

# Balrothery Planning Matters



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Dear Resident

I have received a number of queries from local residents about what is the status of the site at the junction of Castletymon Road and Tallaght Road. The site is protected in the 2004-2010 County Development Plan under "Specific Local Objective 75" which clearly states:

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*"Ensure that the density of any future development on the private lands at the South West side of Balrothery Estate (two cottages) shall be limited to the density in Balrothery".*

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Earlier this year the Labour Party had submitted the following motion as part of the County Development Plan:

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### **MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN MEETING, April 20, 2009**

#### **MOTION NO.59: Councillor Eamonn Maloney (Labour)**

*That this plan supports the change of zoning of the status of the section of land at Balrothery/Castletymon Road to that which it held in the previous County Development Plan.*

#### **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT REPLY:**

*The Development Plan performs an important task in setting out the framework within which the development needs of the economy and society can be responded to. Ensuring that enough land will be available to meet anticipated development requirements and that development occurs in a sequential and co-ordinated manner is central to the Development Plan. It is considered that making determinations on individual re-zoning proposals should occur at a later stage of the process when a proper strategy and a set of policies has been drafted so that each re-zoning proposal can be considered within a framework and certain criteria.*

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The unelected Council Management is opposed the Labour Party proposal. However the Labour Party as the largest party on the council will continue to oppose the building on any public land at the Balrothery cottages site and that "Specific Local Objective 75" be retained in the 2010-2016 County Plan.

Sincerely

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## SCRAMBLERS

As a result of representations to the Superintendent of Tallaght Garda Station, the Tallaght Gardai has established a special motorcycle unit to tackle the scourge of scrambler bikes using public parks in our community. The Superintendent advises me that the unit is being trained at present and will be on patrol in the near future.

## CASTLETYMON ROAD JUNCTION

I have made representations to the Roads Department Management about the need to install a right turning filter light at the Tallaght Road end of Castletymon Road. The proposal is being studied by the Roads Department at present.

## PATHWAY BETWEEN CHURCH & SCOIL AONGHUSA

The Parks Department have agreed for the provision of a footpath between the Church Carpark and Scoil Aonghusa NS. The Church Carpark is being used as a dropping off point for parents on school mornings and is badly needed during the winter months and for the safety of children going to school.

## NEW SQUARE

As Mayor I was delighted to be invited by the Square Shopping Centre Management to launch their campaign to seek local support for their plans to extend the shopping centre. The campaign has been very successful so far with over 10,000 people signing their petition. The scheme has valid planning permission since 2006 and includes a new public square on the site of the North Carpark of the Square (next to the Luas terminus), a new cinema, shops and a new Pennys.

Labour is broadly supportive of the Square regeneration scheme. However Labour Councillors have made it clear to the developer Alburn Ltd that they do not support the residential part of the scheme that includes approximately 350 apartments and believe that new plans should be submitted for that section of the development.

## HALLOWEEN CLEANUP - Counting the Cost

The council have identified 412 sites for the removal of bonfire materials and the re-instatement of public open space. The total cost of the clean-up is estimated to be in the region of €400,000 to €500,000. The full list of sites and when they are to be cleaned is available on [sdcc.ie](http://sdcc.ie).

Tymonville, Tymon North and St Aongus are scheduled for cleaning on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. The presence of fridges, microwaves, tyres and numerous toxic materials have made the removal of a number of bonfires hazardous and delayed the cleanup. The near half million euro spent on the cleanup would be better spent on services and facilities for the local community rather than dealing with the anti-social behaviour of a small minority.

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The lighting of the Christmas Tree in Library Square will take place on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be numerous activities for all the family to partake in. A number of local groups from our own parish will be participating in the ceremony.

## BIN CHARGE CARD

Mayor Mick Duff launched the new Council Waste Charges Card. The scheme is at present being rolled out across the county. The rollout in St Aengus Parish is ongoing at present and should be complete by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

A number of residents have queried about whether bin tags they have already purchased will be valid after the service is introduced. There will be an overlap period when customers can use either their remaining bin tags or the pre-paid scheme. The deadline for the use of bin tags is February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

You can pay in various local outlets including Centra Castletymon, Glenview Post Office and the local Topaz Garages. You can get more information at [environment.southdublin.ie](http://environment.southdublin.ie) which includes a full list of local retailers where you can top up. The introduction of the waste charges card will end the problems associated with bin tags being stolen.