

# St. Lawrence Road, Clontarf

## March 2013 Update

Dear St. Lawrence Road resident,

Over the past few weeks I have taken the opportunity to meet and speak with many of you regarding your 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:

- Yellow box at junction with Clontarf Road
- Request for tree planters to be provided to Residents' Association
- Dog dirt problem
- Clontarf Senior Citizens Forum in St. Anthony's Parish Centre

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

I am disappointed that the City Council have refused to install a dog dirt bin at some point along the road, despite numerous requests from residents who report that fouling is a consistent problem. I am not satisfied with the Council's response in this regard and will be pursuing it further.

**Significantly, the City Council have indicated that they will install a yellow box at the junction with Clontarf Road to make it easier for residents exiting St. Lawrence Road especially at peak times.**

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.

### Yellow Box

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

**To ask the Area Manager to investigate whether placing a yellow box junction at the bottom of St Lawrence Road where it meets the Clontarf Road would alleviate difficulties for residents exiting onto the Clontarf Road at peak times.**

#### Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 20th December, 2012, recommended a full yellow box on St. Lawrence Road at its junction with Clontarf Road in order to prevent blocking of the junction and to improve side road traffic flows during peak hour traffic. This measure will be referred for implementation following completion of the statutory consultation process with the Gardaí.

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## **Tree Planters**

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

**“To ask the Area Manager whether containers for trees could be provided to the residents of St. Lawrence Road who are eager to decorate the road with them. They are happy to provide the trees and soil themselves but they just want the containers. Can the Parks Dept liaise directly with the Residents’ Association in this regard?”**

### **Reply:**

The placement of containers and planters is something that the City Council carry out in the city centre area as they help with traffic calming and provide a green interlude where it is not possible to plant trees in the ground. However, the experience of planting trees in containers in neighbourhoods has been mixed as over time they do not tend to receive the maintenance and care they need and in such cases they become unsightly and eventually become a burden to the community and sadly in the end the City Council is usually left to remove them. Contact will be made with the Residents Association to discuss the situation.

## **Dog Fouling**

### **Question in the name of Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones:**

**To ask the City Manager if he will arrange for a bin for dog dirt to be placed at some point along the length of St. Lawrence Road. This area is often used by dog walkers coming from the Howth Road area towards the seafront and there is no bin for dog owners to use. Many residents have complained to me about this issue which seems to be getting worse and they would like a bin to be installed.**

### **Reply:**

Waste Management Services would not be in favour of installing a litter bin on St. Lawrence Road. There are sufficient bins along the seafront for dog owners to use.

## **Clontarf Baths**

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

**“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a clean up of the Clontarf Baths site which is becoming full of litter. Can the developer please be asked to clear this area?”**

### **Reply:**

The Assistant Area Manager has contacted Councillor Horgan Jones regarding this site and the Dublin Port Company has also been contacted with regard to any necessary cleaning that may be needed.

## **Clontarf Senior Citizens Forum**

**We held a very successful Clontarf Senior Citizens Forum on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in St. Anthony’s Parish Centre. Please contact me if you would like to be kept informed about future meetings.**