

Proposed Development on Church Road exiting onto Watson Road

Re: Planning Applications D15A / 0777 & 0778
DLRCoCo recently refused the above applications for Watson Rd/Church Rd developments, but they did not include the very serious implications to road sewage and surface water in their refusal. The Residents Association have lodged an appeal to An Bord Pleanála on the grounds that these points should have been included in DLRCoCo's refusal. This omission could be viewed positively by the Developers. Our appeal was solely to protect our position within Watson's estate.

Residents who lodged an appeal to DLRCoCo should have received letters from An Bord Pleanála advising you of this. Regarding our recent appeal, the professional advice we received stated that the greatest impact would come from the An Bord Pleanála appeal being submitted by the Residents Association as opposed to individuals.

The builder (Crekav Landbank Developments) have also lodged an appeal to An Bord Pleanála, and we are therefore awaiting their decision.

We will keep you updated on our Facebook page and the website.

Auburn Eircodes

Following successful lobbying by the Residents Association with An Post, the Eircodes for Auburn have officially been changed from Auburn, Ballybrack back to Auburn, Killiney. The postal address for Auburn has always been Killiney, and the Residents Association are delighted the change (we were told would never happen) has happened!

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch currently has 212 members throughout our estate.

Membership is EASY and involves you doing NOTHING!!

Simply fill out the application form, a 'Volunteer Coordinator' will call to your home, give you a Neighbourhood Watch Pack and list you for receiving text messages.

We are working with both the Gardaí and DLRCoCo regarding the instillation of Neighbourhood Watch signs throughout the estate, and are hopeful they will be installed promptly. Our 2016 update from the Gardaí is that break-ins were down 20% in our area in 2015 from 2014 figures. In light of the increase in bicycle theft, the Gardaí also advised all residents to take photos of all their bikes including the serial number, as most stolen bikes are eventually recovered.

Watson Traffic Action Committee

The Watsons Traffic Action Committee was formed last November with a brief to address increased traffic volumes and speeding within the estate. Contact with the county roads engineer in DLRCoCo has been made and dialogue is underway. A submission requesting a change of the speed limits to 30km/h within the estate will be made in the coming weeks.

Residents Association Catchment Area

Did you know the following roads are covered by our association:

- Auburn Close, Drive
- Churchview Avenue, Drive, Park, Road
- Brackenbush Park, Road
- Granville Close
- Granville Road (89 – 105 only)
- Watson Avenue, Drive, Park, Road

We aim to always equitably represent issues faced by someone living on any of the above roads.



Annual Subscription



Collection for our annual subscription will soon be commencing **and we are seeking new volunteer collectors**. The fee remains the same as it has for the last number of years, €20 per household, 67% of residents paid. Thank you to all who contributed. All the money collected goes directly back into our estate.

Please do not expect your neighbours to pay for you!



Wildlife Project 2016

Following our recent application to DLRCoCo under their 'Sustainable Communities Enhancement Grant Scheme 2016' our association has been awarded €546 (70%) towards the cost of purchasing and erecting various types of bird nesting boxes and frame mounted display boards indicating the most common type of birds in our estate. The association are delighted with this grant approval, and are working on having the boxes and signs installed asap.



Estate Clean Up

In conjunction with the An Taisce National Spring Clean and Johnstown National Schools, the next estate clean-up is taking place on the 9th of April. Committee members will be available to hand out refuse bags, gloves and litter pickers, tea and coffee! We will also be available to collect the filled sacks.

Meet at the junction of Church Road and Churchview Road on

09/04/16 at 11am

Just an hour of your time can make a BIG difference to the quality of your neighbourhood

VHI Women's Mini Marathon

The National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) are seeking entries for the Mini Marathon on Monday the 6th of June. The NRH Foundation is a registered charity (CHY6750 / CRA20013196), focused on raising support for specialist projects, equipment and research that will help make a difference to the lives of both adults and children in the NRH now and in the future. In choosing the NRH, you can specifically allocate your donation to any Therapy, The General Fund, Brain Injury (including Stroke) Programme, Spinal Cord Injury Programme, Prosthetic, Orthotic & Limb Absence Rehabilitation Programme or the Paediatric Family Centred Rehabilitation Programme. You can enter online at www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie. Don't forget to set up your MyCharity.ie sponsorship page. For further information contact Edel in the NRH on 2355280.

Snapshot of Watson Nurseries

This is William Byrne and his wife, in Watson's Nurseries 1966 – our estate in its former glory before the houses were built.



The Residents Association are looking to build up an archive of old photographs of Watson Nurseries / Watsons Estate. If you have any, please forward copies with a brief explanation to the Association.

DLRCoCo 2016 Budget

DLRCoCo have confirmed they have a 2016 budget of €166,000,000. This amount aims to maintain and expand service levels. It also ensures that benefits from the economic recovery are spread fairly across their borough. The budget includes:

- The reduction of the maximum 15% allowable to the basic rate of Local Property Tax in 2016 resulting in a saving of €101.25 per property
- No increase in the level of Commercial Rates
- An increase of €250,000 for housing maintenance
- An excess of €2m extra funding available to the Homeless Service
- €312,500 in additional funding provided for road and footpath restoration and improvement works
- An Increase of €462,500 for the maintenance budget of parks and open spaces
- €120,000 in additional funding for the maintenance of playgrounds and playing pitches
- The provision of funding for a small number of additional staff to ensure the maximum potential of the Lexlcon is achieved.

DLRCoCo have also recently launched their 'County Development Plan 2016 – 2022' which can be read on their website.



Dumping on Green Areas

It has been noticed that an increasing amount of domestic garden waste is regularly dumped on the green that runs from Watson Drive to Watson Park, and other greens in the estate. This is an unacceptable place to leave your own garden waste as it attracts unwanted visitors and causes smells when it begins to compost.

Also, with the sunshine quickly approaching, please be vigilant with your rubbish in green areas. A large amount of litter is regularly collected during our clean up days that has been left on all the greens throughout our estate (sweet wrappers, chocolate bar wrappers, soft drink bottles and juice cartons).

Collecting this litter is especially tedious when it has been shredded by the lawnmowers.

Remember - This is YOUR Association

There are many ways to get involved: newsletter distribution, committee membership, subscription collection, contributing articles for our newsletter. Please get in touch - phone any of us or send us an email: watsonkilliney@gmail.com.

AGM 10th May at 7.30 pm in Johnstown Pastoral Centre

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