



# Sinn Féin

## Sinn Féin Community Update Finglas

### TOLKA VALLEY AND MILLENIUM PARK

There are plans to install a playground in Tolka Valley Park to cater for Finglas South.

After years of campaigning by residents, residents associations and Sinn Féin it has finally been agreed that this will go ahead. It is estimated that the works will begin towards the end of this year 2013.

On Monday the 17th of June after years of campaigning and tremendous work by Dublin City Council in obtaining funding the new extension to Tolka Valley Park was officially opened. This Park which cost several million is a huge plus for the people of Finglas and Pelletstown and a massive amenity for the area. The cycle ways and walk ways with their huge richness in surrounding flora and wildlife as well as the magnificent Tolka River should be sampled by everyone. There is also areas for families to picnic in and experience a rich outdoor life. The Finglas Anglers Society also holds special events along the river and provides especially for young people a real source of enjoyment.

Tolka Valley is under- utilised when it comes to playing fields and there is a need for extra pitches along its entirety. Erins Isle have campaigned along with Rivermount FC to increase the number of pitches available to their clubs. A new GAA pitch will be built to cater for the needs in Erin's Isle and we in Sinn Féin have supported this and would also like to see further expansion in the provision of playing pitches for Rivermount FC.



*Dessie Ellis TD and Cllr. Anthony Connaghan*

### SAVE FINGLAS VILLAGE

The campaign to save Finglas Village has been given a boost by the purchase of a large section of the village by new owners. Already there are signs that the new owners are preparing some of the empty units for new businesses. A huge amount of credit must also be given to the Finglas Tidy Towns committee , Finglas Environmental group , Historical society , Dublin City Council , Save Finglas Village Committee , Finglas Traders as well as the dedicated people of Finglas who want to see the village prosper once again. It is important that everyone keeps up the good work that we all so richly deserve.

### REILLY'S BRIDGE RATOATH ROAD

At long last after years of campaigning by residents, Residents Associations, Sinn Féin and others the NRA is finally going ahead with the building of the new bridge at Reilly's Bridge .For many years this crossing has been a bone of contention due to the large build- up of traffic on both sides of the crossing especially during peak hours where vehicles and pedestrians have had to wait long periods while trains were passing at the manually operated crossing.

Apart from the traffic issues there were concerns in regards to health and safety issues with the ever increasing volume of trains and traffic. The realignment of Ratoath Road and the overbridge will commence on site this month (July) and will be completed in 2015.

For the duration of these works Iarnród Eireann will work with residents , Businesses and other stakeholders to undertake a pre-condition survey on a small amount of properties to verify that works will have no effect on them and to inform residents and businesses in advance of the stages of works, including a relatively limited amount of night works which will be necessary when trains are non-operational and provide an on-going point of contact for local residents and businesses by local phone number and email as follows:

1890253555 or [communityliaison@irishrail.ie](mailto:communityliaison@irishrail.ie)

**OVERLEAF: PROPOSED PRIMARY CARE CENTRE FOR FINGLAS**

# PROPOSED PRIMARY CARE CENTRE FOR FINGLAS

Funding has been made available by the HSE to build a Primary Health Care Centre in Finglas West. A number of sites were looked at but the chosen site of the HSE is the site is the green area at the junction on Mellows Road and Mellows Avenue. The funding was made available to provide a Primary Care Centre in Finglas West/ South as this is where there is most need for the services that a Primary Care Centre provide.

Should this Primary Care Centre be built it will provide badly needed services and it will also give a joined up approach to Health Services in the Finglas area. The Wellmount and Finglas East Health Centres will remain and provide enhanced services as a result of this. The HSE was asked by Cllr. Anthony Connaghan and other City councillors to look at other sites including Finglas Village at two separate Area Committee Meetings.

The HSE has come back and ruled out other sites as they have identified this area as being most in need. It is also important to point out that the disposal of this land by the City Council is subject to the Centre getting planning permission which is not necessarily a foregone conclusion and planners may have another opinion. Residents will also have an opportunity to object if they so wish.

## HERITAGE TRAIL

On the 4th of June last , The Heritage signs were installed throughout the Village and there was an official launch on the 11th of June. The Finglas Historical Group is planning to roll out organised school tours of the Heritage trail from September to all our primary schools in conjunction with Dublin City Council and using the schools resource pack which was developed for the trail. Anyone wishing to delve into the history of Finglas and its surroundings can avail of the Heritage trail and walk. This has proved very successful in highlighting some of the riches of the area such as the old ruins of St Canice's Church , The Nether Cross , Dick McKee monument and other places of historical importance. The discovery of the Viking

warrior and underground wells beside St Canice's Church is an indicator of an old Viking settlement in the area. This tour is a must for people , especially those from the Finglas area. Information can be obtained from the following:

Phone: 01 884 5228  
E-mail: info@thefingalcentre.ie  
Website: www.thefingalcentre.ie

## SECURITY CAMERA

For many years Sinn Féin, Dublin City Council , Residents , Residents Associations and others have campaigned for a camera to be installed at the junction of Wellmount Road / Cardiff Bridge Road. Unfortunately shortly after the installation of this

camera it was vandalised and rendered inoperable. It is essential that this be replaced as it is a necessary tool in combatting crime in this general area. We in Sinn Féin will lobby to get this back up and running as soon as possible.

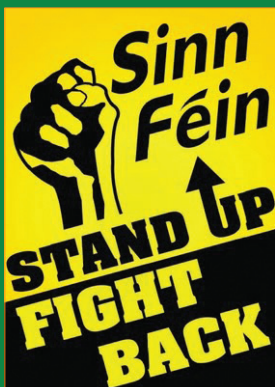
## TRAFFIC LIGHTS NORTH ROAD TO M50.

Cllr. Anthony Connaghan, working with Dessie Ellis TD, applied to the North West Area Committee to place additional overhead pedestrian lights on the North Road, where a woman was tragically killed while crossing this area of road recently. Thankfully they are now being fitted and will be visible to traffic from every direction.



## WORKING WITH DESSIE ELLIS TD

Cllr. Anthony Connaghan and Dessie Ellis TD have worked with the community in fighting for services and many other issues over the years. Should you wish to contact us please do so on the number below or call to our Constituency Office at 50 Main Street, Finglas. Monday –Friday (9.30-12.30) Monday, Wednesday, Friday (2-3.30). Phone : 018347674



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