



Ballinlea Heights Residents Association

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2004

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The final stage of the DDP will commence on 10/3/2004 when Councillors will vote on the County Manager's proposals over a series of meetings. Once again he is seeking the rezoning of part of Ballinlea Heights for housing in spite of the fact that this was defeated by 15:8 in November 2003.

On this occasion Minister Cullen has issued a directive to Council to zone sufficient land for residential / other uses. This intervention was requested by letter from An Cathaoirleach and the County Manager. The additional land involved is circa. 40 hectares.

We are writing (See: [2004_March_Letter.PDF](#)) to / meeting with or telephoning all 28 Councillors as well as local T.D.'s and T.D.'s who recently resigned as Councillors. We are confident of retaining the Open Space zoning already achieved last April, firstly because the fraction of a hectare involved is insignificant to the perceived deficit and secondly because of our consistently strong support among Councillors.

Any effort on your part to influence the 8 Councillors who supported the Manager's failed rezoning attempt last November would be worth while. They are:

LABOUR

Cllr. Denis O' Callaghan(local)
Cllr. Niamh Breathnach
Cllr. Aidan Culhane
Cllr. Chris O' Malley

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Cllr. Trevor Matthews , An Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Tony Fox
Cllr. Tony Kelly
Cllr. Tom Murphy

We must stress the importance of doing this in the context of our solid support and achievements to date as expressed in the letter enclosed. It is crucial to avoid extraneous issues, given that our endeavours to establish a recreational amenity predate all current controversies.

We will maintain a presence at the upcoming Council meetings and inform you of the outcome.

COMPOSTING

We have received a prototype compost bin from Coillte, which we will put to the test. We hope to use this facility to recycle garden organic waste with the intention of using the end product in the park or in gardens. DLRCoCo staff who specialise in this area have welcomed our community's initiative and are coming to inspect the project on Monday next 8/3/2004 at 11 a. m. Anyone who is free should attend. Furthermore they want us to make a presentation of the project on 3/4/2004 in DLR Civic Offices.

A.G.M.

We hope to hold the AGM on 10/5/2004 at Killiney Castle Hotel. We are working towards launching plans for Ballinlea Park at the A.G.M.