

Community Submissions –

Croke Park Consultation

This document compiles written submissions from residents and residents' associations in response to the Croke Park community consultation process. Submissions have been lightly edited for spelling, grammar, and clarity while preserving the original meaning.

Executive Summary

Across the submissions received, transport and parking pressures were the most frequently cited concern. Residents reported illegal parking, blocked driveways, congestion on residential streets, and inconsistent enforcement of road closures and resident access systems on event days.

Antisocial behaviour and sanitation issues were also widely reported. Many residents described problems including public urination, littering, alcohol-related disorder, and insufficient toilet facilities during large events. Residents highlighted a need for better stewarding, sanitation facilities, and immediate post-event cleaning.

Communication with residents was identified as an area requiring improvement. Several submissions noted limited advance notice of road closures, traffic arrangements, and event schedules. Residents also requested more inclusive communication methods such as letter drops and SMS notifications.

Ticket allocation and community benefits were raised frequently. Residents expressed concern that the communities most affected by stadium events receive limited access to tickets or other benefits. Several submissions proposed resident pre-sale allocations, discounted tickets, or broader community legacy initiatives.

Overall, while many residents recognise the cultural importance of Croke Park and the positive atmosphere generated by major events, the submissions emphasise the need for

clearer planning, stronger enforcement, improved sanitation measures, and more transparent community engagement.

Key Issues Raised

1. Transport, Traffic and Parking

Main concerns

- Illegal parking on footpaths, corners, double yellow lines, and grass verges.
 - Blocked driveways and junctions, making it difficult for residents to access homes.
 - Residents are unable to park near their homes due to event-day visitors occupying spaces.
 - Congestion on residential streets not designed for high traffic volumes.
 - Footpath parking is affecting accessibility, particularly for people with disabilities, parents with buggies, and elderly residents.
 - Inconsistent enforcement of traffic restrictions and parking rules.
 - Residents are being blocked in or unable to leave during events.
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Suggested solutions

- Increased clamping and parking enforcement.
 - Expanded road closures earlier on event days.
 - Resident-only parking zones inside cordons.
 - Park-and-ride systems and public transport incentives.
 - Shuttle buses from outer parking locations.
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2. Antisocial Behaviour and Public Sanitation

Main concerns

- Public urination and defecation in streets, gardens, and laneways.
- Alcohol-related disorder and aggressive behaviour.

- People congregate in residential laneways and side streets.
 - Drug-related litter and intoxication.
 - Residents feel unsafe or intimidated when confronting illegal parking or disorder.
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Suggested solutions

- More portable toilets for matches and concerts.
 - Increased Garda presence and stewarding on residential streets.
 - Better crowd management and messaging.
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3. Littering and Post-Event Clean-Up

Main concerns

- Waste such as cans, bottles, food packaging and plastic left in streets and gardens.
 - Litter sometimes remains for days after events.
 - Insufficient bins along pedestrian routes.
 - Poor street cleaning and stained pavements.
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Suggested solutions

- Increase number of bins along key routes.
 - Dedicated professional clean-up teams immediately after events.
 - Power-washing and coordinated cleaning with Dublin City Council.
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4. Communication and Information for Residents

Main concerns

- Short notice of road closures and traffic plans.
- Lack of a clear and accessible event calendar.

- Event information mostly digital, excluding residents without internet access.
 - Resident hotlines are sometimes unresponsive or unclear.
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Suggested solutions

- Advance notice via SMS alerts, email and letter drops.
 - Clear annual event schedules (e.g., printed calendars).
 - Transparent communication about traffic management and operational changes.
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5. Resident Access and Mobility

Main concerns

- Residents being refused access or asked for ID at road closures.
 - Confusion over resident car passes and inconsistent enforcement.
 - People with mobility issues struggle to pass through crowd barriers.
 - Emergency access concerns due to parked cars.
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Suggested solutions

- Improved resident pass systems.
 - Clear escalation contacts and enforcement protocols.
 - Tiered road closure systems based on event size.
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6. Ticket Allocation and Community Benefits

Main concerns

- Limited opportunities for locals to obtain tickets.

- Perceived unfair distribution of resident tickets.
 - Same individuals reportedly receiving tickets repeatedly.
 - Residents closest to the stadium receive the same benefits as those farther away.
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Suggested solutions

- Resident pre-sale ticket allocations.
 - Discounted or guaranteed tickets for nearby residents.
 - Tiered benefits based on proximity to the stadium.
 - Expanded community benefit programmes.
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7. Stewarding, Policing and Enforcement

Main concerns

- Stewards not intervening in antisocial behaviour.
 - Garda deployment seen as inconsistent or ineffective.
 - Lack of accountability from authorities responsible for event management.
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Suggested solutions

- Written enforcement protocols.
 - Increased steward presence on side streets.
 - Attendance of relevant agencies at community meetings.
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8. Wider Community Impact

Main concerns

- Increasing number of concerts and matches throughout the year.
- Environmental impacts such as pollution and traffic emissions.

- Lack of green space in surrounding neighbourhoods.
 - Desire for stronger community legacy initiatives from the stadium.
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Suggested solutions

- Cap on number of event weekends.
 - Investment in local amenities and green spaces.
 - Collaborative social impact projects with community organisations.
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Overall Conclusion

Residents broadly recognise the cultural importance of the stadium and major events, but they emphasise that transport management, sanitation, communication, enforcement, need to improve to reduce the cumulative impact in the area.

INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS

Iona & District Residents Association

We, the Iona and District Residents' Association ('IDRA') appreciate the opportunity to participate in and input into the Croke Park strategic review process on local issues linked to stadium match/events. As per the invitation, this submission is brief and is aligned to the structure provided by Croke Park under headings of:

- Transport and parking
- Antisocial behaviour and littering
- Communication to residents and ticket allocation

We also make some wider, more generalised observations about IDRA, the process itself

and Croke Park relations.

Who is Iona & District Residents Association (IDRA)

IDRA serves the residential area in Dublin 9 that is bounded by:

- a) River Tolka on the North side;
- b) Lower Drumcondra Road on the East side;
- c) Whitworth Road on the South side;
- d) Prospect Road, Old Finglas Road (up to Tower View Cottages), Botanic Road

including Prospect Square and de Coursey Square.

The purpose of the Association is to promote, enhance, protect and maintain viability.

and wellbeing of the Iona and District neighbourhood for its residents. The Association seeks to encourage, strengthen and promulgate a strong community spirit within the area – across residential, business and sporting/social organisations.

IDRA represents c. 2,500 households and c. 7,000 residents. This number is set to increase significantly in coming years. The IDRA area is historically unique, and encompasses many historical, social and heritage experiences, including important artefacts and institutions, not least of which includes Croke Park. IDRA encompasses areas that are uniquely prized for their social, sporting, and architectural significance, never to be replaced/replicated. It has important residential and institutional conservation areas, that are historical and form a significant part of our heritage.

Transport & Parking - Most residents are accepting, albeit disappointed, of the parking that occurs on match days (i.e. their personal passion for the games enables them to support the

‘invasion’), provided it is legal. But there is universal agreement on cars being illegally parked being unacceptable, or cars parked in a manner that prevents ‘two-way’ traffic moving up/down roads,” or any parking that prevents emergency services moving up or down a road. It is also considered to be illogical to permit such high traffic levels into an inner-city area from an environmental perspective. A very significant increase in air pollution, consequently of CO2 emissions occur. There is also a sense of a neighbourly ‘put up with’ makes more sense if translated into a pragmatic ‘come in buses and facilities are available on arrival (e.g. a corner of Griffith Park, space opposite Fagans/Kennedys for pop on/pop-off. There are numerous GAA specific grounds and associate grounds such as churches (i.e. close by GAA grounds), and other opportunities to enable cars to be parked up outside of the city perimeter, with fans being bussed to within a kilometre of Croke Park to enjoy the local hospitality on route. The carbon dioxide environmental saving impact is significant as well as the traffic free ‘Mardi gras’ experience that might replace traffic.

Drumcondra Triangle Residents Association (DTRA)

I have been living in Hardiman Road since 2019. For the past couple of years, I have noticed a significant increase in illegal parking in the estate on match days over the summer months. This includes cars / vans / pick-up trucks parking on the corners of the roads in the estate and across the dropped kerbs. This happens on roads that have junctions meeting Walsh Road and Ferguson Road- Hardiman Road, Joyce Road, Fleming Road and O’Neachtain Road.

The estate is a mix of families with young children and older people. Both are vulnerable to traffic. Walsh Road is a main artery for pedestrians down to the park and the library at the bottom of the estate. Over the last two summers I have ended up having to walk on the road with my buggy to take my toddler to the park because of the number of vehicles parked on the

footpath and in particular blocking the dropped kerbs. Parking on the corners blocks visibility for everyone. Parking across the dropped kerbs means members of our community who use wheelchairs or mobility aids cannot reach the park, and those of us with children in buggies must step blindly into the traffic between cars with no proper visibility.

I have phoned the Community helpline on several occasions over the summer months when I have ended up walking on the road because of illegal matchday parking. I have never seen anything done about it. I feel that my complaints go nowhere and that Croke Park do not care about the impact of their activities on residents' lives. I do not feel safe walking in my neighbourhood on matchdays. I would love for clamping to take place to discourage illegal parking, or for bollards to be installed to prevent the parking. I would love to feel listened to or for some action to be taken, however I feel letdown and disappointed by the lack of action thus far, and I have no doubt that my complaints will go ignored again.

- Hardiman Road

There is a lane on Mabel Street that is frequently used for littering and urinating, people have urinated into my yard which has side access there and there is never any steward stationed at it and only once have I ever seen a garda proactively go and check it though I've asked several times. Mabel Street had been relatively quiet, but I noticed at the concerts last year, people seemed to have been directed onto it probably for managing flow of people and suddenly there was a noticeable uptick in urination and people congregating in the laneway. The lane is not very well maintained by the council so perhaps they don't think it matters but if there was a steward/garda to encourage people to pass it by and reduce the urination (the lane doesn't connect to anywhere but the back of people's houses on mabel street, clonliffe road and Elizabeth street, there is no reason for anyone who isn't a resident to be going down that lane). Also, for the litter if there could be sweepers or pickers because loads end up trapped between the curb and cars and it just ends up spread all over the area over the subsequent days.



Is there an events calendar for Croke Park that's accessible? Sometimes there are things on that aren't necessarily matches or concerts but that means Jones Road is busy and parking is gone etc. That would be useful to share.

Is there a possibility of creating a resident's ticket pre-sale? I'm not saying free tickets, I'm saying better access to a decent amount of tickets. The promoter would make the same money, but it would be a bit of perk during all the disruption the concerts can cause. I believe there was one for one of the concerts last year, possibly Oasis, but I think it only had a very low number of tickets.

██████, Foster Terrace, Dublin

I am making this submission as a resident of Foster Terrace, living approximately 50 metres from Croke Park. While this is my own submission, it reflects the reality for residents living immediately beside the stadium, who experience the most direct and repeated disruption on event days.

Residents on streets directly adjoining Croke Park deal with noise, crowding, litter, antisocial behaviour, and loss of normal residential access and amenity. That level of disruption is clearly not comparable to that experienced by households at the outer edge of the wider 1.5km area.

Any resident benefit scheme should therefore reflect the level of impact, not simply whether an address falls within a broad boundary.

I am calling for a formal resident benefit scheme for households on streets immediately adjacent to Croke Park, including Foster Terrace.

That scheme should include:

- priority status for residents on adjoining streets
- guaranteed free tickets for major matches and concerts
- access to practical year-round local benefits, including the ability for local residents to become members of the gym in the new Maldron
- a clear and transparent process communicated in advance
- a scheme that applies consistently, rather than through occasional or ad hoc offers

Residents living closest to the stadium carry the greatest burden from major events. It is entirely reasonable to expect that they will receive the clearest and most meaningful benefits in return.

A general scheme covering the full 1.5km area is not enough if it treats households living 50 metres from the stadium in the same way as households living much farther away. Proximity and intensity of disruption should be recognised in a fair and transparent way.

I ask that this be reflected in any future community benefit and ticket allocation arrangements.

Second Email

I was just thinking as a Foster Terrace resident about event-day access and parking.

On match days and major events (at some times of year, nearly every weekend), leaving the house becomes stressful because we often either can't get access onto the road, or we come home and can't park in our own spot. We have a baby, and it's a serious practical issue — it sometimes stops us using the car at all because we can't rely on being able to get out or get back in. At that stage we just have to sit in our car and wait for the event to end because parking is entirely gone

A fix might be to use the Handball Alley car park as a relief car park for Foster Terrace residents on event days, so households right beside the stadium have somewhere dependable to leave the car when access/parking on the terrace breaks down.

It generally fills with attendees who just want to park nearby

Could you let me know if you can help make this happen, or point me to the right person to progress it?

Clonliffe & Croke Park Area Residents' Association

1. Transport & Parking

Residents acknowledge the importance of Croke Park as a national stadium and accept that certain restrictions are necessary before and after major events. However, access arrangements, enforcement, and communication require significant improvement.

1.1 Resident Access & Traffic Management

Car Pass Recognition: Resident car passes are currently ineffective. Residents with valid passes must be prioritised and treated with consistency and respect.

Hotel vs Resident Priority: Residents should not be treated as secondary to hotel guests or venue visitors. This concern will increase with the opening of Maldron Hotel on Clonliffe Road.

Tiered Road Closure System: We propose a transparent, pre-published system linked to attendance levels:

Tier 1: Closure 1 hour before and 1 hour after event

Tier 2: Closure 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after

Tier 3: No closure

Outside designated times, including while events are on, residents must have unrestricted access to their homes and be treated with respect.

Designated Access Routes: Current routes can force residents into unnecessary congestion even when local roads (e.g. Clonliffe Road) are quiet. Flexibility should be applied outside peak entry/exit windows.

Clonliffe Avenue: Consideration should be given to making this one-way on event days to reduce congestion.

Alfie Byrne Road / Coach Parking: Residents were not informed of changes such as coach parking arrangements, which caused major disruption. Advance notification is essential.

Consistency of Personnel Deployment: The repeated deployment of specific Garda personnel in sensitive areas (e.g., top of Jones's Road), despite repeated complaints, has damaged community confidence. Deployment decisions should reflect documented resident feedback.

1.2 Parking & Enforcement

St James' Avenue: Ongoing parking pressures, potentially linked to staff parking during road closures. Staff parking solutions should be explored within Croke Park grounds (e.g., Cusack Stand entrance), including carpooling or shuttle services.

Inside de Cordon Parking: critical areas identified by residents should be designated as residents parking only.

Illegal Parking & Intimidation: Outside the cordon, aggressive behaviour from event goers and non-enforcement of parking restrictions have become significant issues. A zero-tolerance enforcement model (as used internationally) should be examined.

Footpath Parking & Accessibility: Parking on footpaths (e.g., Clonliffe Road, Grace Park Road) severely impacts elderly and disabled residents. Accessibility must be a priority in event planning.

Operational Accountability: The current policing structure lacks transparency. The Superintendent responsible for event-day operations (Store Street) is not present at Community Meetings, limiting direct accountability.

Attendance of Key Agencies: Dublin City Council Parking and other relevant enforcement bodies must attend Community Meetings as standard, rather than by exception.

1.3 Public Transport & Sustainability

We strongly recommend:

Including clear public transport and park-and-ride information in post-purchase ticket communications.

Partnerships with Bus Éireann, Iarnród Éireann, Dublin Bus and other operators to incentivise public transport (e.g. ticket-holder discounts).

Exploration of designated peripheral parking hubs (e.g. East Point sites) connected via shuttle services.

Collection of structured transport plan data at ticket purchase stage to better manage flows.

1.4 Communication & Response

Inconsistent Garda engagement and stewarding have been repeatedly raised. A written event-day enforcement protocol should be agreed and applied uniformly.

The resident hotline is not reliably staffed and lacks transparency regarding response times.

Residents report difficulty escalating concerns beyond on-duty Sergeants, creating unnecessary bureaucratic obstacles. A clearly defined escalation pathway, with named contacts, should be established.

Proportionality in Policing: Residents have observed inconsistent enforcement standards (e.g., tolerance of public alcohol consumption while strictly enforcing minor cycling infractions). Clear, proportionate enforcement priorities must be defined and communicated.

Advance notice of traffic changes must improve.

2. Antisocial Behaviour & Littering

Residents experience year-round issues, most notably event-day sanitation and clean-up standards, that are exacerbated on match and concert days. These issues are cumulative in nature and materially affect residents' quality of life throughout the year.

2.1 Public Urination & Sanitation

Public urination remains a persistent issue.

Portaloos are provided for concerts but not consistently for high-attendance match days.

Proposal: Portaloos should be mandatory for all Tier 1 and Tier 2 events, including match days, both inside and outside the cordon.

Clear metrics should be agreed in advance (number and placement) and communicated to residents.

2.2 Stewarding

Increased steward presence is required on side streets including Clonliffe Gardens, Tolka Road, Clonliffe Avenue, Russell Street, St Joseph's and St James' Avenue. Policing priorities must extend beyond ingress and egress management to include sanitation enforcement in residential areas.

A visible presence similar to steward deployment models used at other venues (e.g., residential thoroughfares at large concert sites) should be considered.

2.3 Litter & Clean-Up

Bin numbers on Clonliffe Road have reduced and need to be increased.

While DCC and community groups provide clean-up support, Croke Park should fund a dedicated professional clean-up crew to operate immediately post-event, reducing reliance on volunteers.

2.4 Drug Use & Alcohol-Related Behaviour

Drug-related litter and alcohol-related disorder increase during high-attendance events.

Coordinated planning with Gardaí is required to proactively manage this risk.

3. Communication with Residents & Ticket Allocation

3.1 Resident Register & Transparency

There is no visibility on the updating of the resident ticket register.

Individuals no longer residing locally are still receiving tickets.

We recommend annual or biannual re-registration with proof of address.

3.2 Ticket Allocation Fairness

The current 60/40 cordon split is inequitable.

Residents within the cordon experience the greatest disruption and should receive enhanced consideration.

The current number of complimentary tickets is insufficient relative to the cumulative impact of events.

3.3 Access & Pricing

For lower tier matches, residents showing proof of address should be permitted free entry where attendance levels allow.

For concerts and Tier 1 matches, residents within the cordon should:

Be exempt from dynamic pricing.

Be offered discounted ticket options.

Croke Park's event profile continues to expand. The historic September conclusion of the GAA season has materially changed, with increased concert volume and compressed scheduling. It was noted that in 2026 there will be events and matches on 55% of all weekends. Expanding beyond this level would place an unnecessary burden on the surrounding community and infrastructure and should not be considered. With this growth must come a robust, transparent, and enforceable framework that protects the daily lives of residents. Residents are not opposed to events; however, the cumulative impact, including restricted access, parking pressure, litter, antisocial behaviour and inconsistent communication, must be addressed through structured, measurable action. Meetings should result in written, time-bound objectives with clearly assigned owners. Croke Park must seek to communicate action plans more effectively with the residents and allow residents' associations to request improvements to action plans in time for implementation. The after-fact discussions are causing a growing feeling of disrespect and neglect in our local community.

We are grateful for the volunteer work provided by Noeleen Blackwell, however, consideration should be given to refreshing the independent chair role to restore confidence in the consultation process.

██████ - St Patricks Terrace & Wellsley Place

As per my previous message, The Terrace isn't at present represented by any of the formal local community associations, but there are a few points about match- & event-days which specifically affect us which have been discussed by the residents in the Terrace, and I've been asked to share with you.

Firstly, we should preface our comments by saying we appreciate the effort Croke Park makes with residents and understand how much of a challenge that can be at times, especially when there are variables over which you have little or no controls.

That said, there are a few ongoing points of concern:

- 1) We have not received a list of scheduled matches/events for 2026. We normally get a list of these (the fridge-magnet format was especially popular and useful). Not everyone on the Terrace has a computer or access to the internet, so we would appreciate the events list being provided in a non-digital format.
- 2) We would welcome having better advance notice of access arrangements for event days, including road closures, parking, etc. We appreciate you are sometimes at the mercy of the Garda and/or event promoter, but we are sometimes given very little notice of road closures, or changes to previously advised arrangements, which can cause confusion and/or disruption to us. There is a specific request that Croke Park issue updates by SMS text messages as well as by email, as not everyone has immediate access to email, and - as referenced above, we have some residents who do not use computers/email.
- 3) We are aware that you personally, and the local Garda Superintendent, have intervened on match days a few times, but there are still ongoing issues with residents and/or their visitors being illegally asked to provide address ID at road closures, and still instances of being refused access by both Garda and security staff - interactions which are not always pleasant or polite. We would appreciate a joint discussion as to whether there is a better system that can be put in place: could one solution be the one similar to the resident passes for car-owners (which I personally have had experience of, both as a resident and as a venue director).
- 4) Similar to 3), there are some residents on the Terrace who have specific access requirements due to mobility issues, or those travelling with bikes, which causes problems at the road closure barriers. In those cases, we would appreciate if there was any way the security staff could allow us to access the Terrace via the car park entrance off North Circular Rd, as that would remove the need to queue amongst crowds or cause security staff/Garda additional disruption.

██████ - St. Brigid's Road Upper, Drumcondra

I am the Founder & CEO of a new social broker company called [Simplified](#). I am also a homeowner on St. Brigid's Road Upper in Drumcondra and a member of the IDRA Residents'

Association. I am writing this submission as a resident, IDRA member, active community volunteer but more importantly, as someone who can assist the GAA and Croke Park to pro-actively respond to the issues raised as part of this community call.

Firstly, it is commendable that Croke Park are reaching out to your neighbours seeking this feedback. Croke Park stands tall in our skyline but also brings vitality and energy to the area on match or concert days. Local businesses also benefit immensely from the crowds.

Impact of Croke Park activity: Anti-social behaviour & littering

I can only comment on the streets closest to where I live and where I have to pass by on a daily basis. These streets are:

- St. Anne's Road, particularly the pocket park there
- Drumcondra Road
 - Outside the train station
 - Outside Centra
 - Up towards Quinn's pub

Firstly, these areas are known black spots for anti-social behaviour and littering all year round, not just on Croke Park days. Illegal dumping, public intoxication, disorder and urination are very common in these areas however, when there's large matches or concerts on in Croke Park, the problem is amplified 1000-fold.

While bins will eventually be cleared and emptied, usually later in the evening of an event, the entire area is left looking filthy. The footpaths are very badly stained and the whole area needs a regular power wash. It is widely researched that when an area looks dirty and has a lot of illegal dumping, that this in turn leads to more dumping so the cycle continues. Is the cleaning up of the surrounding areas solely the responsibility of Croke Park? No. However, a co-ordinated and collaborative response is needed.

Proposed solution – Social Impact through collaboration

All of the issues that are going to be raised as part of this Community Call should seek a community-focused, social value response. Engaging with social enterprises, for example, to provide on-the-spot power cleaning and litter removal will not only complement the services provided by Dublin City Council but will add positive social value outcomes to these social enterprises and the marginalised people they support.

I have worked in this area for years and have successfully negotiated social value outcomes between a range of partner organisations to not only ensure the issue is resolved to the highest level possible but that social impact, added value outcomes are achieved. My business motto is:

Common sense. Simple actions. Greater social impact.

Solutions should not be done in isolation, which is why this fact-finding community call is so positive. However, a co-ordinated, creative and innovative collaborative approach to solutions is needed here.

I would be delighted to meet with the team leading out on this Community Call to discuss this further. This is an excellent opportunity to win favour with residents and residents' associations.

Let's work together to put the right solutions in place that truly bring the community, businesses and other public bodies together.

North Strand Residents - [REDACTED], Co- Chair North Strand Residents Association

Please find attached a written submission from the North Strand Residents Association in response to your call for submissions from local resident associations within 1.5km of the stadium.

The North Strand Residents Association welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the impact of stadium matches and events on our community.

North Strand is a densely populated, long-established residential area within 1.5km of the stadium. While we recognise the cultural and national importance of major fixtures, it is essential that transport planning, event management, and commercial activity reflect the reality that the stadium operates within a living neighbourhood.

Transport & Parking

Canal Access & Pedestrian Flow

The canal walkway closure is forcing large volumes of pedestrians through narrow residential streets.

We request:

That the canal route be reopened where possible.

If safety is a concern, a temporary safety fence should be installed along the canal rather than diverting crowds through residential roads.

Proper stewarding should be in place to guide supporters along appropriate routes.

Parking & Resident Access

Residents are regularly boxed in due to illegal and obstructive parking.

Cars frequently block driveways and junctions.

Stronger enforcement is required during events.

Clear communication to attendees that parking in residential areas is unacceptable.

Consider temporary event parking controls in consultation with residents.

Cycle Lanes & Bus Management

Buses are blocking the cycle lane along Alfie Byrne Road.

Event transport planning must ensure cycle lanes remain unobstructed.

Bus parking and drop-off points should not compromise active travel infrastructure.

Antisocial Behaviour & Littering

Policing & Safety

Ethical Partnerships

Local concerns have been raised about the sponsorship relationship with Allianz.

Residents question whether this partnership aligns with community values, particularly given Allianz's international connections.

We ask that ethical considerations form part of sponsorship decisions, given the stadium's location within a residential community.

The North Strand Residents Association remains committed to constructive engagement with Croke Park to ensure that major events can continue while minimising negative impacts on the surrounding residential community.

Leo Street and District Residents Association - Leo.residents.association@gmail.com

Eoin Martin – Chair / Leo Street and District Residents Association; Kevin Horgan – Vice-Chair;
Andrew McCullagh – Secretary

1. Introduction

Leo Street and District Residents Association represent residents living within the immediate vicinity of the stadium, many of whom are located within 1.5km of the ground. We welcome the opportunity to participate in this public consultation and to raise concerns that directly affect the quality of life of our members on match days and event days.

While we acknowledge the significant contribution the stadium makes to the local community and economy, it is important that the impact on neighbouring residents is properly recognised and addressed. This submission focuses on two key themes: Transport & Parking and Antisocial Behaviour & Littering.

2. Transport & Parking

2.1 Overview of Current Issues

On match days and during major events, the volume of vehicles entering the local area places significant pressure on residential streets. Our members regularly report the following problems:

The residential streets in the association are already busy due to two large hospitals adjacent. On match days the additional volume of vehicles adds to this, and the streets become heavily congested for several hours before and after events, making it difficult for residents to park and travel.

Increased traffic volume on residential roads that are not suitable for the level of use generated by large events, leading to safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and children.

2.2 Recommendations

We respectfully request that the stadium authority and relevant local bodies consider the following measures:

- A widening of the cordon to include Leo Street, Josephine Avenue and Leo Avenue on big match days (semi-finals and finals) and concerts.
- Stewarding presence on key residential streets to direct traffic and prevent inconsiderate parking, particularly in the two hours before and after events.
- Active promotion by the stadium of public transport options, park-and-ride facilities, and designated parking areas to reduce the number of vehicles entering residential streets.
- Engagement with the local authority to review traffic management signage and implement temporary road closures or one-way systems on the most affected streets during large events.

3. *Antisocial Behaviour & Littering*

3.1 Overview of Current Issues

Littering and antisocial behaviour associated with match days are a source of ongoing frustration for residents. The issues experienced by our members include:

Significant volumes of litter — including food packaging, plastic bottles, cans, and other waste — left on residential streets, footpaths, front gardens, and green spaces following events.

3.2 Recommendations

We ask that the following practical steps be considered and implemented as a matter of priority:

Deployment of additional litter bins and waste collection teams along the main pedestrian routes through residential areas on all event days, with post-event clean-up completed before midnight.

Increased stewarding on key pedestrian routes through residential areas, with a remit to manage crowd behaviour and encourage responsible disposal of waste.

Messaging to event attendees — via ticketing communications, stadium signage, and public address systems — reminding them that the stadium is embedded in a residential community and requesting respectful behaviour.

4. Conclusion

Leo Street and District Residents Association wish to work constructively with the stadium authority and relevant statutory bodies to find lasting solutions to these issues. We believe the concerns raised in this submission are reasonable, evidenced by the lived experience of our members, and capable of being addressed with the appropriate commitment and resources.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with stadium representatives to discuss these matters further, and to be kept informed of any measures proposed in response to this and other submissions received during the consultation process.

We thank the organisers for the opportunity to contribute to this consultation and look forward to a meaningful and ongoing dialogue.

Drumcondra Park Residents Association

The residents of Drumcondra Park welcome the opportunity to make a submission to the Community Team in Croke Park stadium. Our street is within the inner cordon, and we are impacted by stadium events in many ways. We often experience difficulties accessing our homes due to road closures and increased traffic in the area on match and concert days.

There is one unique feature of the stadium that has the potential to disproportionately impact on the residents of Drumcondra Park and that is the gate that is at the end of our street and leads into the open space behind Croke Park hotel.

This open space is used for storage of large-scale lighting equipment in advance of concerts and other events and vehicles park there too. Access through this area is from the hotel. The gate that leads to Drumcondra Park from this area has not been used for vehicular access in living memory.

In 2025 Croke Park stadium proposed opening the gate and using it for vehicular access leading up to and on match day in September for the NFL game. Residents in Drumcondra Park did not support this proposal as they did not want an increase of traffic on their street and surrounding streets. These are narrow streets with residents of all ages, young & old. Trying to bring more vehicles into the area on match and concert days is totally unacceptable. It can already be very congested around these streets and residents want less cars from outside the area trying to access the streets near the stadium and not more.

It is clear that the planning permission granted for the hotel (Ref. 3803/04) does not permit the use of this gate as an access point, in or out. As residents we are requesting confirmation from the stadium that access through this gate is not sought again. We are completely opposed to the use of the gate for vehicular access and do not want an increase in traffic on our street or the surrounding streets. Of note are meetings we held with senior Gardaí in the north inner city in August and September 2025 where we raised our concerns and these were acknowledged and subsequently it was decided not to pursue using the gate for stadium associated vehicular traffic.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we request that our issue regarding this gate is recorded at the community meetings on Transport & Parking.

██████, Botanic Avenue, Dublin 9

For Croke Park matchdays the Garda have placed traffic cones along Botanic Avenue all the way to the St Mobhi Road junction sporadically over the last year or two. This has been hugely successful in alleviating illegal parking along Botanic Avenue when implemented, and it would be great to see this conducted consistently on every match day.

Furthermore, the Garda motorbike unit has also made a huge difference in traffic control in the area when available, and it would be great to see these two practices continue to be used, and enhanced further in the area.

██████ - 10 St Brigid's Rd Upper, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09V2A4

I would like to give feedback as a local resident. On event days (both matches and concerts) I have noticed a lot of issues, there are often:

Increased illegal parking in the area outside the cordon, such as parking on double yellow lines, junctions, blocked driveways etc., which there seems to be little to no enforcement about. I believe increasing enforcement, and erecting signs warning parking laws will be enforced could help deter these issues.

Increased inconsiderate parking, such as damage to local amenities (see photo below where a fence on our street was broken), moving local residents' bollards (which I know is technically not allowed, but is often used to reserve parking for ill/elderly/small children) and blocking in of locals' cars so we can't use our them on match days. Again I would like to see parking wardens patrolling our area and issuing tickets to any cars causing problems. I would also like to see signs up reminding people to show respect to local residents.

Littered streets that can take up to two days to be completely cleared. This seems unacceptable to me, as I would expect the litter to be removed by early the following morning.

Communication could be improved, as many local people don't follow GAA. Perhaps a service could offer text alerts on the day before or morning of an event?

I would be grateful if you could look into the above issues and keep us informed of actions you take to improve the problems.

██████ - St Margaret's Avenue

There needs to be security on both ends of St Margaret's Avenue when events are taking place trying to get into our homes is a nightmare.

██████████ - Russell Avenue

I live in Russell Avenue. A big issue we have is the roads are closed too late, resulting in all parking being taken up on our road. Also, while there are enclosures Garda seem to be letting people down both entrances to Fitzroy and turning right at the Duck Cafe without passes, drivers saying they are going to the hotel. Again, taking spaces for residents. While these enclosures are in place, on numerous occasions I have experienced with difficulty trying to leave my street. The issues are these cars coming onto the roads and blocking residents from leaving.

I hope this issue can be resolved.

Susanville Road Residents Association - ██████████, acting as Secretary for the Road

Transport & Parking:

Too many matches and events, preventing residents from driving on the weekends (matches of 25k or less leave the road open to parking, so if you leave you cannot return until late evening, which is after bedtime for small children)

Too many non-residents park on the street with 'resident' passes during matches (ie, cars that are never seen normally on the road suddenly appear) suggesting rules for parking permits is too lax.

Antisocial Behavior & Littering:

Urination is rampant on the street, especially during concerts. Need more portaloos and gardai at the junctions of Susanville Rd & Distillery, and Susanville and Clonliffe Rd 1 hour prior and 1 hour post match/event.

We've been told to self-police, but this is not always possible for elderly or those with small children, and we have confronted everything from belligerent teenagers to women giving sob

stories as that crouch and piss in our front gardens. Roads just off Clonliffe are more susceptible to this behavior as people know officials aren't looking beyond Clonliffe and feel they can get away with it.

So called 'stewards' who stand at barricade with a yellow vest are NOT sufficient. We've asked them and they say it's not their job, and they spend most of the time looking at their phones not paying any attention to goings on, and not doing anything to deter people from heading down side streets.

Communication to Residents & Ticket Allocation:

Residents within the lock-down area around Croke Park should be given more opportunities/draws for tickets. Currently those within 0.5km, who must endure road closures and public urination on our properties, have the same chances as someone in Phibsborough. Many have lived here for over 5 yrs with no draws.

██████ - Walsh Road

I am writing as a resident of Drumcondra, living near Croke Park, to make a formal submission regarding the ongoing parking issues experienced on match days.

On event days, the situation on our road becomes extremely difficult. Cars are routinely parked illegally, including on grass verges directly outside homes, on footpaths, and on corners. In my case, vehicles frequently park on the grass verge in front of my house and at times block access to my driveway, making it difficult or impossible for me to enter or leave my property.

I have tried, on numerous occasions, to ask drivers not to park illegally outside my home. Unfortunately, this always results in confrontation. I am frequently met with arguments, pressure, and even offers of money to allow parking there, along with comments such as "it's only for the match." The interactions are consistently intimidating, particularly as I am a woman dealing with groups of men who are often dismissive of both the legality of the situation and the impact on residents. This creates an environment where I feel uncomfortable and, at times, unsafe outside my own home.

This issue goes beyond inconvenience, it affects residents' ability to access their homes, undermines road safety, and places an unfair burden on those living in the area. While I understand the importance of events at Croke Park, the current situation around parking enforcement and crowd management is not working for local residents.

I would strongly urge consideration of additional measures such as increased traffic and parking enforcement presence, clearer resident protection measures, and stronger communication to match attendees about legal parking requirements in residential areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I hope that residents' experiences will be considered when planning future event-day arrangements.

Summer Street North /  - @OurStreetD1

Residents' Complaints

Men urinating on cars and side streets.

Residents forced to stand outside directing people to toilets and try to stop behaviour.

Women using flowerbeds as toilets.

Insufficient Facilities

Number of toilets provided on North Circular Road is not enough to meet demand.

Long queues at existing toilets encourage people to use nearby streets.

Recommended Actions

Increase in the Toilet Provision

Add more portable toilets at high-traffic areas, especially the North Circular Road.

Consider additional toilet block between existing locations to reduce pressure.

The North Inner City (NEIC) has the lowest level of open green provision in Dublin city. This is particularly striking given that Croke Park — a globally recognised site of sporting excellence, is located at the heart of this area.

The surrounding community accommodates the significant impact of thousands of attendees at matches and major events throughout the year, with congestion, noise, traffic management pressures, and routine disruption to daily life.

Recommended Actions

Commit to the creation or co-funding of a new permanent, high-quality green space within the NEIC

Partner with Dublin City Council and local community groups to identify and deliver a suitable site

Embed measurable green space investment into its community engagement strategy.

Such an initiative would not be symbolic; it would be structural. It would acknowledge the reciprocal relationship between the stadium and its neighbours and would position Croke Park as a national leader in urban sporting legacy and child-friendly city development. The children of the NEIC should not grow up in the shadow of Ireland's greatest sporting arena while having the least access to space to play.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and explore how Croke Park can lead a lasting and meaningful green space legacy for its host community.

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I am writing as a resident within 1.5km of the stadium, to make a submission under the theme of Communication to Residents & Ticket Allocation.

I am unhappy with the current ticket allocation process, as there is insufficient opportunity for people living in the catchment area to buy tickets before they go on general sale. While we bear the full impact of events, from traffic and noise to parking restrictions, access to tickets remains

limited to lottery or draws with very low odds, leaving most locals unable to attend despite our proximity.

A dedicated pre-sale window or reserved tickets for verified residents would make a meaningful difference in building goodwill and ensuring communities feel valued.

Thank you for reviewing this feedback ahead of your community meetings. I am available to discuss further.

██████ - Rutland Place North

Just in response to your email, I would like to raise and have done in the past how our little street RUTLAND PLACE NORTH is completely overlooked when there is a big match or concert going on inside croke park we have your patrons urinating , shitting, getting sick etc also parking on our narrow street blocking our door. We couldn't even get an ambulance up to my elderly mother so I really hope we will be looked after this season as regards to having a steward at the end of our street because this year I will post to social media and whatever media is available to me the disgusting behaviour and carry on of the scumbags that attend croke park and block our street it's a health and safety risk. I know I will not get a reply to this but it's on record we are not asking for much.

██████ - Richmond Road

We live in Richmond Hall complex, next to "Lightplan Lighting", and unfortunately when there are matches, we notice littering in the street, which stays there for days.

Clonliffe Road seems to be much better in relation to this, I know as I walk there 4 times a day to bring my daughter to creche.

Maybe, together with Dublin City Council, we can keep Richmond Road a bit cleaner.

██████ - 21 May Street

The last 2 match days have been a disaster for residents parking wise – for some reason the Gardai did not have a cordon on the junction of Clonliffe road and Drumcondra road or either St Georges Avenue or Mabel street and as a consequence, all residents parking around the May st, Fitzroy Ave and Drumcondra Park was taken by people going to the matches. The only function

the barrier at the top of Fitzroy Avenue achieved was to frustrate residents with over zealous Gardai confiscation residents pass without asking.

Can you please let me know if there are any plans to rectify this – my wife spoke to the community phone number and was fobbed off being told it was a matter for the Gardai which is simply not good enough.

██████ - Portland Row

I think on match days if the passes for areas cordoned off was widened. In the last year Garda started closing down ballybough to summerhill parade junction with Portland row on big match days and concert days. They are letting the crowds use Summerhill Parade and Ballybough Road as a pedestrian route and residents are stuck and not allowed into their houses. Why is this happening only recently? On tickets there are some people very lucky and seem to get a lot of tickets every year, like the same people every year.

██████ - 120 Clonliffe Road

I believe the roads during match days should be closed earlier in the match day – that way residents can come and go as they like and have our car parking spots outside our homes there for us when we return. What is the point in having a resident permit that we have to pay for or a pass allowing us to get down the street if all the spaces are taken by people paying pay and display? Many of us, especially those with children can't get to a park, an outing, do the weekly shop on match days because of the inconvenience caused by extra traffic and the thought of not being able to park anywhere upon return. Close the roads to non-residents good and early solves that.

Residents who have a resident permit on the windscreen of their cars should not require a garda pass.

Crackdown on disorderly youths and people showing signs of greater intoxication. Should not be permitted into stadium.

Can we get a bottle recycling bin up there at the Jones Road area please?

Residents - Williams Place Lower- DO1E4WO

We the residents at Williams Place Lower, on match days have trouble with fans using are cul-de-sac to urination and devection outside are doors.

We had a meeting with [REDACTED] last season. He said he would bring it up. We would be grateful if this could be delt with.

[REDACTED]

Having lived on Clonliffe Ave for 30 years, the ticket allocation to residents for matches and concert events is a disgrace. In those years I got 1 pair of tickets for a, believe or not, rugby game. Have played gaa all my life to hear of residents further afield getting tickets for all Ireland's and selling them on is poor form.

[REDACTED]

Living right beside the stadium we are hugely affected by what goes on and is planned there, for instance, it affects our parking outside our house, whether we have to cancel driving somewhere or not, accessibility to the house generally with road closures, safety sometimes, noise levels, anti-social behaviour, and the lovely positives are the vibe, the excitement on the streets around match days, concerts, the history, etc.

So I'm not complaining in any capacity, but it would have been really good to be able to converse and understand 1st hand what is being planned.

[REDACTED]

I am writing to respectfully suggest that Croke Park consider introducing a system for pre-booking parking spaces for attendees in advance of major events. As a regular visitor to GAA matches and other events at the stadium, I have observed that traffic congestion and the lack of readily available parking are ongoing challenges for supporters and residents alike.

Implementing a structured, paid parking reservation system, either directly on stadium grounds (where feasible) or through partnerships with nearby facilities—could offer several key benefits:

1. Improved Traffic Management: By directing vehicles to designated areas in advance, congestion in the surrounding streets could be reduced significantly, making access smoother for both visitors and locals.

2. Enhanced Visitor Experience: Supporters would arrive with peace of mind, knowing they have a guaranteed space secured.

3. Additional Revenue Stream: Selling parking passes in advance could generate consistent supplementary income for the GAA and associated partners.

4. Community Relations: Proactive traffic solutions would demonstrate a commitment to the local community, reducing frustration and improving the event-day experience for residents.

There are successful examples of this model in operation at many major sports venues worldwide. The integration of a simple online platform for booking and payment would make this initiative accessible and efficient.

Thank you for your time and for considering this suggestion. I greatly admire the work the GAA continues to do in promoting Irish sport and culture, and I hope this idea may contribute positively to future planning around the iconic Croke Park venue.