

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

June 2023

Housing Matters in the North East Inner City

Choice Based Lettings:

A new round of Choice Based Lettings is currently under preparation with seventeen 2 and 1 bed properties being made available under the scheme.



Baker's Yard:

We have recently obtained six properties at Baker's Yard, off Portland Place. They consist of three 2 Bed units and two 1 bed units. These units are to be snagged over the week-ending 29th May – 2nd June 2023. Once snagging is completed these units will on offer to applicants on all of our housing lists.



Before



After

James Larkin House:

A major resurfacing of the driveway area of James Larkin House has been completed. The Project Estate Officer continues to consult with residents in relation to other potential precinct improvements whilst the cycle lane project is under construction

Gardiner Street:

The Project Estate Officer continues to engage with resident in relation to installing new bin chambers to facilitate the rolling out of Green and Brown bins later in the month.

Matt Talbot Court:

Lighting on the balconies has been upgraded and new locking mechanisms for the main entrance doors have been ordered. A major programme of removing weeds, cutting back trees, and generally improving the area surrounding the Playground have been completed and the Playground surface repaired and power-washed.



Summerhill/Sean O'Casey Avenue:

The resurfacing of the surround and restoration of the Sundial at Summerhill/Sean O'Casey Avenue has been completed.

A major painting programme of gates and railings, from Rutland Street to Patrick Heeney House, and across the road at Summerhill, has commenced.

Summerhill Seniors:

Contractors have been engaged to lay flower beds in the communal area at the rear of the complex while the weeds and overgrowth on the back wall have been removed.

May 2023 stats

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Housing Manager:

Paul White

No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	20
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	55
No. of other complaints	84
Total Complaints	159

No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	22
No of other interviews	21
Total interviews	43

No of requests for mediation	1
No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action	6
No of Tenancy Warnings issued	0
No of Excluding Orders issued	0
No of Section 20s	0

Allocations:

Housing (band 2&3)	0
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Transfers (band 2&3)	0
Older Persons Housing (band 2&3)	3
Older Persons Transfers (band 2&3)	0
Medical & Welfare	1
Older Persons Medical & Welfare	0
Homeless/Housing First	0
Transfer /HAP	1
Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance	0
Estate Management	0
Choice Based Lettings	11
RAS NTQ	0

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Housing Matters North West Inner City

Sean Foster Place

We are in the process of organising an official launch. Only two units are left to be allocated, we aim to have these two units allocated in the next few weeks.

Dominic Hall and Lower Dominick Street

Almost all of the units are now allocated and we are in the process of organising an official launch. The steeling up of vacant units in Lower Dominick Street continues and the top block will be fully secured in the next two weeks.

Upper Dominick Street

Rentokil continues to monitor the issue around rodents in the complex and has laid more bait and rat repellent. Estate Management continues to hold meeting with concerned residents.

Constitution Hill

The redevelopment of Constitution Hill achieved Part 8 planning permission at the April 2023 Council meeting. The next step will be the commencement of a soft strip survey of Block 1 which will require vacant possession. Meetings are regularly held with the remaining residents in Block 1 to identify suitable accommodation as part of the decanting process. Based on the results of the soft strip survey, the documentation required for the tendering process will be finalised as part of the pre-estimates costs sent to the DHLGH in the Stage 3 application. Delays to the commencement of the soft strip survey may result in a delay to the construction start date. It is anticipated following the necessary design, procurement and DHLGH approvals that a contractor will start Phase 1 in early Q1 2024 and complete in Q2 2025.

Kevin Barry House

On-going discussions take place between Estate Management and Residents regarding the upkeep of the complex and addressing other issues as they arise

Hardwicke Street

Work is ongoing with the installation of communal doors as agreed with the Resident's Committee. Estate Management have issued notices on parked cars that the parking is residents only. A tree has been removed at Block 11 which was overgrown on a footpath. Estate Management continues to work closely with caretakers regarding the upkeep of the complex.

Saint Michans House

Monthly meetings are on-going with members of the residents association to discuss all issues related to the complex. Residents are working closely with the office and community in relation to summer projects and activities.

Blackhall Queen Street Complex

Resurfacing of the playground area of The Little Star's Crèche will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Wolfe Tone Close

On-going meetings are taking place with residents and estate management concerning the general upkeep of the complex. The painting of internal and external walls and blocks is ongoing.

Sheridan Place / Court

Excavation work has commenced on the site of the former Amharclan Centre at the rear of the complex. On-going discussions between Estate Management and Residents as issues arise.

Estate Management Housing Statistics, MAY 2023

Housing Projects Office, Parnell Street, Dublin 1.

Housing Managers: Marion Foran Paul White

No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	34	0
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	10	0
No. of Complaints	10	0
Total Complaints	54	0

No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	3	0
No of other interviews	2	0
Total interviews	5	0

No of requests for mediation	0	0
No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action	0	0
No of Section 20 Evictions	0	0

Allocations

Bands 2 & 3	16	0
Medical	0	0
Welfare	0	0
Homeless	0	0
Travellers	0	0
Succession	0	0
RAS/HAP	0	0
Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance	0	0
Surrender Larger	0	0

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Senior Citizens

Bands 2 & 3	0	0
Medical	0	0

Welfare	0	0
Homeless	0	0
Travellers	0	0

Voids

Long Term Maintenance	0	0
Contracts		0
Capital Projects		0

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Community Development Matters in the North Inner City

Dockland Volunteer Week

This project is organised by the Dockland Forum with significant input by the Community Development Section and the Sports Officers from the NEIC project. This year the project was extended from a one day programme up to a full week. Over two hundred volunteers from a wide variety of companies based in the docklands took part in over twenty initiatives and events on both sides of the river. These included:-

Volunteers completed the repainting of the outdoor area at the Sean O'Casey Centre, clean ups along the Liffey Campshires and Royal Canal bank and the planting of pollinators

Volunteers from the business community took part in the cycle alongside members of the aftercare recover group based in Sherriff Street. The cyclists made their way from the city to Sutton and back. Some participants also completed a fitness trail around the area.

Members of the Ballybough Senior Citizens Group took part in a Tech Café hosted by the volunteers from Citi Bank

Twelve teams from took part in the 2nd year of the Dockland 5 a side challenge cup with six teams from the business sector and six from the locally based community groups.

The week culminated with a BBQ for all involved.



Eastwall Spring Clean week

This project saw the completion of wide range of projects in the Eastwall area by a dedicated team of volunteers in the last week of May.

Work included:-

- Johnny Cullen's Hill, was cleaned up over three weekends. Footpath were scraped and overhanging vine removed.
- The stone wall adjacent to Johnny Cullen's hill cleaned and weeded
- Shelmalier Road Wild Garden has been weeded and cleaned up.
- Shelmalier road & footpath around garden area scraped.
- 38 flower planters replanted and maintained.
- Flower bed around trees at East Road replanted.
- School entrance flower beds replanted @ St Joseph's Primary School.
- Four planters repainted so far
- Landscaped area on Bargy Road has been cleaned.
- Plants and paint have been delivered to Bargy Road & Blythe Road residents to maintain their streets.

This project was supported with funding from the Councillors Discretionary Fund



Shelmalier Road Wild Garden



1 of 38 flower planters replanted

Summer Projects

Registration is ongoing for nine summer projects taking place in the North Inner City during July and August. This is out of a total of thirty one taking place throughout all DCC areas. The "side by side" project specifically targets children with additional needs and their siblings and is based in the Eastwall area. A total of €21,840 funding will be distributed to the groups involved from the City Councils Summer Project Fund.

Projects:

Dominick Street
St. Mary's Mansions
Stoney Batter

Hardwicke Street
St Michan's House
Taff's Place & district

Kevin Barry House
Champions Avenue
Side By Side Summer Project

Community Recognition Fund

The Area Office Team assisted in the organisation of the launch of the Government's Community Recognition Fund by An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar and Ministers Heather Humphreys, Joe O'Brien and Stephen Donnelly. The event took place in the Lourdes Parish hall. The local Taekwondo Club and Arkins Dance Academy put on demonstrations for the guests and were featured on national TV.

Lourdes Parish Hall, is one of many facilities that will benefit from this fund



Upcoming events

Mud Island Open Day	17 th June
Lourdes Taekwondo Club 50 th anniversary	24 th June
Hill St Intercultural Day	

Ongoing work

The Community Development Team meet and assist a wide range of community groups in the north inner city on an ongoing basis.

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