

Gracepark Heights/Meadows Update – Summer 2013

Dear Resident,

Myself and my colleague Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD held the last meeting of our Gracepark Policing Forum before the summer in the Goose Tavern on the 4th July. We are now circulating a number of updates provided to the members of the forum to the wider community in order to keep you up to date with developments.

Please find enclosed updates in relation to the following issues:-

- St. Vincent's Court
- Yellow box at entrance to Gracepark Heights and timings of traffic lights there
- Requests from residents for double yellow lines
- Information regarding illegal dumping and street sweeping

We hope to hold the next meeting of the Policing Forum in September in order to prepare for the issues that may arise in the Halloween season. If you would like to be added to our mailing list for the Forum please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kind regards,

Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones

St. Vincent's Court

- Dublin City Council plan to re-develop the St. Vincent's Court complex in the coming months.
- At the moment the complex is made up of 12 units. Until recently, there was only one person still living here. The complex is now completely empty.
- Dublin City Council plan to turn the 12 bedsits/studio units into 6 one bedroom apartments.
- They are presently seeking funding from the Department for this project. It will not involve any demolition or new build taking place.
- Once completed, there will be a mix of new tenants in place from different backgrounds, e.g. older persons, people downsizing from other units, people who had previously been on the homeless list.
- There will be between 6 and 12 residents (12 max) housed in the new complex.
- I had previously secured an undertaking from the City Council that they would hold an information meeting residents about this project once plans were at a more advanced stage. I have confirmed this week with the City Council that it is still their intention to have this meeting.
- **I will be in touch with residents as soon as the meeting is arranged.**

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Traffic Issues

- Residents have contacted me inquiring about the yellow box at the entrance to the estate. It seems that the junction box size was recently increased but unfortunately late last year the Council re surfaced grace park road and the to the old small size , residents now struggle to get out of the estate in the morning. They also forgot to re set the traffic lights to separate time settings during peak and off peak times they now remain at one setting which is at the peak time setting.
- I raised this with the City Manager and have received the below response:-
 - **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**
The matter of the yellow box at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Officer for investigation and appropriate action.
In response to correspondence from residents of Gracepark Heights, the signal timings at this junction have been reviewed and a change has been made which should reduce the waiting time for side-road traffic in peak hours without adversely affecting the traffic. The results of this change will be monitored over the coming weeks.

Some other snippets.....

Dumped Rubbish? Graffiti? Derelict property? Report it to Dublin City Council Self Service Portal

You can report any issues to Dublin City Council using their online web portal, which is on the homepage of www.dublincity.ie

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