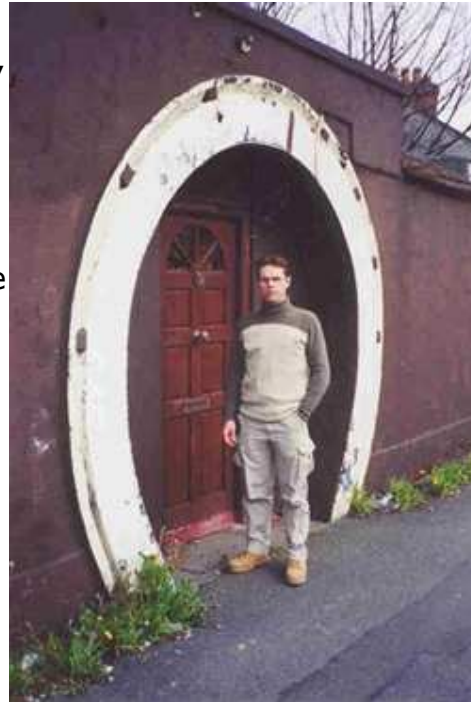


Press Releases - Landmark soon to be just a memory - 20/09/00

The landmark forge that has graced the junction adjoining Bakers Corner, Dun Laoghaire for decades is now listed for demolition following the granting of planning permission by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. According to Councillor Eoin Costello its demolition will lead to the loss of another landmark in our county.



According to Councillor Costello he put a question to the manager when he heard of the permission, asking him how many former Smithies Buildings, with the original décor feature of a horseshoe framing the entrance, currently exist in the County. The reply to Councillor Costello's question was that it appeared from council records that there are no other examples of former forges with a horseshoe framing the entrance in the County.

The matter of the forge came back before the Council's Dun Laoghaire Area Committee at the 18th September meeting as a result of a motion placed by Councillor Boyhan. Councillor Boyhan asked the manager to explain why the Council granted permission to demolish the forge.

The former forge is a list 2 building in the 1998 development plan and was listed for preservation. However it had not achieved preservation status when the Council granted permission for its demolition. Permission for the demolition was granted in the run up to Christmas 1999 and just before the new Local Government Planning and Development act came into force.

"I am asking my fellow councillors to revoke this permission before the forge is demolished and insist that any replacement application incorporate the original frontage. It is easy for designers to incorporate frontages into modern buildings and it is common practice throughout Dublin." Councillor Costello said.



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