

❖ **FORTHCOMING EVENTS** ❖

DCC (August) Monthly Meeting	Mon. 30 July
Bank Holiday	Mon. 07 Aug
Horse Show Carnival and Flower Display, Shanganagh Park	Mon. 07 Aug
Festival of World Cultures	Fri - Sun. 24-26 Aug
Sorting September Newsletter	Fri. 31 Aug
DCC (September) Meeting	Mon. 03 Sept

EVENTS THROUGH THE MONTH

Fresh Food Market	10.00am-4.00pm	Fridays
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August: *The Roman Emperor, Augustus named the eight month August in honour of himself. He died 19 August 14AD. The Anglo-Saxons called August "Weod-Monath" or "Weed Month".*
Flower: Poppy and Gladioli



August brings the sheaves of corn.
 Then the harvest home is borne.



The July monthly meeting was held on Monday 2nd July at 8pm in OLH. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for the late Nuala O'Duffy who had been a past member of the Council for many years.

Correspondence: A resident from St. Patrick's Road had contacted DCC detailing the many traffic issues, particularly the problems residents experience with the Pay & Display scheme and the anti-social behaviour that is occurring late at night. The members discussed these issues at length and it was decided to seek a meeting with the Transportation Dept. of DLRCC. It is hoped this will take place at the end of the month.

AOB: It was noted that visitors to Killiney Hill are lighting fires and burning the surfaces of the tables with disposable barbeques. This is an amenity area and fires are not allowed. As there was no further business the meeting ended.

❖ **DO YOU KNOW THESE SCOUTS ???** ❖



If any reader can supply the names of those in the photograph, please contact the Editor with the details either by email (gerard@dalkeycommunitycouncil.com) or through the postbox in Our Lady's Hall.

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DALKEY TIDY TOWNS

REPORT TO DCC - AUGUST '07

First of all I wish to thank the Dalkey Leo Club (Junior Lions) who volunteered to help with this year's Coast Care Project at the Ramparts on Vico Road. How refreshing to have students keen to join us! A second group - pupils from Castle Park School has undertaken a Garden Project from sewing seeds to planting out.

Litter Patrols are Tuesday at 10.30am from Select Stores and Thursday at 11am from Dillon's Park. A Saturday patrol has been introduced to facilitate people who cannot help during weekdays meeting at the church car park at 10.30. Additionally a group operate over the weekend at times to suit themselves, under the leadership of one of our committee, and at last we feel that we are making an impact. Cigarette butts are the most disgusting items and obviously dropped deliberately. Remember that littering or dumping can be reported by calling 2054817 or free phone 1800403503.

We are preparing our entry to the DLRCC Tidy Districts Competition. Any road or apartment complex can enter. All you need is a form and photograph(s). This is an easy way to support the national environment initiative and help protect the world for future generations.

On completion of the sewage scheme at Coliemore Harbour, Dalkey Tidy Towns will present a telescope in memory of Dr. John de Courcy Ireland. An Opening Ceremony is to be held but a date cannot be fixed until the drainage works are completed. Additionally our environmentalist has researched and designed an information panel on wildlife. DLRCC will install the telescope and provide a frame for the panel. Other wildlife panels are to be sited in the Dalkey area.

Our vibrant committee numbers seven. One of them is Sharon, a young working mother, who takes the Saturday Litter Patrol to facilitate those who are unavailable on weekdays. So far she has been alone! Surely there are others who would be keen to help on Saturdays? - 10.30am at the church carpark.

June Barnett, Secretary, DTT.

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Overall Garden

1. MERA GHAR Cunningham Road.
2. HYDE LODGE 73, Hyde Road.
3. BREENAGH 12, Hyde Road.

Front Garden

1. 13, Whites Villas.
 2. 13, St. Begnet's Villas.
 3. 57, Hillside.
- Highly Commended – 7, Hyde Road.

Display

1. 8, Saval Park Gardens.
2. MERA GHAR, Cunningham Road.
3. Hlobane, 16, Village Gate.

Highly Commended – 2, Barnhill Park.

Communal/Open Space

1. Killiney Towers.
2. The Burgage.

Surprise

1. 12, Old Quarry.
2. Old Quarry/Junction Dalkey Ave. (Planting).

Environmental

1. Breenagh, Barnhill Road.
2. Killiney Towers.
3. The Burgage.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 1907



The big event in 1907 was the Dublin International Exhibition staged in Pembroke Park in Ballsbridge and is the subject of a book by Brian Siggins which will be published in the near future.

The Exhibition drew visitors from far and near and on August Bank Holiday Monday, from about Noon visitors began to arrive in Dalkey on a shuttle service of trams operated by the Dublin United Tramways Company (1896) which arrived in the town centre at less than a minute interval, were very quickly unloaded and then sent back to the city to collect more passengers. It was very fast turnaround operation and those who travelled out to Dalkey opted to go Killiney Hill or Sorrento Park with the char-a-banc operators unable to cope with the numbers who wanted to use their services and every form of vehicle was pressed into hire to bring people to and from the town from Killiney Hill which was the most popular visitor destination.

In mid afternoon there was a heavy short shower of rain which cooled the air and damped down the dust on the roads but did not cause any great exodus from the town. The Dublin South Eastern Railways also ran a shuttle train service from Dublin to Bray with Killiney Beach and Bray being the preferred destinations for these passengers as it was noticed that very few of them alighted at Dalkey.

Many of visitors to the town were from Britain who had come over to see the Exhibition and decided to include a visit Dalkey that day. There was virtually no crime reported and very few incidents of public drunkenness at a time when public intemperance in Ireland was still a matter of some concern.

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❖ NATURE CORNER – Michael Ryan ❖



Climate Consequences

I had more birds coming to my garden feeders in June than at any time during winter. Some were feeding fledglings directly from the feeders but most were adult birds feeding themselves. Probably very few insects flying about in the cool weather. Another odd consequence of the weather was that even before the bad weather struck them the terns in Kilcoole had been subject to egg predation by starlings who had bred earlier than usual during April's heatwave.

Last month I expressed concern about our tern colony on Maidens Rock off Dalkey Island. The birds hadn't nested at their usual time and we were worried that enough sand eels weren't available. Over thirty five nestboxes, a few

hundredweight of gravel and four decoy terns shipped from the US sat unused on the rock. But then there was cause for some optimism in mid June. Some Common Terns began to nest on the rock and though numbers were well down on previous years it looked like we'd at least have some birds breeding.

Unfortunately though, the treacherous weather that is becoming normal for our summers was to play its part. Later that week the weather forecast warned we were in for the worst possible conditions for the birds. Strong north easterly winds were forecast combined with a new moon which would create very high spring tides. I went down on Thursday evening and though the sea was crashing against the rock the birds were still there resolutely sitting on nests as their partners flew in to feed them sand eels. I was hopeful they might survive but next day I heard that the Little Tern colony on the beach at Kilcoole in Co. Wicklow had been washed out by the high seas with many chicks and eggs lost. Our terns in Dalkey are subject to the same conditions as the Little Tern colony in Wicklow and unfortunately so it turned out to be when I went down to look. Although I'd seen rougher seas there was a huge swell and the sea was just completely washing over the rock. No birds left and 25 nestboxes washed off as well as three of our four decoy terns. The only small compensation was since the birds had only been nesting a week it would only be eggs that would have been washed away not tern chicks. At time of writing there's no sign of any terns nesting there, the first time this has happened in the twelve years since we started our Tern Project.

Down Under up on the Hill

Bordered by Torca Road and the right of way from Torca to Knocknacree Rd the little area of parkland comprising gorse and woodland, known by some older Dalkey residents as Gorse Hill, contains some of the tallest trees in Dalkey in the shape of some of the older Eucalyptus trees that form such a noble and distinctly exotic silhouette.

Walking along the right of way on a summer evening with the sun setting and these towering trees backlit by the reddening sky you could easily imagine you could be looking at a forest in south east Asia. Equally delightful from the other side of the wood is to see the moon rising behind the trees, framed between the stark branches and the clumps of long pointed leaves. Native to Australia, eucalyptus trees do very well in Ireland's mild climate. Being the fastest growing tree and the tallest broadleaved tree, some growing to 100 metres, they are nevertheless a generally very stable tree and although some branches fall it's rare

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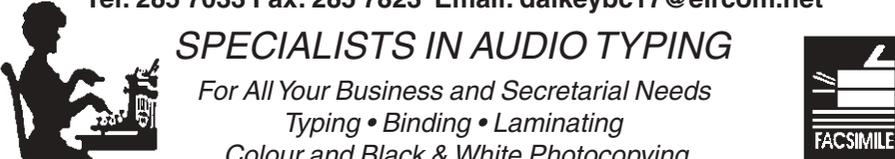


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THE FABULOUS FIVE

The five girls who represented Dalkey at Dublin Community Games on Sunday 24th June were indeed fabulous! Each of the girls took home individual medals: Jofja Cautley was 2nd in U8 25m Free, Jasmine Cautley was 1st in U10 25m Back, and Alex Bell was 2nd in U12 50m Free, Julie Davis was 4th in U12 50m Back and Katie Una Towns was 3rd in U10 25m Free.



Jasmine Cautley now goes on to represent the Dublin Region at National Community Games in Mosney in August.

Jasmine Cautley, Alex Bell, Julie Davis and Katie Una towns went on to win the Gold medal in the U13 4 x 25m Relay and they will now also represent the Dublin Region at National level in Mosney, the Team this time including Clodagh Towns as substitute for Julie Davis who is unavailable.

It was a wonderful performance from all of the girls. We congratulate them and we wish Jasmine and the Relay Team all the best of luck for the National Community Games in August!

❖ **DALKEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB** ❖

The above club re-commences for play on Wednesday, 5th September, 2007.

We welcome back all our members. The club is thriving but nevertheless new members (of all ages) are most welcome to join. We had two major competitions during the year: the Wilmot Memorial Trophy in March which was won jointly by Lisette Barklie and Mary Boushell and the Shield presented by the Queens in June. This was again won by Mary Boushell and the Runner-Up was Patricia O'Donoghue. Apart from these two competitions, we play socially every Wednesday. We also have lunches from time to time. So come along on Wednesday, 5th September or any Wednesday. Remember, it's never too late to start.

Venue: Cuala Sports Stadium, Hyde Road, Dalkey.

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm (coffee/tea break at approx 11.15 am)

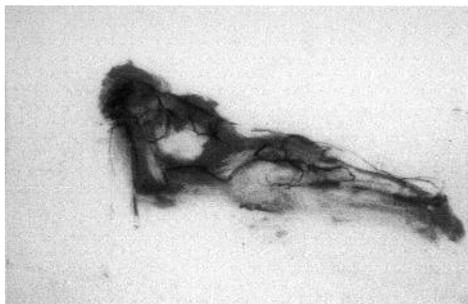
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for the actual trees to be blown over. This is due to their flexibility, allowing them to bend and sway in high winds having evolved to survive in hurricanes and tropical storms . When cut the trunk of the eucalyptus doesn't have obvious growth rings since they don't have seasonal growth cycles and will keep growing when the weather is mild enough. They produce a lovely white flower often very high on the trees. When the seeds fall on to the road and get crushed by car wheels the air fills with that lovely eucalyptus oil smell. Eucalyptus is used in many products designed to unblock nasal passages. Eucalyptus is a very useful tree for birds and mammals in their native Australia but here they're more useful as a roosting tree for Hooded Crows, Jackdaws and Wood Pigeons and their height makes them a good vantage place for perching Sparrowhawks and Peregrines as well. I've seen ravens, fly into to perch in them and then virtually disappear from sight, stealthily concealing themselves from the unwanted attention they'd get from other members of the crow family.

But the Torca Road eucalyptus have been responsible for some very unlikely avian visitors over the years. Many years ago a eucalyptus was growing in our neighbours garden and looking out the kitchen window one evening I saw a large conspicuously white bird perched on it. It was a Sulphur Crested Cockatoo! Undoubtedly a escaped bird, I heard afterwards that a cockatoo which had spent many years in a cage in a school quadrant had been released in a misguided attempt to liberate it, presumably the same bird. Was it coincidence a bird native to Australia had found itself in a tree native to the same country although it had probably been born in captivity and never seen one before? Subsequently a pair of cockatiels also appeared in the wood and later two more individual cockatiels, - their very loud call sounding as shrill as a referee's whistle.

It was one lunchtime over ten years ago that possibly the most unlikely bird appeared. Walking the dog around the wood we heard a very strange call and looking around saw a silhouette of a large bird being harassed by crows and magpies. The sun was bright behind it but we could see it was big as a crow with a very heavy bill. Two chaps walking behind us had also been drawn to the noise and said they'd never seen a bird like it. It's call had stuck in my head and later that day I mentioned to an employee of Birdwatch that I'd heard what sounded like a Kookaburra, a well known member of the kingfisher family unique to Australia. The Kookaburra, like the cuckoo and chiffchaff, is named after the sound of its call and that's what the call we'd heard sounded like. When he replied that someone, who had lived in Australia, had recently rang up Birdwatch head office to report they'd seen a Kookaburra in their garden in Shankill I thought that was more than a coincidence and that was surely the bird we'd seen. Evidently something buried deep in the bird's genetic make up had brought them to this little grove of trees from their original country of origin. This bit of land was once part of a garden and at one spot under the gorse there's still the cement foundations of some kind of garden hut or gazebo. I have no great regard for griselinia hedges but there's a few plants of it in the wood, possibly the remains of a hedge which have grown to the height of a reasonably sized tree.

Having dense cover and being relatively undisturbed it's still a good habitat for native birds and beasts. Blackcaps, Chiffchaff, Goldcrest are just some of the birds that breed there, we had a cuckoo calling from the woodland one spring, and a Long-Eared Owl is occasionally seen flying through the trees. It used be a good spot for hedgehogs though they are now rarely seen as well as fox and rabbits. And in mid summer this year our suspicions about the half gnawed pine cones we'd seen on the road were proved well founded when we saw a red squirrel feeding on trees over the roadside.



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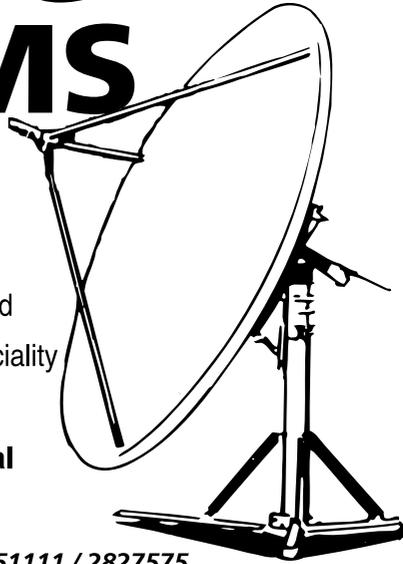
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MY GARDEN by Philippa Thomas



I wonder, how's your garden doing? I do hope that all of us Dalkey folk are making time to relax and have happy and fun times in our gardens. This month of August and then, with September following quickly after, they can, as we know, be truly glorious times for hints, tints, tones and Big Bold splashes of colour.

So far, this summer I have got the most pleasure out of covering two really cheap but lovely arches. They are dark green in colour so obviously they complement our wonderful tapestry of greens. Yes, they were 'Buy One get One Free' I got both for under €15.00 which was fantastic value, don't you agree? Every now and then I take out our step ladder and weave and thread the new growth of our various climbers through. Ramblers and climbers seem to grow more vigorously when supported. We have a Campsis, I think it is Grandiflora 'Madame Gallen'. It is an evergreen species which flowers in August. Its flowers are large trumpet-shaped, pinkish & lilac in colour. This one, I think, is a particularly beautiful climber because its new growth arches down ever so elegantly and gracefully. It is a strong grower and develops quite a woody stem, even in our restricted location where we previously removed four or five bricks of cobblelock and substituted with John Innes No. 3 and some very well rotted horse manure. Now that we have it, I couldn't be without it and being so impressed with its performance, I treated us to another variety, Campsis Radicans, (Trumpet Creeper) which has stunning orange red tubular flowers and - would you believe it - only cost €4.99 in one of our large supermarket chains. Beside our Campsis, we have a blue Passion Flower (again, evergreen). It has large circular leaves so they twist and twirl through our Campsis with another little charmer, an oyster pink jasmine. I think that all look delightful and work well together

There is still time to get going and try something similarif the fad suits you? Maybe try a honeysuckle (Lonicera) one of the less invasive varieties and perhaps a rambling rose such as New Dawn (pale, shell pink roses) or 'Blush Rambler', fragrant and almost thornless. Even a wisteria or Golden Hop (Humulus Aureus) could work well. Another superb climber is Schisandra Rubriflora (a deciduous twining plant producing small buttercup-shaped, red wax-like flowers in pendulous bunches in late Spring). I bought ours in the U.K. for £12.00.

We have our Golden Hop positioned outside our kitchen door where it is very dark and damp so obviously this climber is really invaluable as it literally lights up this area. Its leaves are large and brittle and must be simply one of the most vivid shades of lime green. The truth is during our winter months, I long for its dramatic and sunny arrival and every time I look at its tender new growth, I think of tiny torches of light.

Arches and obelisks add a new dimension to the garden. They frame and provide shelter. I love to see a chair close by or to the side of an arch. It's as if it is saying: 'Please come and sit and rest - just for a while, just for a few minutes'. An arch too is a bonus for our birds, especially at nesting time. We found two birds' nests recently nestled in the very tips of our



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NATURE'S CURES

Since early days the rose Rosa Sp. has been extolled for not only its beauty and perfume but also for its medicinal virtues. Of all flowers there would be very few of us who would not recognize the common garden rose. Roses have been in cultivation since the earliest times and have undergone considerable natural mutation in and out of the wild. Rosa gallica, Rosa centifolia, Rosa Damascena and Rosa alba were the most important roses used traditionally for medicine.



The rose is considered to be native to the Middle East. There seems, however, to be contradictory evidence as to its birth place. Some literature suggests Persia and that from here it spread across Asia minor to Greece and the rest of Europe. Alternatively it is suggested that the Nestorian Greeks carried Greek civilisation East to Persia, where Greek medicine was translated to Arabic.

The word rose comes from the Greek rodon meaning red as the rose of the ancients was of a deep crimson colour. This probably suggested the fable of its springing from the blood of Adonis. Again this is one theory as the rose of all flowers is probably the one most steeped in legend and symbolism.

Rosa flower preparations are shown to have a long and much valued history of medicinal use. Rose was one of the four hundred simples used by Hippocrates 'the father of medicine' and it was an official medicine in the Pharmacopoeia well into the 1930's.

Rose is anti-inflammatory, anti-microbial, astringent, analgesic and a general healer. It may be used for digestive and respiratory problems but has a particular affinity for the female reproductive system, the heart and nervous system.

Rose petals, rose hips and rose oil have a restoring and uplifting effect on the nervous system and may be used to relieve insomnia, irritation, depression, anger and grief. According to Culpeper rose 'strengthens and comforts the heart'.

Both the leaves and petals have a cooling effect and may be used to reduce fevers and to clear toxins. Through their cleansing action they also enhance immunity. Rose tea can help relieve cold and flu symptoms, sore throats and runny noses.

Rose has an interesting effect on the digestive system as it not only a useful astringent remedy for diarrhoea but may also be used as a laxative. It strengthens the stomach, aids digestion and helps relieve symptoms associated with a sluggish liver such as headaches and constipation.

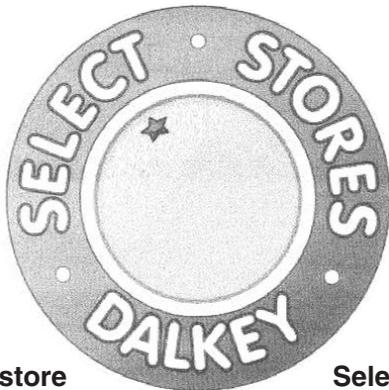
Rose petals may be used to treat infertility, irregular periods and is invaluable in treating many symptoms of the menopause especially hot flushes. Rosewater sprayed on the face will bring immediate results!

Externally rosewater is used to cleanse and tone the skin, prevent wrinkles and clear skin blemishes such as acne, spots, boils and abscesses. Rosewater or an infusion may be used to bathe sore, tired and inflamed eyes.

A handy tipthe Romans apparently wore wreaths or roses on their heads as a preventative against drunkenness!

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arches. I guess they love the height and feel safe from their predators. You can hang a wind chime, bird seed or whatever on your arch too.

On our second arch we have two clematis growing. Both have small, nodding, double, almost pendulous flowers. One is called ‘First Love’, a creamy-yellow, frilly double and then, a sensational ‘Marie Rose’ (one of the oldest varieties) which has black magenta nodding frills.

So obviously, my ‘Thing’ at present are arches and similar structures. Our climbers definitely flower better when suspended on an arch rather than a wall - even a sunny wall. Long term, I think arches are easier to keep under control than vigorous growth, ‘bushing out’ on walls, especially in confined areas. Really, there’s nothing more pleasing and beautiful than nature taking its own course on an arch. The foliage/growth seems to be almost saying ‘Thank You for allowing me to scramble, twist and twirl and turn around!’

If you find the time, perhaps you might take a walk around Hyde Road & St. Begnet’s Villas. My goodness, there are some of the most interesting gardens there! People seem to make such an effort. Notice some of their successful planting, such as their choice of hedging, small ornamental trees, climbers and general bedding. Yesterday, I walked up the Flags and saw that the Scots Pine, Birch, Hazel and Blackthorns are definitely beginning to establish themselves.

Tip I – Train your new fresh growth of climbers with gardener’s green twine as wire tends to sever the soft shoots

Tip II – I acquired a very large catering-size empty plastic Ballygowan see-through bottle; 10”x 10” and filled the base with dried Sphagnum Moss (from New Zealand). This moss is harvested from renewable moss fields - generally, it’s called ‘Just Moss’. Just Moss is sterile and has high zinc content. This ensures that the roots of plants remain healthy. It also has extraordinary water retention. Spagnum Moss absorbs up to 20 times its own weight. I then cut the top off this bottle in such a way that I can replace it so as to create my own micro climate - great for sick or struggling plants. So, just before my recent short break I put a rather slow weak fern into it and on my return I noticed eight or nine fronds, slowly and assuredly unfurling. Isn’t this amazing?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

According to Dalkey Community Council's report in the local Newsletter for July, completion of the long-awaited pedestrian crossing for Dalkey (presumably on Castle Street) was delayed further. But what about the junction of Castle Park and Barnhill Road? It's apparent that a crossing for pedestrians is not being erected there, despite promises from councillors during the election campaign.

The new roundabout layout at the Castlepark junction includes a small island. That may provide a limited refuge for walkers who scurry across the busy road to avoid the relentless traffic. The stopgap for a proper crossing, however, is a dangerous trap for walkers. A false impression of safety could be given because drivers usually don't stop.

It's difficult to get information from Dun Laoghaire Council but my recent phone call to their offices elicited a vague response: The annual quota for erecting pedestrian crossings has been filled, and walkers should be alright on the new layout. People who use the busy junction would disagree with such a complacent attitude by officials. Since the election, councillors are reluctant to reply to queries.

Meanwhile, motorists continue to park illegally on pavements, including the widened footpath near Barnhill Stores. Do the authorities or anyone else care about walkers, including parents wheeling buggies?

TONY QUINN – Dalkey

ACHIEVEMENT

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our Gardening Contributor, Ms. Philippa Thomas, was overall winner in a category winning Silver Salver in the 2006 Botanic Gardens competition and this year she achieved third place.

Congratulations (and Apologies) Philippa!

TRAFFIC MATTERS (6)

MOTORCYCLISTS should realise that it is NOT a safety measure to drive around using FULL-BEAM headlights, day or night, as they blind on-coming drivers and can actually cause an accident.



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Reg Ref: D06A/1808 **Registration Date:** 8-Dec-2006

Location: Mackeys Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Development: Demolition of a single storey dwelling (196 sq.m) and the construction of 56 no. apartments (total gross residential floor area 5,040 sq.m) in two no. four storey buildings comprising 18 no. one beds (61 sq.m to 71 sq.m), 32 no. two beds (82 sq.m to 91 sq.m) and 6 no. three beds (97 to 135 sq.m), a single storey health facilities building (402 sq.m) including a gym, wc's and a janitor's office, a basement level, 16 metres long swimming pool with changing areas, shower and a wc, an ESB-station, plant room, recycling bin store, and storage at basement level, underground car parking for 86 cars and 70 no. bicycle spaces with access from Castlepark Road via electronic gates, surface level (residents only) bottle bank, new boundaries, landscaping and ancillary site development works including an underground attenuation tank all on a 0.58 hectares site. The existing non-residential buildings on the site will be demolished as exempted development. Development on this site : Mackey's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, and Harry Byrne's, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, and part of no. 1 Castle Court, Sandycove. Co. Dublin.

Council Decision: GRANT PERMISSION. **Appeal Lodged:** 27-Jun-2007. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Condition(s). **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal

APPEAL DECISIONS OF AN BORD PLEANALA Wks 24-27 5/6/'07 to 6/7/'07

Reg. Ref.: D06B/0986 **Appeal Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION

Decision Confirmed By ABP 5-Jun-'07. **Appeal Decided:** 5-Jun-'07.

Council's Decision: GRANT PERMISSION. **Location:** 42, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

Proposed Development: For planning permission for a ground floor extension to rear (32 sq.m.), 2 bay windows to front with canopy over garage conversion with first floor hipped roofed extension over (18 sq.m.) internal alterations throughout, attic conversion to storage area with dormer window to rear plus 1 no. roof light and all associated site works. **Applicant:** Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Aoife McDowell.

Reg. Ref.: D06B/0929 **Appeal Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION

Decision Confirmed By ABP 15-Jun-'07. **Appeal Decided:** 15-Jun-'07.

Council's Decision: GRANT PERMISSION. **Location:** 32, The Village Gate, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposed Development: For development comprising conversion of attic space, installation of 1 no. dormer window to the rear and installation of 1 no. recessed angled and partially obscured window in the gable end of the attic. **Applicant:** Eilis Killian.

Reg Ref: D07A/0507 **Registration Date:** 19-Apr-'07

Location: Site at, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin. **Development:** Permission sought for a two storey dwelling and associated works and car-parking. **Council Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION.

Appeal Lodged: 29-Jun-2007. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type Of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D07B/0323 **Registration Date:** 12-Apr-2007

Location: 56, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. **Development:** Two storey extension to the side at first floor level making the existing single storey side accommodation into a two storey structure and the conversion of the attic to habitable accommodation. **Council Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION.

Appeal Lodged: 28-Jun-2007. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg. Ref.: D06A/1669 **Appeal Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION

Decision Reversed by ABP 20-Jun-2007. **Appeal Decided:** 20-Jun-2007.

Council's Decision: REFUSE PERMISSION. **Location:** 17, Corrig Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposed Development: The development will consist of the following:- construction of a new 82 sq.m. detached two storey dwelling adjoining existing with new vehicle access driveway off Corrig Road; new vehicle access driveway to existing house off Corrig Road; permission is also sought for all new boundary treatment; landscape works and ancillary site development and service works all on a site of 347 sq.m. **Applicant:** Chris Shakespeare.

❖ GLIMPSES OF OLD DALKEY . . . *Continued from July Issue* ❖

Leaving the harbour and going Dalkey-wards on the Harbour Road we pass several fine residences, one of which bears the apparently foreign name of "Bartra", which however, on examination appears to be "bar na traigh" or, in English, "top of the shore",

On the right we pass extensive and now deserted Meagher's Quarry, which in its day teemed with activity. Above it stands the imposing Church of Ireland Parish Church. The Ballast Office of Dublin, which owned Harbour Road, (at that time called Ballast Office Road), gave the site free. The building, commenced in 1839, was opened by Archbishop Whately on 5th March, 1843. Mr. Charles Leslie, of whom you will hear further on, is remembered in the erection of the pulpit and the reading desk; he also presented a bell and an organ. The stained-glass window over the Communion Table is in memory of Peacocke, tablets on the walls commemorate Leslie, Peacocke, Hayes of 'San Elmo' - all of whom appear later in this paper. The adjoining Parochial Hall was built to the design of Edward Carson, architect, father of Sir Edward Carson, barrister and politician. Reverend Edward Leet was the first Chaplain and continued there until 1874; the roadway beside the Rectory is still called Leet's Lane.

On the extreme end of the right wall of Harbour Road stands a cottage which, formerly kept by one "Crow" Cullen, was owned by the Ballast Office; the tenant operated a gate barring passage to all persons with genuine business on Harbour Road. Others wishing to use the road only as a means of reaching Kingstown (as it then was) were turned back to Dalkey and had to go by way of Ulverton Road.

Turning to the left at "Crow" Cullen's we come to the stately pile of Loreto Abbey, built in 1842 of the inevitable and unexcelled Dalkey granite. We leave it for the moment and go down a passage to the sea at its eastern extremity. There is a venture before us which would delight the heart of any schoolboy, for just as we reach the waves at the end of the passage and further progress seems impossible, we discern on our right the entrance to a subterranean passage of some seven feet high. Going along this we find it lighted at intervals by circular gratings in the field overhead. On our left after some distance we see an old rusted iron gate, now filled up at the back, which formerly led out to a long rock known as the "Coal Quay". Continuing on, we turn to the right at a junction and soon find ourselves at a well - Our Lady's Well. Turning back to the junction we turn right this time and find ourselves at a closed-up end - the former opening to the residence named "Villagio".

Now for an explanation of these passages and the well.

Charles Leslie lived, a century ago, in "Carraig-na-Greine" (Sunshine Rock); he was a wealthy man, a wholesale chemist in Bride Street, Dublin. About 1828, in front of Carraig-na-Greine were some squatters' cabins used by fisher folk, among them a family called Cullen. Leslie then started to build there and bought out the cottages as being an eyesore; the families scattered to other cabins or to England. Years later, a Miss Cullen came back from England, found her old home gone and having learned a thing or two in the land of the Saxon, was not easily put off but boldly asserted her right to a piece of ground and access to the well. Leslie had the well diverted from the base of the big rock where it formerly was to its present position - but she again claimed her rights. Leslie then gave her a house in Leslie Avenue, built and called so by him, and admitted her right and that of her neighbours to the well. Miss Cullen became known as "Lady Cullen" because she went away poor and came back rich, and successfully fought Leslie; it was referred to as "Lady Cullen's Fight", then "Lady Cullen's Well", then "Our Lady's Well" as it is today, and, as you see, in spite of appearances, the name has no religious significance.

G.C.

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Reg. Ref.: D06B/0927 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION for RETENTION **Date:** 3 Jul-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Terry MacDonagh, Shamrock Cottage, Barnhill Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention permission sought for a fence erected to the west of the property Shamrock Cottage, for a period of 3 years. Application Type: Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0622 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 4-Jul-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr & Mrs H Farrington, Elsinore (A Protected Structure), 25, Coliemore Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for the construction of a single storey conservatory extension to the northwest side of this main location which is A Protected Structure. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0630 **Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION **Date:** 3-Jul-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Vodafone, O2, Meteor & Hutchinson 3G, Dalkey Garda Station, Tubbermore Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought to erect a 30m high replacement telecommunications support structure carrying antennae and dishes together with associated equipment cabins to form part of the Gardai's telecommunications system and for their own use at the main location which is A Protected Structure in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2004-2010. The existing 30m high structure will be removed following the erection of the replacement structure.(A Protected Structure). Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0653 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 6-Jul-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Marguerite & Aiden O'Leary, Ard Aluinn, Saval Park Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for revisions to planning grant order P/2445/07 & D06A/1979 by increasing the floor area of: a) the single storey extension to rear, and b) the two storey extension to the east side and rear, and c) the extended and converted roof space to habitable room including different dormer windows to rear. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0412 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 2-Jul-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Mr. Colin Gordon, 5, Saval Park Crescent, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Proposal: Sunroom extension at ground floor to rear; extension to ground floor utility area at Northwest side gable; removal of bedroom window; attic level extensions to front, and northwest side gable; removal of roof lights at rear attic level and construction of new roof lights; miscellaneous alterations. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0418 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 5-Jul-2007

Applicant Name & Location: Tara Peterman, 35, Saint Begnet's Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Proposal: Permission is sought for a single storey flat roof extension with roof lights providing an extra bedroom and en-suite to the side. Application Type: Permission.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANALA - Wks. 24-27 11/6/'07 to 6/7/'07

Reg Ref: D07B/0279 **Registration Date:** 29-Mar-2007

Location: Sorrento, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin

Development: Permission sought for minor internal alterations to existing 2 storey dwelling: inclusion of east facing external ground floor lobby to internal hallway: construction of mansard roof on existing flat roof to create study/ studio and bedroom accommodation of 120sqm on new second floor, with dormer windows to south east, southwest and northwest elevations and glazed sliding doors accessing 20sqm roof terrace to northeast, chimney stacks height to be increased.

Council Decision: GRANT PERMISSION. **Appeal Lodged:** 18-Jun-'07. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0568 **Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION **Date:** 22-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Henry Farrell, Rear to Sorrento House, Green Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin
Proposal: Permission is sought for development on this site fronting onto Green Road, to the rear of Sorrento House, Nerano Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin. The development will primarily consist of the construction of 1 no. two storey, five bedroom detached dwelling house of 452sqm that will also be part single storey including the provision of a terrace and roof garden to the south and east elevation; and terrace at first floor level and roof level to the northeast elevation. A new vehicular and pedestrian access will be created, as well as maintaining of existing pedestrian access, to serve the dwelling off Green Road. Permission is also sought for all excavation of site; roof lights at first and roof floor level; and all ancillary site development and landscape works at this site fronting onto Green Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0752 **Decision:** DECLARE INVALID (Site Notice) **Date:** 21-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Barry Devlin, Summerfield House, Summerfield Close, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing cottage, and the construction of a new two storey residence containing three bedrooms and associated living quarters with three small external courtyards at ground level and two off-street parking spaces. The existing boundary wall to Dalkey Avenue is to be retained and extended in an identical rendered finish around the Summerfield Close edge of the site, and to incorporate new timber gates to the existing vehicle access.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0375 **Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION **Date:** 20-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Kevin & Eavan O'Brien, Derrynane, 2, Convent Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission is sought for development consisting of 1) Part demolition of the existing two storey habitable extension to rear of the existing mid-terrace dwelling, 2) renovate and extend the existing return over two stories to the rear and all ancillary site works. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0572 **Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION **Date:** 25-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Mr Justin MacInnes, Montpelier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.
Proposal: Permission is sought for development comprising the refurbishment of, and extension to the existing house. The development of an additional total floor area of 60.5sqm, will consist of the construction of a two and three storey extension to the existing return, both to the side (west) and the rear (south) where the ridge and eaves height are to match those of the existing front roof. The new works will also incorporate modifications to the east elevation of the return, the construction of a single storey extension to the west of the new return, the conservation and repositioning of the existing brick screen wall to the side of the house, the widening of the existing vehicular entrance and the reinstatement of the existing pedestrian entrance way fronting onto Ardeevin Road, the demolition of outbuildings to the rear yard, the formation of terraced gardens, general landscaping works and associated site development works on a site of approximately 0.24 hectares.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0586 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 26-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Michael & Mona Collopy, 16, Knocknacree Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin.
Proposal: Permission is sought for a first floor extension over part single storey extension and terraces (with storage under part) to north and east, two story extensions to link, garage conversion, altered and extended fenestration throughout including single storey bay window extension to front, plaster in lieu of brick to front facade, new slated pitched roofs throughout with velux roof lights, solar panel on front roof slope, chimney on two storey gable to west, altered paving levels to relocated hall door to west, and timber boundary fence opposite hall door. **Application Type:** Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07A/0593 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 27-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Conor & Gay Jones, 36, Gosworth Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin.
Proposal: Permission is sought for elevation changes to front of house including the addition of an extended porch with mono-pitch roof, and new roof window to attic level. Also for the widening of existing gateway. Application Type: Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D07B/0252 **Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION **Date:** 27-Jun-2007
Applicant Name & Location: Michael & Susan Loughnane, 42, Convent Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.

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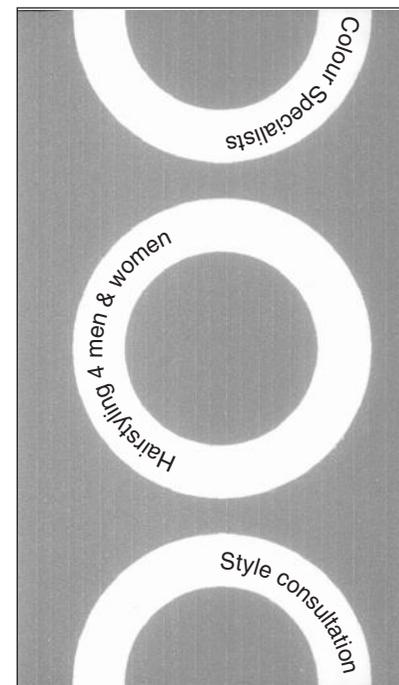
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – WEEKS 24-27 11/6/07 to 6/07/07**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0788**Application Rec'd Date:** 12-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** P. Totterdell, 75, Begnets Villas, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** The development will consist of single storey porch to front of dwelling, single storey porch to front of dwelling, single storey 'family flat' to side of dwelling, single storey sunroom to rear of dwelling. New first floor bathroom window to side of dwelling. Relocated driveway entrance and associated site works. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0539**Application Rec'd Date:** 15-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Charlie Henderson, 6, Saint Margarets Close, Dalkey, Co Dublin**Proposal:** Permission is sought to construct a single storey extension to the existing two storey terraced house. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0540**Application Rec'd Date:** 15-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Kevin Halligan, 3, Barnhill Lawn, Dalkey, Co Dublin**Proposal:** Permission is sought to construct additional dormer windows to provide additional attic accommodation and provide new ground floor patio door. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0826**Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr Vincent Finnegan, 2, Ard Mhuire Park, Dalkey, Co Dublin**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of a single storey garage and the construction of a two storey over garden level 4 bedroom detached house comprising three levels of accommodation (207sqm), increase the width of existing vehicular access to 5.3m, modifications to existing driveway and new entrance gates at the proposed house, new boundary walls to both sides and at rear and 2 no. new 3.55m wide vehicular accesses to facilitate one way access/ egress and off-street parking at this main location with all associated works. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0552**Application Rec'd Date:** 19-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Oliver & Josephine Tierney, Villa Maria, Sorrento Heights, Dalkey.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for development consisting of an addition to the currently permitted domestic extension (Reg Ref D05B/0379) of a study at second floor level, with associated alterations to the front and rear elevations, and the raising of the second floor parapets and party wall to match the level of the adjoining property. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0569**Application Rec'd Date:** 22-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Jack Coffey, Milano, Vico Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a 2 storey residential extension to the rear and side of this house.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0870**Application Rec'd Date:** 26-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Gerry Byrne, 2, Eagle Terrace, 109 Sorrento Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission sought for retention of removal of part of front wall and forming vehicular access driveway to front of this main location. Application Type: Permission for Retention.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0900**Application Rec'd Date:** 29-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Charjac Properties Ltd., Torca Hill, Torca Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Permission is sought for a detached extension at first floor level, over previously approved detached single storey covered swimming pool, Reg Ref D06A/1773, accessed from terraces at ground and first floor level, containing study, studio, changing rooms for swimming pool, storage and spiral stairs, with pitched roof over main circular section and flat roof over remaining section, phase 4 of proposed development. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0580**Application Rec'd Date:** 25-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Michael McGill & Tim Rowe, 5, Ardburgh Villas, Dalkey, Co Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for revised roof profile and revised rear elevation to the permitted rear extension case ref PL06D.217326, Reg Ref D06A/0219 at this main location.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0615**Application Rec'd Date:** 05-Jul-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Hannah Harris, Hillside Cottage, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the construction of a first floor extension over an existing modern 1 storey element to rear of cottage to form new dormer like cottage development providing for 4 bedrooms, a kitchen, living, dining space, balcony and ancillary sanitary services. It also includes for changing an existing door to a window to match the existing windows. The slate roof is to be retained at the front but the chimneys will be removed in favour of one new chimney. The new structure will have a low pitched roof. A new entrance is to be provided to the side of the house through existing entrance at Hillside Cottage. **Application Type:** Permission.**PLANNING DECISIONS – WEEKS 24- 27 – 11/6/07 to 6/7/07****Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0507**Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION**Date:** 13-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Peter Dempsey, Site at, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission sought for a two storey dwelling and associated works and car-parking.**Reg. Ref.:** D07B/0225**Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION**Date:** 13-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Corinne Giacometti, 7, Saval Park Crescent, Dalkey, Co Dublin**Proposal:** Permission sought for a first floor extension at side of main location.**Reg. Ref.:** D06A/1808**Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION**Date:** 22-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Otranto Properties Ltd., Mackeys Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin**Proposal:** Demolition of a single storey dwelling (196 sq.m) and the construction of 56 no. apartments (total gross residential floor area 5,040 sq.m) in two no. four storey buildings comprising 18 no. one beds (61 sq.m to 71 sq.m), 32 no. two beds (82 sq.m to 91 sq.m) and 6 no. three beds (97 to 135 sq.m), a single storey health facilities building (402 sq.m) including a gym, wc's and a janitor's office, a basement level, 16 metres long swimming pool with changing areas, shower and a wc, an ESB-station, plant room, recycling bin store, and storage at basement level, underground car parking for 86 cars and 70 no. bicycle spaces with access from Castlepark Road via electronic gates, surface level (residents only) bottle bank, new boundaries, landscaping and ancillary site development works including an underground attenuation tank all on a 0.58 hectares site. The existing non-residential buildings on the site will be demolished as exempted development. Development on this site : Mackey's Garden Centre, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, and Harry Byrne's, Castlepark Road, Sandycove, and part of no. 1 Castle Court, Sandycove. Co. Dublin. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0035**Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION**Date:** 19-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Mr C Mahon & S Charlton, Yonder, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin**Proposal:** Permission sought for demolition of existing 2 storey dormer style dwelling and the provision of 2no. detached part 2 storey/ part 3 storey houses with separate vehicular access to Ulverton road, together with all associated site works. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0533**Decision:** GRANT PERMISSION**Date:** 18-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** The Board of Management of Harolds BNS, Harolds Boys National School, Saint Patrick's Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin**Proposal:** Permission is sought for alterations to the existing school to include for demolition of existing boiler house in play area to rear, new 22sqm single storey store room to rear and new single storey boiler house incorporating a switch room and storeroom with a total area of 23sqm to rear with all drainage and associated ancillary works to main location. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0549**Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION**Date:** 20-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Gary & Barbara Morrison, 42, Ulverton Road, Dalkey, Co Dublin**Proposal:** Permission is sought to widen a pedestrian access on the front boundary to create a new vehicular access onto Ulverton Road and to provide for on-site parking in the front garden to serve the existing dwelling. Application Type: Permission.**Reg. Ref.:** D07A/0566**Decision:** REFUSE PERMISSION**Date:** 22-Jun-2007**Applicant Name & Location:** Mrs Joan Mathews, 121, Hillside, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.**Proposal:** Permission is sought for the demolition of the existing converted former garage attached to the side of the existing house, and the construction of a new separate two storey dwelling house in the side garden. Application Type: Permission.