

GREEN 'BORO'

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH GREEN GROUP

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DUNLAOGHAIRE GREENS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

ACTIONS NOT WORDS

The Green Party in Dunlaoghaire is launching a major assault on the entrenched Council positions in the Boro'

Blackrock

The candidates in Blackrock are **Michael Dunphy** and **Betty Reeves**. Betty is a founder member of the Greens and is active in local issues, such as the 'Eastern By-Pass' and the Bus committee. Michael is well-known in GAA circles in the 'Rock' for many years as player and trainer, and he is the core figure in the Green can re-cycling campaign.

Dunlaoghaire

In Dunlaoghaire, our candidates are **Vincent Mac Dowell** and **Jane Sexton**. Vincent is a local businessman, author and publisher of books of nautical interest. He is a keen sailor and is active in the campaign to preserve SEAPOINT and the Harbour. Jane is a childrens nurse and is active in womens causes. She is Hon Treasurer of South County Amenity Preservation Association.

Ballybrack

Here, the Green candidates are **MAGGIE BLAKE** and **VINCENT TREANOR**. Maggie is a nurse and domiciliary midwife, and a specialist in home birthing. She is a keen organic gardener, and the mother of two-and-a-half small children. Vincent is an active Green, and is a well-known figure in Ballybrack, and is a former editor of 'The Mag'.

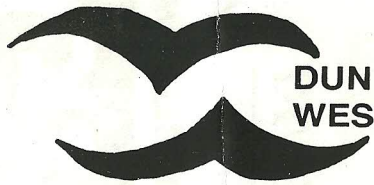
The Green Party has worked hard in the past few years in the Boro' with the re-cycling campaigns for cans in the green bins seen outside so many shops. The Party has carried out several 'clean-up' of local eyesores, tree-planting along the Dart, and has a high profile in the fight against the 'Infill' at Salthill, supported by many councillors. The Green Party is confident that the incoming Council will contain an active contingent of Green Councillors. The Party is nominating ten candidates in all, for the new Authority, with six in the three Boro' areas, and in line with our 'gender balance' principles, three are women.

We look forward, in the new Council, to the end of 'Section 4' abuses and the inception of a new era of consultation and consensus, with local citizens and representative organisations

ACTION!

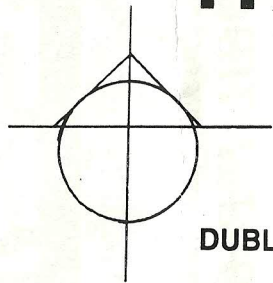
Dont just stand on the sidelines cheering. Help by delivering a few leaflets to your neighbours, and by canvassing and helping on election day - June 27th. Ring Dave Kiernan, Director of elections at 2801808 with offers of assistance, (He also accepts cheques, which will be receipted promptly.)
-or contact any candidate.

THE REAL PLAN!!!!



DUN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR
WEST BIGHT DEVELOPMENT

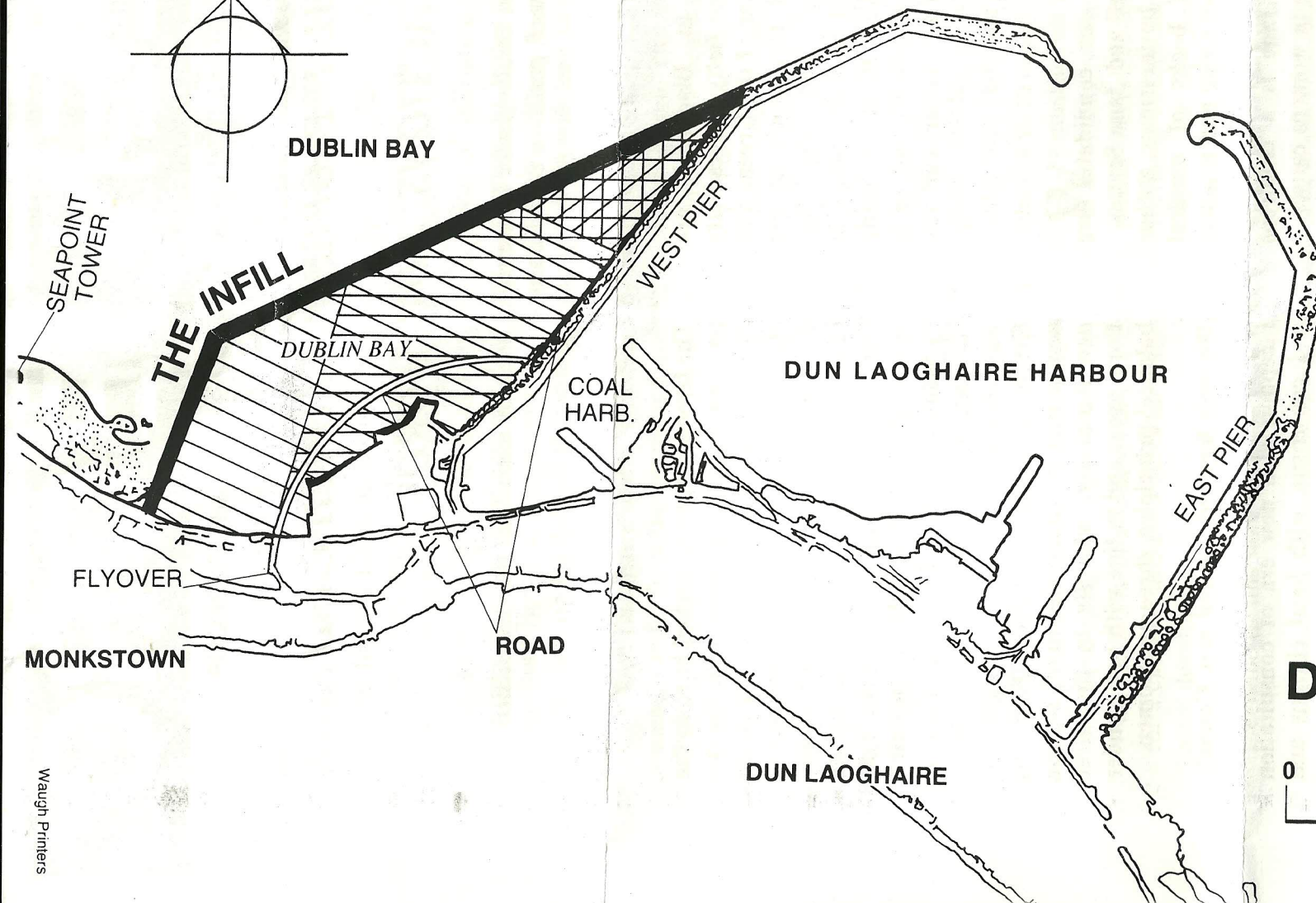
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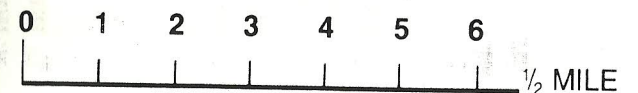
DUBLIN BAY

HARBOUR BOARD PLAN

OPTION 1		11 acres
OPTION 2		35 acres
OPTION 3		55 acres



DUN LAOGHAIRE



HARBOUR BOARD MISINFORMATION.

The Interim Harbour Board recently issued its draft **PLAN** for the future. Unfortunately, the Board did not take into account the views of over 16,000 petitioners against the Infill, nor the 2,000 who wrote letters of protest to the local authority. In addition, the viewpoint of the informed and interested Seapoint Association was ignored, and meetings sought were not granted. It is a pity that these opinions were not given weight, and the requirement in the Board's Terms of Reference, that the Board "take note....of the views of Harbour users and other interested parties.." could have been met, economically.

The Plan is defective in that the Board now proposes **FOUR** marinas in the Harbour, an oversupply, in view of other Marina projects at Greystones, Ringsend and Malahide. It envisages major subsidisation of luxury sailing, at a time of financial stringency, and proposes that an 'estimated' £7.6 million be spent on a new carpark out in the Bay to serve the 800-berth Marina in the West Bight, which **IT** states will **NEVER** pay its capital costs, and will take **TEN YEARS** to fill with customers!

Despite promises by the Taoiseach, the discredited plan for **another** 220-berth marina in the Coal Harbour surfaces again. This arrogant plan **MUST** be defeated.

Speaking personally, as a conservationist and a keen sailor, with a boat in the Harbour for many years, I would like to see the Marina in the West Bight become a reality. This would give a great boost to tourism in Dublin Bay, and jobs in Dunlaoghaire, provided that other amenities were protected, in particular if the obsession with filling in the Bay with carparks, luxury housing and office blocks, was dropped. Positive thinking, Please, to preserve, improve and develop our great natural assets.

There is no need for the 'voodoo economics' proposal for the carpark out in the Bay. The area of the 'Gut' at Salthill is some 8 acres, excluding the new pumping station. If the existing dilapidated industrial buildings were relocated, it would provide ample carparking, also a major leisure and pleasure park together with a linear extension to the Seapoint Tower, with its own Dart station included! There is even room for an Olympic sized seawater swimming and diving pool at the rear, alongside the West Pier, where there is already a three-sided inlet. The water quality is improving daily, since the pumping station started, and there is no longer sewage flushed out into the Bay. We must capitalise on this expensive improvement. There is no capital city in the world that has such a beautiful and useful amenity reaching into its very heart, and this precious asset must be preserved and **USED**. Sailing, swimming, diving, sailboarding, ski-ing, a ten minute Dart journey from the city centre – what would Berliners, New Yorkers, Tokyoites etc pay for this? Opportunities here for imaginative architects!

Conservationists are not simply nay-sayers and begrudgers, obstructing everything. We accept the need for progress and development, but insist that it must be in harmony with the environment. We do not own the Earth – we borrow it from our children. This is a positive suggestion, solving an intractable problem bristling with acrimony, and deserves consideration. I envisage no vast subsidies from public funds, but considerable increase in local jobs, and a boost for tourism.

Vincent MacDowell.

IS THE HARBOUR BOARD PLAN A FRAUD?

The Interim Harbour Board's Plan for Dun Laoghaire Harbour contains welcome proposals for improving the Car-ferry Terminal, also sound and logical Marina and other developments along the waterfront. However, they propose 'development' over on the Dublin Bay side of the West Pier — two miles by the 'new' road from Dun Laoghaire centre. This development is as far from the centre as Castle St, Dalkey or Main St, Blackrock. The access road would be in Monkstown.

This 'West Pier development' would require a flyover at Salthill Dart Station, a roundabout at Longford Terrace, a highway along the Bay side of the West Pier and a 5.5 acre carpark out in Dublin Bay. BUT — and this is a big BUT — this is only one of the 'options'; there are two more options in the Plan.

OPTION 2 is for a 35 acre infill, 4.5 acres for a carpark and 30.5 acres for a speculative developer.

OPTION 3 is for a 55 acre infill, 5.5 acres for a carpark, and 50.5 acres for a speculative developer.

The Board conservatively estimates that the value of this land would be £200,000

per acre: (£11 million in all). What the developer would then put on this valuable land is not hinted at, except 'An intensive level of utilisation of reclaimed land is required to make any development proposal viable.'

This will lead to the creation of a new town-two miles from Dun Laoghaire centre, draining trade and business from the existing area. The traffic problems will be acute and the beach at Seapoint — enjoyed by generations — will be built over. The public is being defrauded and fooled by the public presentation of a spurious 'PLAN' with no indication of the **REAL** intentions of the Harbour Board. No maps, drawings, plans or models of the actual proposed 'development' or Options 2 & 3 are on public display — yet the public are given until June 28th (the day **AFTER** the local elections!) to object.

We must act without delay. Object — in writing — to the Infamous Infill, stating that full details must be given before Planning Permission, not after. Object to ANY infill of Dublin Bay at Seapoint, Salthill, the West Pier, or any highway along the West Pier.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Save our seashore

vote green — 1 and 2

in order of your choice
