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

#### **Housing Update for July 2020**

## Pat Smith, Area Housing Manager

## Ballybough Road, Nos 2-6:



Allocation of 2-6 Ballybough Road is complete with all four families moved from Croke Villas into the new properties.

#### **Saint Mary's Mansions:**



Construction work has resumed on site and with an estimated completion of September 2020. The finished redevelopment will consist of 80 homes in 1 to 4 bedroom apartments. The housing office compiled a list of those expressing interest in being housed at the complex which has now been passed on to Cluid.

## **The Oaklee Development:**



The construction of The Oaklee Complex on Poplar Row is nearing completion. It is expected that final fix and snag-listing will still take place in 2020. The finished complex will provide 29 homes for Senior Citizens.

## Camera installation and upgrades



CCTV has been installed and upgraded at the following complexes:

- Patrick Heeney Crescent
- Liberty House
- Saint Laurence O'Toole Court
- Saint Mary's Court

## **Ballybough House**

Proposed drawings/plans for the redevelopment of Ballybough House amalgamation project are currently in progress. A program of works should be completed by August 2020 with onsite works due to last for 12-18 weeks.

## Marion Foran, Area Housing Manager

#### **Dominick Street Lower**

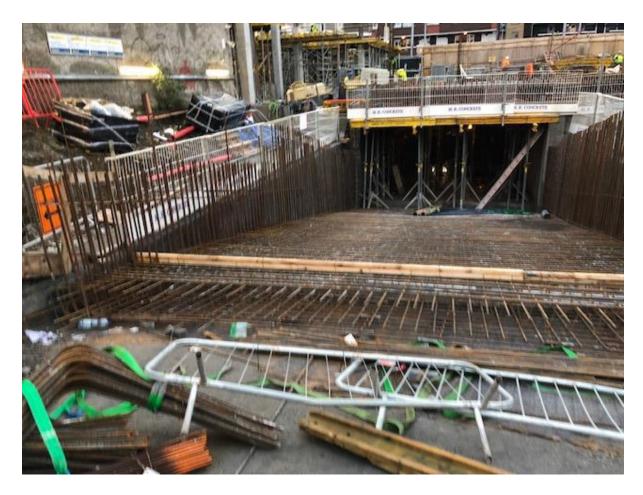
Duggan Brothers are currently constructing 5-3 bed town houses, 67 apartments consisting of 5-3 bed, 50-2 bed and 12 1-bed units, a community facility and retail/commercial units with 47 car spaces at basement level on the eastern side of Dominick St. Crane 1 and Crane 2 erected. 1st floor slab decking ongoing. Planned working hours are 7 am to 7 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday when required.

Information leaflets on proposed work are delivered to Residents on a monthly basis.

Monthly meeting has recommenced with Duggan Brothers, Residents & DCC Officials.

A regeneration board meeting is been arranged for July 2020

The Community have rallied together since March and have painted balconies and planted flower containers, window boxes which has enhanced the complex.



### **Sean Foster Place (North King Street)**

Works have resumed this scheme comprises 30 no. residential units over 6 no. floors, all dual aspect, with the living accommodation and private open space in the majority of units, facing South or West, onto a small shared landscaped court.

The apartment mix consists of 7 no. 1 bedroom apartments, 18 no. 2 bedroom apartments, 3no. 2-bedroom duplex apartments and 2 no. 3bedroom apartments. Each apartment has dual aspect, with a private balcony. The expected completion date is spring 2021.

An update meeting took place recently DCC Officials with City Architects

#### **Kevin Barry House.**

A Residents Committee have been formed with a view to working with Estate Management for the better of the community & complex.

#### **Constitution Hill**

An internal design team has been set up to make a submission to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on a recommendation for some new build and refurbishment of this complex. The Stage 1 report is with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for approval. Tender brief completed for design team.

#### **Wolfe Tone Close**

A community event took place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July within the complex for senior citizens it was a great success.

CCTV has now been reinstated within the complex.

## **Upper Dominick Street**

A painting programme has commenced in the hallways and stairwells of the complex.

## **Blackhall Queen Street Complex**

Pidgeon spikes have been installed on the roofs of the stairwells in Blackhall Parade Marmion Court.

Tenants have got together and participated in enhancing the garden areas of the complex..

Parking Enforcement (Apcoa) will be re- instated in this Complex due to ongoing problems with illegal parking.

Power washing of stairwells have commenced on an arranged programme residents to be notified a couple of days in advance.

#### **Georges Place**

Regional Electrical Management (REM) have installed the ACT System Vehicle Pedestrian Gates are now working in the complex.

#### **Henrietta House**

Residents of the complex are working closely with Estate Management & Community Section i.e. planting playground area to enhance the complex.

#### **Hardwicke Street**

Estate Management are working closely with Men's gardening Club

Railings to be installed within the next month around the 4 triangles at Plaza area Hardwicke Street.

Bingo is held twice a week on Wednesday & Saturdays within the complex all residents are participating.

Sheridan Place

A painting programme has commenced within the complex.

# Community Section Report July 2020

## Brian Mongey – A/Assistant Community Development Officer Kayaking

The community Section is coordinating a Kayaking programme for 8-18 year olds. 35 young people from resident, sports and youth groups are enjoying the experience of kayaking on The Liffey each week. The programme is due to continue for ten weeks catering for around 350 young people. The programme is funded by the NEIC Programme Office.

## **Henrietta Place Gardening Group**

A new gardening group has been set up at Henrietta Place with the support of the Community Team. They have started work on redevelopment of the disused back garden with a view to creating a vegetable garden. This project has the support of the Parnell Street Office and is funded from the Councillors Discretionary Fund.



#### **Sherrard Avenue Residents**

New planters and paint have been provided to the residents of Sherrard Avenue.



## **Music for cocooning**

This programme has operated throughout the pandemic at eight sheltered housing locations in the Central Area. The project also visited the Sean O'Casey Centre in East wall pictured opposite.



#### **Dublin Concert Band Tour**

The Community Section has arranged a tour of the north inner city by the award winning Dublin Concert Band. The tour will take in ten housing complex's over a five week period during July and August. The concerts, last one hour and fifteen minutes each are targeted at residents only in general and will be held on Saturday Afternoon. This project is funded by the Councillors Discretionary Fund.

#### **Summer Projects**

Work is ongoing with Crosscare to deliver a Summer Project Programme for the area.

#### Gardening projects general

The Community Section are working with a wide range of groups to enhance street and housing complexes throughout the Central Area. Projects included St Georges Place pictured here.



New hanging baskets and sports equipment have been provide for this residents group on Drumcondra Avenue

#### **Dorset Street**

Dubhlinn, the Business and Cultural Development group for Dorset Street have entered into an agreement with the Area Office to look after the Planters on their Street. Work is ongoing to replant the boxes as required and to water them on a regular basis. The agreement started on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## O'Brien Hall

The Community Staff have met with residents of O'Brien Hall to assist them with their efforts to clean up the back yard of their complex.

## **Aughrim Court.**

The Community Team is working closely with the residents of this complex. New catering equipment was recently delivered and a weekly music programme is ongoing. The residents also received an allocation of plants.



## Karl Mitchell

**Area Manager**