

ARADAG Newsletter March 2012

Anglesea Road Residents Association incorporating Ailesbury Drive & Grove.

1) Since the flood of Oct 24th we have had three main meetings, two in November and one in December. The first was a public meeting in Crowe's pub with our local representatives. We then held a further meeting for those affected by flooding on Anglesea road in the RDS members club and finally on the 19th December 2011 we held a further public meeting in the horse show house pub. These meetings can be summarised with 5 requests to our public representatives.

- That a written commitment is given to residents of Ballsbridge that the money required to implement the flood works to protect our homes will be available when the scope of the works and planning has been obtained.
- That an "oversight " group of residents is given regular updates (monthly/ bi monthly) on the progress of the design and planning phases of the works to be carried out.
- That details and proposals to update the Rathmines/Pembroke sewer and prevent the backflow of raw sewage into our homes are made available to residents as soon as they are available. (The RP sewer which runs down Anglesea Road is over 120 years old and services a large part of Dublin South which we all know has undergone considerable development in the past 25 year, without any increase in capacity of the RP sewer).
- That oversight is given to residents on the plans to maintain the river bank and remove debris from the River regularly.
- That the report of Irish Rail into the impact of the 100 tons of debris which was removed from the Lansdowne Dart bridge is made available to all residents .

2) With the assistance of Minister Creighton and local public representatives, a delegation including Pat Molloy and Pat Nolan of ARADAG met with Minister Brian Hayes on Friday last 27th Jan. This meeting was also attended by Kevin Humphries TD, Eoin Murphy TD and Councillor Paddy McCartan. The Minister confirmed that the required money was ringfenced and that engineers Arup had been engaged to commence the design phase. EIS (Environmental impact statements) and planning permission from An Bord Pleanála will all be required for the project. In the interim, emergency flood works will commence in April of this year identifying weaknesses in the current flood defences and taking appropriate emergency measures to prevent another 24th Oct event. The issue of the RP sewer was also discussed and residents will be kept informed of the proposals.

3) At this meeting Dublin City Council undertook to incorporate the consequences of the flood event on 24th October into the CFRAMS. To do this it will need the levels in affected properties. **In order to arrange a convenient time with householders to carry out the topographical (level) survey, DCC has requested that the Association provide it with the names and contact details of residents affected by the flood. These are details DCC would have access to but given the displacement of residents from the road making contact with people is proving difficult. However, if you do not wish your name and contact details to be passed to DCC for any reason please contact Paddy Byrne (0872546322) or Pat Molloy (0872401669) before 24th March 2012.**

4) The Dodder CFRAMS study has been launched and the association will meet to discuss it shortly and will keep residents updated. In the meantime it can be viewed by residents in the Pembroke Library.

5) There is considerable anger amongst residents at the failure of Insurance Companies to honour the commitments of their glossy brochures and media advertisements. Far from making the claim process a simple one it is proving an arduous and traumatic process for most residents. The association would be interested in hearing of resident's experiences.

Paddy Byrne (Secretary)
18th March 2012