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BRL architect David Byrne working with Dolmen Court residents

CONSULTATION REASSURES RESIDENTS

Ballymun Regeneration recently held a consultation session for the residents of Dolmen Court regarding the refurbishment work proposed in the Courts. The workshops were a great opportunity for the architect designing the courts to listen to what people wanted and to hear residents' issues and concerns with the present layout.

The workshops took place over three nights on Wednesday 28th January, Thursday 29th January and Wednesday 4th February.

Architect Fionnula Rogerson made a presentation about the refurbishment proposals. Residents then split into smaller groups to discuss their individual concerns about lighting, parking, laneways and to agree on the design options available to address these issues.

The feedback from the workshop sessions was very positive:

"I feel happier after coming here," said one Dolmen Court Resident. The Architect received excellent feedback from the working groups and many residents expressed satisfaction with the evening. After the design has been fully explored, we will then work to identify how the scheme will be funded before any decision to proceed is taken.

HEALTH & SAFETY

If you see anything outside of working hours that you are concerned about on the building sites please contact Ballymun Gardaí at 01-6664400

Ballymun Regeneration People

Health and Safety Team

John Rizzolo, Ballymun Regeneration's Overall Health & Safety Management Team Leader, has a team of three Health and Safety professionals that work with him to ensure that health, safety and the wellbeing of the general public and workers are being properly addressed.

Two full-time Health and Safety Monitors, Martin Anderson and newly appointed Killian O'Shea patrol Ballymun's neighbourhoods targeting public safety issues with onsite inspections carried out monthly for each BRL site.

Jim McMahon, Design/Construction Co-ordinator is responsible for reviewing safety & health documentation provided by designers and construction contractors. He reviews the impact of the various projects and is a backup to the 'Safety Monitors' and assists the team leader.

Michelle Hesnan is the dedicated administrator providing support to the whole team.



Killian, John, Jim, Michelle, Martin and Liam (who has recently left BRL)

The Health & Safety team ensures that all client duties are performed in compliance with legislation, including the Safety, Health and Welfare At Work (Construction) Regulations, 2001 and ensures best practice standards are communicated to all contractors. In addition, the team advises on traffic management issues associated with all construction in Ballymun.

Anyone who observes unsafe or unhealthy conditions should, where possible, direct their concerns to the site management at the site office for a prompt response. If unable to contact the site manager or not satisfied with their response, contact the BRL Health & Safety Unit in the Civic Centre.



Des, Joanne and Vincent

Inspection Team

The inspection team are Vincent Ennis, Des Jones and Joanne O'Hagan who work with residents of the new housing.

Vincent, Des and Joanne will

- provide support and assistance to tenants within the relocation programme such as helping them to operate new heating and plumbing systems and all associated controls
- offer a friendly and efficient backup service to tenants regarding maintenance requests within the defects liability period.
- carry out regular site inspections of all new housing and apartments to ensure that all mechanical installations, appliances and workmanship are of the highest quality and comply with the current building and associated regulations.

You can contact the Inspection Team at telephone 01-675 5631.

Ballymun Regeneration is committed to providing you with up-to-date information on our progress. As part of our recent review of communications, a permanent public exhibition is now in place in the Atrium of the Civic Office on Ballymun Main Street. This exhibition will be

updated every month to provide updates on building progress, planning permissions, commercial developments, etc. We welcome your comments and suggestions to help us improve the exhibition. For further information visit www.brl.ie or telephone LiQian, 01-675 5681

Who Cares

Jochen Gerz, an artist of international renown, is to realise a sculpture, 'amaptoicare', on the central plaza in Ballymun, in front of the civic offices.

In the middle of the plaza, a pavement map of Ballymun (30m x 30m) will be constructed. Dotted throughout the map will be a series of tiny lights. Each of these lights will mark the site of a tree donated to Ballymun.

Why not join the more than 100 local people who have already donated a tree? You can choose both the species and location of the tree.

The name of everybody who donates a tree will be sandblasted into the granite pavement of the new Ballymun plaza. Furthermore, a plaque alongside each tree will contain text written by the donor responding to

the question, "If this tree could speak, what would it say for me?"

Gerz has been commissioned by Breaking Ground and is known for his unique approach to engaging people in the creative process. His most famous works include Monument Against Fascism in Hamburg and the invisible, Monument against Racism in Saarbrücken. Two works in Coventry, The Public Bench and The Future Monument were unveiled last month at the heart of the city's regeneration programme, the Millennium Project.

To donate a tree or to be in with a chance to win your donation, please see this month's competition. For further information, please contact 01-883 2110 or email amaptoicare@hotmail.com.

Neighbourhood Centres

Soon Ballymun will have its own Neighbourhood Centres and Poppintree and Coultry look like the first to gain proper local community meeting rooms and local shops.

Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre

A new neighbourhood centre for Poppintree is currently under construction between Balbutcher Lane and Carrig Road. The building when completed, will contain six ground floor retail units and 25 apartments fronting onto Balbutcher Lane. Nine houses and three apartments will face onto Carrig Road. Four single-storey workshops are also being included in the scheme.

Coultry Neighbourhood Centre

Construction has already started on Coultry Neighbourhood Centre, located on the new link road into Coultry from Santry Avenue. Designed by Shay Cleary Architects as three buildings set on a crossroad, it will mark a key new entrance into Coultry and Ballymun.

Approaching Coultry from Santry Avenue, the retail block will be on the left and contain a row of neighbourhood shops with 16 apartments overhead. On the right side will be a new single storey crèche and children's garden. Across Coultry Road on the right will be the community building containing a community meeting room and office with four apartments overhead. Coultry Neighbourhood Centre will be completed in early 2005.

Shangan Neighbourhood Centre

Shangan Neighbourhood Centre is located on the bend of Shangan Road as it turns into Shangan Avenue. It will

front onto the proposed Old Town Green which marks the connection between Shangan and Old Town Road. There will be three shops, a small local pub, a community office and a meeting room as well as 30 apartments. Construction will start in April 2004.

The Architects Duffy Mitchell O'Donoghue, who designed the award winning Darndale Belcamp Village Centre, have ensured that Shangan will have a new landmark as the Neighbourhood Centre rises to four storeys over the Community Rooms and will be visible from Ballymun Main Street.

For further information or to register your interest in the neighbourhood centre residential properties please contact Annmarie Quinn at Lisney on 884 0700. It is planned to sell some of these at affordable prices.



Coultry Neighbourhood Centre

Exciting Developments at Comprehensive Schools



New sports hall at Ballymun Comprehensive School

Anxious not to be left behind in all the excitement and renewal, Ballymun Comprehensive Schools have been preparing for a regeneration of their own. The plan is to provide a totally refurbished school which will cater for about 800 students. There will no longer be divisions between Juniors and Seniors or

between boys and girls.

Phase One of this work has been completed in recent months. New boundaries are more open, pleasant and secure and the Sports Hall has had a complete make over.

Phase Two - work on the school Building proper is on the Minister for Education's list for immediate attention. It is expected to begin later in 2004. The end product should be a bright, spacious and attractive place to learn.

The Comprehensive have always made the Sports Hall available to local clubs and teams after hours but the schools are now working with Ballymun Regeneration Ltd to provide an exciting new Sports Complex with much greater public access than at present. Planning is still at an early stage but, all going well, it is hoped that, in addition to the Sports Hall, there will be a covered Soccer Dome, an astroturf all-weather pitch, hard courts and grass pitches on site.

If you would like further information on any of these developments simply contact the schools.

Monthly Competition Winner Jan 2004

Mary Cahill from Belclare Park, wins a €50 voucher for Centra , Shangan Rd

Get ready to be swept away

A joint venture between Ballymun Regeneration and Dublin City Council has resulted in the purchase of a major new pedestrian sweeping machine under a pilot project to clean footpaths, car parking bays and courtyards. The sweeping machine is the brainchild of Eamon Farrelly from Ballymun Regeneration who is a firm believer that "a new broom sweeps clean"...

"Initially, paths and streets around the new schemes that are not yet under City Council ownership will be swept," says Eamon Farrelly. "Depending on the success of the pilot project we may extend the service to the rest of Ballymun in the future."

The new sweeping machine was purchased by BRL and is operated by Alan Smyth, a member of Dublin City Council's maintenance staff. A local man, Alan has lived in Ballymun for the last ten years and will be out and



Alan Smyth with the new pedestrian sweeping machine

about in the area five days a week keeping the streets clean. So watch out for Alan and the 'mad vac'.

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amaptoicare - win a tree donation

To be in with the chance to win your donation, why not enter this month's competition. Just tell us what your favourite tree is and why you like it.

My favourite tree is

Monthly Competition *March 2004*



Name

Address

Telephone Number

Please return the completed forms to BRL by Wednesday 31st March
All entries will be entered into a draw and the winner will be notified on on Friday 2nd April

amaptoicare - Donate a Tree

I would like to donate a tree to Ballymun

Name

Address

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Telephone Number

Signed

We will contact you to discuss tree species, location and text and to collect your donation. Your donation, (around €50), is half the cost of the tree, so the cost depends on what species of tree you choose.