



In one of the most comprehensive and revealing surveys carried out in the South Dublin area Eoin Costello has spent the last 6 weeks calling to over 2,500 doors and asking for peoples views on local issues. The Fine Gael candidate in the Ballybrack ward explains the motivation behind the survey;

“It is important for people who make decisions about local issues to be aware of how local people feel. Local people often feel that they are the last people to be thought of when council decisions are made. Through this survey I am trying to gauge what people’s feelings are about current local issues.”

“If I am elected I will be carrying out a similar survey on an annual basis particularly now that the Ballybrack ward has changed so much”.

The Ballybrack ward now stretches from South Foxrock and Killiney to North Bray and Shankill. The survey was based on those questions that arose most frequently during canvassing.

Eoin Costello

**Ballybrack Ward Issues Survey**

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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People's attitudes often depended on their experience of ramps that are already in place. Many felt that some types of ramps were dangerous and could lead to subsidence of nearby houses. The types of ramps installed at Hollypark in Foxrock were especially unpopular. Many people were in favour of traffic calming measures such as traffic islands rather than ramps. The road design of Avondale Road also came in for a lot of criticism.

**B. When people were asked did they feel that litter and dog dirt is a problem in their area 64% replied yes while 36% said no.**

Litter and dog dirt is seen as especially bad on pavements in residential areas and in open spaces such as Killiney Hill. Most people questioned felt that fines were not really the answer. It is generally felt that the provision of bins at regular intervals might be more effective.

Some people felt that retail outlets causing litter should be legally responsible for providing adequate bins to cater for litter.

**C. When people were asked did they feel that there are sufficient playgrounds and leisure facilities for children and teenagers locally the replies were;**

**65% replied yes  
35% replied no**

**C. When people were asked whether or not they felt traffic locally is a problem;**

**71% replied yes  
29% replied no**

**D. When people were asked were they concerned about any unfinished public areas locally or had planning complaints;**

**72 % replied yes  
28% replied no**

**E. When people were asked did they find public transport locally satisfactory;**

**52% replied yes  
48% replied no**

**F. When asked if crime is an issue;**

**44% replied yes  
56% replied no**

