

BALLYMUN REGENERATION

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WHAT YOU TOLD US AT BALLYMUN PLANNING DAY



Ballymun Planning Day

The Planning Day on Saturday the 29th of November was a resounding success with around 2000 residents coming along to say what they thought of Ballymun and what they would like to see in the future.

The Planning Day was another opportunity for people to talk to BRL, its architects and consultants, and to ensure their concerns were addressed in the Master Plan. The ideas generated through this process are now helping to inform the Integrated Area Plan which is aimed at encouraging new business and investment in Ballymun.

Ciaran Murray, the Managing Director of Ballymun Regeneration Ltd. (BRL), said he was delighted with the response and added that the whole team had benefited from the interaction with the community on the day. Ciaran was impressed by the turn-out of the community and said that he hopes this event marks the beginning of a positive and fruitful relationship with the residents and community groups of Ballymun.

A key aim of the day was to ensure that BRL brought the consultation process out to the wider audience. To achieve this we:

- exhibited drawings showing work-in-progress and possible ideas for the future
- encouraged people to identify problem areas and services needed by placing indicator cards on a model of the estate. The model was very kindly provided by the pupils of the Holy Spirit School
- exhibited display boards of "Key Questions" which the Focus Groups and Design Groups developed
- asked people to complete a questionnaire which allowed us to get individual viewpoints. The prize of £25 went to Vincent Gaffney from Shangan - Congrats! Vincent
- had a suggestion box which was packed with good ideas by the end of the day

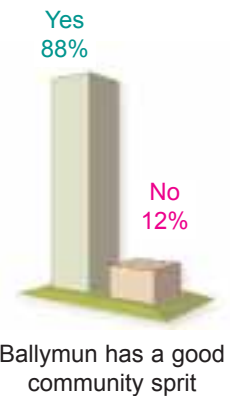
Lead consultant David Prichard discussing ideas with local people at the Planning Day



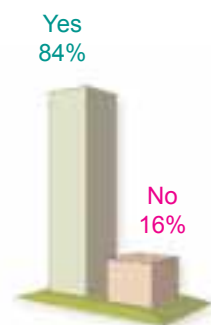
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Ballymun

JOB & TRAINING	YES	NO
I would like to work near my home	93%	7%
I would like a job on the building sites when the new work starts	74%	26%
I think we should have a Building Skills Training Programme for Ballymun residents	95%	5%
I would like to get a job but I can't because I have nobody to look after my children	84.5%	15.5%
I would work if I had some financial help with looking after my children	96%	4%
If I got a job the cost of having my children cared for would take too much of my wages to make it worth coming off benefit	96%	4%
I think local people should get the first chance for any new jobs created in the area.	98%	2%
I would like to start my own business	59%	41%
I feel I need some training before I could get a job	82%	18%
I need more confidence before I try to get a job	59.5%	40.5%
I would like to have some training on computers to help me get a job	87.5%	12.5%
I would like a business skills/computer training facility on Ballymun	95.5%	4.5%
I could only do a part-time training course	87%	13%
I want a workshop that is cheap and secure on Ballymun	88%	12%



“Give people dignity”



Children are happy at their schools

WOULD YOU SUPPORT.....	YES	NO
A campaign to improve the image of Ballymun	98%	2%
A clean up Ballymun campaign	99%	1%
Encouraging people to take pride in their community	96%	4%
A community training and employment scheme to carry out and look after improvements	95%	5%
Making sure Ballymun gets some good publicity	97%	3%

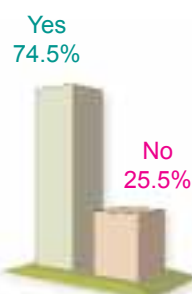
“Demolish Ballymun and start again”

WHAT YOU TOLD US

EDUCATION	YES	NO
I would like a homework club set up on the estate	95%	5%
Too many children skip going to school	98.5%	1.5%
I need help getting my children to school	23.5%	76.5%
I would like a nursery school on the estate for 3 to 5 year old children	96.5%	3.5%
More projects on the estate should involve the school	99.5%	0.5%
My children are happy at the school	84%	16%
I am happy with my children's school	76%	24%

“The people are great with all they have to put up with”

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT BALLYMUN	YES	NO
Ballymun has a good community spirit	88%	12%
People look out for each other here	76%	24%
Ballymun has a bad reputation	89%	11%
It's only a few people that cause the problems	90.5%	9.5%
There's nothing for youths to do on the estate	80%	20%
We need more community facilities	92.5%	7.5%
I don't feel safe on the estate at night	72.5%	27.5%
The estate lighting is not good enough	54.5%	45.5%
There is too much open unused space on the estate	64%	36%
There is always litter and rubbish lying around	98%	2%
They should do something to improve the public areas	99.5%	0.5%
People should take pride in the estate	98.5%	1.5%

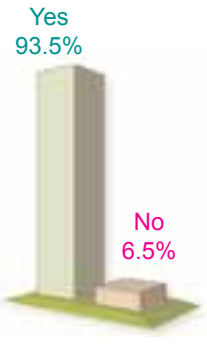


I would like to stay living with my neighbours when they build new homes

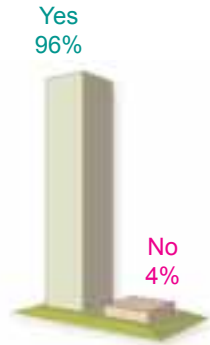
“Ensure residents have a say”

TRANSPORT	YES	NO
The bus service is within easy reach of the whole estate	81.5%	18.5%
I would like to be able to park my car outside my home	99%	1%
We need to do something to keep the horses safely	97.5%	2.5%
There should be somewhere where people can enjoy riding their horses without causing problems for other people	91.5%	8.5%
The pedestrian crossings on the estate are in the wrong place	93%	7%
The new LUAS (trams) should go through Ballymun	93.5%	6.5%
It should be easier to walk or drive to the Omni from Ballymun	93%	7%
The big roundabout near the shopping centre should be made into a crossroads	69.5%	30.5%
Cars are a danger to young children on the estate at the moment	92%	8%

COMMUNITY FACILITIES	YES	NO
We need somewhere where young people can meet safely	100%	0%
We need more facilities for parents with young children	99%	1%
We need somewhere for children to go after school	98%	2%
We need local neighbourhood parks	97%	3%
We need one big central park	64%	36%
We need playgrounds on each area of the estate	99.5%	0.5%
We need community centres in each area of the estate	95%	5%
We need a centre in Ballymun where people can get all the Corporation Services	99.5%	0.5%
We need community facilities in the centre of the estate	96%	4%
We need a sports and leisure centre	98%	2%
We need an arts and exhibition space	84%	16%



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I want shops within 10 minutes of my home

“Not a good place to bring up children”

HOME OWNERSHIP	YES	NO
I would like to buy a new house in Ballymun	60%	40%
We will need more than just new homes to make Ballymun a proper town where people want to live	99.5%	0.5%
I would not leave Ballymun if I could buy a decent house here	68%	32%
I would need some financial help to buy my own house	96.5%	3.5%
I would not mind houses for sale being built in Ballymun	85%	15%
I would like to go on being a Corporation tenant when I get my new home	66%	34%

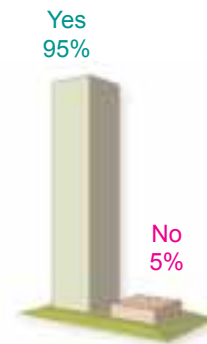


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“The rubbish and litter”

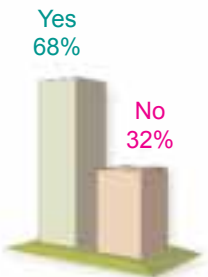
SHOPPING IN BALLYMUN	YES	NO
I want shops within 10 minutes of my home	96%	4%
I don't like my kids going to the shopping centre alone	80%	20%
The Shopping Centre looks ugly from the road	88.5%	11.5%
People driving past do not know how to get into the Shopping Centre	66.5%	33.5%

SHOPPING IN BALLYMUN Photos	LIKE	DISLIKE
High Street shops	48.5%	51.5%
Shopping Centre	64%	36%
Local Shopping Street	21.5%	78.5%
Corner Shop	25%	75%



I would support a community training and employment scheme to carry out and look after improvements

PLAY Photos	LIKE	DISLIKE
Toddlers Playground	84%	16%
Informal Playing Areas	85.5%	14.5%
Enclosed Play Area in Park	98%	2%
Specific Games e.g. Cycle Park	89.5%	10.5%



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“Vandalism”

“People hanging around and taking drugs”

NEW HOMES IN BALLYMUN	YES	NO
I would like to stay living near my neighbours when they build the new homes	74.5%	25.5%
I would like to stay in the area I live in at the moment	71%	29%
I would like to see the tower blocks demolished	88%	12%
I think families with children should have homes with private gardens	96.5%	3.5%
I would prefer to live in a flat	16.5%	83.5%
We need somewhere for homeless young people to go when things get difficult at home	93%	7%
I would like to build my own home with help from others	70%	30%
I think that residents should have a lot of involvement in the design of the new homes	97%	3%



Children having fun at Ballymun Planning Day

The results of the Question Boards are shown on pages 2 and 3. While they are not a scientific analysis of what people think, they do give us a good indication of local views and opinions which we can feed into the development of the Masterplan. The information is a base to build on as the consultation moves into the community and gathers pace. The analysis of the questionnaires is being done at the moment and we will report on this in the next newsletter.

The Planning Day brought information and ideas from the Design & Focus Groups out for wider consultation. Focus Groups' members were drawn from existing Community and Tenants representatives. They have been meeting for the last month discussing Employment & Economic Development; Health & Physical Environment; Children & Youth; Education & Training; Leisure, Sports & Recreation and Advice, Support & Community Development. The Focus Groups have elected representatives to a Design Group. Each week the Design Group meets with the architects and discusses the information gathered to develop the Master plan.

We are still in the early stages. Exciting times lie ahead and there is some way to go before Ballymun is redeveloped. The Planning Day and the Masterplan are the first steps on that road.

What Happens Next?

- **Open Public Meetings** are coming to your area soon. Keep an eye out for publicity advertising the time and place.
- **New Working Groups** are being set up in the New Year with residents and community groups, to promote on going influence over the Masterplan and its implementation. These working groups will focus on such critical issues as promoting:-
 - (a) A New Image for Ballymun
 - (b) Estate Management and Home Ownership
 - (c) Training and Employment
 - (d) Economic Development through Tax Incentives
- Meetings with your **Area Forum Representatives** to develop design ideas for your neighbourhood
- The **Design Group** to continue meeting weekly to develop the Masterplan
- Follow-up **Planning Day** in February 1998 to present the draft Masterplan proposals
- Weekly **Information Desk** in the shopping Centre - Thursdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Submission of the Masterplan to the Department of the Environment at the end of February.

After the Masterplan has been approved we will have a framework which will enable us to work with residents in more detail on such issues as the phasing of the redevelopment and developing house types with a view to signing contracts with builders for the first phases by late 1998.

For more information please contact Eamon Farrelly at BRL on 842 1144

Ballymun Regeneration - Logo

A number of eleven year old school children, selected from the local primary schools, have been participating in an Arts and Design exercise to design a logo for the Regeneration Company over recent weekends.

The children have been tutored by four local artists with expert design assistance provided by the Boyle Design Group. Three very lively half-day sessions took place, including one outing to the Irish Museum of Modern Art in the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham. It is hoped to launch the logo and display the development process including the work of the children at the next exhibition and consultation day which is proposed for the Shopping Centre in early February.

"Wishing you a Merry Christmas and we look forward to making 1998 a Happy New Year for Ballymun"

From all at BRL



"Key Question" boards at Ballymun Planning Day

