

# Thumbs up from Finglas for the story of its community

**A FINGLAS Story - a three-part documentary about the Northside suburb - received a resounding 'thumbs up' from the community at the heart of the programme.**

Made by multi-award-winning filmmaker Declan Cassidy - himself a native of Finglas, the three half-hour episodes chart the history of the suburb from the mid 1900s, when it was a sleepy, rural village of three or four hundred people, through the Dublin Corporation housing schemes of the 50's and 70's, which saw the population explode to a peak of over 53,000 in 1979 and to the present day when, in a multicultural Finglas, one out of six inhabitants do not class themselves as Caucasian Irish.

The mini-series features interviews with notable Finglassians such as author and poet Dermot Bolger and RTE news presenter Samantha Libreri as well as a score written by Tony Barrett of the much loved Finglas band "The Brilliant Trees".

It had its first public screening in September this year, at a Dublin City Council-funded premiere in the historic St Canice's Church of Ireland, attended by local dignitaries and those who had taken part in the making of the programme.

It was then broadcast on Dublin Community Television (DCTV), which is available to Virgin Media subscribers on Channel 802, and is available on YouTube where all three episodes can be viewed at <https://youtube.com/@tvie>

"My Dad was an artist and community activist in Finglas," explained Cassidy, "and it rubbed off on all of us.

"The second episode of 'A Finglas Story' is called 'Growing Pains' and it covers the period when we were growing up.

"The population had boomed but facilities were slow to follow, so there were a lot of teething problems and the media latched onto



Poet Dermot Bolger is another notable Finglassian who features in the 3 part series.



RTE's Samantha Libreri is one of the well-known Finglas natives features in 'A Finglas Story'

that. "I remember being told that if we wanted to have a chance with a job application, we should give the address of someone who lived outside of Finglas.

"This TV series covers all of that, but I feel that Finglas came through stronger for all of that, and you get a real sense of a community that stood together in this programme."

"A Finglas Story" was funded by Coimisiún na Meán under the Sound and Vision initiative, with a further contribution from Finglas Credit Union and broadcast support from DCTV.

"It wouldn't have been possible to make the series without that support," reveals Cassidy.

"The Sound and Vision scheme allows people like me to make programmes that are important but not commercial and DCTV provide a platform where any community

individual or group has the chance to get their programme broadcast on television.

"With social media it's hard to know what to believe and who to trust these days, so I feel that community media has never had such an important role to play in letting communities speak for themselves."

The TVIE YouTube channel that is now showing all three 'A Finglas Story' episodes is newly launched and has slowly but surely started to gather followers.

"While DCTV provides an amazing service, not everyone has Virgin Media, so TVIE allows me to make the programmes that I produce available to anyone, anywhere with an internet connection.

"There are Finglassians all over the world, and I've been getting feedback from far flung places since 'A Finglas Story' appeared on the channel."

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED.

### NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, COUNTY DUBLIN (FINGAL).

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, Energia Solar Holdings Limited, gives notice of its intention to make an application for a period of 10 years to An Bord Pleanála for approval of proposed electricity transmission infrastructure, cable connection and associated works in the townland of Fieldstown, Clonmethan Electoral District, County Dublin, Leinster, Ireland.

The Proposed Development comprises of (i) A 110 kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) tail-fed substation compound, consisting of a single storey 110kV AIS substation building (total floor area comprising circa 450m<sup>2</sup>, height approximately 6.3m); medium voltage (MV) switchgear container and switchboard total floor area comprising circa 60m<sup>2</sup>; 110kV grid transformer and 2no. house transformers within banded enclosures (approximately 6m high); diversion of existing 38kV overhead line (OHL); 160MV transformer positioned within banded enclosures (height approximately 6m); a shunt filter; diesel generator & diesel tank; twelve lightning protection masts (height approximately 20m); a 2.6m high perimeter palisade fencing and post and rail (1.4m high) fencing; internal separation fencing (2.6m high) and (ii) Grid Connection consisting of a 13.3 km underground 110kV cable connection to Finglas Substation to facilitate connection to national grid; approximately 20 no. joint bays primarily within public roadways; trenchless installation in the form of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will be used at the following locations: Broadmeadow River Bridge, Ward River Bridge on R122 and under the N2 prior to entering Finglas Substation. In addition, the Proposed Development will include a new site entrance off the R122, internal access roads and car parking, drainage infrastructure and all associated and ancillary site development works including localised alterations to the landscape. An Environmental Considerations Report (ECR) has been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development.

The planning application and ECR may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee during public opening hours, for a period of eight weeks commencing on 12 December 2023 at the following locations at the following locations. The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1; and The Offices of Fingal County Council, Planning Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y. The application may also be viewed / downloaded at the following website once the application is lodged: [www.fieldstownsubstation.ie](http://www.fieldstownsubstation.ie) Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board"), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above mentioned period relating to: (i) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out. Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on 6 February 2024 and must include the following information: (i) The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent, (ii) The subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Act refers). Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details, see: 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)). The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide under Section 182B to: (a) Approve the proposed development (b) Make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (c) Approve in respect of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), Any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions; or (d) The Board may refuse to approve the proposed development. Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone 01 8588 100). A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizen Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).