



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

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8 **Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a full report on what improvement measures are to be carried out in the Beech Hill Villas complex following the audit conducted approximately two years ago by Dublin City Council. The Committee further requests a complete steam cleaning and power hosing of the stairwells and the removal of the stupid illuminated strips on the steps which 1) cause dirt to congeal and 2) because of the way they are installed cause water to pour down through the stairwells during and after rainfalls.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Eaton Square Park is currently in a dreadful state. This may be because of heavy rain, poor drainage and over use. We propose that a report be prepared for the March meeting. While the Parks Department agreed to examine it in the spring, this committee requests that immediate action is taken to remedy the problem. If it requires that it be closed for a period to give the ground a chance, then that should be done.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to hold a meeting of the Pembroke Councillors (and other interested Councillors) with Senior Dublin City Management to discuss the options for the area from the Clonskeagh House Pub (now Farmer Browns) to Strand Terrace, Milltown and how we might advance the creation of a public facility at the area known as Scully's Field with a fair return for the property owners, including Dublin City Council, involved.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this committee agrees to commence the process to designate Grove Park as an ACA area because Grove Park is a residential street of Victorian red bricks in Lower Rathmines, located between Portobello / the Grand Canal and Upper Rathmines. It has a rich architectural heritage dating back to the late 19th century when architect William Isaac Chambers built, at the Rathmines entrance to the street, the landmark Kensington Lodge, a fine example of the Queen Anne style with an elaborately decorated façade. Opposite Kensington Lodge sits Kensington Hall, another decorative Victorian building which was originally a YMCA and currently houses the Leeson Park School of Music. The rest of the street is an eclectic mix of late Victorian terraced houses, ranging from two storey over basement houses, some with examples of decorative flourishes such as bay and oriel windows, to classic two storey homes. A rare example of a Dublin Dutch Billy also sits halfway along the street.

Grove Park is now home to a diverse community of urban families, students, foreign nationals, couples and retirees. Unfortunately for many years its heritage has slowly been diminished. To help protect it in the future, The Rathmines Initiative, in its

submission to DCC on the new Development Plan, is recommending that Grove Park be designated an Architectural Conservation Area.

As a first step that Parks Department commences a tree planning programme because most front gardens on Grove Park cannot accommodate trees and as a result the street sorely lacks greenery. As part of the Dublin City Tree Strategy, which underlines the importance of the urban tree-scape, Grove Park would provide an ideal location for the addition of a native species such as *Betula Pendula* (Silver Birch). The Silver Birch is a not common street tree in the neighbouring areas of Portobello or Upper Rathmines (where Hornbeams, Maple and Rowan feature heavily), and would add greatly to the biodiversity of the area. It is a medium-sized and hardy species which attracts a variety of birds and animals, and develops a large but open canopy which allows dappled light to filter through.

The footpaths on the eastern stretch of Grove Park (see Figure 1) are just over 2 metres wide and could easily support the smaller root system and bark (which grows to a maximum diameter of 40cm) of the Silver Birch. Examples of Silver Birch on similar or narrower footpaths can be found elsewhere in the city e.g. Summer St North, Dublin 1, and Geraldine St, Dublin 7.

Figure 1: Proposed tree planting section

Figure 2 below shows to scale a suggested placement of trees which should avoid any potential accessibility concerns. We understand that this would be subject to a Dublin City Council review of same and of location of underground cabling.

Figure 2:

That the Public Lighting Department be requested to reinstate heritage street lights, because the community believes that the current street lights do not reflect the architectural heritage of the street and ask that Dublin City Council considers us for replacements as part of their City Lights Upgrade project.

The 15 current lights were installed, we understand, in the 1980s to provide improved lux on the street. While functional, they detract from the historic streetscape (see Figure 3 below). These featureless lights replaced the existing historic street lights, and a salvaged example of the historic type sits in one of the gardens in Grove Park (Figure 4). Nearby Richmond Hill also has ornate period-style lights (Figure 5) which are similar to the original lights which were on Grove Park. The reinstatement of similar period-style lights to Grove Park would greatly enhance the visual character of the street and respect the heritage of the area.

Additionally, the upgrade would afford Dublin City Council the opportunity to install more energy efficient LED lighting within the new period fitting.

Motion 5 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

In an effort to better understand the structural integrity of the Poolbeg Chimneys and any efforts that can be made regarding their refurbishment the South East Area Committee resolves that the Committee will write to the ESB and request the following information and material:

1. The last inspection date concerning the condition and structural integrity of the Poolbeg Chimneys
2. A copy of the most recent inspection report/s since the chimneys were capped in 2015
3. An approximate breakdown of the annual maintenance cost for the Poolbeg Chimneys
4. The most recent cost estimates, if any, regarding any structural remediation work of the Poolbeg Chimneys
5. The most recent cost estimates, if any, regarding any repainting work of the Poolbeg Chimneys

Motion 6 from Councillors Kevin Donoghue, Claire Byrne, Danny Byrne, Daniel Ceitinn, Mannix Flynn.

The South East Area Committee welcomes the work done in relation to the Cabbage Patch. We are calling on the Parks Department to engage a design team to develop an outline master plan for the Cabbage Garden commensurate with the Public Consultation held in 2019 and to proactively engage on a regular basis with the South East Area Office, to progress the rejuvenation of the Cabbage Garden for the betterment of all stakeholders.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council South East Area call on Waterways Ireland not to place the 'graving docks' Grand Canal on the open market for private sale. Further that we call in Waterways Ireland to offer the property to Dublin City Council for much needed public housing and public amenities. The 'graving docks' are also a very important heritage structure associated with the long history of the entire canals' infrastructure.

Motion 8 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask this South East Area committee if they will support and participate with representatives of Kimmage and Sundrive traders, 70 businesses, who will have business reduced or removed, elderly and disabled customers removed, due to the Bus Gates, one-way systems and Bus Corridors proposed by NTA.

The overarching concern and common denominator across all of the Business Community relates primarily to Access to the area as a result of the:

1. *The introduction of 3 bus gates along the Lower Kimmage Road,*
2. *Subsequent excessively restrictive timings proposed for the Bus Gates (the NTA's officially preferred operating time is 24/7), and*
3. *Ongoing concerns related to access and parking for our customers on Sundrive and Lower Kimmage Roads,*
4. *Closure of Poddle Park for a quiet bicycle road and subsequent congestion on Sundrive Road, Blarney Park and surrounding roads.*

The traders 'group encompasses over 70 predominantly long-established businesses (including social enterprises) from: The Lower Kimmage & Sundrive Roads, Blarney & Poddle Park, Ravensdale & Stannaway Roads. Many of these are small to medium sized multi-generational family concerns, some dating back to the 1940's, and providing important community services such as: Doctors, Dentist, Hearing Aids, Pharmacies, Community Centre, Solicitors, Opticians, Cancer Care, Funeral Home, Church, etc. Every day to day consumer need is satisfied by the local business community.

For all businesses and residents located within the cordon, long detours will be required, for example it is approximately 0.5 km's from the junction of Corrib Road up to the KCR, but the detour via Stannaway Road will be 3.1 km's. Furthermore, the changes will divert significant extra traffic roads to the roads situated to the east and the west of the Lower Kimmage Road, these include: Sundrive Road, Larkfield Park, Clareville Road, Stannaway Road, Ravensdale Park, Cashel Road, Bangor Road, Bangor Circle & Clonmacnoise Road.

As a result of COVID there has been a fundamental change to the way people work and commute, therefore, the existing underlying assumptions and projections driving the project should be critically reassessed to ensure the validity and integrity of the overall project.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill

To ensure that all ages groups in Harold's Cross will be able to avail of the community facilities to be established the Rosary Hall it is agreed that we carry out a comprehensive assessment setting out the community potential use of the Rosary Hall. That a plan is prepared including assessment of costs which can be submitted to the Development Dept. for funding from the Development Levy fund. This plan to be presented to the July meeting of the LAC.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this LAC agrees to carry out an audit of available community services in the Rathmines area, this work to be led by the Local Area Office who will contact all appropriate agencies and report back to this committee within 3 months, with a view to identifying gaps and deficits in community service provision .

Suggested areas of contact would be the HSE, (including the PHN and services provided in the Health Centre), the CDYSB, Older Persons Services, Schools, the South City Partnership (who may have done a mapping exercise in the past as the Rathmines Partnership and it would be worth including any such study within this proposed audit) An Garda Siochána, Drugs Prevention work, availability of Community Assembly buildings or lack of, publicly provided Sports Facilities and Clubs along with provision of facilities and Community & Youth Groups or lack of. As part of this report active service providers and voluntary groups in the area should be asked to indicate community facilities and deficits in local services.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to re-examine the possibility of installing stop/go lights at Ringsend Bridge, similar to the Dodder Bridge on Bath Avenue / Londonbridge Road to improve accessibility at this location and to make it safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee agrees to create a memorial dedicated to Al Keegan, renowned Dublin music promoter and DJ, who sadly passed away suddenly in 2020.

Motion 13 from Councillor Tara Deacy

Following on from the motion I raised last month many more individuals have been in touch about the visible increase in dog fouling, dogs being let off leads and the importance of dog parks etc. This topic has also been discussed on the national airwaves with a particular focus on Dublin. I am asking that this committee agree to establish a task force or working group on this to look at this issue in more detail and deliver a more solution focused response.

A number of our constituents have excellent solutions and in light of the enormity of this issue right now it could be looked at firstly at an area level with a view to rolling it out on a city wide basis.

Some suggestions submitted include:

- Update the laws to accept photography/video from citizens;
- Research further how DNA collection and matching would work, including experience elsewhere;
- Get on agenda of city/council managers dialogue with responsible ministers, including health;
- Review dog-licensing to see if can be linked to microchipping and DNA collection;
- Review the budget and staffing of current situation;
- Create a dedicated category on the DCC website (Report an Issue) at [Self Service Portal - Create Service Request \(dublincity.ie\)](https://www.dublincity.ie/self-service-portal)
- Consider idea of a citizens' consultation.

Motion 14 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would invite Darral Poole and Malcom Denby, 2 students from Ringsend College to present to the committee their proposed plans for Ringsend Park.

Motion 15 from Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to provide communication boards to be installed in playgrounds throughout Dublin City. These boards allow children who are non-verbal or have challenges communicating to express themselves, increasing inclusion and independence.



Motion 16 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this committee would request the ESB to come before our committee so that we can discuss the future of the Georgian Museum.

Motion 17 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this committee would support the efforts of hospitality traders on Merrion Row to turn Merrion Row into an outdoor dining hub.

Motion 18 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the LAC agree to set conditions when awarding sports grants to private sports groups in our area. That in return for the grant they make a commitment to provide access through the community department of the council to a number of young people who wouldn't otherwise be able to avail of their facilities. Furthermore that they make a commitment to maintain the hedging around the sports facility in the interest of the surrounding community.

Motion 19 from Councillor Anne Feeney

To call on this Committee to support a comprehensive review and action steps to be taken in relation to the Dog Poo epidemic in Dublin. This issue has been raised on a number of occasions and apart from signage and a very limited dog warden surveillance service, a "nothing can be done" response prevails. I am asking that this issue be treated as serious in health terms and a growing and significant nuisance for the public, most particularly for those in wheelchairs, pushing buggies, etc. If a review of legislation is required by DCC, then it should be sought. Interventions that should be considered, could include:

- DNA tracing (with DNA samples required as part of licensing)
- More Poo bins
- Reports to DCC accepted with photo evidence
- More dog wardens; patrols at off peak times; more fines
- Citizens consultation forum to address issue

- Schools education program (online and in schools)

Motion 20 from Councillor Anne Feeney

To call on this Committee to request the Executive Manager for Traffic appear before this Committee to outline the overall management of short to long term traffic plans and initiatives for the South East Area (including NTA and Covid Mobility Plans) and to clarify the process for raising traffic requests and queries; standard response time and the communications process with public representatives in relation to traffic interventions planned for their LEA.

Motion 21 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to confirm whether the construction of a new promenade on Sandymount Strand is an option which is under consideration as part of the Sandymount Flood Relief Scheme.

Motion 22 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to prepare now for outdoor dining throughout the city when restaurants re-open.

Motion 23 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee proposes that the double yellow lines which currently extend from the junction of Orwell Road and Orwell Park to Orwell Healthcare are further extended beyond Orwell Healthcare as far as bus stop number 2999 on Orwell Road. Orwell Healthcare currently has inadequate parking provision for staff and visitors, and the overflow is placing significant pressure on on-street parking spaces, leading to dangerous parking after a bend and at a narrowing of the road, and resulting in bottle-necking of traffic, tailbacks where the road becomes impassable, dangerous road conditions for cyclists and pedestrians, possible access issues for busses and emergency vehicles, and residents on Orwell Road being blocked into their properties all for up to 12 hours at a time.

This committee agrees that the double yellow lines should be extended urgently to alleviate the risks involved, and this should be done ahead of the lifting of Covid restrictions which will see a further increase in clients and staff of the healthcare facility.