

29<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Mr. Dan Holland,  
Chairperson,  
Sandyford Business District Association,  
7-8, Burton Hall Rd.,  
Dublin 18

**Re: Traffic issues in Sandyford Business District**

Dear Mr. Holland,

Thank you for your letter dated the 28<sup>th</sup> November last in connection with the introduction of the two way system on Blackthorn Road and the associated traffic problems that have occurred in morning peak period and particularly in the evening peak period.

Traffic flows in Sandyford are being closely monitored at the moment and a number of solutions to address the congestion are being developed to help ease the problems. Queuing and journey times are being monitored and recorded.

**The following measures will be put in place:-**

The bus gate at Carmanhall Road was removed this morning. This means that motorists travelling from Carmanhall Road and its environs may choose exiting the area directly onto Blackthorn Road, as they can do presently but an alternative route will be exiting this area via Blackthorn Drive (past Dunnes Stores). They can then turn right onto Blackthorn Drive and have a choice to turn left onto Benildus Avenue or right onto Blackthorn Ave and exit the District via Burton Hall Road.

Motorists travelling from Burton Hall Road will be encouraged to turn left onto Blackthorn Road towards the Beacon Hospital and at that junction will turn right towards Benildus Avenue.

The rationale for these measures is to reduce traffic flows at the new junction at Blackthorn Road/Blackthorn Ave where the pressure is arising. It is also to encourage motorists bound for Dundrum/Goatstown to use Benildus Avenue as an exit point which is a route that has capacity and is not optimised. It will also encourage motorists to utilise Upper Kilmacud Road as an exit towards Stillorgan.

**Scats** will also be fully optimised to release traffic further.

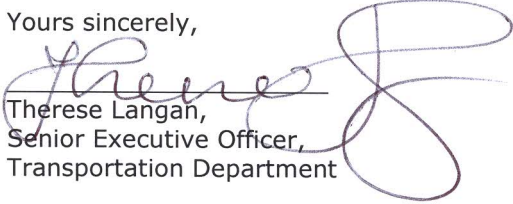
**A Schematic Map** showing these movements is being prepared for publication via your Website and on Face book. This will be with you shortly. We will be using the Council's Communications Office to get the information out to motorists via Twitter and Face book.

VMS Signage will be utilised to further communicate these alternative routes.

As soon as I have the Schematic Drawing, I will send on to you.

The Council regrets the inconvenience to your Members and is doing all it can to address the issues raised by them.

Yours sincerely,

  
Therese Langan,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
Transportation Department

