

Balcurris and Balbutcher Newsflash

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Balcurris & Balbutcher Lane Neighbourhood Forum Wish You nd Yours



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Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year 2004

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Dear Neighbours

Balcurris & Balbutcher Forum wishes a happy Christmas and prosperous and happy New Year to all the residents of our neighbourhood.

On the page 2 we illustrate some of the developments that have started in the area and we hope in the New Year 2004 to be in a position to give you clear and factual information about progress on the various sites and infrastructure works such as the Balcurris Gardens work.

Unfortunately from the Forum's point of view, 2003 was not a good year for consultation. While a fair deal of information was flowing from Ballymun Regeneration Ltd and Dublin City Council, the information was not always accurate, particularly in relation to the timing of certain works that were due to take place. On a number of occasions the Forum was acutely embarrassed when having passed on the information in good faith to the Balcurris area residents we subsequently found that the information given to us was inaccurate. Dates provided to us about playgrounds, maintenance and sewage work were not adhered to. Therefore the Forum took the decision not to issue newsheets unless we felt that the information was truly accurate.

We sincerely hope 2004 will not be another year of promises made and broken.

Des Sommerville, Chairperson.

What Happened to Our Traffic Box?

For months before the new Main Street crossing from Shangan to Balcurris was installed, Balcurris& Balbutcher Forum were pressing both Dublin City Council (DCC) and Ballymun Regeneration Ltd to put traffic control measures at the Sillogue Balbutcher lane junction.

Even before the new roads were established, this junction was the scene of numerous traffic accidents.

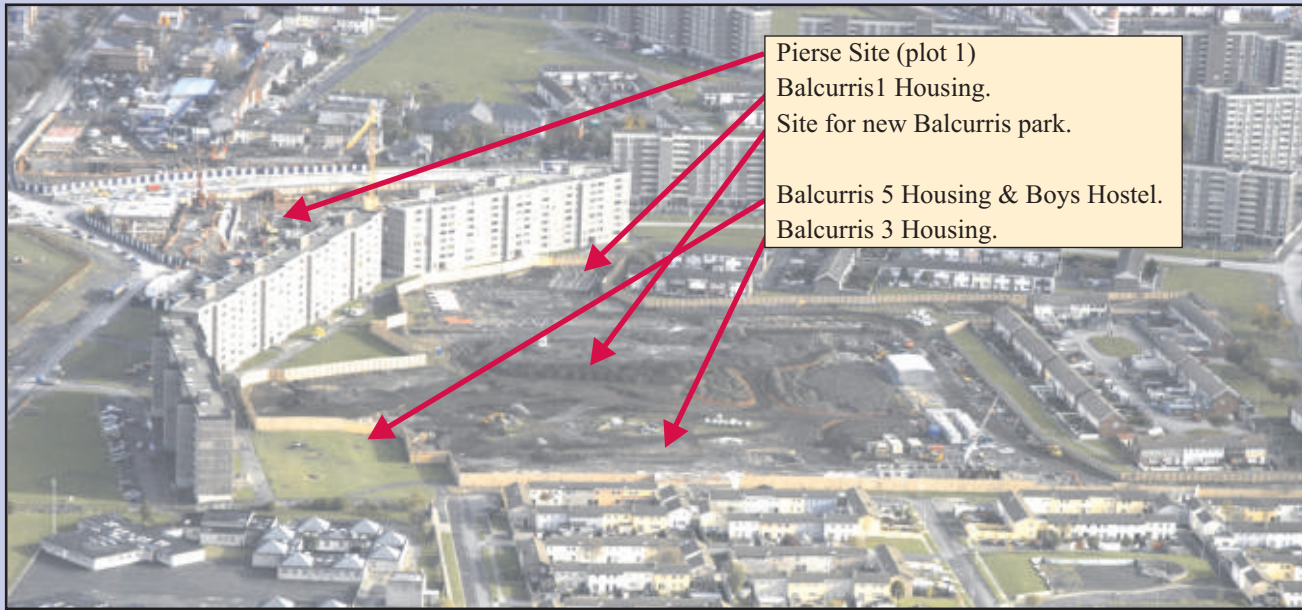
However following many months of lobbying, we in Balcurris& Balbutcher Forum thought we had made genuine progress. Following a meeting with a representative of Dublin City Council at the junction it was agreed that a traffic control grid would be painted on the Junction and a 'lollipop person' would assist pedestrians in getting across the road at the junction.

However the Gods and the weather were definitely not on the side of road safety, because with record speed, rain almost totally washed away the grid.

This of course raises the question; did the contractor use the correct type of paint for the particular job, and who will pay to have the situation rectified?

Balcurris& Balbutcher Forum will be seeking answers to these questions.

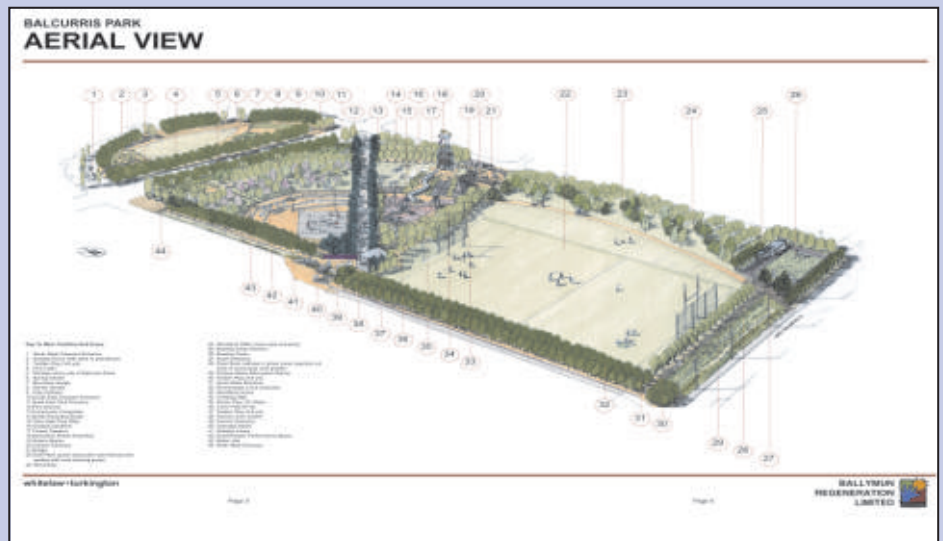
Construction of new Dwellings and Community Park in Balcurris Makes Progress.



After several years waiting, commenced in the Balcurris park site in mid-2003.

GAMA is the main contractor and residents will be aware of the bad start on the site because of a noisy generator. However following the intervention of the Forum on behalf of the residents, a silenced generator was secured.

Although the developments on the Pierse sites Plot 1&2 was flagged several years ago, the timing of construction (when Balcurris block C was already hoarded in on one side) could not have been worse and this has left the block hoarded in on two sides. To add insult to injury, the proposed new play area has been delayed twice. The new date for the park is now early 2004.



Balcurris 3 - O'Mahoney Pike Designed Dwellings



Balcurris 5 Dwellings and Boys Hostel