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Dublin City Council

**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA
COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON
MONDAY 11th JULY 2016
AT 3.00pm**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

You are hereby notified to attend the monthly meeting of the above committee to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2 on Monday 11th July at 3pm to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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Dated this 6th July 2016

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- 648.** Election of South East Area Committee Chairperson.
- 649.** Election of South East Area Committee Vice Chairperson.
- 650.** Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2016 (pages 4 – 36).
- 651.** Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 58 - 63).
- 652. Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
- i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held on 28th June 2016 (enclosed).
- 653. Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department Matters**
- i. Tree Felling Report (page 37).
 - ii. Pre-Part 8 Notification (for information purposes only) regarding the proposed redesign of Herzog Park, Rathgar, Dublin 6 (page 38).
 - iii. Report on proposed installation of Chinese Garden at Herbert Park (page 39 and enclosed X3.)
 - iv. Playground improvement works in the South East Area (page 40).
 - v. Report on Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme (East Link Grant Scheme) (page 41 and enclosed).
- 654. Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
- i. Report on the proposed granting of a four year concession to operate a tearoom at Herbert Park to Lolly and Cook (pages 42 - 45 and enclosed).
 - ii. Report on the proposed grant of a lease of the basement (part of) No. 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 (pages 46 - 47 and enclosed).
 - iii. Poolbeg SDZ Update (page 48).
- 655. Housing and Residential Services Department Matters**
- i. Quarterly Report on Housing Programme (enclosed).
- 656. South East Area Matters**
- i. Updates on the following:
 - Community Development Section (pages 49).
 - Environmental Services Unit (page 50 - 51).
 - Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements (pages 52 - 53).
 - Sport and Recreation Section (pages 54 - 55).
 - ii. Report on a proposal to rename Belmont Court as Woods' Way (pages 56 - 57 and enclosed).

Motions

657. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the Manager would report on a programme of installation of pooper scooper bins with a particular reference to Beech Hill Park (football field close where it adjoins UCD), Pearse Square, Herbert Park and any other areas that have been raised by councillors over the years.

658. Motion from Councillor Norma Sammon

To call on Dublin City Council to recognise the achievements of Patrick O'Connell in the week leading up to the friendly between FC Barcelona & Glasgow Celtic FC in Aviva Stadium on 30th July 2016 by working with DCCBeta and local artists to commission a series of artistic street boxes near the Aviva, like their recent successful trial programme, to commemorate this specific occasion and reflect on his own remarkable achievements. Patrick was a Drumcondra native. It is 80 years this year since Patrick won the first of his 4 trophies with Barcelona - Campionat de Catalunya.

659. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee calls on the manager to provide permeability for pedestrians and cyclists between Corrib Road and Ashdale Gardens in Terenure.

This measure would significantly decrease the walking distance between Corrib Road and Terenure Village and therefore encourage more sustainable modes of transport.

660. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That a fire and electrical survey be carried out on the Ross Road, Bride Street, Nicholas Street, given the concerns residents have and the inconsistencies between what residents have indicated about the structure of the building and the managers previous report.

661. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the manager arrange to have a the windows in Mercer House audited and indicate how many windows are broken in this complex and a plan put in place to have the locks fixed on the ones that are broken and outline how much this will cost?

662. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That a new door be placed in 92c Mercer House as it is allowing rain in and is no use in terms of insulation.

663. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the tenant in 86C Mercer House has an audit carried out to confirm why the electricity keeps blowing on them and making it unsafe for this family.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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A minute's silence was observed for the victims of the Orlando shooting.

623. Presentation from Gerry O'Connell on the Sandymount Promenade Flood Defences.
Order: Noted.

624. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2016.
Order: Agreed.

625. Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted

626. Environment and Transportation Department Matters

ii. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held on 24/05/2016.
Order: Noted

iii. Report on the provision of pedestrian crossings on Burgh Quay and at Merrion Square.
Order: Noted

627. Housing and Residential Services Department Matters

i. Notification of initiation under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 Proposed Amalgamation of Bedsits and Associated External Works to 8 bedsits at Block 1 of St. Andrew's Court, Fenian Street, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.

628. Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department Matters

i. Report on Part 8 Notification: Public Park and Play Facility at Benson Street (Chocolate Park), Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

ii. Verbal Report on National Cultural Institutions and Neighbourhoods
Order: Noted

629. Planning and Property Development Department Matters

i. Report on the proposed granting of a way leave to ESB at Ffrench Mullen House, Charlemont Street, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

630. South East Area Matters

ii. Updates on the following:

- Community Development Section.
- Environmental Services Unit.

- Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements.
- Sport and Recreation Section.

Order: Noted.

- iii. Naming and numbering proposal for new development at Terenure Road West.

Order: Agreed

- iv. Naming and numbering proposal for a new development at Bloomfield Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.

Order: Agreed.

- v. Naming and numbering proposal for a new development at Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2.

Order: Agreed.

- vi. Naming and numbering proposal for a new development at 8 Hanover Quay and Green Street East, Dublin 2.

Order: Agreed.

Motions

631. Motion from Councillors Ruairí McGinley, Patrick Costello, Anne Feeney, Mary Freehill, Paddy Smyth and Claire O'Connor

That the manager examines the issues below in relation to Rutland Avenue & Rutland Grove and reverts with comprehensive response

- A. Traffic volumes and parking chaos at entrance to Rutland Grove arising from traffic at top of Rutland Avenue at entrance to park. Concern that blind spots created by parked cars will lead to accidents. Corner needs to be kept free of parked cars. Illegal parking needs attention.
- B. Residents on Rutland Avenue are unable to park at their houses due to parking by park users and would like some designated parking spaces, possibly on large footpath area.
- C. Commitment to reduce footpath size on park side to increased car parking when Lourdes Celtic clubhouse was built has not been followed through on.
- D. Bring centre entrance is a location for dumping - one suggestion is to remove indent - have wall in line with path – bring centre wall was never rendered.
- E. CCTV cameras needed to deter dumping.
- F. Planting needed to remove very harsh concrete aspect to estate entrance – greening of estate needed on all grey walls.
- G. Footpath repair programme needed within estate - some sections done - much remains to be done.
- H. Trees in estate need pruning and wires protruding from trees need attention.
- I. Road surface at estate entrance needs attention as it is breaking up in particular in proximity to bring centre.

- J. Some trees root systems are causing severe damage to paths and creating hazards for residents many of whom are now elderly – location at 41/42 to be removed – prune 40/39.
- K. There is a brown field site to side of bring centre that is detracting from estate appearance and residents wish to know what plans are – site needs to be cleaned up.
- L. Residents are very happy for bring centre to remain, once issues with dumping are addressed.
- M. Footpath outside No. 18 needs particular attention – resident using a walking rollator and footpath is not suitable, also 40, 53, 43, 70, 78 (garden being damaged), 112 – note there have been claims in past arising from trips.
- N. Public light fittings - colour needs to change from yellow to white as estate is dark.
- O. Street cleansing needs attention, in particular weeds growing on edge of road.
- P. Remove railings at top of Mount Argus wall as no longer needed and would visually improve estate.
- Q. Soft landscaping needed in avenue 57 - 74 – couple of trees, also possible fencing on top of end wall to improve security.
- R. Possibility of mural on one of large walls.
- S. Footpath needs to be constructed on left hand side route into estate – on visit both elderly and young children noted going onto public road due to lack of footpath with obvious safety issues.
- T. Wall to boundary of Sundrive Park and bring centre is very grey – the area to top of road has greened up nicely, the remaining area could do with similar treatment – area that is at risk from Halloween bonfires needs particular attention.

Order: Report to councillor.

632. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the local area office erects a street sign for Ashbrook Terrace, Sallymount Avenue. This is a small terrace of houses and is frequently confused for other houses with the same numbers on Sallymount Avenue. A similar sign has been erected in the past for Warwick Terrace, also part of Sallymount Avenue, to prevent similar confusion. Given this precedent a sign should be erected as soon as possible.

Order: Report to councillor.

633. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this area committee instruct the Manager take steps to allow dogs to be off leash in parks in a manageable and structured way. Currently the manager is allowing certain parks to be de-facto dog parks with no restraint or conditions, which has created a situation where there is difficulty for other park users, particularly those with small children frightened of dogs.

This is particularly the case in Orwell Park where it has been reported that dog owners have simply stated to other concerned park users "this is the Dog Park". While Dogs and dog owners should be able to use parks, the current free for all of dogs off leash is not working for all park users.

The manager needs to take steps to ensure that conditions of Off-Leash times or areas put in place and enforced. This committee has passed several motions calling for dog runs as used in other urban areas internationally which would offer the manager one easy to implement and maintain structure.

Order: Report to councillor.

634. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests an update on previously agreed commitments to dish all the footpath junctions on both sides of Morehampton / Donnybrook Roads from the Bloomfield Avenue (entrance to Royal Hospital) to Donnybrook Sacred Heart Church.

Order: Report to councillor.

635. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the local area office and the Parks Department provide monthly updates on all aspects of attempts to develop the City of Dublin Educational Training Board (CDETb) ground on Templeogue Road. Recent proposals to develop this site caused a lot of concern among residents in the area, that these proposals were developed without consultation and with little information being provided to Councillors or residents added to the concern of the residents.

Residents are generally supportive of improving sporting facilities for the area but proper consultation needs to take place. If Councillors are kept in the dark by officials we are not in a position to help facilitate communication and facilitate any developments. Now that this proposal is being looked at again it is imperative that Councillors and residents are included and kept updated at all stages.

Order: Report to councillor.

636. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the local area office agrees to resurface Killeen Road, Ranelagh; it is in very poor condition and is pockmarked with large and growing potholes and should be resurfaced.

Order: Report to councillor.

637. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That the South East Area Committee calls on the City Council to carry out an environmental impact study on the consequences of the traffic realignment and contra flow bus corridor that is being proposed for Parliament Street, Dame Street area. There is grave concern locally and indeed city wide, at the lack of a robust study and the negative impact that this will have on this local environment.

Order: Report to councillor.

638. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy. Moved by Cllr. McCartan

To ask the manager to address the issue of cars using Ailesbury Drive, Dublin 4 as a rat-run and travelling at an excessive speed for a street of this kind in the process, by adding speed bumps or other appropriate traffic calming measures. There are speed bumps on all the neighbouring residential streets (Nutley, Ailesbury, and Simmonscourt).

Order: Report to councillor.

639. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee asks Iarnród Eireann to present to the next South East Area Committee meeting to explain the works being carried out at Macken Street Bridge and when the on-going disruption to Dublin City Council tenants will end.

Order: Report to Councillor.

- 640. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That Pearse Square is attended to by the cleansing section on a twice-daily basis given the heavy usage and particularly heavy usage in the fine weather.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 641. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That large blue parking signage indicating that there is parking behind the retail units at Wild and Greene in Milltown be erected as is done in other areas with parking congestion.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 642. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That the Manager gives an update on the proposals for a play area on Ross Road as previously discussed.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 643. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That given the concerns residents have around the issue of fire safety on Old Bride Street, Nicholas Street and Ross Road that this area committee asks for a fire safety audit to be carried out as a matter of urgency.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 644. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
That this committee asks the Manager to have a no parking sign replaced at Montague Lane. Non residents are parking at the back entrance to O'Callaghan's Hotel and they are blocking other entrances also which is a safety issue. Unfortunately, when the clampers come down they do not approach this area as the no parking sign was removed.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 645. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
That this committee asks the Manager to have tree stumps uprooted to the front and back of O' Carroll Villas flat complex.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 646. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
That this committee asks the Manager to have grass cut at the back of O' Carroll villas flats. Block beside hotel.
Order: Report to councillor.
- 647. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
That the traffic engineers examine the impediment to traffic flow along the canal caused by the right turn into Mount Pleasant Avenue Lower and whether the straightening of the curved footpath or road positioning would aid traffic flow.
- The sequencing of the cycleway traffic light on the nose of Portobello Bridge, the red light on the bridge when there is green on the canal means that during morning rush hour traffic during a whole green phase not one car gets to move because of the above two issues.
- It is worth noting that this west east route does not have any public transport.
Order: Report to councillor.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson
13th June 2016

Attendance

Members

Councillor P. McCartan (in the chair).

Councillors D. Lacey, S. Stapleton, P. Costello, R. McGinley, C. Andrews, M. Freehill, A. Feeney, C. O'Connor, F. Kennedy, M. Flynn.

Officials

R. Kenny, Area Manager, South East Area Office.

F. Lambe, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area Office.

B. Kirk, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.

M. Ginnetty, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.

J. Wall, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

L. Johnson, Staff Officer, South East Area Office

J. Nugent, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

H. Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation Operations.

C. Adamson, Assistant Engineer, Transportation Operations.

R. Yeates, Arts Officer, Community, Culture, Economic & Emergency Services

D. Scully, Senior Planner, Planning & Property Development Department.

C. Lopez-Naughton, Senior Executive Architect, City Architect's Department.

M. Hussey, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic.

D. Scully, Senior Planner, Docklands Unit.

C. French, Assistant Engineer, Traffic.

D. Kinane, Executive Engineer, Regional Projects and Flood Advisory Office.

B. Knowles, Executive Engineer, Regional Projects and Flood Advisory Office.

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she can supply a comprehensive report on the issues raised by the Beech Hill Residents' Association, as detailed in the letter supplied with this question:

"I'm writing you on behalf of the Beech Hill Residents Association. I would like to address concerns, outlined below, from some of our residents about the deterioration of the footpaths in the Beech Hill Estate.

- *There are several broken and damaged paths on different parts of the estate.*
- *A tree was cut down beside number 1 Beech Hill Crescent; however the stump was never treated properly.*
- *Blue barriers were left for months blocking the path besides number 52 on Beech Hill Avenue.*
- *Several trees do not look safe, in particular after damage from severe winds and storms.*
- *We believe some of the cracks on our paths are caused from the roots of overgrown trees.*

We would appreciate if rapid and appropriate actions can be taken on all of the above.

Please do not hesitate to forward this note to any other interested parties and your relevant colleagues.

We have been unable to get any reply from Dublin City Council representatives and it would be great if you can help us take it forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions or you need any other details."

Reply:

1. Previous correspondence was sent separately to residents following inspections of footpath in Beech Hill estate, advising we have some footpaths on our works programme. However, due to limited resources, these works have not been carried out to date. Road Maintenance prioritises works on a health & safety basis and therefore we cannot specify when these works will be carried out as new priorities arise daily. The road maintenance inspector for the area is aware of the need to commence works in this area.
2. The tree beside No. 1 Beech Hill Crescent will be removed as part of the footpath reinstatement.
3. There were no blue barriers at number 52 Beech Hill Avenue at the time of the council question inspection.
4. A tree was removed some weeks ago as it was leaning due to wind blow. The remaining trees are being monitored on an ongoing basis.
5. Road Maintenance have added locations where trees have pushed up or broken sections of pavement to the works programme for repair and replacement. In future, where required, Road Maintenance may lay asphalt closer to tarmac around the base of trees as opposed to concrete as tarmac is more flexible.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to advise on progress for proposal to Dublin City Council for a Rainbow Crossing for Ranelagh Village.

Reply:

Traffic signs and road markings are provided in accordance with signs regulations through the Traffic Signs Manual, DTTAS, November 2010 or directions by the Minister of Transport to Road Authorities under Section 95 (16) of the Road Traffic Act 1961. These signs/markings are obligatory and not discretionary. The Rainbow Crossing sign is not provided for in the Traffic Signs Manual.

This road marking could be mistaken for a Zebra Crossing which is generally not effective in changing driver behaviour and might provide a false sense of safety to pedestrians. For these reasons it is not proposed to provide this sign in Ranelagh village.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will:

- A. Arrange for the very large trees on the Council owned triangle of land at the start of Beech Hill Avenue (where it backs on to David Lloyd Leisure Centre) to be pruned as they block light to houses across from them.
- B. Write to the operators of the Leisure Centre requesting they implement their promise (so far undelivered) to seriously prune their trees along Beech Hill Avenue that have an oppressive impact on their neighbours along Beech Hill Avenue who have requested them to do this on numerous occasions.

Reply:

- A. The trees at this location are semi-mature Beech trees (*Fagus sylvatica*) which are considered to be in good condition and do not require pruning.
- B. A tree pruning notice is being issued to David Lloyd Dublin Riverview health club.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to conduct an audit of the appalling state of the footpaths along Beech Hill Avenue with a view to preparing an upgrade programme for same.

Reply:

Previous correspondence was sent separately to residents following inspections of the footpath in Beech Hill estate, advising we have footpaths on our works programme. However, due to limited resources, these works have not been carried out to date. Road Maintenance prioritises works on a health & safety basis and therefore I cannot specify when these works will be carried out as new priorities arise daily. The road maintenance inspector for the area is aware of the need to commence works in this area.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to respond to concerns about the partial opening up of the bollards at the junction of Corrib / Melvin road, Terenure, Dublin 6W.

I am concerned that this is now a four way junction allowing motorbikes and push bikes to come through the bollards without slowing down at an unmarked junction.

This junction remains unmarked to inform drivers on Melvin Road of potential traffic coming from a road which was previously closed to traffic to go through.

Why was this junction opened up and why for motorbikes and pushbikes only?

Is the council going to open up the other bollards in the area in line with these bollards, i.e. Mount Tallant Avenue / Derraverragh Road and Derraverragh Road / Neagh Road?

Is the council going to mark the junction to inform motorists of who has right of way at this crossroads and to inform motorists of potential traffic coming from their right?

Can the council deter motorists from parking on corners in the area via the wheelchair ramps in the footpaths, this then blocks wheelchair users' access and blocking sight lines for motorists at a crossroads?

Reply:

The Area Engineer will assess the issues raised in this question and the councillor will be notified in due course.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to arrange repairs to tenancy house (details supplied).

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that this dwelling has been inspected and arrangements have been made to have all necessary works carried out within the next 2 - 3 weeks.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to ask the ESB to take steps to deal with (details supplied)

Reply:

This is a matter for the ESB and the Councillor may contact them directly at the following: ESB, 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, D02 KT92, tel.: 01 676 5831, email: info@esb.ie

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange to have the paving slabs reinstated outside Number 23 St. Patrick's Villas, Ringsend following recent works as there has already been at least one serious trip over the tarmac there.

Reply:

Works were carried out at this location by Public Lighting Department. Public Lighting carries out their own reinstatements and has advised they are programming this reinstatement.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange to have at least one of these two totally unnecessary and unwelcome (by the residents) signs at 8B Whelan House, Ringsend removed and she will also arrange for the railings placed above that flat to be painted as soon as possible as their present condition is deeply unsightly.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the two signs at this location were erected on request by residents and are necessary to deter football playing in this area.

The railings were painted when installed and are not in need of re-painting at this stage.

Q.10 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to deal with issue in local park Dartry Park (details supplied).

Reply:

The control of dogs in public parks and open spaces is governed by the Bye Laws made under the local Government Act 1994 (see below). The enforcement of dog control is the responsibility of the Dog Warden Service and they will be requested to monitor this location.

Signs will also be put in place to remind dog owners of the times that dogs are permitted off-leash.

BYE-LAWS

Made under

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BYE-LAWS FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1994.

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PARKS AND OPEN SPACES BYE-LAWS 2002.

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Q.11 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager if signs can be erected informing dog owners using Dartry and Orwell Parks, that all dogs must be on the lead after 11am and up to one hour prior to the parks closing as per the current bye-laws?

Reply:

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Q.12 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to clarify if Strand Terrace is taken in charge.

Reply:

The area is in charge of Dublin City Council.

Q.13 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could request the owners of (details supplied) to severely cut their hedge as it is obscuring the public lighting significantly.

Reply:

The matter will be investigated and a report will be issued to the councillor in due course.

Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if, as a matter of urgency, she will have this path at 61 Beech Hill Avenue repaired (photography supplied). The damaged path was made worse by Dublin City Council vans parked on it recently and a nearby neighbour uses a mobility aid scooter and the path is now dangerous for her.

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected the footpath outside no. 61 Beech Hill Avenue. This footpath has been given to a crew for temporary repair until a crew is available to carry out permanent repairs at this location. The permanent repair has been added to our works programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.15 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to indicate when nine boarded up housing units on Sandwith Street are being brought back into housing stock?

Reply:

There are 8 0-bed units on the ground floor of St. Andrew's Court on Sandwith Street. It is proposed to convert these units into 4 X 1-bed units and a Part 8 report in this regard is being presented to councillors at the June SEAC meeting. It is hoped, subject to planning approval and contractor appointment, to begin works as soon as possible.

Q.16 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for an update on the removal of abandoned bikes in the local area broken down by ward, including the total numbers identified, total numbers tagged and the total numbers removed and the total number of bikes or partial bikes passed to bike recycling projects e.g. Rothar or other similar projects.

Reply:

The procedure for the removal of abandoned bicycles was adopted by the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting on 10th February 2016. 98 bicycles, in various states of repair, have to date been identified as being abandoned throughout the South East Area, broken down as follows:

Ward	Bicycles Deemed Abandoned	Bicycles Tagged
Pembroke/South Dock	77	10
Rathgar/Rathmines	21	5

Abandoned Bicycle Tags have recently been placed on 15 of these and they will be removed this month and kept in secure storage for a period of 4 weeks. In addition, during the period January to May 2016, 7 abandoned bicycles along with 66 part bikes / frames were removed from our area. All bikes / part bikes removed to date were donated to Rothar for recycling.

Q.17 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask that the local area office agrees to complete the paving of the path alongside the Dodder at Scully's Field. As shown in the attached photo it was only half done?

Reply:

This path was always maintained as a 'naturalised' biodiversity rich trail along the northern bank of the R. Dodder. When the path was resurfaced, it was considered preferable not to widen the path, but to retain the unique vegetative character of this

riverside walkway. The clearance of the vegetation shown in the photograph is not necessary, as this is naturalised planting which requires only minimum maintenance.

There is also a wider path located in a parkland setting along the southern bank of the river.

Q.18 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager when the following vacant units will be brought back into stock Rathmines Ave Number 22 which has being vacant for the last 4 years and Number 5.

Reply:

22 Rathmines Ave Flats has been the caretaker's office since 2009. The tenant of 5 Rathmines Ave flats passed away in April 2016 RIP. The family cleared out the flat and we got the keys back in early May. At present the keys are with the maintenance section. The refurbishment of that flat is expected to commence in the next two to three weeks.

Q.19 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the Area Manager examine the possibility of placing traffic bollards on the footpaths on both sides of South Richmond Street in order to encourage responsible parking?

Reply:

Bollards are not provided on footpaths as a measure to prevent parking as it is illegal to park on a footpath. The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations Section 36 paragraph (2) (i) provides: "a vehicle shall not be parked on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip".

There is also a Mandatory Cycle Track along the western side of Richmond Street South which prohibits parking.

Illegal parking is an enforcement matter and should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services Ph. 6022 500 or to the Gardaí as it occurs.

Q.20 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the Manager examine why cars are continuing to park on the corner of Charlemont Street notwithstanding that there are yellow lines?

Reply:

The council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, has been instructed to monitor this location and to take enforcement action as required.

Contact:

Chris Carroll, A/Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement, tel.: 222 2501, email: chris.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q.21 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the Manager arrange for the pothole on Brighton Road (at the intersection with Tower Avenue) to be filled in?

Reply:

Road Maintenance have inspected the above location and passed it to a crew for the pothole to be filled.

Q.22 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager why there is an ambulance parking space outside the former Baggot Street Hospital when this premises is no longer a hospital, and, in the absence of a valid justification for the retention of the ambulance parking space, which takes up several parking spaces, to remove it.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group has been asked to examine the rescindment and removal of the ambulance bay at the location and to incorporate the space into the existing Pay and Display parking also located there.

Q.23 Councillor Frank Kennedy

When vehicular traffic is heading into St. Stephen's Green from Leeson Street, the right hand lane at the junction is only for turning right onto St. Stephen's Green, which causes bad tailbacks in the left hand lane. To ask the Manager to enable the right hand lane to be used for both right turns onto the green and to continue straight onto the green towards Cuffe Street.

Reply:

Regarding junction at Lower Leeson Street and St. Stephen's Green, please be advised that planning is underway to amend both the layout of the junction and the traffic signal operation, to facilitate the inclusion of a bicycle lane on St. Stephen's Green. All possible options will be examined as part of this process.

Q.24 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to provide a water tap along Sandymount Strand which would provide access to water for dogs being walked by their owners on the promenade and beach.

Reply:

It is not proposed to provide tap water for dog along Sandymount Strand as the welfare of dogs using Sandymount Strand is a matter for the dog owner.

Q.25 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to repair the severe pothole on Sydney Parade Avenue facing the wall of 53(a) Sydney Parade Avenue (photos attached).

Reply:

Road Maintenance have inspected the above location and passed it to a crew for the pothole to be filled.

Q.26 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to the stretch of land along the canal from Portobello Bridge heading west, given the fact that on summer evenings this area is filled with people but that there is only one bin in place which fills up very quickly, the result of which is that there is much litter which attracts foxes, rats and other vermin, and because there is often a lot of noise, to ask the Manager

- (a) To install a second bin along this stretch – a second bin would be of minimal cost because it would be adjacent to the bin already there but would make a big difference; and
- (b) To install a sign to remind people that this is a residential area and to be conscious of making noise late at night/after hours.

Reply:

The South East Area Office will ask Waterways Ireland to place bins and erect the signage as suggested.

Q.27 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following question 10 at the April Meeting of the South East Area Committee raising the problem of stone, gravel, cement, concrete and other waste being dropped from passing lorries at the junction of Church Avenue and Tritonville Road, this problem continues to persist. There is a trail of cement and pebbles near this junction and there continues also to remain large chunks of concrete at the traffic lights on Church Avenue. Please see photograph attached. To ask the Manager:

- (a) To rectify this problem by cleaning up the location, and in particular the cement which has now turned into hard chunks of concrete; and
- (b) To adopt a mechanism to address this problem, which is clearly ongoing given that this road appears to be a thoroughfare used by concrete lorries travelling from depots to many sites in the South Inner City. Unless this issue is addressed this junction will turn into a construction site.

Reply:

(a) Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned on the 1st June 2016. We will monitor this area to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible.

Road Maintenance will remove the hardened concrete from the carriageway. Due to the location at the traffic lights, it is required to carry out this work during low trafficked times, such as early morning.

(b) There is a 3.5 tonne limit restriction at the entrance to Bath Street. It is not possible, therefore, for vehicles exceeding the weight restriction to use Bath Street as a through street to access Ringsend i.e. to go straight ahead at Grant's Garage. Vehicles exceeding the weight limit can only enter the road solely for the purpose of gaining access to or egress from premises accessible only from that road. There is no weight restriction at the entrance to Church Avenue.

Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following the installation of the vehicle activated signs (VAS) on Sandford Road, which the residents greatly appreciate, to ask the Manager to conduct a study/review to monitor the effectiveness of these signs. Shortly after the installation of similar signage on Strand Road it was possible to provide statistical information as to changed patterns of drivers resulting from the signage. A study/review at Sandford Road is sought in particular having regard to the concern of residents that the location of the VAS on the southbound side (traffic coming out of Ranelagh) may not be working to full advantage because it is partly hidden by two trees and because the curve in Sandford Road means that the sign may not detect or be seen by vehicles until they are quite near it.

Reply:

In order to determine the effectiveness of the Speed Radar Signs an appropriate monitoring period is required in order to gain accurate information. The signs have been installed only recently, therefore a report on the data regarding the effectiveness of the signs cannot be made available until a suitable period has elapsed.

The recently installed Speed Radar Signs on Sandford Road are located in the optimum locations. Unlike conventional road signs, the Speed Radar Signs have

particular requirements and the solar panel must be positioned to face a specific direction. Other site specific constraints on Sandford Road include existing entrances and driveways, as well as available footpath widths. All of these factors had to be given due consideration when designating the most suitable locations. This was determined on site with the council and the specialist contractor who installed the signs.

Q.29 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Parking along the Grand Canal at Charlemont Street near the Animal Welfare Clinic (40 Charlemont Street) has been progressively reduced. While improved cycle lanes are extremely welcome, a recent widening took away eight parking spaces. Patrons reach the Animal Welfare Clinic primarily by car. In the recent past the clinic was led to believe that parking was allowed in front of it between 10am-4pm on Monday to Friday, but recently cars parked at this location were clamped. To ask the Manager to see if some accommodation can be reached which would enable a degree of parking near the clinic, a local business which employs twelve people and has served the community for 30 years.

Reply:

There is no parking permitted at anytime directly outside the clinic. The following reply to a similar query responded to by Chris Adamson, Area Asst. Engineer, Transportation Operations outlines the situation at this location; "It is a goal of the Dublin City Corporate Plan to provide the safe, sustainable and efficient movement of people, and manage the efficient movement of goods and transport in the city, in a sustainable manner. A key objective of this goal is to place cycling at a high level priority in transportation. Cycling numbers in the city continue to increase and it is important that provision is made to allow cyclists to travel safely around the city. The Canal Way Cycle Route provided under the Smarter Travel Initiative and funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, is a strategic part of improving cycling facilities in Dublin City.

The scheme that included the removal of some parking on Charlemont Mall was necessary to provide an off road two-way segregated cycle track. The scheme went through the required statutory process including; public consultation and consultation with the Garda Commissioner as required under Section 95 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 as amended.

In relation to the available parking in the immediate vicinity of Charlemont Street there are a total of 19 no. Pay & Display bays – 4 no. spaces adjacent and 15 no. spaces directly opposite the clinic. It was noted during a site inspection that all 4 Pay & Display spaces adjacent to the clinic were unoccupied, with drivers instead choosing to park on the cycle track to avoid paying.

To clarify - in front of the practice, it is not permissible to park at anytime for two reasons: firstly there is a solid white line directly opposite – Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) (d) "A vehicle shall not be parked on a section of roadway with less than 3 traffic lanes and where traffic sign number RRM 001 [continuous white line] has been provided". Secondly, parking is not permitted on an advisory cycle lane other than for set down or for a maximum of 30 minutes while actively loading/unloading. The cycle track is indicated by the RUS 009 Cycle Track Sign (16m south of the clinic), which operates on a 24 hour basis.

The periods of operation 07.00 – 10.00 & 16.00 – 19.00 Mon to Sat, as referred to in the correspondence, are applicable from the start of the With-Flow Bus Lane, which is north of the clinic. This is indicated on the Supplementary Plate (P051) below the bus lane sign.

Q.30 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to re-locate [details supplied] who currently resides in a Dublin City Council property being his parents' family home. The applicant is 36 years old and six people live in the family home, in which three people, including the applicant, share a room. This room measures 2.5m x 4m and barely fits the beds required. The Manager is asked to re-locate the applicant at any of the number of council units not being occupied in Rathmines at present, in particular on Rathmines Avenue at the rear of Tesco on the main road. Unit No. 22 has been vacant for the last four years and No. 5 has been vacant for several weeks. The applicant would be willing to do any repairs required himself because his background is in construction.

Reply:

22 Rathmines Ave Flats has been the caretaker's office since 2009. The tenant of 5 Rathmines Ave flats passed away in April 2016 RIP. The family cleared out the flat and we got the keys back in early May. At present the keys are with the maintenance section. The refurbishment of that flat is expected to commence in the next two to three weeks.

The applicant is currently in band two on the housing list for one bedroom accommodation since 23/01/13. His areas of preference and positions are as follows:

Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown) POSITION 460

Area L (Clanbrassil, York St., Rialto, Coombe/Maryland, James St., Ushers Quay, Charlemont & Dolphins Barn) POSITION 724

Area N (Ranelagh, Rathmines, Terenure & Harold's Cross) POSITION 751

Dublin City Council are now allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to provide an update on:

- (a) the structural repair works at the Markievicz Leisure Centre;
- (b) whether it is possible to say when the Centre will re-open; and
- (c) if it is not possible at present to say when the Centre will re-open, when is it envisaged that this information will be known?

Reply:

The Assistant Chief executive circulated a detailed report on the works at the Markievicz Sports and Fitness Centre to all councillors on Thursday the 9th June.

Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to address the safety problem posed to cars which are exiting from Vergemount Hospital onto Clonskeagh Road, especially traffic which is going southbound (because this traffic, turning right, needs to cross a lane of traffic).

Reply:

There is a yellow box provided in front of the entrance to Vergemount Hospital to assist vehicles entering/exiting the hospital. In addition, there is a hospital sign

erected facing oncoming traffic travelling northwards approaching the hospital. The yellow box has faded. To improve its visibility it will be tasked for repainting in the coming weeks.

Q.33 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to look into any means of addressing the nuisance / pest issue of a considerable number of pigeons constantly around the pavement around the Swan Centre and Boots Pharmacy (primarily because of litter and people leaving bread around for them to eat). There is concern that apart from the issue of the unsightly build up of pigeon dirt on the pavements, it is potentially a health hazard also.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean the pavement around the Swan Centre and Boots Pharmacy on a daily basis. We will ensure that the cleaning of pigeon dirt is specifically targeted.

Q.34 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for the Traffic Department to re-paint the white road lines immediately before the traffic lights on Highfield Road, Rathgar, outside Ardagh House Hotel. The white lines have faded and as a result cars proceed to the traffic lights rather than stopping at the white line a few metres before the lights. This presents a real problem and a safety issue when hotel guests are leaving the car park and trying to go directly across the road toward Upper Rathmines Road.

Reply:

This location has been listed for action and tasked for prompt renewal in the coming days.

Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review from a safety perspective, the exit from the Aldi store on Terenure Road East. Traffic regularly emerges from the store car park turning swiftly left immediately onto a pedestrian crossing outside St. Joseph's School and Terenure Parish Church. The turn from the store grounds onto the main road, needs to have some traffic calming to ensure cars stop rather than swing out left, particularly at school start and end times when children are crossing. An inspection at these times should be made with a view to making necessary adjustments to avoid a preventable accident.

Reply:

The request for traffic calming at the exit of Aldi on Terenure Road East is listed with the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to give specific details in relation to:

- (a) When will Irish Water start and finish works on Terenure Road West to facilitate Dublin City Council resurfacing the road? Without knowing a schedule for this work, how can Dublin City Council plan and commit to the very necessary repairs on this main road which has a lot of heavy traffic using it daily.
- (b) Will Terenure Road West be resurfaced or be patch repaired and when?
- (c) Will the footpaths from Kimmage Cross Roads to Terenure village also be replaced or repaired?

Commitments have been given to carry out this necessary work, but no specifics have been given re dates. Irish Water must be pressed on giving a date for their repair work to allow Dublin City Council to proceed.

Reply:

- (a) Irish Water is no longer able to commit to carrying out works to the water main on Terenure Road West.
- (b) Road Maintenance Services intend to proceed with the repair and resurfacing works on Terenure Road West. These works are now scheduled to commence in June 2016.
- (c) There are no plans to replace the footpaths on Terenure Road West in 2016. These will be examined and any necessary repairs will be identified and put on a list of works for repair.

Q.37 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have ***details supplied's** bath re-sprayed as soon as possible. The lady has a medical condition and needs her bath for relief of this.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to have this bath re-sprayed within the next 2 - 3 weeks.

Q.38 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review the possibility of putting double yellow lines on Orwell Road from the bus stop to the bridge to deter cars from stopping opposite the newspaper kiosk to run across for coffees, etc. and blocking residents from accessing or exiting their drives.

Reply:

The request for double yellow lines on Orwell Road from the bus stop to the bridge has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager look at the possibility of placing a traffic bollard at the entrance to Palace Street and Dame Street? This pedestrianised street is constantly being invaded by illegal parking. Cash in transit vans constantly mount the footpath here, as well as other vehicles working in the area. The historic kerbstone is being damaged, not to mention the fact that it is a great hindrance to pedestrians and very confusing. A simple bollard at the entrance will prevent this illegal parking which is happening now on a daily basis.

Reply

This matter has been referred to the Senior Engineer, Road Design & Construction for examination. A response will issue to the Councillor directly in due course.

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the realignment and repositioning of the art works / sculptures in Merrion Square Park?

Reply:

The Public Art Manager working with the Parks and Landscape Services worked on a proposal to reconfigure the layout of sculptures in Merrion Square Park. In line with the Dublin City Council *Policies and Procedures for Managing Public Art in Dublin City* and the *Policy for Decommissioning Public Art* these proposals were submitted

to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group for consideration at the meeting in May 2015. The proposal was unanimously approved.

The intentions were to better display the sculptures within the park, and which were in many case obscured by planting. To this end, it was proposed that a number of busts be relocated along the newly designed promenade (along the north side of the park designed to replicate the promenade which existed in the 18th century) to create an outdoor gallery. Other works such as The Victims by Andrew O'Connor at the south west corner were cleaned and repatinated and undergrowth cleared so that the ensemble of figure would 'read' more coherently and more like the arrangement as originally proposed by the artist.

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report and update with regards the stables that were recently disposed of at the rear of 13/14 St Stephens Green. (Dawson Street)? This report to include the sale price, the buyer, and a contract of the conditions of sale. Also, what is to become of the monies that were garnished from this sale?

Reply:

Attached is the S 183 which approved the disposal of this premises in January 2016 which includes the sale price and the terms and conditions. The monies when received for this disposal will be lodged to fund the refurbishment / maintenance of protected structures.

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager have a name plate fixed to both doors of the Richard O Carroll Room at City Hall? This would be in keeping with the recent renaming of this room.

Reply:

This is already in train – the plaques just didn't arrive in time for the re-naming ceremony. They will be put in place as soon as they arrive.

Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding what measures are being taken to manage and control the use of Rickshaws in the SEA? This report to include whether the Revenue Commissioners are involved in this financial enterprise and also what measures are being taken to stop these rickshaws from using the footpaths to park on and ride on.

Also, what insurances have the companies got that supply these rickshaws? How many accidents/incidences have been reported regarding the use of these vehicles? It is being gravely apparent that the continuing use of these rickshaws on our roads and on our streets is a health and safety and traffic issue. There have been many complaints received.

Reply:

The council is acutely aware of the issues concerning the unregulated use of rickshaws, not only in the South East area, but throughout the city. It is indeed, a problem nationally and not confined to Dublin. A verbal update on the matter was due to be presented to the May Transportation SPC, but due to time restraints this was put back to the June SPC. The council has put considerable time and effort into attempting to satisfactorily address the issue. Draft bye-laws were put out to public consultation which led to a number of serious legal issues arising. Several legal advices were sought by both the National Transportation Agency (NTA) and the

council. The current position is that legal advice indicates that the council does not have the powers to regulate the use of rickshaws. The NTA has been advised that only a minor change to primary legislation would be required to ensure all rickshaw taxis are defined as Small Public Service Vehicles (SPSVs), thus enabling them to be regulated under the existing Taxi Regulation Act 2013, which has extensive regulatory powers and a administrative framework and inspectorate already in place. The council is currently awaiting a reply from the NTA.

Currently the regulation of rickshaw operations is being dealt with by An Garda Síochána. The Gardaí have carried out a number of major operations in association with other agencies, e.g. Social Welfare, Revenue and Immigration Services. Numerous rickshaws have been seized as a result. In addition the Gardaí issue fixed charge penalty notices similar to those issued to cyclists.

The council is not aware of any insurance in place by rickshaw suppliers. Anecdotally the Council has been made aware of several alleged accidents, however only one formal report of an incident has been reported.

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager have urgent repairs done to the cobbled road on Fownes Street? Parts of this road are collapsing into the basement resulting in flooding in some premises particularly around the retro shop Flip.

Reply:

Road Maintenance previously inspected the area outside Flip and has it on our works programme. Road closures are required on Fownes Street Upper, Cope Street and Anglesea Street to carry out these repairs and reinstatements.

Road Maintenance Services are examining the traffic management issues associated with such closures while considering the results of consultation to take place with the businesses in the vicinity. Businesses will be given advance notice prior to these works taking place.

Under Section 35 of the Public Health Act 1890, it is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure the cellar and basement is maintained and kept water tight i.e. sealed.

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a report with regards the most recent substantial drug find in York Street area?

Reply:

This question has been referred to the Gardaí for comment.

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a report as to how many fines have been issued to cyclists for breach of the road traffic act in the South East Area? With particular reference as to how of those fined were on Dublin bikes?

Reply:

This is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report as to what private multi story car parks in the South East Area are up to date with their rates payment? Also, given that Dublin City Council owns a number of multi story car parks and franchises them out to private enterprise is Dublin City Council paying a rate on those particular car parks?

Reply:

There are fourteen private car parks in the South East Area. There are no outstanding arrears in relation to these accounts. Current payments relate to the 2016 charge. In addition, there are another two car parks (Dawson Street and Drury Street) run by Dublin City Council. Dublin City Council pays rates in respect of these car parks and there are no arrears on the accounts.

Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report with regards the operation of the tearooms in St. Patrick's Park? It would appear that this tea room and public lavatories has not been opened to the public for quite some time. A substantial investment took place here to create a café/tea rooms and public convenience and the members of the public and park users are dismayed that it has remained closed and sealed up. Also, included in this report can we have a full assessment of all such facilities in the South East Area?

Reply:

Following an open tender process, Busyfeet & Coco Café were awarded the tender to operate a concession for the tearoom in St. Patrick's Park. Their licence was granted for a three year period from 10th June 2015. In mid January 2016, the company gave the Council the requisite two months formal notice of their intention to terminate the concession agreement citing an inability to sustain the café within its contract obligations and conditions.

Parks has now prepared a revised tender document to re-advertise this concession and the notice is due to be published on the e-Tenders website this month.

Since the tearoom closed the toilets have not been available to the public. Parks is currently considering alternative arrangements for maintenance of the public toilets and once the tearoom is re-opened access to the toilets will be a token system, with the opening hours in line with the opening hours of the tearoom.

The only other location where there is a tearoom facility in the South East Area is in Herbert Park. Following an open tender process, the concession was originally awarded to Noshington Park Limited and the City Council, at its meeting held on the 7th December 2015, approved the granting of a licence to this company to operate the tearoom. However, Noshington Park Ltd advised Parks in late March 2016 that they no longer wished to proceed with the licence. In those circumstances, the concession is offered to the runner up on the tender award list, which was Lolly & Cooks Limited. There are three public toilets adjacent to this tearoom and the tea room operator is responsible for the cleaning of these facilities. It is intended to have an official opening of the tearoom in July.

Q.49 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager how long Anglesea Lane, off Anglesea Road (Donnybrook end), will be closed for the facilitation of flood protection works. Also, could the Manager outline what these works will entail?

Reply:

Following a recently approved T2 traffic permit Anglesea lane will be closed from Monday 13th June to Friday 23rd December 2016 to facilitate a further improvement in flood alleviation works along its length. A letter was sent to all residents affected by these works on Monday 30th May last.

These works will entail the removal of the existing flood wall in the laneway and back gardens north of it. The digging up of the laneway to provide a large concrete foundation for the construction of a new higher flood wall on top of this it, roughly in the same location as the existing flood wall.

Q.50 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the street nameplate replaced at the junction of Clanwilliam Place and Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2. This was initially requested approximately 4 years ago, and the lettering has become totally obliterated.

Reply:

A nameplate was ordered on the 02/06/2016 for Clanwilliam Place. Please note nameplates take approximately 2 months to arrive in the depot after being ordered. A crew will be arranged to erect the sign after its arrival in the depot.

Q.51 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to provide a copy of the menu and price list for the new tea rooms at Herbert Park, Ballsbridge.

Reply

Please find attached a copy of the menu and price list for the new tea rooms at Herbert Park.

Q.52 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager whether there are plans to build a footpath at Beaver Row, Donnybrook outside of David Lloyd's Gym (i.e., Riverview). There is currently a grass bank down to the edge of the road with only a kerb to walk along; therefore there would be plenty of room to put in a footpath.

This would be in the interests of pedestrian safety as numerous people walk down Beaver Row along the kerb, whether to the Business Park on Beech Hill or to Smurfit.

Reply:

This matter has been referred to the Senior Engineer, Road Design & Construction for examination. A response will issue to the councillor directly in due course.

Q.53 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue at Sandymount Tower, Strand Road. Could the continuous white line at this location be replaced with double yellow lines?

Reply:

The request for the rescindment of the continuous white line and replacement with double yellow lines on Strand Road, at the Sandymount Tower, has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.54 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager who is responsible for putting up "level crossing" and "overhead wires" signs at the local DART stations in Sandymount? Given that level crossings are there for 150 years and overhead wires there for 34 years, who decided their necessity now.

Reply:

The pre-existing signage was carried out for the most part in English. Dublin City Council was made aware of their responsibility, by the Irish Language Office, to replace the “English-only” Signage.

Dublin City Council had two choices: A) Erect Irish/English Signage (Twice the size of original signage) which were also non-compliant with TSM (2010) or

B) Install new Visual Signage that also fully complied with the Traffic Signs Manual (2010).

Dublin City Council decided to undertake Option B.

Q.55 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager outline the process for if/when disc parking is introduced into a particular road and also can she outline the different stages and criteria residents must follow if they wish disc parking to be introduced in a road like *details supplied.

Reply:

The criteria for the consideration of requests for Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes require that written supporting evidence in favour of paid parking controls be received from 25% of households initially before the request is referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On examination by the Traffic Advisory Group, greater than 80% occupancy of the available road space is required in order to recommend a Parking Scheme. The introduction of a Parking Scheme is subject also to a ballot of the residents concerned and the suitability of the road for a Scheme. The full criteria are being forwarded to the councillor.

Q.56 Councillor Chris Andrews

The householder, *details supplied, applied last June for a disabled parking bay to be placed close to her house but she has heard nothing in relation to it. When will this work be carried out?

Reply:

The Traffic Officer has confirmed that this disabled parking bay is now in place.

Q.57 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager have the paving at The Nightclub on D'Olier Street repaired as it led to an older person tripping on a loose paving stone?

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected the footpath at the above location and added it to our works programme for repairs to be carried out. These repairs will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.58 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager put in place a process to ensure that there is parking allowed in front of Animal Welfare Clinic, 40 Charlemont Street, Dublin 2 between the hours of 10-4 Monday – Friday, similar to the parking slightly further down the road on the west side in order to ensure that service users are able to access the clinic?

Reply:

There is no parking permitted at anytime directly outside the clinic. The following reply to a similar query responded to by Chris Adamson, Area Asst. Engineer, Transportation Operations outlines the situation at this location; “It is a goal of the

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Q.59 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager to investigate ***details supplied** and find solution to the excessive dog barking.

Reply:

The estate officer has called to the above address on a couple of occasions to advise the tenant of their responsibility regarding the control of their dogs. They were advised if this situation continued the City Council would have no option but to instruct the dog warden service to remove the dogs.

Q.60 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager to have back door fixed and draught excluder put on the front door at details supplied. The gentleman is in a wheelchair, the door at the back is difficult for him to close and with draught from front door he finds it difficult to keep his home warm.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer has made arrangements for the back door to be inspected and any necessary repairs carried out. A draught excluder will also be fitted to the front door.

Q.61 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager how often the clampers call to O'Carroll Villas flats to check for illegal parking at the back of the complex? I have been informed that there are cars taking up space on a daily basis when they do not have resident or visitors permits for these cars? Unfortunately, they appear to go unnoticed by clampers?

Reply:

The clamping company N.C.P.T.S have informed me that they patrol the O'Carroll Villas flat complex on a regular basis. Unfortunately they say that on several occasions clamps were cut off a number of vehicles. The company have informed me that they will apply more patrol time to the complex.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to examine the storage of bins under the archway between Clyde Lane and Pembroke Place, Ballsbridge, where local businesses are illegally storing commercial bins on the street causing an obstruction to pedestrians, and if she will work to find a solution to the storage of these bins such as a communal bin shed.

Reply:

This area will be monitored to ensure that sufficient pedestrian access is available at all times.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the cycle lane and pavement at *details supplied repaired and if he will further consider a re-alignment of the cycle lane to improve pedestrian safety.

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected the footpath/cycle track at the above location. We have added the "pothole" on the footpath to our works programme for repair. Temporary repair may be carried out until a permanent repair can be completed.

The above matter has been referred to the Executive Engineer, Road & Traffic Planning Section for examination. A response will issue to the councillor in due course.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on "The Dublin House" project on Fishamble Street.

Reply:

The group of applicants selected for the first Dublin House development opportunity at 29-30 Fishamble Street, have withdrawn their expression of interest to develop the site. Dublin City Council appreciates their involvement in the process which has served as a learning experience for all involved. Dublin City Council remains committed to the Dublin House initiative as providing an important contribution to the debate on promoting high quality apartment living in the city. Dublin City Council is at present reviewing how best to progress this aim.

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can she please answer the following questions: in relation to the works at the space at South Great Georges Street / Dame Lane:

- Who is carrying out the work?

- Is there a design proposal, if so why was it not brought to the local Councillors and is it possible for the local Councillors to see such a design proposal?
- Is there any green space included in the design? If not can this be reviewed and included?
- What type of bike stands are proposed and how many?
- Is the temporary skip seating proposed from Thorntons?
- When will the temporary seating be replaced?
- What are the overall costs involved?

Reply:

The upgrading works are being carried out on behalf of the South East Area office by Assured Services Ltd., who were appointed from the tender list for small works. This is a small space and the improvements were designed in-house, with fairly simple criteria for resurfacing, cycle parking and public seating. Unfortunately, I don't have a design proposal to distribute. There will be some greening to soften the generally hard landscaping on the site. The main intention was to rehabilitate the site and provide additional and improved cycle parking and much needed public seating. It is proposed to provide additional greening at a later stage. The cycle stands will be provided in a "Car Port" style in order to give some visual interest and 10 Sheffield type cycle stands will be accommodated (an increase of 2). These stands carry the highest security rating. An amount of €30,000 was approved by Councillors for this space as part of the discretionary budget discussions.

The temporary skip seating was designed by our Parks Department in conjunction with Thorntons in support of Bloom Fringe last year. The skips are planted and provide public seating. The skip seating is stored by Thorntons and provided as required and has been used at a number of different locations over the last year, e.g. North Earl Street and Wolfe Tone Square. 2 of the skip seats will be placed at the Dame Lane space for the week surrounding Bloom Fringe. They will be replaced with permanent seating immediately thereafter.

Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to outline what works can be carried out in parks without planning permission under what circumstances is planning permission required and when are local councillors consulted about park works.

Reply:

An annual Parks Works Programme is presented to each Area Committee in Q1 of each year. This programme is substantially based on requests received in the previous year from councillors, residents and other interest groups for improvements to their local parks and open spaces.

There is also a 3 year Capital Programme approved by the council for 2015 - 2017

Updates on works programmes are presented to The Arts Culture and Recreation SPC and Area Committees.

Under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, a Part 8 planning consultation applies where the value of an individual project is greater than €126,000.

There are exemptions to this as outlined below;

S.I. No. 600/2001 - Planning and Development Regulations, 2001

PART 2

Exempted Development

CLASS 36

(a) Development consisting of the carrying out by or on behalf of a State authority or other public body, on land used by the authority or body as a public park, of works incidental to that use, including the provision, construction or erection of any structure in connection with or for the purposes of the enjoyment of the park or which is required in connection with or for the purposes of the management or operation of the park.

(b) Development consisting of the carrying out by or on behalf of a State authority or other public body on a nature reserve established in accordance with section 15 of the Wildlife Act, 1976 , as amended by sections 26 and 27 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 , of works (including the provision, construction or erection of structures) in connection with or for the purposes of the enjoyment of the reserve or which are required in connection with the management or operation of the reserve.

1. The floor area of any building constructed or erected shall not exceed 40 square metres.

2. The height of any building or other structure constructed or erected shall not exceed 10 metres.

3. Any car park provided or constructed shall incorporate parking space for not more than 40 cars.

Q.67 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to clarify the parking conditions on Charlemont Street and whether there have been any changes to these parking conditions as local businesses have seen an increase in clamping here in recent weeks, and if she can confirm how many bus routes currently use this street and at what frequency.

Reply:

There have been no recent changes to parking restrictions on Charlemont Street.

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The scheme that included the removal of some parking on Charlemont Mall was necessary to provide an off road two-way segregated cycle track. The scheme went through the required statutory process including; public consultation and consultation with the Garda Commissioner as required under Section 95 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 as amended.

In relation to the available parking in the immediate vicinity of Charlemont Street there are a total of 19 no. Pay & Display bays – 4 no. spaces adjacent and 15 no. spaces directly opposite the Veterinary Clinic. It was noted during a site inspection that all 4 Pay & Display spaces adjacent to the clinic were unoccupied, with drivers instead choosing to park on the cycle track to avoid paying.

To clarify - in front of the veterinary practice, it is not permissible to park at anytime for two reasons: firstly there is a solid white line directly opposite – Under The Road

Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) (d) "A vehicle shall not be parked on a section of roadway with less than 3 traffic lanes and where traffic sign number RRM 001 [continuous white line] has been provided". Secondly parking is not permitted on an advisory cycle lane other than for set down or for a maximum of 30 minutes while actively loading/unloading. The cycle track is indicated by the RUS 009 Cycle Track Sign (16m South of the clinic), which operates on a 24 hour basis.

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Q.68 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to examine and review the parking arrangements at the corner of Synge Street and Lennox Street. This is a busy area and parked vehicles on this corner are obstructing the view of drivers and cyclists tuning right at this junction. The vehicles are legally parked on a single yellow line which operates between 7am to 7pm on Lennox Street. After 7pm these are free car spaces in an area where all the other spaces are 24 hour paid parking.

Reply:

The request to examine the junction of Lennox Street / Synge Street is already listed with the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager is she could please write to the NTA regarding issues and inconsistencies with the Dublin Bus Real Time information systems in the area.

Reply:

Clarification has been sought from the councillor. The South East Area Office will write to the NTA on receipt.

Q.70 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area Manager to please investigate the following with regards to the Bennett development adjacent to St Mary's Church, City Quay:

Was there a shadow / light study carried out and submitted as part of the planning application and if so can the Manager provide a copy of this?

What level of consultation took place with the Fr. Walsh regarding this development in advance of works commencing?

Is there a traffic management plan in place for the site assessing how it will impact on the activities of the church (funerals, weddings and services etc?)

The fire escape door from the adjoining St. Mary's Parish Primary School appears to have been blocked with a barrier by the developer / contractor, can this be investigated?

Is there on-going assessments regarding the noise and dust pollution and working hours of the development?

Reply:

Any complaints received by the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit regarding air/noise emissions from this site are investigated. If residents have concerns regarding such emissions they can contact the unit directly at EnvironmentalHealthOfficers@dublincity.ie

The fire door at the primary school will be investigated.

A shadow analysis was not submitted nor was it requested by the Planning Department or An Bord Pleanála. A shadow analysis was not raised as an issue by any third party during the period for submissions.

The Planning Authority has not been advised of any communication between the developer and the representatives of the church/dioceses. In relation to the enabling works this is a matter for the developer and representatives of the church / dioceses / community etc. as it is a civil matter which the parties can agree amongst themselves.

Traffic management on public roads is a matter for the Gardaí in the first instance. As weddings, funerals and other church services are not under the control of the Planning Authority or the developer, arrangements will have to be made with the Church Authorities as and when services occur. It should be noted that the work may not take place after 2.00 pm on Saturdays or at any time on Sundays thereby avoiding conflict with the majority of church services.

The erection of hoarding around a development site is exempt and outside planning control. Any blocking of adjoining properties is a civil matter to be resolved between the parties concerned.

Complaints concerning breaches of working hours, dust or noise control or any other breach of the permission will be investigated fully under the provisions of the planning and development acts. Such investigation may require monitoring to ensure compliance with working hours restrictions and noise & dust mitigation.

Planning permission was granted subject to conditions on 1st September 2015 for an 8 storey over basement office development (13,545sqm) with café (454 sqm), 2no retail or restaurant units (305sqm and 417sqm) and associated uses. The development included a new civic space to the north of the site at City Quay. Vehicular access to the site is via 2no lifts on Gloucester Street South to a basement level containing 30no car parking spaces, 2no motorcycle spaces and 138no bicycle parking spaces.

This decision was upheld by An Bord Pleanála who granted permission subject to 16no conditions.

A Traffic Management Plan was not submitted however the traffic impact was assessed during the application. An analysis of potential queuing from the car lifts onto the local road network was undertaken. In the worst case scenario where 100% of vehicles arrive at the development during the am peak hour there is a potential for 4 vehicles queuing on the local road network. However, it is highly unlikely that this situation would arise as it is more realistic that expect that between 50% – 80% of arriving vehicles would arrive during the am peak period resulting in all queuing occurring within the confines of the building line.

As vehicular access is via 2 no. car lifts on Gloucester Street South and access to the church is from City Quay there should be no impact on the activities of the church.

Q.71 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to undertake an audit with a view to taking action to discontinue the use of external speakers by bars in Temple Bar, which is a significant residential area.

Reply:

Under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts, the Council must investigate all complaints received in writing alleging that unauthorised development has taken place. At present, there are approximately 1,750 cases under investigation throughout the city.

The Planning Department will continue to investigate and take enforcement action as warranted where complaints are received.

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit can only take action on this matter if:

- a. A complaint has been received.
- b. The noise from the speakers can be proved to be in breach of the EPA Act 1992.

Q.72 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager, in follow up to question 64 from the May meeting, when will the trees that were removed Carlisle Street be replaced with a more suitable species, when will the footpaths at the locations of these trees be repaired and if she could provide a timeline for when these works will be completed.

Reply:

Parks and Landscapes Service plans to consult directly with residents of Carlisle Street in relation to the replacement of felled trees, and will welcome observations from residents in this matter.

The consultation will be undertaken by the undersigned in conjunction with local parks management.

Q.73 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to clarify the position of the parking arrangements on Charlemont Street adjacent to the Charlemont Veterinary Clinic. Many on-street parking facilities have been removed on Charlemont Street itself and around the corner along the canal.

Parking was allowed in front of the practice between the hours of 10 - 4 Mon - Friday. However, recently cars parked in this section have been clamped. Apparently, while it is a bus lane before 10 and after 4 it is a bike lane at other times. However, only a few meters down the road past the old Charlemont clinic entrance, there are a few parking spots that are also on this bike lane but these spaces don't seem to be subject to clamping. In addition, the bus lane is relatively infrequently used, as South Richmond Street now caters for most bus traffic.

The changes to parking in the area have had a detrimental effect on business in the veterinary clinic which has been operating on the street for over 30 years and which employs 12 people. Its clients travel to the clinic almost exclusively by car.

Reply:

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**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
Parks & Landscape Services Division**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Re: Felling of a tree at the junction of Appian Way and Leeson Street Upper

Park Services propose to fell and stump grind a large mature Horse Chestnut tree (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) located at the junction of Appian Way and Leeson Street Upper. Due to the age and condition of this tree it has suffered severe die back in recent months and there is now substantial dead growth in the tree crown.

Therefore considering the age, location and very poor condition of this tree it is proposed to have the tree felled and the stump ground down as soon as practicable.

Local residents in the immediate area will be informed of the proposed removal and as is policy every attempt will be made to plant a replacement tree once the tree roots have sufficiently died back to allow a new tree to be planted.

**Michael Noonan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**

**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
Parks & Landscape Services Division**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Pre-Part 8 Notification (for information purposes only) regarding the proposed redesign of Herzog Park, Rathgar, Dublin 6.

Herzog Park is a small public park (approximately 9000m²) located in Rathgar Village, south of Terenure Road East and west of Orwell Road. It is home to Rathgar Tennis Club and contains a synthetic bowling green, pathways, grassed area and a woodland area. There is a public car park fronting onto Orwell Mews and a Bring Centre adjacent to the car park which is widely used by local residents. The park was identified as a potential village public space during local consultation when formulating the Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) in 2014.

In spring 2015 Parks and Landscape Services and the South East Area Office appointed RedScape Architects to redesign Herzog Park to meet the needs of the local community. In May 2015 a presentation was made to local representatives and a draft design was subsequently formulated. 27 submissions and comments were received from interested parties in March and April 2016 and a refined proposal is currently being prepared.

The proposed works include: improvements to entrance and creation of new gateways, lowering of the boundary fence, reduction of size of bowling green and transformation into a multi use games area, the creation of new lawn/planting, creation of a school garden (educational purposes), flower garden, creation of a playground in woodland area, pergola, realignment of parking and the recalibration of footprint of Bring Centre and the creation of drop off area for users.

The attached drawings show the existing layout of the park and a proposed revised design. Parks and Landscape Services wishes to notify the South East Area Committee of their intentions to formally submit a Part 8 Planning Application in respect of this Park Redesign by the end of July 2016.

Michael Noonan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
Parks & Landscape Services Division**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Proposed Installation of the 'Yi Chinese Garden' in Herbert Park, Ballsbridge.

The garden originates from Yangzhou City, (population 4.5M), located in Jiangsu province, China which is an ancient city, famous for its gardens, Islamic relics and ancient shrines.

The garden, named the 'Yi Garden', which literally means 'The Garden of Friendship', contains traditional elements from the Jiangsu region and applies the theory of traditional Chinese painting to the design layout.

The design was accepted as one of the show gardens for "Bloom in the Park 2016" and has now been kindly gifted to the Irish people "As a bridge of friendship connecting Ireland and China".

The Chinese Embassy has requested that, if possible, the garden be located in a park close to the Chinese embassy on Merrion Road. Herbert Park, being the most prestigious park in the immediate area was chosen, subject to the approval of this committee, as the site most fitting as a permanent location for the garden.

Attached site plan and perspective of the garden indicate the location within the park as being the paved area close to the pond / bandstand and park entrances which will optimise its use by the general public. The garden, which is approximately 20m x 10m in extent, includes planting, seating, a small rockery, a pond and waterfall and will be installed on site by Chinese craftsmen native to the Jiangsu region of China.

It is considered that 'The Yi Garden' will add significantly to Herbert Park and be an additional attraction for locals and visitors to enjoy. It is therefore recommended that it be approved by the members of the South East Area Committee to enable installation to proceed in the autumn of this year.

Michael Noonan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
Parks and Landscapes Services Division**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Playground Improvement works in the South East Area

As stated in the works programme for the South East Area in 2016, which was submitted at the February meeting of the South East Area Committee (SEAC) it is proposed to create a new children's playground in Ranelagh Gardens Park and upgrade the existing playgrounds in Herbert Park.

In regard to same, I wish to advise that, due to the nature of the works in Herbert Park it is proposed to combine the budgets and undertake upgrading of one, rather than the two playgrounds in the park. It is considered that, due to the current poor condition of the playground at Broc Cottages, this playground will be prioritised for upgrading as part of the current year's works programme.

The playgrounds for Ranelagh Gardens Park and Herbert Park (Broc Cottages) are currently being tendered and following assessment of tenders it is anticipated that the successful contractor will be on site in the last quarter of this year.

Michael Noonan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme (East Link Grant Scheme)

In 1983 Dublin Corporation (Dublin City Council) entered into an agreement with Ringsend Bridge Company and Dublin Port and Docks Board to build a Toll bridge, and to operate a Toll scheme until the end of the concession period, 31st December 2015. The operation of the bridge reverted exclusively to Dublin City Council after that date.

The Toll scheme was operated on behalf of Dublin City Council by East Link Limited. The Agreement originally provided for payment to the City Council of £50,000 annually for the benefit of public projects. This figure has increased over time to a cumulative figure of €123,900.00 annually and the East Link Grants Scheme provided for the allocation of €61,950.00 to groups and organisations Northside and Southside of the bridge.

The Chief Executive has confirmed that the community payment will continue to be made by Ringsend Toll Bridge DAC, which is a wholly owned DCC company that now operates the Toll Scheme on the bridge.

Accordingly it is now proposed to draw up a new Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme which will be incorporated as a sub category of the Community Grant Scheme from 2017 onwards. The Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme applications will be subject to the same terms and conditions, criteria and evaluation process as the Community Grants Scheme.

This will ensure a more streamlined and transparent process, eliminating overlaps of the two schemes, and optimising the use of staff and IT resources. The allocation of funds will be ring fenced for the two area's north and south side of the bridge (€61,950 each) as demarcated by the boundaries on the attached map. Groups eligible to apply for the Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme can also apply for a grant under the Community Grants Scheme.

All previous applicants to the East Link Grants Scheme over the past three years will be informed of the new changes when the scheme is opened later in the year. (September 2016).

The Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme will be reviewed annually as a sub category of the Community Grants Scheme. The review will examine critically the application process, and will take into consideration any other funding which may come on stream.

Bernie Doherty
Senior Executive Officer

**To the Chairman and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

With reference to the proposed grant of a 4-year Concession to Lolly & Cooks Limited to operate a tearoom in Herbert Park, Dublin 4.

Report No. 377/2015, at the 7th December 2015 City Council meeting, approved the granting of a 4-year Concession to Noshington Park Ltd. to operate a tearoom in Herbert Park, Dublin 4.

Noshington Park Ltd., however, has withdrawn from the Concession as they are no longer in a position to proceed. The Parks and Landscape Services Division have returned to the original tender and have offered the Concession to Lolly & Cooks Ltd., who was number two on the tender award. It is now proposed to proceed with the concession in accordance with their tender submission.

The tearoom provides seating inside for approximately 38 people and outdoor seating in a designated area outside the tearoom for approximately 40 people (as shown on attached draft map for identification purposes only).

The Concession will be granted subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Concession shall be for a period of four years and shall commence on a date to be agreed. The City Council reserves the right to renew the Concession for a further two periods of one year each with the agreement of both parties and subject to the total period of the Concession not exceeding six years. The Concession, if extended, will be subject to terms and conditions.
2. The concessionaire shall sign a Deed of Renunciation.
3. The Concession fee shall be €34,000 per annum plus VAT to be paid quarterly in advance. After first year this will be subject to review.

The following will be the responsibility of the concessionaire:

- Maintenance of all kitchen equipment
- Arranging for the replacement and repair of equipment
- The purchase, storage and insurance of all food and non-food stock
- Recruitment, employment and training of sufficient staff suitable for the effective operation of the catering facilities
- Providing a high-quality catering service in line with the catering objectives of Dublin City Council which is for quality, fresh, homemade/baked and natural goods.
- Provision of kitchen signage and development of catering area, preparation, service and support areas, daily cleaning, deep cleaning of equipment, catering plant. This shall include cleaning of tables and chairs, catering staff areas; as well as internal and external waste storage areas and fittings.

- The disposal and payment of all waste removal. The disposal of waste is to comply with Dublin City Council requirements regarding the segregation of waste for recycling.
 - Insurance of all concessionaires equipment
 - Payment of commercial rates
 - Payment of all utilities and services (e.g. ESB, Gas, Water, telephone, Wi-Fi)
 - Payment of all necessary brand licence, franchise or other ongoing fees
 - Complying with all Dublin City Council's security and other policies applying to contractors/suppliers
 - Physical security of their own stock and cash
 - Complying with all health, safety and food safety legislation
 - Suitable pest control arrangements
 - Leasing and maintenance of coffee machine
 - Provision and maintenance of necessary equipment in line with site specific safety statements and Risk assessment
 - Provision and erection of signage for the tearoom subject to approval by Dublin City Council
4. The Concessionaire will also be responsible for the management of the six tennis courts in Herbert Park which are available for use by both tennis coaches and the general public. The concessionaire shall:
- Retain 5% of takings as part of a management fee in relation to casual bookings.
 - Make available the use of 6 tennis courts in summer (5 weeks in July & 2 weeks in August) and 4 courts during certain dates within the three school terms (8 weeks per term) and Easter (1 week) by Dublin Parks Tennis League Ltd for the provision of their annual children's tennis coaching programme. The exact dates to be provided to and agreed by Dublin City Council in January each year and notified to the Concessionaire.
 - Make courts available for summer projects, community games and approved coaching lessons when requested to do so by Dublin City Council.
5. The Concessioner will be responsible for the following:
- Ensuring the fire certificate for the building is in place and providing documentation to the concessionaire
 - Ensuring the building is compliant with HSE requirements and operational at the time the concession is granted
 - Provision and maintenance of the structure and fabric of the tearoom. This shall exclude the costs of wilful damage or neglect.
 - Provision of tables and chairs (indoor and outdoor)
 - Opening and closing of all the park gates
 - Provision of bin storage area
 - Provision and maintenance of fire alarm and intruder alarm
 - Addition of tearoom on to Parks security monitoring list
 - Provision of telephone line and Wi-Fi. All calls & Wi-Fi to be paid for by the concessionaire
 - All signage to be approved by Dublin City Council.
6. The Concessionaire must ensure that the toilet facilities are maintained to a good standard and are available to all park users. However, in some circumstances access may be denied to individuals at the discretion of the concessionaire.

7. The Concessionaire shall keep the tearoom in good condition and repair, including all fixtures and fittings, including furniture supplied by Dublin City Council during the term of the Concession and shall not remove or permit the removal of any of the above.
8. The Concessioner will provide the concessionaire with a key for the gate and early opening for tearoom is permitted subject to an agreed procedure.
9. After the initial warranty has expired for Dublin City Council equipment, the concessionaire will put in place an equipment maintenance contract and will pay for the cost of maintenance and repair to all equipment, ensuring it is returned to Dublin City Council in good condition on termination of the Concession.
10. The Concessionaire shall not at any time:
 - i. make any structural change or material alteration or addition of any kind to the tearoom space save with the prior written agreement of the Council, and upon such terms as the Council shall specify
 - ii. hang or affix any material on walls save with the written consent of Dublin City Council
 - iii. assign or sublet the premises or any part thereof including fittings and fixtures. It shall not allow any other person to occupy or share occupancy of the tearoom save with the prior written consent of the Council and upon such terms as the Council shall specify. Dublin City Council shall have absolute discretion in granting or refusing such permission.
11. On termination of the Concession, the Concessionaire shall at his own expense remove all items not belonging to the City Council and shall leave the property in a clean and good working condition to the satisfaction of the Council.
12. The Concessionaire will comply with all food safety legislation and other legislation codes as appropriate and regulations made there under.
13. The Concessionaire undertakes to use the premises only for the purpose stipulated. They will operate the tearoom during agreed opening hours and ensure there is sufficient trained staff on duty to provide a quality service at all times. The Concessionaire will ensure that the highest standards of customer service are provided to the clientele of the tearoom.
14. The Concessionaire shall be responsible for appropriate insurances as determined by Dublin City Council, including Public Liability €6.5 million, Product Liability €6.5 million and Employers Liability €13 million and shall indemnify Dublin City Council against all actions, proceedings, costs, claims demands and liabilities whatsoever arising from all and every activity carried out or promoted by the Concessionaire and its agents in connection with the facilities on the premises. It shall not do or suffer to be done any activity in any part of the premises which would render void or voidable the insurances of the premises. Copies of Insurances to be presented to City Council before commencement of the concession. The fixture and fittings in the tearoom will be insured by the Council. Contents belonging to the Concessionaire will not be insured by the Council.

15. The Concessionaire shall permit Dublin City Council, its servants and agents, accompanied by all necessary equipment, to enter the premises giving at least two week's notice in writing of its intention, (except in emergency situations) such works, without liability to compensate the Concessionaire for any loss, damage or inconvenience, and do all acts necessary for the purpose of carrying out such works to the premises which the Council may think fit and on demand forthwith to remove all such articles out of the premises as may be indicated by the Council as requiring removal (vacating the space completely if necessary) in order to enable such works to be more conveniently carried out.
16. The Council shall not be liable to compensate the Concessionaire for any loss, damage or inconvenience as a consequence of the performance of any works by its servants or agents within any part of the premises.
17. The Concessionaire shall not infringe or permit the infringement of the terms of any Act of the Oireachtas, any regulation made pursuant to the same or any bye-law or regulation of a local or public authority, in or about the use of the tearoom.
18. The Concessionaire shall ensure compliance with all Health & Safety Legislation and regulations made there under. The Concessionaire must submit a copy of an up to date Safety Statement (SS) and Risk Assessment (RA) and must be **Site Specific** to the tearoom.
19. The Concession agreement may be terminated by either party on giving the other two months notice in writing of its intention.
20. The Council shall have no responsibility whatever for the goods and works of the Concessionaire on the premises.
21. If alcohol is to be sold by the Concessionaire, a copy of the licence granted by Customs & Excise must be supplied to Dublin City Council.
22. Nothing herein contained is intended to create or shall be taken as creating a relationship of Landlord and Tenant between the Concessioner and the Concessionaire.
23. Each party shall be responsible for their own legal fees.
24. The Parties hereto accept that this Agreement is a Concession Agreement for the use of the premises only and that it does not constitute nor is it intended to constitute a tenancy of any sort in the premises.
25. These terms and conditions any other terms as deemed necessary by the Law Agent, will be incorporated into a legal agreement which will be prepared by the Council's Law Agent and completed by both parties prior to the Concessionaire entering onto the property.

Paul Clegg
Executive Manager

**Planning and Property Development Department
Disposals Section**

**To the Chairman and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of the basement (part of) No. 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.

By way of a lease made between Dublin City Council and Hatch and Sons Food Emporium Limited a lease commencing on the 29th September 2013, was granted in the basement of No. 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 for use as a restaurant and food emporium.

It is now proposed to grant a 5 year lease in the basement of No. 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 to Hatch and Sons Food Emporium Limited subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That the lessee shall enter into a lease agreement with Dublin City Council for the use of the basement at No. 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 (part of).
2. That a floor plan of the subject area is coloured outlined red on the attached map. The Comms room, shaded blue, may be used for the purpose of dry storage only with shared access. It will exclude the meter board area.
3. That the lease shall be for a term of 5 years, effective 29th September 2016.
4. That the rent shall be €75,000 (seventy five thousand euro) per annum.
5. That the rent shall be paid quarterly in advance.
6. That the lessee must sign a renunciation form prior to the signing of contracts.
7. That the majority of food preparation shall be carried out off-site.
8. That the sale of wine and beer under the lessee's wine retailer's on-licence and restaurant certificate, together with the limited sale of artisan type retail goods, complementary to the restaurant use, shall be permitted.
9. That the lessee shall use the premises for the permitted use only as set out at 8 above, and shall at a minimum, open the premises for 7 days per week at suitable hours to meet public demand.
10. That the lessee shall pay all utilities, waste disposal and all charges applicable to the premises – incl. taxes etc.
11. That rates shall be payable by the lessee at the apportioned sum per month; to be paid monthly.
12. That the lessee shall be responsible for fully insuring the premises and shall indemnify Dublin City Council against any and all claims arising from its use of the premises and surrounding area / curtilage. The lessee shall take out and produce

Public Liability Insurance in the sum of €6,500,000 (six million, five hundred thousand euro) and Employer Liability Insurance in the sum of €13,000,000 (thirteen million euro) for any incident with a recognized Insurance Company with offices in the state and the policy shall indemnify the council against all liability as owner of the property.

13. That the lessee shall keep the premises in good condition and repair during the term of the lease.
14. That the lessee shall not sell, assign, grant any sub interests, sub-divide, alienate or part with the possession of the subject property, without the prior written consent of the council.
15. That the lease can be terminated by either party giving six month's notice in writing.
16. That upon expiration or sooner determination of the lease, the lessee shall at its own expense remove all materials not belonging to Dublin City Council and shall leave the property clean and cleared to the satisfaction of the city council.
17. That each party shall be responsible for their own professional fees in this matter.
18. That the lease shall contain all the covenants and conditions normally contained in city council leases of this nature and any other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Law Agent.
19. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary consents and approvals being obtained.

Paul Clegg
Executive Manager

**To the Chairman and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Poolbeg West SDZ: Update

On the 17th May 2016, the government designated Poolbeg West as a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). The SDZ lands, which comprise approximately 34 hectares, are deemed to be of economic and social importance to the state.

The designated area in the order is for a mixed use development which may principally include residential development, commercial and employment activities including office, hotel, leisure and retail facilities, port related activities and the provision of educational facilities, transport infrastructure, emergency services and the provision of community facilities as referred to in Part III of the First Schedule of the Act, including health and childcare services, as appropriate.

Dublin City Council is specified as the Development Agency for the purposes of the Planning Scheme under the SDZ designation in accordance with Part IX Section (166(3)) of the Act and accordingly intends to prepare a Planning Scheme. The city council is now required to prepare a Planning Scheme.

Following an initial pre-draft public consultation phase the plan will be drafted for public display. Following the statutory public display period the Chief Executive will prepare a report which documents submissions received, and this report together with any motions received will be formally considered by Dublin city councillors at a city council meeting.

The public will have 6 weeks to make a submission – during the public display / consultation period. If amendments are made to the draft plan and they are considered material, then a second round of consultation will take place over a 4 week period. Following the decision of the city council there is a 4 week appeal period, which normally results in an oral hearing. A representative from the Planning Department will be available at the meeting to provide further updates.

**John O'Hara
City Planning Officer**

**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Community Development Section Report

At present a huge amount of community work is taking place in villages across the South East Area (SEA) in environmental improvements. This is particularly active in the villages who have entered Tidy Towns - Ranelagh, Sandymount and Donnybrook and all villages who have entered Dublin City Council City Neighbourhoods Competition in some category.

Assistance with greening, flowering, cleaning and building on community cohesion and volunteerism is being given by SEA Community Development Team, working closely with the Public Domain and Waste Management sections.

July 2nd: Terenure Village Market 11 - 4pm
July 7th: Ballroom of Romance. RCSI 7pm
July 9th / 10th: Taking Liberties Festival
July 9th: Beech Hill Court Garden Party 2pm
Terenure Village Market 11 - 4pm
July 10th: SAMRA Family Fun Day, Sandymount Green 2 - 5pm
(Postponed from June 26th due to bad weather)
July 12th: Dance for Life - Evergreen Club 11am
July 16th: Terenure Village Market 11 - 4pm
July 19th: Verschoyle Court Garden party 2pm
July 23rd: Northbrook avenue Street party 2 - 4pm
Rutland Grove Family Fun Day TBC
Terenure Village Market 11 - 4pm
July 26th: Dance for Life, Evergreen Club 11am
July 28th: South East Allotment Family Evening 6.30pm
July 29th: Ringsend Summer project - Ringsend Park 12 noon

In addition to the above, a number of weekly events continue to take place as part of ongoing community work - older person's activities, Friends of Green Spaces, allotment links etc.

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Environmental Services Unit Report

Weed Control

The first round of weed-spraying throughout the South East Area has now been completed. A second spray throughout our area is scheduled to take place in late August / early September.

Events

- Docklands 5k Run, Thursday 14th July
- Grand Dublin Swim, Saturday 23rd July
- The Festival of Curiosity Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th July
- 98FM Big Slide - Winetavern Street - Saturday 23rd July and Sunday 24th July
- Rock & Roll Half Marathon, Sunday 7th August
- The Big Grill, Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th August, Herbert Park
- Aer Lingus College Football Classic event, Saturday 3rd September

City Neighbourhoods Competition 2016

Judging at area level has taken place in respect of all categories for entries to the Dublin City Neighbourhoods competition for the South East Area this year. The competition is divided into 3 separate competitions – Residential, Business and Schools. All local winners will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held in early September and councillors will be notified of the date and location in due course. The citywide awards ceremony for the Residential and Business parts will be held in Croke Park on Thursday 29th September. The citywide results for the schools completion will not be announced until December.

Dog Fouling Enforcement / Awareness Campaign

Dog fouling was the single biggest issue raised by Dubliners during the recent consultation for the Dublin City Council Litter Management Plan 2016 - 2018. An enforcement / awareness raising campaign, has commenced in the South East area. Funding was set aside this year for this purpose.

Patrols have taken place to date in the following locations:

- Ringsend Park
- Sean Moore Park
- Sandymount Strand
- Herbert Park
- Orwell Park
- Dartry Park and
- Bushy Park

Authorised area office staff patrolled the above public areas during out-of-office hours, at times when people were more likely to be out walking their dogs, in order to observe their behaviour and to issue on-the-spot fines there and then to their owners if they did not clean up after their dog. Gardaí also assisted Dublin City Council staff during this exercise. The parks mentioned above were found to be relatively clean of dog dirt, indicating a very high rate of compliance by dog owners in these areas.

Two dog wardens also attended on one of these days and in addition, the general manager of the Ashton Dog Pound, who supervises the dog wardens, spoke briefly about the responsibilities of dog owners at the dog show organised by our Community Section in Ringsend.

During patrols, staff also monitored the situation as regards bins available for disposing of dog dirt. A stated objective of the Litter Management Plan is the installation of additional litter bins/dog fouling bins in or in close proximity to every enclosed park within the city and the South East Area Office is liaising with Waste Management in this regard.

Other areas throughout the south east area will now be included in this initiative and various ways of targeting dog owners to ensure that they are aware of and complying with their responsibilities will be further looked at.

Graffiti Initiative

The South East Area commissioned a very short video mainly aimed at 8 to 12 year old children, to try to encourage them not to get involved in tagging. This is a “Sminky” video and other short videos produced by him have proved very popular on social media, particularly with younger people.

We are aiming at distributing / showing the video to schools from this September and will look for assistance from the Gardaí, other groups and relative Dublin City Council staff engaged in talking to schools, youth groups etc. We will also look to have it displayed, where possible, on screens in public offices / waiting rooms, along linking it to the Dublin City Council and other websites.

Public Realm Enhancements

The first round of intensive cleaning of the high footfall commercial village areas throughout the South East area commenced in March 2016. This work involves using a low pressure, high temperature steam on the footpaths to remove chewing gum, but also stains and dog foul, the cleaning of street furniture, application of disinfectant on areas where needed including around bins, and the removal of waste. The work will be carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders, but also taking into account residents where relevant. The 2nd round of cleaning commenced in June and is now complete. Further work will be carried out in September. The village areas are listed below:

- 1) Ranelagh Village
- 2) Rathmines Village
- 3) Donnybrook Village
- 4) Sandymount Village
- 5) Rathgar Village
- 6) Ringsend
- 7) Harold's Cross
- 8) Terenure
- 9) Irishtown
- 10) Ballsbridge
- 11) Milltown
- 12) Baggot Street Upper and Lower (March and June only)

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme

The contractor moved on site on 23rd October 2014. The works are being carried out by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and various sub-contractors and supervised by various consultants for different aspects of these works. A number of ground condition problems have slowed this project down to date. The estimated cost of this whole project from Butt Bridge to Cardiff Lane is €3.5m and the current programme is to substantially complete the works by end of 2016.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 27th June 2016. There has been no meeting of the Waterways Ireland Operation Liaison Group (OLG) since September 2014. The new Waterways Ireland engineer, Ciaran Markey, was in attendance. Corporate Social Responsibility programme was discussed along with Action Day 2017 and the future of the Graving Docks. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on 3rd August 2016.

Canalaphonic Music and Arts Festival 2016

Following the success of last year's festival, this year Canalaphonic Music and Culture Festival will take place on 23rd and 24th September 2016 in the Rathmines / Portobello / Camden Quarter of the South East Area. A full programme of events is currently being drawn up and the event was launched on 5th May 2016. An Event Management Plan (EMP) is currently being drafted and will be circulated in the near future. A pre-event meeting of all stakeholders will take place during July 2016. This year the festival is very kindly sponsored and supported by: South East Area Office, Clancourt Group, McGarrell Reilly Group, Rohan Holdings Ltd., Dublin City Council Arts Office, Dublin City Council Events Section, Fáilte Ireland, IMRO and Waterways Ireland. For more information see www.canalaphonic.com.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January 2015 South East Area Committee. New lamp standards are now being installed. New pedestrian crossing will be in place in 2016. Works are due to commence in August. REDscape, Landscape Architects, were appointed to design a plan for Herzog Park. The Draft Landscape Masterplan was open to public comment until Friday 8th April 2016. 27 submissions were received. A final Landscape Masterplan is now being undertaken and Part 8 Planning Application will be advertised by the end of July 2016.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

The Part 8 was approved at the City Council meeting on Monday 6th July 2015. The work is going out to tender within the next two months and works are likely to begin in autumn 2016.

Sandymount Green Conservation Study

Parks Services appointed Howley Hayes Conservation Architects to carry out a Conservation Study of Sandymount Green in 2015. Traffic issues raised during consultation have been referred to the Roads and Traffic Department for consideration in 2016.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

Consultation in relation to the Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan commenced with an open morning in Ringsend Library on the morning of Thursday 28th January 2016. Following tender process Mitchell + Associates were appointed to deliver the LEIP by summer 2016. Meetings have taken place with Parks and Roads and Traffic to date. A public workshop was held in Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre 8th June 2016 to canvass the views of local residents, businesses, community groups and other stakeholders. Proposals will be refined based on comments received and further meeting will be held later in the summer.

Terenure 2030

A meeting was held with South East Area Office and representatives from Terenure 2030 on 5/2/2016 to discuss possible public domain improvements. 6 no. new lamp standards have been ordered and should be installed by August / September 2016 and further greening projects are ongoing in 2016.

Grafton Street Quarter

The public realm improvement works on Wicklow Street (from Grafton Street to Clarendon Street) and at Johnson's Court are complete, with the exception of the new public lighting which will be installed on building facades shortly. Detailed design work for the next series of improvements in the Chatham Street, Harry Street, Balfe Street area are continuing and following their completion, it is intended that a tender process will commence to seek a contractor with a view to being in a position to commence works towards the end of this year or early next year. Design works are also continuing in relation to improvement proposals at Clarendon Street / Clarendon Row and it is hoped to proceed shortly with a Part 8 planning submission.

Crampton Buildings

There are 28 refurbished apartments in Crampton Buildings

Of the 21 former tenants who had an option to return, 7 have decided to return with 2 as yet undecided and the remaining 12 opting to stay in the apartments they are currently living in. Of the 7 returning, tenancy agreements have been signed and they have either moved back in or will be doing so shortly.

Area Housing staff are working with our Allocations Section in relation to identifying suitable new tenants for the remaining apartments.

Works to the courtyard and some other remaining snagging works are underway and are scheduled for completion shortly.

Charlemont Street

Works are broadly on programme. The basement slab is complete as well as the traffic ramp to the basement. Works at ground-floor level are in progress. As well as the physical works, the Regeneration Board, supported by the City Council, are continuing to monitor and support the Social, Economic and Cultural Regeneration Plan for the estate.

**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
Sport & Recreation Section**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Report

- **Street Olympics:** Taking place on Wednesday 28th July at Irishtown Stadium. This is a citywide event involving all Sports Officers and young people from the five areas. More details to be confirmed in the coming weeks.
- **Sprog Soccer:** Programme for 4 to 8 year olds held in Sports & Fitness Irishtown on Fridays with 60 children participating and in YMCA on Wednesdays 9.30am with 40 children participating.
- **Club Development Programme:** Taking place on Wednesdays and Fridays for local soccer clubs to increase the knowledge of coaches.
- **Men's League:** Monday and Wednesdays in Sports and Fitness Irishtown from 6pm to 8pm.
- **Soccer Academies** are running in Pearse Street on Saturdays from 10am – 12pm.
- **Girls Soccer:** Taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Ringsend Park with 20 girls attending.
- **FAI Summer Camps:** Camps will run for the last two weeks in July in Irishtown Stadium.
- **Y.M.C.A. Cavan Centre Adventure Week:** Young people from the area will be heading the week of the 30th June with the support of the local Sports Officer.
- **Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre Sports Day:** Taking place on 29th July from 11.30am – 2pm at Irishtown Stadium as part of the Ringsend Irishtown Summer Project.
- **Family Fun Fay:** Taking place on Saturday 9th July from 2 – 4pm at New Street (Cabbage Patch) and will include activities such as fencing and Ultimate Frisbee.
- **Intercultural Exchange Sports Day:** Taking place on 17th August from 11am – 4pm in association with Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Club. The day will include a tour of the Aviva Stadium.

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**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Proposal to rename Belmont Court as Woods' Way

Woods' Way / Bealach Mhic Conchoille

A request to rename the laneway currently known as Belmont Court, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 was forwarded to the South East Area Office by Cllr. Dermot Lacey on behalf of the "Belmont group".

The proposed new name is Woods' Way in honour of Andrew and Mary Flannery Woods, who was known as Molly Woods. Molly Woods was a member of Cumann na mBan and also worked for the Irish Volunteers in 1916 and the following years. The Woods lived in St. Enda's, 131 Morehampton Road; they stored guns for and provided refuge to members of the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Republican Brotherhood during this period. The house was frequently raided and their guests often came in on one side of the house and left on the other, often using Belmont Court to make good their escape. Molly Woods' account of this time can be viewed on the Bureau of Military History website at the following link:

<http://bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0624.pdf>

The South East Area Office examined the proposal and wrote to all the residents and businesses adjacent to the laneway (39 premises) to ascertain whether or not they supported the proposal. A letter was also sent to the Belmont and Mount Eden Residents' Association.

Ten replies were received; eight of which either supported or had no objection to the proposal. Only one respondent objected to the proposal and one did not say either way.

The laneway is indicated on drawing RM 26231 (see enclosed).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The name Woods' Way / Bealach Mhic Conchoille is considered suitable and recommended for adoption.

The changing of a name of a street / road / laneway is a reserved function of the city council and the approval of the local area committee is required before the statutory process required for a name change can be initiated. If this proposal is approved by the South East Area Committee, a recommendation for the holding of a plebiscite will be made to Dublin City Council, who may adopt a resolution that a plebiscite be taken.

Recommendation:

I recommend that the procedures be initiated under Section 78 of the Local Government Act 1946, as amended and under Schedule 1 of S.I. 31/1956 Local Government (Changing of Place Names) Regulations 1956 to conduct a plebiscite regarding the renaming of the laneway currently known as Belmont Court to Woods' Way.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

Q.1 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to install a disabled parking space outside the following house, details supplied

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the trees that overhang the railings of Herbert Park as it faces up towards Pembroke and St. Broc's Cottages to be pruned as they make walking on the pavement very difficult and indeed dirty.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the really bad potholes on Rampart Lane and Eglinton Terrace, Donnybrook can be repaired as a matter of urgency.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the manager to include roads in Terenure on list of bag collection areas

Ashfield Park is not included, nor is one road in Terenure The reason why these roads were designated as bag or bag and green bin collection areas, terraced houses with limited storage for bins, has not changed.

Please include Ashfield Park, and the other roads in Terenure, which currently have a bag collection, in the list.

Q.5 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to erect more speed limit and 'Children at Play' signage on Neville Road as a significant amount of traffic is using this narrow road as a shortcut from Highfield Road to Rathmines Road.

Q.6 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to examine a potential safety problem with parked cars and camper vans around the perimeter of Palmerston Park. The park is used by families and small children and the entrance gates open straight out onto the road between parked cars (no pathway).

Q.7 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for pruning of a tree to be done on a tree on the public pathway at the corner of Terenure Road West and Parkmore Drive, as soon as possible, as the branches are leaning onto the garage roof of 76 Terenure Road West and are in danger of causing damage to the resident's roof. The tree itself is on the public pathway and therefore is the responsibility of Dublin City Council.

Q.8 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to remove an abandoned bicycle (abandoned for more than a year) chained to a pole on Neville Road, Rathgar.

Q.9 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the manager to arrange following repairs to a tenancy property (details supplied).

- Q.10 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the Manager provide an update as to whether there is a plan to house a family in 10 St. Enda's Road which has been unoccupied for over two years?
- Q.11 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the Manager curb the use of residential permits on Synge Street in circumstances where there are a number of permit users parking on the street from 9 to 5 who are clearly not resident on the street?
- Q.12 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the Manager consider putting ramps on Ormond Road South, Rathmines?
- Q.13 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the Manager confirm if Dublin City Council is in negotiations with any of the clubs on Grosvenor Square in respect of leases or if the council has any plans in relation to Grosvenor Square?
- Q.14 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the bump in the road at the side of No. 6 Rathdown Park and opposite No. 7 be repaired?
- Q.15 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the broken footpaths in Greenmount Lawns be repaired including outside street lamp No. 6; at the corner of Nos. 9 and No. 14 Greenmount Lawns and in front of 22A?
- Q.16 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the tree be replaced outside No. 5 Greenmount Lawns?
- Q.17 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the double yellow lines on the right hand side at the entrance to Greenmount Lawns be extended to correspond with the double yellow lines on the left hand side?
- Q.18 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the Manager confirm that the wall between St. Joseph's Church and Greenmount Lawns is a safe structure?
- Q.19 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the yellow box between Westbourne Road and Rathfarnham Road be repainted?
- Q.20 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the yellow line at the end of Rathdown Drive going into Rathdown Crescent be extended as parking blocks the vision of other road users?
- Q.21 Councillor Frank Kennedy**
To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the drains, shoes and gullies in Powers Court, Dublin 2, which is in charge to the council to be cleared. There is now huge pooling of water covering the road anytime it rains heavily. Many drains in and around the estate are pretty clogged but one is totally blocked (photo of location attached). Residents believe that the suction trucks that come along and clear out the drains are required. The estate is in charge to Dublin City Council.

Q.22 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following the motion which was passed unanimously as the South East Area Committee in April 2016 (no. 585) calling for a flag pole to be installed in Donnybrook to be put under the charge of the local Tidy Towns group, members were assured that despite the response to the motion the officials will look at this further. To ask the Manager for an update on what steps have been taken since this motion was passed in the intervening three months.

Q.23 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the officials to paint yellow lines at the corner where Sandymount Road turns into Tritonville Road. While I understand that the general principle is that lines are unnecessary in such a situation because it is illegal to park alongside a solid white line, the situation here is highly confusing, because as seen in the attached five photos, there are lines on the other side of Tritonville Road even though that is also alongside a continuous white line. The result is that motorists are confused and they are frequently clamped. It also creates a major safety risk because cars constantly park at this spot in the mistaken belief that it is permissible. The attention of the manager is drawn to my motion (no.73) at the October 2014 South East Area Committee meeting which was passed with the unanimous support of members:

“Having regard to the fact that a frequent response to traffic related queries is that there is no need to take a particular action or preventative measure because the underlying problem is already illegal (for example, there is no need for painting yellow lines within five metres of a junction because it is already illegal to park there; see Reply to Q.35, South East Area Committee September 2014), and having regard to the serious health, safety and welfare risks which can arise in certain situations where additional measures are not put in place, this committee calls on the Area Manager to amend local traffic policy to the effect that the mere fact that an action is already illegal is not, in isolation, a reason to prevent additional signage etc. being put in place.”

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to give an update on the trapping and relocation of badgers on the banks of the Dodder at Anglesea Road, Dublin 4.

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have a tree located at the Appian Way-Leeson Street Upper junction examined. On casual inspection, it seems to be diseased and possibly hazardous, and may need to be removed.

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager who has the contract for weed spraying in the South East Area. A company with Co. Fermanagh registration plates has been seen carrying out the work in the Sandymount Area.

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have a tree at the following location cut back and pruned. It is located at the main gate of Ringsend Park adjacent to 30 Canon Mooney Gardens. See map attached. It currently blocks the sunlight to that apartment.

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report on the Dublin project? This report to include when there was last meetings held, expenditures to date and a project implementation report. Also, please include what monies / grants were declined by individuals and organisations and why?

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to what is the situation regarding legislation to deal with charity collectors (chuggers) and the growth of that culture, which is now seriously impacting on free movement on our streets? It is now becoming a common practice for groups of individuals collecting on behalf of the likes of Amnesty International, Concern etc. to block entire footpaths and interfere with people's right of way.

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate proceedings against the Pygmalion Bar, Coppinger Row, Powerscourt Townhouse in relation to the noise pollution emanating from their premises at all hours of the night causing great anxiety to the many residents who live in this area? Also, can the manager have the street furniture section of Dublin City Council visit this premises as they are constantly placing their furniture all over Coppinger Row and blocking up this public way? Photo attached.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager replace the trees in the South East Area at these locations?

51 - 53 Synge Street (broken tree)

91 Heytesbury Street (dead tree just up from No. 91)

Photos attached.

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager have public lighting placed at the bottom of George's Street, Dame Lane where the new cycle facility and public seating area has been placed? This is a well used location by the public and also by cyclists and at evening time it can get pretty dark here when people are collecting their bikes and sitting here. In the interest of public safety and health it would be good to light this area appropriately.

Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager desist from placing the Thornton planters anywhere in the South East Area? These planters are attracting high levels of antisocial behaviour, the dumping and discarding of rubbish and also the disposal of needles etc. They are an inappropriate form of street furniture and there is plenty of documentation in relation to the high level of anti-social behaviour they attract. Also these contraptions give rise to issues concerning advertising of one particular waste provider.

Q.34 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards to the deterioration of the new works on Grafton Street and its surrounds? This report to include the damage to lighting and also to the paving and grouting of the paving and the staining of the stone.

Q.35 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager facilitate the presentation to the South East Area Committee by a number of businesses and their representatives from the South East Area who wish to exit the BID (Dublin Town)? This group has requested to me that they be given the same opportunity afforded to Bid / Dublintown and Mr. Richard Guiney to give a presentation. This group of businesses number in the region of 400 and they want an equal opportunity to present to Councillors their issues with regards to the workings and non workings and the negative impact that the BID levy has on their business.

- Q.36 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager issue a full cleaning and sweeping and graffiti removal in around the whole of Camden Street area, including Liberty Lane, Pleasant Street and Synge Street?
- Q.37 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full report regarding the health / safety and management issues that were initiated for Gay Pride Festival in Dublin City? These to include how much alcohol was taken from individuals on our streets and what was the financial cost of this private security / An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council time.
- Q.38 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager initiate a full clean up of the Weatherspoons building at the top of Camden Street? This building is now in a deplorable state with its basement full of rubbish and dirt and is bringing the whole tone of the street into a state of dereliction. Photos attached.
- Q.39 Councillor Anne Feeney**
Will the Manager consider allocating funds and applying to the Department of the Environment for partial funding for the refurbishment and expansion of Terenure Library?
- Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the manager have a fence to the rear of details supplied erected outside of the existing boundary fence in order to block access to the rear of this address from gangs of children and can the rear pavement which has clearly been damaged by the walnut tree in the park be repaired and levelled and not just have tarmac put around the edges?
- Q.41 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the manager have a fence to the rear of details supplied erected outside of the existing boundary fence in order to block access to the rear of this address from gangs of children and can the rear pavement which has clearly been damaged by the walnut tree in the park be repaired and levelled and not just have tarmac put around the edges?
- Q.42 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Will Boyne Street be put repainted as I understand it has been a number of years since it was last painted?
- Q.43 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the manager arrange to have an electrical health and safety check carried out in details supplied as there are serious issues with the electrics in this flat and the front door leaks as there is no cover or protection from the rain?
- Q.44 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the manager arrange to have the heating in the bedroom at repaired as a matter of urgency?
- Q.45 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the council also install a walk-in shower for the resident of details supplied as she is unable to climb over the bath due to her health problems? A doctor has already recommended that this should be done as soon as possible.

Q.46 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager carry out an audit of all the wiring in each of the flats in Mercer House Block C as there appears to be a problem with the wiring in almost all the flats in C block and confirm that residents are safe to live in their homes as currently they seem like fire hazards.