

UPDATE ON MORTON STADIUM

It is proposed that the day to day management of Morton Stadium will be taken on by Athletics Ireland and Clonliffe Harriers with the same Management Committee chaired by Fingal County Council overseeing the process. The secretariat and administrative responsibility will also move to Athletics Ireland and Clonliffe Harriers, but ownership of the site will remain with Fingal County Council. It is hoped this new structure with a dedicated facility manager will be in place early in 2009. Morton Stadium is also home to new League of Ireland team, Sporting Fingal, who have had a very successful first season.

In 2003 it was agreed with the Department of Arts, Sports & Tourism that the structure of financial support for the stadium would be altered to where the Irish Sports Council would take on two-thirds of the net support with the four Dublin Local Authorities underwriting the remaining third, and that a new management structure would be put in place to actively manage the facility.

Discussions among key stakeholders as to how best to manage the facility



have explored different models without agreement to date but it is expected

that current discussions will lead to agreement in the very near future.

SANTRY FRAMEWORK PLAN

Further to an initial area analysis and on-site assessment, a draft brief to inform the preparation of a plan for Santry is currently under preparation and near completion. The draft working brief on this was circulated at the November Meeting of the Dublin City Council North West Area Committee.

It is envisaged that there will be an initial explanatory and

review meeting on the draft working brief with the Area Committee Members to discuss the process and purpose of the plan and also the contents of the brief so that the final proposal represents a common vision for the area. Upon finalisation of the document it will be possible to proceed with the preparation of the plan in conjunction with the members, stakeholders and the local community.

TRAFFIC DISRUPTION ON THE OLD SWORDS ROAD

Councillor Darragh Butler has received confirmation from Fingal County Council that the traffic disruption on the R132 (Old Swords Road) will come to a temporary halt by the end of November for Operation Freeflow.

The work going on at the moment is in order to facilitate the ongoing development in and around the Dublin Airport area. This includes replacing the existing foul sewer from the Carlton Hotel to beyond the Collinstown Cross junction and new water and gas mains are being laid at the same time. Fingal County Council have confirmed that the new sewer is 900m in diameter and must be laid along the middle of the road at a depth of 4 metres as this is the only available space as the rest of the road is congested with other underground services. In order to minimise future disruption in the same area, the Council is also replacing the existing water main which runs along this road while also allowing Bord Gais to lay a new gas main along the same stretch of road. Any unfinished work will be completed in early January 2009.

COOLOCK LANE-PEDESTRIAN MEASURES

Fingal County Council are to consider safer pedestrian measures at the Coolock Lane/M50 interchange following questions from Cllr Darragh Butler. Many parents and pupils in Santry are having difficulty crossing the interchange to access schools on Coolock Lane.

Fingal confirmed that they will undertake a Road User Audit in this area and any proposals recommended in the Audit will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2009. The also confirmed that consultation will also take place with Dublin City Council if appropriate having regard to this area being close to the boundary with the City Council.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS

F08A/0948: Tesco Ireland have applied for Planning permission for Construction of a distribution services building of 8602sq.m. with ancillary site works, services, car parking at the Tesco Ireland St. Ann's Distribution Centre (allowing for a modification to the existing Tesco Ireland St. Ann's Distribution Centre car parking increasing it from 290 to 420 spaces, landscaping, boundary treatments (fencing), 14 no. unloading docks, circulation areas, cycle parking, solar panels (evacuated tubes) and ancillary development. This building will be ancillary to the existing Distribution Centre.

DCC: 6816/07 An Bord Pleanala: 228479- Swiss Partnership at the Swiss Cottage, Swords Road. The application for a mixed use development of up to a 20 story block was rejected by Dublin City Council in February 2008. This was appealed to An Bord Pleanala on March 19 2008. An Bord Pleanala have not indicated when they will make a decision on the case.

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2009

In June, the independent commission announced the new local electoral area boundaries for the local elections in June 2009.

For Fingal County Council: Northwood, Turnapin, Royal Oak, Santry Close will continue to vote in the Swords area. The current local FF councillor for this area is Cllr Darragh Butler.

Santry will continue to be part of the Dublin North West Dáil Constituency served by Minister Pat Carey TD.



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