01-4059819.

Report anything suspicious to Terenure Garda Station 01-6666400.

### **Our Website**

The TRA website is proving a great success for people in our area. For access just Google 'Terenure Residents Association'. We do our best to post items of local interest such as planning and environmental issues, crime and security.

You can also find contact details for Dublin City Council and elected public representatives.

We would welcome old or new photos of Terenure to put up on our website, so if you have any please contact us. Our website receives a lot of very positive comments due largely to the hard work and commitment of John Grant to whom we are very grateful.

### **Do you have children under 4?**

There is a growing demand for primary school places in Terenure and we are already at the point where not all local children can be accommodated at Junior Infant level.

A group of local parents are actively lobbying the Government for a new, Terenure-based school to be run by Educate Together.

The group is urgently trying to build a list of interested parents in the area to present to the Minister for Education. **please express your interest at:**

[www.educatetogether.ie/dublin-6](http://www.educatetogether.ie/dublin-6).

More information can be found at [www.facebook.com/TerenureET](https://www.facebook.com/TerenureET)

### **Environment**

Please keep the spaces outside your house tidy and give a hand to your elderly neighbours.

Be mindful of causing litter by overloading bins, especially in windy weather.

Be alert and report any anti-social behaviour. We have recently received a written complaint of racist abuse from a resident.

Clean up after your pet and report any offenders.

### **Welcome Letter**

We have written a Welcome to your new home in Terenure which we hope to send to any new residents in the area, so please let us know if you hear of anyone moving into your road.

### **Annual Subs.**

A designated committee member will call soon to collect the Eur 5 subscription for 2015-16.

Visit our website:

[www.terenureresidentsassociation.ie](http://www.terenureresidentsassociation.ie)