

SANDYMOUNT & MERRION
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

SAMRA
Sandymount
Dublin

Elected Representatives,

Sandymount
South Dublin

14th June 2022

Subject : Sandymount Strand and Seafront Works

Dear Elected Representatives,

The Sandymount and Merrion Resident's Association (SAMRA) is calling for a task force to be urgently set up involving all agencies and stakeholders involved, to co-ordinate the various and connected scopes of work already being planned for the sea front in Sandymount.

These works include : (1) the installation of flood defences, (2) elimination of raw sewage discharge onto Sandymount beach and (3) the Cycle Lane.

A single task force is the solution which will ensure that all three projects can be fully integrated at source into a combined optimised scope and can deliver the best possible outcome for what is a unique part of Dublin City.

It is anticipated that the agencies involved in the delivery of these projects are Irish Water, Dublin City Council, OPW.

There is a real danger that without this level of coordination there will be a perpetuation of works and a never ending cycle of piecemeal development. Associated with that will be the ongoing disruption and potentially a series of disconnected projects which fall short of what could ultimately be achieved.

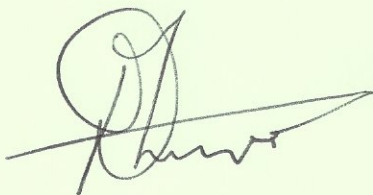
It should be highlighted that this resource is the seafront of the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere - which is globally unique - as the only capital city to be part of an accredited biosphere and is important not only local residents but to the many thousands of city residents and visitors who come to enjoy this amenity.

We believe that with the right leadership, all of the planned works could enhance the amenity far beyond what could be achieved by a piecemeal approach.

Given the anticipated growth in population from the development of the glass bottle site the need for an integrated approach has never been greater.

As our elected representatives, we urge you to use your expertise, position and influence to enable change that we can be truly proud of and avoid looking back at some stage in the future and saying “if only we had approached this a different way”.

SAMRA would be happy to discuss this further and await your response.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Turner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Yours sincerely,

David Turner, Chairperson

Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association

To: **Pembroke Cllrs** : J Geoghegan; Dermot Lacey; Paddy McCartan; Claire O'Connor; Hazel Chu

To: **TDs** : Ivana Bacik; Eamon Ryan; Jim O'Callaghan; Chris Andrews

CC : Chief Executive, Dublin City Council