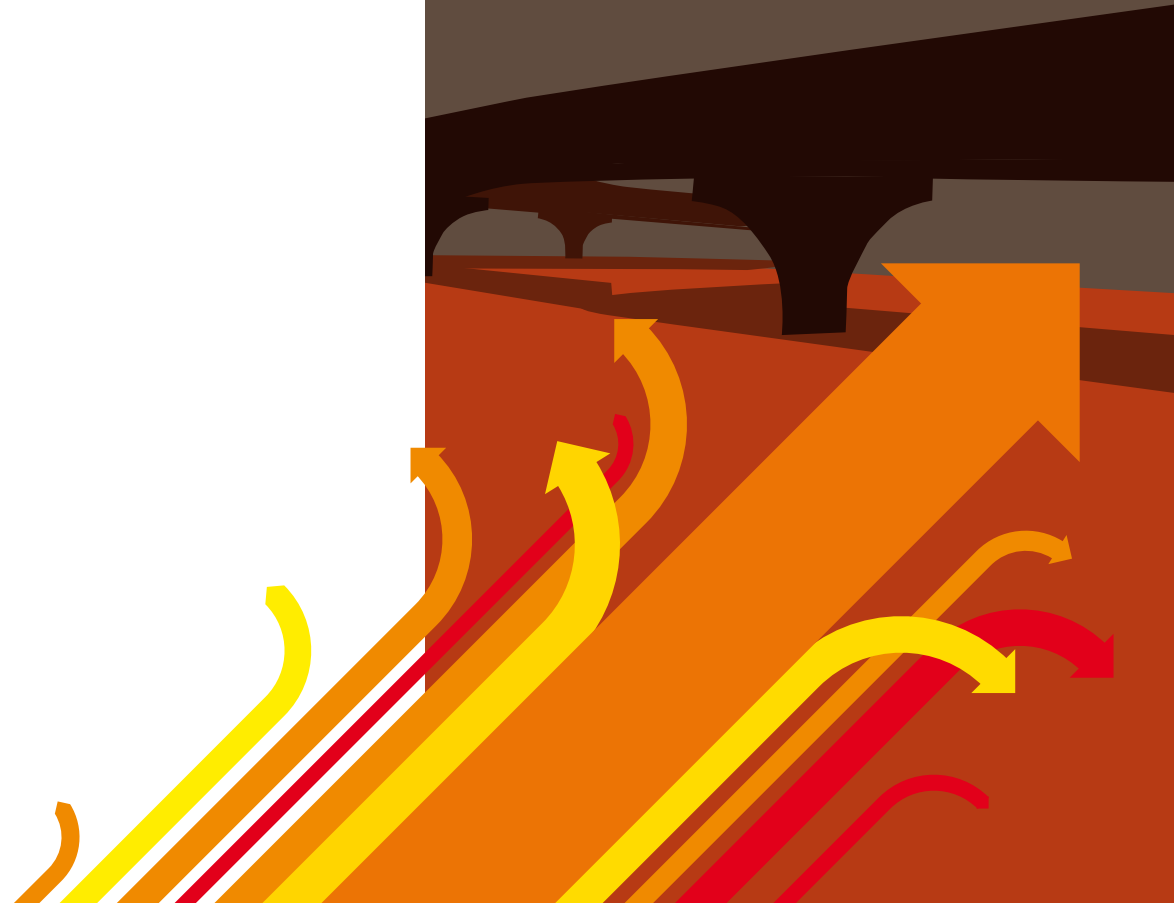




# INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Sandyford Road  
Infrastructural Project



This leaflet is one in a series published by the Council, which is intended to update you on the progress of the Sandyford Road Infrastructural Project. It will outline what works remain, and when we hope to complete these.

Firstly, the Council thanks you for your co-operation to date and apologises for any inconvenience caused. It has always been the Council's intention to complete these works with the minimum disruption to residents. However, this has proven to be a challenging project due to a number of reasons:

- > Location on a narrow regional road bordered by a number of large estates
- > Proximity to a major shopping centre
- > Lack of a viable alternative diversion route closer to the Works

As the Council cannot divert traffic off a regional route through a residential estate, the official diversion route must remain the Overend Way, Upper Kilmacud Road, Drummartin Link Road and Blackthorn Drive.

We regret the inconvenience caused by the closure of Balally Hill and we understand this has been a cause of distress to a large number of drivers.

However, due to the speed and volume of traffic using the Balally Estate as an alternative to Sandyford Road, the Council, following representations from the Balally Residents Association, had no choice but to close this route. It should be noted that alternative proposals were examined but were not found to be workable.

### Progress to date: -

We originally hoped to complete this project within 12 months, and progress to date has been good. **However, there have been some issues outside of our control which are preventing an on-time completion:**

1. Encountering a substantial amount of rock.
2. Difficulties locating number and location of existing services prior to excavation.
3. Higher than expected rainfall during summer period, which prevented contractor from working at full capacity.
4. Addition of upgrade works to the programme, including new drainage facilities to help alleviate local flood-risk.

It is expected that by mid-November the works will be completed to Parkvale Estate, allowing the Sandyford Road to return to two-way traffic.

### Timetable to completion: -

Following discussions with the contractor, the following timetable represents our best estimate of when outstanding works will be undertaken.

#### Mid. November – End December '08: -

**Parkvale Estate to Balally Hill** – Contractors will install ducting, new kerbing, footpaths and a pedestrian crossing. Two-way traffic will be maintained.

#### Start January '09 – End January '09: -

**Balally Hill to Clonard Road junction** – Contractors will install surface water pipework, new sections of watermain, ducting and upgrade footpaths. This section will be one-way inbound, due to the significant amount of work to be undertaken and the anticipated extent of rock in the area.

#### Clonard Road junction to Blackthorn Drive junction –

Simultaneously with the above Works, we will install sections of watermain, ducting, kerbs, footpaths and landscape this section of roadway. Two-way traffic will be maintained.

#### Start February – Mid. March '09: -

**Blackthorn Drive junction** – Contractors will widen junctions and construct a new slip road and traffic islands. A traffic management plan is not yet agreed, but we will inform residents as soon as it is.

