



**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 17th November 2020

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

HOUSING (Jan-Oct 2020)

Estate Management

No of Anti social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	92
No of Anti social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	37
No of other Complaints	342
Total Complaints	471

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	39
No of Other Interviews	327
Total Interviews	366

No of Requests for mediation	1
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	20
No of Section 20 referrals	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0

No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0
No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	2
No of possession application sent to Central Unit	3
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

Housing Allocations

Housing & Apartments			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	14	15	13
Medical	0	0	
Welfare	0	2	2
Homeless	11	0	
Travellers	1	0	
Transfer HAP	0	4	4
De-tenanting	0	1	
Estate Management	0	0	
Maintenance Grounds	0	4	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	

Unable to afford	0	0	
Succession	4	0	
Total	30	26	19

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	2	1	2
Medical	0	0	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	8	0	
Transfer HAP	0	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Estate Management	0	0	
De-tenanting	0	1	
Maintenance Grounds	0	0	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Financial Contribution	1	0	
Total	11	2	2

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (21)			
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Ballygall Parade	2 bed Maisonette	24/09/2020	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	24/08/2020	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	2 bed Maisonette	14/04/2020	Works in Progress / On offer
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	20/10/2020	Works in progress
Barnamore Grove	3 bed house	26/08/2020	Works in progress
Barry Park	3 bed house	04/08/2020	Works in progress
Carrigallen Park	5 bed house	16/07/2019	Works in progress / On offer
Casement Close	2 bed house	21/07/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Cloonlara Road	2 bed house	28/09/2020	Works in progress
Dunsink Avenue	3 bed house	17/08/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	24/09/2020	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed Maisonette	29/06/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Griffith Parade	3 bed house	30/06/2020	Works in progress
Griffith Parade	2 bed house	20/08/2020	Works in progress
Griffith Parade	4 bed house	03/06/2020	Works in progress / On offer
Hazelcroft Gardens	3 bed house	17/06/2019	Works in progress
Kippure Park	4 bed house	10/03/2020	Works in progress / On offer
Kippure Park	3 bed house	27/05/2020	Works in progress/On offer
McKee Avenue	3 bed House	30/09/2020	Works in progress
The Botanic	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building

The Tolka	2 bed Apt	21/03/2019	Issue with the building
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Vacant Senior Citizens Units (8)			
Address	Type of Unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Brookville Court	1 bed	06/10/2020	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	01/10/2018	Works in progress / On offer
Glasnaaon Court	Bedsit	24/07/2020	Works in progress
Glasaree Court	1 bed	10/04/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Glasaree Court	1 bed	30/03/2020	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	13/05/2019	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	25/06/2019	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	1 bed	07/05/2019	Works in progress/On offer

Choice Based Lettings

63 Fairlawn Road is being advertised under the Choice Based Letting scheme with a closing date of 20th November.

Vacant Sites

61/63 Ratoath Avenue (6x1 Bed apartments).

The building works have started on this site and is due to be completed by Q4 2021.

Scribblestown

Nominations for the 70 units at Scribblestown are being considered.

Rents Update

The Finglas Area Office continues to provide a rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

Finglas Rent Assessment Update 1st Jan- 31st October 2020	
Assessments	919
Permission to Resides	33
Refunds	20

GENERAL MATTERS

Third Round Consultation on the BusConnects Core Bus Corridor Projects

The NTA launched the third round of consultations on 4th November. The closing date for making submissions is **Wednesday, 16th December**. The public consultation focuses on the updated Preferred Route Options of sixteen corridors. Due to current COVID-19 public health restrictions, the NTA has created virtual consultation rooms for each Core Bus Corridor, which allows for review and feedback.

The NTA website link is: <https://busconnects.ie>

Information on the Finglas-Phibsborough Corridor:

<https://busconnects.ie/initiatives/core-bus-corridor/finglas-to-phibsborough/>

How to take part in the public consultation:

Written submissions and observations may be made by -

Email to cbc@busconnects.ie

Or

By post to BusConnects Core Bus Corridor

National Transport Authority

Dún Scéine

Harcourt Lane

Dublin 2

D02 WT20

5-Arm Junction

E&T Department has advised that the tendered assessment board has signed off on the consultant tendering results. It is expected that the consultant will be appointed within the next three weeks.

Civic Centre Carpark Upgrade

Work has commenced on the upgrade of the public car parks in front of the Finglas Civic Centre, Mellows Road, Dublin 11 to provide for improved surface, parking layout, landscaping, and associated works. Enabling works for the installation of electric vehicles charging points will be included as part of the project.

Finglas Cricket Club

This is the off-season for cricket, so no matches/tournaments are scheduled this year. The club hope, subject to Government Covid-19 restrictions, to arrange a grand opening next April, with a media presence at the start of next season. Public representatives will be invited.

Kildonan Park public art commission

The commissioning process for Kildonan Park in West Finglas is a two-stage process. Sculpture Dublin has announced that three artists have been shortlisted against the criteria set out in the first stage. They are Sara Cunningham-Bell; Martina Coyle & Motoko Fujita (collaboration); and Emma Louise Moore. The next stage of the process will involve public engagement in the form of a creative exploration and consultation process facilitated by Dublin City Council Culture Company. Each artist will work with the local community over an 8-week period to develop ideas for their Stage Two submissions. One artist will be awarded the commission in Spring 2021.

Further information on the Sculpture Dublin website links:

- <https://www.sculpturedublin.ie/news-updates-from-sculpture-dublin/>
- Kildonan Park Commission > <https://www.sculpturedublin.ie/kildonan-park/>

Finglas Concept Plan

There will be an online Planning Briefing for public representatives at 3pm on the 16th December.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

2020 Halloween activities

Community Development Staff from the Finglas Area Office (CSDS) collaborated with a number of local groups / organisations and put together a virtual Finglas Halloween programme as an alternative to our normal events / activities. The alternative programme of events was advertised through leafleting Finglas / Glasnevin areas and with poster boards being placed in key local areas as well.

The virtual Fright Night headline programme went live on Halloween night at 8pm and included contributions from Soundstrand, Just Dave, Martin McDonnell, Aslan, a Magic Show by Colm Dawson, messages from local community groups and a virtual tour of Finglas. The music and magic show elements of the production were filmed in St. Canice's Church of Ireland.



Feedback on the event was extremely positive with people commenting on the quality of the production but more importantly on the level of community endeavour taking place in the Finglas area.

The Finglas Fright Night post has reached around 20,000 views. This number is increasing, as the posting will remain live until the end of November. People as far away as Australia, Vietnam, New Zealand, USA and England viewed the posting.

The footage of the Finglas Heritage Trail will be edited in the next couple of weeks and will be distributed to local schools and historical societies.

The Finglas Area Office funded The Finglas West Resource Centre to deliver a number of Halloween packs for local children. Better Finglas also received funding to deliver a number of books entitled "Room on the Broom" to coincide with a virtual storytelling night in the lead up to Halloween. This story-telling project was shared on the Fright Nights Facebook page and was well received.

The Finglas Area Office was acutely aware that anti-social behaviour could be an issue over the Halloween period. Community Development staff engaged with Finglas Youth Resource Centre and Finglas Youth Services (The Den) who delivered a programme of targeted interventions to try to reduce instances of anti-social behaviour in the area in the lead up to Halloween and on the night itself.

LCDC Community Enhancement Scheme

CSDS contacted 50 local community groups/organisations in relation to Round 2 of the LCDC Community Enhancement Programme.

Applications for funding must clearly demonstrate how the funding will contribute to Goal 2 of the Dublin City Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2021:

“Work in partnership with communities to promote social inclusion, tackle poverty and disadvantage and promote participation, empowerment and positive social change”

Dublin City Council has received an allocation of €478,005 under the Community Enhancement Programme. Applications, guidelines and terms & conditions area available online at www.dublincity.ie/lcdc

Community Development staff were available to assist community groups/organisations with queries/questions around the application process. Closing date for applications was Friday 13th November.

Winter Bedding

CSDS and Public Domain staff from the Finglas Area Office organised winter bedding for the groups in the Finglas Area. Our staff contacted over 65 local residents groups and environmental groups; we distributed and delivered a variety of winter bulb packs to a nominated member of each group.

We also distributed copies of our Finglas Poetry Books to the groups. The poetry book contains pieces written by people from the Finglas area. Contributions came from local schools, Pavee Point, Finglas Writers Groups, The Abigail Centre and Older People from workshops held in late 2019.

Community Quilt

CSDS staff are working with a number of Community Groups to develop community quilts. The idea of the project is to engage with isolated older people and to encourage them to knit squares for the community quilt. Once Covid restrictions allow, we aim to bring older people together in small groups to complete quilts, have a cup of tea and a chat. The purpose of the quilt is to bring people together in a simple way, especially those that feel isolated due to Covid. The project will run with the working title of “Helping Hand” and will take place in January 2021.

A Mile a Day

CSDS staff are working with a number of groups, particularly those that have a part to play in mental health, to deliver a programme “A Mile a Day”.

The purpose of the programme is to encourage participants to walk a mile a day for a week or two. To encourage participation Community Development will design and distribute “check cards” which participants will complete and return to the Finglas Area Office. Returned check cards will be entered into a draw.

Physical exercise can prove valuable for people suffering from Mental Health issues.

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