

# Sandyford Spotlight

Newsletter of the Sandyford Business District Association

Summer 2012

## SBDA Evening at the Races

On Thursday 26th July 2012 SBDA is hosting an event where members can meet, have a meal and watch live horseracing and music from the world class Pavillions venue at Leopardstown Racecourse Live at Leopardstown Music and Racing Festival.



Commenting on the event Jim Leyden Chairman said "We in SBDA are committed to the continued success of the Sandyford Business District. The SBDA evening at the races presents an opportunity for members to come together and network in a fun and relaxed way. The Leopardstown Racecourse and Pavillions is a world class facility right here on our doorstep. It is the only facility of its kind in Dublin."

"The stunning venue is the perfect location to meet fellow association members, entertain clients and employees. The Live at Leopardstown festivals boast the best in live horse racing and music. It is the perfect opportunity for SBDA members to network and have fun. We have no doubt that the SBDA evening at the races will become a yearly fixture for SBDA members to enjoy."

The racing forms part of the Live at Leopardstown festivals that are running at Leopardstown Racecourse over the summer season. A range of ticket options are available.



The SBDA pavilion party package offers great food, atmosphere and entertainment in comfortable surroundings. With a prosecco reception on arrival and 3 course meal, private bar, televisions and tote betting facilities it is the perfect option to relax and enjoy your evening while tipsters guide you in the right direction.

Gates open at 4.00pm and the first race at 6.00pm, food service 5.30 – 8pm. Last race at 9pm. Live Concert takes place after Racing at 9.15 in festival tent. Band on the night "The Minutes" with support from "Dead School".

The SBDA pavillion party tickets cost €55 per person. Tables of ten are available. All tickets are subject to availability and places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. To book please contact the association at 086 1766662 or [sbdassoc@eircom.net](mailto:sbdassoc@eircom.net) or contact [akerr@leopardstown.com](mailto:akerr@leopardstown.com). For more information visit [www.sbda.ie](http://www.sbda.ie) or [www.leopardstown.com](http://www.leopardstown.com).

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### How to become a member of SBDA today!

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# New Sandyford Greenway

The old Harcourt Street tram line has been transformed into a pedestrian and cycle green route into Sandyford.



Commenting on the new route Jim Leyden Chairman said *"As a teenager I remember walking along this route even before Sandyford was a business estate. Now a new amenity has been created that everyone can enjoy. It is a welcome addition to the area and a great example of the on-going works*

*making Sandyford the primary business district in the Country in which to work and do business".*

The new green route connects Leopardstown Road and Brewery Road following the old Harcourt Street Tramline.

Pedestrians and cyclists entering Sandyford Business District from Leopardstown Road will now be able to enter the district without having to go all the way to the Leopardstown roundabout and into Sandyford Business Estate. Pedestrians and cyclists coming from the Leopardstown Road and Brewery Road going to the Sandyford Luas station can now bypass the roundabout using this new greenway link into the District. Toucan style signalised crossings are proposed at Leopardstown and Brewery Road junctions. The new green route is an additional amenity for the businesses and employees of Sandyford. It will be an amenity for employees to use on their lunch-break. The signed and landscaped route will be fully lit and offer a quicker and safer route into the District.

## New Two Way System Along Blackthorn Road

As part of the plans by Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council to improve traffic flow and in the interests of safety, works are planned to commence on Blackthorn Road to create two way traffic, removal of islands on Blackthorn Road and widening of the junctions of Blackthorn Road and Burton Hall Avenue and the junction of Blackthorn Road with Blackthorn Avenue.

Under the new plans traffic will run two way along Blackthorn Road, pedestrian and cycle crossings will be put in place and junctions will be widened and new traffic lights will be installed.

SBDA will liaise with the Council during construction to inform members and would urge members to pay extra attention while getting used to the new arrangement.

## SBDA Welcomes New Members!

SBDA would like to welcome new members Tullow Oil, PSI Mobile, UPMC Beacon Hospital, MSL Volkswagon, The Beacon Hotel, Barrista Café, China Sichuan, Home Instead Senior Care, Body Elements, Exclusive Audio and Car Buyers Guide.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our existing members for their continued support. To become a member please contact the SBDA office.



# Plans in Place to Improve Leopardstown Roundabout



Existing layout

SBDA welcomes plans to improve the Leopardstown Roundabout. Plans include the removal of the existing roundabout, alternative access / egress to South County Business Park, creation of a high capacity signalised junction, widening of approach roads, improved pedestrian and cycle facilities and a new landscaped park and pond at the entrance to South County. The Burton Hall Road extension which forms part of overall improvements to roads in the area will start construction by the end of the year.

The planning application for the Leopardstown road scheme and concurrent Compulsory Purchase Order was lodged with An Bord Pleanála.

With no delays a decision on the scheme can be expected by the end 2012. With an estimated construction period of 1 year it is expected that the improvements will be in place in 2014. Once constructed, it is hoped the road will significantly improve traffic congestion at the Leopardstown junction and the ESB roundabout. There will be a new access into South County Business Park. The proposed development should relieve capacity on other roads within the area. SBDA will be liaising with the Council to ensure minimal disruption to businesses and employees during construction.



Leopardstown Link Road



Leopardstown Link Road



Phase 1 - Access Road into South County Business Park

# Sandyford Crime Watch

SBDA are urging businesses to be extra careful and vigilance amidst reports of criminal incidents in Sandyford. The Association



has been made aware of a recent spate of robberies / attempted robberies / break ins to businesses in the Sandyford District. There have been cases where people have been posing in uniform as on site workers such as cleaners, construction workers etc. to gain access to premises. It has been reported that among other things target items for theft are laptops and electrical equipment. Target times are morning and evening so businesses should be vigilant when opening and closing premises in particular. Reports have also been received of anti social behaviour in the area.

This comes amidst the news that Sandyford no longer has a dedicated community police officer. An Garda Síochána is in the process of implementing significant organisational changes in order to comply with the European Working Time Directive, and to implement recommendations contained in report of An Garda Inspectorate on resource allocation, and also to achieve efficiencies is part of their commitment to the Croke Park agreement.

While there has been a cut to services An Garda Síochána has assured SBDA of their continued commitment to community policing as a vital and integral part of their policing strategy. The Association will continue to engage with the established Community Gardaí in the area.

If you have in the past or experience crime in the future SBDA would appreciate if you brought it to the associations attention so that we can communicate issues with members with a view to reducing the incidents of crime in the District. For policing issues affecting you please contact Sergeant Brian O'Keefe [brian.j.okeeffe@garda.ie](mailto:brian.j.okeeffe@garda.ie). or call 01-6665200.

# Loan to help complete Beacon site

The National Asset Management Agency is to provide a €10 million loan for the completion of a residential and commercial development at Beacon South Quarter in Sandyford.

The receiver to the assets has submitted a planning application to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council for permission to make alterations to the scheme.

This includes permission for a change of use of the first floor of the development and part of the second floor and would change of use from a permitted creche, community and ancillary restaurant and cafe and replacing with apartments.

Some other retail space would also be removed from the plan and replaced with units for community use. Planned office space between the second and ninth floors would be replaced with apartments.

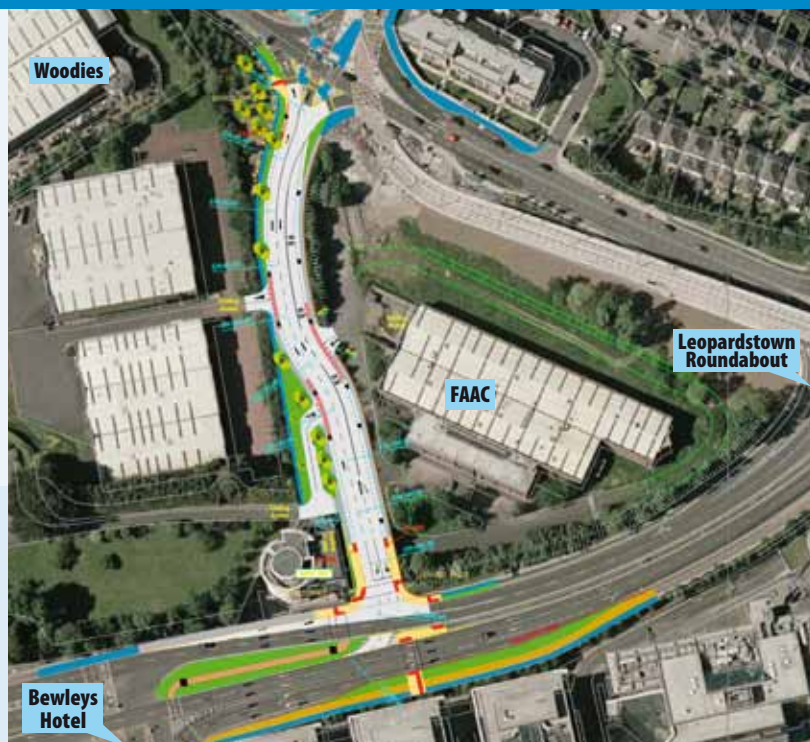
Permission for other construction works for the "making good" of other elements of the scheme is also being sought.





# Burton Hall Road Extension Update

The Compulsory Purchase Order for the Burton Hall Road Extension was lodged by DLRCo.Co. to An Bord Pleanála in March. The CPO was agreed in May with construction on the site due to commence at the end of 2012. SBDA will consult with the Council and inform members to ensure the minimum impact on traffic and transport during road construction.



## LEGEND

EXISTING FOOTPATH	PROPOSED CYCLE TRACK OFF ROAD	PROPOSED TREE (carpinus betulus fastigata)
PROPOSED FOOTPATH	SHARED SPACE	PROPOSED TREE (quercus spp. and Pinus Sylvestris)
EXISTING CYCLE TRACK	PROPOSED BOUNDARY	EXISTING TREE
PROPOSED CYCLE TRACK ON ROAD	PROPOSED TIMBER BOLLARDS	

# Cycle Network Study Public Consultation

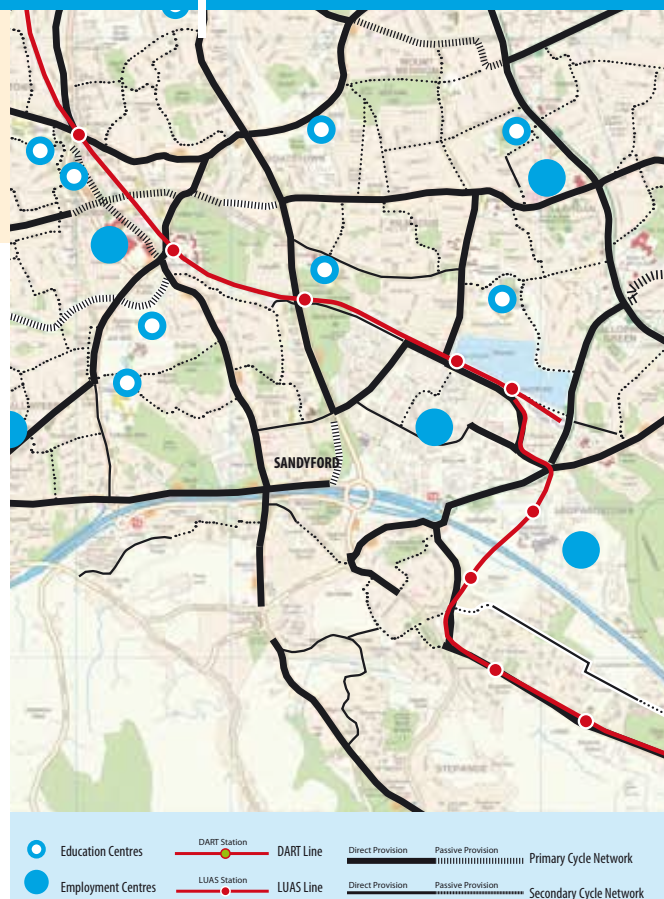
Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Cycle Network Review  
Fig 1. Proposed Cycle Network

Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council have recently completed a Draft Cycle Network Study and is issuing an 8 week period of public consultation.

A cycle network is defined as a collection of connected routes that follow logical corridors between zones or urban centres. There are a number of benefits to creating formal Cycle Networks including:

- Generating an inventory of existing facilities and identifying the quality of these facilities
- Identifying barriers to cycling and accessibility
- Identifying gaps in the existing network
- Identifying areas where infrastructure improvements will have the greatest benefit
- Assist in route planning

The report can be viewed online at [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie) and comments can be submitted to John Broderick, Senior Engineer, Traffic Section, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire or emailed to [traffic@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:traffic@dlrcoco.ie) by Friday the 15th June.



# Sandyford Mobility Network

## Have Your Say

The Sandyford Business District Area Wide Mobility Management Plan was launched in December 2011. As part of the Plan, the inaugural meeting of the Sandyford Mobility Management Plan Network took place on March 8th 2012.

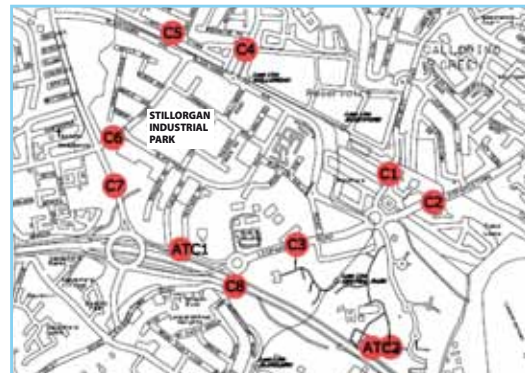
The aim is to establish a network of organisations within the Sandyford Business District to promote the development and delivery of sustainable transport projects and initiatives in the area in conjunction with Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council.

The meeting hosted by Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council discussed travel and transport and mobility issues in Sandyford. Among other things a number of barriers were identified at the meeting as reasons why people do not use sustainable travel modes ie. Walking, cycling, bus, luas, car sharing, to a from work:

- Lack of bus lanes on the approach roads
- No cycle lands within the area
- Poor public bus services from the Dart
- Poor connectivity to nearby residential area.

The aim of the network is to discuss and implement solutions to barriers to sustainable travel modes. All companies in the Sandyford Business District are welcome to join the network and other organisations will be invited to attend the Mobility Management Plan Network meetings to assist it with its work from time to time. As part of the plan the Council are currently undertaking a traffic count and passenger survey during the summer so watch out for cameras.

More information on the benefits of joining the network can be obtained from Gerry Flaherty, Sustainable Travel Officer and Project Coordinator from Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council on 01-2047945 or by email on: [gflaherty@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:gflaherty@dlrcoco.ie).



Traffic Count and Passenger Survey Locations



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## Sandyford block to be finished by developers

SBDA has learned that the owners of the 13 storey Sentinel block site has had pre planning discussions with Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council about completing the development of the site.

The Sentinel building, which will accommodate about 125 apartments when completed, has recently been monitored by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council because of safety concerns at the site. Works have recently taken place to make the site safe again.





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# SBDA Mission Statement

- SBDA's MISSION is to help develop and promote the Sandyford Business District as a national and international centre of excellence in which to start, maintain and grow business in Ireland.
- SBDA's objective is to maintain a strong voice for those doing business, working and living in the Sandyford Area.
- SBDA's objective is to help make the Sandyford District a place where people want to live, work and do business in a world class environment.

# Association Commitment

- A strong membership is a strong voice!
- SBDA listens and provides support and advise on any issues or concerns you may have in your area eg. Transportation, crime etc.
- SBDA lobbies the relevant bodies for resolutions on the issues that effect business in Sandyford eg. Commercial rates, traffic congestion.
- SBDA benefits from a designated liaison officer in Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council where any issues affecting you can be voiced and dealt with.
- SBDA liaises regularly on behalf of members with the Council, elected representatives, the RPA, the NRA, state agencies, other business groups, An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders.

# Benefits of Membership

- Members receive regular email updates and information bulletins on new and ongoing issues in the District eg. New Road Proposals, estate maintenance etc.
- Members are invited to SBDA events, information evenings and annual AGM.
- SBDA facilitates networking in the District with members receiving invitations to SBDA member events.
- The SBDA forum allows businesses to share their views, concerns and ideas.
- Members benefit from being part of a group pursuing the best interests for the Sandyford Business District.

## HOW DO I JOIN?

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### HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSED?

Email us at [sbdassoc@eircom.net](mailto:sbdassoc@eircom.net) to re-activate.



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