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To: Residents of CLONSILLA

Re: Important Local Update

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Dear resident.

I am writing to update you on some important local news items. Please read this!

# Parking Scheme and major changes to Clonsilla Station

Fingal County Council has put on public display a radical new plan to provide parking and improved pedestrian and vehicular traffic to Clonsilla Station. The scheme will cost almost €500,000 to implement. The scheme involves the provision of 101 parking spaces along Hansfield Road, 80 designated spaces within Porters Gate along with a residents only parking scheme, a 40 metre pick-up and set-down area at the station, a one-way system at Churchview, a pedestrian crossing, traffic calming on the Hansfield Road and within Porters Gate, signalisation of the junction at the bridge and the provision of a new walkway along the Royal Canal. Parking will be operated by the council and will cost €2 or €3 for the day.

As the scheme is quite detailed, I have arranged a Public Information Meeting to show you the plans and to answer any questions you may have on it. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in The Clonsilla Inn at 8.30 PM. The drawings will be on display in the council's Blanchardstown offices within the next few days. You can make a written submission giving your views on the scheme to the council by writing to Mr Tommie McManus, Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 (tommie.mcmanus@fingalcoco.ie). I have included a rough outline drawing of the Hansfield Road section of the scheme with this leaflet.

## Pedestrian Footbridge

Site works have begun on the long-awaited pedestrian footbridge at Clonsilla station. It is expected to be completed by May. I have included a drawing with this leaflet.

### Playing pitches, playground and Beech Park gardens

The council has agreed a landscape plan for 15 acres of open space at Beechpark, Clonsilla which are due to be handed over to the council by Castlethorn Construction. There will be a playground and three playing pitches. A new road will access the amenities and it will also provide access to Shackleton's Gardens (Beech Park), which are due to be handed over the council by Menolly Homes. It is expected that the work on the Castlethorn lands will be completed by the middle of next year.

### Reversal of 'one-way system' on Clonsilla Road

As you may have heard, Fingal County Council is considering removing the one-way system on the Clonsilla Road opening the road up either to cars (both ways) or the bus. No decision has yet been made, however, a decision will be made by the end of the year. I would be interested in hearing your views on this at my meeting or by e-mail (varadkar@iol.ie).

Yours faithfully

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