

# Hollybrook Road/Hollybrook Park

## March 2013 Update

Dear Resident,

Over the past few weeks I have taken the opportunity to meet and speak with many of you regarding our local community and my role as your local representative on Dublin City Council. Some of you raised issues of concern within the local area including:

- Parking and issues relating to taxis
- Status of railings
- Watermain works

This leaflet contains details of the issues raised with me and the responses I have received so far from Dublin City Council.

Some residents raised concerns about **anti-social behaviour** in the area. I would appreciate if you would keep me informed of any issues that arise and please be aware that I plan to hold a meeting of the Hollybrook Road policing forum before the summer and will notify you of the date in due course.

If you have any queries on these issues or if there is something you would like me to address on your behalf please don't hesitate to contact me

Kind regards,

*Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones*

### Parking/Unofficial Taxi Rank issues

#### COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the City Manager to respond to the following issues that have arisen in Hollybrook Road/Hollybrook Park area in relation to parking:

- a) Is the number of permits given out on this road comparable to other roads with similar disc parking arrangements? Residents have complained to me that they return from work in the evening and are unable to find parking space, despite half the road being disc parking.
- b) Is the development on Hollybrook Park (bar/restaurant and apartments) with the associated car park fully in compliance with all planning conditions? Residents are concerned that the overflow from these developments is negatively impacting on the availability of parking for residents of Hollybrook Road.
- c) An unofficial taxi rank is operating outside the Gilbert and Wrights bar where taxis pull up to collect patrons – this is creating traffic chaos and is also keeping children awake in houses on Hollybrook Park late into the night. Can the Manager respond to this problem?

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

a) There are 52 parking spaces on the residential parking scheme on Hollybrook Road. Currently there are 67 residents permits issued to residents on Hollybrook Road. It is not unusual, giving parking demand in Dublin City, for residents permit schemes to be oversubscribed and this situation pertains in many areas of the City. The residents permit scheme on Hollybrook Road was introduced in 1997 and it is only a partial scheme. There is plenty of scope to expand the scheme and the Council would conduct a ballot of residents to ascertain their views in this regard subject to a significant proportion of residents (25%) indicating their interest in so doing.

b) Planning investigations have taken place into parking provisions at two separate developments in the vicinity. The approved drawings submitted with the planning application for the Bar showed nine parking spaces with an exit onto Hollybrook Park. A recent inspection has shown that a wall has been built separating two parking spaces from the remainder. It's unknown if the separated portion is within the ownership of the pub's proprietors or on separate ownership. In any event, it appears that the separated portion is either unused or used only for car parking.

Basement car parking has been provided within the apartment development at Hollybrook Park. The overall foot print of the car park corresponds to that shown in the approved plans. Some internal reconfiguration has been carried out that may have resulted in a loss of two spaces. This issue has been brought to the attention of the Management Company to address.

Because of some alterations that have occurred since these developments were carried out, there has been a minor loss of off-street parking in the vicinity. **Investigations into these issues are ongoing and all parties who have made representations to the Planning Enforcement section will be advised of the outcome of the investigations.**

c) This Section cannot enforce unofficial taxi ranks. It is up to the Gardai to enforce these. In addition the National Transport Authority's Compliance Officers can issue fixed charge penalties for taxis "standing for hire when not at an appointed stand". They can be contacted at 0761 064000.

## **Watermain Works Update**

### **Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones**

"Can the Manager provide an update on the North Central Arterial Watermain works?"

### **Reply:**

As outlined to Councillors and Residents in 2012, it had been intended to invite tenders for the construction of these works during late 2012. However, there have been delays caused by the consultant firm appointed to carry out these tasks going into liquidation in 2012. The contract is now in the process of being transferred to another consultant and, following the completion of that process, it is hoped to invite tenders in the first quarter of 2013. The Project Management Office will advise all Councillors and local groups through the Area Office when the tenders are being invited.

## **Hollybrook Road Railings**

### **COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the City Manager to clarify if **the railings on Hollybrook Road are protected structures?**

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The houses on Hollybrook Road were added to the Record of Protected Structures and the railing are included, as they form part of the curtilage of the protected structure, provided they are the original railings.