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Work Plan over the coming quarters

The work on the hospital continues apace and the scale of the building is visible for all to see.

The coming months will see the workforce increase from the current level of 850 workers to over 1500 by the Summer. Most of the additional workers will be sub-contractors beginning to work on the inside of the building.

The NCH site is made up of a number of different sites, all at different stages of development. Currently limited excavation is occurring to facilitate the connecting of the northern site with the southern site. The final amount of piling is due to occur during the Summer where the new road joins the old road at the eastern side of the site. Finally, the last of the excavation will see 5000 cubic meters of earth being excavated from the Rialto Gate, this is also due to occur in the Summer.

Live Calendar of Work Notices

Check the RAG website for all BAM published work notices

[Calendar of Work Notices](#)



Concrete lorries will continue to be a feature of the works over the coming quarter when floors continue to be poured and precast walls are slotted into place. BAM are receiving derogations for three nights a week to facilitate this work; see below.

The final phase of development is commencing on the south side of the site looking onto SCR. The 1st phase building work here is complete and windows are now due to be installed and the internal services and structures will commence, this “inside” work should be less invasive on perimeter houses.

The Mount Brown gate is going to come more into play as all fitting-out materials and equipment will access the site through this gate.

To date lorries need to reverse in or out of this gate due to restrictive space inside, the completion of the power station should see the pressure on space ease and we have been assured by BAM that lorries will no longer need to reverse in or out

Out of Hours and Quiet Work

BAM currently are applying for and receiving derogation for three “late nights” per week from Dublin City Council, usually for Monday,

Wednesday and Friday with permission to work on to midnight.

Derogations are granted by DCC for exceptional circumstances and in the case of this site, late nights are required to “float” the concrete poured during the 8:00 am – 7:00 pm working day.

See [DCC conditions for granting derogations to NCH](#)

Quiet Work

BAM undertook a four week Test period of quiet work to operate on nights when they were granted derogations by DCC.

RAG conducted a survey of all perimeter houses during the TEST phase to assess impacts, issues and concerns. The findings showed perimeter households were not interfered with by late night quiet work and where they were it was more to do with light pollution rather than noise. Based on these findings residents agreed that BAM could continue to do specified quiet work on nights that DCC has granted derogations.

See : [Quiet Night Work](#)

Feedback /Complaints to BAM/NCH

If you are unhappy or concerned by something you see or experience as part of the construction, please contact the 24/7 helpline. Your concern can relate to damage to your house, noise, dirt, traffic, out of hours works etc.....” **If you don’t report it, it didn’t happen”**



Linear Park

The consultation with residents in relation to the development of the Linear Park has continued with a series of bi-lateral meetings between DCC and various groups.

The next step is bringing groups back together to present the Park with some costings and time frames for further discussion.

DCC will be in contact with groups over the next week proposing a date for a meeting with the month.

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Parking

The issues of traffic and parking have been the two consistent issues raised against the development of the of the hospital on the current site.

Traffic and parking are issues in any inner-city location in every city in Europe and in our case these issues have undoubtedly been exacerbated by the hospital development.

Almost all the streets along the Rialto Fatima Luas track and the streets off it are free parking areas. As are Cameron Sq and Ceannt Fort to the north of the site. These locations as well as being used by residents are also used by people working in St James’s and some commuters who continue their commute on the Luas availing of the “free parking”. There is an expectation that all these streets will become “Pay and Display” streets

[Read up on Traffic Plans for development](#)

The issue of parking has deteriorated since the commencement of the hospital build, in spite of BAM providing parking for site users in the Good Counsel G.A.A. Club at Suir Bridge, site related parking is evident on James’s Walk from early morning and this is expected to increase considerably as BAM workforce

doubles during the coming months with many of the additional workers being the “white van” sub-contractors.

The Rialto Street area and its residents in the Court, Street, Park and Cottages are feeling intense pressure from ongoing early morning parking and the excess disturbance, noise and traffic pollution this brings. Some residents in Rialto Cottages are experiencing ongoing block parking by contractors and builders from the NCH site that prevents access their homes by disability service vehicles and emergency services. This is dangerous and not conducive for public safety. It is hoped that a process with BAM, NCH & DCC will bring a resolution in the short and long term to manage these issues.

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Digital Sign

The installation of a Digital Speed Sign along the SCR was agreed at a Residents Monitoring Committee over 12 months ago and it is yet to be installed, it took several months to persuade the powers that be that a speed sign along the SCR would be beneficial.

Once agreed the sign then had to be bought because the speed levels on the SCR did not meet the criteria for DCC to locate a sign.



The NCH agreed to pay for the sign and for BAM to obtain it. Once the sign was obtained it then needed to be calibrated by DCC and then DCC were waiting for someone to tell them where to put the sign. Once the RMC were aware that this was the cause of the delay

members of RMC met with DCC staff and agreed a location in early December but due to the Christmas Clear Way no roadworks were allowed and we were told that the sign would be erected by the end of January .

The sign was not installed, at the end of January DCC informed the RMC that DCC now require €4,000 to install the sign.

The saga of the digital sign continues

The construction of the New Children’s Hospital has netted DCC over €7,000,000 in development fees it is a pity that DCC do not seem capable of erecting a speed sign that residents at the forefront of the development have spent over 18 months trying to obtain.

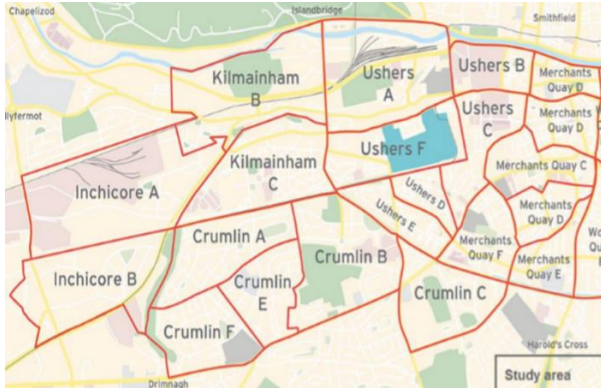
Community Benefit Programme

BAM Building have established a dedicated Community Benefit Fund for the new children’s hospital. The fund is an entirely voluntary corporate social responsibility contribution made in BAM’s tender for the construction of the new children’s hospital and is additional to the requirements of the Community Benefit Clause contained in the contract. Unfortunately, the €500,000 fund has not increased in line with the cost of the hospital.

The fund will operate for three years, 2020—2022 will be directed towards a number of thematic actions including:

- Community Grants Scheme -€50,000
- Educational bursaries -€96,000
- Apprenticeship scheme -€96,000
- Community Benefit Prog - €75,000
- Arts, sports & culture prog - €62,000
- Contingencies & admin -€21,000

The scope of the Community Grant covers all of Dublin 8 and parts of Dublin 12. *(outlined in red below)*



Applications for this year are now open for the Education Bursaries and the Community Grants Scheme.

Closing date is 31/3/2020. Information and application forms can be downloaded here:

- [BAM's Community Benefit Grant Info Application Form](#)
- [Community Benefit Education bursaries for the new children's hospital Info Application](#)

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Residents Monitoring Committee

The next monitoring committee is scheduled for Thursday March 5th .

The residents planning meeting takes place on the Tuesday 3rd of March.

If you wish to have an issue raised, please contact RAG before that meeting at

info@residentsalliancegroup.com

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