

**To the Chairperson and Members  
Of the Central Area Committee**

## **Cabra Glasnevin Area Report January 2020**

### **Botanic Road**

Dublin Simon have acquired the property at 86-88 Botanic Rd and have indicated that they intend to use the property for long term residential tenancies.

Dublin Simon is an Approved Housing Body and landlord for the properties which will include 14 Units in total, 8 studio apartments, 6 one bed apartments.

### **Ormond Print works**

An application has been made by Ballymore to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for a Strategic Housing Development (SHD) on the site of the former Ormond Printworks on Ratoath Road.

Ballymore made the application on Dec 6th and describe the development as residential, mixed use and consisting of:

- 435 apartments (217 one-bedroom and 218 two-bedroom)
- 5 blocks of 4 to 13 floors together with underground parking space
- a Primary Health Care Centre with integrated café
- a pharmacy, offices, fitness centre/juice bar
- reception area/management suite, storage space, bin stores, cycle parking, hard and soft landscaping and plant rooms.

ABP are now in the process of validating the application and are inviting observations & submissions from the public up until Jan 20th. All the detail supporting the application can be viewed [HERE](#) or at the following locations:

An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, at the following times  
9.15 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Monday to Friday (except on public/bank holidays)  
Dublin City Council, Planning and Property Development Department, Block 4, Floor 0, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 at the following times: Monday-Friday, 9.00a.m. – 4.30p.m. (except on public/bank holidays)

### **Royal Canal Clean Up Group**

The group, who conduct voluntary clean-ups of the canal each month had a very busy year in 2019:

- 12 clean ups in total equalling @24 hours of community canal cleaning
- There were @850 attendees at clean up events throughout the year
- Attendance equates to your collectively volunteering @1700 hours to your community!!!
- The mailing list now has 520 subscribers
- Meetup group has 1026 subscribers
- Facebook group has 807 followers

DCC support the group in a range of ways including financial and logistical support from the Area office and Public Domain collect the rubbish after clean ups.

### **Community Development Report.**

**The City Council supported numerous Community Celebrations over the Christmas period.**



**Clareville Party. Attended by the Lord Mayor Councillor Paul Mc Auliffe.**



**St. Francis Xavier Christmas Party. Dorset Street.**



**The Cabra Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony attended by hundreds of local residents. Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick.**



**Blessington Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.**  
**Cllr. Christy Burke, Chairman, Central Area Committee.**



**Carol Singing at Blessington Basin.**



In addition:

- Residents of 60 / 64 Blessington Street celebrated the arrival of their new Community Shed....using the shed as Santa`s Grotto.
- Phibsborough Tidy Towns held Carols services in many locations throughout the Village.
- Community Groups continue to strengthen and increase in number.
- Local residents have planted a new Wild Flower Garden at Drumcliff Park and Annamoe and District Residents are making plans for an Environmental Project.

Finally, Blessington Basin takes Pride of Place, with the extensive Christmas Lighting Display and the three new water features.

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