

# SAMRA



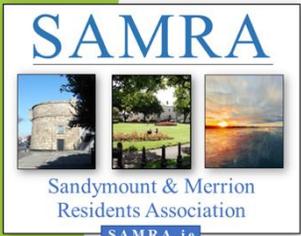
Sandymount & Merrion  
Residents Association

[SAMRA.ie](http://SAMRA.ie)

# WELCOME

## 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting

*Tuesday 29 April 2025*



## 1766 – Vey few

A Parliamentary return shows that very few people lived in Sandymount.

## 1884 – Pop. 1142

243 acres, living in 160 houses.

## 1870 – Pop. 4000

Population grew to about 4,000.

## 2023 – Pop. 7,602

CSO data 2023



# SAMRA



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Residents Association

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SAMRA established in 1962 following an amalgamation of the residents' association in Sandymount and Merrion.

- Actively contributes to protecting and improving the environments around Sandymount Village, Sandymount Strand and Dublin Bay
- Gives voice to the community's interests and amplifies this voice to influence matters that affect the wellbeing and quality of life for people who live and work here and visitors.





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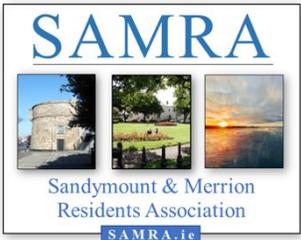


**OPW** Oifig na  
nOibreacha Poiblí  
Office of Public Works



## Some achievements

- Stopped dumping on Poolbeg Peninsula by the end of 1978,
- Creation of Sean Moore Park.
- Prevention of the construction of an oil refinery on part of the remaining Sandymount Strand.
- Prevented the construction of underground storage caverns for liquid petroleum gases, propane and butane, in the seabed.
- Influence the original design and landscaping of the promenade to cover the Dodder Valley Drainage Scheme pipes laid on Sandymount Strand, in order to create an amenity for Dubliners.
- Protected and preserved Sandymount Green, and the designation of part of Sandymount Village as a Conservation Area.
- Having Sandymount Strand zoned as an SAC and SPA.
- Traffic Speed Control – 50kph on Strand Road and 30kph in Sandymount Village.
- Banning of HGVs in Sandymount Village and Strand Road.
- Addition of Pedestrian Crossing Lights – <sup>5</sup> Strand Road, Gilford Road, Sandymount Green.



Irene D Lynch



Kristin Hadfield



Niall McElroy



Joan McArthur



Dave Turner



Ciaran Arthur



Jessica Ryan

**SAMRA 2024  
MAIN  
COMMITTEE**



Karl Anderson



Thomas Hill



Paddy Smyth



Claire Wheeler



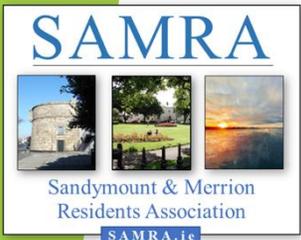
Jeremy Humphries



Nick Seymour

Farewell and a huge thanks !

- PJ O Gorman
- Liam Handy
- Mark Wheeler \*
- Margaret Brindley



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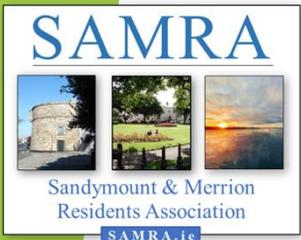
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## Dublin Port Company Container Storage Expansion (Project 3FM)



## Flood Alleviation Scheme



## Strand Sewage Beach Pollution by **Uisce Eireann**



## Seafront enhancements



## Village Ideas



**grafon architects**

## Pedestrianisation (Weekend) Sandymount Village Green



## Strand Road cycleway



In April the Court of Appeal said DCC did not need planning permission for the cycleway it proposed in 2020 for Strand Road.

***This was not a verdict on the merits of a cycleway on Strand Rd; on-road or off-road. It was an adjudication on a planning process.***



DCC is studying the decision and will inform the public of the next steps.

It's options are to pursue an on-road or off-road cycleway, or an alternative.

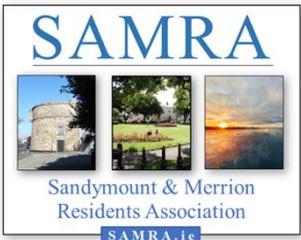
***SAMRA is not opposed to a cycleway.***

If DCC decides to go ahead with a cycleway on the Strand Road SAMRA wants it integrated into the Sandymount Flood Alleviation Scheme.

***This will meet the needs of cyclists, residents and vehicle users.***

SAMRA wants DCC to consult with the community before making a final decision





# Sandymount and Merrion Sustainable Energy Community (SAMSEC) Est 2024

**Claire Wheeler joined SAMRA Committee**

## **Aims:**

1. To reduce carbon emissions in an area, to help tackle Climate Breakdown
2. To help residents, local sports clubs, schools etc and businesses to reduce their need for energy and lower their energy bills.

**Status : Has just submitted the application for funding of EMP**

***Claire Wheeler : [samsec@sandymountcommunitycentre.ie](mailto:samsec@sandymountcommunitycentre.ie)***



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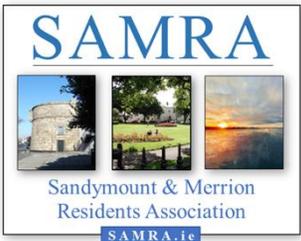
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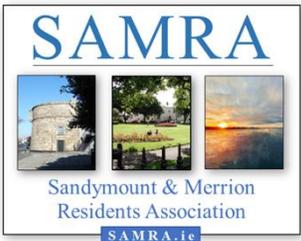




# Financial Status: (Treasurer)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	30/09/2017	30/09/2018	30/09/2019	30/09/2020	31/12/2021	31/12/2022	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
Income	€ 4,874	€ 4,960	€ 8,962	€ 3,341	€ 6,963	€ 7,921	€ 6,897	€46,984
Expenditure	-€ 2,072	-€ 2,553	-€ 6,729	-€ 2,660	-€ 11,206	-€ 3,393	-€ 10,573	-€45,339
Net	€ 2,802	€ 2,407	€ 2,234	€ 682	-€ 4,242	€ 4,527	-€ 3,676	€1,645
Assets	€ 10,889	€ 13,295	€ 15,529	€ 16,210	€ 11,968	€ 16,495	€ 12,819	€ 14,464





# Financial Status: (Treasurer)

**Seeking AGM Endorsement**

**Proposer** .....

**Seconder** .....

**Notes**

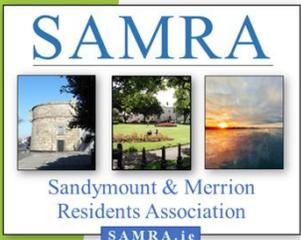
- *Village Design Plan: SAMRA applied to and was awarded the Covanta Grant from the Community Gain Liaison Committee - to fund architects fees*
- *This was fully funded during 2024 to the sum of €41,820 inc. VAT*

<b>2024 Income</b>	
DCC payments (x 3)	41820
Membership Subs	5164.51
<b>2024 Outgoings</b>	
Bank Charges	-278.41
IT/Website	-232.29
Grafton Architects	-42220
BPS Planning	-2602.25



**AGM Endorsement :**





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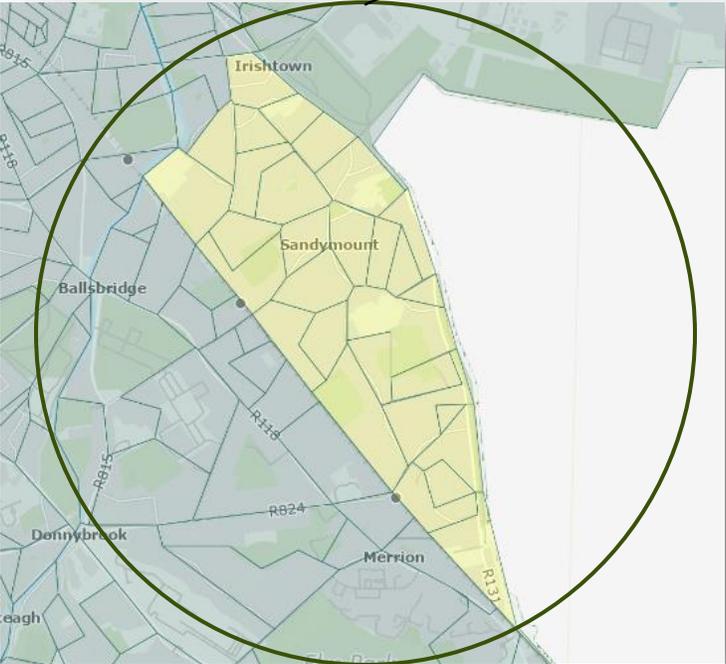
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# 2025 Membership Report

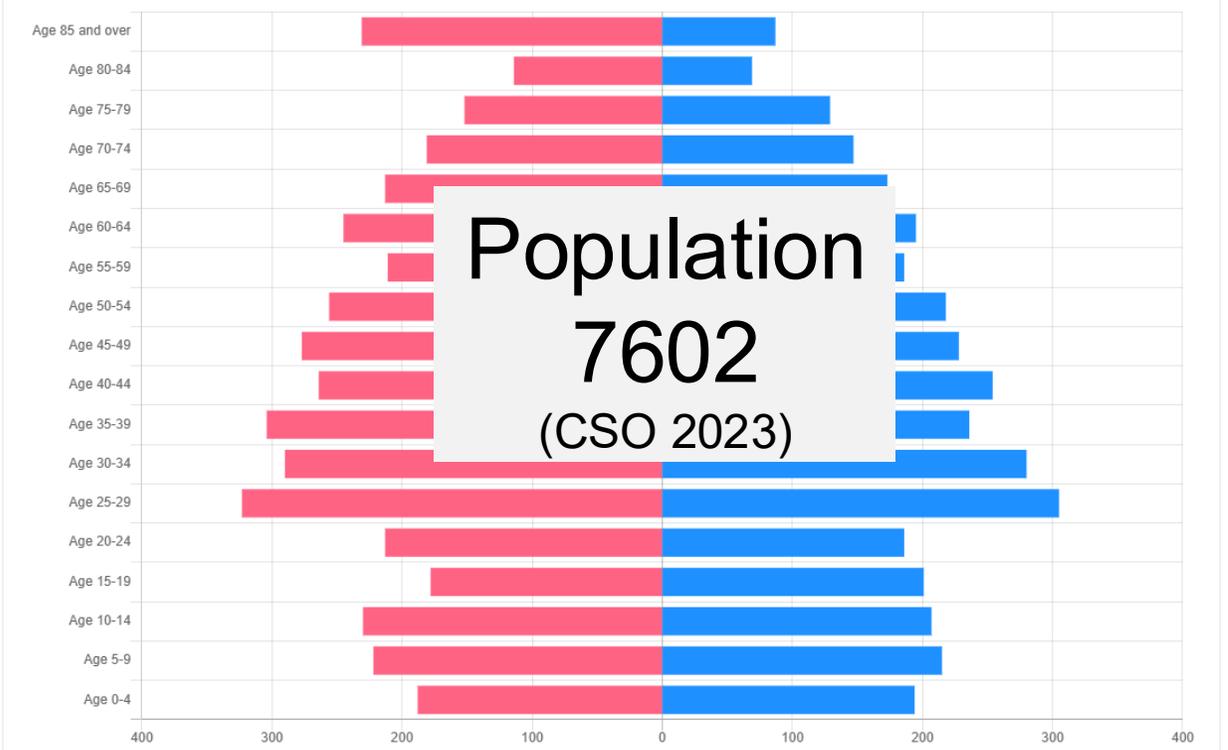


### Population Snapshot

This is a snapshot of population data for this area.

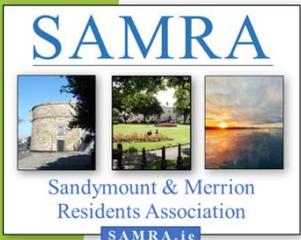
<b>MALES</b> 3,510		<b>FEMALES</b> 4,092		<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b> 7,602	
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Population Pyramid **Table**



September 15, 2023 11:00:00 UTC

Female Male



# 2025 Membership Report

## Membership of SAMRA

**>300 households (March 2025)**  
15% increase Year on Year

## Objective 2025 - 2026

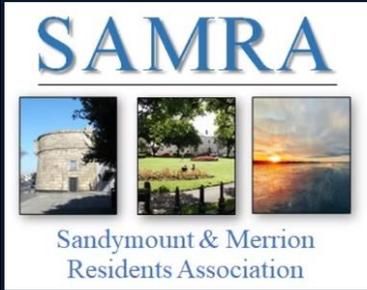
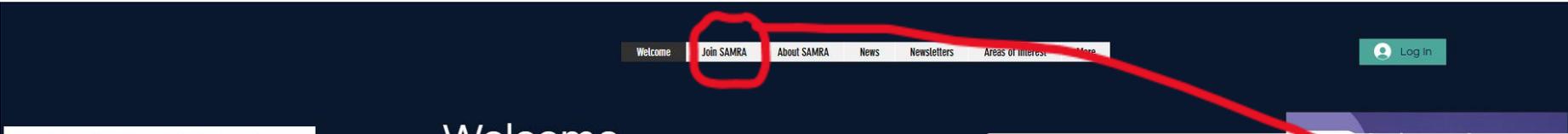
Double membership – as the target !

## Enhancements

Painless sub payment through website SAMRA.ie (see next)  
Please update if using PayPal !



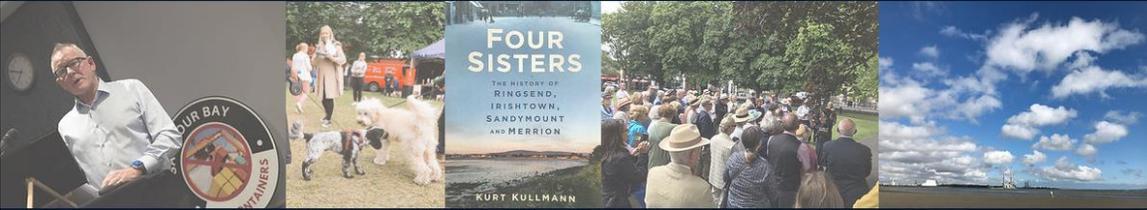
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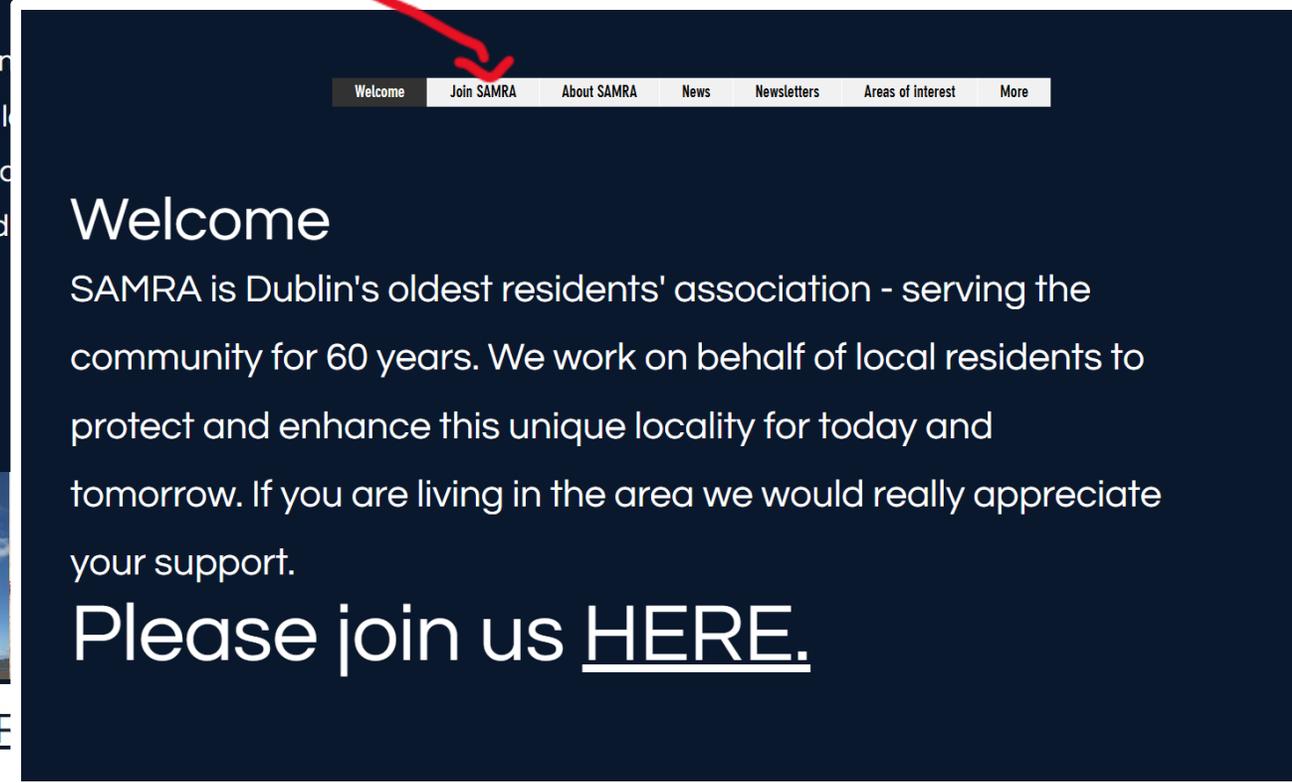
## Welcome

SAMRA is Dublin's oldest residents' association serving the community for 60 years. We work on behalf of local residents to protect and enhance this unique locality for today and tomorrow. If you are living in the area we would really appreciate your support.

Please join us [HERE](#).

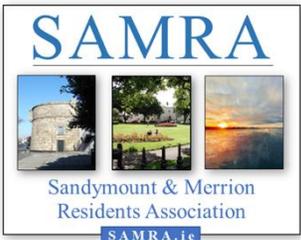


[MORE NEWS HERE](#)



Thanks to Dublin City Council for repairing and installing the tall





# SAMRA.ie

Welcome

Join SAMRA

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We would really appreciate if you could join SAMRA.

It will greatly help our very active lobbying activities directed at local and national decision makers. These include Dublin City Council executives and committees, and local Councillors, TDs and Ministers whom you elect.

If they know we represent the interests of the vast majority of residents they are more likely to advocate on the issues we raise.

And we'll keep you up to date on issues we are work on, on your behalf.

You can sign up here by choosing the plan that suits you best.

## Choose your pricing plan

Family Membership

€  
**30**  
Every year

Select

Individual Member

€  
**20**  
Every year

Select

Student/OAP Member

€  
**10**  
Every year

Select

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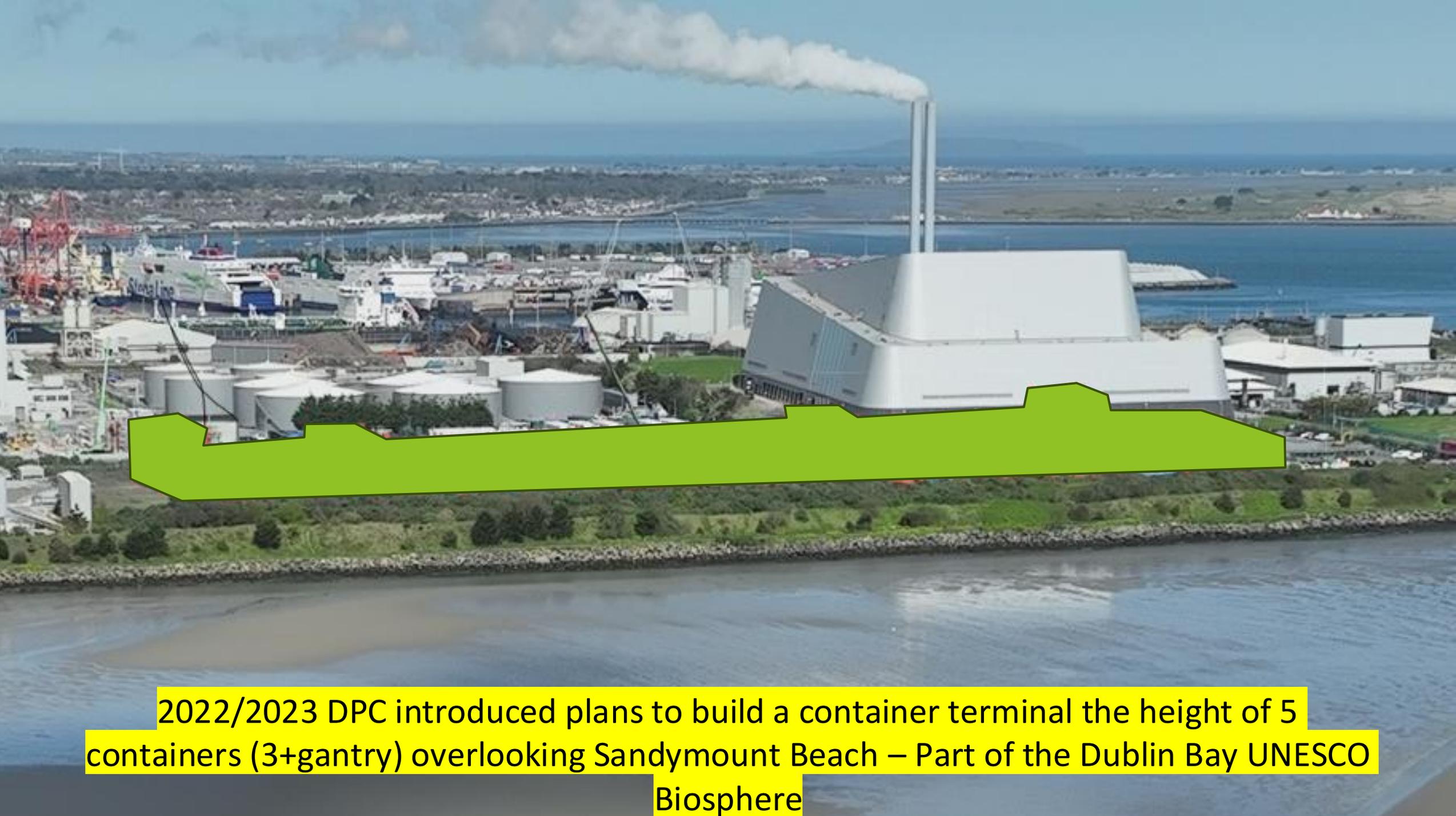
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2022/2023 DPC introduced plans to build a container terminal the height of 5 containers (3+gantry) overlooking Sandymount Beach – Part of the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere





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Chuan Bhaile Átha Cliath  
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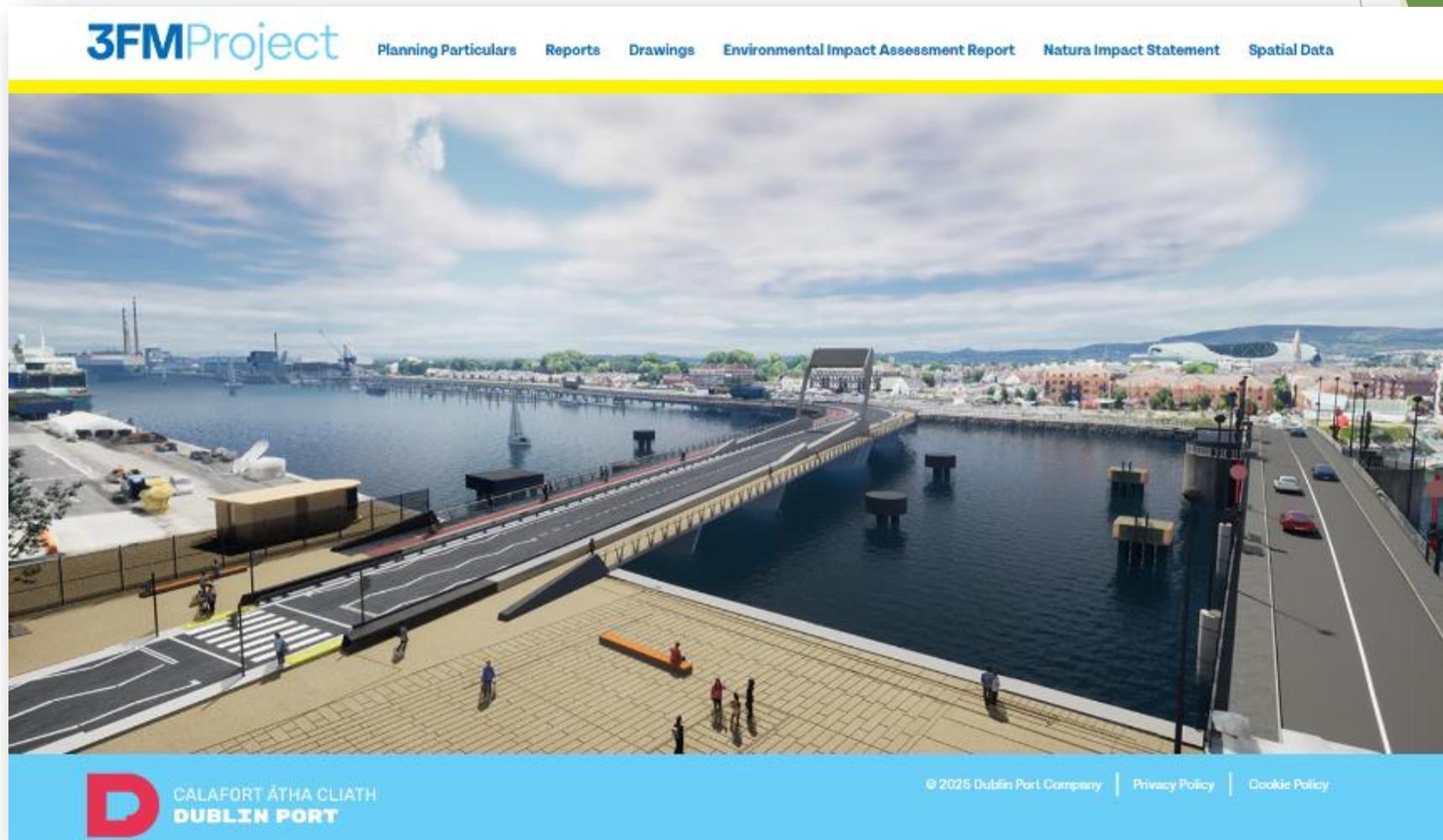


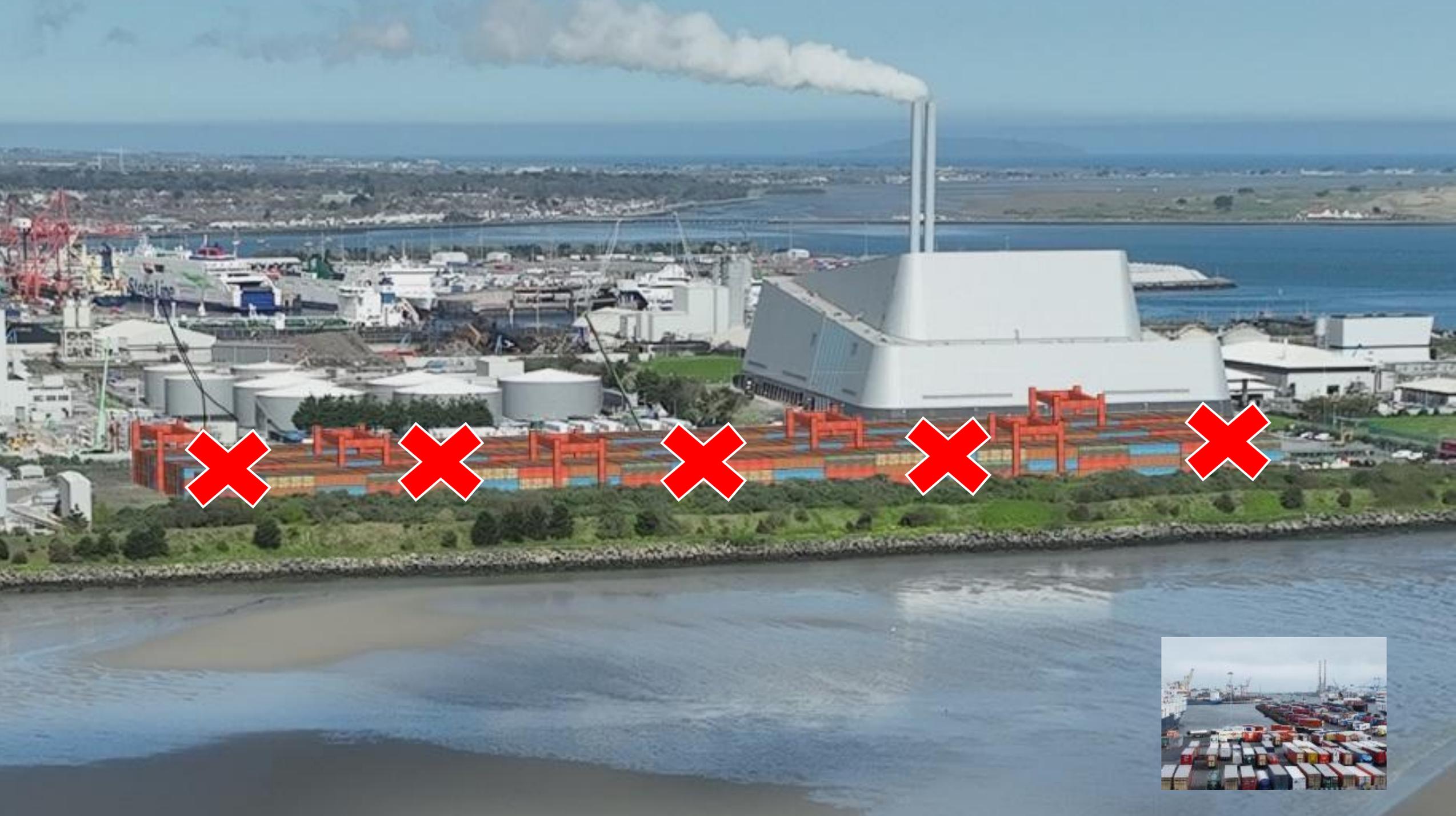
**Campaign launch: 13th November 2023**

Invaluable community support, and local and national political support

# 22 July 2024

Dublin Port Company submitted a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for the 3FM Project.  
<https://dublinport3fm.ie/>



















24 September 2024



## SAMRA Planning Observation Report

Third Party Planning Observation Report in respect of An Bord Pleanála planning application, reg. ref. PA29N.320250, which pertains to the proposed '3FM Project' consisting a Southern Port Access Route and road network improvements, construction of a Lo-Lo container terminal, Ro-Ro freight terminal and other works at Bond Drive, Promenade Road, T10 Link Road, Tolka Quay Road, Alexandra Road, East Wall Road, North Wall Quay Extension (protected structure), Oil Berth No. 4 and Berth 52/53 in Dublin 1 and 3; east of Tom Clarke Bridge, north of the R131 and over the River Liffey; Pigeon House Road, South Bank Road, Whitebank Road and Shellybanks Road; Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club, Stella Maris Rowing Club and Marina off Pigeon House Road; Marine Terminals Limited (MTL) Lift-on Lift-off (Lo-Lo) container terminal and Berths 41-45 off Pigeon House Road, South Bank Road and Whitebank Road; quayside yards associated with South Bank Quay off Pigeon House Road; sludge jetty and Berth 47A off Pigeon House Road; Poolbeg Oil Jetty and Berth 48 off Pigeon House Road; and; a site to the south and east of South Bank Road and south of Shellybanks Road at Poolbeg, Dublin 4.

This Planning Observation Report has been produced by BPS Planning & Development Consultants LTD for and on behalf of Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA) with an address at Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue, Sandymount D04 CP80.

- ▶ There are positive community gains from the Dublin Port Company's expansion plan such as the Marine Village along the Liffey.



24 September 2024

## SAMRA made an 87-page submission to ABP

1. Asked An Bord Pleanála to take account of the unique environmental sensitivity of the area.
2. Area is entirely unsuitable - should be located in a less environmentally sensitive area.
3. Land should become part of Irishtown Nature Park and community facilities.
4. Go-ahead would be substantial community loss for generations.



**April 2025**

DPC has provided further information to ABP.

SAMRA was invited to comment on this further information.

A detailed response has been submitted by our planning consultant – Brandan Buck



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# **SAMRA Objective Criteria to Intervene on Planning Applications**

**HERITAGE**

**STRATEGIC INTEREST**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

**COMMUNITY VALUE**

**PRECEDENT**

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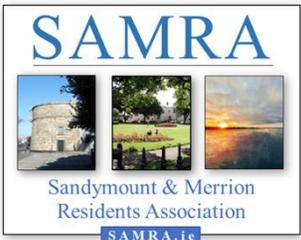


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# Flood Alleviation Scheme





# Dedicated Website

<https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/sandymount/home/>

## Sandymount

COASTAL FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Home Project Information News Gallery Resources

### Project Background

The Sandymount Flood Alleviation Scheme originates from comprehensive assessments conducted in compliance with the European Union Floods Directive, specifically within the framework of the Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study. This initiative is led by Dublin City Council (DCC) together with the Office of Public Works (OPW), aligning with both EU directives and national flood management strategies.

The Scheme is funded as part of the Government's commitment of €1.3bn for the delivery of flood relief measures under the National Development Plan, reflecting its strategic importance in enhancing Ireland's resilience to flood-related challenges. This approach

### Latest News

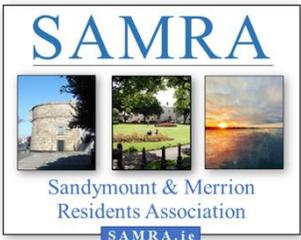
[Public Participation Days \(News page\)](#)

## Project Sponsors

The Sandymount Flood Alleviation Scheme is led by the Dublin City Council (DCC) together with the Office of Public Works (OPW).

Project Sponsors include:





# Dedicated Website

Please fill out this [form](#)



<https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/sandymount/home/>

## Project Inception

November 2024 - Q4 2025

Review all existing documents. Identify Environmental, Technical, Planning & Legal Constraints & identify Opportunities for Co-Benefits



## Public Participation Day 1

30/04/2025

April 30, 2025 to May 9, 2025

Public & Stakeholder Consultation on SFAS Env & Technical Constraints, Issues, Risks, & Opportunities

## Public Participation Day 2

Q2 2026

Public/Stakeholder Consultation on all potential SFAS Options

## Public Participation Day 3

Q3 2026

Public & Stakeholder Consultation on Preferred SFAS Scoping of EIAR/NIS

## Statutory Public Consultation

## Identification of potential options

Q4 2025 - Q2 2026



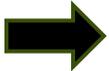
## Preferred option to be identified

Q4 2026



## Submit Application to An Bord Pleanála

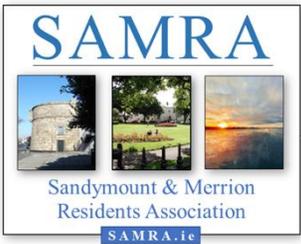
Q3 2027



## Construction Start

Q2 2029





# Village Ideas Project – Sub Committee 2023-25

**Niall McElroy**



**Lead of Sub -  
Committee  
Consulting  
Engineer**

**Mark Wheeler**



**Business  
Owner  
Sandymount**

**Dave Turner**



**Chair SAMRA  
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**Karl Anderson**

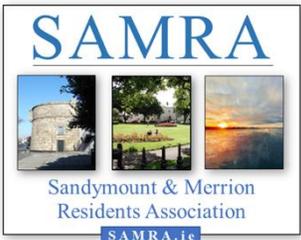


**Media &  
Communications**

**Rita Collins**



**Chair STTCA**



# Funding so far .....



The screenshot shows a webpage from the Dublin City Council website. The header includes the council's name in Irish and English, and navigation links for Residential, Business, Your Council, and Events. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Residential > Environment and Climate Change > DWtE Community Gain Fund. The main heading is "Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grants Scheme 2025". Below the heading are social media share icons for Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. The text states that the grant scheme will be open for applications from the 3rd February 2025 to the 14th March 2025 inclusive. It also mentions that a total amount of €1 million will be available for eligible projects within the Irishtown, Ringsend, and Sandymount catchment area. A link to email [cglc@dublincity.ie](mailto:cglc@dublincity.ie) is provided for more details. On the right side, there is a sidebar titled "In this Section" with a list of links, where the current page is highlighted in blue.

Huge thanks to .... **grafon architects**

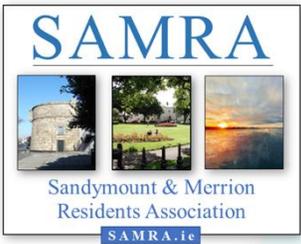






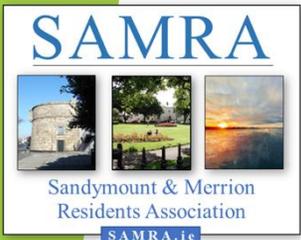






# Village Ideas Public Engagement Programme





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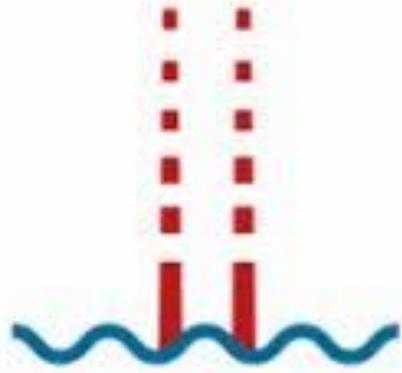
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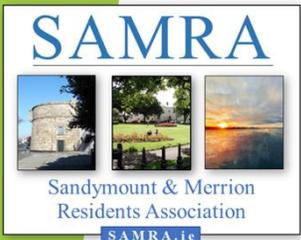


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# Collaboration and Living in Sandymount





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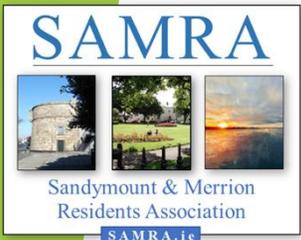
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# (DRAFT) Priorities 2025/6

1	Flood Alleviation Scheme
2	Sewage to Strand Beach - Continue to lobby. Help Needed.
3	Continue to advocate for Optimal Off-Road Cycle lane
4	Village Ideas Project - carry out community engagement
5	Sandymount Sustainable Energy Community - EMP
7	Martello Tower - Engage with DCC regarding its use
8	Continue to work with Sandymount Community Centre / STTCA
9	Continue with PEDESTRIANISATION for 2025
10	Increase OUR membership



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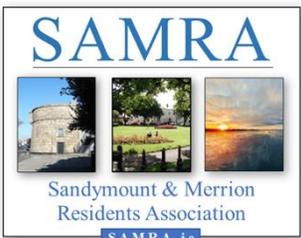
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# Committee for election 2025/6

## 1. Seeking AGM Endorsement

**Proposer** .....

**Secunder** .....

## 2. 2 x Vacancy to be filled

**Please forward Name/nominations to the committee**

**AGM Endorsement :**

Committee Members	Joined 2024	2025 Committee	Key Role / Interest for SAMRA
David Turner		✓	Chair
Paddy Smyth		✓	Treasurer
Thomas Hill	✓	✓	Membership
Karl Anderson		✓	Media & Strategic Communications
Niall McElroy		✓	Planning & Development
Joan MacArthur		✓	SAMRA sustainability
Jessica Ryan		✓	building community, creating creative spaces
Irene Duffy Lynch		✓	SAMRA sustainability / Martello development
Kristin Hadfield		✓	children/adolescents' mental health & wellbeing
Jeremy Humphries		✓	Sustainable community
Claire Wheeler		✓	Sustainable community
Nick Seymour	✓	✓	Sustainable community
Ciaran Arthur	✓	✓	Grant Funding

# AGENDA

## 1. Reports

Chairman – David Turner

Treasurer – Paddy Smyth

Membership – Tom Hill

## 2. Key Updates

Planning & Development Report – Niall McElroy

Flood Defence Enhancements - Niall McElroy

Village Ideas - Niall McElroy

Collaboration in Sandymount

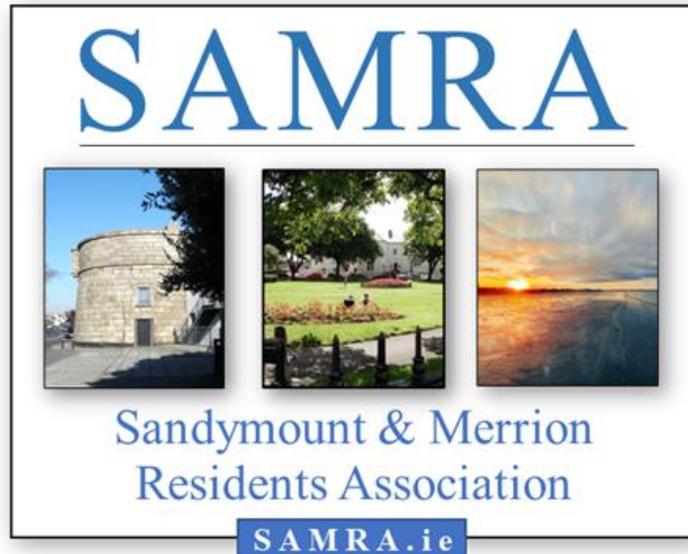
2025/6 Plans & Priorities - David Turner

## 3. Committee Election

## 4. **Q&As**



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