

SANDYFORD PLANNING FREEZE TO REMAIN



At the October monthly meeting of Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown Council Mr Owen Keegan County Manager told all present that the Sandyford planning moratorium will continue until Council Executive review the findings of yet a further transportation study currently being prepared by Mott McDonald Consultants. This study comes in addition to the comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Study undertaken by Faber Maunsell in 2006 together with the Urban Plan completed for Sandyford in 2007 by Urban Initiatives UK.

Mr Keegan is however extending every effort to finalise the foul drainage measures by this November so that Council may consider planning applications for “social infrastructure projects” which may be under threat of being lost to Sandyford. The full transcript of Mr Keegan’s address can be found on www.sbea.ie/latestnews

SBEA is very concerned that since rejecting the Sandyford Urban Plan last August 2007 Council Executive did not at that time outline an alternative vision for the area. Instead, Sandyford has been allowed to stand in what now appears to be an indefinite planning and infrastructural vacuum. It is a fundamentally serious situation which impacts everybody either working living or owning/managing a business in Sandyford particularly as banks move to review their loan to value criteria. SBEA is requesting a meeting with Mr. Keegan to outline our concerns for future employment and stability in what has always been a prime and progressive economic hub for the County.



ROADS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING

SANDYFORD TRANSPORTATION PLANS

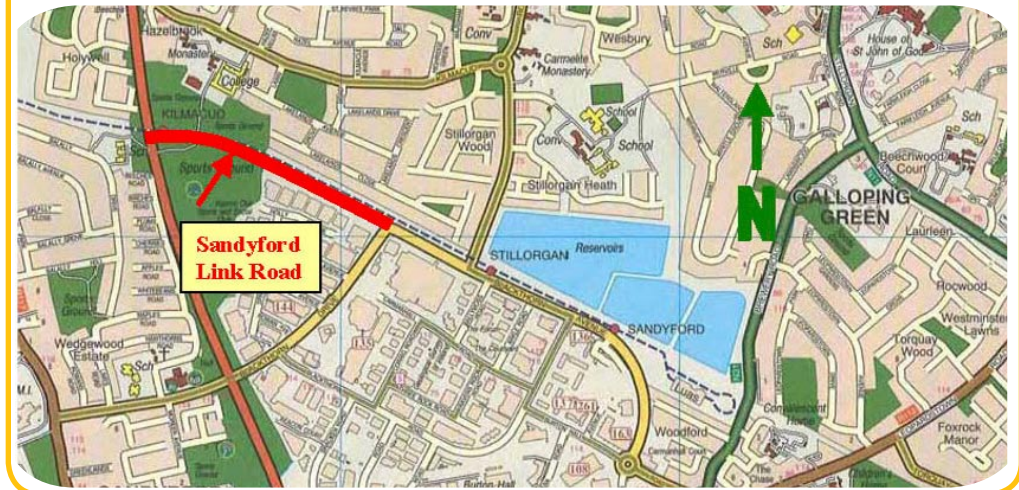
The following is the full list of transportation interventions presently under Council consideration and outlined to our AGM in April this year. A map drawing is available on our website www.sbea.ie/latestnews

- Bracken Road link to Drummartin Link Road.
- Heather Road link to M50.
- South County Business Park and Central Park Link Road.
- Signalisation of Leopardstown roundabout
- Southbound slip road at M50 Junction 14
- Grade separation Drummartin Link Road
- ESB link road to Sandyford Business Estate (bus in - bus/cars out)

In a recent update to SBEA Mr. John Bowes Engineer DLRCO advised that a feasibility study of the proposed new road linking Heather Road to the M50 has returned a positive recommendation. NRA approval is required and Council has referred the road plan to the authority for consideration. A further study of a similar link to Bracken Road is underway as is a study of a proposed new link road between South County Business Park and Central Park. Mr Bowes who is the senior engineer responsible for Sandyford transportation plans will meet SBEA again in December and we will keep members updated on developments.

SANDYFORD-DRUMMARTIN LINK ROAD

As the CPO is now complete works will start here shortly. The scheme which runs parallel to the LUAS line comprises a .9km new road connecting Blackthorn Drive to the Drummartin Link Road and is expected to take 12 months to complete. The road will provide much needed additional ingress/egress to the estates and should be opened late 2009. John Paul Construction is the appointed contractor. SBEA thanks all members who supported our long campaign to have this road provided for Sandyford.



M50 EXTENSION WORKS

NRA have confirmed that the 3 new free flow left turning slip lanes off the Sandyford Interchange will be completed by Christmas 2008. Again a map drawing is available on www.sbea.ie/latestnews. The M50 widening works are due to finish by September 2009.

LEOPARDSTOWN ROUNDABOUT LUAS BRIDGE WORKS

SBEA very much welcomed the support of DLRCCO and the RPA who acceded to our strong contention that all bridge works at the roundabout take place at night time and at week-ends to avoid traffic congestion at this key access point to the estate. The bridge is now almost complete and SBEA is pleased that traffic disruption during construction was minimised for all.



NEW TEMPORARY PARK & RIDE AT BEACON SOUTH QUARTER

A new temporary 300 space Luas Park & Ride has opened at Beacon South Quarter. Access is via Carmanhall Road and rates apply as follows; €2 for up to 4 hrs or €4 per day. For more information and map see www.luas.ie or Freephone 1 800 300 604.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

SBEA held several meetings over the past number of months with DLRCCO, RPA An Garda Síochana and the contractor consortium Somague Bowen Sacyr to review all traffic management plans affecting the area for the duration of the LUAS construction. On behalf of all members, we ensured that wherever possible every effort was made by all parties to minimise traffic disruption during the project and members will have received regular emails and project updates keeping all informed of developments.

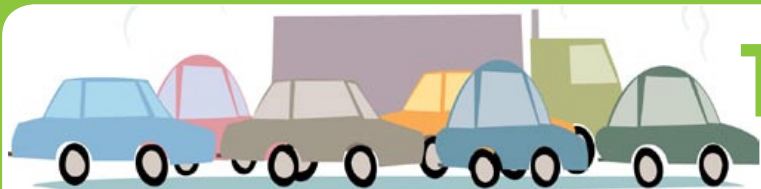
LUAS SANDYFORD CHERRYWOOD EXTENSION

RPA advise that track-laying works along Blackthorn Ave and across Burton Hall Road junction will be completed by late Nov 2008. Blackthorn Ave will then re-open to 2 lanes and the junction will be fully re-instated in time for 'operation freeflow'. RPA state that this project phase has run almost 10 weeks behind schedule due primarily to the discovery of unrecorded underground services together with the adverse weather conditions experienced over the summer months.

The B1 line extension is expected to be fully operational by late 2010 and the map below shows the location of stops along the extension route. Further information can be accessed on www.rpa.ie/lineb1



Map may be magnified by pressing 'maximise' button on your computer screen



TRAFFIC ESTATE MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL MATTERS

Sandyford & Stillorgan Business Parks



ESTATE MAP BOARDS

We very much welcome all the positive feedback received from members regarding the new gateway, road and way-finding signage installed throughout the estates over the summer. SBEA worked closely on this project with DLRCCO and Zinc Design and the next phase which is the installation of 5 new estate map boards will take place once planning procedures are finalised.



2008 CHARITY GOLF EVENT

We had another successful annual charity golf classic at Powerscourt Golf and County Club on June 11th last raising over €10,000 which has been distributed to a number of local schools and charities. Grateful thanks go to our generous and willing sponsors, AIB Bank and Microsoft as well as all our members who supported the event. Last but not least thanks also to our chief organisers Paul Waldron and John Hewitson whose excellent stewardship ensured the day was a success for all.

AN POST

An increasing number of members are contacting the office regarding the postal services particularly in the Sandyford Business Estate. Members cite a worrying number of instances of post not reaching destination within the estate as well as inconsistency/lateness of morning delivery times and occasions where post boxes are being emptied before the evening cut-off. SBEA has written expressing concern to Customer Services at the GPO and to the Ballyogan Depot Manager with whom we are now seeking an urgent meeting. **Members can register complaints to padraig.kearney@anpost.ie**

BURTON COURT ENCAMPMENT REMOVED



After a very, very long campaign we are relieved that the authorities have at last taken action and removed the illegal encampment from Burton Hall Court. The health, safety and environmental risks from the general debris and numerous fires occurring at the site as well as the disruption to pedestrians and businesses have been well documented and highlighted by this association over the past 2 years. We are pleased that Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown finally addressed the problem and we thank the County Manager and his team as well as An Garda Síochána for taking the appropriate action.



ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SANDYFORD BUSINESS ESTATES ASSOCIATION?

SBEA is a voluntary and proactive association working hard to make Sandyford and Stillorgan Business Parks a successful and vibrant environment. SBEA provides a vital platform for members to pursue valid concerns regarding all issues affecting the area. SBEA is recognised by and engages with all external stakeholders including Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, all key State Agencies as well as our local and national public representatives. We are entirely dependent on the continuing support of members! See www.sbea.ie for membership forms or contact us on 01 2938986.



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Garda Traffic Corps Blackrock	Inspector Pat Flynn	666-2200
Gardai Dun Laoghaire	Chief Supt. David Roche	666-5093
DLRCC General Matters	Therese Langan	205-4700
Planning Dept.	Richard Cremins/Denise Doherty	205-4700
Parks Dept.	Leslie Moore	205-4700
Traveller Incursions/Housing	Frank Dolan	205-4700
Litter Warden	Freephone	1800-250350
LUAS R.P.A.	Fred English/Michael O'Neill	646-3400



T.D.S AND COUNCILLORS

The following is a list of our electoral area T.D's and Councillors to whom on your behalf, SBEA will continue to highlight and work with on the infrastructural and operational challenges facing our business and residential communities.

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WE ALSO URGE MEMBERS TO INDIVIDUALLY LOBBY OUR ELECTED PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ISSUES AFFECTING OUR LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT.



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