



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

Meeting: 19th March 2024

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing (1st February– 29th February 2024)

Estate Management

Statistics 2024 - Finglas Area Office	
Complaints	YTD 2024
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related	7
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related	6
No. Other Complaints (nuisance)	57
No. Racial Harassment Complaints	0
TOTAL	70

Interviews	
No. Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act (Formal)	39
No. Other Interviews(Informal)	18
TOTAL	57

No. Complaints Referred to Central Est. Mgt. Unit for Action	4
No. Section 20 Evictions	0
No. Excluding Orders	0
• Applied for by Tenant	0
• Applied for by DCC	0
• Granted in Court	0
• Refused / Failed in court	0
• Withdrawn	0
No. Surrender of Tenancy due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0
No. Tenancy Warnings served	2
No. Abandonment Notice Served	0
No. Possession Orders requested	0
No. Possession Orders granted	0
No. Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)	0
No. H/A of refusal / deferral to let due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0

No. Requests for Mediation	0
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Allocations

Housing & Apartments					
Prospect Hill Allocations in grey					
Category	Housing	Prospect Hill (CBL) Housing	Transfers	Prospect Hill (CBL) Transfers	Choice Base Letting (other)
Bands 2 & 3	3	21	2	9	4
De-tenanting	N/A	0	0	0	0
Estate Management	N/A	0	0	2	0
Homeless	3	13	N/A	0	2
Homeless HAP	N/A	0	1	1	0
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	0	0	0	0
Medical	0	2	0	0	0
Surrendering Larger	N/A	0	0	0	0
Succession	0	0	0	0	0
Travellers	0	1	0	0	0
Welfare	0	3	0	0	0
Total	6	40	3	12	6

Prospect Hill

- 52 out of 58 units have signed Tenancy agreements

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	0	0	
Medical	0	0	0
Welfare	0	0	0
Homeless	0	N/A	0
Homeless HAP	N/A	0	0
Travellers	0	N/A	0
Estate Management	N/A	0	0
De-tenanting	N/A	0	0
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	1	0
Surrendering Larger	N/A	0	0
Financial Contribution	0	N/A	0
Succession	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (27 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Ballygall Crescent	3 bed house	25/10/23	Appointed to Contractor	March 24
Ballygall Crescent	3 bed house	15/02/24	To be appointed to Contractor	T.B.C
Ballygall Parade	Maisonette	11/10/23	Appointed to Contractor	R.T.L
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	18/12/23	Appointed to Contractor	April 24
Barry Avenue	3 bed house	18/12/23	Appointed to Contractor	April 24
Berryfield Road	4 bed house	08/01/24	Appointed to Contractor	R.T.L
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	15/01/24	Appointed to Contractor	April 24
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	03/02/24	Appointed to Contractor	June 24
Cappagh Road	4 bed house	21/12/23	Appointed to Contractor	April 24
Cloonlara Drive	3 bed house	29/11/23	Appointed to Contractor	March 24
Collins Place	2 bed house	22/11/23	Appointed to Contractor	April 24
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	01/02/24	Appointed to Contractor	May 24
Dunsink Drive	3 bed house	26/10/23	Appointed to Contractor	Feb 24
Dunsink Green	3 bed house	20/02/24	Awaiting Contractor	June 24
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	22/01/24	Awaiting Contractor	Issues
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	20/10/23	Appointed to Contractor	March 24
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	10/11/23	Appointed to Contractor	April 24
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	21/12/23	Appointed to Contractor	April 24
Glasnevin Avenue	3 bed house	21/11/23	Appointed to Contractor	R.T.L
Glenties Park	3 bed house	29/01/24	Appointed to Contractor	Issues
Kilshane Road	3 bed house	25/10/23	Appointed to Contractor	April 24

Mellowes Park	3 bed house	14/12/23	Appointed to Contractor	April 24
Virginia Drive	3 bed house	20/02/24	Awaiting Contractor	June 24
Wellmount Avenue	4 bed house	07/09/23	Appointed to Contractor	March 24
Woodbank Avenue	2 bed house	29/02/24	Awaiting Contractor	June 24

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)

Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Glasnevin Avenue	3 bed house	24/04/23	Issue with the wrap around	T.B.C
Heath Square	3 bed duplex	10/06/23	Issue with Insurance	T.B.C

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (15 in total)

Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Brookville Court	1 bed	20/11/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	16/10/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Glasanaon Court	1 bed	01/03/24	Direct Labour	July 24
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	14/02/23	Direct Labour	June 24
Glasanaon Court	1 bed	06/02/24	Direct Labour	June 24
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	13/11/23	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	07/03/23	Direct Labour	July 24
Kildonan Court	1 bed	07/02/23	Direct Labour	July 24
Kildonan Court	1 bed	23/11/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Kilshane Court	2 bed	11/10/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Mellowes Court	bedsit	16/10/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Mellowes Court	bedsit	28/09/23	Direct Labour	Feb 24

Mellowes Court	1 bed (bungalow)	28/02/23	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Merville Court	1 bed	28/02/24	Direct Labour	June 24

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (more than 4 months)				
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	03/08/23	Direct Labour	Jan 24

Choice Based Lettings

- The following dwellings were advertised through the above scheme.

Type of Dwelling	Location	Closing Date	No of applicants eligible
2 Bedroom House	12 Ratoath Avenue	09/02/2024	433
2 Bedroom Maisonette	87 Ballygall Parade	08/03/2024	150
3 Bedroom House	61 Barry Avenue	22/03/2024	N/A
3 Bedroom House	24 Cloonlara Drive	22/03/2024	N/A
3 Bedroom House	22 Barnamore Park	22/03/2024	N/A

Rents Update

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

Assessments	449
Applications for Permission to Reside	7
Refunds	6

General Matters

Kildonan Housing Project

The project is to be delivered in two phases. The first phase will see the construction of mixed tenure housing of approx. 136 housing units. The project team is currently working towards a Stage 2 Funding Approval application, which is expected in Q4 2024. Site Surveys are ongoing.

The provision of affordable homes in Phase 2 is also under consideration.

Finglas Employment & Training Working Group

The Finglas Area Office is continuing to publicise the group within the local area. Work is ongoing to finalise an event which aims to promote the supports and opportunities that will be available to potential employers and employees.

A sub group is being formed in order to prioritise activities and to formalise short, medium and long term goals for the Group.

Finglas Business Group

The 21st March 2024 has been confirmed for the first Finglas Business Breakfast with a view to providing quarterly updates on various projects and opportunities in the area. The meeting will feature a presentation on the Luas Project by Project Manager David Weldon from TII and a briefing on other major projects in the area.

Finglas Village Improvement Scheme

The Finglas Village Improvement Scheme has been approved by the NTA to go to non-statutory public consultation. The consultation has commenced and will continue for a 5 week period up to Friday 15th March 2024.

The plans are on show in the Finglas Library, Ballymun Library and Dublin City Councils Civic Offices and on the Scheme's Consultation Hub Finglas Village Improvement Scheme - Dublin City Council - Citizen Space. A copy has also been placed in the Finglas Area Office.

Comments can be made from 12th February 2024 by letter, email or phone to:

- Consultation.dublincity.ie
- activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie with subject: Finglas Village Improvement Scheme
- Active Travel Programme Office, Dublin City Council, Cavendish House, Block D, Arran Court, Arran Quay, Dublin 7, D07 H5CH
- Active Travel Programme Office Phone: 01 222 2536

The closing date for comments is the 15th March 2024.

Further updates on the consultation dates will be provided on the website dublincity.ie/activetravel.

Finglas Area Roundabouts Scheme

The Preliminary Design for the Jamestown Road Roundabout has been completed. The Project Appraisal and Business Case have been submitted to the NTA for approval to proceed to detailed design. The AA and EIA screening reports have been completed. We are also coordinating with Fingal County Council on the requirement for a Section 85 agreement (one LA performing for another). It is expected that detailed design will be completed by Q2 2024, followed by the preparation of tender documents for the appointment of a contractor. Approval to proceed is awaited from the NTA to proceed to detailed design/tender for McKee Avenue/St Margaret's Road/Lidl junction. Construction is to commence in 2024 subject to NTA approval and funding availability.

Finglas LUAS Project

A full update will be presented to the Area Committee at the April Area Committee meeting.

Neighbourhood Transport Scheme

A presentation on this scheme will be provided by Andrew Geoghegan at the April Area Committee meeting.

Bus Connects

The NTA currently expects to introduce new routes E1, E2, N2 and 19 in Q2 of this year. Routes 4, 11, 13, 145 and 155 would be replaced by the new services.

During Q2 of 2025 we would introduce new routes F1, F2, F3, L89 23 and 24. Routes 9, 40, 40b, 83, 83a and 140 would be replaced.

New routes N4 and N6 were introduced in the Finglas area during 2022.

All dates are subject to detailed review of operational readiness prior to introduction and to the overall level of funding available.

A letter has issued to the Oireachtas Liaison Officer highlighting concerns regarding the above changes as requested at the last Area Committee meeting.

Scribblestown

Full tender competition will be published on etenders subject to finalising with Procurement. Dates have had to be extended to facilitate. We will advise when completed. Reissued Taking in Charge application forms and a majority has been received and accepted. The forms have been passed on to the Taking in Charge Section for processing.

Barry Avenue /Wellmount Housing Projects

A general community consultation regarding the plans for the Barry site was held in the West Finglas Tenants Association hall in early March. There was a lot of very vocal opposition to the proposed plans with most rejecting the proposed plans.

A meeting will be organised in the near future between local representatives, TD's, the Local Area Office and the Housing Delivery Section with a view to addressing concerns.

Church of the Annunciation

DCC Report: Work continues to progress plans to Part VIII application status.

HSE Report: All land transfers have been completed. DCC and HSE legal departments currently progressing conveyance, contracts have been issued and pre-contract queries are being addressed. Plans are currently being finalised and are to be submitted to the Board for approval before publication.

Diocesan Report: Revised plans for reduced sized church that fits the local need is currently being finalised.

Teen Spaces

The Area Office is currently working with Parks and Sláintecare to co fund and provide a full size Teen Space MUGA in Johnstown Park. Estimated costs are €150,000.

Ratoath Road Path



The pathway has been installed on the Ratoath Road from the Junction at Dunsink Lane.

While it is not a footpath, it does provide a safe space for walkers to the footpath by removing debris and overgrown shrubbery and installing hard core surfacing with small spec dust top layer to allow for compacting under use. Maintenance is expected to be minimal.

This provides a low cost high impact solution that will not interfere with underground services or impede the plans already in place to install active travel initiatives in the area.

Finglas Library – General Information

Opening Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 1pm to 8pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Did you know...?

- You can use your Finglas Library card to borrow items from every public library in Ireland.
- You can order an item from any public library in Ireland and it will be delivered to the library of your choice free of charge.
- Fines are a thing of the past, so if your items are overdue, don't be afraid to return them – there are no penalties for being late

Finglas Events March 2024

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Regular	Inclusion and Diversity	Autism-Friendly Library with Sensory Room	All Ages	Saturdays from 10am – 11.30am
Regular	Inclusion and Diversity	Tovertafel is available for groups to book. Please contact Finglas library for further information. Children must be accompanied by an adult.	All Ages	Please contact library to book a session for your group.
Regular	Book Club	Book Ends Adult Book Club – open to all who live or work in the Finglas area	Adults	1 st Saturday of the month @ 2pm
Regular	Book Club	Adult Book Club (contact library for waiting list)	Adults	1 st Thursday of the month (fully subscribed but contact library)
Regular	Book Club	D11 Readers Children's Book Club	Children	2 nd Wednesday of the month @ 3.30pm
Regular	Crafts	Knitting and Craft Group – all welcome	Adults	Fridays at 11am
Regular	Book Club / Crafts	Parent and Toddler Book & Craft Group with Barnardos (contact library for waiting list)	Children (Toddlers)	The groups are fully subscribed but contact library

Community & Social Development

North West Area Valentine's Tea Dance

Dublin City Council North West Area Community & Social Development Section held a Valentine's tea dance for our older citizens in the Finglas Youth Resource Centre on 14 February and was enjoyed by all.

Numbers to the event were limited, however, the Community & Social Development Section will hold Tea Dances in April and November 2024 to cater for other older persons groups in both areas.



Community Recognition Fund 2024

Dublin City Council Finglas Area Office has advised community groups in the Finglas area about the opening of the above fund.

Community Development staff have made themselves available to assist groups wishing to make an application

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) provides capital funding to community groups across Ireland. This allows these groups to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas. The Department of Rural and Community Development fund the CEP

The Programme has a **focus on supporting groups in disadvantaged areas**. Typical enhancements under the CEP include:

- IT equipment
- improvements to buildings
- renovation of community centres
- development of community amenities
- purchase of equipment for community usage
- improvements to town parks, common areas and energy-saving projects

The CEP is administered locally by Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area.

The Dublin City LCDC administers the CEP in the administrative area of Dublin City Council. It decides the types of enhancements that will be prioritised and supported in the administration of the programme based at the local level and on local needs.

Deadline for submission of applications is the 8th may 2024 at 1.00pm.

Seamus Ennis Festival 2024

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Section in conjunction with the Seamus Ennis Centre The Naul, Co. Dublin are working together to develop a programme that celebrates the life and work of Seamus Ennis

Events will include the following:

- A session in the Seamus Ennis Centre including members of Finglas Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann and Finglas Music Shed. The event will give young Finglas musicians to play with some renowned traditional Irish music artists. The event will take place on the 28th April from 2.00pm -4.00pm in the Seamus Ennis Centre.
- A schools Folklore workshop which will feature stories collected by Seamus Ennis. The workshop will be open to all schools in Finglas.
- A talk on the life & work of Seamus Ennis by the NWA historian in residence Mary Muldowney. The event will feature the music of Finglas Comhaltas Ceoltóirí. Date & venue of this event to be confirmed.
- Other events may be added to the itinerary in due course

The Steering Group involved in developing the programme are also interested in marking the 42nd anniversary of Seamus Ennis on the 5th October 2024. Discussions around how this will be done are ongoing.

International Football

The Finglas Area Office Community & Social Development Section recently received the following letter from the ladies who represented the Irish Women's International soccer team in the 70/80's

The ladies were honoured in the Mansion house on the 17th January 2024.



Dear Róisín,
We would like to thank you for supporting our quest in seeking recognition for our unique achievements in representing our Women's National Team at Senior level. Not only was Finglas the birthplace of international football (Jeyes 1973) it has produced 19 WNT players, 4 national team captains and the first female international manager.
We are all very proud to be from Finglas and are very grateful to have been honoured in your presence in the Mansion House.

Yours in sport Finglas WNT 19,

Bernie Cassidy
Cathie Byrne
Linda Ri Gheanain
Lenny Nelson
FIONA LARKIN, R.I.P.

Catherine Raftery Cummins
Maureen Connolly
Jacqueline Bradbury
Linda FIB Williams
Marie Brown "Hovis"
Freda Christie
Rheda Cummins
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St Michaels School Knitting Project

The Community and Development Section in conjunction with St Michael's Girl's School, knitted bollard covers for International Women's Day.

The girls and teachers knit over twenty purple covers. These are on display outside of the Finglas Youth Resource Centre and at the bus stop on Seamus Ennis Road in the Village.



International Woman's Day 2024

The Community and Development Team had another successful International Women's Day on Friday in the Finglas Youth Resource Centre on Friday 8th March.

The event involved various inspirational speakers, beauty stands with massages and nail bar also flower arranging workshops, CPR, healthy eating, free sanitary towel products, singing, dancing, Zumba and light lunch.

Women from the Finglas Community, St Michael's Girl's School and some community groups, enjoyed the event.

The turnout was excellent and International Woman's Day has become an important date for the Finglas Community

Many thanks to those who attended and to those who exhibited at the event.



Youth Expo 2024.

Dublin City Council, Community & Social Development Section had planned to hold a Youth Expo in May 2024.

Discussions took place with local secondary schools, youth, sporting and support organisations; it was felt that May can be a busy and stressful time for students due to state examinations. The Expo is now planned for September 2024

Pat Teehan
Finglas Area Manager