

Killester Water Pressure Update – Summer 2013

Dear Resident,

You might recall that I dropped a leaflet back in May asking households in Killester experiencing issues with water pressure to contact me so that I could set up individual meetings for them with the Council engineers. Since then, I have knocked on most doors in the Killester area. We gathered a list of addresses that are badly affected and provided them to the Council.

As a result the Council have begun consulting with individual homeowners. Please find an update overleaf in relation to some of the issues encountered and some of the solutions suggested for different areas.

If residents in this area are going to have water meters installed in the future, then a better standard of service must be delivered in return. Water pressure in Killester has been an ongoing problem for years and it is time it was fully addressed by the City Council.

I am asking that residents who are experiencing difficulties contact me so I can set up further meetings with engineers for them.

As always if there is any other issue I can help you with please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones

Water Pressure Issues

CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Killester Park and St. Brigid's Road: Any individual pressure problems at dwellings in the above areas generally relate to old lead supplies, which have corroded due to age. If this supply is renewed, by ourselves on the public path and the householder **within** their private property, it will provide good working pressure to the house.

Our inspector called to the addresses provided in this area and left a Pressure and Flow Test form with the householder. The procedure for such a test is that the householder would complete the form given to them by our Inspectors along with a lodgement of 127 euro. This money is refunded to the householder if the supply does not meet our requirements with regard to pressure and flow (which is generally the case with old lead supplies) and we would renew the supply pipe on the public side. If the householder renews the supply pipe on their property this will result in improved pressure and flow to the house.

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Abbeyfield, Middle Third, The Demesne and The Orchard: Our inspector called to the addresses provided in the above areas to advise householders regarding their water supply. All properties inspected were originally constructed with the watermains lying **within** the gardens. If the individual householder can identify, expose and renew their supply pipe connection to the watermains within their properties, the North City Water Maintenance depot will assist with the renewal of the ferrule band connection which will result in increased flows and pressure to the house.

Logging Results

As a result of a formal question I asked at the May City Council Meeting, Dublin City Council undertook to install “pressure loggers” at various locations in Killester to assess the levels of pressure there. I received the following update from **Dublin City Council Water Services**:

- DCC logged pressures at **The Orchards** in early July 2013 which is close to Abbeyfield and the pressures in the mains met the required level of service. The pressure logger recorded the pressures on the water main every fifteen minutes, 24 hours a day for approximately two weeks. This gave information on water pressures during both peak and off peak water demand periods.
- DCC also have a pressure point at **Killester Ave** which again indicates pressures meeting required levels of service.
- A logger was also fitted on a hydrant at **Abbeyfield** in late April 2013 and the results were not great but as there were water restrictions in place at that time the pressures cannot be considered normal.
- DCC plan to log the pressures at **Abbeyfield** again and have then on a program for logging in the near future.
- As previously mentioned, individual pressure problems at dwellings in the **Middle Third** and **Abbeyfield** areas are generally related to old supplies, which have corroded or deteriorated due to age. If this supply is renewed by North City Maintenance on the public path and the householder within their private property, it should provide good working pressure to the house. (North City Maintenance: [01 8643634](tel:018643634))
- DCC are currently investigating the local network in the area to see if they can make any network changes to help aid water movement within the area.

Leak Fixing

Many of you will have heard on the news in recent weeks that water meters will be installed on a rolling basis across the country from now until 2016. I have made inquiries with the Department of Environment and Local Government and they confirm that it is their **intention to fix water leaks on consumer's property on a once-off basis as the water meters go in**. However, the precise policy details have not yet been worked out on this. This development is of obvious interest to Killester residents as difficulties with supply on residential property appears to be the cause of some of the pressure problems experienced, as outlined above.

I will keep you updated of any further details on this plan that become available.