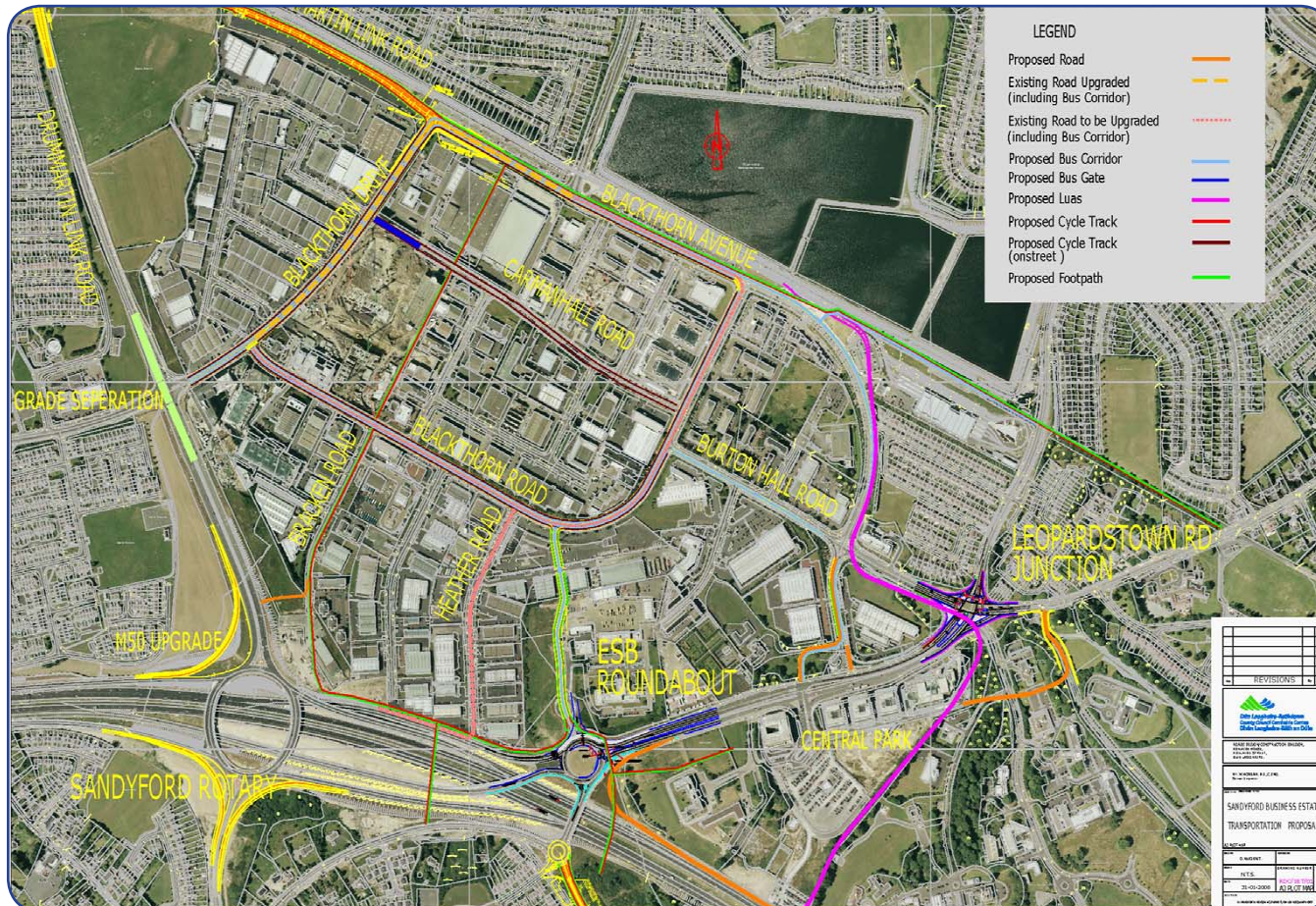


## COUNCIL OUTLINES TRANSPORT INTERVENTIONS FOR SANDYFORD



**M**r. Tom Loftus Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown Director of Transportation recently outlined a range of transportation interventions being considered to improve ingress/egress in the Sandyford business estates area.

In addressing the SBEA AGM in April, Mr Loftus acknowledged that the shortfall in transportation infrastructure is a key constraint for business in Sandyford and is also impacting on the future development capacity of the area. He stated that the Council is committed to redressing this and will prioritise those aspects of the plan which will maximise capacity benefits.

The most advanced of the interventions is the new Sandyford - Drummartin Link Road. Mr. Loftus stated he is hopeful construction of this new road will start in August this year after conclusion of the CPO process. It is expected the road will open for public use in August 2009.

In addition to Local Authority transport initiatives, the National Roads Authority recently announced 3 new left turning slip lanes off the Sandyford Interchange to be opened to the public next year on completion of the M50 upgrade.

Map drawings showing both NRA and DLRCOCO plans can be accessed on [www.sbea.ie/latestnews](http://www.sbea.ie/latestnews). Members are invited to forward observations to [tloftus@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:tloftus@dlrcoco.ie)



# SBEA 2008

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held in AIB Finance & Leasing premises on April 16th and attracted record attendances. Guests included Mr Owen Keegan DLRCO County Manager, members of his executive team and several local Councillors. Also attending were, Olivia Mitchell T.D. Alan Shatter T.D. Senator Larry Butler and Senator Alex White. Ministers Seamus Brennan, Tom Kitt and Eamon Ryan were also represented. RPA LUAS was represented by Mr. Fred English and Mr Michael O'Neill and Chief Superintendent David Roche represented An Garda Siochana.

A presentation was delivered to the meeting by Greg Alken Chairman and Jim Leyden Deputy Chairman outlining SBEA's successes over the past year and the ongoing challenges which face the area. The most contentious issue on the evening was not surprisingly, the illegal traveller encampment which continues to blight Burton Hall Road and is an embarrassment to business in the area. In addressing the meeting Owen Keegan and Chief Superintendent David Roche gave no comfort that a solution was imminent. They once again stated the matter had to be dealt with through the Courts which would be a protracted process. Following much criticism of local authority neglect of the area, Mr Keegan did again promise the area would be cleaned up. SBEA will keep up the pressure to ensure this is done. The Committee was re-elected for the coming year and a list of names and contact details can be accessed on [www.sbea.ie](http://www.sbea.ie)



Left to right: Jane Lehane, Greg Alken, Jim Leyden, Alan Shatter T.D



Left to right: Senator Larry Butler, Cllr. Gerry Horican, Therese Langan, Tom Loftus DLRCoCo



Left to right: Fred English RPA, Sheila Moore, Paul Waldron



Left to right: Sharon Scally, Maire O'Neill, Ann Marie Walsh



Left to right: Insp. Mary Delmar, Jim Leyden, Insp. Jim Delaney, Olivia Mitchell T.D



Left to right: Ruth Kelleher, Owen Keegan, Therese Langan, Olivia Mitchell T.D



Left to right: Chief Superintendent David Roche, Owen Keegan County Manager DLRCoCo



Tom Loftus Director of Transportation DLRCoCo



# ROADS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING

## M50 SOUTHBOUND RAMP AT JUNCTION 14

Through its ongoing campaigning SBEA has now established that DLRCOCO owns sufficient land to provide a South bound ramp at the Leopardstown Interchange as confirmed by Council's Director of Transportation, Mr Tom Loftus to our AGM in April. SBEA welcomes the support of Council for this vital road and will continue efforts to lobby the NRA, local politicians and Minister Noel Dempsey for its provision.

## NEW SANDYFORD ROADS OFF M50

The National Roads Authority (NRA) will be constructing 3 new free flow left slip lanes at the Sandyford Interchange in conjunction with the M50 upgrade works now underway. The new roads are expected to be completed by Oct 2009 and a map drawing showing the location of the roads can be accessed on [www.sbea.ie/latestnews](http://www.sbea.ie/latestnews)

## SANDYFORD HIGH LEVEL WATER SCHEME

SBEA is awaiting details of traffic management plans for the construction phase of this scheme which involves a new pumping station to be built off Blackthorn Avenue and pipe laying along Blackthorn Ave onto Burton Hall Road. SBEA is assured that the latter works will take place in conjunction with LUAS track laying to minimise disruption. Further details of this scheme can be accessed on [www.sbea.ie/latestnews](http://www.sbea.ie/latestnews)

## LUAS CHERRYWOOD EXTENSION



Bridge works over the Leopardstown roundabout have been ongoing since Feb and SBEA is pleased that its lobbying resulted in much of the works being undertaken at night time thus reducing traffic congestion. The next phase of works involves track laying along Blackthorn Ave onto Burton Hall Road. SBEA wishes to pre warn members that this phase will be disruptive and we are pressing for works to be scheduled and completed during the months of July and August when traffic will hopefully be reduced.

On a positive note, RPA have confirmed to SBEA that the left slip lane off Leopardstown Road into the estates will be re- opened by the end of July 2008

## SANDYFORD URBAN FRAMEWORK PLAN

In addressing Council on Feb 11th Mr Owen Keegan announced he was imposing a moratorium on future planning in Sandyford in excess of 2 housing units until further notice because of foul drainage and transportation infrastructural deficiencies in the area. This development means the further deferral of a comprehensive Urban Plan for Sandyford until Council assesses and decides on infrastructure solutions. The situation is very concerning for many businesses who are now seeing property values impacting on collateral for banking arrangements. Mr Keegan's full report to Council can be accessed on [www.sbea.ie/latestnews](http://www.sbea.ie/latestnews).

Mr Keegan has undertaken to update Council in the coming months.



# TRAFFIC ESTATE MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL MATTERS

## NEW ROAD & GATEWAY SIGNS

New road and gateway signs have now been installed throughout the estates. The second phase of the signage programme which involves map boards and way-faring signs will hopefully be completed during the Summer months and will assist way finding within the estates. We appreciate members recent positive feedback on the signs and agree that they give a fresh contemporary look to the area.



## BURTON HALL ROAD TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENT

Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown Council came in for very strong criticism again at our AGM last month for inaction in removing this illegal encampment. Mr. Owen Keegan County Manager was adamant that the matter could only be dealt with through the Courts and this was being pursued. He was fully supported in this stance by Chief Superintendent David Roche who said that the issue could only be pursued within the Law and this would take time. In the meantime, yet again, Council have promised SBEA that the area will be cleaned up and vehicles removed from the public road, greens and pathways.



## NEW FOOTPATH ON BLACKTHORN ROAD

SBEA is pleased that at last, a new pedestrian pathway is now being provided from the Corrig Road junction of Blackthorn Road right along to its junction with Blackthorn Avenue at the LUAS line. SBEA has received many requests from members for this pathway over the past year or so and is pleased DLRCCO is now providing the facility.

## TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT DUNNES ENTRANCE BLACKTHORN DRIVE

SBEA is advised by DLRCCO that this junction will be fully signalised shortly. There have recently been a number of near misses and at least one vehicle collision at this very dangerous junction and we are pressing strongly for traffic lights to be activated and for hoarding to be pushed back so that the road can be re-instated and visibility improved.

## 2008 CHARITY GOLF EVENT

SBEA is holding its 2008 Charity Golf classic at Powerscourt Golf & County Club on June 11th. All members have been emailed about the event and we urge all to please support. Proceeds will go to local charities in the Sandyford and Stillorgan areas. Contact [sbeassoc@eircom.net](mailto:sbeassoc@eircom.net) for details.



## NEW WEBSITE FOR THE SBEA

Our new website [www.sbea.ie](http://www.sbea.ie) is now live and our 'Latest News' page contains updates on many traffic and infrastructure issues relevant to the area. As always we welcome members feedback.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SBEA?

SBEA is a voluntary association which aims to make Sandyford a successful place to live and to do business. Please support our efforts by becoming a member. Membership forms and further background on the association can be accessed on [www.sbea.ie](http://www.sbea.ie)

## DUN-LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY PLAN 2010 – 2016



Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown Council has commenced preparation of its next County Development Plan and is inviting public submissions before Friday June 13th 2008. This plan sets out the strategy and policies for the future planning and development of the County for the period 2010 - 2016.

Further background details and a submission form can be accessed on [www.dlrcco.ie](http://www.dlrcco.ie) in the economic development & planning section.



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Gardai Dun Laoghaire	Chief Supt. David Roche	666-5093
DLRCC General Matters	Therese Langan	205-4700
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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 Councillors and T.D's 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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