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Anglesea Road Ailesbury Drive & Grove newsletter

- 1) Flood prevention measures and their implementation continue to dominate the work of the association. Since the AGM we have been in constant contact with our local representatives and Dublin City Council. On Saturday 8th Dec 2012 we met with our local representatives and DCC. This meeting has provided some clarity as to the implementation of the program that will hopefully keep our homes and families safe from Dodder flooding when completed.
 - a. Draft drawings by ARUP engineers have been presented. The design flood protection level will be sufficient to protect against large floods such as 1986 and 2011, with an added margin.
 - b. The draft proposals were due to be presented to the area committees in Dec'12 and before the full city council for adoption in early January'13. A planning application will then be made and potentially the OPW could be mobilised in June/July 2013.
 - c. Work could then commence in the Dodder View Cottage area first moving up river until the stretch to Donnybrook Bridge is complete.

It is a complex plan with many potential sources of delay and the residents association is to be updated regularly by City Council with progress updates which we will duly disseminate to residents. We have again been reassured that the finance for the project has been ring-fenced.

- 2) Emergency works.

Work has commenced in the LVA (eventually) on Anglesea Lane where a new emergency flood defence wall has been constructed along the river bank.

Work has also commenced between the Dart bridge and Herbert Cottages along the Sweepstakes.
- 3) So that flood cover can be re-established in the future when works have been completed, Dublin City Council has agreed to include the Irish Insurance Federation in the early stages of the flood protection design and implementation.
- 4) While most of our work has concentrated on River flooding, the flooding risk from the Rathmines & Pembroke sewer which runs along Anglesea Road has not gone away. Unfortunately river flooding and backflow from surcharged sewers have to be treated as different risks as they fall into two different government departments. The one positive development in this area is that the Swan River has now been recognised as part of the sewage network and the responsibility of the Department of the environment. The lack of capacity in the R&P sewer during heavy rainfall is largely attributed to the culver ting of the Swan River over many years which now enters the R&P sewer. The association and residents will need to ensure that our local representatives have the replacement of the R&P sewer as a priority for the Dept. of the environment.

With most of us now back in our homes and life returning to normal I hope that the work of the association will extend beyond flooding and that the newsletter will become a more regular feature again!

Yours faithfully,

Paddy Byrne