



# NEASA HOURIGAN, TD DUBLIN CENTRAL

JULY 2021



Dear Constituent,



I hope you are well. COVID has been tough on a number of fronts and remains a challenge. Thankfully, as a result of the efforts all have made and the vaccine rollout, things are returning to normal.

Not yet back to normal but with a final push we will see better times.

I am getting in touch today about a planning application that has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála for the Holy Cross College site.

It is clear we need more quality housing in the city. It is equally important that communities have a say in large scale developments such as this.

## Summary:

- 1,614 units spread over 12 buildings, highest of which is 18 storeys
- Unit sizes: 540 x studios; 602 x 1 bed; 419 x 2 bed; 53 x 3 bed
- Build to Rent apartment scheme i.e. no apartments will be sold from the development save for the 160 units sold to Dublin City Council for social housing.
- Car/pedestrian/cycle access at Drumcondra Road Lower (opposite Hollybank Road) and on Clonliffe Road (opposite Jones' Road). There will be an additional pedestrian/cycle access route at Holy Cross Avenue.
- 508 car parking spaces and 2,507 bicycle spaces
- There will be a crèche, one retail unit and a café. The site will be open for public access including a river walk
- Some existing historic buildings will be reused as residences and community amenity buildings
- The deadline for members of the public to make an observation to An Bord Pleanála on this development is the 19th of August.
- More details on the application can be found here

<https://neasahourigan.com/holycross>



I am holding an online public meeting on this planning application on **Monday 9th August at 8pm**. Visit <https://neasahourigan.com/holycross> to register for the event. If you can't make the meeting or if you have any queries in relation to this development please don't hesitate to get in touch on [Neasa.Hourigan@oireachtas.ie](mailto:Neasa.Hourigan@oireachtas.ie) or 01 618 3172.

All my best,



## Dalymount redevelopment



€1 million in funding has been released to Dublin City Council for the design phase of the Dalymount Park redevelopment. This redevelopment will be great for Bohemian FC, Shelbourne FC and the local community. We also welcome efforts in Dublin City Council to separate this project from any sale of Tolka Park which would allow Tolka Park to be retained as a sports facility.

## Roadmap for maternal care

We are all acutely aware of the improvements needed across a range of issues relating to women's health and wellbeing in Ireland. It is crucial we take a critical look at these vital services and set out a plan to ensure that we have a robust and resilient system of care and support for women.



My Green Party colleagues and I launched a roadmap for maternal care that lays out a number of key priorities:

- The creation of a family centred plan for maternal care.
- A two year extension and dedicated funding package for the National Breastfeeding Action Plan
- Supporting the Milk Bank Scheme across Ireland
- A commitment to reproductive rights based healthcare in particular an independent review of the Termination of Pregnancy Act legislation that listens to the experience of those accessing services.

More details can be found at [neasa.hourigan.com/maternal](https://neasa.hourigan.com/maternal)

## Phoenix Park

The Office of Public Works completed a public consultation on Transport and Mobility Options for the park in March.



Thanks to everybody that took part. The final report is somewhat delayed but the Minister expects to publish the report in the coming weeks. Unrelated, it is great to see the project to restore the historic gates in the park near completion with the recent rehanging of the restored Islandbridge Gates.

## Pedestrianisation

Recently Dublin City Council announced its plans to partially pedestrianise a number of streets in the city centre. These include small sections of Anne Street South, South William Street, Drury Street, Dame Court from Exchequer Street and Capel Street.



As pandemic restrictions relax neither the wind or rain of a typical Irish summer will dissuade us from sitting out and catching up with those we've missed so much during the last year. We will need space to do that - unfortunately Dublin City Council's plans, while a step in the right direction, are not nearly ambitious enough.

I'll continue to push for better pedestrianisation in the city centre and better facilities for pedestrians more generally in Dublin Central.

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