

Welcome to our first news brief of 2017.

Imagine College Green Online Public Consultation

Luas operations will commence in late 2017 and major traffic management changes will be necessary at College Green. These traffic management changes will also present an opportunity to develop a new Civic Plaza at College Green.

A Public Consultation process was held in April / May 2016 regarding the overall traffic management changes at College Green and the proposal for a new Civic Plaza.

Following this public consultation process and the submissions received, consultants were engaged to carry out a screening assessment of the likely Environmental Impacts of the proposed changes. Following the consultant's report in August 2016, a decision was made to carry out a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and to lodge a development proposal with An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in respect of the proposed traffic management changes and the development of a new Civic Plaza.

Consultants have now been engaged to carry out a full Environmental Impact Statement and to lodge the development proposals and all related documents with An Bord Pleanála (expected to be in March 2017).

A design team is about to be appointed to develop design proposals for the new Civic Plaza.

Dublin City Council are now seeking input from the public and all interested stakeholders to get their views and ideas on the proposed new Civic Plaza. The focus of this consultation is on the design of the Civic Plaza and not the Traffic Management proposals.

The survey is available at <http://consultation.dublincity.ie/projects/backup-copy-of-imagine-college-green-online-public/>

Closing Date for Submissions is: **26th January 2017**

For Further Information please contact: 01-2225124 or email collegegreen@dublincity.ie

Luas Cross City Special Development Contributions Scheme

Luas Cross City - St. Stephens Green to Broombridge Line is a 6km line extension of the Luas system to the north of the city centre, providing an interchange between the existing Red and Green Luas lines.

In order to help fund the provision of the Luas Cross City (LCC) Dublin City Council has prepared a Draft Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme in accordance with the provisions of Section 49 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Section 49 provides for the making of a Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme which allows a Planning Authority to attach a condition to a planning permission, for development which benefits from public infrastructure, requiring payment of a financial contribution in respect of the provision of that infrastructure.

Details of the proposed contributions under the Draft Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme are as follows:

Residential - €2,000 per unit
Commercial - €38 per square metre
Retail - €43 per square metre

Following public consultation a report on the submission/observations will be submitted to the elected members of Dublin City Council for consideration before determining the Luas Cross City Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme.

To make an observation/submission log on to <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/planning/luas-cross-city-special-development-contributions/>

Closing Date for Submissions is: **20th February 2017**

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City Parks Strategy Extension of Consultation

The closing date for submissions on the new City Parks Strategy has been extended to **31st January 2017**.

You can view the draft document and complete an online survey at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/parks/dublin-city-parks-strategy/>

For further information please call 01-2222222

Jonathan Swift & Dublin

Pearse Street Library

A new exhibition 'Jonathan Swift & Dublin' has opened in the Dublin Room of Pearse Street Library. It marks the 350th anniversary of the birth of Jonathan Swift and focuses on Swift's interaction with his native city. A smaller version of the exhibition will circulate through Dublin City Public Library branches for the rest of 2017.

The exhibition will be open to public access until January 31st. Opening hours are Monday to Thursday 10:00 a.m – 8:00 p.m, and Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m.

Key documents and artefacts displayed at the exhibition include:

- A large vellum manuscript, an indenture dated 1726, bears Swift's signature
 - A halfpenny coin dated 1723 is an example of the copper coinage known as Wood's halfpence
 - Contemporary engraved portraits of Swift
 - First edition of Gulliver's travels, published in London in 1726
 - Second edition of Gulliver's travels, published in Dublin in 1727
 - Various illustrated editions of Gulliver's travels
 - Copies of the Drapier's Letters and other pamphlets
 - Modern limited hand press editions of Swift's works
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