

19 February 2015

Elections for representatives to the GDA Board and Consultative Group

The terms of office for the residents' nominee to the GDA Board and the resident members of the Consultative Group are coming to an end on 12th May, 2015 and therefore it is the intention of the GDA to hold elections for the community representatives for both in February.

The process will be as follows:

1. The GDA will write out to all registered groups, and groups who have been added to our mailing list since it was established, informing them of the registration process.
2. GDA will publicly advertise in newspapers calling for the registration of interested groups for the elections. All current registered groups will have to re-register.
3. The GDA will write out to all of the registered groups with the new registered groups list.
4. The GDA will then call for nominations for the Board and Consultative Group elections. In order for a person to be eligible they must fulfil all of the following;
 - a. Be resident in the GDA area (see map below)
 - b. Be on the register of electors in the area
 - c. Be nominated by at least 2 registered groups
5. A meeting will be organised for the elections to take place and the GDA will send out the list of nominees to all registered groups.
6. A maximum of two representatives from each registered group can attend the election meeting. Each representative will have one vote.
7. The voting will be done by secret ballot and by single non-transferable vote. Ballot sheets will be given to all representatives for each of the elections.
8. A nominee is permitted to run for both Board and Consultative Group. However, if elected to both they must decide which to accept. The other position will then be filled by the candidate with the next highest number of votes.
9. The GDA Chief Executive shall inform the Minister for Education and Science of the residents' nominee to the Board and inform the Board of the persons elected to the Consultative Group.

10. Where, for whatever reason, a nominee to the GDA or a residents' member of the Consultative Group cannot be elected, then the Chief Executive may provide for a fresh registration period to facilitate the registration of additional registered groups and hold the election again, as is stated in the legislation.
11. Announce successful nominee going forward for approval.

With this process in mind the following timeline will be generally followed:

- **19th February** – GDA advertisement calling for groups to register
 - 22 days
- **13th March** – Closing Date for receipt of registration submissions
 - 10 days
- **23th March** - List of new registered groups is published
 - 4 days
- **31st March** – Start date of call for nominations for Board and Consultative Group.
Date of election meeting is set.
 - 8 days
- **8th April** – Closing date of call for nominations for Board and Consultative Group.
 - 1 day
- **9th April** - Verification of nominees
 - 1 day
- **10th April** – List of nominees is published
 - 20 days
- **30th April** - Election meeting
 - 1 day
- **1st May** - GDA Chief Executive informs Minister of residents' nominee to the Board and informs the Board of the new members on the Consultative Group.

We will advise all stakeholders of any changes to the timeline.

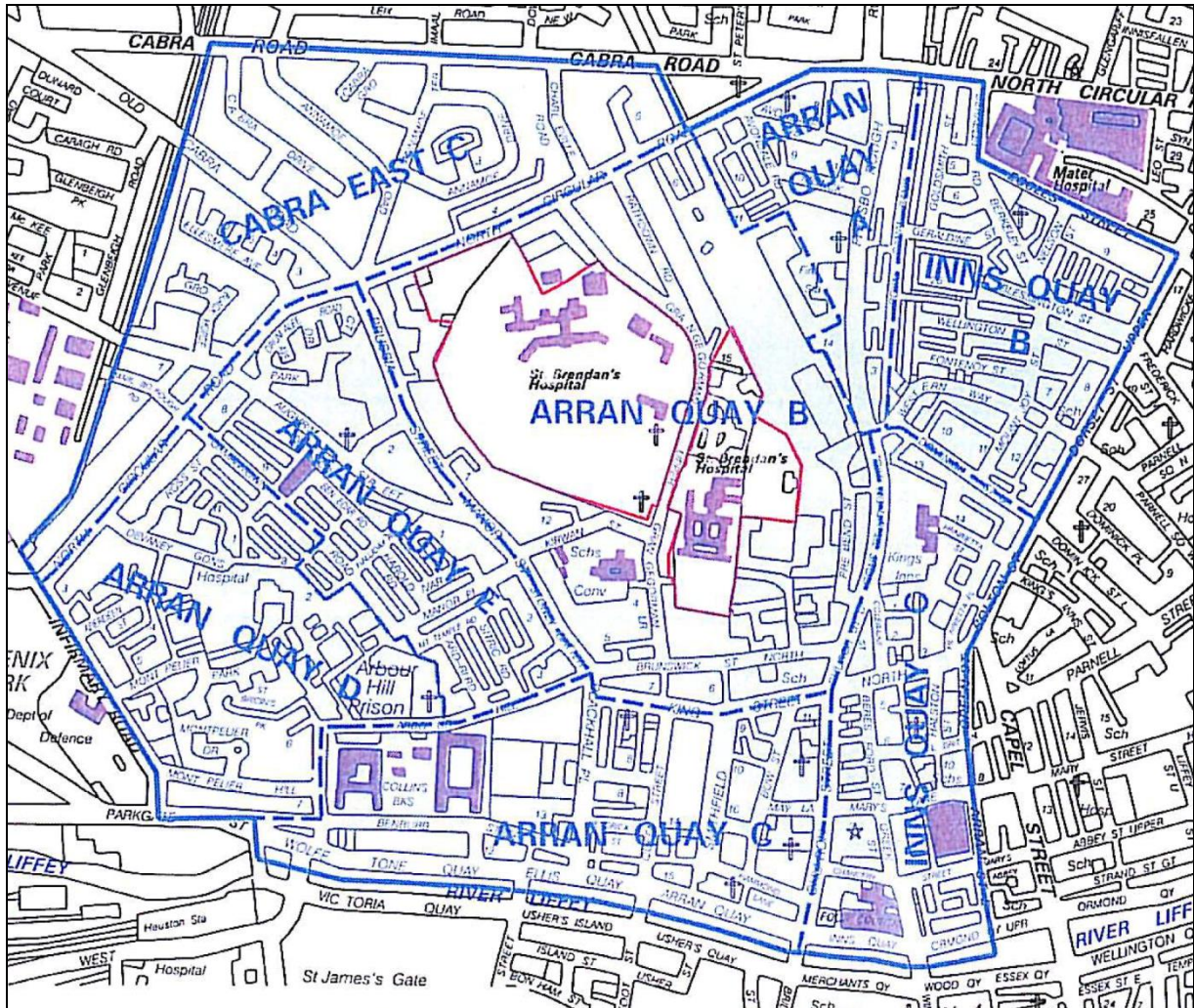


Figure: Grange Gorman Neighbourhood