



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD REMOTELY ON ZOOM
ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 2.30 PM**

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PROTECTED STRUCTURE: Permission for development at a site of 0.054 ha. The development relates to proposed modifications to part of the wider redevelopment of the site at No's 13-30 Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin 2 comprising most of a city block bounded by Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Mount Street Upper, James's Street East and Baggot Street Lower. The proposed development comprises modifications to the development permitted on site under An Bord Pleanala Reference PL29S.244492 (Dublin City Council Reg. Ref. 3052/14), as amended by Dublin City Council Reg. Ref. 4428/17, currently under construction. The proposed development will consist of change of use to residential from museum use at lower ground level of No's 29 and 30 Fitzwilliam Street Lower and No.62 Mount Street Upper, ground, 1st, 2nd and 3rd floor levels of No. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower to provide 3 no. residential units comprising 1 no. two bed unit at lower ground floor level (c.118m² GFA), 1 no. two bed duplex unit at lower ground and ground floor level (c.122m² GFA) and 1 no. three bed triplex unit at ground to 3rd floor levels (c.248m² GFA). No increase to existing GFA is proposed. Access to the proposed units will be provided from lower ground level on Mount Street Upper and Fitzwilliam Street Lower and from ground floor level on Fitzwilliam Street Lower. The proposed development also consists of the following works: part replacement of the external stair providing access to lower ground level from Mount Street Upper; installation of post boxes/keypad at ground

level; demolition of external walls in front external lightwell area and part replacement with gate/railings; provision of ancillary storage/services in existing external vaults; amendments to vault doorways; new window and door opens at lower ground level; amendments to existing window and door opens at lower ground and rear first floor levels; replacement of existing fenestration at all levels of No. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower; balcony at rear first floor level of No. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower; reconfiguration of internal layouts including provision of internal stairways connecting lower ground and ground levels of No's 29 and 30 Fitzwilliam Street Lower; removal of existing stairwell connecting lower ground and ground level of No. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower; erection of external boundary walls to rear; amendments to external storage and open space areas to the rear of No. 61 Mount Street Upper; associated amendments to hard and soft landscaping and all other associated site development works above and below ground.

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Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to investigate with the various courier and distribution companies the possibility of developing an ECargo delivery depot (similar to one in Prague) with universal charging and showering facilities and which could possibly be located in part of a DCC car park or other such available premises.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the Manager would bring forward the long promised Belmont Avenue Traffic Plan.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Early Last Autumn this LAC agreed a motion that funding be made in the 2021 budget to repair and resurface Clareville Road. Details below will show the serious and unsafe state of this main thoroughfare. Therefore, that this meeting be made aware of when this work will be carried and to verify that the funding has been made available as agreed by this meeting.

“I’m wondering if you can help us with a solution to the condition of the road surface on Clareville Road which has steadily deteriorated since I was last in touch. It really is appalling and has been badly and irregularly patched in places over the years with no comprehensive resurfacing done, certainly not since we moved here over 6 years ago. I attach photos from directly outside my house (between the junction of Kenilworth Park and Westfield Road) which show the current state of that stretch of road.

Even in lockdown, Clareville Road is a very busy road-not quite the gridlock we see on it in normal times-but it is in constant heavy use with the 83, 83A and 18 buses and a steady flow of cars. Despite the fact that it is a main road, a busy road and a heavy use road, there is little investment in it in general and it shows. The most pressing element of that neglect is the appalling road surface-would you be able to escalate this within DCC so that it can be properly resurfaced and then properly maintained thereafter?

We would very much appreciate anything you can do on this, Mary. I look forward to hearing from you and just to say again that our parking solution is truly a game changer for us. It’s such a pleasure to be able to park on the road again.”

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Further to my earlier motion some months ago requesting an update from ESB regarding their commitment to development their properties on Fitzwilliam Street Lower and Mount Street into apartments, it is now agreed that the ESB be invited to a meeting to give us an update on the above and also to bring us up to date on the reopening of their museum on the corner of Fitzwilliam Street and Mount Street.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC calls on the CEO, Mr. Owen Keegan to suspend parking enforcement to ease restrictions with regards parking in the city centre and the greater Dublin area during the extended lockdown period. Many people are working from home and their cars are parked on streets. Many have contacted me as they have been fined for parking in prohibited spaces or that they were out of time. This has caused great stress to many people who are trying to cope with the many issues of lockdown and restriction. It is an unnecessary worry for many at this particular time and some measure of relief for the many who find themselves confined to home would be very welcome in these dark times.

Motion 6 from Councillors Dunne, Conroy, Deacy, Feeney, Freehill and Moore

This Area Committee notes that the citywide distribution of the Discretionary Fund is based proportionately upon the population size of each of the six Local Area Committee’s. We further note that this is a fair method.

Given the above, we agree to use the same method of distribution within our own Local Area whereby each of our three Local Electoral Area's will qualify to receive a share of the 2021 Discretionary Fund in proportion to their population size and for this to remain the policy for future years.

Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy

Many local communities have reported an increase in dog ownership since the pandemic. This has obviously led to increase in dog walking and dog fouling locally. Can we agree to develop an awareness raising strategy to both encourage and highlight safe dog walking, and the appropriate discarding of dog fowl and invest in this initiative?

Many parents of young children, some learning to walk, in our green spaces have expressed their frustration and fear of dogs being let off leads to roam freely. Can we look at signage as a start point in our local parks to include Stannaway, Eamonn Ceannt, Bushy, and Brickfield Parks? Is there an opportunity to work with dog wardens on this with our park wardens?

Could we look at creating a dog park locally to work more efficiently with dog owners? Are there resources for this?

Can we address the huge increase in dog fouling that we have all experienced, and look to other communities that have dealt with this for good practice models. For example, a suggested dog fouling solution used in Laois: <https://www.facebook.com/1960985567528264/posts/2551863508440464/?sfnsn=mo>

Motion 8 from Councillor Tara Deacy

Traffic Calming Brighton Road, Rathgar.

That this committee agrees to support the residents of Brighton Road with urgent traffic calming measures to address the ongoing dangers with speeding cars on this residential stretch. Since March the speeding on Brighton Road has got worse.

A great deal of work has already been done by residents to date. A petition was completed with 85% of residents asking that bollards be put in place, 100% of those petitioned requested that some type of traffic calming measure be put in place. This road houses three childcare facilities, a large number of young families and elderly residents. The residents have on many occasions expressed their concerns and are fearful that an accident is imminent.

Can this committee agree to take action on this under COVID Mobility Measures, or the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme? Can we, at a minimum, consider large strategically placed planters, larger ramps and/ or increased signage and address residents' concerns for once and for all before an accident occurs?

Motion 9 from Councillor Pat Dunne

Given continual reports regarding anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in Willie Pearse Park, this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to take appropriate actions and for these to include the installation of CCTV around the playground areas.

Motion 10 from Councillor Kevin Donoghue

This area committee notes recent developments in respect of the Irish Glass bottle site in regarding the selection of a preferred developer.

The area committee also notes the commitment to the delivery of 900 social and affordable units on the site. Further, it acknowledges recent reports in the media regarding the failure to purchase lands for affordable housing at the site.

That the relevant groups in the council will seek to engage with the preferred developer and other relevant stakeholders at the Irish Glass Bottle site to ensure delivery of previously agreed social and affordable units.

Further that we will seek a meeting with the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to secure support from the department and the requisite funding to guarantee the delivery of at least 900 social and affordable units on the Irish Glass Bottle site.

Motion 11 from Councillors Deirdre Conroy and Danny Byrne

That this committee agrees to support the retention of 29 Fitzwilliam Street Georgian Museum, which was a basic compensation to Dublin Corporation, South Georgian Core in 1978, after the ESB destruction of the Georgian terrace of 16 houses and the demolition of the interiors of 3 Mount Street properties. ESB plans to abolish the museum to make even more income by selling three luxury apartments.

No 29 was restored in 1988, opened in 1991, closed in 2017 to suit ESB demolition of the 50 year-old replacement of 200 year old Georgian terrace.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee Calls on the Area Manager to address the following issues on Grantham Place, Portobello:

- Resurface the road which has been left in a terrible condition after the Weatherspoons development
- Address the ongoing issue of litter and illegal dumping on the road
- Address the issue of illegal parking that takes place blocking residents into their own homes where no enforcement takes place

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to explore options for the use of the vacant plot adjoining the Christchurch Q Car Park. I understand that there is limited development potential of this small plot due to the presence underneath of part of the old City Wall. However the site could be used as a community garden or a 'pocket forest'.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee supports the Irish Georgian Society and local residents calls to reject the ESB Group's proposals to destroy the Georgian House Museum and convert the building into luxury apartments for sale.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Manager calls on the Area Manager to please consider installing pedestrian lights at the following locations:

The junction of Tritonville Road, Irishtown Road and Church Road
The junction of Sean Moore Road and Bayview

Motion 16 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee will agree that where work is being carried by any utility companies and by the council and any contractors on behalf of the council, are working late in the evening / night time that an advance letter would be sent to residents to inform them of the work to be carried out to include dates/ times / name of contractors etc.

Motion 17 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would agree that together with tidy towns groups that we could adopt the nobutts.ie street ashtrays.

Motion 18 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this area committee recognises the work and contribution to Irish society of Dr Dorothy Stopford Price, who pioneered the use of the TB vaccine in Ireland, and whose life and work were inextricably linked to the communities of the South East Area.

As a child, Dorothy Stopford lived at 28 Highfield Road, and later in the townland of Terenure. She studied at Trinity College, completing part of her training working as a clinical clerk at the Meath Hospital. As a qualified doctor worked at St. Ultan's Hospital, Charlemont Street while residing on Fitzwilliam Place.

Dorothy Stopford Price pioneered the use of the TB vaccine in St Ultan's in 1937, making it the first hospital in Ireland or Britain to use the BCG. She was nominated for the World Health Organisation Leon Bernard prize for her contribution to social medicine, and was appointed head of the national vaccination programme by Noel Browne in 1949.

Her work was pivotal in ending the Tuberculosis epidemic in Ireland and in recognition of her contribution to Ireland's public health system, this area committee will write to the Commemorative & Naming Committee seeking to memorialise Dr Dorothy Stopford Price as a timely reminder of the importance of vaccines and in recognition of a trailblazing woman in science.

Motion 19 from Councillor Mary Freehill

This committee confirms the importance of retaining the Citizens Information Centre in Rathmines. The building is currently on the market for sale and it is agreed that we write to the Citizens Information Board pointing out the need to continue this service in the Rathmines area.

Furthermore we regret that CICs are not open to the public during shut down and can only be accessed by phoning in a phone no. There are many people who are faced with crisis situations and need easy access to services. The same applies to services in Bishop Street. People who need emergency help do not have easy access.

It is agreed that this committee write to both the CIB and Dept. of Social Welfare pointing out that they need to make a more easily accessible service available to people who need it.

Motion 20 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee write to the Minister for Health and Chief Executive of the HSE;

expressing our collective disappointment at the manner in which a decision was taken to remove a lactation consultant position in the Dublin South East Local Health Office;

welcoming the statement issued by the HSE to the RTE Drivetime programme on the 25th of January 2021 that "A replacement lactation consultant has been designated to assist in Dublin South East";

noting that Ireland has one of the lowest rates of breastfeeding in the world;

recognising that all mothers that are breastfeeding who need support should have access to that support and should not have to contact the media or their local politicians begging for an essential resource.

seeking a report as to how Maternity Hospitals, Local Health Offices and Support Groups can be better resourced to support mothers and reverse Ireland's low rates of breastfeeding.

Motion 21 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee requests that Dublin City Council work with

Ranelagh Gaels to ensure it has access to playing pitches for its over 600 juvenile boys and girls in their academic across 30 plus teams.

Motion 22 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee support the following request;

“I am writing to you on behalf of the Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Association (STTCA) in connection with the need for greater waste bin provision within The Green in Sandymount. While there are currently 6 old black/gold cast iron waste bins in the Green, it falls far short of what is needed.

During 2020, there was a remarkable increase in footfall in the Village of Sandymount due mainly to Covid 19 restrictions, with many more people out walking, walking dogs, running, families cycling, grabbing a coffee and/or food from the local shops and restaurants. This in turn increased the amount of waste generated, be it a pizza box, a burger box, coffee cups, newspapers, and plastic bottles. While some of these items are bulky, you will have to agree that the current capacity falls far short of the requirement. There are 2 Belly Bins outside the park, and they too have been filled to capacity.

My request today is for you to table a motion at your next South East meeting in conjunction with the Parks and Public Domain Departments of DCC, to look into this request. It may necessitate the removal of some of the old cast iron bins and replacing them with bins of greater capacity. As it is a Heritage Village which the residents are all very proud of, we understand that large "heritage type" bins can be sourced which would be more in keeping with the heritage ethos.

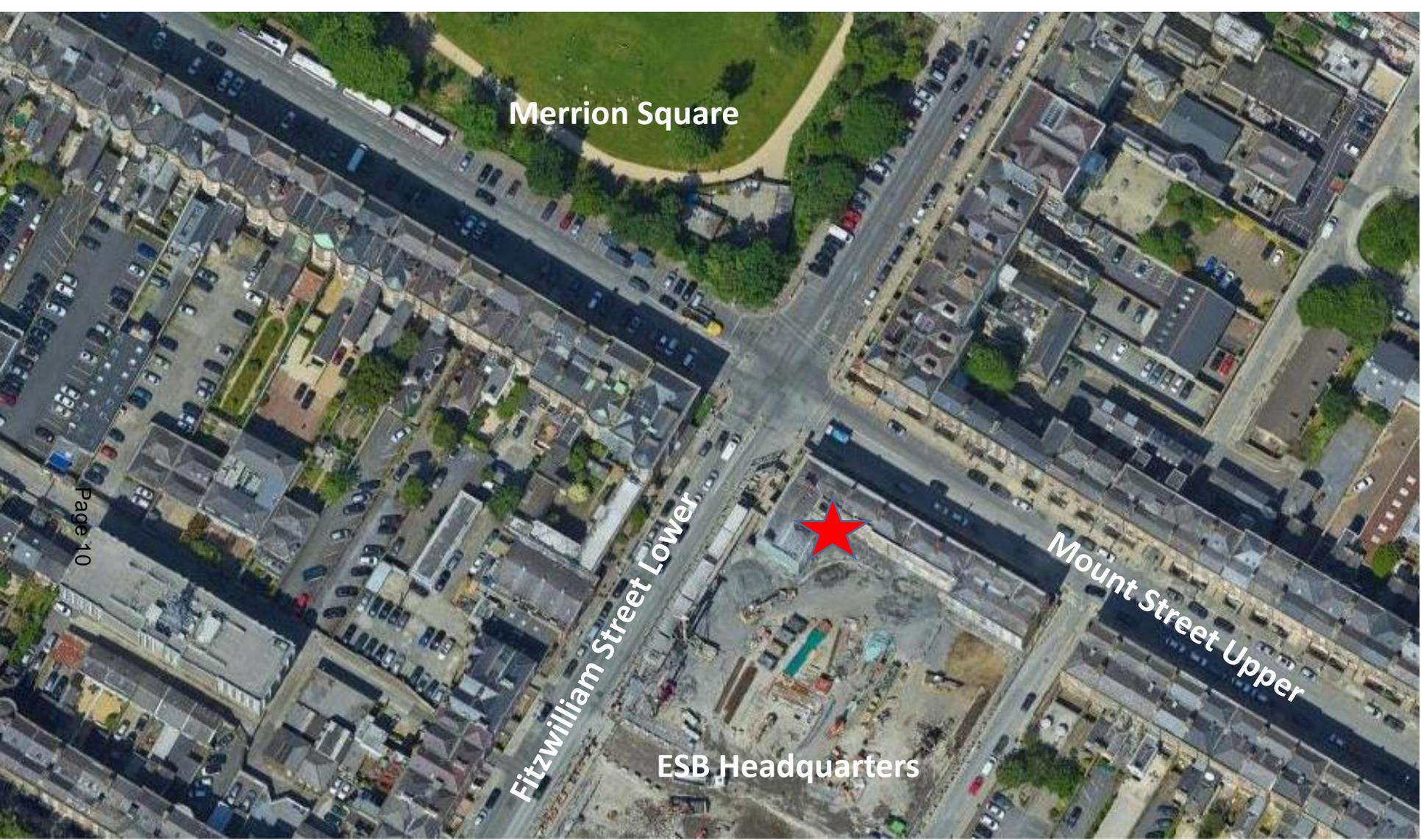
Waste and litter are always a big problem and in the absence of the twice weekly programme that Tidy Towns had (due to Covid), we placed extra plastic bags on the railings to assist with the extra litter within The Green. This initiative was also assisted by local restaurants and shops.”



Change of Use from Museum to Residential Use

No.61&62 Mount Street Upper & 29-30 Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin 2

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Merrion Square

Fitzwilliam Street Lower

Mount Street Upper

ESB Headquarters



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Application Details

Reg. Ref: 3972/20

Applicant: ESB Commercial Properties Ltd.

Location: 29-30 Fitzwilliam Street Lower and
61 and 62 Mount Street Upper, Dublin 2

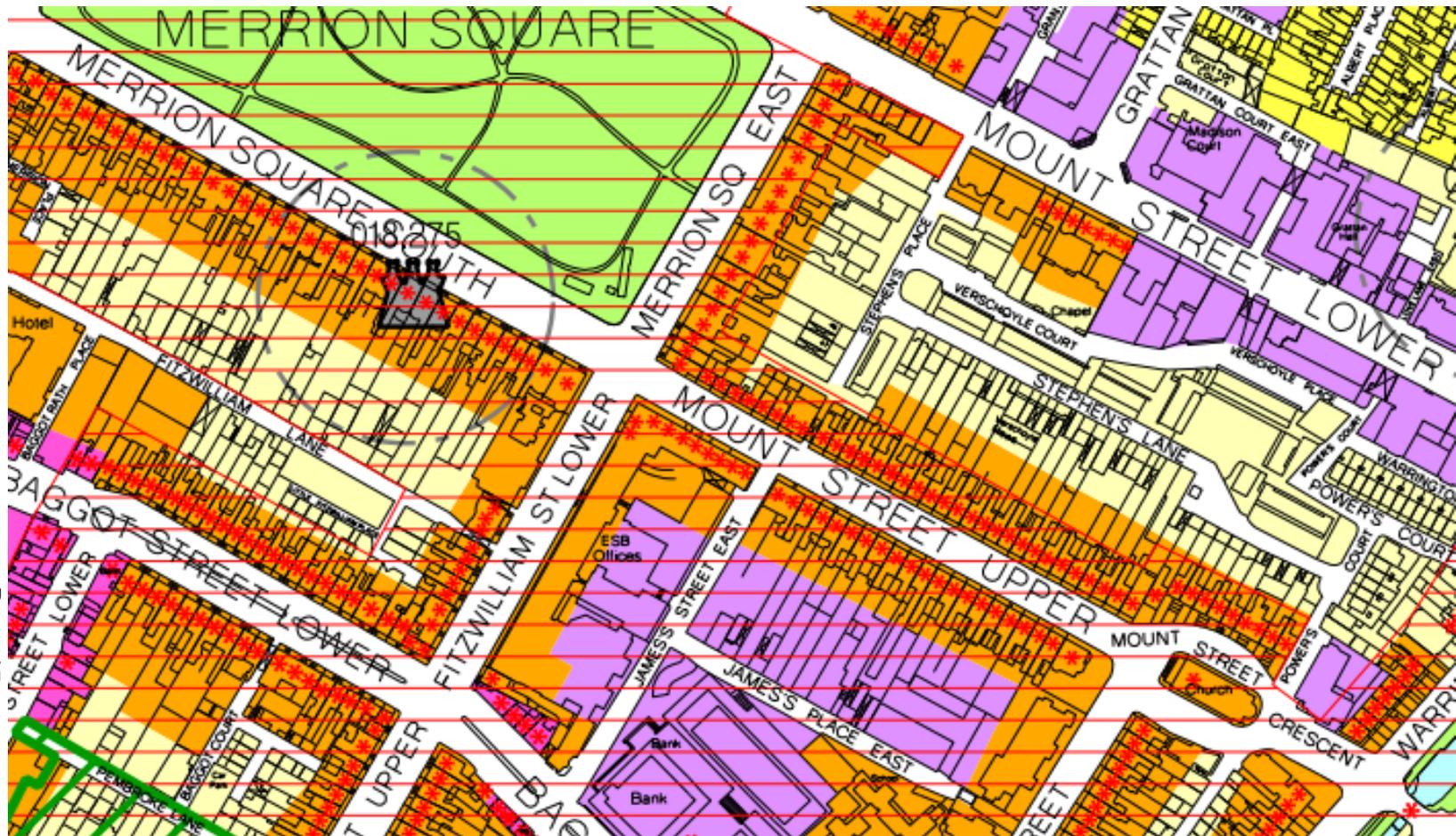
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Proposed Development

The development also includes the following works:

- Part replacement of the external stair providing access to lower ground level from Mount Street Upper;
- Demolition of external walls in front external lightwell area and part replacement with gate/railings;
- Provision of ancillary storage/services in existing external vaults; amendments to vault doorways;
- New window and door opes at lower ground level; amendments to existing window and door opes at lower ground and rear first floor levels; replacement of existing fenestration at all levels of No. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower;
- Reconfiguration of internal layouts including provision of internal stairways
- Balcony at rear first floor level of No. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower; lower ground and ground levels of No's 29 and 30 Fitzwilliam Street Lower;
- Removal of existing stairwell connecting lower ground and ground level of No. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower; erection of external boundary walls to rear;
- amendments to external storage and open space areas to the rear of No. 61 Mount Street Upper



Dublin City Development Plan - Zoning

Zone Z8 'To protect the existing architectural and civic design character, and to allow only for limited expansion consistent with the conservation objective.'

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City Development Plan

- The subject site contains three buildings on the Record of Protected Structures:

RPS	Address	Description
5685	62 Mount Street Upper	House
2877	29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower	House
2878	30 Fitzwilliam Street Lower	House

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- The site is contained within a Conservation Area
- The application includes a Heritage Impact Assessment and Engineering Report on Proposed Interventions to Existing Structures.

Residential Units Proposed:

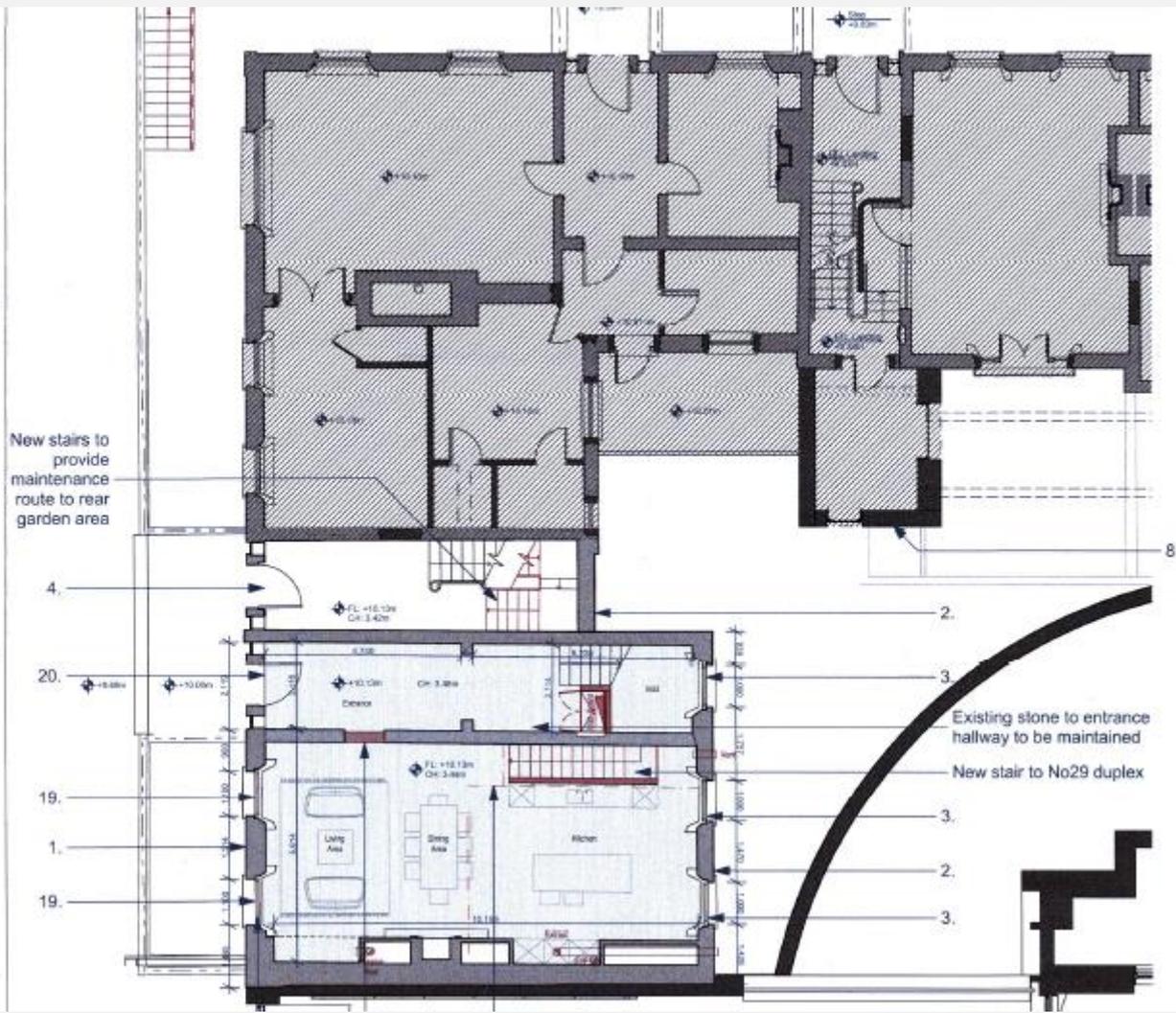
- 1no. two bed unit at lower ground floor measuring c.118m²
- 1no. two bed duplex unit at lower ground floor and ground floor measuring c.122m²
- 1no. three bed triplex unit at ground to 3rd floor levels measuring c.248m²

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Mount Street Upper No.62

Fitzwilliam Street Lower No.30

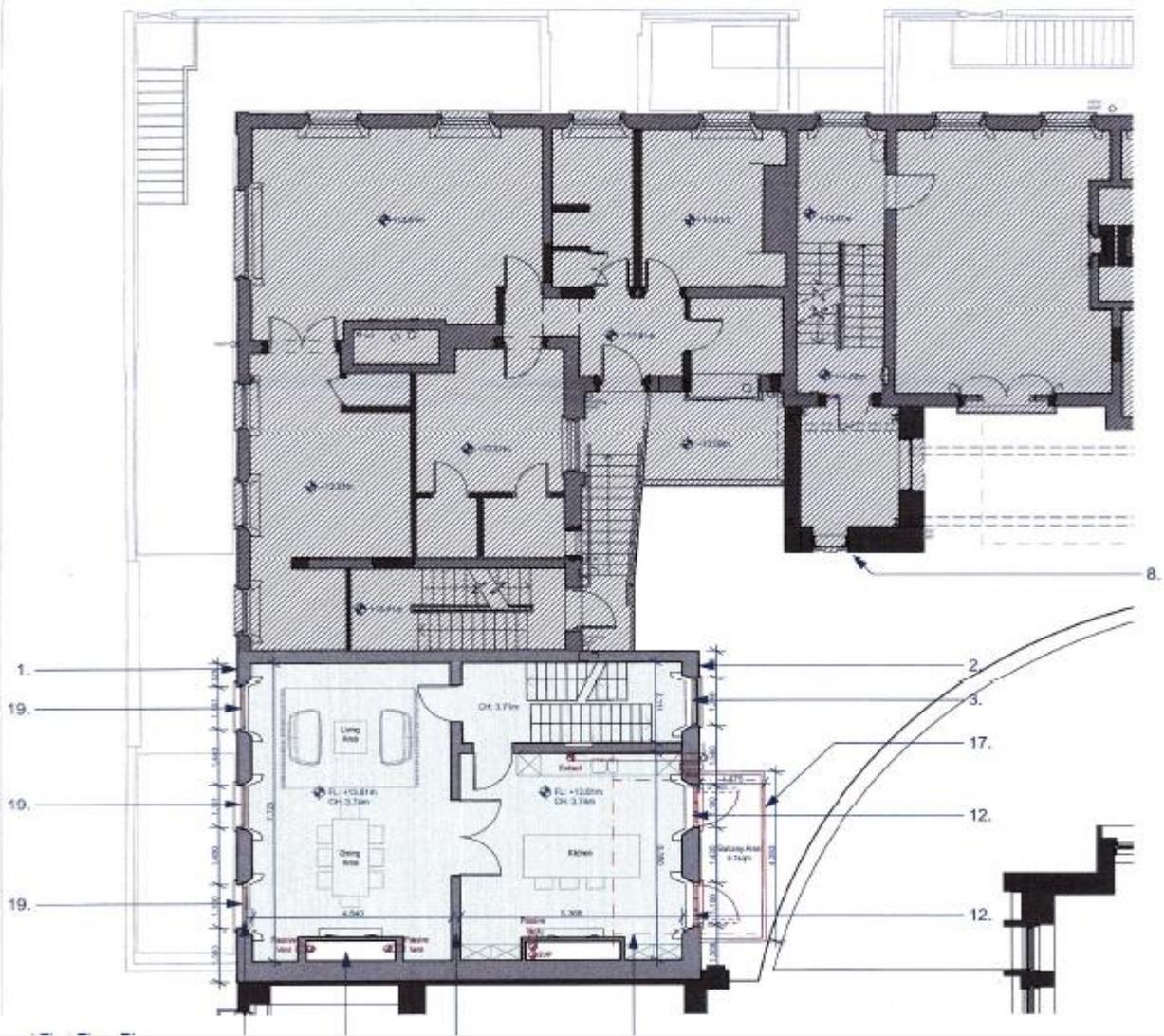
Fitzwilliam Street Lower No.29



Ground Floor

No.29&30 Fitzwilliam St Lower and No.61&62 Mount St Upper

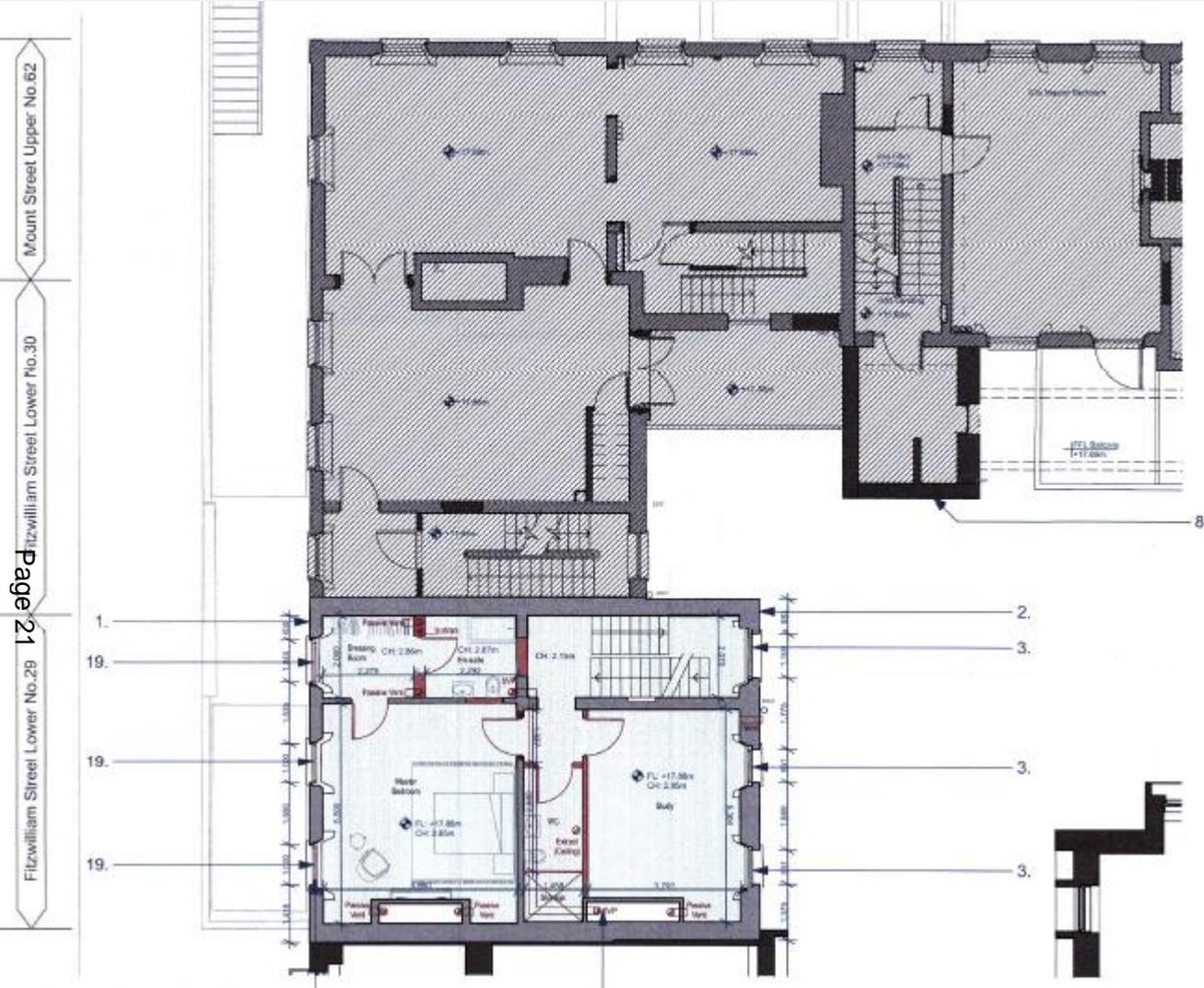
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First Floor

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Second Floor

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Fitzwilliam Street Lower No.29



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West Elevation

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West Elevation

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Thank You.



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021

- 1 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 14th December 2020**
Order: Agreed.

2 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 15th December 2020.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Verbal update on Strand Road Interim Cycle Route. Taken with Emergency Motion.
Order: Noted.

3 **South East Area Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.

4 **Motions**

Emergency Motion from Councillors Geoghegan, Lacey, McCartan, O'Connor, Flynn, Freehill and Conroy. Taken with Item 2.ii.

That the South East Area Committee;

- Acknowledges the depth of community feeling expressed towards the proposed Strand Cycle Route Trial as represented in the online public meeting organised by the 'STC Community Group' attended by over 300 Sandymount residents on the 4th of January 2021.
- notes the statement by STC on 7th of January 2021 detailing;
 - their decision to instruct their professional advisers to prepare a S.5 referral to An Bord Pleanála [Pursuant to the provisions of

- the Planning and Development Act 2000/2017] to adjudicate on whether the Strand Road Trial requires planning permission;
- that this decision is supported by SAMRA, Park Avenue residents association, Sydney Parade Avenue residents association, Gilford Road residents association, BADRA, Ballsbridge residents association, Brabazon House, Sandymount Avenue residents association, Seafort Avenue residents association and Merrion Road residents association; and
 - their request that Dublin City Council, the National Transport Agency and Dublin Bus wait for the result of this decision before any works are commenced including Bus route changes to Gilford Road; and
 - their request that the business of the Strand Road Interim Cycleway Community Forum should be paused until their referral has been adjudicated;
- writes to the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan and the National Transport Agency to revisit the 'Feasibility Study and Options Assessment Report on the Sandymount / Merrion to Blackrock Cycle Route Corridor Study – September 2015' with a view to constructing a promenade along Sandymount Strand and delivering a long term cycleway on the seaward side of the Strand Road;
 - writes to the National Transport Agency to immediately conduct a feasibility study on all measures available to urgently reduce/remove the 1,000 trucks that currently use the Strand Road daily in transporting goods; and
 - resolves to reduce the current community divisions that have arisen as a consequence of the proposed trial by whatever means necessary.

Order: Motion amended to include writing to Dublin City Council.

Vote taken.

Those in favour 11: Cllr. Dermot Lacey, Cllr. Anne Feeney, Cllr. Claire O'Connor, Cllr. Daniel Céitinn, Cllr. Danny Byrne, Cllr. Deirdre Conroy, Cllr. James Geoghegan, Cllr. Kevin Donoghue, Cllr. Mannix Flynn, Cllr. Mary Freehill and Cllr. Paddy McCartan

Those Against 5:

Lord Mayor Hazel Chu (**No objection to letters being sent**), Cllr. Carolyn Moore, Cllr. Claire Byrne (**No objection to letters being sent**), Cllr. Pat Dunne and Cllr. Tara Deacy

No absences or abstentions.

Agreed.

Motion 1 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to include a Greening Strategy for Fitzwilliam Street as part of the implementation of the official Fitzwilliam Cycle Route next year. This would include working with the residents, the design team, the biodiversity officer, parks and public realm to create attractive greenery along the route. Can the Area Committee ensure funding is allocated for such a project?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area Committee Calls on the Area manager to allocate funds to plant trees on Synge Street as part of the 2021 tree planting programme for the South East Inner City.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to improve planning enforcement and the communications with both councillors, residents and developers in the South East Area when it comes to complaints about breaches in working hours, safety concerns, noise pollution, traffic issues.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn taken with Motion 5

That this Area Committee:

Recognises that social housing tenants should be afforded the same rights as other tenants or owners in mixed-tenure estates,

Acknowledges that, in some estates and complexes, management fees can be excessive and would afford social housing tenants access to service not generally provided by the City Council to its tenants at an exorbitant cost,

Deplores instances of equality of service access being denied on the basis of tenure to social housing tenants,

Calls on Dublin City Council to ensure that all social housing tenants resident in units where full management fees are not paid are afforded the opportunity to pay the difference for access to services not covered by the council or APB's management fee contribution, or to otherwise purchase access to services.

Order: Agreed. Refer to SPC.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn taken with Motion 4

That this meeting of the SEA call on the CEO and the executive management of Dublin City Council to ensure that when acquiring properties and homes under Part 5, particularly in relation to apartment blocks that social housing tenants, i.e. DCC tenants, and tenants of approved housing bodies, that such tenants are entitled to the full amenities of those developments i.e. swimming pools, car parking, and any other services and that they are not socially victimized, socially segregated and discriminated against and that they be given full equality and parity of esteem on equal terms to other tenants. If this anomaly in Part 5 process needs to be amended or adjusted to incorporate this cause of inclusion for all tenants to participate in such amenities, we further call on DCC to amend such policy documents as a matter of urgency.

The state, the local authority and the elected members have an obligation to ensure that nobody is discriminated against in this fashion and that we must never be party to or give comfort to any such lower standard or othering of our tenants.

Order: Agreed. Refer to SPC.

Motion 6 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

Regarding an Enforcement Notice that was issued by the Planning Section of Dublin City Council under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 on December 10th, 2020, concerning works at 122 Rathfarnham Road, case ref E0799/19 in which significant damage was done to a Z9 mature riparian woodland on the banks of the river Dodder, this committee requests that the Planning Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council:

makes available to councillors the report of the planning enforcement officer from the site visit that took place on Wednesday 28th of October following complaints by residents that the works being undertaken were in breach of planning conditions;

and, in person or in writing, offers this committee a comprehensive explanation as to why the planning officer found the work being undertaken on that date was not a breach of planning permission and there was no enforceable case in that instance

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with Motion 8

That this committee calls on the area manager to include on the agenda of the next meeting of the Friends of Eamonn Ceannt Park the establishment of a working group to coordinate with the biodiversity officer in developing a planting strategy for areas of the park where conditions are appropriate for mixed wildflowers and bulb planting, with a view to having a strategy complete by winter 2021; and that for the purposes of improving the public realm at Rutland Grove and creating cohesion with the park, this working group should look to include the green areas en-route to the entrance at Clogher Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with Motion 7

That in recognising the importance of biodiversity in our urban villages and our city, this committee calls on the area manager to facilitate a presentation to the local area committee by the social enterprise 'Pocket Forests' (www.pocketforests.ie), with a view to identifying suitable spaces in our local area where such an initiative could be accommodated, and allocating funding accordingly.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this committee recognises that the use of kissing gates limits the accessibility of our parks and public spaces; that they limit access in a manner which discriminates against disabled people, the elderly, or users of mobility aids; and that a working group should be established to examine alternatives that provide fair and equal access to our parks and public spaces for all citizens.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That a meeting is setup with interested members of the South East Area Committee and the working group which comprises NTA and Dublin City Council officials who are responsible for considering the traffic impact on roads not included in BusConnects but effected by BusConnects, to discuss possible traffic mitigation plans for Castlewood Avenue, Belgrave Square North, Mount Pleasant Avenue, Charleston Road, Charleston Avenue.

Order: Report to Councillor.

5 Questions to the Chief Executive 11th January 2021

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 11 January 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan
Claire O'Connor

Officers

Brian Hanney
Mary Taylor
Claire French
Gerard McEntaggart

John MacEvilly
Jennifer Wall
Brendan O'Brien
Deirdre Kelly

Neil O'Donoghue
Antonia Martin
David Quearney

Apologies:

Non-Members:

Q.1 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager if our Traffic and Transport Department would address the removal of a bus stop outside Loreto Convent, Stephen's Green [6 years ago] where young primary school children have to walk to Camden Street, through laneways. Therefore, parents say they have to drive to collect their primary school children due to the bus stop change due to anti-social behaviour and danger of crossing Leeson Street junction.

Due to the NTA proposed ban for driving on Rathmines Road, change of majority bus stops, causing heavy congestion on other routes, it is considered unsafe for 10-year olds to navigate through anti-social behaviour in the city. When will this school bus-stop be reset outside the school?

Reply:

In order to get from Camden St. to Loreto College you do not have to walk through laneways. There is a safe route along major roads with controlled signalised pedestrian crossings to allow young children to cross the roads safely.

The distance from the bus stop at the Camden Hotel on Camden St. to Loreto College is approx. 800m. The bus services that used to use this area i.e., the 14s and 15s were moved to facilitate Luas LCC construction and as yet have not moved back to their original alignment. The NTA Bus Connects Network redesign map with College Green closed shows buses moved from Camden Street to Stephen's Green and so in future the A spine will be using this route.

There is no proposal at present to put a School Bus Stop along St. Stephen's Green East outside Loreto College as there are already 3 No. Dublin Bus Stops along St. Stephen's Green East within 100m from the entrance to Loreto College.

DCC promotes sustainable transport such as walking, cycling and public transport. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Q.2 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager about the timing of traffic lights in the D6 & D6W areas. Local residents are phoning and emailing me about these issues and I quote below:

"From right after the COVID-19 lock down, the timing of lights appears to have changed dramatically. Now it appears that the interval from Green to Red light, has shortened at many junctions to about 12 seconds. In practice this means that only 3, maybe 4 cars are able to make it through certain junctions, before the lights turn red. This results and vehicles having numerous stop/start cycles for 200m coming up to junctions.

This is extremely inefficient for fuel use, as vehicles must come to a complete stop and then to 5km/h, up to 10 times, in the space of a few hundred metres. This inefficiency is damaging to the environment and consequently increasing carbon emissions. It would seem that a duration of green light sufficient to allow 10 or so cars, as was previously, would allow traffic literally to 'flow' more smoothly.

Specific lights affected 1) Junction KCR in Dublin 6 2) Junction in Terenure at Eddie Rockets, 3) Junction in Rathgar at Bijou cafe.”

Reply:

As part the response to the current covid19 public health emergency restrictions, Dublin City Council has reduced traffic signal cycle times across the city from a maximum of 120 seconds to a maximum of 80 seconds which reduces the amount of vehicle green signal time available each cycle of the signals.

The measures encourage more walking in the city and relieve pressure on public transport modes and avoid pedestrian congestion on footpaths, pinch points and narrow islands at crossings thereby better allowing for social distancing to occur.

You can view information on these measures at <https://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-dublin-city-covid-mobility-programme/improving-pedestrian>

The above measure can lengthen journey times at certain junctions, at peak hours, as vehicles receive less green time each cycle of the traffic signals as pedestrians receive priority.

The ITS section are currently reviewing areas with higher levels of congestion with a view to making targeted interventions to improve the efficiency of junctions for all road users.

In relation specifically to signalised junctions in 1) Junction KCR in Dublin 6 2) Junction in Terenure at Eddie Rockets, 3) Junction in Rathgar at Bijou cafe.”, the ITS section has recently reviewed traffic signal timing operation in these areas and has increased slightly the overall cycle time allowed at these junctions.

Q.3 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager for the Traffic and Transport Department to negotiate with the National Transport Authority about the detrimental lack of public consultation and speed of its December deadline for resident submissions, negatively impacting all local communities in Kimmage-Rathmines, in order that communities can continue to make submissions in January 2021. There is supposed to be a fourth, final proposal by NTA so it can bring the detrimental traffic system to An Bord Pleanála. This enquiry is based on multiple communications from Crumlin, Kimmage, Harold’s Cross, Terenure, Rathgar, Rathmines Communities.

Reply:

The public consultation held before the end of December 2020 was a non-statutory consultation and it was the third round of public consultation that the NTA has held since Q2 2019. Following on from this, there will be a statutory public consultation process with An Bord Pleanála which provides ample opportunity for members of the public to respond.

Q.4 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager for Traffic and Transport Department to negotiate with the NTA on the proposals relating to Terenure Road West where the main Garda Station is located and the continuous bus gate plans, one-way systems and road-block access to side roads will detrimentally impact the Response Times at Terenure Garda Station.

Reply:

Emergency response by An Garda Síochána is something which the Gardaí are best placed to respond to with any issues that these proposals may cause. In general as

emergency services have derogation from Traffic regulations they are not impeded by traffic calming measures and bus priority measures.

Q.5 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager, when designing the upgrade to the senior playground in Ringsend Park, whether there were consultations with the Biodiversity officer. I very much welcome the upgrade of the playground, but I am also conscious that there was an extension of tarmac which resulted in the removal of grass from the park. From a biodiversity perspective we should be striving to retain as much grass and greenery in our parks as possible while also providing vital services such as playgrounds.

Reply:

It is standard practice when upgrading a play facility to ensure that it meets international and statutory guidelines in regards to its construction. Therefore, the play area is being constructed to required safety standards and a small area of tarmac path has been included to facilitate ease of access. The majority of this new path is located within the footprint of the current playground.

The Dublin City Council Biodiversity Action Plan was referenced by the design team to ensure that any potential negative impact resulting from the renewal of the play area be minimised. The opinion of the Biodiversity Officer was not sought on this project, as having assessed the location, it was considered that there was sufficient expertise present within the design team to deal with issues arising.

The new play zone is slightly larger than the existing footprint and does encroach on some surrounding grassland. The sensitivity of this area was considered and it was noted that it was not a feeding area for migrant birds and that it is of low biodiversity value. The playground is being installed to minimize disturbance to the natural landscape and the safety surfacing will be primarily covered in 'play grade' wood fibre which is an organic natural material suitable for a parkland setting.

Q.6 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the following proposals that were submitted by Portobello residents as part of the Covid Mobility scheme:

- Portobello Transport and Traffic Calming Proposal
- Traffic calming proposal for St Kevin's, and to include an update on the provision of further ramps on Lombard Street West and the Neighbourhood Traffic Scheme for that area

Reply:

The aims of the Dublin City Council's Covid Mobility Programme are:

- To ensure safe access to and movement within Dublin City for all users;
- To provide sufficient movement capacity to cater for the changed travel patterns;
- To support the economic recovery of the city and the region.

Priority is being given to identified routes into and locations within the city with the highest levels of walking and cycling. Work is ongoing to assess feasible locations for interventions such as Portobello and other areas within the city.

Traffic calming measures have recently been implemented on Emorville Avenue and on Arnott Street. The suitability of traffic calming measure in the St. Kevin's area around Lombard Street West will be assessed by the Area Engineer.

Q.7 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager would he consider installing a contraflow cycle lane on Arnott Street.

Reply:

The route will be assessed and a detailed response issued in June 2021. However, this is dependent on the availability of staff resources.

Q.8 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the establishment of a task force on Dublin Bay water quality as agreed by the Area Committee earlier this year.

Reply:

Bathing Water Task Force

In 2019, there were serious concerns about water quality at Merrion Strand and Sandymount Strand. Potential sources of pollution included misconnections, leaks, overflows, surface water runoff, urban wastewater discharges & dog and bird fouling. Two streams coming in from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown were identified as a significant source of pollution.

In November 2019, Dublin City Council (DCC) set up a Task Force including representatives from Irish Water, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLRCC). The Task Force meets on a monthly basis and is working to improve water quality on the two beaches and to address other issues. The Council also hosts high level meetings with EPA, HSE and DHPLG on this issue.

The Council is working closely with UCD Acclimatize, a research project which aims to identify the main sources of pollution in Dublin Bay Area, including at Merrion Strand. We are also consulting with several other councils, Inland Fisheries Ireland, DCU and Local Authority Waters Programme Regional Office (LAWPRO).

Both local authorities, along with UCD, carried out an enhanced programme of sampling in the two streams including the collection and analysis of grab samples and the deployment of auto-samplers which take samples over a 24-hour period. Results were analysed by UCD Acclimatize and the local authorities. This programme identified a number of key locations where pollution is entering the streams.

The UCD Acclimatize project is studying pollution sources on the streams and the bathing waters. Their studies have shown dog fouling to be an issue, though not the predominant issue, at the beaches. A single incident contributes 3 x 10E9 (3,000,000,000) E. coli bacteria to the environment, while 1,000 E. coli in a 100ml sample is enough to close the beach. We have erected new signs to highlight this to the public and are working with other sections within DCC to see if management of this issue can be improved.

Irish Water is carrying out surveys in connection with two major drainage studies for this area. These should identify works to the drainage system which will improve water quality in the two streams and the bathing waters but it will be some time before these studies are completed. We are working with Irish Water to see if some works can be carried out before the detailed studies are completed. Irish Water are carrying out a feasibility study on diverting an overflow pumping station away from Sandymount.

The alternative to trying to prevent all pollutants from entering the streams is to provide some form of treatment to remove pollution from the streams. A number of options were considered including UV treatment, chlorine dosing or construction of long sea outfalls. All of these could remove bacteria from the bathing waters but were ruled out on the basis that they would cause significant environmental or morphological damage. A better treatment option is the use of integrated constructed wetlands. However, this would require a significant land take in a relatively built up area.

Some of the key actions arising from the work of the task force have been:

- Identification of a poorly performing combined sewer overflow which Irish Water will remove before next year's bathing season. The construction contract is due to be signed early this month with works to begin shortly afterwards. This will remove a significant pollutant load from the bathing waters.
- Identification of two areas with significant misconnections to the storm water system which Dun Laoghaire Rathdown is investigating.
- Identification of a blocked sewer (leading to overflows) which Dublin City Council resolved.
- Identification of poor quality private work to a public sewer which Dublin City Council investigated. This was causing blockages (exacerbating overflows) but the blockages have now been cleared and the sewer will continue to be monitored.
- Identification of significant misconnections to the Nutley Stream, which Dublin City Council is investigating. Some have already been removed.
- Installation of a flow and water quality monitor near the outlet of the Elm Park stream. This will give live information on pollutant loads in the stream just before it discharges to the beaches. This will assist us in predicting water quality problems in order to protect public health.

(Note: misconnections occur where sewerage from a building is wrongly connected to the surface water system (and ultimately the streams) rather than the foul sewerage system).

Water quality at Sandymount has improved to the extent that it is now designated "sufficient", meaning that bathing is allowed there and this classification is expected to continue next year. DCC is committed to improving water quality at Merrion Strand. We have identified key problem areas and physical measures needed to improve the bathing water quality. Covid 19 restrictions mean that many of these measures have been delayed. Water quality will continued to be monitored and results posted in hardcopy format in the information cabinet at the bathing water and online at www.dublincity.ie/bathingwater.

Bathing Water Management and Bathing Prohibitions

Please note, the Water Pollution Control (WPC) Section of Dublin City Council monitors and reports on the bathing water quality at six bathing locations in our administrative area, namely; Dollymount, North Bull Wall, Half Moon, Shelly Banks, Sandymount & Merrion beaches. Only Dollymount & Sandymount are designated bathing areas and this year since the beginning of the bathing season on June 1st, our water quality sampling has returned a very high number of 'excellent' water quality results. This work is undertaken with powers and responsibilities designated to the local authority by the Bathing Water Regulation, S.I 79 of 2008.

Throughout the bathing season (between 1st June to 15th September), water quality is tested on twenty separate occasions (approximately weekly intervals). Visual inspections (for pollution purposes) are undertaken at the same time.

In the interest of public health, if DCC suspects that the bathing water may become unsuitable for bathing due to foreseeable events (heavy rainfall for example), we will issue a bathing water prohibition in consultation with the HSE. There were three prohibitions and one prior warning at Sandymount this summer. In some cases prohibitions may subsequently be found to have been unnecessary, but it is considered better to err on the side of caution.

Working with Irish Water and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, we are about to appoint a specialist service provider to establish a modelling system to predict water quality more accurately. This will be the first time this package has been used in Ireland and it will

assist in our efforts to protect public health. We are also developing improved electronic signage to improve information for beach users.

We have recently offered support to a DCU project proposal which aims to provide rapid testing and possibly real time results for bathing water quality. We are also supporting a number of UCD initiatives.

Storm water Control

In Dublin, most areas are drained by combined sewer systems, which convey wastewater and storm water in a single pipe. This is also common practice internationally. During heavy rainfall, storm water flows can be several multiples (50+) of wastewater flows and it would not be practical to design piped systems to take this flow. During periods of heavy rainfall, combined sewer systems are designed to overflow occasionally and discharge diluted wastewater to nearby water bodies. This is considered good practice as long as the number and volume of overflows is not excessive.

To attempt to remove all overflows would cause an unacceptable level of disruption and take years to design, procure and fund. It would be unlikely to stand up to the kind of cost benefit analysis that now governs public spending.

Much of Dublin's combined system is now at or near capacity meaning unconstrained new development would exacerbate flood risk and overflows of sewage to our rivers and Dublin Bay. Dublin City Council has a policy of mandating sustainable drainage systems in new developments and retrofitting them where possible. These aim to control storm water at source and to remove pollutants where possible. They are a vital part of our efforts to reduce flood risk, protect our natural water quality and mitigate against climate change.

Q.9 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update regarding the ongoing situation regarding excessive noise in details supplied 1. I understand there is to be a change in tenancy in the apartment underneath details supplied: 2 which is good news for the family who were living there and for the resident above. However the resident is still concerned that there are sound issues in her apartment coming from the apartment below and that the problem has not been resolved by recent works. Can the Manager please provide a full report on the works carried out and the sound tests / noise pollution tests both before and after the works were completed? The resident has also asked whether it might be possible to do another test with more furnishings in the lower apartment before the new tenants move in to see if this might help to further address the problems.

Reply:

Dublin City Council have carried out extensive works in our apartment to help reduce the noise level between both sets of apartments. It must be pointed out that details supplied apartments were built prior to noise reducing regulations existed. However, the works that we recently carried out at large costs, have ensured that the property meets these modern day standards.

Under modern regulations there is a requirement to have a performance of ≥ 53 DnT,w dB.

dB Decibel—a unit of measurement used to express sound level. It is based on a logarithmic scale which means a sound that is 3 dB higher has twice as much energy. We typically perceive a 10 dB increase in sound as a doubling of that sound level.

DnT,w The weighted level difference standardized to a standard 0.5 seconds reverberation time and weighted to provide a single figure value

Prior to carry out any works we achieved a measurement of 48 DnT,w dB. Which is 5 dB below the standard. Throughout the property we installed onto the existing ceilings,

- metal channel (400mm centres)
 - 25mm mineral wool in the cavity (min 10kg/m³)
 - RB1 Gyproc Resilient Bar (600mm centres)
 - 1 x 15mm Soundbloc Board
- 10mm Stipple.

These works gave us a new reading of 58 DnT,w dB, which is 5dB above the requirements. As pointed out above we typically perceive a 10 dB increase in sound as a doubling of that sound level.

Dublin City Council has gone to great lengths and expense to reduce the noise levels between both apartments and even though we weren't required as the building was constructed prior to the 2014 regulations. (Building Regulations, Technical Guidance Document (TGD) E Sound (2014), we engaged all stakeholders throughout this process and allowed them to inspect the work that we carried out and gave them access to our property on the day of testing.

DCC is not in a position to pay for another test given the amount of work and cost that we have already done on the property.

Q.10 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please work with Waterways Ireland to improve litter and waste along the Grand Canal. I receive regular complaints about this and how it has become far worse during the pandemic, particularly along the canal outside the Hilton. We can't always rely on volunteers to tackle this issue through their clean ups.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is in regular contact with Waterways Ireland in relation to issues on the Grand Canal including the removal and management of litter and waste. We will continue to liaise with Waterways Ireland in this regard. The specific issues raised in respect of the location identified will be brought to the attention of Waterways Ireland.

Dublin City Council provides and services a number of litter bins along the length of the canal and have upgraded many of these bins to solar compactor units in recent years. Additionally Dublin City Council provides temporary bins to cater for periods of increased demand and carry out clean ups of areas when significant accumulations of litter have arisen. Temporary bins are provided on an ongoing basis at the Portobello area in response to the need for additional capacity at this location due to the increased activity since the emergence of Covid 19.

Q.11 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager why the Canals Sub-Committee has not met this year and to ask when this sub-committee might be re-established.

Reply:

Following a meeting between Dublin City Councillors, management and Waterways Ireland on 16th January 2019, it was agreed to convene regular quarterly meetings for statutory bodies in relation to the canals. This new forum was established to address gaps in the timely sharing of information around the management and maintenance of canals in the city. The new structure replaces the two canal subcommittee groups and the Operational Liaison Group (OLG), which had not met since September 2014. There were delays in convening the first meeting this year due to the pandemic but the first meeting under the new structure was held on 14th October 2020 with the next to be held in January 2021.

It was agreed that Waterways Ireland would continue to host regular meetings with volunteers and other non-statutory parties going forward. To date one such meeting has taken place in 2020 and further meetings are planned for 2021.

Q.12 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please conduct a risk assessment of all the junctions along the Fitzwilliam Cycle route, but most particularly the concealed junctions. Safety concerns for cyclists at the junctions have been expressed by local residents.

Reply:

A Road Safety Audit for the Interim Fitzwilliam Cycle Route will be carried out once the outstanding works are completed in the forthcoming weeks. Breaks within the car parking were provided within the design to allow adequate visibility splays for motorists turning in and out of minor and controlled junctions. Drivers must yield to cyclists on their left or right, before making a turn. The Rules of the Road state:

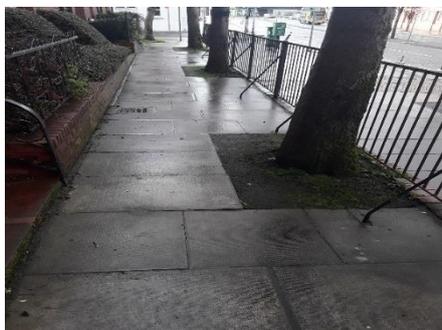
“When turning left, or right, all drivers must watch out for cyclists going ahead or turning. When making a turn, watch out for cyclists in front of you or coming up on your left. Do not overtake a cyclist as you approach a junction if you are turning left or right, as the cyclist may be continuing straight ahead.”

Q.13 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange the urgent repair of the unsafe path right outside the porch of details supplied as the elderly resident recently tripped on it and suffered a bad fall.

Reply:

According to our records this is not a Dublin City Council Rented Dwelling. However, the Area Foreman attended to this today and found no issues with trip hazards.



Q.14 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the installation of a housing lane gate and the weeding of the housing lanes at the lanes off Bremen Road as requested months ago.

The area has become very untidy and overgrown and the residents have been waiting patiently for months for these weeds to be dealt with.²

Reply:

The gate at Bremen Road was installed on December 15, 2020. The residents are very happy with the gate. The residents as part of a community initiative tidied up the lanes in the area. Dublin City Council provided equipment to assist the residents. I have asked our Housing Maintenance section to revisit the lanes in the New Year and weed the lanes when needed.

Q.15 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the clearing of the grass on the footpaths on Bremen Avenue along the public green as it has become very overgrown and much of the footpath is covered.

Reply:

Grass growing from the open space onto the footpath will be removed over the coming weeks.

Q.16 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please provide me with an update on a person's (details supplied) application to have a disabled person's parking bay installed outside his home?

Reply:

The area engineer has recommended the provision of a disabled parking bay (DPB) at details supplied.

The area engineer has highlighted the DPB as a priority to the road marking team responsible for marking out DPBs.

Q.17 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for planters and a bike rack to be installed at Blarney Park, Kimmage, Dublin 12?

Reply:

The area will be inspected and if a suitable location can be identified cycle parking will be installed as part of the next batch of cycle parking.

The Community Team have recently installed six planters at Blarney Park, two at the Pickles Restaurant side and four on the opposite side of the road leading into Blarney Park. Accordingly, we have no further plans to install additional planters at this time.

Q.18 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange to have the laneways off Leukos Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4 resurfaced?

Reply:

We are currently examining the status of these laneways in regards to responsibility for their maintenance and will update the Councillor directly.

Q.19 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for additional parking to be installed around Bushy Park, Terenure, Dublin 6W?

Reply:

The area engineer is fully aware of the ongoing concerns residents have raised in relation to parking near Bushy Park.

The area engineer is hoping to address the issues raised by Councillor Ceitinn in January 2021.

Q.20 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please contact the owner of (details supplied) regarding the noise disturbance caused by the extractor fan on his premises to nearby residents?

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit has received complaints from residents regarding the above premises. The unit has engaged with both the proprietor and the residents to resolve the issue.

Q.21 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for the pedestrian surface at the entrance to Elm Park Terrace from Terenure Road North into the terrace to be resurfaced?

Reply:

Repair works will be scheduled here as soon as possible.

Q.22 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the broken flashing light on Block E, Pearse House to be fixed or replaced, as the case may be.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will arrange for this to be repaired by Electrical Services.

Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager investigate the possibility of erecting a gate at the entrance walkway of French Mullen House to ensure residents' safety and privacy and as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour? Many residents here are living in absolute terror and fear with the ongoing trespass into this walkway. On many occasions it is used for drug taking, used as a public toilet and used as a bedroom. It seems that members of the public can just wander in here willy- nilly without any regard for the residents here. This situation needs to be addressed urgently please.

Reply:

On foot of a request by some residents in French Mullen House to erect a gate at the entrance walkway of French Mullen House, I arranged to visit the laneway with an engineer to investigate the possibility of a gate being erected at this site. This lane way is considered a public right of way and is a fire tender access route; therefore, Dublin City Council cannot install a gate at this location. I have discussed the issue of the anti-social behavior with An Garda Síochána and they have given a commitment to increase Garda patrols in the area. Residents should report any incidents of ASB to the Gardaí. Tuath have CCTV available to the Gardaí if they need to investigate any serious anti- social behavior in this area.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to what is to happen to the public space at lower Georges Street at Dame Lane at the back of the Mercantile? This site is used by many as an amenity area. It is also used by many cyclists who park their bikes here and it is home to the many translations of the 1916 proclamation as well as the portraits of

the signatories which makes this particular site iconic and a great Dublin City attraction for tourists and locals.

The hotel is being redeveloped along with this site. Can the manager furnish plans of what is intended to be here with improvement works?

Reply:

Dublin City Council owns the space at South Great George's Street and Dame Lane with the exception of a sliver approximately a foot wide along the boundary of the Mercantile Hotel. The full space, which received moderate improvement in 2015, is in use as a civic amenity space.

In order to facilitate and minimize the impact of the works for the permitted redevelopment of the Mercantile Hotel on the street network and neighbouring businesses, it is proposed to issue a hoarding licence and temporary licence for the space to the developer for the period of the works. A condition of the licence is that the space be upgraded to a higher standard and returned as a civic amenity, detail design and materials to be agreed with Dublin City Council.

The current cycle parking and seating will be relocated, in the area if possible, during the period of the works. The art installation of the translations of the proclamation installed for the 1916 celebrations on the boundary wall of the Mercantile will be removed by the Artist, as agreed.

Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager look at the possibility of rolling out the parking safety zone and school safety zone initiative for St. Enda's School at Whitefriar Street? This is a very busy school in a very busy and dangerous traffic area. There is simply no indication for motorists that there is a school here. Can the manager look at the possibility of erecting proper signage to warn motorists to slow down both at the Whitefriar Street entrance of the school and the Longford Street entrance of the school?

Reply:

The School Zones initiative, created by the NTA in collaboration with Green-Schools, aims to create a safer, calmer and more attractive environment outside of schools. The School Zone design gives priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school, and prioritise active travel (walking and cycling) to and from school. In addition, reducing traffic at school gates significantly improves air quality further improving quality of life for children and all others in the vicinity.

Following implementation of the initial 2 School Zones at Francis Street School, D8 and Central Model School, D1, we contacted all primary schools in the DCC administrative area explaining the concept and inviting them to apply. All schools who apply for a School Zone will be assessed by an area engineer.

We have not received a School Zone request from St. Enda's Primary School at Whitefriar Street. We are still accepting requests. Further information and link to request form can be found at:

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/1cf2bdad/>

Please note, requests must be completed by the school principal.

Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a program of cycling to school for the St. Enda's School at Whitefriar Street? There are many children in the local area who attend this school and it would be a good start now to make it safe for them to begin to cycle to school

and become our future cyclists and bike users. This could also coincide with cycling infrastructure such as bicycle parking facilities being installed within the local flats.

Reply:

Dublin City Council currently offers the following interventions and supports to encourage cycling to school:

- Funding of Cycling Ireland [Cycle Right training](#) programme for primary school children;
- Engagement and support of parent-led cycle buses;
- Provision of cycle parking to schools for installation on school grounds (St. Enda's have not applied);
- Implementation of School Zones designed to improve safety at the school gate (St. Enda's have not applied);
- Increasing protected cycle lanes throughout the city;
- Development of a Mobility Education Programme (traffic school) by our Road Safety Division;
- A [dedicated webpage](#) with tips and resources to support active commuting to school.

The possibility of bicycle parking facilities will be investigated in line with this.

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report in relation to how many construction companies and construction sites are using considerate construction protocols within the south east area? There are many construction firms and construction sites within the south east area. Many of the deliveries and the manner in the way these sites are being operated is very ad hoc. Quite a lot of these sites are in built up residential areas. There are huge issues now of noise dust and dirt that is impacting on local residents and businesses. It is time for a new set of protocols and guidelines such as 'considerate construction' to be rolled out. This is not just an issue for communities; it is also an issue for the environment in terms of air quality etc. One only has to look to the London model and how it is implemented to see how effective and fit for purpose this model is.

Reply:

The Planning Department will roll out the Construction Protocol Document that was developed for sites in the Docklands and surrounding areas in 2017 and has been running successfully since then, for the whole city during the course of 2021. This document assists in the mitigation of many of the issues outlined in the Councillor's question.

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding The Avalon House? This report to include who is currently using this facility. Who runs this facility? How many families are in this facility? How long have these families been in this facility? What amenities are in this facility for these families? What is the ratio of children and adults male/female using this facility? What is the status of the ongoing legal action and court case with regards planning progressing? What are the projected outcomes, if any?

Reply:

Avalon House is not currently in use as an emergency accommodation facility. As Avalon House is the subject of a High Court Judicial Review, the Chief Executive is not in a position to comment on the matter.

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update on the progress with regards the Cabbage Patch and also the build out and completion of the play area at O'Carroll Villas and when the works will begin on fixing the play area in Mercer Street, C Block?

Reply:

Plans are in place to refurbish the football pitch in the Cabbage Patch in the spring. The work is expected to take 4/6 weeks to complete and will be weather dependent. We will also be having discussions with Debby Clarke, Play Officer in Parks to consider what play possibilities/opportunities there may be for the Cabbage Patch given the history of this site. The football pitch refurbishment and introduction of a play element were key items highlighted in our Public Consultation held in 2019.

We are also in discussions with the Social Inclusion Section in Housing and the Iveagh Trust on a proposed mural for the wall in Cathedral Lane. We have also recently pruned the trees in New Street Gardens and carried out repairs to the pavement in this area.

Most of the landscaping works to the front of O'Carroll Villas which were funded by the Discretionary Fund have been completed. Remaining items include completion of the planting which will happen early in 2021 and the installation of some play equipment (swing/slide) for young toddlers.

We completed a small play area in Mercer House last year and we intend to install a similar play area in Mercer House, C Block in 2021 and this can be considered in the context of discussions on the Discretionary Fund for 2021.

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report and update regarding the Arts percent scheme and the art work that is to be placed on Harcourt Road in around by the Manhattan as a result of the development here and Arts percent levies. Further, that this report include the entire SEA with regards the art percent scheme and levies and what applications have been received, what works have been commissioned and put in place over the last three years.

Reply:

The development at the site of the Manhattan on Harcourt Road, Richmond Villas and Richmond Street is a private development and therefore the Per Cent for Art Scheme does not apply. It is understood that the developer is intending to commission an artwork as part of the development. This developer has a good track record of hiring arts curators to manage its art commissions and a track record of consultation with the Arts Office on such proposals. With regards to the Per Cent for Art Scheme and how it relates to the South East Area, Dublin City Council operates a pooling of finance from the Per Cent for Art funding relating to the development of social housing. This is permitted under the National Guidelines for the Per Cent for Art Scheme. Considerable time has been spent in 2020 developing a new Dublin City Public Art Programme which will be launched in the first quarter of 2021. As regards other specific Per Cent for Art funding relating to the South East Area. The National Transport Authority has provided €18,000 towards the commissioning of a sculpture for the traffic island at the corner of Adelaide Road and Leeson Street as part of the infrastructural development of cycle routes along Leeson Street and Fitzwilliam Street. The South East Area office has provided €17,000 towards this commission. The commission was awarded to an emerging artist Lucy Andrews. The selection panel included Cllr Claire Byrne, a local representative of the residents' association, city officials and external art experts.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full public campaign to bring awareness to those premises and businesses that are using street furniture on our footpaths to ensure that there is a clearway and ample space for pedestrians and in particular elderly, wheelchair users and those with disability and who are not able-bodied who are trying to walk/use our footpaths without hindrance? With Covid 19 issues many shops /bars/restaurants are now using the footpaths for their furniture etc.

Reply:

All premises with Street Furniture Licenses or Temporary Seating Permits are required to adhere to government guidelines with regard to Covid 19 and social distancing. Premises are inspected on a regular basis to ensure compliance. Inspectors visit premises and advise staff if there is an issue with the seating. Permits or licenses can, and have been revoked if there are persistent breaches of guidelines or licence conditions. The launch of a public information campaign was postponed prior to Christmas with the re-introduction of Level 5 restrictions.

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager write to the Kevin Street Garda station and ask them not to park their vans and their Garda cars on the footpath? This is causing a problem for pedestrians and other road users. It is also a distraction for motorists who are coming up to the traffic lights here and can be blind spotted.

Reply:

Parking Policy and Enforcement will contact the superintendent at Kevin Street Garda Station to ask that members of the Garda force do not park their vehicles on the footpath outside Kevin Street Garda Station.

Q.33 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the row of Leylandii (or Leylandii-type) trees on the public open green space in Royston, Dublin 12 (off Kimmage Road West) was planted by Dublin City Council; and if not to ask the Parks Department and the Biodiversity Officer if the presence of these trees is any way damaging the amenity or biodiversity value of this public green space; and if so can they be removed and the borders of this green replanted with native mixed planting with higher biodiversity value.

Reply:

The existence of Leylandii trees growing in Royston are not damaging to the biodiversity value of the green space, albeit unlikely to be of as much benefit as a native hedge. The dense foliage of the Leylandii is still likely to afford protection for nesting birds and shelter to smaller mammals. The hedge was not planted by the Parks Department, and Parks does not maintain it. If the hedge were to be removed, there would be a period of a year or two before a new hedge could be planted (to allow roots to rot away) which would result in potential biodiversity loss over this period. An alternative would be to supplement the existing hedge with a native hedge to improve the biodiversity value within the green space, subject to funding being available.

Q.34 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager for an update on the Covid mobility scheme for Belmont Avenue.

Reply:

A preliminary report outlining feasibility and potential solutions is expected to be completed and submitted to the Mobility Team in the next two weeks. Once this report is received by the Mobility Team, it will be reviewed and discussed internally and

subsequently discussed with Councillors. Following these discussions a more accurate timeframe on the scheme can be outlined.

Q.35 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager for an update to the reply given to question 46 to the chief executive on the 16th of November 2020.

Reply:

The lane involved is a private laneway and is not taken in charge by Dublin City Council. What this means it that the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit have no authority to issue a parking permit to anyone to park a vehicle on the lane involved.

Q.36 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager whether Ashfield Road and Mornington Road, Ranelagh can be included for road resurfacing in 2021.

Reply:

We plan to include Ashfield Road and Mornington Road in our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme, budget permitting.

The footpath on both these roads shall be inspected and any defects found shall be logged for repair.

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(Area Committee Date: 08/02/2021)

Item	Enquiry	SP Ref	Topic	Road	Post	Request Description	Tag Result	Tag Comments	Request By	Received	Sec
1	7001981		Double Yellow Lines	LOMBARD COURT (SE)	Dublin 2	oppiste Nos. 7-14.	Recommended	As Lombard Court (north-south section) averages 6.1metres in width, it does not meet the Dublin City Council minimum width requirement of 6.5metres to accommodate double sided parking. It is therefore recommended to install parking restrictions, specifically Double Yellow Lines RRM 008, on the west side of Lombard Court (north-south section) to facilitate unobstructed vehicle access and egress at the back of the Lombard Court housing estate. STAT Install Double Yellow lines on the west side of Lombard Court (north-south section), starting at the Lombard Court (east-west section) / Lombard Court (north-south section) junction, extending in the northward direction for 34metres.	Councillor	12/03/2018	0
2	7016545		Yellow Box	MERRION ROAD (SE)	Dublin 4	at the end of the road,	Not Recommended	Yellow boxes are located to prevent the blocking of junctions; side road traffic flows should be significant. The side road should serve a minimum of fifty houses or a major traffic generating facility. This guideline is in place to avoid a proliferation of yellow boxes in the city. Estate Avenue serves less than 50 dwellings unfortunately a yellow box is not recommended at this location.	TD	27/08/2020	1
3	7016582		Pedestrian Crossing	NUTLEY LANE (SE)	Dublin 4	for children coming from Nutley on their way to the Teresian school.	Not Recommended	Due to the development of the Bus Connects route No 13, Bray to City Centre, which includes the junction at Nutley Lane and the N11. The area engineer has not recommended any decision about this junction. As part of Bus Connects Scheme, this junction will be upgraded and funding made available to complete this work. The area engineer for the South East Area of Dublin City has not been given specific dates when this work will commence. The third public consultation, was completed in November 2020, the progression of Bus Connects will be made public in 2021 by the National Transport Agency (NTA).	TD	31/08/2020	1
4	7017156		Disab Park Bay Residential	RINGSSEND PARK (SE)	Dublin 4	outside 73.	Recommended	Recommended a disabled parking bay outside 73 Ringsend Park. Stat Provide disabled parking bay beginning at a point between Nos. 73/74 extend 6m south east, provide disabled parking bay symbol and information pole .	Member of the Public	01/10/2020	0

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Item	Enquiry	SP Ref	Topic	Road	Post	Request Description	Tag Result	Tag Comments	Request By	Received	Sec
5	7017242		Parking Restrictions	AILESBURO ROAD (SE)	Dublin 4	clear positioning arrow at the bottom of the road to turn right onto Merrion Road.	Not Recommended	Not Recommended Ailesbury Road is a single lane carriageway in either direction, at the junction with Merrion Road. Vehicles wishing to continue onto Sydney Parade/continue on Ailesbury Road will need to either wait for vehicles ahead to complete the right turn manoeuvre or using due care attention drive around a vehicle waiting to turn onto Merrion Road. The area engineer understands the issues raised by the Councillor, however he is concerned that there are vulnerable road users in addition to vehicles on Ailesbury Road with the addition of any right turn road markings will force these road users further over at this junction. With limited road space, on either approach to Merrion Road along with current reduction in road traffic volumes City wide. The area engineer does not recommend the location of any right turn directional arrows at this junction.	Councillor	05/10/2020	0
6	7017943		Disab Park Bay Residential	PRIORY ROAD (SE)	Dublin 6W	outside 53.	Recommended	Recommendation to locate a new disabled parking bay outside No. 53 Priory Road Terenure. Stat Beginning at a point 4.50m south east from Lamp Stand No. 9 locate a 2.1m x 5.50m disabled parking bay and disabled parking bay symbol outside property No.53.	Member of the Public	18/11/2020	0
7	7018196		Double Yellow Lines (Rescind)	PALMERSTON GARDENS (SE)	Dublin 6	remove dyls outside drive in.	Not Recommended	DCC no longer locate double yellow lines on bends in residential roads or opposite resident's driveways. Due to the number of double yellow lines marked out on bends and outside driveways on residential roads/streets throughout the south east area of DCC. It is logistically not possible to arrange for the removal of these road markings.	Member of the Public	01/12/2020	0
8	7018246		Disab Park Bay Resid (Rescind)	PEMBROKE STREET (SE)	Dublin 4	outside 34.	Recommended	Recommended to remove the disabled parking bay outside No. 34 Pembroke Street, D2.	Internal	03/12/2020	0
9	7018675		Yellow Box	LOMBARD COURT (SE)	Dublin 2	installing a yellow box at the above location which will assist residents when exiting the Court	Not Recommended	Not Recommended In order to satisfy the requirements for a yellow box the traffic flows from a side road should be significant and serve a minimum of 50 dwellings. Due to the ongoing pandemic traffic flows through Dublin City are down 70% this means the provision of a yellow box at Lombard Court is not recommended.	Member of the Public	18/01/2021	0



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10	90050613	SP_39511	Double Yellow Lines	HEYTESBURY LANE (SE)	Dublin 4	From Nos. 20 -22, outside pedestrian entrances and section between the two garages.	Recommended	Following analysis, it is recommended to install Double Yellow Lines RRM 008, in front of 20-22 Heytesbury Lane, to allow access through the pedestrian entrances. STAT: 1. Install Double Yellow Lines on the west side of Heytesbury Lane, starting from the 18 / 20-22 Heytesbury Lane common boundary, extending in the southward direction by 2.5metres. 2. Install Double Yellow Lines on the west side of Heytesbury Lane, starting from the 24 / 20-22 Heytesbury Lane common boundary, extending in the northward direction by 2.5metres.	Member of the Public	03/08/2017	0

Road Maintenance Services -Works Programme 2021

South East Area Scheme/Activity	Regional Carriageway Improvements				Regional Footpath Improvements				Regional Other		Local Carriageway Improvements				Local Footpath Improvements				Local Other	
	Length	Area	Contract	Direct Lab	Length	Area	Contract	Direct Lab	Contract	Direct Lab	Length	Area	Contract	Direct Lab	Length	Area	Contract	Direct Lab	Contract	Direct Lab
Repairs and Carriageway resurfacing																				
Ashfield Avenue (Ashfield Road and Mornington Road)											100	787	€57,451							
Ashfield Road (Beechwood Road and Ranelagh Road)											352	2518	€183,814							
Baggot Street Lower (Herbert Place to Herbert Street)	110	2060	€150,380																	
City Quay (Between Matt Talbot Bridge and Lombard Street East)	263	1505	€109,865																	
Dame Street (Fownes Street Upper to Foster Place)	157	649	€47,377																	
Fishamble Street (Between Lord Edward Street and Wood Quay)											167	1,035	€75,555							
Grand Canal Street Upper (Northumberland Place to No. 59 Grand Canal Street Upper)	230	2637	€192,501																	
Hogan Place (Holles Street to Macken Street)	261	3208	€234,184																	
Lansdowne Road (Northumberland Road to Shelbourne Road; Shelbourne Road to DART Line Crossings)											458	4665	€340,545							
Merrion Street Upper (Merrion Square South to Baggot Street Upper)											200	3632	€265,136							
Mornington Road (Ashfield Road and Ashfield Avenue)											240	1296	€94,608							
Warrington Place (Mount Street Crescent to Mount Street Lower)											181	1967	€143,591							
Waterloo Lane (Between Leeson Street Upper and Burlington Mews)											327	1,817	€132,641							
Localised Repairs - Various Locations									€150,000											€150,000
Miscellaneous Direct Labour-Regional										€432,725										
Street Name Plates										€5,000										
Winter Maintenance										€25,000										
Incident Response Unit										€25,000										
Footpath Reconstruction																				
Anglesea Road (Various Sections between Donnybrook Road and Merrion Road)					280	980	€98,000													
Clonmacnoise Road (Roundabout Path between No. 90 and No. 134)															120	480	€48,000			
Essex Quay (Various Sections between Wood Quay and Wellington Quay)					15	42	€4,200													
Kimmage Road West (House No. 61 to Fortfield Road)					338	850	€85,000													
Leeson Street Upper (Various Sections between Morehampton Road and Grand Parade)					560	1747	€174,700													
Mountain View Road (Various Sections between Albany Road and Beechwood Road)															183	421	€42,100			
Rutland Grove (Various Areas Off Clogher Road)															260	1220	€122,000			
South Lotts Road (Bath Avenue Place to ESB Entrance)															180	1100	€110,000			
Sussex Road (Various Sections between Mespil Road and Leeson Street Upper)					320	1397	€139,700													
Templeogue Road (Various Sections between Fortfield Road and Terenure Village)					407	1221	€122,100													
Ramps																				€100,000
Miscellaneous Direct Labour-Local																				€432,725
Street Name Plates																				€35,000
Winter Maintenance																				€25,000
Incident Response Unit																				€25,000
Totals		10059	€734,307			6237	€623,700	€0	€150,000	€487,725		17717	€1,293,341	€0		3221	€322,100	€0	€250,000	€517,725

Area	Contract	Direct Lab
Regional Carriageway Improvements	10,059	€734,307
Regional Footpath Improvements	6,237	€623,700
Regional Other		€150,000
Local Carriageway Improvements	17,717	€1,293,341
Local Footpath Improvements	3,221	€322,100
Local Other		€250,000
Totals		€3,373,448

Notes: Contract Budget

Carriageway Budget	2,254,525
Footpath Budget	1,127,263
	3,381,788

To the Chairperson and Members
of the South East Area Committee

**RE: SITE OF BALLSBRIDGE (FORMERLY JURY'S) HOTEL, PEMBROKE ROAD, BALLSBRIDGE,
DUBLIN 4
REQUEST TO COMMENCE A VARIATION OF THE CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016-2022**

BACKGROUND

A request has been received to initiate a Variation to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 in relation to the site of the Ballsbridge Hotel.

The Ballsbridge Hotel (formerly Jury's) is a 1.7Ha site located at the junction of Pembroke Road and Lansdowne Road in Ballsbridge. The site currently comprises of an existing hotel containing c.400no. bedrooms in a number of buildings.

The site is located in an area of Ballsbridge characterised by a mix of office developments on Pembroke Road (Carrisbrook House, Lansdowne House, Number One Ballsbridge, Hume House, the Bank of Ireland offices and the existing American Embassy) (Zoning Objective 6), the Ballsbridge Hotel itself (Zoning Objective Z1), new residential developments on Lansdowne Road and Shelbourne Road (Number One Ballsbridge and Lansdowne Place), together with a mixture of primarily office and residential uses in the more historic building stock in the surrounding area (Zoning Objective Z2). The new Facebook campus currently under construction at the former AIB Headquarters is a short distance away also (Zoning Objective Z6). There are a significant number of Embassy buildings in the Ballsbridge area, including the existing US Embassy.

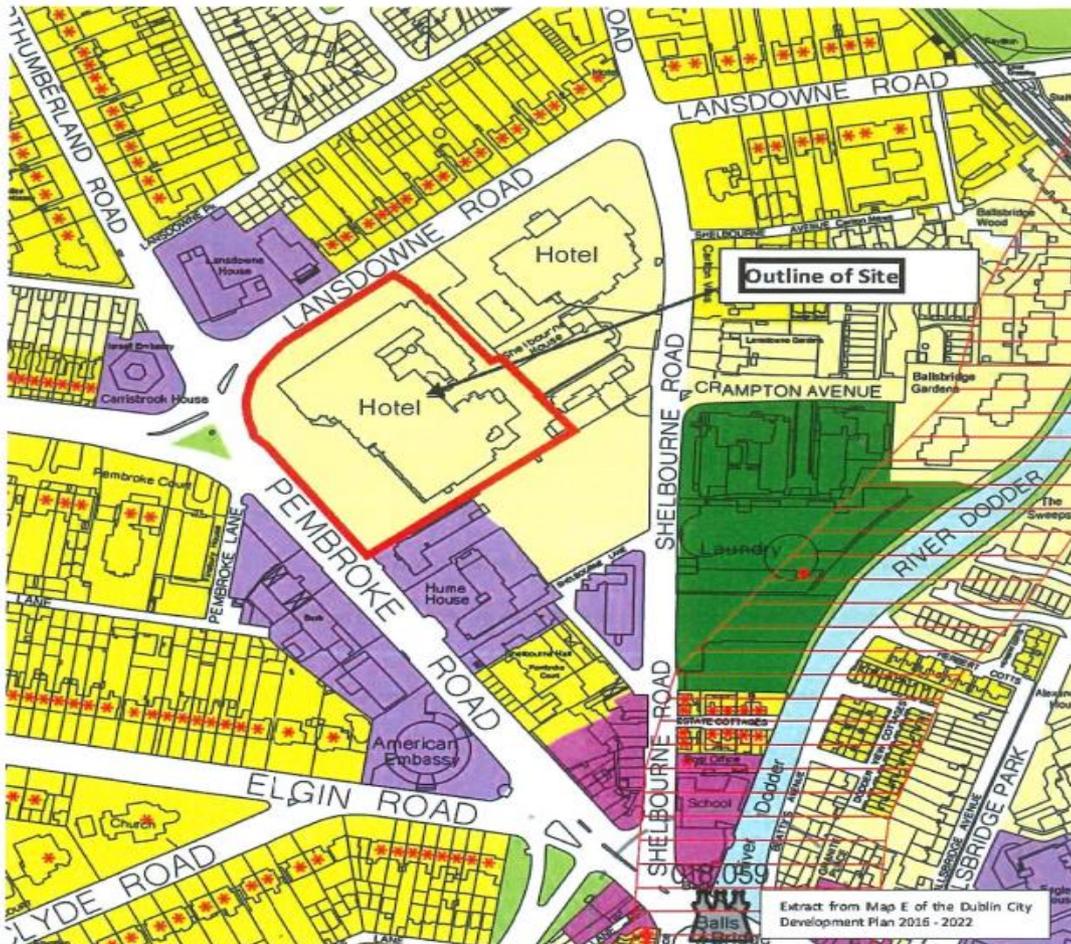
The request on behalf of the State Department of the United States of America to change the land use zoning;

From: Zoning Objective Z1 – To protect, provide and improve residential amenities

To: Zoning Objective Z6 – To provide for the creation and protection of enterprise and facilitate opportunities for employment creation

The lands are identified outlined in red in the extract of Map E of the City Development Plan 2016-2022 shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Site of Ballsbridge Hotel, Pembroke Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4



PURPOSE OF VARIATION

The reason for requesting the Variation is to accommodate the development of a new Embassy of the United States of America in Ireland on the site which will have a use that is primarily commercial and where any residential content is minimal, and which will include a foreign trade delegation, trade office and public embassy offices.

The current Embassy site is no longer suitable to cater for the current and growing demands placed upon a modern Embassy facility; in particular one as prominent and as busy as the Embassy of the United States of America having regard to the very close ties between Ireland and America.

The desire to relocate the Embassy is due to a number of reasons including:

1. The existing building is almost over 55 years old and no longer meets the requirements in terms of size of the expanding American diplomatic presence in Ireland.
2. The current building is too small and there is an urgent need for expansion due to the growing activity across the Embassy’s diplomatic, foreign trade delegation, trade office and public embassy office functions.
3. The building does not conform to new construction and security requirements issued by the State Department in Washington DC
4. The current embassy has a capacity for only 150-200 staff and this is not adequate to meet the growing demands placed on the various diplomatic and trade activities of the Embassy.
5. It has a large atrium, is not efficient for modern occupational needs, nor modern environmental/sustainability objectives.
6. The existing building will remain as the US Embassy, or as an Annex to the US Embassy over the next 5-10 years during the transition period between the existing operation to the new US Embassy on this site.

In relation to the proposed new embassy the following information is provided:

1. The US have been upgrading their embassies around the world to modern sustainable buildings. One of the most recent examples of this is in London, where the new Embassy was opened to the public on the 13 December 2017.
2. The new embassy in Dublin will provide a larger presence for the US in Ireland which will increase

and enhance the exceptional relationship already in place between the two countries and will facilitate the required expansion in activity across the Embassy's diplomatic, foreign trade delegation, trade office and public embassy office functions.

3. The building will facilitate modern functional space and is in line with the US State Departments' desire to be sustainable from an environmental perspective which will be capable of doubling the numbers of staff present; or up to 400 employees.
4. In addition, the envisaged increased scale of the building, together with the increased number of employees at the US Embassy will lead to a commensurate knock-on economic benefit to the local service providers catering for the existing US Embassy.
5. The US Embassy team in Ireland works to protect and promote U.S. interests in Ireland with the US. US companies have over \$160 billion foreign direct investment in Ireland. This equates to approximately 8% of all US investment in the EU.
6. The relocation of the US Embassy to this site, will retain the US Embassy in the now well established 'embassy belt' in Ballsbridge.
7. During the construction phase of the project it is estimated that there will be approximately 500 jobs created. There will also be significant knock-on multiplier effects in the local economy during this construction phase as construction workers spend in local shops, cafes and services.

CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

For all of the reasons and considerations noted above, it is intended to commence the process of making a Variation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 in respect of the Ballsbridge Hotel site which would change the land use zoning objective pertaining to the lands:-

From: Zoning Objective Z1 – To protect, provide and improve residential amenities To: Zoning Objective Z6 – To provide for the creation and protection of enterprise and facilitate opportunities for employment creation

The Z1 Residential zoning in the City Development land does not provide for the type of embassy uses proposed for the US embassy, in that the uses will be primarily office accommodation, including diplomatic, foreign trade and public embassy functions.

It is intended to commence statutory public consultation and bring a full Chief Executive's Report and Recommendation on submissions received to the City Council in Q2. It is recommended that this report be noted.

Richard Shakespeare
Assistant Chief Executive

26th January, 2021

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

Report on Proposed Tree Works in Brickfields Park, Drimnagh.

Brickfields Park, Drimnagh is a former landfill that was developed as a public park in the early 1970's and subsequently planted. Approximately 500 of these trees have established and matured and they create a wonderful sylvan ambiance in this local park. The park has been improved in recent years with the playground up-graded and a new all-weather community facility which is a great asset for local children. Plans are also in preparation to improve the changing room pavilion in future years.

In 2020, the Council's Tree Officer carried out a survey of trees in Brickfield Park. This is the first such survey of trees in this park. It is an action of the Dublin City Council Tree Strategy 2016-2020 to survey and create a baseline inventory of urban trees in public ownership with the goal of ensuring the City has a good and healthy urban forest which includes woodlands, copses and individual trees whether in open spaces or streets. A healthy tree population is important both for public safety and the multiple benefits for people and the environment that trees provide.

The outcome of the tree survey has found that 71 trees have defects and disease to such an extent that they have become a health and safety issue to park users. Details concerning the several causes for tree removal in Brickfield Park are provided in Appendix 1. Removal in 2 phases (winter 2020/2021: 41 trees and winter 2021/2022: 30 trees) was recommended with the felling of the most dangerous trees to be carried out in December 2020/January 2021.

The works will be carried out in periods October to March so as to avoid the bird nesting season. Unfortunately some 9 of the trees were removed in December 2020 without notifying the Area Committee or local community. Crown lifting (a regular maintenance work which consist in removing all branches up to 2 metres in order to improve sightlines) was carried out earlier in 2020. Urgent pruning of three trees is also recommended by the tree officer.

Where possible the trees to be removed, will be left as standing monoliths – the practice whereby a tree is reduced in height and without branches and left to naturally decay in order to provide habitat for wildlife- birds, bats and insects will live, shelter and feed in and off the timber.

In order to protect wildlife and as per regulations, trees will be checked for bat roosts by a licensed tree surgeon before removal or pruning. The license allows for the examination of potential bat roosts, including all bat species and all roost types. A bat survey carried out during October 2020 found no evidence of bat roosts in the park.

As per good arboricultural practice, park staff have planned for replacement planting which will diversify the species and age profile of the tree population, making it more resilient to diseases and the challenges brought by climate change. The re-planting programme will take place over the winter months of each phase to plant in total 70 trees of the following genera: pines, birches, rowans, hawthorns (see appendix II).

We would welcome the participation of the local community in the planting programme and those interested can contact the undersigned.

Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, email: brid.brosnan@dublincity.ie

Ludovic Beaumont, Tree Officer/ Executive Parks Superintendent,
email: ludovic.beaumont@dublincity.ie

APPENDIX I

Tree removal/Monolith

In Brickfield Park, there are 8 main causes to the removal of the 71 trees

- 1 Diseases: 3 trees (approx.4%)
- 2 Fungal infection: 1 tree (approx., 1.5%)
- 3 Vandalism: 11 trees (approx. 15.5%)
- 4 Trees with cavities, decay and significant dieback: 36 trees (approx. 50.5%)
- 5 Dying trees: 6 trees (approx. 8.5%)
- 6 Storm damaged trees: 4 trees (approx. 5.5%).
- 7 Trees with compression fork and included bark. 8 trees (approx. 11%)
- 8 Trees with pronounced lean (approx. 2.5%)

1) Diseased: 3 trees.

3 *Fraxinus excelsior* (Ash Trees) will be removed due to a disease called Bacterial Canker of Ash. It is caused by the bacteria *Pseudomonas syringae ssp. savastanoi pv. Fraxini* and it is not related to Ash Dieback disease. Previous wounds are invaded by the pathogen which develops into lesions that may exude a sticky fluid. Over time the bark dies and peels back. In some cases, trees with Bacterial Canker live for many years and be hardly affected; others develop large lesions and fail especially if the lesions ring the trunk or branch.



Ash Tree. Number: 01KP



Ash Tree. Number 01KR

2) Tree with fungal infection: Eucalyptus (tree 01AM) with *Ganoderma australe* fungi.

Ganoderma australe is a perennial woody fungus bracket. It can extend from damaged wood to previously sound sapwood. When advanced and extensive, the decay can result in failure of the stem, base and rootplate. The presence of 2 brackets shows that the fungi have started to successfully colonise the base of the tree. As the tree is located beside a playground, as the Eucalyptus is a brittle species in Ireland, and due to the fact that the tree has basal wound and codominant stems, the removal is inevitable.



Ganoderma australe (first bracket)



Immature form of *Ganoderma australe* (second bracket)



Basal wound and *Ganoderma* brackets



Tree with compression fork, codominant stems, basal wound, and fungi beside playground.

3) Vandalism:

The inventory noted that 11 trees have been severely burnt by fires lit at their bases. The damage done is so extensive that the trees have to be removed.



Norway Maple Extensive damages due to fire.
Tree Number 01KS



Lime tree, entirely scorched. Tree
Number 01KA

4) Trees with cavities, decay and significant dieback:

The inventory has uncovered 36 trees with large cavities associated with extensive decay and leading to dieback and decline. The origins of the wounds are not clear but it is likely that vandalism has been a major issue.



Lime tree. Tree Number 01K8



Norway Maple. Tree Number: 01kM



Lime tree. Tree number 01K5



Norway maple tree: Tree number 01KL



Beech tree. Cavity with extensive decay.
Tree number 01J7



Beech tree. Tree Number 01J5



Beech tree: tree 01J0



Beech tree: tree 01J3

5: Dying trees

The inventory found 6 dying trees, notably 2 *Prunus cerasifera nigra* with fungal infection (*Phellinus pomaceus*). The reason for the decline of the other 4 trees is likely to be due to them being on the losing side of competition for light and water.



Prunus cerasifera nigra. Tree 01KJ



Prunus cerasifera nigra: Tree 01KH

6) Storm damaged trees:

The assessment found 4 trees which suffered catastrophic damages during wind events. All 4 are Norway maples (*Acer platanoides*) which lost major limbs as a compression fork failed.



Norway maple has broken in 2 when compression fork failed during high wind
Tree Number 01HS



Norway maple with large cavity and decay due to compression fork failure during high wind
Tree Number 01HS



Norway maple compression fork failure.
Tree Number 01Ak

7) Compression fork with included bark

During the assessment, 8 trees were found with advanced stage of compression fork with included bark. Compression fork with included bark is a V-shaped narrow fork in which continued radial growth results in pressure which tends to push the limbs of the fork apart and lead to limb failure. This structural defect is common in Norway maples.



Large Norway maple splitting in 2. Tree Number 01HZ



Norway maple. tree number 01HV



Norway maple with compression fork starting to split. Tree Number 01HP

8) Trees with pronounced lean

While trees can “correct themselves” by developing a balancing canopy, 2 trees will have to be removed as the lean is too advanced and due to their locations close to paths and playgrounds.



Beech tree with extensive lean close to footpath. Tree Number: 01B5.

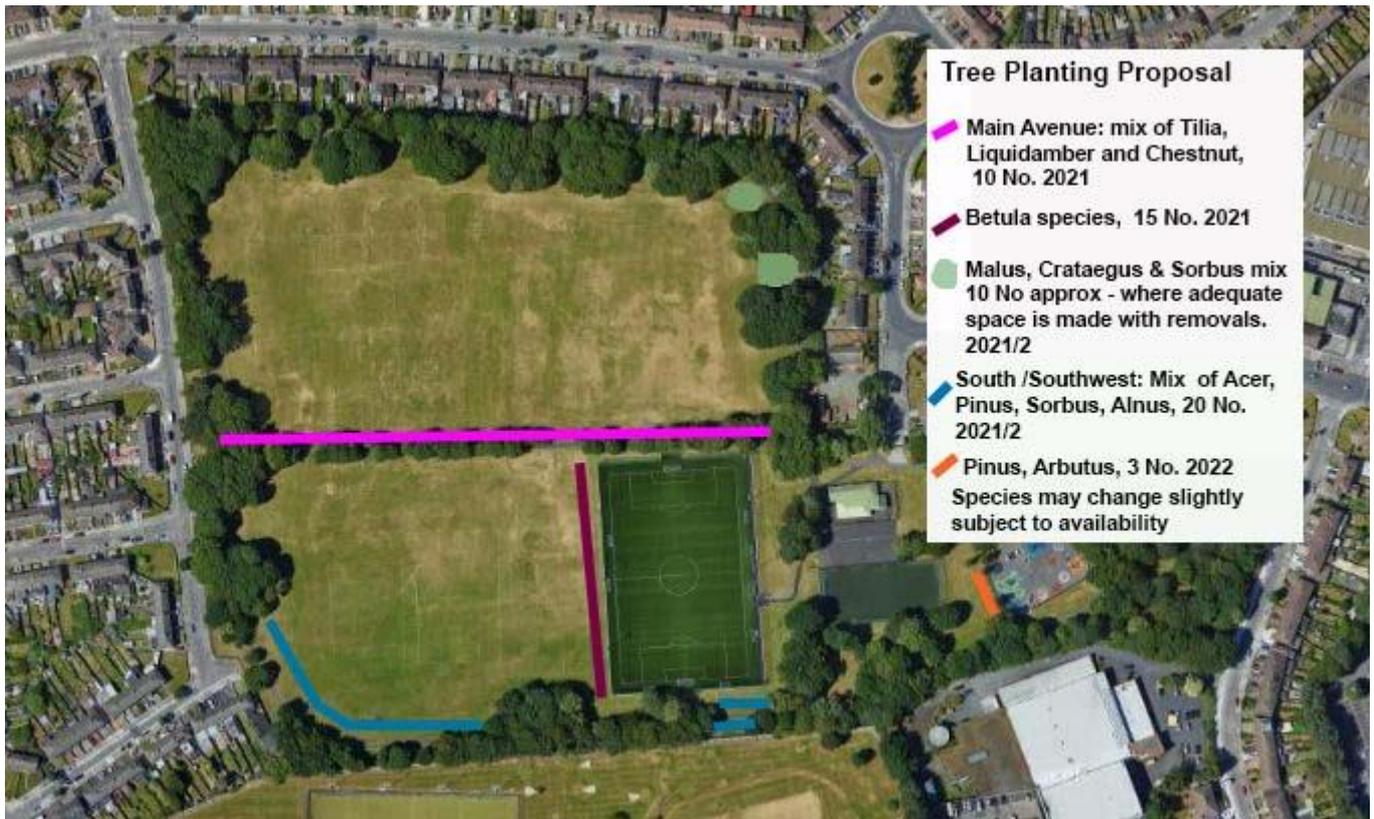


Sorbus aria with severe lean beside playground Tree Number: 01AL

Pruning Requirements

Unique Tree ID	Species	Requirements	Timeframe
01HU	Acer platanoides	Prune back damaged limb.	Completed by February 2021. Will be scheduled for the same time as the Eucalyptus felling
01HX	Quercus robur	Crown reduction: reduce damaged leader to growth points	February 2021 as above
01LO	Salix sp	General Crown reduction by 30% due to the tree species brittleness and location beside entrance and paths. Salix (willows) is one of the few species that can take heavy pruning. Crown reduction will have to be carried out every 3-5 years.	February 2021 as above.

Appendix II: Tree Planting Proposal



Appendix III Location of Trees to be removed (in Red) and to be pruned (in light yellow)



**Brid Brosnan,
Executive Parks and Landscape Officer**

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

Report of the Director of Services, South City

Grand Canal

A meeting was held on 16th January with Waterways Ireland representatives and Councillors to discuss ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for interaction between Waterways Ireland and DCC. A further meeting was held on 20th February 2020 with Waterways Ireland Management to agree the structure of meetings going forward. The first quarterly meeting was held on 14th October 2020 via Microsoft Teams. Minutes have now been issued and next meeting is due to be held on 5th February 2021 at 11am via Microsoft Teams.

Portobello Harbour Square

A meeting took place on the 28th January with SEA Councillors to discuss the proposed public consultation for Portobello Plaza. Over the last year, in particular, there have been a lot of complaints regarding anti-social behaviour which is impacting on both the local community and also the environment beside the canal. The scope of the proposed consultation in the midst of the current covid-19 restrictions was discussed and essentially we intend to hold as wide as possible a public consultation to formulate a new vision for Portobello Plaza for the future. A further meeting will be arranged with Councillors towards the end of February to set out some detail on the initial phase of this public consultation.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase

The Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved by the South East Area Committee in January 2015. One of the main objectives that emerged during the formation of the plan was the redevelopment of Herzog Park. The South East Area Office undertook local consultation and worked with Redscape and Park Services to create a plan which was brought to Part 8 and approved at the January 2017 meeting of the City Council. The final phase of the works planned for 2021 include the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. It is proposed that the tender for the car park works will issue by end of Q1 2021. Boundary treatment and further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to finish the project in 2021.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

Works to light / enhance the main entrance archway were commenced in 2020. A contractor has been appointed and the specification has now been agreed with Public Lighting Section and works were completed at the end of January 2021. Renewal of display boards at entrances to the park may be considered for 2021, subject to finance being available.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. Following that, it was proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28th November 2019 and further meetings were required with key departments. We are currently engaging with Roads Design and Construction Section to establish if they will oversee completion of project to Part 8 stage. In the meantime we are engaging with other internal stakeholders to identify any outstanding issues. When all issues have been resolved satisfactorily, Councillors will be briefed before commencing formal Part 8 process.

Cambridge Road: An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC. Meetings with Redscape Architects and internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop/meeting on 28th November 2018. However, Pre Part 8 report and drawings issued in December 2018 did not meet the requirements of E & T Department. Further information was required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal in particular. In 2019 Road Design & Construction Section, E & T Department, agreed to take on the completion of the project to Part 8 stage. Detailed meetings are ongoing with between Roads Design & Construction and internal departments with a view to agreeing an overall design before commencing Part 8 planning process. Parks Services Department has requested that a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey be carried out prior to Part 8 to identify location of underground services and any impact on tree planting. Drainage Department welcomes the provision of additional greening providing a SuDS benefit and a proposed new surface water main is being considered in conjunction with Irish Water. Agreement of the final design for the road has been delayed as we wait for the NTA to finalise the route for the East Coast Trail (ECT) which will either traverse Cambridge Road or run along part of Cambridge Road from Canon Mooney Gardens to Thorncastle Street. Work on GPR survey and preliminary design of new surface water main will continue as we await final decision on ECT route from NTA. This will inevitably delay lodgement of Part 8 planning application. It will be necessary also to bring new design back to local consultation prior to lodgement of Part 8 application which is expected to happen during 2021.

Cabbage Garden

The Cabbage Garden Stakeholders Group met on the 28th January. A contractor has been selected to work on the pitch refurbishment and we are hoping that this work will take place in March. However, the impact of level 5 Covid restrictions on the pitch refurbishment project is yet to be determined. We are also liaising with the Social Inclusion Section in regard to a proposed mural on the wall in Cathedral Lane. The Planning Department advises that since the location is sensitive being close to the Cathedral, it is envisaged that the mural will reference the history of the area, be suitable in terms of colour and also focus on the theme of diversity. The wall is owned by the Iveagh Trust and our next step is to meet with an artist to come up with a concept which we can share with local stakeholders and the Planning Department.

We have also met the City Council Play Officer, Debby Clarke to explore play opportunities for the Cabbage Garden as this was a key requirement from the Public Consultation that we held in 2019. Debby is going to work on some ideas and hopes to revert by the end of February with some proposals that we can hopefully progress in conjunction with local schools. In addition, we have recently carried out some pavement repairs and tree pruning in the New Street Gardens and Waste Management's Public Domain crew carried out a detailed clean-up of the area in the last week. Our objective is to continue to work for the betterment of the Cabbage Garden and to improve community linkages in the area when the Covid restrictions

allow. We are also keen to resume events in the Cabbage Garden that were so successful in 2019

Rosary Hall

It is necessary to carry out remedial works for the acquired premises at Rosary Hall. Consultant Architects and Quantity Surveyors have been engaged to determine and coordinate the full extent of works required on site. A drone & topographical survey have been concluded.

It is now anticipated that works could cost in the region of €300,000 including mechanical & electrical works, fire safety works, some remedial works and lift replacement. As outlined to the members last year, an approach was made by the adjoining developer to rebuild the community facilities and upgrade the pitch to an All Weather facility if they could add to their co-living scheme on the Kenilworth site. However, due to procurement legislation Dublin City Council is not in a position to deal exclusively with this developer.

The Area Manager has written a detailed report to the Executive Manager, Planning and Property Development Department requesting that development levies accrued from the Harold's Cross Area, which are considerable, be utilised to assist in the refurbishment of Rosary Hall. The Development Department has confirmed that they will provide €50,000 towards the project and the Deputy Chief Executive has agreed to provide €75,000 towards works costing circa €125,000. These priority works will involve rewiring the entire facility, fire safety matters and replacing all fire alarms and escape lighting. Tender Documents will be prepared for these works by the consultant architect and the Councillors and community will be informed of all relevant timelines.

Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross

The inaugural meeting of the Age Friendly Committee took place on January 28th 2020 and was well attended. A draft report was submitted by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in conjunction with Rob Chester, Area Community Officer and it was agreed to progress a number of these proposals funding permitting. In tandem, it is proposed to hold a workshop to further engage with the residents and ensure particularly any elderly resident who was not consulted has an opportunity to contribute to the process and be included. A further meeting took place March 10th and was well attended and the plan to date was reviewed. Obviously with ongoing restrictions the facilitation of a workshop to get the views of the wider community remains deferred till guidelines permit.

A subgroup under the Housing SPC has been convened to look at the city-wide Age Friendly Strategy. Under this structure, submissions for funding may be advanced, including the Harold's Cross project.

Due to the current government guidelines and restrictions all physical meetings are currently postponed until further guidelines allow for larger meetings. Meetings are currently taking place online. A meeting took place on Nov 4th and a further took place on Dec 10th. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb 4th.

A defibrillator has been installed in Harold's Cross as part of the Age Friendly Initiatives.

The Committee congratulated the HX Grow Hub for winning a City Neighbourhood Award and the group continues to grow in numbers.

DCC's Age Friendly Section has secured a small grant from Age Friendly Ireland to purchase tablets for residents in care settings and a sub-committee will work on identifying possible recipients in the Harold's Cross Area. It has been agreed by the Elected Members that further monies will be allocated to this Age Friendly initiative in the Discretionary Funding for 2021.

Pearse Memorial Park Crèche

The crèche extension was to be financed by the Crumlin Childcare Crèche and with DCC agreeing to project manage the construction works in conjunction with consultant architects. The build element after tendering was to cost in the region of €305,000. The crèche has reserve funding themselves, a 50k grant from Pobal and, €25k from discretionary funding and had sought a loan from Clan Credo of €125,000. The works had been tendered by our Parks & Landscape Services Division and was to be project managed by this section. A separate hurling wall project has been tendered by Parks and will be paid for by DCC. A further licence extension of five years (10 years in total) was agreed at the December Area Committee meeting and was agreed at the January council meeting.

The crèche management has indicated that due to the uncertainty around the reopening of the crèche which will impact significantly on their ability to repay a loan, they are not in a position to continue with the project at this juncture.

A €45,000 grant had also been issued by Pobal but unfortunately, the extension on the government grant ran out and they have been unsuccessful in getting this extended. The result is that the funding has been rescinded and they have been asked to return the €45,000 as 90% fulfilment of the Pobal capital.

The Area Manager has met with the crèche manager and architect to see how the project might be 'future proofed' in the event that the extension can proceed in the coming years. The Area Manager will continue to meet with the crèche management to see how the new licensed area can be best utilised to assist with social distancing as the children have returned.

Discretionary Funding of €25,000 was granted to the group in 2017 towards the cost of the crèche and as the 'future proofing work' and 'boundary works' have now been costed at €44,900 it is the board's intention to utilise these monies for these works which fall within the spirit of the funding. Works have been ongoing over the last few months but there has been a short delay in the completion of the works at the crèche due to issues regarding the access gate to the park but the works concluded in December 2020.

Rutland Grove

Meeting took place on 30th January with traffic engineers, Les Moore from Parks, Area Manager and staff and Cllr. Pat Dunne. It was agreed at the meeting that Traffic Section would look again at the feasibility of putting dedicated parking as per Part 8. Should it be possible to implement, the design would need to be progressed and costed. Parks are also prepared to look at enhancements at the entrance with additional trees etc.

Traffic have indicated that staff are currently seconded to be involved in DCC's Covid Mobility Interventions and are working on very fast rapid interventions throughout the city.

Therefore, they have very little spare resources at present to be involved with any possible Rutland Grove parking changes, as other Covid Mobility projects are taking priority.

The Area Manager and Public Domain Officer met with the secretary of Rutland Grove Association to discuss ongoing levels of anti-social behaviour. As a result, signage is to be upgraded at the entrance to the Bring Centre to assist with prosecutions. Extra security measures are also being considered at this entrance.

Planters were installed at the entrance to Rutland Grove to enhance the environment and assist with ongoing illegal parking at the entrance and have been well received by community.

St. Pancras, Mount Tallant

Inspections and snagging are still being completed. However, due to Covid 19 restrictions DCC inspectors are not carrying out visits. Accordingly, these units are unlikely to be available for letting until end February/ beginning of March. Dublin City Council has now agreed to purchase a further four one-bed units.

Choice Based Lettings

As previously advised, in recent months it has become difficult to allocate units in Grove Road and Rathmines Avenue flat complexes through the standard Housing Allocations Scheme. Accordingly we have decided to allocate current and upcoming void units in these complexes under a Choice Based Letting Scheme. Vacancies in Grove Road and Rathmines Avenue are currently being advertised on the Dublin City Council Website and there has been a good response from applicants expressing an interest in these vacancies. We expect to be in a position to advertise further vacancies in Rathmines Avenue in late February or early March. We will advise Councillors as vacancies are advertised.

South East Area Community Development

Please find below a list of current initiatives taking place in the South East Area organised or supported by the Community Development Team of the South East Area Office (three LEAs combined).

Active IT Society

We are supporting the provision of Mr. Fiann O'Nuallain (Consultant Gardner/Horticulturalist) to assist with an online monthly gardening course run by the Active IT Group based in the Terenure Enterprise Centre. The sessions will prepare attendees for the coming Spring/Summer season with the focus on organic and sustainable planting.

Allotments

Annual licences for allotments at Herbert Park, Ringsend Park and Blarney are due for renewal on 1st February. Many allotment holders are currently availing of our free online Sustainable Gardening Course which covers topics including growing your own food, wildflower areas, cuttings, digging without damaging your back and planting for biodiversity.

Biodiversity Projects

The planned biodiversity projects at Portobello and Rathmines Park have had to be put on hold until Level 5 restrictions have been lifted. In the case of Portobello, work however continues on the community patch at Synge Street, with support for ourselves.

COVID Volunteer Response

The South East Area Office continues to liaise closely with all local Community Response Teams in assisting those who are isolating or in need of assistance in the community. Some teams remain very active. For example, Ranelagh Community Response operating from the kitchen of our sheltered housing scheme, Woodstock Court, deliver 70 meals a day, 7 days a week. This included every day over the Christmas period. We are also using the services of Serve the City who are providing Volunteers to cases assigned to them from DCC.

Crumlin Open Spaces

We are supporting a project under Blooming Crumlin/Crumlin Clean Up Group to look at an audit of the open space environment of the Crumlin Area in conjunction with the South City Partnership. The housing estates have large mostly unused green spaces that require a focus and long term planning and sustainability. The initial brief will be to map the area and look at a broad proposal for better usage of these amenity spaces.

Harold's Cross Writer in Residence

We are supporting a *Writer in Residence* who will deliver a series of online lectures and talks and will be forming a group of interested participants from Harold's Cross and the wider area. The project will commence with the first online session on the 2nd of February and the initial eight student/attendees.

HX Growing Hub

The project is compiling a comprehensive programme of activities for 2021, centred around growing vegetables and ornamental plants. The group are also proposing to work with the new

Educate Together School, with the provision of 'sowing kits' and 'grow boxes'. They also envisage utilising existing and new Planter Boxes supplied by DCC for these projects. The newly supplied poly tunnels will start to be utilised from February onwards.

Military Road Nature Haven

This partnership project between Dublin City Council, the local community, St. Louis Senior Primary School and St. Marys Primary School will promote and reintroduce more biodiversity into this urban setting with biologist and radio/TV personality, Eanna Ní Lamhna acting in an Ambassadorial role. Custom made pollinator and wildflower planter boxes, bird boxes and bat boxes were to be in place early January with planting to take place shortly after. However, due to level 5 restrictions and school closures, the launch of this project has had to be postponed until a later date.

New born Knitting

New born Knitting is a community initiative set up by members of Let's Walk & Talk to provide baby blankets, cardigans, hats and teddies for new born babies and their older siblings in refugee camps on the Greek island of Samos. This initiative will be piloted in selected sheltered housing schemes including Verschoyle Court, Ranelagh Close, Woodstock Court and Charlemont Court now in early 2021, once Level 5 restrictions have been lifted.

'Our Light into Dark' Children's Art Exhibition

This project is organised by Dublin City Council in partnership with the Holy Trinity Church and Kildare Place National School in Rathmines and comprises over 200 art works from local children, highlighting goodwill and community spirit in response to what have been difficult times of late. These paintings and art pieces are currently being exhibited on the railings of the Holy Trinity Church on Belgrave Road.

Poddle River History Project

This proposal was originally scheduled to take place last year, with a series of discussions/meetings with Historian in Residence Cathy Scuffil. This will now go ahead online, the talks are titled 'Down By The River Poddle', groups and individuals who expressed an interest around the redevelopments are Ravensdale Park and the Poddle River will be asked to join the sessions.

Ranelagh Arts Centre

Ranelagh Arts have been given the keys for their new premises at 6a Ranelagh Close which they hold under licence agreement from Dublin City Council.

Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre Community Programmes

We have been providing support to some of the valuable activities run by Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre including the Men's Shed, Quarantine Quiz, Older Person's Movie and Bingo Clubs and their After Schools Programme.

Tidy Town Groups

Most of the Tidy Towns Groups have been contacted to offer them supports for their environmental projects. While many groups are currently reluctant to be too active, many are making plans for a potential reopening later in the spring and we will be assessing individual projects as agreed.

Youth Projects

We will be providing ongoing supports for the CLAY and BRU Youth Projects, much of their work is now taking place online, however it is vital to keep a link some of the targeted Youth at Risk within the area, especially those under the Youth Diversionary Project in CLAY.

Walking Trail Map & Guides

Our series of South East Area Walking Trail Maps & Guides will be promoted in the community throughout spring and summer, with support from local groups. The Donnybrook, Ballsbridge and Harold's Cross trails are firstly being updated. The pre-development work on the new Crumlin Walking Trail will restart in February with the Crumlin Historical Society. These maps have been proving very popular in certain areas over the past year; offering a healthy outdoor and educational activity for young and old.

In what continues to be very difficult time for local community groups and volunteer organisations, we are very grateful to all those involved in the above for their commitment and efforts.

All Information correct as time of publication but are subject to change.

Waste Management / Environmental Services

- Ongoing identification & removal of graffiti
- St Patrick's Close pillar to be reinstated 25th -29th January.
- Leaflet Drops for "Do not feed the birds" suspended pending lifting of Covid 19 restrictions.
- Community Clean ups with Public Domain commenced in South East Area in January. 4/5 shifts available per month. Schedule of dates available for 2021 provided to Public Domain Officer to assign.

South East Area City Neighborhoods competition:

Schools competition to be awarded following lifting of Covid 19 restrictions

Abandoned Bike Removal

- Discussions to take place with Traffic Department regarding the terms of the 2021 operation.
- No activity required as yet due to the Level 5 Covid 19 restrictions. Abandoned bikes being identified on an ongoing basis pending recommencement of removals.

Joint Policing Subcommittee (JPC)

Dates are being penciled in for the quarterly meetings for 2021.

Consideration is being given to allowing the four Oireachtas members to attend when the Dáil and Seanad are not due to sit.

Dates will be circulated as soon as they are available. The March 2021 meeting will likely be in the week following Saint Patrick's Weekend.

SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

DUBLIN CITY SPORT & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP REPORT

FEBRUARY 2021



Delivery of DCSWP programmes for February and March 2021 remain subject to Covid-19 public health restrictions. Due to current Level 5 restrictions which were introduced in the interest of public safety, face to face programmes in schools and in the community have been temporarily suspended.

However supporting communities in the South East area to stay active and healthy regardless of age, ability or background remains a priority for DCSWP. Many of our services and programmes have been successfully adapted and will continue through innovative virtual/online initiatives, social media/online communication forums and through the delivery of advisory booklets in the community.

Online/Social Media Supports:

- Twitter: [@dccsportsrec](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec)
- Facebook: [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing)
- Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)

Advisory Booklets:

These booklets provide critical advice for Older Adults in our communities on how to maintain physical activity and exercise if at home (Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Active) and/or advice on how to return safely to exercise outside the home (Let's Get Moving Again). The booklets are produced by DCSWP in partnership with Age Friendly Ireland, HSE, Irish Society for Chartered Physiotherapists and Local Sports Partnerships.

- Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Active: <https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/Housing/Documents/OlderAdultsBooklet.pdf>
- Let's Get Moving Again: <https://www.iscp.ie/news/Lets-Get-Moving-Again-Booklet-Launch>

DCSWP Virtual Hub

DCSWP continues to seek innovative ways to deliver on its strategic goals in challenging times. In very positive news the service is currently developing a Virtual Hub in order to

maintain high levels of participation in programmes and to keep people in communities active and healthy both mentally and physically.

The Hub will seek to sustain the important connection between coaches, sport officers and participants and will enhance and support face to face programmes when restrictions eventually ease offering a blended approach to the delivery of programmes.

The Hub pilot project will focus on the 2021 8-week Change For Life DCSWP programme and is scheduled to be launched in mid to late February.

Change For Life

Change for Life is an 8 week programme that aims to improve the health of local communities through a partnership approach designed to support people to become more physically active on a regular basis and adopt a healthier diet. The programme runs in tandem with the RTE and emulates the format of RTE's Operation Transformation TV show.

The programme was first developed in 2013 when a partnership was developed between DCSWP, Fatima Groups United, Health Promotion & Improvement, HSE Dublin Mid-Leinster and Dolphin Health Project. This partnership identified a need to tackle the issues of obesity and low physical activity levels in communities across the city in a new and innovative way.

While weight loss has always been considered an important aspect of the programme, Change for Life also aims to address other health indicators that could be improved through participation such as aerobic fitness, body fat percentage and blood pressure. Improving the psychological well-being of participants is also considered an important outcome of the programme. This all-round approach includes fitness assessments, general exercise classes, a 5K timed walk at the start and end of the programme to establish progress and nutritional/dietary advice.

The programme expanded further in 2020 with the inclusion of a DCC staff Change for Life initiative run by DCSWP Citywide Sport Officers. The programme offered Boxercise, Circuit Training and Bodypump classes.

Change For Life 2021

DCSWP has secured funding from Healthy Ireland to deliver Change for Life in 2021. Given current challenges and potential further/evolving public safety restrictions the programme may commence at a later date and will be delivered in alternative formats to previous years. DCSWP has been informed it has until May 2021 to deliver the programme. .

Planning of these programmes for all areas is in the early stages with discussions ongoing on issues regarding planning and delivery. Details on 8-week Change for Life South East area programmes will be provided in the 2021 area committee reports on an ongoing basis.

- Change For Life will commence in the South East Area with an advertisement campaign, followed by the registration process. Covid challenges will be overcome by embracing the outdoors with hill and trail walking programmes, online nutrition and exercise programmes and hill/trail walking.
- As reported above the Virtual Hub will help support the roll out of the programme.

Keep Well Campaign

Funding has been secured from Sport Ireland/ Healthy Ireland as part of the Keep Well initiative. This programme will deliver online zoom multi-sport initiatives aimed at adults 18+ (pilates and zumba classes), older male participants over 55 years as part of the 'Men on the Move' initiative (fitness classes focussed on increasing strength, balance and flexibility) and older adults (general fitness, yoga and pilates).

These online programmes are delivered throughout the week in partnership with the HSE/DCSWP Health Improvement Officer and local Home School Liaison Officers in the area. Programme details are as follows:

- Monday to Thursday from 6pm (Adult Fitness)
- Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm (Men on the Move)
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11.30am (Older Adults)

Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge 2021

The Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge is back for 2021! Every year the challenge aims to inspire people to take up regular exercise and find the encouragement to stick to what may be a New Year's Resolution through to the end of March and beyond.

5 Alive has gone virtual for its 9th year in view of Covid-19 Health and Safety considerations but the core principles remain the same - the challenge is to complete all 5 races within the and ultimately commit to taking part in regular physical activity. 400 people signed up for the challenge this year. Participants will be taking part virtually meaning they can complete them at any time within the timeframe allowed in whatever location suits and importantly in a safe environment. When all 5 races have been completed LM 5 Alivers will receive medals and the Lord Mayor's scroll.

- First up for 2021 was the Tom Brennan New Year's Day virtual 5k which participants took on between 27th December 2020 and 3rd January 2021. Next on the agenda is the AXA Raheny 5 mile which can be completed between 25th and 31st January 2021. DCSWP is supporting our 2021 participants by circulating a number of training plans for multiple levels.

The last three races are still being finalised and details on the following remaining races for 2021 remain at the provisional stage:

- **Irish Runner 5k:** To be completed over the weekend of Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th February 2021
- **KBC St. Patrick's 5k:** To be completed over the St. Patrick's Day virtual festival March 2021
- **Irish Runner 5 Mile:** To be completed over the weekend of Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March 2021
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Lord Mayor's 5 Alive 2021 participants can share their journey and support others on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2798884527016701/?ref=share>

Operation Transformation Walks – Get Dublin Walking

Each year DCSWP's Get Dublin Walking community programmes link in with Operation Transformation national walk initiatives.

As with many other initiatives which previously accommodated large numbers of participants, any plans for similar walks in 2021 had been cancelled for Covid related reasons. Provisional plans were in place for smaller and/or staggered walks and runs. However in late January, following Government announcements on ongoing and potentially further restrictions, all OT walks and runs will be delivered virtually. Further details TBC.

Couch to 3k Walk To Jog Programme

DCSWP walking and jogging initiatives take place throughout the year across our communities but take on a strategic focus from January – March every year as part of our "Couch to 5k" and "Get Dublin Walking" core programmes.

This year DCSWP continues to support communities to stay active via the virtual 6-week "Couch to 3k" 'Walk To Jog' programme which is part of the Keep Well in Your Community/Active Dublin campaign.

Registration for the event commenced Monday 18th January and the programme launched on Monday 25th January. Over 1000 participants signed up to the virtual challenge which was a huge response to the initiative.

DCSWP's citywide officers are supporting participants on their journey by circulating daily and weekly plans to provide advice on building progress steadily.

Orienteering

In late 2020, DCSWP teamed up with Orienteering Ireland to support young people, families and adults of all abilities to take up something a little different. Orienteering provides great opportunities for everyone to develop important life skills, build self-esteem and learn the benefits of teamwork in the great outdoors. Training workshops delivered by Orienteering Ireland in October 2020 have provided DCSWP Sport Officers with the knowledge and practical understanding of teaching the basic skills of orienteering to get groups up and running.

DCSWP has also worked closely with Orienteering Ireland around the use of technology to map parks and locations across the Dublin region that can potentially play host to orienteering programmes and maximise the delivery of this very positive outdoor initiative in the city.

DCSWP continues to engage with Orienteering Ireland around the roll out and delivery of the programme which will commence shortly.

Sport Inclusion & Integration

- The online 'Sit Fit' programmes supports people with physical disabilities to remain active via its adapted sitting exercise programme.
- SIO officers are currently planning 2021 Change for Life programmes. Programmes will be delivered both online and in person (pending restrictions). Activities will include walking, circuit classes, dance classes and Sit Fit classes.

Training

- Online Safeguarding Training to support compliance in local clubs and organisations will resume with Safeguarding 1 Training on 15th February delivered by DCSWP Officers. Safeguarding 1, 2 & 3 will be advertised following this and further programmes will be delivered on an on-demand basis.
- In partnership with CARA, the online Disability & Inclusion and Autism in Sport Training Programmes were launched in 2020. This is part of a series of online Disability in Sport training programmes already in operation. The programme for 2021 is delivered on the first Tuesday of every month on an ongoing basis.

Get All Girls Active (GAGA) – Women in Sport

- The GAGA 'Gaelic For Ma's' programme is scheduled to commence in late February/early March the across the city. Full details TBC.

Co-Funded Programmes

DCSWP 27 Co-funded officers will continue to work across communities and schools in the Central area in the delivery of Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Rowing and Rugby programmes from January 2021. With level 5 restrictions currently in place plans have been

temporarily suspended. Engagement with local schools continues in order to resume programmes once restrictions are lifted. Online supports also continue.

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Dated: 3rd February 2021

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

**Naming and numbering proposal for new development of 148 apartments at
1,3,5,7,9,11 Eglinton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4**

Plás Eglinton / Eglinton Place.

A request to name and number a development of apartments at 1,3,5,7,9,11 Eglinton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 has been received.

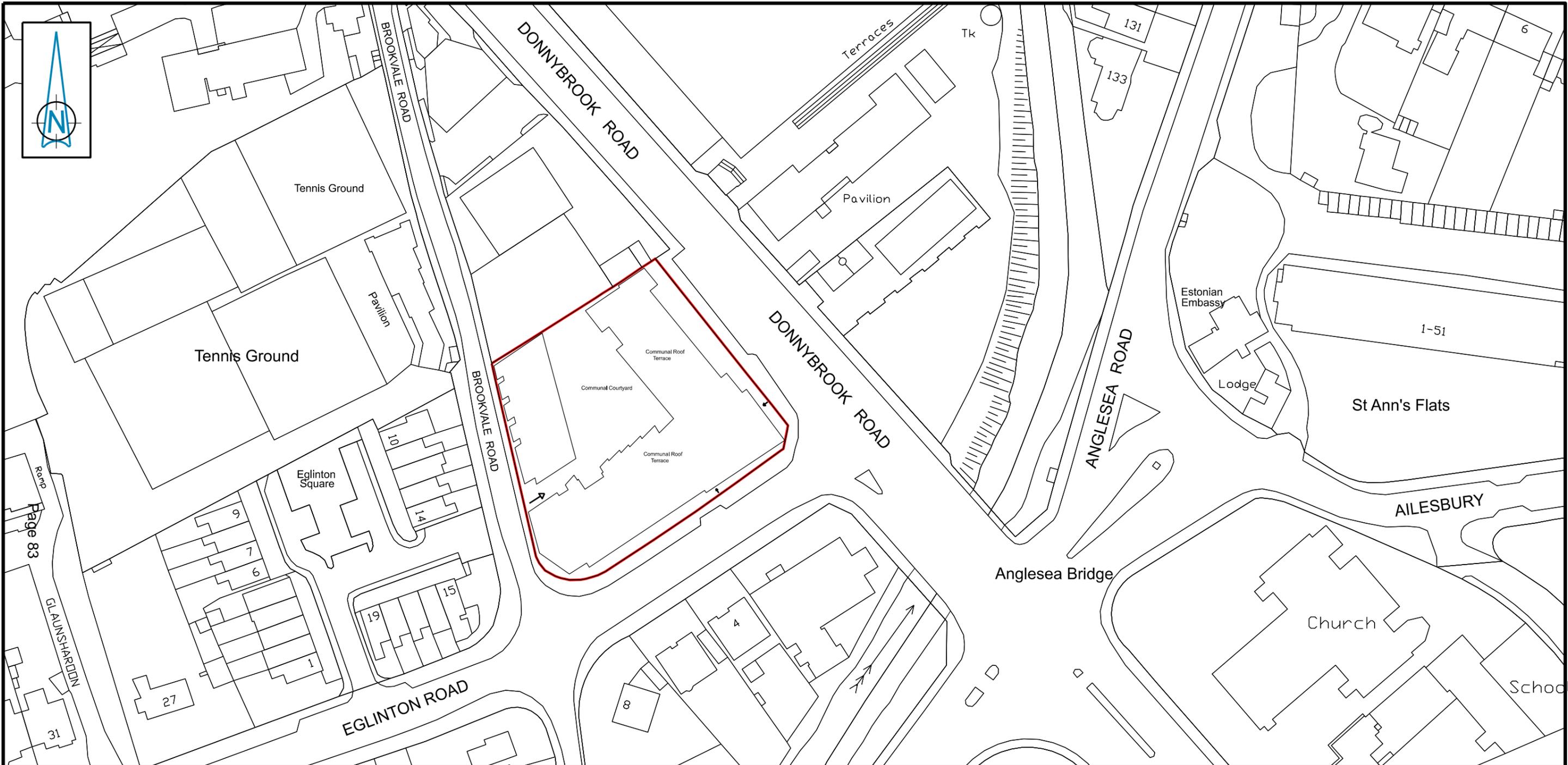
The applicant has chosen the name Plás Eglinton/Eglinton Place because: "It is held that Eglinton Road, which has significantly changed from originally appearing as a laneway in the first Ordinance Survey map of 1837 to appearing in its current form in the third Ordinance Survey map of 1907, is named so in honour of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the 13th Earl of Eglinton. The site is located at the entrance to Eglinton Road, incorporating No.1 Eglinton Road, and the name, 'Eglinton Place', reflects both this local historical reference and that the development is of sufficient scale to warrant being identified as a place in itself. The development has road frontage on three sides, surrounding a courtyard and so is a discrete land parcel on Eglinton Road. This renders the development suitable for a more traditional, street-based name. We note that 'Eglinton Square' and 'Eglinton Court' are both existing addresses in the Dublin area and would not be appropriate.

The name 'Eglinton Place' is therefore fitting, having regard to the site's location on Eglinton Road, that it is a discrete parcel of land and the landmark nature of the development.

The development is outlined on the attached Map Index No. **SM – 2020 – 0615RevB**. The numbering scheme is as in the developer's drawing attached.

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate and accordingly the scheme is recommended for approval.

Mary Taylor
Executive Manager South City



EGLINTON PLACE, EGLINTON ROAD, DONNYBROOK
 Formerly
 1,3,5,7,9,11 Eglinton Road, Donnybrook

Apartments 1-148

Map for Naming & Numbering Purposes



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

**Renaming and renumbering numbering proposal for a mix used development at
Cearnóg Charlemont / Charlemont Square, Dublin 2**

Cearnóg Charlemont/Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.

A request was received to revise the approved naming and numbering scheme for a mixed use development at Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.

The developer's stated rationale for the changes is as follows:

"Holmes Wood were appointed in April 2020 to develop the sitewide wayfinding strategy for the new Charlemont Square development. A key aim of our work is to make the site and the buildings within the site accessible and navigable to all visitors. An integral part of this process has included a review of the site wide naming and numbering strategy.

Prior to our engagement a naming and numbering strategy had been approved, having worked through the requirements for the development however we would like to propose 2 key updates to this, the details of which are outlined below.

Charlemont Walk – Southern part of the street to be named 'Charlemont Lane'. We believe that this would benefit the wayfinding and navigation of the site for the following reasons:

- Creates a distinction between the northern and southern parts of the street making navigation to units on either road easier to distinguish
- Increases ability of visitors to be able to orientate themselves in relation to the north and south of the site – this will help when referring to the site wide public realm maps
- Better reflects the reality of the upper and lower parts of the road which are in fact not one continuous street but slightly offset

Blocks 4, 5 and 7 – House naming

To aid navigation to each of the residential cores, we have proposed that each core entrance has a separate name. The name of each residential 'house' will appear at each residential entrance and will also be shown on the site wide mapping. The naming for each house references the proximity to the nearby canal, creating a clear connection between the buildings and local area.

Using this approach will;

- Create a clear distinction between the different blocks and the different entrances, giving each residential entrance its own identity
- Create a connection between the buildings and the nearby canal which is used as means of orientation on the site wide mapping
- Make navigation to each entrance easier when referencing the site map
- Create a distinct set of postal addresses for each residential entrance"

The development is outlined on the attached Map Index No SM– 021–0002 Charlemont Square -Ver 2. The naming and numbering scheme proposed is as in the table below:

Streets	
	Northern end: Siúlán Charlemont/Charlemont Walk
	Southern end: Lána Charlemont/Charlemont Lane;
	Rae Charlemont/Charlemont Row
	Cearnóg Charlemont/Charlemont Square
	Plás Gordon/Gordon Place
Block 1	Office
	1 Charlemont Square, Dublin 2
	Retail
	Unit 3 - 4, Charlemont Walk, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
Block 2	Office
	2 Charlemont Square, Dublin 2
	Retail
	Unit 5 - 6, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	N/A
Block 4	Retail
	Unit 7, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2..
	Residential
	1 - 26 Teach Loic a hAon/Lock House One, Charlemont Lane, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	1 - 30 Teach Loic a Dó/Lock House Two, Charlemont Lane, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	1 - 16 Teach Loic a Trí/Lock House Three, Charlemont Row, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	1 - 14 Teach Loic a Ceathair/Lock House Four, Charlemont Row, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	1 - 4 Charlemont Row, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
Block 5	Retail
	20/21 Richmond Street South, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	Unit 8 - 9, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	Residential
	1 - 8 Geata Loic a hAon/Lock Gate One, Gordon Place, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	1 - 26 Geata Loic a Dó/Lock Gate Two, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	1 - 31 Geata Loic a Trí/Lock Gate Three, Charlemont Lane, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	1 - 32 Geata Loic a Ceathair/Lock Gate Four, Charlemont Lane, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
Block 7	18-19 Richmond Street South, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.
	1 - 15 An Teach Geata/The Gate House, Gordon Place, Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed names appropriate and accordingly the scheme is recommended for approval.

Mary Taylor
Executive Manager South City

2021 Proposed Projects

€ 750,000 allocation

Public Realm Enhancements

It is proposed to continue again with three rounds of intensive cleaning of the high footfall commercial village areas throughout the SEA in 2020. This work involves using a low pressure, high temperature steam on the footpaths to remove chewing gum, stains and dog foul. It also includes the cleaning of street furniture, the application of disinfectant on areas where needed, including around bins, and the removal of waste. The work is carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders, but also taking into account residents where relevant.

The areas are as follows: Ranelagh, Rathmines, Donnybrook, Sandymount, Rathgar, Crumlin, Kimmage, Ringsend, Harold's Cross, Terenure, Irishtown, Milltown, Portobello, Ballsbridge, Baggot Street.

64,000 **64000****Public Domain Projects**

Tree pruning throughout the SEA

21,000

Traffic boxes.

10,000

Lamppost painting

13,000

Planters

15,000

Sean Moore Roundabout Wildflower Planting and maintenance including traffic management

12,500

Repaint skirt on Sean Moore roundabout including traffic management

3,000

Bremen Road entrance green space

3,000

Litter Blackspots

7,000

Paint canal benches at Wilton Terrace and Mespil Road

4,000

Crumlin Swimming Pool

18,000 **106500****Vibrant Villages & Community Development**

Age Friendly Initiatives and Older Persons Events

38,500

Allotments & Community Garden

10,000

Festivals

33,000

Plant Sales

18,000

Friends of Green Spaces

11,000

Dog Shows-

12,000

Family Fun days & Fiestas

32,000

Cultural Events and Health & Lesiure

51,000

Village Enhancements

27,000

Youth Initiatives & Social Inclusion

22,500 **255000****Ringsend Halloween Festival**

60,000

60000**Housing Projects-CCTV**

Install CCTV Saint Vincent Street Flat Complex

4,600

Install CCTV Mercer House

3,400

Install CCTV Cuffe Street

4,750

Install CCTV Digges Street

3,750

Install CCTV New York Street

3,750

Install CCTV Conway Court

4,750

Upgrade CCTV Leo Fitzgerald House

4,000

Upgrade CCTV George Reynolds House

6,500

CCTV-upgrade of monitoring facilities

7,500 **43000****Housing Projects-Other**

Mercer Street Playground

7,500

Leo Fitzgerald House-parking line marking & play area improvements

5,000

Conway Court-Precinct Improvement

10,000

George Reynolds House-Planters

3,750

Powerscourt-resurface playground

5,000

McDonagh House-Precinct Improvements

10,000

Canon Mooney Gardens-Precinct Improvements

12,500 **53750**

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to have the lane way from Beaver Row to Beech Hill Avenue cleaned and cleared of overgrown shrubbery and the two public lights there fixed.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the seriously damaged (due to longevity not vandalism) speed ramps in the Beech Hill Estate assessed and replaced where necessary.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager for an update on the submission of expressions of interest etc. for the Pigeon House Hotel and Power Station.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To request the Manager to take action towards street cleaning in Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar as requested in the email submitted with this question.

I wish to make a complaint about the current state of the streets in Dublin. I appreciate that the current situation makes things difficult for all services but I have noticed an increase in litter in Rathmines, Ranelagh, Rathgar and the surrounding areas. Bins are overflowing and face masks are often thrown on the ground after use. I have attached photos as evidence of this.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to give an update including timelines on the implementation of the Sandymount Flood Protection Works.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Given the significant amount of new completions on Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook in recent years and the consequential high level of development levies to ask the Manager when the long promised road resurfacing will take place.

Q.7 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to address the parking issue on Garville Lane. The parking situation has resulted in safety issues for residents (including small children) and has caused serious problems this week for an ambulance and fire engine trying to access the lane.

Q.8 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for the immediate completion of work in Tranquilla Park, Rathmines, to facilitate local residents to use the park for exercise during the Covid 19 restrictions.

Q.9 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to prioritise Clareville Road for resurfacing given the state of deterioration on this main road which has constant heavy use with the 83, 83A and 18 bus routes and a steady flow of cars. Also, it is the main route for cyclists between Crumlin, Harold's Cross and Rathmines and presents a real danger to them and their bikes when some of the potholes are filled with rain water.

Q.10 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide a list of all outstanding roadworks and traffic questions submitted by this councillor, together with the current status/progress toward resolving them.

Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he would contact the developer of the complex at Elm Park Green to see when the remaining empty apartments will be released for sale or rent as the current high level of in occupancy is an affront given the high levels of homelessness in the City. It is also of concern to residents of adjoining homes for their security.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager supply a full update and report on the Dublin City Council/Peter McVerry new build apartments at New Street Gardens. This report to include the allocation process for these units. How many people in the local area would be considered for these units? The overall cost and expenditure on these units. And what is the date that these units will be completed?

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the intended refurbishment within the Temple Bar area including Temple Bar Square? This report also to include what measures have been progressed for the proposed greening of the Temple Bar Area?

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full investigation as to the possibilities that can be employed at the Crampton Building Housing complex to install noise mitigating measures? Many residents here are constantly disturbed and are falling into ill-health as a result of the continuous noise from plant machinery, refrigerators that belong to the commercial premises on the ground floor. The issue has been ongoing for quite some time and it would appear it was not addressed at all during the regeneration of Crampton Buildings some years back.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager arrange, through the housing department Mr. Brendan Kenny, for a full presentation with regards the future of the site of Andrew's Court Complex? This report to include all other interested parties on this site with regards the development of this site. Also, all future plans with regards the development of this site and area. That consideration would be given for DCC Housing Dept. and the Callahan Hotel Group to give a full presentation on the possibilities for the future of this site. This would also include all social and public housing that is intended for this immediate area. It is important as local Councillors, that we be given the opportunity to examine all possibilities of future housing in this area.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the intended roll out of electrical car charging points in the St Kevin's, Portobello area? Many residents in this area are requesting electrical car points. What correspondence, if any, have been received by the ESB or have been sent by DCC to the ESB in relation to such infrastructure in the whole of the South East Area?

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager request that the Milltown Road Bring Centre and Bottle bank be relocated to a much more appropriate location? There is a lot of illegal dumping taking place here and there is an ongoing rat infestation as well as people depositing their bottles in the middle of the night. This is a working car park but many that enter into

this car park are simply using it to deposit waste and there are no clear demarcation lines or warning notices to this effect. Many people assume that the line of cars waiting to deposit empty bottles etc. as simply looking for car parking spaces and that the car park is indeed full. While on the other hand it creates traffic confusion and congestion for the many cars using the Milltown Road that are faced with cars entering and exiting willy nilly and recklessly into the bottle bank. Needless to say this issue has been ongoing for over 10 years now to the dismay of local residents.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the initiative by DCC for a competition to create and invent an appropriate household waste container? This was recently announced by DCC. There have been many inquiries around this from interested individuals but there appears to be very little information online.

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how much money is owed to DCC from the ESB networks in relation to road opening charges in the SEA?

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the boiler maintenance program in the SEA? This report to include how many of our dwellings have been refitted with new boilers? How many have had maintenance services? How much money has been spent on the servicing and replacing of boilers in the SEA? What contractors have carried out this work? What DCC oversight was carried out with regards to this work? How much has DCC accumulated in the last three years with regards boiler maintenance fees to its tenants? Also, what public campaigns have been initiated to inform DCC tenants of their boiler maintenance renewal programme? These questions are to cover a 3 year period in general.

Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a fact finding as to how many motor cars, vans and trucks are now being parked in the SEA social housing flat complexes and other housing estates owned by DCC? Dublin City Council needs to conduct a pilot examination with regards vehicle parking in social housing flat complexes. Much of this parking in the flats is erratic, hindering any fire brigades or ambulances that may be entering into those premises and hindering many residents. It is high time that some order was placed on this issue and it is highly unacceptable that DCC Housing Dept. and DCC in general have no idea at any one given time how many cars or vehicles are parked in their housing estates or flat complexes.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent.

She writes,

"I wish to make a complaint about the current state of the streets in Dublin. I appreciate that the current situation makes things difficult for all services but I have noticed an increase in litter in Rathmines, Ranelagh, and the surrounding areas. Bins are overflowing and face masks are often thrown on the ground after use.

Instead of focusing on the plan for water rapids in George's Dock, I think we should focus on keeping our streets clean first. They should also be hosed down."

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the road surface repaired when you exit Cambridge Avenue turning left on to Pigeon House Road, Ringsend.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issues from a constituent.

She writes:

“The route from our home in St Alban’s Park to Sandymount (via Sydney Parade, Park Avenue, Gilford Road) is, for my son and I, and not to overstate the matter, punishing.

This is mainly due to the lack of, or inadequate dishing of footpaths at crossing points. This means that I no option but to lever my son’s chair up steep kerbs a number of times on the journey, which is a severe strain on my neck and shoulders and a bone jarring experience for my son. Often too, the dishing, such as it is, does not meet any dishing on the other side of the road, which means that I have to push (sometimes running, to avoid oncoming cars) my son’s chair along the road to get to a dished area farther away.

The pavements too are badly maintained and often narrow. Quite often, I find myself having to push my son onto and along the road on parts of Park Avenue (e.g. near Railway Union Sports Ground) as the position of the lampposts on them render the narrow footpaths inaccessible to wheelchair users.

Badly maintained pavements are detrimental to wheelchair users, many of whom suffer from osteoporosis.

Lately, I have been noting the crossings which are particularly difficult to navigate in a wheelchair.

So far, I have noted the junctions of the following roads:

1. Ailesbury Way and Ailesbury Road (beside bus stop no 2087)
2. Park Avenue and Sydney Parade
3. St John’s Road and Park Avenue
4. Park Avenue and the St. John’s Estate (opposite the church)
5. Gilford Drive and Park Avenue
6. Gilford Park and Gilford Road
7. Gilford Road and Park Avenue
8. Sydney Parade and Strand Road
9. St. John’s Road and Strand Road”

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to set out the background to the payment of 1.2 million euro to Covanta Europe Engineering Ltd. for demolition and remediation works at ESB Substation Poolbeg.

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could the manager give details of the cost of acquiring two units under Part V acquisition at Sandymount Castle Park, Dublin 4?

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to provide details on the possible removal of on street parking spaces on Old Mount Pleasant, Ranelagh as part of a proposed school safety zone.

Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on 14 St Mary's Road, Ballsbridge. Please note the reply received last September 2020. “Arrangements will be made to carry out a repair at this location”. We are still awaiting a resolution of this issue.

- Q.29 Councillor Tara Deacy**
Could tree pruning/replacement on Windmill Road be reviewed? Many of the trees are diseased, dead, dying or vandalised.
- Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy**
Could Parks look at painting the lampposts in Bangor Circle? They are in a terrible condition.
- Q.31 Councillor Tara Deacy**
Could the nameplates on the following streets be inspected to see if they can either be cleaned, repainted or replaced?
- Fernvale Road, Innismore, Windmill Crescent, Parnell Road, Kildare Park.
- Q.32 Councillor Tara Deacy**
Are there any plans to enhance Bunting Park in Walkinstown? Residents have been in touch and have requested it be considered for planting, benches or other levels of enhancement. Is this park on the DCC schedule? Could it be looked at in the 2021 budget?
- Q.33 Councillor Tara Deacy**
Could DCC recommend a pedestrian crossing at the junction between Bunting Road/St. Mary's Road and Crumlin Village to Bus Connects under proposed changes? (One each way at the junction - people are always crossing there and it's very busy) Alternatively, can DCC complete this work?
- Q.34 Councillor Tara Deacy**
Could we have Monasterboice Road resurfaced? It's in very poor condition.
- Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
Could the manager give details on the amount of funding approved for Part V acquisition of four units at Donnybrook Gardens, Dublin 4?
- Q.36 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**
To ask the manager to provide a list of conditions and documents relating to the ESB and the Georgian House Museum on Fitzwilliam Street. Specifically, any documents that may exist outlining the commitment of the ESB to maintaining the museum.
- Q.37 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**
To ask the manager for an update on the plan in relation to the home of George Bernard Shaw.
- Q.38 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**
To ask the manager to have the ramps along housing at City Quay cleaned. Residents have reported a lot of moss that is creating a slip and trip hazard.
- Q.39 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**
To ask the manager to provide a report of repair work scheduled to be carried out at details supplied.
- Q.40 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**
To ask the manager to arrange for cleansing beside the construction at Charlemont Street. Residents have reported road markings being difficult to make out due to dust and debris that is hazardous for cyclists.
- Q.41 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to introduce radar speed signs in Ringsend, Irishtown, Londonbridge Road/Bath Avenue in conjunction with the proposed Strand Road Cycle trial.

Q.42 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for a list of social housing units that the council has nomination rights over that are operated by approved housing bodies.

Q.43 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if contact has been made with Google regarding the 46 apartments, they have suggested they will offer to key workers as per reports in the Irish Times in November.

Q.44 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to liaise with Waterways Ireland to increase cleaning along the canals and to ensure that residents, where safe & possible, have access to cleaning equipment.

Q.45 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to fix the broken path on South Lotts Road at the junction with Gordon Street. A previous request indicated a need to wait until the January budget.

Q.46 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange to have the footpath on St. Mary's Road from the church to the bowling club resurfaced? It's in really awful condition and makes the area look poor.

Q.47 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange to have double yellow lines to one side of the entrance to The Belfry Estate on St. Mary's Road, Dublin 12? Residents report that people park on both sides when there are things on in the church or bowling club, which blocks emergency services from getting into the estate.

Q.48 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange for a road name sign to be added to the Belfry Estate of St Mary's Road, Dublin 12?

Q.49 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange for the grounds of the Belfry Estate, St Mary's Road, Dublin 12 to be taken into the charge of this council?

Q.50 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange to replace litter bins that have been previously removed from the following locations in Dublin 12?

Parnell Road (Dolphin fire station)
St. Mary's Road at bus stop.
Bottom of Old County Road

Q.51 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager to arrange with Waste Department to move and improve the negative visual impact of the bottle banks on the Evergreen car park site in Terenure Road North.

Q.52 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager to request Traffic Department to assess the parking situation on Garville Lane, where the road is narrow and the enquirer states that ambulance and fire brigade cannot access the area.

Q.53 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager to arrange for Road Maintenance Department to carry out road repair on Mount Tallant Avenue please.

Q.54 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager is there an issue in terms of the reliability of the road re-surface in Sandymount Green? A complex survey of information was sent to SEAC Councillors by the enquirer.

Q.55 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager if planning department can advise if there is proposed development involving St Andrew's Court and Sandwith Street.

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the progress to place the Poolbeg Chimneys on the Record of Protected Structures

Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if could please resurface Arnott Street, especially the Heytesbury Street end, this year as it is in very bad disrepair.

Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please once again seek to find a solution to the ongoing issue of parking on Hagans Court, Dublin 2. This is the third time I have raised this issue and it still persists. The current system makes ingress and egress to the properties here really difficult, and it is hard for bin trucks to access the street too and service the buildings when cars are parked here. The owners have asked whether there might be a solution that they could over the cost of, such as double yellow lines, or some other solution that would help reduce parking here as enforcement is not taking place and therefore is not a solution. Can the Manager please explore some options for the occupier?

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what plans are in place to increase the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging points in the South East Area, in particular Dublin 8 and Dublin 6.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he provide a report on the success of the trial lamp post charging point on Sir John Rogerson's Quay that was installed as part of the Smart Dublin Project.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could examine the possibility of using alternative methods for 'bait stations' for capturing vermin. My understanding is the current process uses open ended bait boxes containing poison, that are easily accessed by other small animals and birds. If they were made more environmentally friendly they could be placed more plentifully in public areas such as parks.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the Area Manager please provide a progress report on the enhancement of the Werburgh Street/Dublin Castle area and the OPW Masterplan for Dublin Castle? Can

the Manager outline how the two projects are connected and what stage the projects are at?

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager whether homes in the following locations Vavasour Square Dublin 4 and Zion Road, Rathgar would be suitable for external insulation, or are they prohibited in carrying out such works due to the architectural heritage of the areas, or could they be potentially exempt under Section 5. Can the Area Manager also confirm whether if a property is located in an Architectural Conservation Area, Special Amenity Area Order, or is a protected structure/listed building, whether development restrictions also apply to the rear of a building?

Q.64 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the active wheelchair symbol, along with the cargobike symbol can be added to the new cargo bike stands such as the stands in St. Stephen's Green South. The larger parking spaces also act as more accessible cycle parking for disabled people, many of whom use non-standard cycles such as tricycles, hand cycles etc.

Q.65 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager for an update on 33 Synge Street and an update on its proposed use.

Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to address the following ; potholes have developed around two drain access covers/manholes in the roadway outside 15 and 17 Marine Drive, Sandymount.

Q.67 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the housing position of details supplied can be prioritised. The tenant is in ailing health and has medical priority.

Q.68 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange to have dog waste bins installed at Mountpleasant Square Park?

Q.69 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange gates to be installed on the stairwells at Cuffe Street Flat complex, Dublin? There is a serious ongoing problem with drug dealing and taking, that is openly happening in the Cuffe Street Flat complex. Many residents feel intimidated by these individuals who partake in this behaviour on the stairwells of the complex. Residents are also disturbed throughout the night by the noise of these people. Would it be possible to erect gates on the stairwells, in an effort to prevent these individuals from gaining access to them? I know Bishop Street flats have gates, such as the ones I'm requesting, which only residents have the keys to. I believe something similar here could work.

Q.70 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for the council property at (details supplied) be externally insulated under the Fabric Upgrade Programme?

Q.71 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for a cul-de-sac sign to be erected at the entrance to the cul-de-sac at the end of Melvin Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W?

Q.72 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange to have signs erected to remind people to clean up after their dogs to be placed at the entrance to the park adjacent to Neagh Road in Terenure, Dublin 6W?

Q.73 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange for urgent action to be taken to address the dampness problem in the council property at details supplied?

Q.74 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for the step up to the shower in the council property (details supplied) be lowered to ground level to enable the elderly tenant to use the shower?

Q.75 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager provide me with a date as to when the re-design of the junction at Werburgh Street/Christchurch Place will take place?

Q.76 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for the council to call to the council property at (details supplied) to address the outstanding the maintenance issues the tenant has been reporting to the council over the past two years?

Q.77 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for the council to call to the property at (details supplied) and secure the boundary wall which backs onto is owned and maintained by Dublin City Council? The wall in question, which is holding up the riverbank, is so badly cracked it is on the verge of collapsing and is in urgent need of repair. While this house is privately owned, the land it backs onto it owned and maintained by Dublin City Council

Q.78 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please provide me with an update on the works to the roof at McDonagh House, Whitefriar Street, and have these works been able to stop the leaks into certain tenants' homes?

Q.79 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the green on Cashel Road (opposite Crumlin Hall) can be rolled in February / March to level the ground and smooth out the tyre tracks from recent scrambler use ahead of the grass needing to be cut.

Q.80 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if some of Crumlin's featureless green spaces can be identified for improvements such as seating, planting, play areas or 'teen spaces' to make them a better amenity residents of all ages in the local community. Small greens like Windmill Park or Derry Drive would benefit hugely from even small planting schemes, while bigger greens like Clonmacnoise would lend themselves to mixed use improvements.

Q.81 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if a planting plan can be developed to enhance the biodiversity of Pearse Park, including planting wildflowers in the south-facing area behind the bowling club and identifying areas suitable areas for small-scale rewilding initiatives in line with the DCC re-wilding policy?

Q.82 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if something can be done to prevent illegal and dangerous parking at Garville Lane, where emergency services were recently unable to gain access to a residence on the lane due to the lane being blocked with illegally parked cars.

Q.83 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager for a safety inspection and report on the recently laid concrete work at Sandymount Green, carried out by Actavo contractors. Councillors were recently made aware that this concrete was laid just before heavy rainfall, and that placing and finishing concrete in the rain compromises its strength, increasing the tendency for dusting and scaling to develop.

Can the manager confirm that this work has been thoroughly inspected and there is no safety concern or potential liability due to the laying of this concrete in sub-optimal conditions?

Q.84 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if this committee can liaise with An Garda Síochána regarding the issue of open drug dealing taking place in Pearse Park, near the playground.

Q.85 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to reinstate a Park Attendant to Palmerston Park. The park has deteriorated as a result of the significant increase in numbers using the park and the lack of a Park attendant to oversee and manage it. Issues highlighted include:

- large numbers of dogs running off leads and fouling
- children riding bicycles through flower beds and climbing railings into the pond area.
- Pond area has been partially drained and now looks like a rubbish dump full of all sorts of debris.

Our parks are now more needed than ever. It would be a shame to see them deteriorate because of insufficient maintenance and supervision to address the issues arising from the increase in numbers currently using them.