



Jan 2008 UPDATE.



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Happy New Year to all residents! We hope you had a very peaceful and happy Christmas and enjoyed the break! -(for those of us lucky enough to have gotten off!) We are looking forward to hopefully implementing a lot of plans that we have for 2008 and thank everyone who gave of their personal time during 2007 to help move things along.

Town Plan Development

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Some people may not be aware that there are plans by developers for the Donacumper area including shops, dwellings, amenities and proposed bridges (3nr), both pedestrian and vehicular, across the Liffey. There are reviews from all quarters both for and against this development and as such, it may be of interest to residents to view a model of the proposed development next

Tuesday 15th January at the Setanta House Hotel between 4pm and 8pm.

This is the **only** opportunity to see the model of the proposed new developments so we urge anyone who has an interest to mark it in their diary. Anyone who wishes to make their views known to us may contact us at info@castletownresidentsassociation.com

It is envisaged that planning application would be submitted shortly after this date.

Walls

We have been reminded again that the rules pertaining to block built walls built on the boundary of a house which are visible from the road are subject to planning permission unless they are capped and rendered. See planning and development regs 2002, schedule 2, part 1 — class 5(2).

Traffic/Speed

Yet more representations being made by concerned residents over the issue of speeding and disregard for junctions within the estate. During January there will be a study of the estate undertaken by KCC. It is our hope that we may get some assistance in terms of appropriate signage to help combat this. We sincerely hope that people will get the message to slow down and pay heed — it's too late when someone gets injured or worse.

Parking/Access

From numerous different areas of the estate we have had calls from people asking if we could do anything about people parking opposite each other on narrow roads where they clearly do not leave sufficient room for Bin lorries/Delivery vans to pass. It's a difficult issue as we all have cars and no room to park them — however, we need to be conscious of the fact that we could end up blocking not just bin lorries but ambulance or Fire Brigade. Please take note when parking so as not to block access. Thank you.

Graffiti

Even after paying for professional removal of graffiti within the Estate, we seem to still have budding wannabe Warhols using our walls as canvas! If you do spot new 'outbreaks' please let us know so that we can try and remove the paint before it gets too ingrained. Oh and please — if you are reading this — just don't do it in the first place!

Green Areas

We will shortly embark on our 2008 drive to attend to our Green Open areas. This year we hope to 'beef' things up a little and add that bit extra to just cutting the grass and having 'cleanup' days. Already we have planted 1/4 tonne of daffodil bulbs which we hope to see emerge @ March. We hope you will like them! We would be delighted to see everyone whom might like to volunteer an

Litter

Believe it or not, it is a case that certain incidences of people dumping their household rubbish within the open areas of the estate have occurred! Please can we ask people not to do this — apart from the obvious reason — most likely that somebody would notify the Litter Warden — who has the power to prosecute. Also, following many requests by residents, can we ask that garden waste, trimming etc are not dumped in our open areas/woods. This has gotten such a level now to be very unsightly and is starting to cause a problem. We do understand that this may cause a problem for disposal of such waste but we may try and tackle this with some form of facility in the future if it is feasible.

Committee

As always, we would encourage anyone who feels they would have something to offer and can give of some of their own time to come along and join our currently small but growing committee. Help is always needed.