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## Be Prepared, Stay Safe and know where to find help should you need it!

The Severe Weather Warning National Emergency Co-Ordination Group met yesterday to prepare for the severe weather event due later this week. One of the issues that was discussed was community resilience and the need to communicate as widely as possible over the next few days.

Dublin City PPN groups are being asked to bring people's attention to the [Be Winter-Ready booklet](#) developed by the Office of Emergency Planning and to the website [www.winterready.ie](http://www.winterready.ie).

The Be Winter Ready booklet provides useful information on how to avoid frozen pipes, what to do if you have a water leak and useful contact information. There is also advice for looking after older people and their families and neighbours as well as people with disabilities. The booklet is also attached for your attention.

## Dublin Environmental Gathering Register Now

Would you like to find out more about environmental and sustainability-related projects that are happening in Dublin? Are you looking to get involved in a project that supports the environment or are looking for ideas to bring back to your own community?

The Dublin Environmental Gathering is being organised by the Public Participation Networks (PPNs) of South Dublin County, Dublin City, Fingal and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in collaboration with the Irish Environmental Network. The Gathering is open to PPN member groups from across Dublin, as well as individuals and groups who are not yet PPN members.

At the Dublin Environmental Gathering you can:

- Find out more about successful environmental and sustainability-related projects in Dublin that you can get involved with or try in your own area.
- Find out more about the Public Participation Network in your area and how your community group can use the PPN effectively to enhance your own goals, collaborate with others, and make a difference in local decision making.
- Learn how PPN member groups can become part of the Environmental pillar of their PPN.
- Find out about funding opportunities for environmental and sustainability-related projects.

The event will take place in Dublin City Council's Wood Quay venue on **Saturday the 7th of April from 10.30am-3pm** with a complimentary lunch served at 1pm.

The day will include presentations from PPN members and other organisations on inspiring projects they have undertaken, information stands, networking opportunities and a panel discussion. Presentations will include a talk on Dublin Bay Biosphere and the keynote speaker will be architect and environmentalist Duncan Stewart.

You can register to attend this event now on <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/dublin-environmental-gathering-tickets-43451768409>

If you have any questions, please contact Nina Farrell, PPN Coordinator on 01-2223851 or [nina.farrell@dublincity.ie](mailto:nina.farrell@dublincity.ie)

## Are you concerned about a private rented dwelling in your area?

Landlords are legally obliged to ensure that their private rented dwellings are maintained to a good standard of accommodation and comply with regulations.

Are you aware of a private rented dwelling with any of the following:

- Gross Overcrowding
- Fire Safety
- Ventilation
- Dampness
- Heating
- Pests
- Electrical Safety
- Bathroom Facilities

**Please report any issues to Dublin City Council at: [privaterented@dublincity.ie](mailto:privaterented@dublincity.ie) or phone 01-2226500**

# Park West - Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan

Dublin City Council is preparing a new Local Area Plan (LAP) for the Park West-Cherry Orchard area. The Park West-Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan will guide how the area will develop over time, the types of development that will be encouraged and where these should be located. The LAP will also look at things like how easy it is to travel around the area, the quality of public spaces and the design of future buildings.

Public consultation is an integral part of the Local Area Plan process. An issues paper has been prepared for Park West-Cherry Orchard in order to stimulate public debate and to provide the public with an opportunity to identify the 'issues' of concern, prior to commencement of the preparation of the Draft Local Area Plan. To assist this process, Dublin City Council is inviting submissions from the public on issues which the plan should address.

The issues paper is an early and important step in the process, and is undertaken before the preparation of the draft LAP to ensure that local issues are identified at an early stage and inform the preparation of the draft plan. The purpose of this paper is to pose a series of questions under a number of themes to prompt ideas on the types of issues that the plan should address. The Council is consulting with the local community now before a Draft Local Area Plan is prepared.

An Issues Paper and information can be viewed at the Orchard Community Development Centre, Cherry Orchard Grove, Dublin 10, Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10 and in the Atrium at Dublin City Council Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, during public opening hours.

It may also be viewed by clicking on this link <http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/Planning/OtherDevelopmentPlans/LocalAreaPlans/Documents/Park%20West-Cherry%20Orchard%20LAP%20Issues%20Paper%20Final.pdf>

A series of public information sessions will be held at the following locations and times:

- Monday, 26th February, Orchard Community Development Centre: 2.00-3.30pm
- Friday, 2nd March, Unit 11, The Plaza, Park West Business Park: 12.00-2.00pm
- Saturday, 3rd March, Cherry Orchard Football Club: 10.00-11.00am, Cherry Orchard Equine Centre: 12.00-1.00pm
- Wednesday, 7th March, Orchard Community Development Centre: 7.30-8.30pm

The public are encouraged to make a submission on issues that are important

from their experiences and perspective and to use the Issues Paper document as a general guide.

Submissions and observations in relation to the Local Area Plan consultation can be made in writing to Dublin City Council until **5.00pm on Friday 16th March 2018** in the following ways:

1. By Post / Hardcopy to Avril Feeney, Administrative Officer, Dublin City Council, Planning & Property Development Department, Block 4, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.
2. By E-mail to: [localareaplan@dublincity.ie](mailto:localareaplan@dublincity.ie)
3. By Comment Box: During the public consultation period you can drop in to one of the following places and leave your comments in the comment box
  - Orchard Community Development Centre, Cherry Orchard Grove, Dublin 10.
  - Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, Ballyfermot Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.
  - Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

All submissions and observations received by 16th March will be taken into consideration during the preparation of the Draft Park West-Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan. Submissions and observations should state the name, address, and where relevant, the body represented. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations.

A Draft Local Area Plan will be prepared for further consultation at a later stage and this will be accompanied by an Environmental Report prepared as part of a Strategic Environmental Assessment. The Draft Local Area Plan will also be subject to an Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).

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