



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE  
TO BE HELD IN THE REMOTELY ON ZOOM  
ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 2021 AT 2.30 PM**

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Dublin 6 to the Health Service Executive (HSE) for the development of a Primary Care Centre and the proposed acquisition from the H.S.E. of the Health Centre, St Michael's Estate, Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8

**7 South East Area Office Matters**

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- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.

**8 Motions**

**Motion 1 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 2 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 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

It is agreed that DCC contact the Dept. of Defence and the Minister for Defence to request the handing over of the playing fields at the rear of Cathal Brugha Barracks Rathmines (which are accessed separate to the Barracks from Grosvenor Lane) into the charge of the City Council Sports Dept. There is a very serious shortage of public playing pitches in the Dublin 6 area. Demand has increased in recent years partly due to the inclusion of young females which we very much welcome. As a Local Authority we want to facilitate all young people in the area and recognise that access to sport is an essential component of their development and healthy living. While this proposal is to make the pitch available to all groups in the area, one example of the demand for pitches can be show by the Ranelagh Gales need:

- In 2020 Ranelagh Gales had 320 boys under the age of 12 and 305 girls. As a club, they are committed to gender parity by 2023. Having proper facilities such as toilets and dressing rooms are vital for keeping young teenage girls involved with sport through to adulthood, as there is a big dropout rate at this age.
- Their numbers in 2021 are estimated to be over 700 for the juvenile section but this is unknown until play resumes after Level 5 restrictions are lifted. Also, in 2020 they were unable to allow 2016-born players to join due to the lack of playing space available to them. . If RG growth rate continues they could have over 1,500 members by 2025.

Opening up the grounds would also give local primary schools a much-needed pitch to use. There are many interested parties in the Cathal Brugha site and perhaps there is a larger scale plan in terms of the development as a whole. However, green space, particularly publicly owned is sacred in the city and we need more of it. If the Council acquired this pitch, I think the GAA and DCC could come together to invest properly in a future pitch project.

**Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of DCC call on the CEO of Dublin City Council, Mr Owen Keegan, to issue a formal apology for DCC's involvement in the Mother and Baby Homes' history. This apology and public announcement is long overdue and

should have been issued as soon as DCC learned of their involvement, no matter how slight, in the Mother and Baby homes' horrendous history. Further, that all archival material, relating to Mother and Baby homes and DCC's involvement be made publicly available wherever possible, for those who are seeking to find their true identity. Dublin City Council must do everything in its power to assist the many wounded survivors of this appalling period in our history.

#### **Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of DCC call on the CEO, Mr Owen Keegan, and DCC, to withdraw their application for the burning of another 90,000 tons at the Waste to Energy facility in Dublin Bay and instead to put all the energies of Dublin City Council into protecting the environment at Dublin Bay by ensuring better air quality and a better managed waste disposal program which includes a major emphasis and education programs on recycling. Every single DCC councillor was opposed to this Covanta facility over the long period it took. Communities campaigned for years against this environmental injustice. Not to mention the scandals of financial oversight and the huge financial resources that went into this, Dublin City Council executive pursued this madness and are now adding insult to injury by telling us that there will be no increase in pollutants, no increase in traffic, and that more or less the burning of thousands of tons of waste is good for us and sustainable. Everybody should read Professor Joe McCarthy's independent report on this facility and indeed its threat to the environment and local communities.

#### **Motion 6 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this committee would support 30kmh on the Palmerston Road and Palmerston Park routes, where buses and cars can travel fast, especially speeding to get through the traffic lights at the junction on to Highfield Road.

#### **Motion 7 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this committee would support resurfacing of footpaths and roads along Palmerston Park for pedestrians and cyclists, as COVID19 has increased walking in the area, and all areas, paths need resurfacing where they are broken.

#### **Motion 8 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this committee would support Crumlin GAA club to secure additional playing pitches, which caters for both adult and juvenile participants. I understand that this request has been brought to Parks Department before, but I am contacted by the club's Finance and Development Committee to advance this process.

#### **Crumlin GAA**

Crumlin GAA was established in 1970. It's a community based organisation run totally by volunteers and we provide GAA games to boys, girls, men and women of Crumlin and the surrounding areas. We are based in Pearse Park where we have 1 full size pitch, 1 small pitch which we call the "camogie pitch" which is used for juveniles and a small juvenile pitch. We have access to no other playing pitches.

A tremendous amount of hard work over the last number of years has resulted in an increase of playing members, particularly at juvenile level. We welcome all members of our community and believe we create an inclusive environment that is reflected in the diversity of our playing members. We are also the only club in Crumlin that offers young girls the opportunity to play a field sport. Women's sport has never been as popular as it is now, with incredible role models across an array of sports for young girls to look up to, and we want to give all girls the opportunity to play games and witness the physical and social benefits that

playing team sports can bring.

At the moment, for boys we have Under 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 & 16 hurling and football teams and for girls we have under 10, 12, 13 16 and minor camogie and football teams. We also run a crèche / nursery in Pearse Park which is for under 8s down to 5-year old's and to give you an idea of numbers, we have over 120 children attend with average numbers for each session at about 70. At adult level, we have 2 hurling teams, 1 camogie team, 2 men's football and 2 ladies football teams. There is huge work being put in by so many but we find it very difficult to function due the lack of playing pitches, a problem we are seeking to address.

We are all aware of the issues the Crumlin area faces on a daily basis. The benefits of keeping our young people active and out of harm's way are immeasurable. Some of our club members would testify that it was their participation in sport and the sense of identity it gave them that stopped them from choosing a different path. All the research around anti-social behavior shows a direct link to a lack of facilities in the community. Our work is far more than just providing games but in order to provide games we need additional pitches.

**Motion 9 from Councillors Deacy, Dunne, Feeney, Conroy and Freehill**

There has been a visible increase in litter in the Kimmage/Rathmines ward in recent weeks. I ask that this committee agree to address this issue particularly in the areas most impacted or 'black spots'. I have attached a map and wish to identify with the guidance and input of community groups Week 2, 3, 4 and 6 as areas in need of attention. We ask that DCC look to create long term solutions in collaboration with local groups. Specifically that we agree to look at an initial increase in the frequency of street sweeping in said areas identified on the map and perhaps a scheduled regular check of blackspots.

**Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That this committee requests a meeting with the ESB to discuss the location of Electric car power points in LAC area.

**Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That this committee agrees to have a special meeting with the Traffic Department to discuss traffic issues in the area, so that we can get up to date on plans. Furthermore get agreement that this committee is consulted in advance of any traffic initiatives affecting this area.

**Motion 12 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

That this committee requests the area manager to plan a permanent memorial within the Kimmage-Rathmines ward in memory of local people who died due to the Covid pandemic.

**Motion 13 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee;

- having unanimously approved Item 1 report on 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2020;
- in consideration of the recent introduction of 30km/hr on Garville Ave Upper, Brighton Square and Brighton Ave; and
- having regard to the temporary introduction of 30km/hr on the Strand Road, Sandymount

agrees to request the relevant Department in Dublin City Council to implement a temporary introduction of 30km/hr zone on Brighton Road pending the introduction of its long term change and for safety reasons related to all of the surrounding roads now operating at 30km/hr.

**Motion 14 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee agrees to request the traffic department to investigate the implementation of a number of design measures on Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper and Lower including the repair and widening of footpaths, the installation of continuous pedestrian crossing at a number of locations (including the junction with Richmond Hill, Richmond Place, Alma Road and Belgrave Square) as well as painted speed limit signs on the road surface.

**Motion 15 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee recognises the continued work of Ranelagh Community Response in their support for vulnerable members of the community over the past 12 months and supports their request for additional benches on Ranelagh road (as per attached) to provide more seating space for elderly members of the community, and the installation of planters that can be supported by the work of Ranelagh Tidy Towns.

We propose three or four seating places for Ranelagh Village. There are three Housing centres for vulnerable and elderly people in Ranelagh, Ranelagh Close (DCC) Woodstock Court Elder Care (DCC) and Cullenswood (DHA).

Recent submissions to the Ranelagh Area improvement plan have identified the lack of street seating and bins. Places for Elderly, people with mobility difficulties and the general public, to take a break walking, sit and observe the active community.

Street furniture as has been installed in Dundrum in recent years would be an example, the lack of space on paths is a challenge, we have identified a number of locations where these can be placed. See map as an example of three potential locations we will review others should we be successful in obtaining funding. We would also assist with the maintenance of planters through the Ranelagh Tidy towns group.

These proposals would enhance our village environment for all. The cost of each location would be approx. €10,000 , we would also be willing to fundraise to address any shortfall should that situation arise and would be confident of doing this in a short time so as Ranelagh Residents can enjoy them this Summer , all in consultation with local groups .

The work of Ranelagh Community Response over the last year has demonstrated a broad skill set delivering and addressing the needs of Elderly, Volunteers, local Business and many local groups during very difficult times. Delivering win-win situation for everyone involved working closely with DCC, HSE and Garda, involving other local organisations Ranelagh Gaels, etc.

**Motion 16 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That an inspection be carried out of the footpaths at Ramleh Close and Ramleh Park in Milltown, Dublin 6, which has a significant elderly resident population and which contains many hazardous pavement cracks.

**Motion 17 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee agrees to adopt the Ranelagh Improvement Groups proposal for Ranelagh as set out in the attached document and requests a report on its implementation and the resources that are required to fulfil its ambitions.

RVIG propose the refurbishment of the section of pavement in Ranelagh village bordering houses Nos 70-88 (even nos. only). This section of streetscape forms the longest uniform continuous coherent terrace of Victorian houses in Ranelagh

Village. It is a very important part of the architectural heritage of Ranelagh. The perspective of the terrace has been enhanced by the planting of trees on this stretch of streetscape by Dublin City Council some years ago.

Two elements detract significantly from the terrace.

Firstly, the treatment of gardens and front railings is very disjointed because of some hard surfacing of gardens and removal of railings and some boundary walls. This problem is difficult to rectify with no obvious immediate solution except perhaps but attaching appropriate conditions to future planning permissions for work on any house in the terrace over the coming years.

Secondly, the surface of the footpath has been cut open on many occasions for services maintenance and many repairs are very poor in quality. The pavement now has a random jigsaw/'cut and paste' appearance. Furthermore, it has a significant number of uneven joints at cuttings constituting a hazard to pedestrians and constituting an impediment to a more age friendly walkability for the older segment of population in the Ranelagh area.

In the 2000's many old concrete footpaths in the village in a similar condition were replaced with granite kerbing and concrete paving stones. This greatly improved the appearance and the paving stones approach has facilitated easy uniform replacement whenever services maintenance required excavation. But there has been little or no footpath renewal in the Ranelagh village area since 2009.

We are proposing the renewal of the segment outlined earlier with a somewhat similar approach to the earlier work, but with a variation. Given the quality of the Victorian terrace in question, we propose that the paving be with granite kerbing and granite paving stones. This could either be of the bright grey variety, used in parts of the city or preferably the yellow tinted variety used in some Georgian and Victorian streetscapes in Dublin. This latter type would reflect the yellow brickwork of the terrace.

The length of pavement in question is approximately 75 metres, and while the width varies, it is on average approximately 3 metres, or a little less, thus giving a pavement area of 225 Sq. metres. We are aware from an industry source that granite paving is expensive, approx. three times the cost of concrete. So the extra cost of granite over concrete would be approximately €4000-5000. (€32 vs €12 per sq. metre).

We believe that this proposal with a really quality finish with the yellow tinted granite would greatly enhance this streetscape and terrace be adopted.

Given the lack of pavement work in Ranelagh in recent years, the proposed work could justify been funded from the general overall pavement renewal budget. Alternatively, it might be part funded from the general budget and part funded from the South East Area fund.

#### **Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to install better lighting on Denzille Lane. The lane currently has very poor lighting and the small group of houses on the lane are subject to anti-social activities, which have become much worse since the pandemic.

#### **Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to write to IPUT to ask them

to put measures in place and take immediate action to address the issue of anti-social behaviour in Wilton Park.

**Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to put in place an effective waste and litter management plan for the South East Area to address the increase in litter on our streets and in our parks as a result of the pandemic. Can the Area Manager outline what is required to ensure we have clean streets and parks for the summer months and beyond as we begin another period of living outdoors?

**Motion 21 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee would agree to ask the Chief Executive to investigate the land holdings of the council in terms of providing more allotments. During the pandemic in particular people are spending more times outdoors and there seems to be waiting lists for any allotments that do exist. The provision of more allotments would be very positive in terms of peoples' physical and mental health.

**Motion 22 from Councillor Carolyn Moore**

This committee finds that the disabled parking space outside the Bank of Ireland at 1 Rathfarnham Road does not safely meet the requirements of drivers with a disability in terms of facilitating parking and allowing clearance for safe exit and entry to a vehicle by a driver or passenger with a disability, and calls on the area manager to provide for a larger, more accessible space. There are ample parking facilities available close to the village - on street parking should prioritise fully accessible, regulation disability spaces.

**Motion 23 from Councillor Carolyn Moore**

This committee, in its ongoing efforts to deal with increasing levels of dog fouling throughout the South East Area, will look to follow the successful initiative employed by our North Central colleagues and trial the provision of free fouling bags to be distributed via local shops and newsagents.

**Motion 24 from Councillor Carolyn Moore**

This committee recognises that the provision of traffic calming measure at the junction of the upper Rathmines Road and York Road, near Kildare Place school, is now long over-due, and calls on the area manager to urgently provide a solution that will a) slow down traffic as it rounds the wide bend on the upper Rathmines Road and b) ensure that pedestrians of all ages and abilities, including the children from Kildare Place school, can use this junction safely. A pedestrian crossing, a traffic island, a ramp, a traffic island, a solar-powered speed indicator would be good and much-needed interventions here.

**Motion 25 from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

That the South East Area Committee calls for the opening of Fitzwilliam Square Park to the public, and for Dublin City Council to engage with the leaseholder Fitzwilliam Square Association Ltd, to achieve this goal. As we seek to maximize our use of green spaces in our current environment it is appropriate that 200 years later we finally allow access to the last of the 5 Georgian squares of Dublin.





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# Donnybrook Primary Care Centre

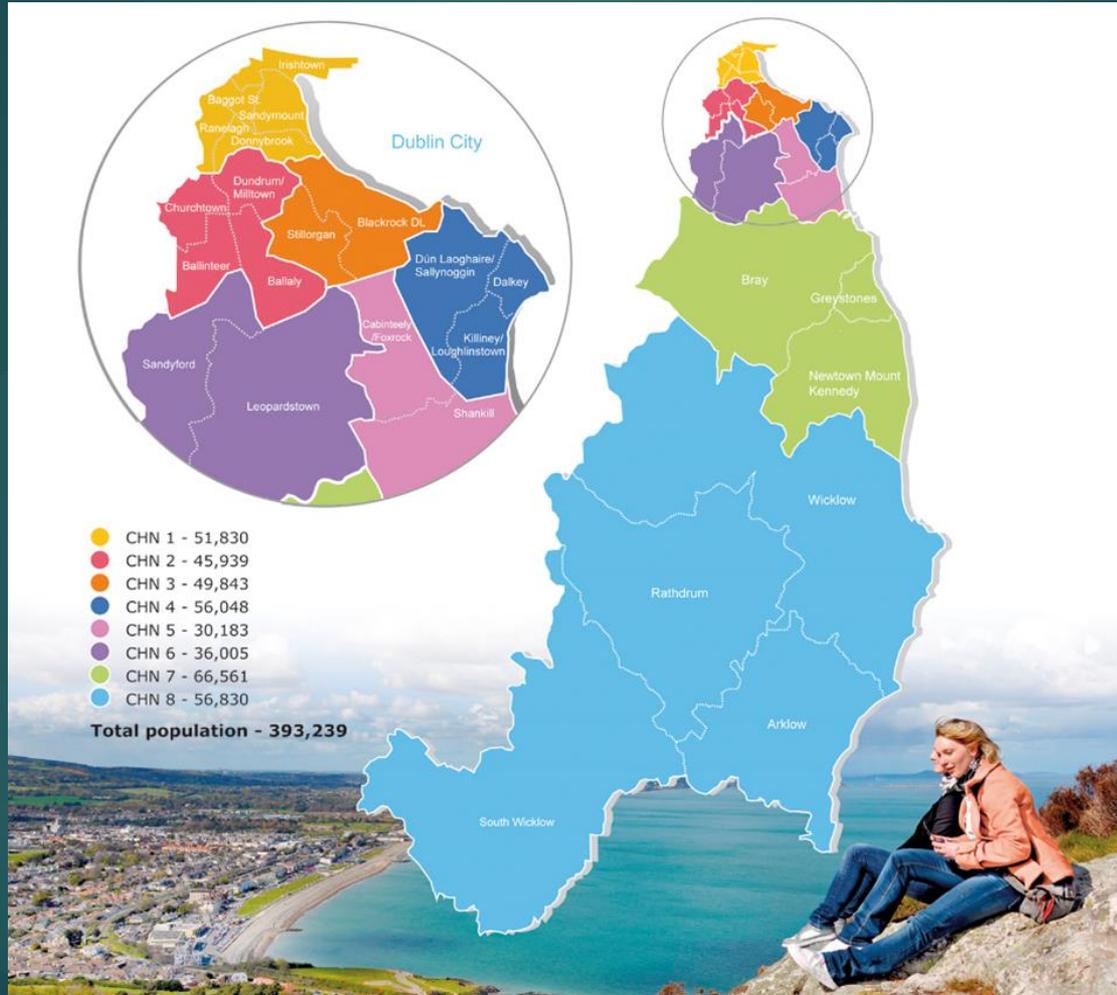
HSE PRESENTATION TO DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL, SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE  
12/04/2021

MARTINA QUEALLY, CHIEF OFFICER AND EMMA SMYTH, HEAD OF SERVICE,  
PRIMARY CARE, ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE EAST

# Community Healthcare East



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# Primary Care Centre Development

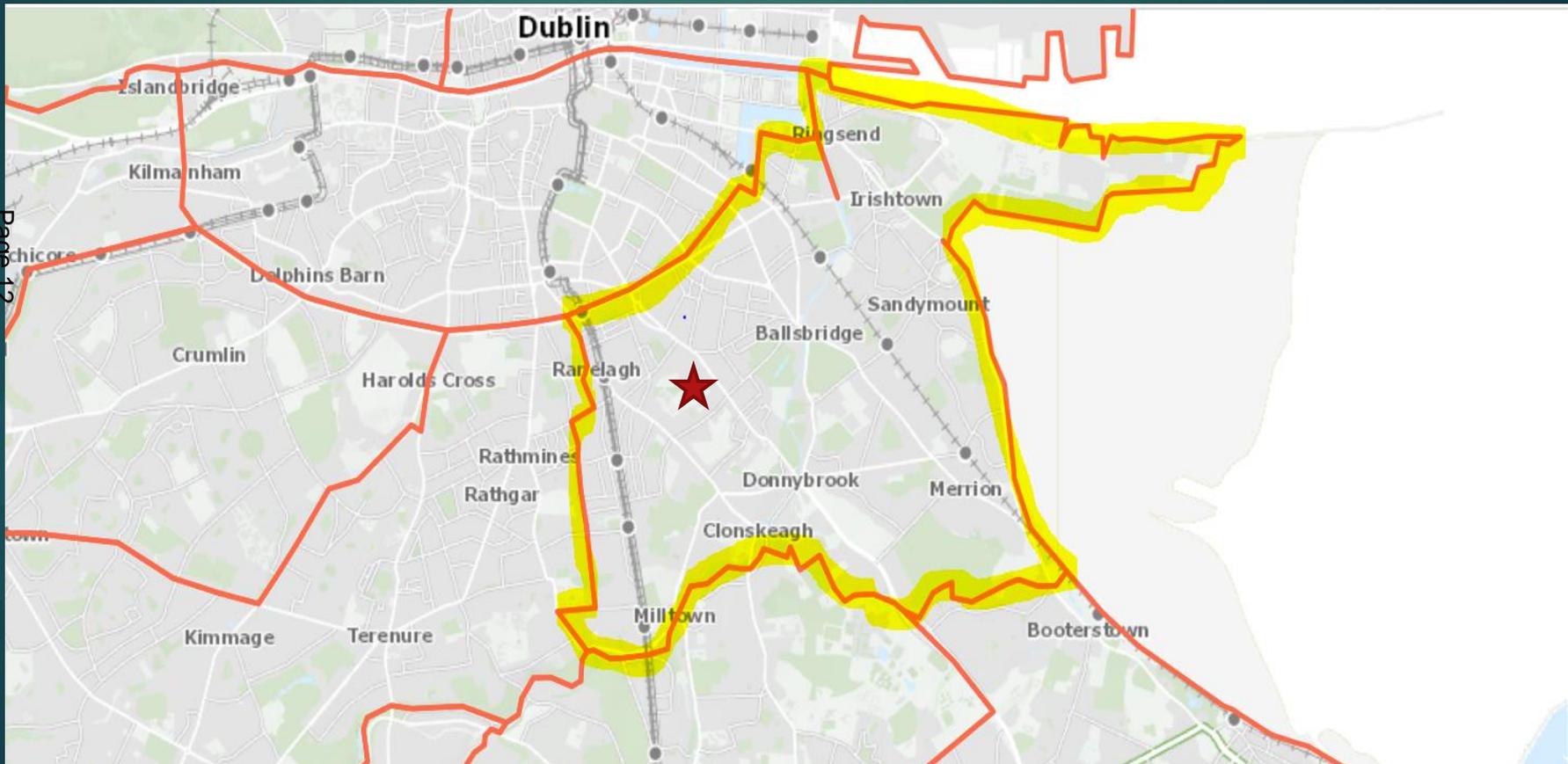


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# Serving the Local Population

Meeting the health and social care needs of the local people in their local Primary Care Centre



# Changing How we meet Local Population Health & Social Care needs

▶ **SláinteCare** healthcare reform

*Right Care, Right Place, Right Time*

**SláinteCare.**  
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▶ Health and Social care services delivered in Primary Care teams in **Community Healthcare Networks**

▶ Focus:

- ▶ 16% People over 65 years (national average 13%)
- ▶ Chronic diseases e.g. cardiovascular disease, diabetes, respiratory
- ▶ 65% of over 65s have 2 or more chronic conditions (need for coordinated care and integrated care)
- ▶ Significant local need for a range of health services, delivered in a team-based, coordinated way

▶ Community Healthcare Network 1

- ▶ Population 51,830 including Ranelagh / Donnybrook population 22,265

# Location

- ▶ Royal Hospital Donnybrook
- ▶ Local, central to the catchment, care close to home
- ▶ Access – pedestrian, N11, Bus corridor, Luas
- ▶ Co-location with RHD (healthcare campus, status/ community awareness, shared values, potential synergies)
- ▶ Proximity to St Vincent's University Hospital, integrated care
- ▶ Land Use Value
- ▶ No other comparable site

# Services to meet local needs



- ▶ **Primary Care Services** – GP, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Psychology, Dietetics, Social Work, Counselling, Dental
- ▶ Lifespan, close to home, multi-disciplinary team
- ▶ **Mental Health** community services
- ▶ **Specialist Integrated Teams (CH East & SVUH)**
  - ▶ **Chronic Disease Management Hub** –Diabetes, Respiratory, Cardiac), Community Diagnostics (including X Ray)
  - ▶ **Older Persons** services
- ▶ **Community Diagnostics**
  - ▶ Including X-Ray, ultrasound, ECG, Spirometry, Phlebotomy etc.

# Resultant Space Requirements



HSE Service	Area Requirements (approximate sq. ft.)
Primary Care: clinic rooms, OT/ Physio gyms, sound proof spaces, wound clinic, group rooms (excluding GP Suite)	26,000
Page 16 Adult Community Mental Health Team: consultation rooms, group rooms, Day Hospital, Outpatients	9,600
Specialist Chronic Disease Hub: CD – clinic rooms, large gyms, education space, Diagnostics – X Ray/ Ultrasound/ ECG/ other, Phlebotomy/ Spirometry	24,000
National Ambulance Service Rapid Deployment Point	160
Shared spaces: waiting areas, office space, changing rooms, etc.	As above
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,000</b>



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021**

- 1 Presentation and Report on Love 30 (30kph speed limit)**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 Presentation on Planning Enforcement Resources**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 3 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2021**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Report on Belmont Traffic Calming Scheme.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 taken with Motions 11, 20, 23.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
  - i. Commemorations Plan 2021.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Sculpture Dublin Update.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - iii. 2021 Draft Parks Works Programme South East Area 2021.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 6 Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
  - i. Report on proposed disposal: four year licence 5 Emor Street to DePaul Ireland.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**

## 7 South East Area Office Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Report on proposed revision to naming and numbering scheme Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.  
**Order: Agreed.**

## 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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

#### **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

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Deferred to April meeting for Les Moore's attendance.**

**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.

**Order: Agreed.**

**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.

**Order: Report noted.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Item 7.i**

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.

**Order: Agreed.**

**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 Síochána, 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 of 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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Item 4.ii, Motions 20 and 23**

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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Agreed. Motion to be forwarded to Mr. Patrick Guinness, Chair of the Iveagh Trust and to the Commemoration and Namings Committee.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Tara Deacy taken with Motion 19**

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 \(dublincity.ie\)](#)
- Consider idea of a citizens' consultation.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Agreed.**

**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.



**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Deferred until planning application appeal period has ended.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Motion 13**

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)

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 20 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Item 4.ii, Motions 11 and 23**

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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 23 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with item 4.ii, Motions 11 and 20**

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.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**9 Questions to the Chief Executive 8th March 2021**  
**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 8 March 2021**

**Attendance:**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions members met remotely.

**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  
Ruairi O'Cuiv  
John Downey  
James Cosgrove  
Rossana Camargo  
William Mangan

John MacEvilly  
Jennifer Wall  
Patricia Reidy  
Michael Noonan  
Liam Hitchcock  
Mary Boyle

Neil O'Donoghue  
Gerald Mc Entaggart  
Claire French  
Karima McKeller  
Andrew Duff  
David Quearney

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can give an update on the study that was reported to us some time ago on the cause of the polluting outflow to the Merrion Strand ( I think this was being done in conjunction with the EPA)

**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 10<sup>9</sup> (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 are 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. The removal of a Combined Sewer Overflow has been fast tracked. 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 contractor has been appointed and works on the ground are now beginning. 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 are 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 are investigating. Some have already been removed.
- Installation of a flow and water quality monitor near the outlet of the Elm Park stream. This gives 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> 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 suspect 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.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager the current status of the Sandymount Village Design Statement and the committee established to work on this.

#### **Reply:**

The Sandymount Village Design Statement (VDS) was adopted in September 2011 after a comprehensive local consultation period. Section 8 of the VDS set out next steps and future VDS projects under the headings of (inter alia) Village Green Enhancement; Cultural, Heritage & Community Events; Flood Risk and Preservation of the Sea Wall and Martello Tower; Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) Designation; Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Measures; Streetscape Enhancements; Village Branding; Greenway & Ecology Trail and Creation of New Public Spaces. It was envisaged that the Steering Committee that was established to prepare the VDS would coordinate the development of these projects.

A report has not been prepared to date on the outcomes of the VDS programme. The steering committee never subsequently met, however, a number of the goals have been achieved or partially achieved, particularly in relation to provision of the new playground in Sean Moore Park, ACA Designation, ongoing Community Section support of local events and a resurgence of an active Tidy Towns Committee. A Conservation & Management Plan for Sandymount Green (Howley Hayes Architects) was produced in 2015 by Park Services. Other goals such as Flood Protection and pedestrian safety are being addressed by the Flood Protection and Water Framework

Directive Division and Roads and Traffic Department of Dublin City Council respectively.

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have a further look to see what measures ( perhaps a new direct from footpath pedestrian entrance) can be taken to improve safety for all at the Dublin City Council car park at Milltown, Dublin 6.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group will liaise with the Parks Department and a report on the matter will be issued in the coming weeks.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for a clean- up of the walkway from Clonskeagh House Pub to Strand Terrace, Milltown along the River Dodder and to ensure that the any fallen trees along that route are removed and that the earthen bank at the Strand Terrace end is cleared and cleaned as it is now a constant source of rats.

**Reply:**

The walkway at this location has been inspected recently and was found to be in good condition. An arborist is currently being sought to remove the fallen tree and this will be undertaken shortly.

The area in front of the cottages at Strand Terrace is not in the charge of Parks Services.

**Q.5 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to have the boxes painted on the corner of Fitzwilliam Quay and Bridge Street or to arrange with the relevant group to have them painted. They are currently covered with graffiti.

**Reply:**

A request to repaint the boxes in question has been forwarded to the appropriate utility company (Eir) for follow up.

**Q.6 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide a timeline for repairs at details supplied. There are reports of serious leaking among other things.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is aware of the outstanding works required at details supplied and has engaged a contractor to carry works out. Works are under way at this time.

**Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if, in advance of the road resurfacing works on Mornington Road, Ranelagh, he will issue a report to me on where double yellow lines are or have previously been agreed and/or implemented on that road and to indicate precisely where such road markings will be reinstated.

**Reply:**

All road marking will be reinstated on completion of resurfacing works by Road Maintenance.

Double yellow lines are located on east side of Ashfield Road starting at the indented parking bay. To extend around the bend on the northside of Mornington Road for 70m to end at the gates of The Mews, Mornington Lodge.

Double yellow lines to commence from a point east of the gates at The Mews, Mornington Lodge. To extend on Northside of Mornington Road to end at No. 46 Mornington Road (excluding any driveways/gates). Where the Pay and Display/Permit Parking bays begin.

Double yellow lines starting at the Pay and Display/Permit Parking Bay Sign opposite No.35 Mornington Road to be extended north to end at start of Pay and Display/Permit Parking Bay opposite No.19 Ashfield Avenue.

Double yellow lines to start at a point north of Ashfield Avenue on north side of Mornington Road to end at the bollards at laneway.

Double yellow lines to start at indent parking bay on east side of Ashfield Road 8m south of junction with Mornington Road. Extend the double yellow lines for 9m to end on south side of Mornington Road to end at the gable wall of No.1 Mornington Road.

**Q.8 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to liaise with Kevin Street Garda Station regarding anti-social behaviour in Portobello Square.

**Reply:**

The Area Office engages proactively on a regular basis with An Garda Siochána in Kevin Street regarding anti-social behaviour in Portobello.

**Q.9 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to contact the ESB regarding damage they caused to the verge on the corner of Pembroke Street and Strand Street in Irishtown. A truck drove onto the grass digging up the verge. Pictures included.



**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to repair this grass verge. We will make contact with ESB in relation to this alleged incident.

The utility company have permission to undertake works in the area and have been advised of the unacceptable damage caused to the grass verge, which was due to car parking on the roadside resulting in the lorry encroaching onto the grass margin.

Repairs will be undertaken following completion of agreed works.

**Q.10 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to attend to the broken and cracked paths in Bremen Avenue. Residents have reported that the tree is cracking the path and that it may also be damaging sewer pipes in the area.

**Reply:**

Please provide location details (e.g. house number) of the tree in question so that the footpath can be examined at this location.

When the locations have been identified DCC Drainage will arrange CCTV surveys of the public sewers to check for any defects, including those caused by tree roots.

**Q.11 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to attend to a pothole in front of the house on details supplied.

**Reply:**

A repair will be carried out here as soon as possible.

**iQ.12 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to install a bollard on the corner of Hogan Avenue and Macken Street. Road users are mounting the footpath to drive up a 1-way street.

**Reply:**

Bollards are not provided on footpaths as a measure to prevent parking as it is illegal to park on a footpath. Illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services Ph.6022500, for enforcement under the law.

Bollards are not recommended as a traffic calming measure, they are generally provided in pedestrian and other areas where there is little or no vertical separation between carriageway and footpath.

**Q.13 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to attend to the shores on South Lotts Road. Residents are reporting blockages causing a build-up of water on the streets.

**Reply:**

The blockages causing the build-up of water on South Lotts Road are the result of two breakages in the pipeline here. The Surface Water and Flood Incident Management Division cleaned 24 of the 26 gullies on this road on 18/12/2020. There is a flattened pipeline opposite Lotts & Co. which floods during heavy rain and there is tar over the gully outside house No.18. Due to ongoing flooding on the road the crew carried out a CCTV Survey of the pipeline in question on 09/02/2021. The repairs highlighted by the survey have been forwarded to the Drainage Services Division for action.

The Drainage Division will schedule these repairs with a view to implementing them as soon as resources/circumstances permit. Advance consultation will be required with both ESB and Gas Networks Ireland on the feasibility of the repairs due to presence of major electricity and gas services at this location.

**Q.14 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to attend to the shores on Macken Street.

**Reply:**

Macken Street is on the list of gully cleaning works for the week of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Should any defects or problems with gullies be identified when they are cleaned they will be passed on to the Drainage Services Division to be repaired.

**Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a resident in Strand Terrace Milltown, Dublin 6.

He writes:

"Firstly there is the issue of the DCC carpark located opposite Wilde & Green. I know the issue of the entrance to this carpark has been raised before and that traffic engineers have said that moving the entrance is not an option but surely there are some traffic calming measures that can be put in place to reduce the speed of the traffic coming down the hill. Due to the nature of the entrance many user don't realise that there is also a lane way there which has led to countless near misses with people entering the carpark at speed without paying any attention to traffic exiting the lane.

The carpark also contains the bottle and clothes banks which in themselves attract a lot of rubbish due to peoples' inability to use them properly. These banks are used extensively and are often full to capacity so it should be arranged that they are emptied more frequently and a "proper" clean up down around them regularly.

This year the earthen bank which separates the carpark from Strand Terrace became infested with rats and had to be laid with poison. Living directly on the river the odd rat is to be expected but the reason that this situation developed is that over the years this bank has been left totally unmaintained. Branches from the trees have been cut and just left underneath and therefore the bank is totally inaccessible to dogs and foxes which would normally keep rat numbers under control.

The river walkway, which has always been popular, has seen an explosion of walkers during lockdown. At a meeting in the Milltown Parish Hall in 2019, which I know a number of you attended, I asked that the council do work on this at least once a year to clear fallen leaves and cut back brambles which encroach on the path and to be fair they did do a job on it shortly afterwards. However this has not been done in the last 12 months and in places the path gets waterlogged due to leaves which by now have turned to mud and once spring arrives the brambles and weeds will once again take off. Also on the upper trail on the Clonskeagh Bridge end of the river walk a large branch has fallen from a tree located in Scully's field and has been obstructing the pathway for at least the last 6 months.

My daily dog walk takes me across the river into Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown territory and I look enviously at their large compacting bins and wildflower areas and wonder why DCC is so far behind the curve. Milltown has so many green areas that would be perfect for conversion to wildflower meadow.

If it were not for the Dodder Action Group and their regular clean ups I wouldn't like to know what the litter situation in the area would be like. The bin at the bus stop is constantly overflowing and is not adequate for the area. Residents have learned to leave their bins out for the shortest amount of time possible as they will inevitably be used as a public bin.

As residents we cut the grass on the terrace and clean up all the fallen leaves in the autumn and take pride in our area but as households that pay property tax we do expect some level of input from the council too."

**Reply:**

The area at Stand Terrace is not in the charge of Parks.

There are substantial areas of wilding/wildflower/ bulb planting undertaken throughout the South East Area in the promotion of biodiversity in the city. Some bulb plating has been undertaken in the Milltown area and additional sites will be considered in 2021.

The area engineer will carry out an assessment of the issues raised by the Councillor in relation to the Dublin City Council car park on Strand Terrace.

**Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to inform the committee when flood protection measures will be completed on the wall adjacent to the RDS, Ballsbridge. How much has been spent on this to date? Does this complete the flood alleviation measures from Ringsend to Anglesea Bridge, Donnybrook? What has been the overall cost of the project?

**Reply:**

The structural works to the RDS will be completed Q2 2021. The in-stream river rehabilitation works can only commence in May due to restrictions for migrating fish. These works should take two months to complete. The works for this section are budgeted at €1.2million.

There is a section of flood works at Donnybrook RFC that have not been completed yet. They are part of advanced works for the Dodder Greenway. This package has gone to tender with contract award due this month. The contract period for this contract is 10 months. There are partial flood defences in along this area currently, prior to the main works, which are funded by the NTA.

The overall cost for the completed tidal section is €21.5m and for Phase 2c, 2d and 2e from Ballsbridge to the lower Smurfit weir is €21m. Both figures are inclusive of VAT. This includes OPW, NTA, Lansdowne Stadium and estimates of private developments include the Catholic Church.

There is a further section from Clonskeagh to Bushy Park currently at feasibility stage.

**Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to outline progress on the flood defences on the promenade walls at Sandymount with a timeline for completion giving details of the various steps in the process.

**Reply:**

Full part 8 planning permission is now in place for construction of Phase 1, Sandymount Promenade and it is programmed to start in Q3 of this year.

The delays experienced so far are as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The OPW, who will be the contractor on this project, had to stop all site work during the first lockdown in March 2020. Their work is now deemed essential and they are working through the backlog the first lockdown caused.

The steps involved in Phase 1 of these are Flood Defence Works are:

The raising the existing sea wall located at the back of footpath (on Strand Road) from south of the Martello Tower to the northern tip of the existing promenade, by a maximum of 360mm.

Construction of a reinforced concrete wall around the sea side of the Martello Tower.

The installation of flood defence barriers within 11 pedestrian and vehicular entrances along the entire length of the promenade.  
The repair and refurbishment work to the existing sea wall where required.  
Construction is expected to last 12 months.

**Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

As can be seen from the accompanying photo, the road surface on Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook is disintegrating and is in a hazardous condition. Despite requests over the years for action, none has been forthcoming. Can the manager address this as a matter of urgency? See pic below.



**Reply:**

On inspection, Morehampton Lane was found to have a considerable number of failed trench reinstatements and would merit resurfacing. It was considered for our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme but was not included due to budgetary constraints. It will be prioritised for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

How many electric vehicle charging bays have been designated in the Pembroke electoral area and location? How does the pricing system operate?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

Whilst the final draft report is being finalised we are also making submissions to ESBN in relation to connection solutions as well as other players in this space to ensure that

we provide the best possible customer experience for the City and across the Metropolitan area in line with international experience, rapidly changing technology and available resources.

We hope to be in a position to respond more fully in the near future.

**Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how many casual trading pitches are vacant in the South East Area and how many individuals are on the waiting list for casual trading licences?

**Reply:**

The following lists the designated pitches and details of waiting lists in the South East area:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Waiting list</b>
Anne Street South	1 pitch (taken)	6
Baggot Street Lower	1 pitch (taken)	2
Barnardo Square	2 pitches vacant	1
Camden Street	11 pitches (9 taken, 2 vacant)	7
Chatham Street	2 pitches (taken)	0
College Green	2 pitches (taken)	10
Coppinger Row	2 pitches (vacant)	0
Duke Street	3 pitches (taken)	7
Fade Street	1 pitch (taken)	0
Fishamble Street	1 pitch (vacant)	3
Grafton Street (top of)	1 pitch (vacant)	5
Harold's Cross Road	4 pitches (3 taken, 1 vacant)	0
Harry Street	2 pitches (taken)	0
Lemon Street	1 pitch (taken)	5
Merrion Square railings	224 pitches (92) vacant	83
St. Patrick's Park railings	10 pitches (vacant)	2

As part of the review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws all pitches are being inspected to ensure their viability going forward taking into account sufficient social distancing measures. When this exercise is complete offers will be made from the waiting lists.

**Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager request the BIDS Company We Are Dublin Town to issue a full clear statement with regards rates payments under suspension during the Covid-19 measures?

**Reply:**

The rates waiver schemes as applied in 2020 and 2021 applies to certain categories of ratepayers. While the levying and collection of BID contributions is facilitated by Dublin City Council through the Rates Office functions, BID contributions are not rates and the relevant businesses are the sponsoring party for the BID scheme.

Accordingly, BID contribution levies are not entitled to receive a credit in lieu of commercial rates. The management and collection of the BID levy is a matter for the BID Company.

**Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the progress of the acquisition of apartments at Charlemont Square that are to be acquired for social housing purposes under the public private partnership agreement that underpinned this development?

**Reply:**

Under the Public Private Partnership, the City Council entered into an Option Agreement which allows the council to purchase 15 units in Block 4 of Charlemont Square.

15 units have been identified for purchase and units are due for completion in September/October 2021, subject to current restrictions on construction sites.

The council will enter into negotiations with the developer in relation to acquisition costs for the units in the coming months.

**Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the removal and reinstatement of the statues that were removed from the Shelbourne hotel? This report to include all correspondence with the hotel. All evaluation of parts of damage to the statues and a full conservation assessment of the historical figures. Also, the reasons why prosecutions or penalties were not imposed with regards the unlawful actions of the hotel in removing the statues in the first place without permission.

**Reply:**

Complaints were received on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 in respect of the removal of the statues outside the Shelbourne Hotel. A warning letter was issued by the Planning Enforcement Section on the owners/management of the Hotel outlining the allegation contained in the complaints. The owner's Planning Consultants engaged with the Planning Enforcement Section within the 4 weeks outlined in the e-mail indicating that the owners were considering the implications of the warning letter and requesting a further period to make a substantive response. The Planning Enforcement Section granted a further period of 4 weeks in order to allow for this. The owner's planning consultant subsequently sent in a letter indicating that it was their intention to reinstate the statues concerned but that the statues required specialised conservation work to be carried out on them in advance of their reinstatement, works which would take time to complete. In this regard a Section 5 referral was lodged with Dublin City Council on behalf of the owner of the Shelbourne Hotel with a detailed conservation method statement requesting an exemption certificate for: "Reinstatement and conservation of 4 no. statue candelabra as per attached method statement / impact assessment". The request for a Section 5 exemption certificate was fully assessed following which the certificate of exemption to carry out the works and associated reinstatement was approved by Dublin City Council.

The statues were subsequently reinstated to the satisfaction of Dublin City Council and the enforcement file on the matter was closed.

No prosecution was considered as the owner of the property cooperated in full with Dublin City Council following the issuing of the Warning Letter at the start of the process.

**Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager as a matter of urgency have the road surface repaired at Sir John Rogerson's Quay? The road here is seriously dilapidated and is extremely unsafe for all road users as well as pedestrians. There is an urgent need for action here as this is a serious accident waiting to happen on such a busy road.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Sir John Rogerson's Quay was found to have a considerable number of trench reinstatements and temporary pothole repairs. It merits resurfacing particularly between Macken Street and Blood Stoney Road junctions and will be prioritised for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager liaise with DCC Traffic Department with regards the linking up of the parking apps that are used throughout the city with the parking facilities that are offered in the Docklands area that is controlled by a private company APCOA? It is time that all parking applications in the city were compatible, particularly in the Docklands area.

**Reply:**

Enquiries will be made to see if the systems can be adapted to provide cross functionality.

**Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager put forward the staff of the bring centre Ringsend for a special Lord Mayor's award? Many constituents have contacted me about how wonderful the staff are at this bring centre. It is important that such works be recognised.

**Reply:**

Your suggestion has been forwarded to the Lord Mayor for her consideration.

**Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager write to the OPW with regards the constant cycling taking place in St. Stephen's Green and on the footpaths around St. Stephen's Green? Action needs to be taken here as many elderly people who use this park for walks and use the foot paths in the evening time are terrified of being knocked down by speeding cyclists. There have already been accidents that I have been made aware of.

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office forwarded the councillor's request to the OPW for direct reply on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

**Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the media reports the Peter Mc Verry Trust and their involvement in a passport for cash scheme? This report to include whether DCC regional homeless executive was aware of this and for how long. Also were there any other organisations involved with DCC Regional Homeless Executive who were operating such a scheme?

**Reply:**

This matter refers to the Irish Government's Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP) led by the Department of Justice. This programme was introduced by the Irish Government in 2012 to encourage inward investment for the creation of business and employment opportunities in the state. The IIP is designed to encourage investors and business professionals from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) to avail of opportunities of investing and locating their business interests in Ireland and acquire a secure residency status in Ireland. The scheme does not provide applicants with citizenship or passports.

The programme offers four investment options for potential investors: Enterprise Investments, Investment Funds, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) and Endowments. Alongside Crumlin Children's Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, Tallaght Hospital, Barretstown, Trinity College, NUI Galway and other organisations, the Peter McVerry Trust participates in the endowment option whereby a philanthropic donation is made that is of public benefit to the arts, sports, health, culture or education in Ireland.

To date I understand that a total €826 million has been invested in Ireland through the IIP for social housing, health care facilities and nursing homes. 3,500 social housing units have been funded under the scheme throughout the country and in 2020 the McVerry Trust benefited from an application to fund a small number of social housing units in the Mid-East part of the country, valued at €1.6M which represents 0.2% of this Department of Justice, state-led scheme. Dublin City Council/DRHE would welcome any investment that contributes to the supply of social housing.

**Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate the safe school zone traffic scheme at St. Enda's National School, Whitefriar Street as a matter of urgency? This is a very busy school with many schoolchildren. The busy traffic in this area is extremely dangerous for the young children here.

**Reply:**

We have not received a School Zone request from St. Enda's Primary School at Whitefriar Street.

Our Schools Outreach Officers will assess if the school is in an appropriate location for the School Zone treatment and if so, will contact the school directly to see if they are interested in making an application. Please note, requests must be completed by the school Principal.

Further information and link to request form can be found at: <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/1cf2bdad/>

**Q.30 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if Roads Maintenance will survey the condition of Fortfield Road and take on its repair. As the enquirer notes it is on the boundary of the SDCC and DCC so they feel it is neglected somewhat. It is stated in the enquiry that it had some minor remedial repair a few years back which really was substandard and has not stood up to the test of time. Is it possible the Road Maintenance division to include a re-surfacing of this road its budget for 21/22?

**Reply:**

On inspection, Fortfield Road was found to have a number of historic trench reinstatements and the surface asphalt aggregate is exposed on a number of sections of the roadway. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be considered for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.31 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if Planning Enforcement can address a resident of Effra Road in connection with ongoing building work, a new build, at approximately number 17 Kenilworth Lane. Resident states that he contacted the Gardaí at both 9am and 1pm to say that this building site was in full operation with 4 to 5 workers involved. They assured him that they would send a car to investigate.

Construction continued 17 Feb and enquirer requests representation to the Gardaí due to breach of COVID regulations.

**Reply:**

The enforcement of the construction shut-down under the Covid Health Regulations and the interpretation of any associated exemptions is a matter for An Garda Síochána to enforce and determine. Dublin City Council has no role in respect of the enforcement of the regulations at this location, insofar as can be ascertained. We will, however, request that an enforcement officer inspects the site to see what is going on.

**Q.32 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager, if it is amenable and possible to start enforcing the rules on the signs outside Stannaway Park that all dogs should be on leads.

**Reply:**

The issue as outlined above has been referred on to the Control of Dogs Section and a request for a visit by the Dog Warden has been made.

**Q.33 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager, if the NTA new Greenway bridge cycle route into Bushy Park is a new cycle route through a Dublin City Council park wherein cycling is not allowed due to the danger on people and young children walking on the same routes. If cycling is not permitted, can DCC provide notices about the danger cyclists would cause in the park with pedestrians. The local resident states "A couple of years ago Dublin City Council removed the Bye Laws signs to the entrance of Bushy Park. Since then cyclists have incrementally entered the park putting the public at risk. These Bye Laws either exist or they don't.

[Resident/enquirer] wrote to the Parks Division of DCC and the CEO of the Council requesting that these signs be reinstated as a matter of urgency. The PA of the CEO responded just to say that a Care with Share sign would be installed. An Garda Síochána were cc'd in his email.

**Reply:**

There is a dedicated cycle route in place within in the park, which runs parallel to Templeogue Road, and has been in place for some time without any incident. There is no record of 'No Cycling' signs having been removed from the park as stated.

'Share with Care' signs, advising the public to cycle responsibly, and similar to those installed successfully elsewhere in Parks in the city, will be installed over the coming weeks, and before the opening of the Dodder Greenway.

**Q.34 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if Traffic and Roads and Parks Department would survey the Terenure Road North area and assess the possibility of providing planting barrels beyond the footpath in order for cafes and shops to provide residents with seating and tables for eating outdoors during the extended COVID Lockdown, in which the cycle lanes and customer parking and traffic will be narrowed.

**Reply:**

The Area Office has reviewed this location and considers that there is limited opportunity for outdoor dining here. However, if hospitality businesses who are interested in using space within the public realm for outdoor seating contact the Street Furniture Unit, their requests will be assessed.

**Q.35 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Residents from Fortfield Road, Terenure have been in contact to express their concerns about the condition of the road surface. Is this road listed for works this year and if not can it be included? It is dire need of repair.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Fortfield Road was found to have a number of historic trench reinstatements and the surface asphalt aggregate is exposed on a number of sections of the roadway. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be considered for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.36 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager, regarding the Cabbage Garden, to ask 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 with the South East Area Office, to progress the rejuvenation of the Cabbage Garden for the betterment of all stakeholders.

**Reply:**

The Parks Service carries out daily clean-ups and has implemented a range of improvements to the Cabbage Garden and environs to support the public consultation held in 2019. This has included crown lifting of street trees, removal of unsightly tree guards, repair of pavements damaged by tree roots and the up grading of tree pits with a resin overlay which will be done as soon as Covid restrictions permit. A tender for the re-surfacing of the all-weather pitch has also been advertised and it is hoped to have this work completed in the next couple of months as Covid restrictions permit.

The Cabbage Garden has a good network of footpaths, good specimen tree planting and an undulating topography which is good for informal play. Some other interventions to improve informal and natural play opportunities are also being considered by the Play Development Officer. There are no other significant design interventions required in the open space and a 'masterplan' for the garden is therefore not warranted. The garden is generally in good condition with the exception of persistent dumping of household refuse.

The most significant issue with the Cabbage Garden is the conservation and protection of the headstones and ledgers because the 'garden' is an old burial ground. This will be included for consideration in a Burial Places Strategy in preparation by the Parks Service in consultation with the City Archaeologist. However, similar to other such sites (e.g. Wolfe Tone Park, St. Kevin's Park) there is no easy low cost solution.

Cathedral Lane, which is not part of the open space, does require upgrading with a mural or other similar treatment. The wall in question, however is not public property but the Area Office could facilitate an agreement with the landowner and seek the support and advice of the Arts Office to achieve a mural. In addition the former community garden could be rejuvenated if the residents are willing to participate in its maintenance. If so, the Parks Service would support with ground preparation and provide advice but the community engagement in the first instance has to be by the Area Office.

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services has and will continue to support any reasonable initiatives in relation to the Cabbage Garden.

**Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager could he please consider installing traffic lights at the junction of York Street, Whitefriar Place and Aungier Street. It can be difficult for vehicles to turn onto Aungier Street here, especially when there are cars parked in the loading bay outside the funeral directors as they make it very hard to see cars and cyclists coming down the road making it quite dangerous.

**Reply:**

A pedestrian crossing is operating on Aungier Street north of Whitefriar Place, as Aungier Street is a bus route priority, measures are in place at this pedestrian crossing to assist public transport users and improve journey time reliability. The operation of signalised junctions across the city have been revised during the COVID health emergency, in order to reduce the wait time for pedestrians waiting for the green man to cross the road, resulting in shorter phase times (green time) for cars.

The lower cycle length measures at this location are to stop the build-up of pedestrians at junctions and to reduce the pedestrian wait times which assists the public in observing social distancing guidelines.

The green man signal is frequently demanded by pedestrians. With the pedestrian crossing demanded, along with the yellow box on Aungier Street, vehicles can exit Whitefriar Place onto Aungier Street and York Road.

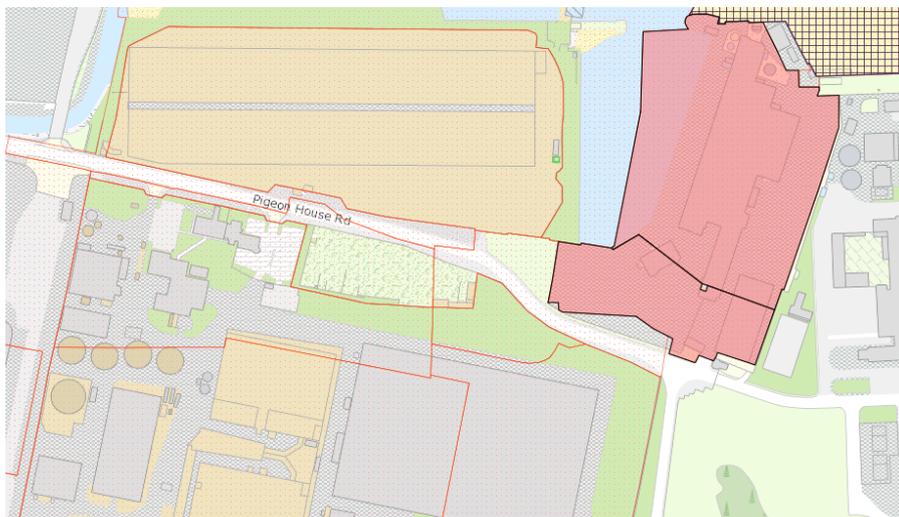
**Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a map detailing all of Dublin City Council's land holdings on the Poolbeg Peninsula, and can he provide a status update on each of the holdings.

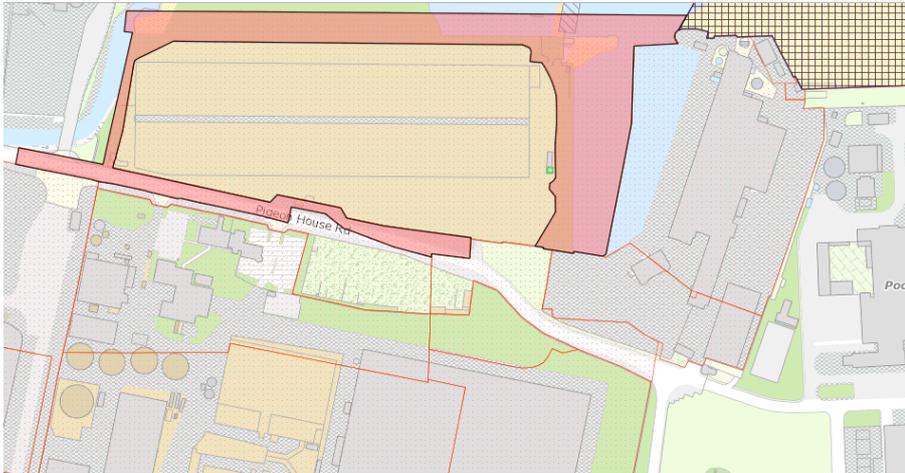
**Reply:**

The following lands on the Poolbeg Peninsula are in the ownership of Dublin City Council:

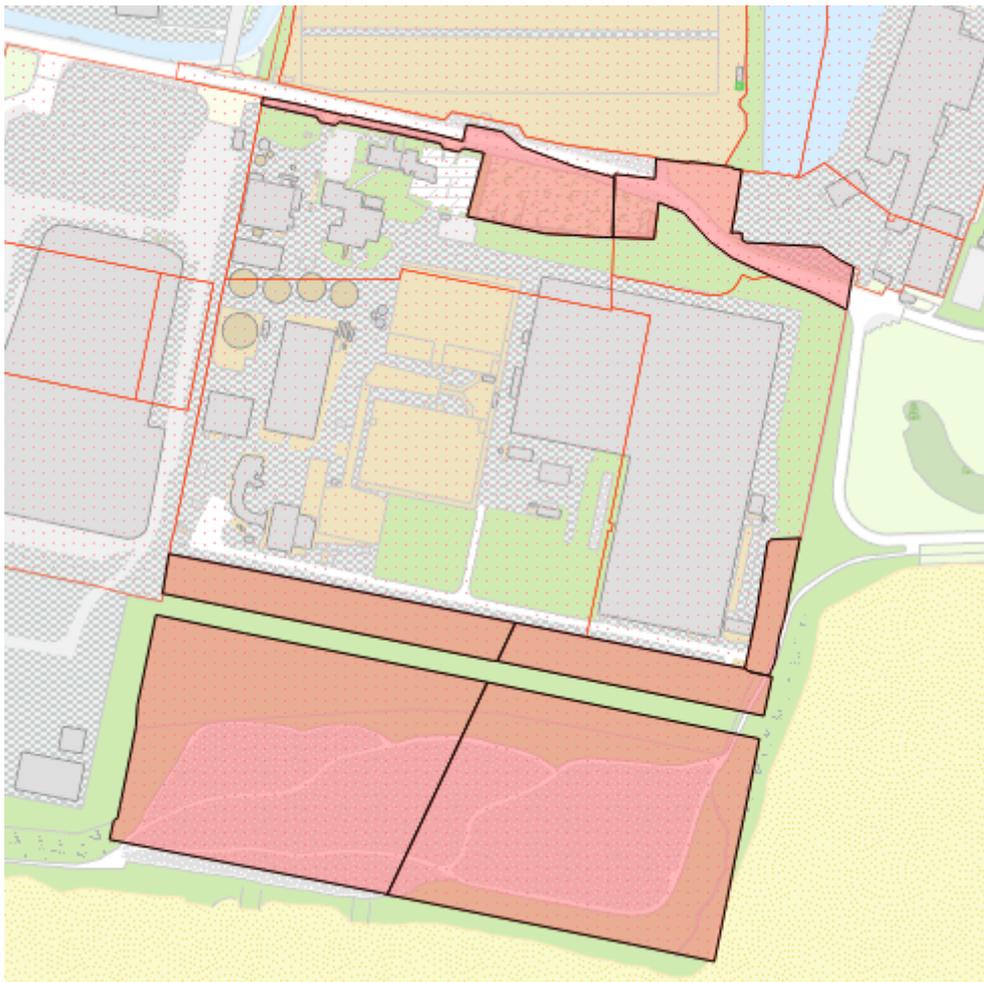
1. **Pigeon House Power Station and Hotel Site.** The closing date for the Stage 2 tenders for development proposals for this site closed on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021. An evaluation team will now be assembled to choose a preferred bidder.



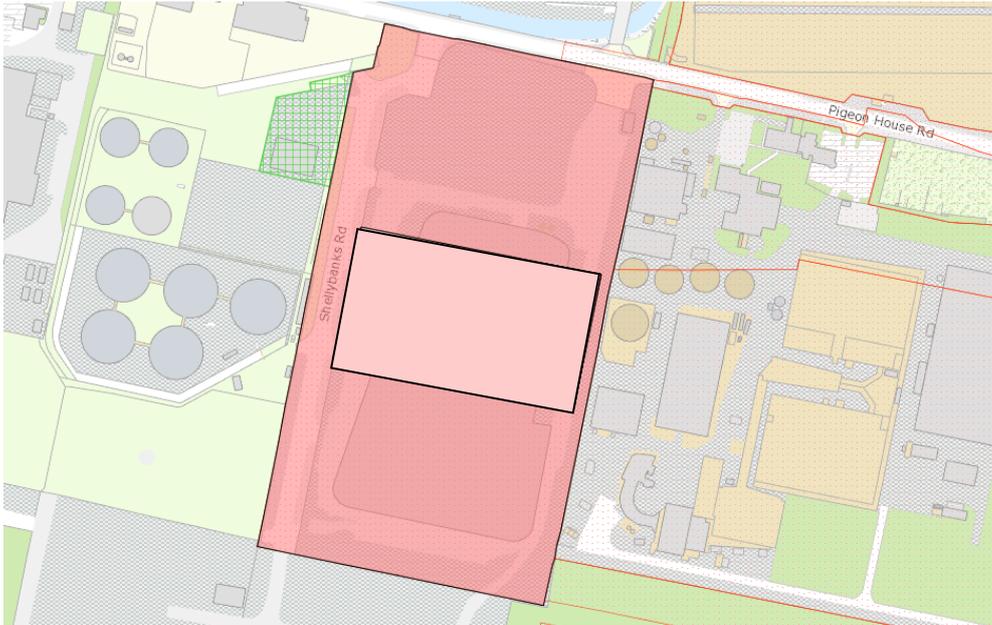
2. **Land west of Pigeon House Power Station and north of Pigeon House Road.** This land comprises open space surrounding the Treatment Works wastewater tanks and part of the Pidgeon House roadway.



3. **Land north, south and south-east of the Treatment Plant.** This land comprises for the most part the Irishtown Nature reserve with the remainder being open space and part of the roadway on the north and south of the treatment plant.



4. **Waste to Energy Facility** – Operated by Covanta but ownership of the land was retained by DCC.



**Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the replanting of Merrion Square, including how many trees have been replanted to date. How many are left to replant?

**Reply:**

As part of the Merrion Square Conservation Plan a total of 134 trees have now been planted in the park. Trees species planted include flowering Cherry, Apple, Magnolia and Snowy Mespilus, ornamental trees , Sweet Gum, Persian Ironwood, Dove Tree and larger specimen trees, Walnut, Oak, Beech, Sycamore, and Plane trees. Evergreen trees planted include Strawberry tree, Cedar, Redwood and Yew. Additional tree planting will take place as required. However, the main focus now is on planting the woody shrub, perennial and bulb understory. This planting will be scheduled as soon as the existing Covid-19 work related restrictions are lifted.

**Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please respond to the following queries regarding details supplied and if there are permissions in place for the following activity:

- Placing cardboard advertising over fixed concrete bollards adjacent to the premises
- Using (**details supplied:**) for outdoor seating
- Providing delivery service up until 9pm - is this permitted under current licence?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council does not issue permits for the use of the type of sleeve advertising referred to here. The owner of the premises sought permission for these items, and was advised that their use should not impede pedestrians. This location was inspected on 24<sup>th</sup> February and it was considered that these sleeves presented no obvious impediment to pedestrians accessing the laneway. They are also easily removed, if required.

This premises has a Temporary Seating Permit to place furniture on the laneway at the side and in a parking space to the front of the premises.

The conditions of this permit refer only to the seating arrangement. The issue of a delivery service is outside the scope of this permit.

**Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the mending of glass on the bridge across the Dodder at Londonbridge Road/ Bath Avenue.

**Reply:**

It is planned to carry out a repair to the glass panels in advance of the Euro Football Championships this summer. If there is further vandalism on the panels, then approval will be sought to place steel infill panels in lieu of glass.

**Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the redesign of the pedestrian and cycling shared space at Grand Canal Dock. Redesign work was started back in 2018 but there has been no progress since.

**Reply:**

The design development of the scheme was put on hold due to unavailability of funding. The project has been allocated funding by the NTA in 2021, as part of the 5-Year Plan. It is anticipated that further development of the design will be progressed in 2021.

**Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the provision of public drinking water fountains in the South East Inner City funding for which was agreed in the 2019 Council budget.

**Reply:**

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

**Contact:**

Mary Taylor, Director of Services, South City, tel.: 2225012, email: [mary.taylor@dublincity.ie](mailto:mary.taylor@dublincity.ie)

**Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist details supplied with finding a new home. She is currently living in her mother's overcrowded flat and has to share a bed with her 8 year old son.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 04/09/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsizes</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area M	2	40

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

It is noted on the applicants file that she was previously unsuccessful in obtaining a medical priority in 2018, it is further noted that the applicant requested and was posted a medical priority application form in November 2020, this application has not been returned for consideration.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant.

The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme. It is noted on the applicants file that she was previously issued a HAP pack in July 2020.

Furthermore, the applicant may wish to increase her areas of choice, it would be advised to the applicant, that by increasing her areas of choice, it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday to Friday via phone 2pm – 5pm) to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

**Q.45 Councillor Tara Deacy**

The issues associated with 'kissing gates' were discussed at the January Local Area Committee meeting. Has there been any further input or research in terms of accessibility for those who are not in a position to access parks due to the restrictive nature of such gates?

**Reply:**

The proposal is to explore this issue using the BETA Project process and it is at an early initiation stage, including forming a suitable team to research the topic and potential solutions.

As the research and project develop, it will be made public on [www.dccbета.ie](http://www.dccbета.ie) and by using the @DCCbeta social media channels.

**Q.46 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Could I get a list of the COVID mobility measures in terms of planned adjusted footpaths, safe school zones etc. for the South East Area?

**Reply:**

**Belmont Avenue**

A works programme is currently being finalised for Belmont Avenue. Works will include the installation of Pedestrian Crossings and traffic calming measures.

**Strand Road Cycle Route Trail**

Advance works, including works at the pedestrian crossings and roundabouts, for the installation of the cycle route began on February 15, with the cycle lane due to open at the end of March, 2021. However, the High Court ruling on February 26<sup>th</sup>, granted a stay which required Dublin City Council to halt work on the project. A number of minor works have to be completed for safety reasons but otherwise DCC have stopped the installation of the route and any other works including any changes to statutory signs etc.

Dublin City Council believes that the works here are in compliance with Government Guidelines, in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) and in compliance with the City Council development plan and hopes that the case itself may be heard at earliest opportunity so that the works can recommence.

**Pedestrianisation of a number of streets in the Grafton Street Area**

The timetable for the implementation of the pedestrianisation of Drury Street, South William Street, St, Anne Street and Dame Court will align instead with the restrictions being eased.

### School Zones

Twenty-one Schools in the SEA have applied for School Zones. Nine are complete and 8 are at the design phase. Ten of the schools who applied self-report as being in 50km/h zones

	<b>School</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Self-reported 50km/h</b>
1	St Louis Senior Primary School, Leinster Rd, Rathmines, D 6	Complete	
2	Scoil Iosagain, Aughavannagh Rd, Crumlin, Drimnagh, D12	Complete	
3	Star Of The Sea, Leahy Terrace, Sandymount, D4	Complete	
4	Bunscoil Synge Street, Saint Kevin's, Dublin	Complete	
5	St Louis Infant School, Williams Park, Rathmines	Complete	
6	John Scottus NS, Northumberland Rd, Ballsbridge, D4	Complete	
7	Shellybanks Educate Together Seafort Ave, D4	Complete	
8	St Harold's Cross Primary School, Clareville Road Harold's Cross	Complete	
9	Scoil Mológa, Clareville Road, Harold's Cross	Complete	Yes, 30 during school hours.
10	Stratford College, Zion Rd, Rathgar,	Design	Yes
11	Stratford National School, Zion Rd Rathgar	Design	Yes
12	Harold's Cross Educate Together , Harold's Cross Rd 6W	Design	Yes
13	St Clare's Convent National School, Harold's Cross Rd, 6W	Design	Yes
14	St Matthews NS, Cranfield Place Sandymount, D4	Design	
15	Scoil Una Naofa , Crumlin D12	Design	Yes
16	Ranelagh Multidenominational, Old Mount Pleasant Place Ranelagh, D6	Design	Yes

17	Scoil Chaitriona Baggot Street , D2	Design	
18	Scoil Mhuire Gilford Road, Sandymount, D4	Designed - Application Withdrawn	
19	Scoil Eoin, Armagh Rd, Crumlin, D12	To be assessed	Yes
20	City Quay National School, Gloucester Street South, D2	To be assessed	Yes
21	Kildare Place School , Upper Rathmines Rd , D6	To be assessed	Yes

The 8 schools at the design stage, by the technical teams in Dublin City Council and AECOM Consultancy, are subject to final consultation with school Principals and the NTA before they are scheduled for installation.

While the 10 schools self-reporting as being in a 50 km/h zones cannot receive a full School Zone, they are being considered for some elements of the School Zone treatment and further design.

**Q.47 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Residents of Priory Road/Larkfield in Harold's Cross have been in touch about the condition of the kerbing & dish entrances to the green situated on Priory Square.

It has come to my attention that electronic wheelchair users cannot mount the pavement due to the poor levelling of the dishes. One lady in particular uses the public road to move around the green which is dangerous as the road area is a busy rat run during evening traffic time.

In addition she cannot enter the green further disrupting her quality of life and enjoyment of the amenity. Can Dublin City Council send out the local inspector or disability officer to look at the matter further? Photos are available if needed.

**Reply:**

Please forward contact details for the wheelchair user referred to so that we can liaise with her directly to achieve the best solution.

**Q.48 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the "Malton Trail" information boards, such as the one outside the Rates Building could be repaired and put back into use.

**Reply:**

James Malton's views of Dublin provide a unique insight into the architecture and social history of the late Georgian city and the Malton Trail is an important asset of heritage interpretation for the city. It is intended that a systematic review of the Malton Trail will be carried out.

This review will:

Assess suitability of locations of all existing Malton Trail signs,

Assess current condition of signage structures and information panels, and identify any gaps.

The review will also investigate the historical information on each panel as it is anticipated these the panels will be fully revised in due course.

**Q.49 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the issues at details attached can be rectified.

**Reply:**

Clarification was sought from the councillor. A report will be provided within two weeks of its receipt.

**Q.50 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager for an update on the proposed ramps on Ovoca Road, Portobello.

**Reply:**

The area engineer will carry out a speed survey on Ovoca Road. Based on the results, a decision will be made on whether traffic calming measures are necessary.

**Q.51 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to have the many street lights which are not working by the East Link toll bridge fixed. There are lot of pedestrians crossing this busy road including members of a rowing club, sailing club and many other users of the road.

**Reply:**

Works were carried out in the last few weeks on the streetlights on the East Link Toll Bridge and they should all be operating normally now.

**Q.52 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to outline how many time in the past year that the incinerator at Poolbeg has breached its allowable emissions and to what extent.

**Reply:**

During the operational period for 2020, there were 4 Emission Limit Value (ELV) breaches in total at the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility. Each of these was notified to the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the requirements of the licence. The details of each of the ELV breaches are outlined in table below.

<b>Line</b>	<b>Date of Incident</b>	<b>Nature of ELV</b>	<b>Duration minutes</b>	<b>EU Ambient Air Quality Standards Compliant</b>
Line 2	12/4/2020	TOC	30	Yes
Line 1	27/06/2020	TOC	30	Yes
Line 1	31/10/2020	TOC	30	Yes
Line 2	22/10/2020	TOC	60 (2x 30 min)	Yes

It is noted that both Lines 1 and 2 remained 99.9% compliant for 2020 regarding emissions to air and in addition as set out in the reports issued to the EPA - at all times during these events, the EU ambient air quality standards remained compliant and therefore no pollution resulted.

**Q.53 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager what response he will issue to this couple in their email to email to me set out below re Strand Road trial:

I note that from March 1st there will be 2-way traffic between Merrion Gates and St. Alban's Park maintained temporarily until the works on Merrion Road are complete. Will this "local traffic" be confined to "residents only" or will St. Alban's Park be used as a rat run for motorists to reach Sandymount Village? And when the cycle route is complete, how will I access my house in St. Alban's Park from Merrion Road?

My husband and I are aged late seventies/eighties and haven't been on a bike since we were in our sixties. Sandymount / Merrion has good public transport facilities - but since the pandemic and the cut back in DART and buses, I have stood on a platform for 45 minutes in the freezing cold for a train that usually arrives in 10 minutes, and waited at a bus stop for a bus that never turned up at all ! I have now reverted to the car.

**Reply:**

As part of the trial, Strand Road will be two way between St. Alban's and Merrion Gates for 2 - 3 weeks. This is to assist those living in that section access northbound as the new right turn will not be in place from the 1st of March. It will be the traffic only from their neighbours in that section that will be using it.

Due to the High Court Stay that was issued on February 26<sup>th</sup>, this did not come into effect as planned on the 1st of March.

**Q.54 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager address the security within the Maxwell Court complex, Rathmines as the CCTV is currently in place but not working and can he look at installing home alarms including personal alarms for each resident as there has been a number of serious break-ins within the complex in recent times?

**Reply:**

The CCTV system in Maxwell Court was installed many years ago and has not been functioning for a number of years. We will have it inspected by our CCTV contractor to see if it can be repaired but it is quite likely that the system is outdated and beyond repair. Unfortunately there is no funding available to replace the system and any repairs will be dependent on the costs.

A pull chord emergency alarm system is already in place in the complex. A pilot project is currently underway in one of our Senior Citizens' complexes which will see these pull chord systems replaced with a pendant alarm which tenants will be able to carry around with them. If the pilot is successful it will be rolled out to all our Senior Citizens' complexes.

**Q.55 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager arrange for the windows to be replaced and the dampness issue addressed in the council property at details supplied as every window in the dwelling is broken in some way and the dampness has gotten out of control?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has made arrangements for a contractor to call and inspect the windows and carry out repairs/replacements if necessary. The report of dampness will be examined by Dublin City Council.

**Q.56 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager arrange for the ongoing problem with the drains outside details supplied be addressed as a matter of urgency as the shore at the front of the house is constantly becoming blocked, the resident was informed by a council staff member

that the problem is due to the fact that the sewerage pipe, that services 7 houses along this stretch of road, was laid incorrectly.

**Reply:**

Details supplied is on the list of gully cleaning works for the week of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Should any defects or problems with gullies be identified when they are cleaned they will be passed on to the Drainage Services Division to be repaired.

**Q.57 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager provide me with a definite timeframe as to when new windows and doors will be installed in details supplied given that these tenants have been waiting over 4 years for these works to commence?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has examined the windows and doors in question and deemed them to be in need of repair rather than replacement. The windows are in good working order, but require some maintenance. This work has been logged and will be followed through.

**Q.58 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager arrange for the dampness in the property details supplied to be addressed as a matter of urgency given that the tenant ended up in intensive care with double pneumonia because of the severity of the dampness problem and nearly didn't make it through as has medical documentation to confirm this?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has previously carried out extensive works in April 2019 at this address. The City Council will arrange for a contractor to call and investigate the matter and carry out any necessary works.

**Q.59 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 her home?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has previously carried out extensive works in April 2019 at this address. The City Council will arrange for a contractor to call and investigate the matter and carry out any necessary works.

**Q.60 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager arrange to install road markings along the Liffey, between the diving bell and the ferryman on Sir John Rogerson's Quay, as motorists who drive over the bridge are regularly met with other cars facing them on the wrong side of the road as they don't realise it's a two way street and this is an accident waiting to happen?

**Reply:**

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7018729) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

**Q.61 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager make contact with the homeowners of details supplied and instruct them to maintain their garden as it is currently overgrown and infested with rats who are migrating into neighbouring council properties.

The residents are elderly siblings living alone and their back garden has become overgrown and infested with rats.

This has been going on for years as they fail to maintain their garden. The situation got so bad a number of years ago, that a former neighbour took it upon himself to clean out their back garden in an effort to try and get the rat problem under control. However, in a matter of months it was back as bad as ever and the kind neighbour sold his house and moved elsewhere.

Their neighbours have kindly asked them to do something about the garden but they never do and their neighbours are now at their wits ends as the rats are now going into their gardens.

**Reply:**

Pest control is a matter for the owner occupier or the HSE Pest Control Unit who may be contacted at 1850 211 774.

**Q.62 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will add the Bishop Street flats to the list of complexes for CCTV to be installed in the coming years and if he will make a statement on the current security arrangements.

**Reply:**

Presently Dublin City Council are installing CCTV in a number of complexes within in the south east area. Bishop Street flats are not scheduled for CCTV at this time. However, DCC will consider installing CCTV in Bishop Street flats in the coming years. DCC has installed security gates into each stairwell which is accessed by an electronic fob system. The South East Area Office is liaising closely with Kevin Street Garda Station regarding anti-social behaviour within our flat complexes. If we receive any complaints from the residents of Bishop Street flats these will be dealt in accordance with Dublin City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure. Our Project Estate Officer is on site frequently and is available to assist tenants when required.

**Q.63 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the steps taken to address dog fouling in Elizabeth O'Farrell Park; his plans to improve the amenity; and if he will install additional seating in the park.

**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to install new 'No Dog Fouling Signage' in the Park and a request for a visit by the Dog Warden has been made. It is not policy to install dog waste facilities in public parks instead dog owners are encouraged to dispose of their dog waste in a responsible fashion. There is a bin located outside the park. Parks Services will arrange for seating to be installed when the current Covid -19 restrictions are lifted and allow for the deployment of contractors.

**Q.64 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the road surface on Orwell Road to be repaired/resurfaced as soon as possible, with particular priority at the following two parts of the road.

- Between the Dodder River and the traffic lights at the junction with Orwell Park; and
- Between the junctions with Rostrevor Place and Zion Road.

This road has a significant amount of heavy traffic on it which has led to the road surface issues. The state of the road is now a danger to cyclists and also to pedestrians who have to step off the pavement to socially distance during Covid-19.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Orwell Road was found to have a large number of failed trench reinstatements and temporary repairs particularly between the junctions of Zion Road and Rostrevor Road and between Orwell Park junction and the River Dodder. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be prioritised for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to reinstate Bye Law signage in Bushy Park regarding cycling and to put in a painted cycling lane on the western side pathway running from the entrance to the park off Rathdown Grove to where it meets the traffic lights on Templeogue Road at the junction with Fortfield Road. This stretch of park pathway is wide and used by cyclists for safe cycling alongside Templeogue Road.

**Reply:**

There is a dedicated cycle route in place within in the park, which runs parallel to Templeogue Road, and has been in place for some time without any incident. There is no record of 'No Cycling' signs having been removed from the park as stated.

'Share with Care' signs, advising the public to cycle responsibly, and similar to those installed successfully elsewhere in Parks in the city, will be installed over the coming weeks, and before the opening of the Dodder Greenway.

**Q.66 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the removal of a fallen tree from the pathway at Cedar Court, Terenure. The tree is obstructing the pathway and is a safety hazard for pedestrians at night.

**Reply:**

This tree has now been removed.

**Q.67 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for an additional parking permit for details supplied. While there are three parking permits granted to this house, the applicant (who is a son of the owner of the property) requires a parking permit for his car which he needs for his work. There may be a number of houses on the road which do not require permits or their max. allocation of permits and a review of his application should be considered in this light.

**Reply:**

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2019 govern eligibility for residents' parking permits. Details supplied is on a heavy demand road, determined by the ratio of how many parking spaces are on the road versus the amount of residents' parking permits that have been issued for the road. When the amount of permits issued is over 65% of the number of parking spaces, then the road is deemed high demand. The quota of residents' parking permits on a single house is 3. No exchange of quotas is permitted between households and no extension of the quota above 3 is permitted as the road is a heavy demand road.

**Q.68 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to address the issue of dogs off leads in Stannaway Park which is causing a problem in terms of dogs fighting and a safety issue for vulnerable residents. There are signs advising not to let dogs off leads. However, these signs are ignored with no recourse available to park users. What action will the Parks Department take?

**Reply:**

The issue as outlined above has been referred on to the Control of Dogs Section and a request for a visit by the Dog Warden has been made.

**Q.69 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for resurfacing of Fortfield Road, Terenure and the repair of ramps on the road. This link road which is on the council border with South Dublin County Council is heavily used by cars and bikes and is in a very bad state.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Fortfield Road was found to have a number of historic trench reinstatements and the surface asphalt aggregate is exposed on a number of sections of the roadway. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be considered for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.70 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to assist in securing alternative accommodation for details supplied who currently shares one bedroom with her partner and five children, three of whom have autism. The room is damp and overcrowded and alternative accommodation is needed as a matter of urgency.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a medical priority and an application date of 11/12/2020 and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsize</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area K	3	7
Area K	4	3
Area N	3	7
Area N	4	3

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

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

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with current

income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme. It is noted on the applicants file that she was previously issued a HAP pack in November 2020.

**Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager to inspect the surface condition of Orwell Road and assess it for repair work and/or inclusion on the schedule of works for road resurfacing. Sections of the road have become increasingly dangerous for cyclists in particular, but also for pedestrians who may have to step into the road for the purposes of maintaining social distance, with the worst damage to the surface noticeable:

- Between the Dodder River and the traffic lights at the junction with Orwell Park; and
- Between the junctions with Rostrevor Place and Zion Road.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Orwell Road was found to have a large number of failed trench reinstatements and temporary repairs particularly between the junctions of Zion Road and Rostrevor Road and between Orwell Park junction and the River Dodder. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be prioritised for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.72 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if traffic engineers can monitor the speeds on Kildare Road, where residents say the current, low-lying broken speed bumps are ineffectual and are not preventing cars from speeding as drivers can swerve to avoid them. If speeding continues to be a problem here, a new speed bump design is required.

**Reply:**

The area engineer will assess the matters raised. Councillor Moore will be notified of any decision reached in relation to the residents' concerns on Kildare Road.

**Q.73 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager, as Covid cases remain high and restrictions continue, what can be done to ease the pressure on front-line staff trying to park at Crumlin Children's Hospital? Can the council consider any measures, be it a front window sticker or temporarily designating some parking spaces specifically for front line health workers, that would prevent them having their cars clamped or towed? With numerous facilities city-wide remaining closed due to restrictions and public transport still designated high risk, could the council work with the city's hospitals to organise park and ride facilities?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council provides subsidised car parking at a charge of €5 a day for front line workers in city centre hospitals in Drury Street, ILAC and Dawson Street car parks. Front line workers who wish to avail of this can do so via their individual hospital management who liaise directly with the car parks' management. Dublin City Council does not provide park and ride facilities for hospital staff as it is the responsibility of the hospital to organise and provide for parking requirements for their staff when required. We are not responsible for parking for any of Dublin's hospitals including Crumlin Children's Hospital. It is, first and foremost, a matter for the hospital and staff to address.

**Q.74 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update on the design and roll out of the school zone proposed for the Harold's Cross Educate Together. With staggered return to education now officially time-lined for March and April, the provision of safe routes to school must be a priority.

**Reply:**

DCC will be attended an upcoming NTA workshop on safety intervention measures suitable for schools in 50km/h zones to determine what measures are most appropriate at this location. We will contact the school directly once this process has been completed.

**Q.75 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update on the design and development of a safe cycling infrastructure proposal to facilitate the D12 bike bus. With staggered return to education now officially time-lined for March and April, the provision of safe routes to school must be a priority; a presentation on this route was due to be made to the South East Area committee in December.

**Reply:**

DCC will be attended an upcoming NTA workshop on safety intervention measures suitable for schools in 50km/h zones to determine what measures are most appropriate at this location. We will contact the school directly once this process has been completed.

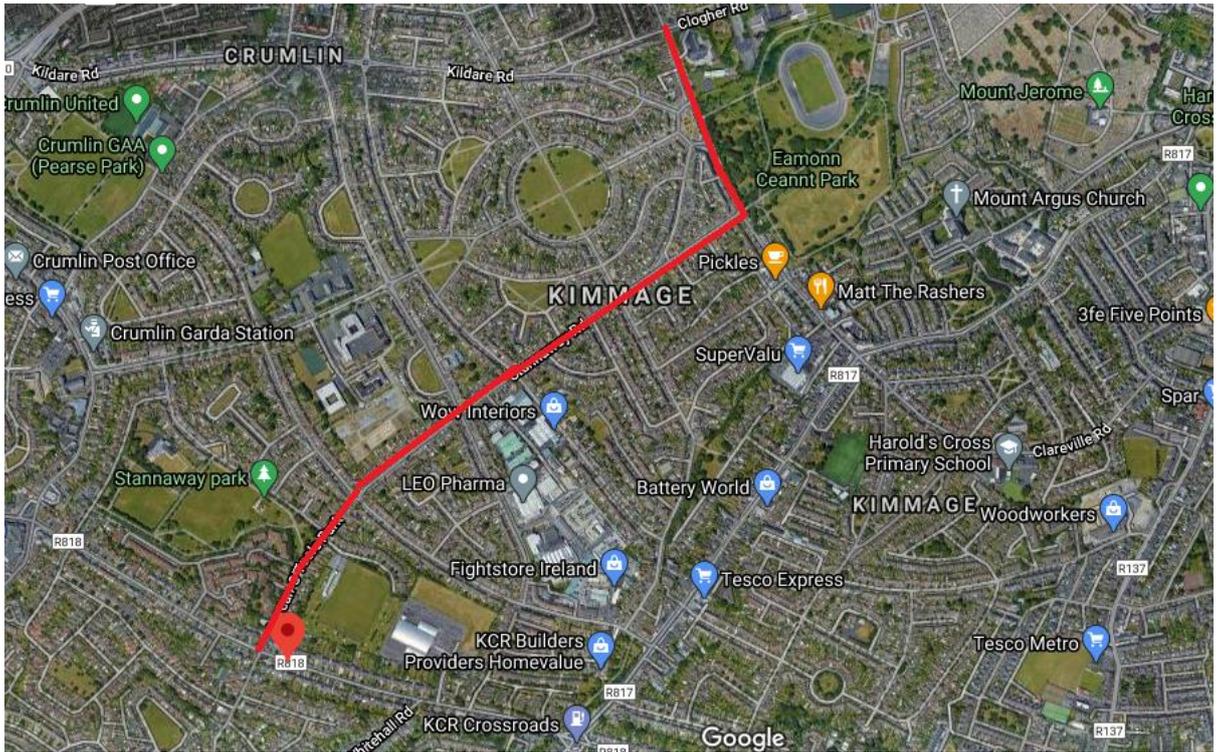
**Q.76 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for information two cycling infrastructure projects in Kimmage-Rathmines that were listed in the NTA's latest allocation of €48 million for walking and cycling in Dublin City: Harold's Cross to Ballymount and Rathmines to Milltown. Can the area manager provide proposed route map, proposed infrastructure for the various stages of the route, and proposed timeline for delivery?

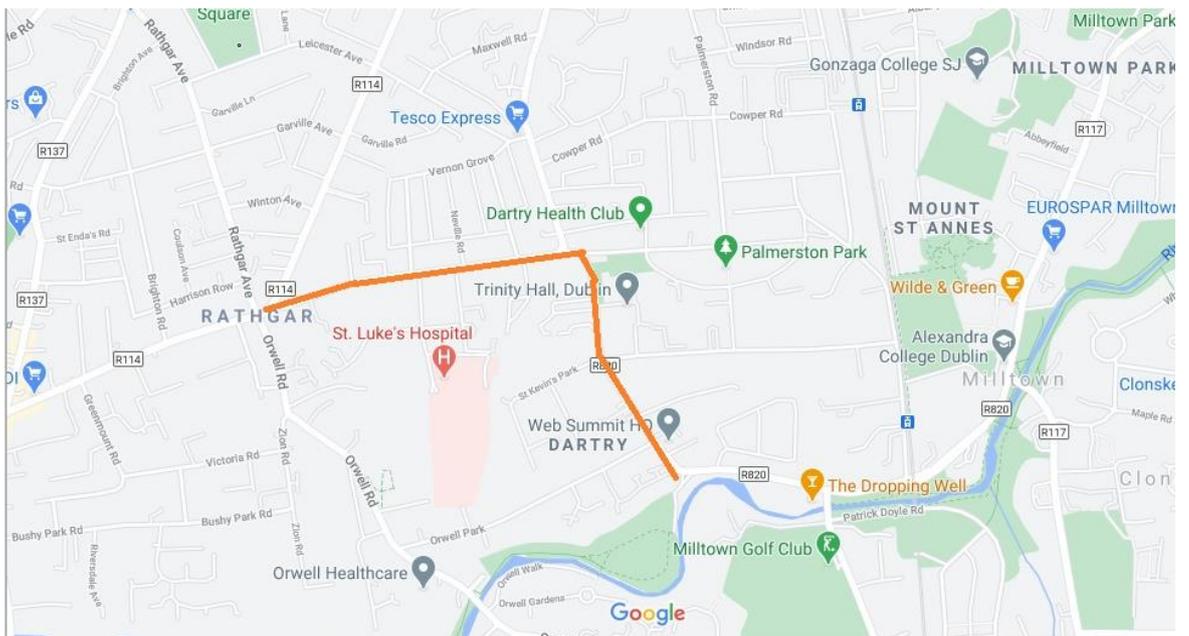
**Reply:**

The route maps are given below. It is proposed to have segregated cycling facilities where feasible. Over the next few months, Dublin City Council will be developing teams to develop delivery time frames as well as design concepts for the schemes.

Harold's Cross to Ballymount:



Rathmines to Milltown:



**Q.77 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if a dog warden can be assigned to provide a visible presence in Stannaway Park, where dogs are being exercised off the lead despite signage requesting that dogs are kept on the lead at all times. In particular a regular park user reports one dog owner regularly exercising two dogs off lead between 4 and 5pm on weekdays, where these dogs have proven to be a threat to other dogs and park users.

**Reply:**

The issue as outlined above has been referred on to the Control of Dogs Section and a request for a visit by the Dog Warden has been made.

**Q.78 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager to inspect the surface condition of Fortfield Road and assess it for repair work and/or inclusion on the schedule of works for road resurfacing.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Fortfield Road was found to have a number of historic trench reinstatements and the surface asphalt aggregate is exposed on a number of sections of the roadway. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be considered for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.79 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update on the library development timeline for Terenure.

**Reply:**

A public meeting held in Terenure Library in November 2016 was well attended and demonstrated public interest in the future of library services in the area. A report into the feasibility of redeveloping Terenure Library was carried out in 2018. Having considered the recommendations presented, it has been decided that rebuilding the library on its current site is the most advantageous option.

Since 2019, in collaboration with DCC Planning & Development, Dublin City Libraries has been working to acquire the freehold title for the site on which the library is located. In light of the slow progress through legal channels, and other demands placed on funding the project is not currently on the capital programme.

The council's Law Department expects a court hearing on the matter in October 2021, after which the status of the project will be reviewed.

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1	7000455		P&D/Permit Parking	OAKLEY ROAD (SE)	Dublin 6	Request for additional spaces, one near the triangle and one near No. 42.	Not Recommended	<p>It is not recommended to install additional Pay &amp; Display and Permit Parking bays on Oakley Road. It is also not recommended to reinstate previously rescinded Pay &amp; Display and Permit Parking bays on Oakley that were removed due to contributing to traffic flow issues.</p> <p>With reference to a proposed parking bay being installed on the east side of Oakley Road, in front of the Oakley Court Apartments gate, it is not possible to do so. The proposed location is an access way and legal right of way for Oakley Court Apartments, therefore parking at this location is prohibited.</p> <p>With reference to a proposed parking bay being installed on the west side of Oakley Road south of the school zone, the location has been converted to a cycle parking space. Further, in order to protect children's access when leaving Gaelscoil Lios Na nÓg, the area in front of the school should be kept clear.</p> <p>For the purposes of maintaining traffic flow in front of Gaelscoil Lios Na nÓg, 5.5metres of Double Yellow Lines are to be installed on the east side of Oakley Road (see enquiry ref 7019498).</p>	TD	20/11/2017	2
2	01237		P&D/Permit Parking	BURLINGTON ROAD (SE)	Dublin 4	and rescindment of double yellow lines outside No. 32.	Recommended	<p>It is recommended to rescind the Double Yellow Lines RRM 008 located in front of 32 Burlington Road, and convert the location back into Pay &amp; Display and Permit Parking. Additionally, the No Parking Sign RUS 019 and "At Any Time" Supplementary Plate, at this location, is to be rescinded.</p> <p>STATS:</p> <p>1) Rescind Double Yellow Lines on the east side of Burlington Road, starting at a point 5.3metres southwest of Lamp Standard no. 2, extending in the north eastward direction for 19.1metres. (Ref: Site Asset 200,051.00 STAT Double Yellow Lines 24084)</p> <p>2) Rescind the No Parking Sign RUS 019 and "At Any Time" Supplementary Plate on the east side of Burlington Road, 7metres northeast of Lamp Standard no. 2.</p> <p>3) Install Pay &amp; Display and Permit Parking (8:00 – 18:30, Mon - Fri), on the east side of Burlington Road, starting at a point 5.3metres southwest of Lamp Standard no. 2, extending in the north eastward direction for 19.1metres.</p> <p>Note: Though the name of the 32 Burlington Road property is "Embassy House," it is no longer an Ambassador's Residence. Further, the property is not being used as an Embassy.</p>	Member of the Public	15/01/2018	0



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3	7001239		Double Yellow Lines (Extend)	DURHAM ROAD (SE)	Dublin 4	On one side of the road from junction of Newgrove Avenue.	Recommended	<p>It is recommended to extend Double Yellow Lines RRM 008 on the east side of Durham Road, located just south of the Newgrove Avenue / Durham Road junction, to enable traffic flow when entering to or exiting from Newgrove Avenue.</p> <p>STAT: Install Double Yellow Lines on the east side of Durham Road, starting at a point 15metres north of Lamp Standard 9, extending in the northward direction for 4.4metres until connecting to the existing Double Yellow Lines in place.</p>	Member of the Public	16/01/2018	0
4	7005801		P&D/Permit Parking (Rescind)	PERCY PLACE (SE)	Dublin 4	Remove all non-residential parking spaces and replace with DYLS.	Not Recommended	<p>It is not recommended to reduce the parking on Percy Place to "Resident Only Parking" as there is no legal basis to restrict parking on a public road to the residents of that road.</p> <p>The Pay &amp; Display and Permit Parking Scheme was voted in by the local community. One may park legally in Pay &amp; Display and Permit Parking Scheme areas by displaying a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pay &amp; Display ticket or</li> <li>-Parking Tag (with parking tariff paid) or</li> <li>-Residents permit (for specified streets) or</li> <li>-Visitors permit (for specified streets)</li> </ul> <p>The existing parking arrangements on Percy Place are in accordance with the current Dublin City Council requirements. A minimum of 6.5metres is necessary to accommodate double sided parking and 4.6metres for single sided parking. Percy Place averages greater than 7meters in width on the southwest end and Percy Place averages greater than 8metres in width on the northeastern end.</p> <p>Further, there are various existing parking restricted areas along Percy Place in the form of double yellow lines RRM 008, where vehicles can pull in to pass one another.</p> <p>Note: The loading bay extension on Percy Place requested by the same customer via the "Original Request" attachment (later assigned SR 7004624), was recommended however per the site visit 24-Feb-21, the works are not yet carried out. Please refer to STAT Ref MAR19SE10 and MAR19SE10.</p>	Member of the Public	06/11/2018	0



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5	7009246		One-Way System	BELMONT AVENUE (SE)	Dublin 4	One-way system for Belmont Avenue.	Recommended	<p>Dublin City Council has been working with external consultants to develop Traffic Congestion Solutions for Belmont Avenue. The Traffic Calming Initiative for Belmont Avenue was presented on March 8th 2021, at the South East Area Committee Meeting. A brief summary of the Traffic Congestion Solutions presented to the Councillors for their assessment includes following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Speed limit reduction. A 30km/h speed limit is soon to be implemented in the wider area, which could compliment one of the other solutions listed below.</li> <li>2. Removal of Horizontal Parking. Removal of spaces to create pockets in which westbound vehicles can pull in and allow oncoming traffic to pass by.</li> <li>3. Removal of Parking in its Entirety. Alternatively, removal of all or most of the on-street parking would greatly increase the carriageway width made available to traffic along Belmont Avenue, lessening motorist conflict.</li> <li>4. One-Way System. This would allow for the carriageway and footway widths to fall within the necessary minimums, as set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.</li> <li>5. Filtered Permeability Scheme. This measure is synonymous with the implementation of a cul-de-sac. Two options were identified for the filter location, either at junction with Sandford Road or with Mount Eden Road.</li> <li>6. Restricted Access. Introduction of a no-entry system at the Sandford Road junction, to reduce traffic volumes and prevent motorists using the road as a "rat run".</li> </ol> <p>Councillors were requested to provide their input and feedback on the report solutions by March 15th, 2021. The most desirable solutions will be narrowed down and be sent for public consultation in early April 2021.</p>	Member of the Public	21/05/2019	0



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6	7010343		Pedestrian Crossing	SERPENTINE AVENUE (SE)	Dublin 4	Installation of a Pedestrian Crossing at Serpentine Avenue and Sandymount Avenue	Recommended	<p>Based on the Area Engineer's site observation, it does appear that the double yellow lines at the top of Serpentine Avenue where it meets Merrion Road, have been repainted.</p> <p>With reference to the request for a pedestrian crossing at the Sandymount Avenue / Merrion Road junction, it is confirmed that pedestrian crossings at this location are currently in place. A pedestrian can cross from the north side of Sandymount Avenue to the south side of Sandymount Avenue using the current pedestrian crossing, and then proceed to cross Merrion Road using the signalised pedestrian crossing. As part of the BusConnects scheme however, there are plans to install a signalised pedestrian crossing on the three remaining arms of the Sandymount Avenue / Merrion Road junction, resulting in all arms of the junction having a signalised pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>With reference to the request for a pedestrian crossing at the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction, it is also confirmed that pedestrian crossings at this location are currently in place. A pedestrian can cross from the west side of Serpentine Avenue to the east side of Serpentine Avenue using the current pedestrian crossing and then proceed to cross Merrion Road using the current pedestrian crossing in place. Additionally, there is a signalised pedestrian crossing 75metres west of the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction that also enables pedestrians to cross Merrion Road. As part of the Strand Road Cycle Route scheme however, there are plans to install a signalised pedestrian crossing at the top of Serpentine Avenue. Further, as part of the BusConnects scheme, there are plans to install two signalised pedestrian crossings at the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction that pedestrians can use to cross from the north side of Merrion Road to the south side of Merrion Road. This will result in all 3 arms of the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction being equipped with signalised pedestrian crossings.</p>	Member of the Public	18/07/2019	0

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7	7010545		Pedestrian Crossing	SANDYMOUNT AVENUE (SE)	Dublin 4	on the road	Not Recommended	<p>With reference to the request for a pedestrian crossing at the Sandymount Avenue / Merrion Road junction, it is confirmed that pedestrian crossings at this location are currently in place. A pedestrian can cross from the north side of Sandymount Avenue to the south side of Sandymount Avenue using the current pedestrian crossing, and then proceed to cross Merrion Road using the signalised pedestrian crossing. As part of the BusConnects scheme however, there are plans to install a signalised pedestrian crossing on the three remaining arms of the Sandymount Avenue / Merrion Road junction, resulting in all arms of the junction having a signalised pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>With reference to the request for a pedestrian crossing at the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction, it is also confirmed that pedestrian crossings at this location are currently in place. A pedestrian can cross from the west side of Serpentine Avenue to the east side of Serpentine Avenue using the current pedestrian crossing and then proceed to cross Merrion Road using the current pedestrian crossing in place. Additionally, there is a signalised pedestrian crossing 75metres west of the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction that also enables pedestrians to cross Merrion Road. As part of the Strand Road Cycle Route scheme however, there are plans to install a signalised pedestrian crossing at the top of Serpentine Avenue. Further, as part of the BusConnects scheme, there are plans to install two signalised pedestrian crossings at the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction that pedestrians can use to cross from the north side of Merrion Road to the south side of Merrion Road. This will result in all 3 arms of the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction being equipped with signalised pedestrian crossings.</p> <p>Based on the aforementioned, no further measures are recommended at this time.</p>	Member of the Public	29/07/2019	0
8	7011855		P&D/Permit Parking	MOUNT DRUMMOND AVENUE (SE)	Dublin 6	on Sections 1-29 and 30-34.	Not Recommended	<p>Rejected at ballot of residents. 61 on register of electors, 27 votes returned, 13 for and 14 against. The pro-rata vote was 12 for, 13 against.</p>	Member of the Public	16/10/2019	0
9	7011877		P&D Parking (Rescind)	HERBERT AVENUE (SE)	Dublin 4	Relocate or remove parking bays to prevent blocking of vehicular entrances and parking for residents.	Not Recommended	<p>From site visit inspection the line markings have been moved away from the vehicle entrance and no further recommendations are required at this time.</p> <p>Instances of illegal parking on Herbert Avenue, may be reported directly to Dublin Street Parking Services at 01 6022500.</p>	Member of the Public	17/10/2019	0

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10	7013769		P&D/Permit Parking (Rescind)	HAROLD'S CROSS ROAD (SE)	Dublin 6W	Pay & Display & Cycle track operational times to be reviewed.	Recommended	Rescind CLEARWAY on Harold's Cross Road between properties 426-416. Stat - Locate new 24 Hour /7 Days Cycle lane signage plate locate on existing signage pole on Harold's Cross Road beside Lamp Stand No 59. Locate new END CYCLE LANE 24 Hour /7 Days Cycle lane signage and pole 3.30m north of boundary wall of No.392 Harold's Cross Road. Where solid white line of cycle lane ends. Non TAG - Locate High Visible reflective bollards to protect 24/7 cycle lane from Lamp Stand No. 59 to end 1m south of existing road gully on Harold's Cross Road at junction with Mount Tallant Avenue. (Excluding BUS STOP No. 1339). Allow a few metres either side of this bus stop for buses to pull in and out safely.	Internal	11/02/2020	0
11	7017729		P&D Parking (Rescind)	MERRION ROAD (SE)	Dublin 4	Remove old parking bay adjacent to pedestrian crossing in order to enable enforcement action.	Recommended	Rescind existing parking bay on north side of Merrion Road outside St John's House, (no stat) opposite Lamp Stand No.72 and replace with double yellow lines from the cycle stop line in a northwards direction as far as the edge of bus cage at bus stop No. 42.	Internal	04/11/2020	0
12	7019113		Disab Park Bay Resid (Rescind)	OAKLANDS PARK (SE)	Dublin 4	outside no. 20.	Not Recommended	The residential disabled persons' parking bay outside 20 Oaklands Park is in use and is to remain in place.	Member of the Public	19/02/2021	0
13	7019252		Traffic Lights (new)	BRIDGE STREET (SE)	Dublin 4	stop/go system on bridge	Not Recommended	Not Recommended Due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency, traffic volumes are between 55% - 60% pre COVID-19 traffic volumes. The provision of a stop and go traffic light system at the bridge on Bridge Street will cause traffic to tailback to Ringsend Road past the busy junction with South Lotts Road outbound in the evenings. In the morning stop/go lights inbound on the bridge will cause traffic to tailback into Ringsend Village at Thorncastle Street. DCC's desire as far as possible is to keep traffic flowing throughout the City, Bridge Street is a bus route, the traffic engineer does not want to extend journey times users of public transport.	Member of the Public	26/02/2021	0
14	7019449		Traffic Calming	PRINCE ARTHUR TERRACE (SE)	Dublin 6	Speeding / Traffic Calming	Not Recommended	The resident requests a "tree box" to protect small children playing on Prince Arthur Terrace. This service request will be sent to Parks Department for comment. Any vehicles speeding on Prince Arthur Terrace/Leinster Square should be referred to the local Gardai for enforcement	Member of the Public	11/03/2021	0

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15	7019474		Disab Park Bay General	RATHFARNHAM ROAD (SE)	Dublin 6W	increasing the size of the space or have 2 spaces if possible	Recommended	Recommended Increase the size of the current DPB 4.60m which is too tight for a disabled driver to pull into given its proximity to the traffic lights. The current DPB needs to be extended by 1.2m from edge of current DPB which should have an additional 2m buffer zone to aid a disabled pull into the bay in one movement. No Stat for this DPB New Stat – Extent current disabled parking bay which begins at indent opposite Bank of Ireland on west side of Rathfarnham Road extend rear of DPB for 1.2m provide additional 2m buffer zone for this DPB.	Member of the Public	16/03/2021	0
16	7019476		Yellow Box (Extend)	PEARSE STREET (SE)	Dublin 2	Paint a yellow box much bigger the entire width of Pearse street at the corner of Chimney View	Recommended	Recommended - Pearse Street at junction with Grand Canal Quay. Extend the existing yellow box north 3.13m to end on the existing white solid white line of existing bus lane Stat – Extend the existing yellow box on Pearse St. 3.13m north to existing bus lane (outbound) at junction with Grand Canal Quay. Under Grand Canal Quay, Asset No. 23342 under Asset No. 200.051.00. Recommended - Pearse Street at the junction with Chimney View. Extend the current yellow box south to edge of hatching of existing bus lane. Stat – Extend the existing Yellow box at the junction of Pearse St./Chimney View 2.71m south to end on the hatched road marking of existing bus lane inbound. Under Pearse Street, Stat Asset ID NOV18SE2 & Asset No. 200.204.00.	Member of the Public	16/03/2021	0
17	7019498		Double Yellow Lines	OAKLEY ROAD (SE)	Dublin 6	on the road at Gaelscoil Lios Na nÓg.	Recommended	The following report arises from the Traffic Engineer's examination of Enquiry Ref 7000455. In order to protect children's access when leaving Gaelscoil Lios Na nÓg, the area in front of the school should be kept clear. For the purposes of maintaining traffic flow in front of Gaelscoil Lios Na nÓg, 5.5metres of Double Yellow Lines are to be installed on the east side of Oakley Road. STAT: Install Double Yellow Lines on the east side of Oakley Road, starting at a point 8.3metres south of Lamp Standard 3, extending in the southward direction for 5.5metres.	Member of the Public	16/03/2021	0

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18	7019525		Disab Park Bay Residential	BELMONT AVENUE (SE)	Dublin 4	The provision of a disabled parking bay outside no 5 Belmont Avenue	Recommended	It is recommended a residential disabled persons' parking bay be installed in front of 5 Belmont Avenue, to enable the resident's direct parking access to their home. STATS: 1. Rescind Pay & Display and Permit Parking on the west side of Belmont Avenue, starting at a point 6metres southwest of Lamp Standard 2, extending in the southwest direction for 6metres. Ref: Site Asset: 200,008.00 STAT: P&D/Permit Parking 4546 2. Install Residential Disabled Persons' Parking on the west side of Belmont Avenue, starting at a point 6metres southwest of Lamp Standard 2, extending in the southwest direction for 6metres. Note: Approximately 6metres to be left in front and behind the disabled parking bay for an average sized vehicle to park.	Member of the Public	19/03/2021	0
19	7019581		Bus Lane	RANELAGH ROAD (SE)	Dublin 6	Bus Lane and Clearway signage to be clarified.	Recommended	Recommended The signage from Mountpleasant Square to Athlumney Villas is incorrect, parking enforcement are unable to patrol the area as a result. Under the P&D/PP signage at this location the CLEARWAY signs need to be removed and replaced with BUS LANE signage. Vehicles parking in the bus lane should be penalised for parking in a BUS LANE not for parking in a CLEARWAY. An END of BUS LANE sign to be erected where the bus lane tapers at the end of the bus lane (Inbound) opposite No. 18 Ranelagh Road. At this location a 24hr/7 day cycle lane should be erected. An end of 24hr/7day cycle lane should be erected at boundary of Nos. 5/6 Ranelagh Road. Remove all hatched CYCLE LANES running through the P&D/PP, from Mountpleasant Square to Athlumney Villas the CYCLE LANES running through the bus lane are to remain.	Internal	23/03/2021	0
20	7019680		Traffic Island (Rescind)	HIGHFIELD ROAD (SE)	Dublin 6	Reduce and modify traffic island at SuperValu to allow easier & safer movement for traffic turning left onto Orwell Road.	Not Recommended	Not Recommended The movement of the traffic island to allow more movement to traffic entering Orwell Road will cause issues to traffic on the northside of Rathgar Road (inbound into Dublin City Centre). Dublin City Council Traffic Section, tries to balance the needs of all road users, any alternation to the traffic island in allowing more room for traffic to turn left from Rathgar Road onto Orwell Road will compromise the traffic flows on the northside of Rathgar Road which is a busy bus route.	Member of the Public	26/03/2021	0
21	11087482	2556988	Pedestrian Crossing	SUNDRIVE ROAD (SE)	Dublin 12	Pedestrian crossing needs to be installed outside the SuperValu on the Sundrive	Not Recommended	Not Recommended There are no current plans to provide a pedestrian crossing opposite SuperValu on Sundrive Road. The area engineer will consider the location of a pedestrian crossing at this location for the 2022 Capital Works Programme for the south east area.	Member of the Public	07/11/2019	0

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

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**With reference to the proposed disposal of fee simple interest at 133 Upper Rathmines Road to HAIL Housing Association.**

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As part of National Housing Policy, Dublin City Council is required to establish a Housing and Disability Steering Group. The task of this group is to implement the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability (NHSPWD) at local level including the preparation of strategic plans for this purpose. The overall objective of the strategic plans is to facilitate easier access for people with a disability to a wide range of housing appropriate to their needs and in doing so, assisting people to live independently with the appropriate services and service provider to enhance their quality of life.

A key component of the strategy, is the implementation of a property transfer project. This would allow properties owned by a local authority but, currently managed by an Approved Housing Body (AHB) and occupied by persons with a long term mental health issue, to transfer to the AHB in order to provide residents housed in these units with security around their tenancy. The aim of the project is to transfer the property to HAIL Housing an Approved Housing Body, who will provide tenancy sustainment support to the tenants who have enduring mental health difficulties. The support HAIL provides moves the tenants away from a more institutional environment to independence with structured support.

Dublin City Council in line with the strategy, proposes to dispose of a 4 bed shared independent living property at 133 Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 to HAIL Housing Association who currently manage the tenancy of this property. Following the disposal, the residents will become tenants of HAIL Housing.

As Approved Housing Bodies are a key part of the Government's strategy and policy on the delivery, re-generation and management of social housing and as such are key partners for Dublin City Council, it is proposed to grant the disposal of the fee simple interest of the above property to HAIL Housing Association an Approved Housing Body. In disposing of the fee simple interest on this property, the following should be noted:

1. Approved Housing Bodies are not for profit bodies that provide and manage social housing.
2. Approved Housing Bodies are subject to a number of regulatory regimes, including the Companies Office, the Charity Regulator, the Housing Regulator and are accountable to their stakeholders. In this regard, a Regulation Office was established within the Housing Agency in 2014 with responsibility for regulating Approved Housing Bodies. The Regulation Office oversees the assessment of Approved Housing Bodies in respect of their financial viability, governance and management along with the compliance with the Regulatory Framework. The majority of Approved Housing Bodies are Companies Limited by Guarantee and are required to comply with legal obligations set out in the Companies Acts, 2014 making their annual accounts freely available for public inspection.
3. In addition to being registered charities, they are regulated by the Charities Regulator and details of an AHB's activities are available for inspection on the Charities Regulator's public register.
4. They are not free to manage their assets in any way they wish. They must use their assets in accordance with their charitable status and any surpluses generated must be applied back to benefit their charitable aims.

5. A restriction on title will be applied to ensure the continued use of the units as social housing.
6. There are financial implications if they fail to comply with their loan obligations to use their properties for social housing.
7. Should they cease to exist, in the first instance, they will seek to transfer their assets to another organisation with similar charitable aims or their assets will be transferred free of charge to Dublin City Council.

The Housing Department has reported that agreement has now been reached with HAIL Housing Association for the disposal of fee simple interest at 133 Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 subject to the following terms and conditions which the Chief Valuer considers to be fair and reasonable:

1. The subject property at 133 Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6, is shown outlined in red on the attached map SM-2020-0434.
2. The Council shall dispose of the fee simple title in the subject property to the Approved Housing Body as part of the mental health property transfer scheme.
3. The subject property will be disposed in its current condition, any refurbishment works required to the property, will be the responsibility of the Approved Housing Body, after completion of disposal.
4. The Council shall dispose of the fee simple interest in the subject property, under the terms of the Low Cost Sites Scheme, to the Approved Housing Body for the development of social housing. This equates to €127 (One hundred and twenty seven euro).
5. There is an inhibition on the title that the subject property can only be used for social housing purposes.
6. The Council shall have 100% nomination rights to all future nominations in partnership with HAIL. All current and future residents will be eligible for social housing.
7. Should the subject property cease to be used for social housing purposes at any stage, then the units will revert free of charge to Dublin City Council.
8. The Approved Housing Body shall be liable for the payment of VAT and/or Stamp Duty should any such payments arise from this disposal.
9. Each party shall be responsible for their own legal fees and professional fees.
10. The Approved Housing Body shall not sell, assign, sublet or part with possession of the property or part thereof without obtaining the written consent of the City Council, with the exception of tenancy and licence agreements with tenants or licensees for supported housing.

No agreement enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until an exchange of contracts has taken place.

**Paul Clegg**

15/03/2021

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**Executive Manager**

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**Date**







# Gulistan Depot Lands

DRAFT MASTERPLAN FOR INTEGRATED REDEVELOPMENT OF SITE

DCC City Architects Division and Planning Department

April 2021



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
**Dublin City Council**



Aerial View of Rathmines

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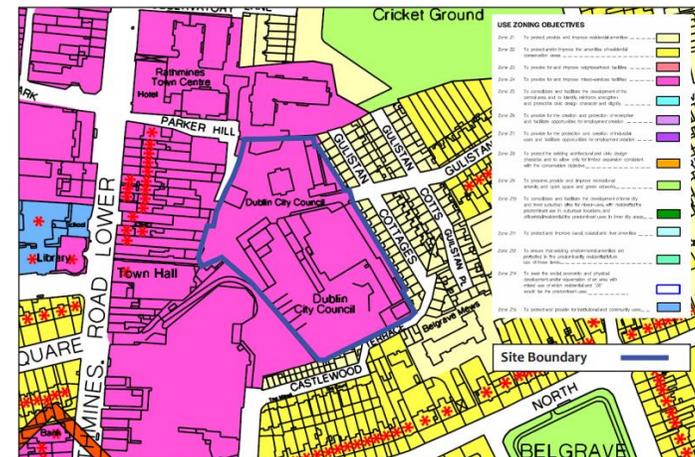
## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.1 Site Description

Gulistan Depot is a 1.13 Ha (2.8 acre) site located in the heart of the Rathmines, to the rear of the Swan Shopping Centre and Rathmines College/former Town Hall. The site comprises a former depot, a bring centre and a defunct ESB premises, now acquired by DCC.

### 1.2 Zoning

The site is zoned for Mixed Use Purposes (Z4) in the City Development Plan in order to enhance the role of Rathmines as a Key District Centre serving the wider Rathmines Area. The site is well served by public transport, with pedestrian access to Rathmines Road and a vehicular entrance via Gulistan Terrace to Mountpleasant Avenue.



Zoning map - Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022

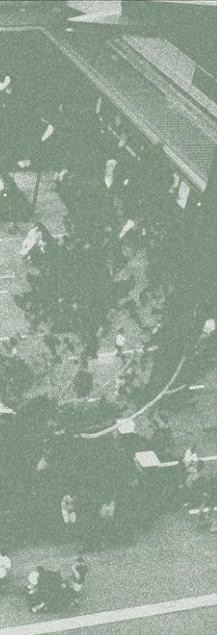
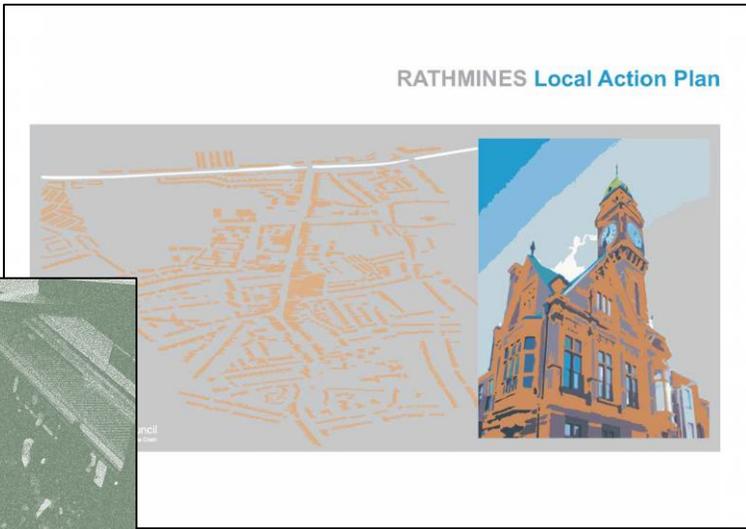
View of Existing Depot Site

Gulistan Depot, Rathmines  
Planning Framework

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## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.3 Planning Context

The Rathmines Area, including the Gulistan Depot, has been the subject of a number of studies over the last two decades including the following:

- Rathmines-Aungier Street Framework Study 2001
- Lower Rathmines Road Conservation and Urban Regeneration Study 2005
- Rathmines Local Action Plan (2009)
- Gulistan Depot Planning Framework January 2018
- Gulistan Depot Lands – DCC City Architects 2019

The Rathmines Local Action Plan (2009), contains a comprehensive strategic assessment of the entire Rathmines area. It located the Gulistan Depot within the designed Central Civic Zone and recognises it as a key opportunity site for re-development.

This plan informed further recent studies by both Dublin City Council's Planning Department and City Architects, the culmination of which is the subject Masterplan.

Previous Studies for the site at Gulistan Depot

## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.4 Relevant Recent Planning History

Whilst no relevant planning history pertains to the Gulistan site, there are however a number of nearby sites of relevance including:

1. 4778/05 + 1843/08 – Swan Leisure Centre, Rathmines Road. Part 8 planning application granted permission for a new civic space, a combined sports pool, leisure & residential building, a childcare building, underground car park, and a new public park accommodated in an 8 storey building. This complex has been operating successfully at the heart of Rathmines for approximately a decade.
2. 4568/19 + ABP 306742/20 - Rathmines House, 143-149 Rathmines Road. Permission was granted for a 7 storey Co-Living development with 110 individual units.
3. 3567/19 + ABP305659/19 – 3 Ardee Road. Permission was granted for a 7 storey Co-Living development with 102 individual units.



Relevant Planning History Locations



View of Town Hall, Rathmines

## 2.0 The Masterplan Vision

We want the Gulistan Depot development to be:

**A Neighbourhood**

**Generous**

**Green**

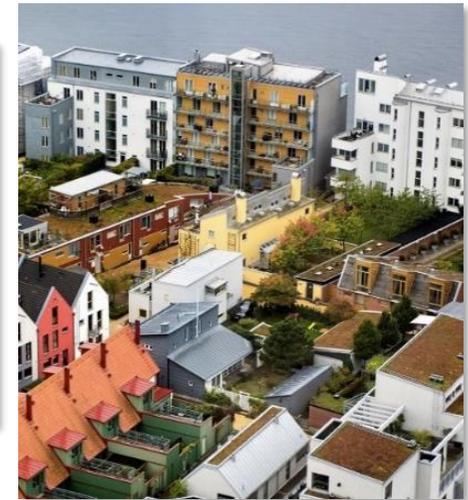
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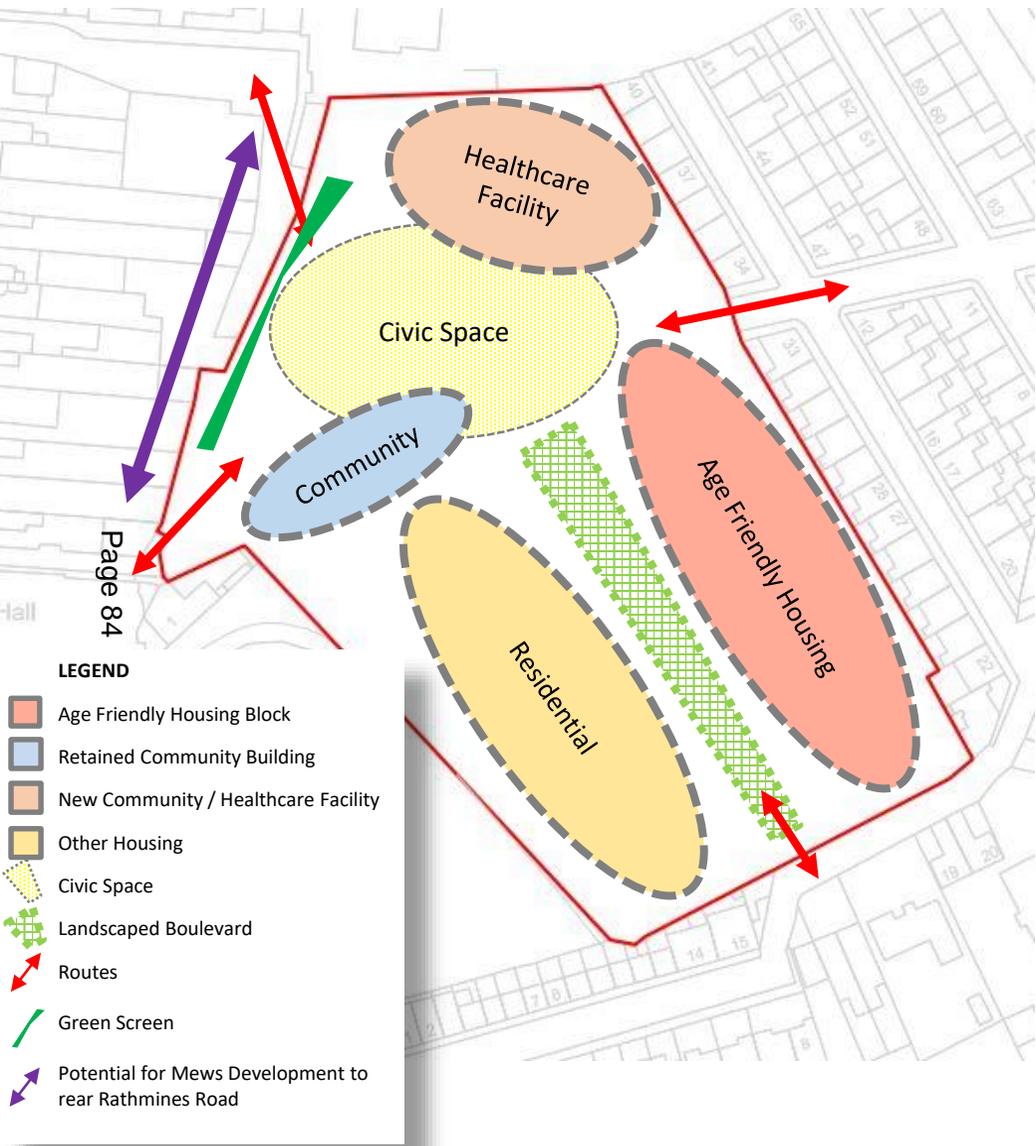


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### 3.0 Key Development Principles

The following Key Development Principles inform the development of the Masterplan:

- a) To seek a high quality mixed use development including community uses which will enhance Rathmines as a Key District Centre.
- b) To guide the delivery of a coherent development of enduring architectural quality which complements the character of Rathmines and makes this a place of which people are proud to be a part.
- c) Create a new, high quality civic space with pedestrian linkages back into Rathmines and the wider public realm.
- d) All development to respond and contribute to the rich character of Rathmines, with its significant heritage buildings, (including views of the clock tower) and to the pedestrian/cycling permeability of the area. This will include links to Parker Hill, Castlewood Terrace, Gulistan Terrace, and along the side of the clock tower.
- e) Ensure all development is of the highest architectural quality and achieves best practice sustainability standards (e.g. energy conservation and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems – SuDS) in accordance with DCC’s Climate Change Action Plan.
- f) To protect the amenities of adjacent residential areas.
- g) To create synergies between the uses/activities both on the Gulistan site and with the surrounding area.

Key Development Principles – Site Diagram

## 4.0 The Masterplan Proposal

### 4.1 Applying the Principles

The application of the above key principles to the opportunities presented by this important site are indicated in the accompanying Masterplan drawings.

The main components of the Masterplan are arranged around and integrated within a new Civic Space as follows:

- a) A new primary Health Care Centre located on the northern part of the site, (gross floor area approx. 3,500m<sup>2</sup>).
- b) A new Age Friendly housing scheme to the eastern side of the site adjacent to existing housing.
- c) A new Civic Space, approximately 1,500m<sup>2</sup> in size.
- d) A new Cost Rental Scheme is proposed on the west side of the site, opposite the Age Friendly homes, across a new tree lined street.
- e) The Stone Building (250m<sup>2</sup>) is to be repurposed so that it can accommodate a variety of uses e.g. craft shops, artists' studios.
- f) A new Private Mews Development for premises on Rathmines Road. It should be noted that this will be a private development and is not part of this scheme.



Masterplan Proposal – Site Uses. Note: Layouts are indicative only.



Navan Road Primary Care Centre

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## 4.0 The Masterplan Proposal

### 4.2 HSE Primary Care Centre

A new primary Health Care Centre located on the northern part of the site, (gross floor area approx. 3,500m<sup>2</sup>). The Rathmines Primary Health Care Centre will operate as a “Network Centre” and could have a full range of health related uses including, medical facilities, speech and language, an older persons day care centre and a café facing the Plaza. The Health Care Centre will be architect designed with an urban scale featuring heights up to approximately 4 storeys.



Ballyfermot Primary Care Centre



Rialto Primary Care Centre



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Memorial Court Age Friendly Housing



Inchicore Elderly Housing

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### 4.3 Age Friendly Housing

The Masterplan draws on the Council’s experience of successful Age Friendly Schemes, such as Memorial Court in Islandbridge and Emmet Road in Inchicore. These contain a number of design features of particular relevance to the Gulistan site.

Memorial Court for example, is an attractive, modern scheme comprising 66 apartments for older people, between 3 -6 storeys tall, and all with generous balconies and a communal courtyard. Residents enjoy the benefits of CCTV security, Intercom and nurse-call systems. The block plans and elevations are designed in such a way that each presents as a ‘front elevation’, for example by incorporating alternate facing balconies to street and courtyard.

The Emmet Road schemes comprises 52 apartments, and is a joint HSE/DCC project being delivered by Circle VHA and Alone, in partnership. The scheme has 36no. 1.5 bed units to allow carers to stay overnight if needed, and the communal facilities can be shared by older persons from the surrounding area.

In relation to the Gulistan site, the unit sizes will be based on the needs of the Rathmines/Ranelagh Areas (N). The majority are in need of one bedroom accommodation. The intention is to promote homes designed from an “ageing in place” perspective, whereby the proposal of universal design is applied throughout. Universal design will accommodate medical equipment, wheelchairs, and will allow for ease of movement around property for both residents and carers.



## 4.0 The Masterplan Proposal

### 4.4 Cost Rental Housing

A new Cost Rental Scheme is proposed on the west side of the site, opposite the Age Friendly homes and across a new tree lined street. This part of the scheme could provide approximately 80-90 homes at a scale ranging from 3-5 storeys.

Cost Rental is a new model of housing, the key objective of which is to make available, affordable housing for moderate income households. In order to facilitate this model, a new Cost Rental Equity Loan Scheme was introduced in December to enable AHB's to build and operate Cost Rental Schemes.

It is considered that a Cost Rental Scheme, together with an Age Friendly scheme adjacent, and a Primary Health Care Centre would provide a sustainable mix of tenures and uses which will contribute positively to the character and vitality of both the site and Rathmines. The unit sizes for the Cost Rental Scheme will be mainly 1/2 bed units, reflecting the needs of the locality.

The block plans and elevations should be designed in such a way that each presents as a 'front elevation', with the courtyard elevation being given equal architectural treatment to street elevation.



Emmet Road Cost Rental Housing – Development Framework Plan for Lands at Emmet Road DMOD Architects



Civic Space References



Existing Stone Building

## 4.0 The Masterplan Proposal

### 4.5 Civic Space

The Civic Space, approximately 1,500m<sup>2</sup> in size, is comparable to other similar multi-functional public spaces in the city. It will be an inclusive, comfortable space which can incorporate seating, planting, SuDS, exercise equipment and a “green screen” (in place until mews lane is developed – this could be the subject of an architectural competition), enabling creative and active use by people of all ages and abilities.

### 4.6 Existing Stone Building

The Stone Building (250m<sup>2</sup>) is to be repurposed so that it can accommodate a variety of uses e.g. craft shops, artists’ studios and/or events with theatre style seating.

It is considered appropriate that the Stone Building and the civic plazas should be included in the brief to the successful AHB in the first instance, on the condition that the Civic Space be returned to DCC on completion.

### 4.7 Private Mews Development

The new Civic Space offers the opportunity for a new Private Mews development for premises on Rathmines Road to front the space. It should be noted that this private mews development is not part of this scheme.

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### 4.8 Reference Design Standards

#### a) General design principles

The development should be a high quality, sustainable scheme of suitable character.

The architecture should be modern and contemporary but should respect and integrate positively with the surrounding context. The design should maximise the potential of the site for quality urban design and place-making, complementing and adding to the architectural quality of the receiving environment.

A consistent materials palette should be applied to all elements of the proposed scheme, and should be respectful of the existing form and character of the surrounding Rathmines area.

All public areas should be constructed in accordance with all relevant codes of practice, and should be suitable for taking in charge by the City Council upon completion.

#### b) Elevation Treatment and Streetscape

It should be noted that all of the scheme elevations will be visible to the public. Careful consideration must be given to ensure that a consistent quality of design and material finish is applied to all faces of the development.

The elevations should be completed in robust and low maintenance materials, carefully selected and detailed in order to give longevity, depth and quality to the elevations. Scheme elevations should primarily be of a selected brick finish, in order to read as an extension of the existing Rathmines streetscape.

Windows and doors should be made from sustainably sourced timber, and may be finished in a factory applied coating, or faced with powder coated aluminium. Balcony guardrails should be of a selected stainless steel, anodised or powder coated finish.

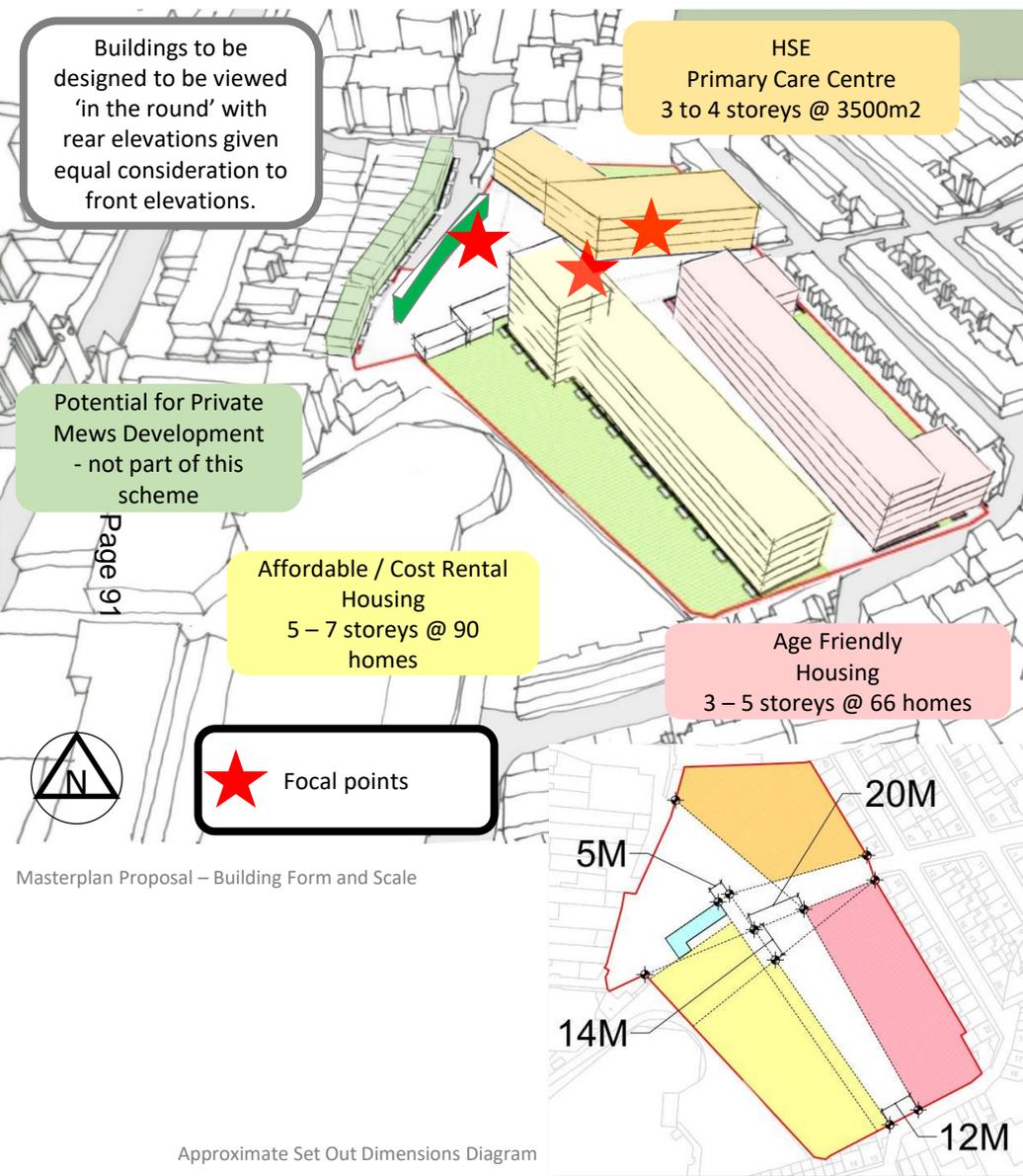
Active street frontages and well-designed integrated entrances should be provided at the street level to create a vibrant streetscape.

#### c) Landscaping and the Public Realm

Any public realm spaces formed as part of the development should complement the buildings, forming an integral part of the design.

High quality, natural materials, should be selected, detailed and carefully crafted for quality and visual appearance as well as robustness, longevity, sustainability and low maintenance.

Appropriate soft landscaping and planting should be provided to enhance the user experience, and to promote biodiversity and sustainable urban drainage.

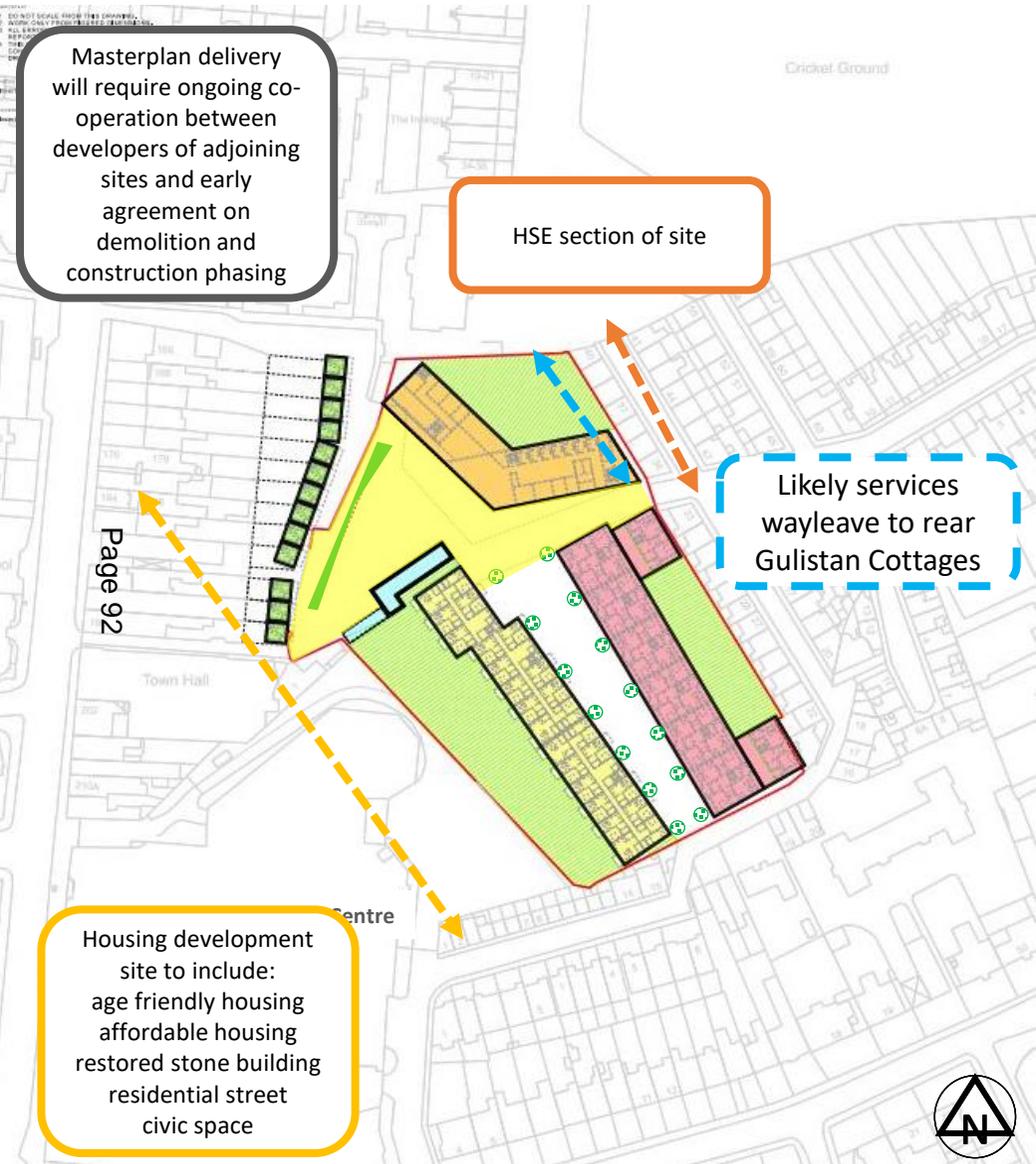


## 4.0 The Masterplan Proposal

### 4.9 Considerations

In relation to the masterplan the following considerations to be noted:

- a) The masterplan sets out indicative building lines, building heights, building three-dimensional form, reference façade materials, reference specification and taking-in-charge design standards for public spaces, that is, the central public space, a screening element to the mews lane, and new connecting streets. The approximate set out dimensions allow for natural light to the public realm in order to make good spaces between buildings.
- b) The masterplan sets out indicative site parcels for HSE and AHB sites. Demolition of buildings within the site and all other enabling works will be the responsibility of the relevant party (apart from the HSE part of the site where in return for the HSE providing the common access road, DCC will demolish the buildings).
- c) The masterplan is based on desktop survey information. Developers of site parcels are responsible for undertaking all necessary surveys and site investigations and their implications.
- d) Delivery of the masterplan will require ongoing co-operation between developers of adjoining sites and early agreement on demolition and construction phasing.

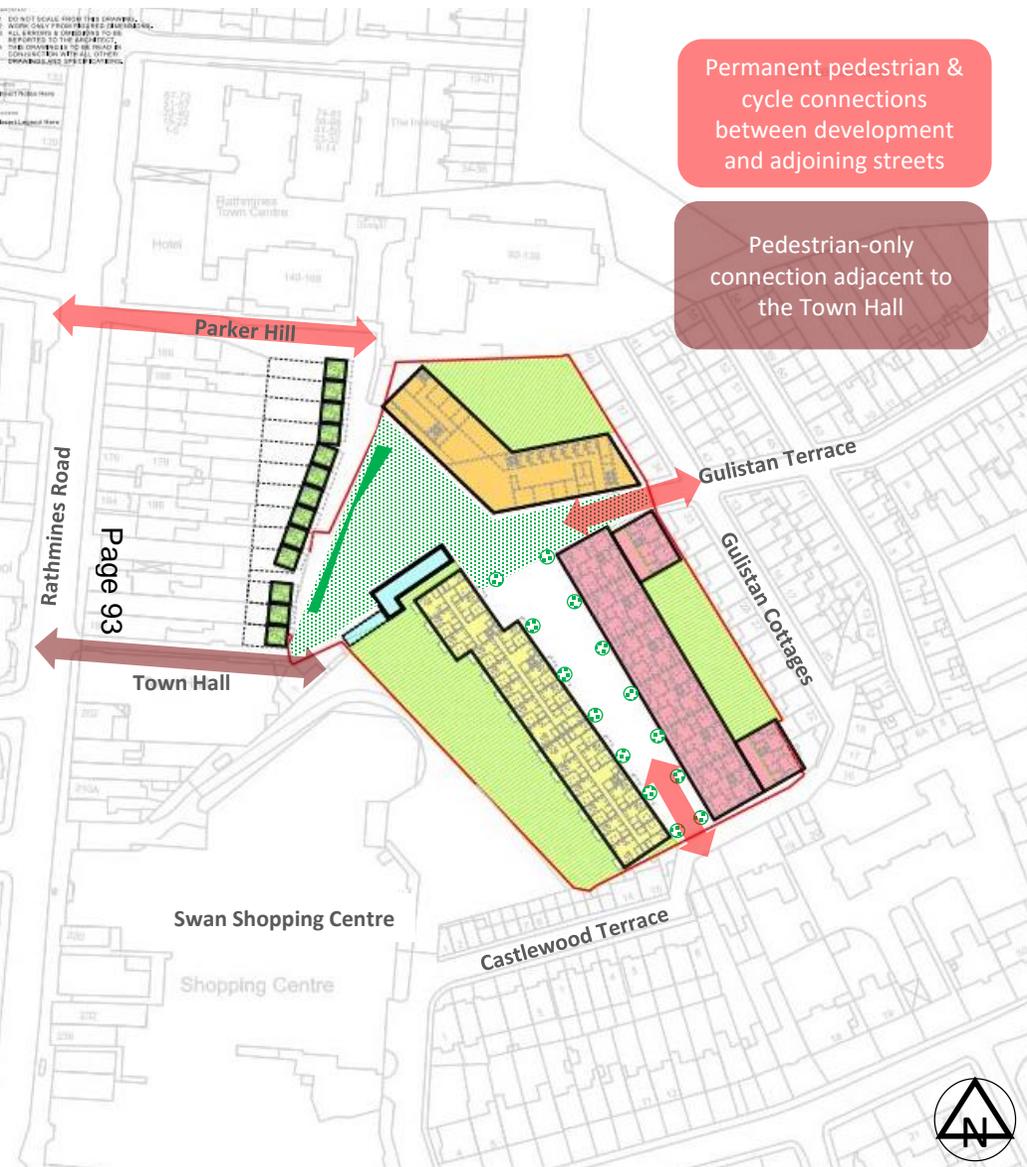


## 5.0 Implementing the Masterplan

### 5.1 Engagement

In order to implement the Masterplan in a coherent and expeditious manner, it is proposed that DCC engage with:

- a) The HSE, to develop the Primary Health Care Centre, plus a new access street to the Space.
- b) An AHB, to develop the south part of the site for Age Friendly Housing, Cost Rental Housing, refurbishment of the Stone Building and the provision of a new Civic Space. An outline of the terms and conditions applicable to both entities is set out in sections 5.4 & 5.5.



## 5.0 Implementing the Masterplan

### 5.2 Pedestrian & Cycle Access

Pedestrian & Cycle access is to be provided at three points via:

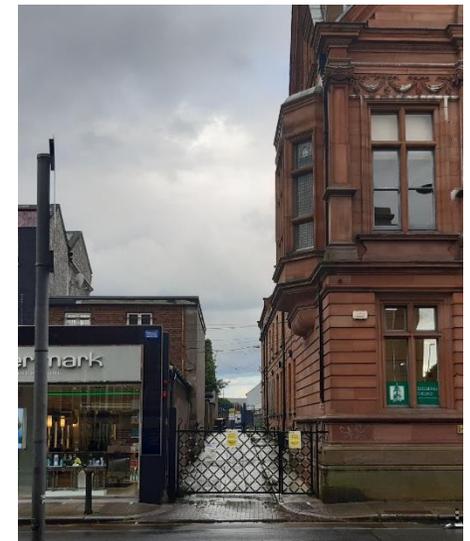
- Parker Hill to the north;
- Gulistan Terrace to the east;
- Castlewood Terrace to the south;

Pedestrian-only access will be provided via the laneway abutting Rathmines Town Hall to the west.

It is envisaged that the proposed development will provide an appropriate activation of this laneway and will represent the primary movement route between the site and Rathmines village.



Parker Hill



Rathmines Town Hall



No through vehicular route across Civic Space. Limited resident parking and HSE set-down access from Gulistan Terrace and Castlewood Terrace

## 5.0 Implementing the Masterplan

### 5.3 Vehicular Access

The Civic Plaza will be kept free of vehicular traffic.

Vehicular access is to be provided at two locations, from:

- Gulistan Terrace;
- Castlewood Terrace;

No vehicular movements will be permitted through the Civic Space. Vehicular traffic will ingress and egress via Gulistan Terrace. Egress only will be provided to Castlewood Terrace. Carriageway widths will be limited to that required for the entering and maneuvering of fire tenders and refuse vehicles.

### 5.4 Parking

Parking for the residential development will be provided to Development Plan standards and will be located on-street.

The HSE may develop an underground car-park for their use under the proposed Primary Care Centre.

Masterplan Proposal – Vehicular Access. Note: Layouts are indicative only.

## 5.0 Implementing the Masterplan

### 5.4 Outline terms and conditions for a Primary Care Centre

- a) The model of development for a Primary Care Centre is either via exchequer funding from HSE resources (which is the preference) or by an operational lease:
- HSE buy site, secure planning permission, and build; or
  - A Developer builds and the HSE takes a lease for typically 25 years with option to buy back at end for nominal fee; i.e. full ownership reverts to HSE.
- b) Planning application to be submitted to DCC for the Primary Care Centre within 18 months of the transfer from DCC, and the entire development to be completed within 36 months of that date.
- c) Developer to provide an enhanced vehicular and pedestrian entrance from Gulistan Terrace to the new Civic Space.
- d) Developer shall undertake not to use the site or premises for any purpose other than that as a Primary Care Centre as shown on the planning permission plans and particulars.
- e) That an older persons Day Care facility would be included in the Health Care Centre and that the HSE and DCC explore a Service Level Agreement, to provide that space(s) associated with the Day Care facility can also be used for community purposes in the evening.

### 5.5 Outline terms and conditions for Age Friendly & Cost Rental Homes

- a) Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) are a key part of DCC's strategy for the delivery of social housing, Age Friendly Housing and Cost Rental Housing. AHB's are not for profit bodies which are subject to the Charity Regulator and the Housing Regulator. The Housing Agency is charged with responsibility for regulating AHB's. AHB's must use the assets in accordance with their charitable status and any surpluses must be re-invested to benefit their charitable aims.
- b) A restriction on title is usually applied to ensure continued use of the units as Age Friendly and Cost Rental Housing. If the AHB ceases to exist, the asset must be transferred to a similar charitable body or back to DCC free of charge.
- c) The development shall comply with the planning permission granted, to include the Civic Space to taking in charge standards.
- d) The development must be fully completed and fit for occupants within 36 months of transfer from DCC.
- e) DCC shall have nomination rights to all the Age friendly units and the Cost Rental units will be allocated in accordance with the eligibility criteria for Cost Rental Schemes when finalised. A proportion of the Age Friendly units shall be allocated to qualifying persons from private housing subject to making a financial contribution to be agreed with DCC.
- f) Tenure mix to be determined when AHB has been selected.



View of Existing Depot Site

## 6.0 Conclusion

In conclusion, it is considered that the above package of measures will make optimum use of a brownfield site and bring forward much needed affordable housing and age friendly homes, together with a health care facility in an integrated fashion, which will further enhance the vitality of Rathmines as a key urban village.



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RE : **Proposed Development of a Primary Care Centre at Gullistan Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6 by the HSE.**  
**Proposed Acquisition of HSE Health Centre, Emmet Road, St. Michael's Estate, Inchicore, Dublin 8 by Dublin City Council (DCC)**  
**Parties : Dublin City Council (DCC)**  
**Health Service Executive (HSE)**

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Further to your previous instructions in this matter, please be advised that agreement has been reached with Mr. Paul Flood, HSE for the disposal of a site at Gullistan Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6 to the HSE for the development of a Primary Care Centre Facility and the transfer of a property at Emmet Road, St. Michael's Estate, Inchicore, Dublin 8 to Dublin City Council.

The City Valuers Office has through intensive discussions with the HSE agreed the disposal of the fee simple interest in part of the former DCC Depot site at Gullistan Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6 to the HSE. The agreed purchase price is the sum of €5.5 million. The purchase will be funded by the HSE by way of a land exchange and financial contribution. The HSE will transfer the fee simple interest in the Health Centre site at Emmet Road, purchase price agreed at €3.5m, to Dublin City Council for the planned St. Michael's Estate regeneration project and pay a balancing financial contribution of €2m to the Council. In advance of the transfer of title to the Emmet Road site, the HSE will hand-over possession of same to DCC by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the latest, as DCC urgently require possession to advance the St. Michael's regeneration project (for which a design team has been appointed).

In the event the HSE do not complete the acquisition of the Gullistan Terrace site, fail to apply for or receive planning permission or proceed with construction of the development, DCC will acquire the Emmet Road site in fee simple, at the agreed purchase price of €3.5m, on an unrestricted basis, i.e. with no uplift clauses or conditionality around building, etc.

The terms and conditions of the transaction provide for the HSE receiving the Fee Simple interest in a cleared site for the development of a Primary Care Centre, which may form part of a mixed use scheme by the HSE, subject to Planning Approval. Furthermore, the HSE will be granted a temporary licence over part of the retained Public Realm/Open Space/Access areas to the extent required to develop the necessary access and public realm to service their development. The agreement is outlined in the following terms and conditions which I consider to be fair and reasonable:

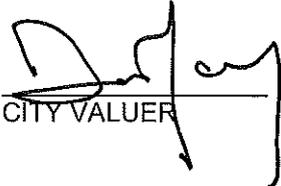
1. That Dublin City Council shall, subject to conditions 8 and 9 below, dispose of the freehold interest with vacant possession in the property at Gulistan Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6 having a gross area of 0.6620 acres/ 2,679sq.m or thereabouts, as shown with the boundary hatched in red on map index no. SM-2020-0383, for identification purposes only, to the HSE. The previous map index No. SM-2020-0383, has been included for comparison purposes only. Dublin City Council shall take-in-charge upon completion the main access road at the approved development, as shown marked E and coloured yellow and hatched in orange on map index no. SM-2020-0383- see condition No. 12 below. A formal map shall be prepared for disposal purposes arising from the planning permission.
2. That the HSE shall, subject to conditions 8 and 9 below, transfer to Dublin City Council the freehold interest with vacant possession in the property at the HSE Health Centre, Emmet Road, St. Michael's Estate, Inchicore, Dublin 8 having an area of 1,785sq.m or thereabouts, as shown outlined in red on map index no. PD2008-083, for identification purposes only, for no monetary consideration. A formal map shall be prepared for contract purposes.
3. That the balancing consideration payable for the Council site at No. 1 above in full and final settlement shall be in the sum of €2,000,000 (two million euro) which shall be payable as follows:
  - a. €1,000,000 per annum with the first payment being made no later than a date two months after the date of final grant of planning permission for a Primary Care Centre on the site at No. 1 above and the final payment of €1,000,000 on or before the next anniversary of that date, or the date of entry on the site for the purposes of commencing construction of the Primary Care Centre, whichever is the earlier.
  - b. Interest at the rate of 5% per annum may apply to outstanding amounts which have not been paid as they have fallen due.
4. That the Law Agent shall prepare the necessary contract documents, to be ready for execution by the parties within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the formal approval of the transaction by the Council. The Applicant must execute and return such documentation within twelve weeks of receipt of same.
5. That the Applicant must lodge a planning application for the development of a Primary Care Centre and access road at the lands outlined at No. 1 above within eighteen months of receipt of the requisite approvals of the City Council to this proposed disposal. If this does not occur the City Council, at its absolute discretion, may decide to rescind this agreement. The HSE will issue a report to Dublin City Council at a date 9 months after City Council approval on the progress made by the design team appointed in preparing the design of the building and outlining any pre-planning consultations with the planning Authority, in anticipation of submitting the planning application.
6. That the Applicant shall submit a valid planning application to Dublin City Council and, if required, an appeal to An Bord Pleanála. If necessary, a second application may be submitted within three months of the Council or An Bord Pleanála refusal.
7. That if planning permission for a Primary Care Centre development, in accordance with provisions of condition No. 6 above, is either refused (by Dublin City Council or An Bord Pleanála), or granted subject to onerous conditions, then either party may rescind the agreement within eight weeks of the refusal or final grant of planning permission, without penalty or compensation due to the other party. All related costs to be borne by the

Applicant. In the case of a grant of permission the Applicant must indicate in writing that it is an acceptable grant of planning permission within four weeks of the decision, or in the case of a decision by Dublin City Council that the applicant intends to appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

8. That Dublin City Council shall use its best endeavours to ensure that the transfer of title to the lands at No.1 above shall be completed no later than a date two months after the date of final grant of planning permission for a Primary Care Centre at No.1 above. The HSE shall use its best endeavours to vacate the site at No. 2 above and handover clear possession to Dublin City Council, on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. DCC shall have the right to call for the transfer of title and/or a works licence in relation to the site at No. 2 above, at any time after 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.
9. That in the event that Dublin City Council receive title to site No. 2 for no consideration and if the agreement is ultimately rescinded under No. 5 or 7 above, the Council shall become liable to transfer a total sum of €3.5million, inclusive of VAT, to the HSE, payable in three equal yearly instalments.
10. That the Applicant shall use its best endeavours to commence work on the proposed Primary Care Centre on site No. 1 above within thirteen months of the date of final grant of planning permission and to complete the entire development within twenty months from that date.
11. That Dublin City Council reserves the right to re-purchase the site at No.1 for €3.5 million plus any payments made by the HSE under No. 3a above and resume possession thereof, should the Applicant fail to substantially commence the development of the Primary Care Centre within three years of the date of final grant of planning permission for same.
12. That Dublin City Council shall provide a letter of consent to the applicant to make a planning application for the lands outlined at No.1 above. In addition, the following shall occur:
  - (a) Dublin City Council shall grant a short term temporary licence and ROW to the Applicant, who must construct an enhanced vehicular and pedestrian access road marked E (East), within the lands outlined at No.1 above and as hatched in orange on map index. No. SM-2020-0383. Dublin City Council shall take the area in-charge on completion and also retain title to the area outside of the site No.1 above.
  - (b) The balance of the HSE development area shall be subject to the freehold disposal to the Applicant, subject to the Council retaining wayleaves to any services as agreed with the HSE. Dublin City Council or an Approved Housing body shall construct the pedestrian access routes and wider public realm areas marked W (West) and coloured yellow on the attached map index. No. SM-2020-0383.
13. That Dublin City Council shall provide a the site at No1 cleared of any buildings only, to the applicant and shall be prepared to grant a short term temporary occupational licence to the Applicant of plot W (West) outlined at No. 12 (b) above, if required, in the event the Applicant's development precedes the Council works at plot W (West).
14. That if necessary, either party shall be entitled to construct the entire of the works at 12 (a), 12(b) and 13 above to facilitate project scheduling and, in those circumstances, to recover the vouched expenses due from the other party in accordance with their respective responsibilities. If the Council is to carry out the works, it shall receive an appropriate Works Licence from the HSE (if title in site No 1 has already transferred to the HSE).
15. That all site investigations (including archaeological investigations), ground works, services connections or reasonable diversions, planning fees, development and associated professional costs incurred in the delivery of the completed development on the property at No.1 above, shall be borne by the Applicant. If, in the event, major infrastructure diversions works are required to accommodate the works, then the costs will be borne by both parties equally.

16. That the Applicant shall ensure that all necessary safety precautions are taken in accordance with Health & Safety Regulations and all other statutory requirements.
17. That the Applicant shall undertake not to use the said site at No. 1 for, or build on the site, anything other than the buildings shown on the approved drawings and for which planning permission is obtained.
18. That Part V obligations shall apply to any residential blocks approved in the scheme of development, if applicable.
19. That during the building period, the Applicant will insure the buildings at No.1 above against fire and all other insurable risks with an appropriate insurance policy and pay all necessary premiums.
20. That an older persons Day Care facility would be included in the Health Care Centre and that the HSE and DCC explore a Service Level Agreement, to provide that space(s) associated with the Day Care facility can also be used for community purposes in the evening.
21. That the Applicant and it's design team shall indemnify the City Council against any claim for compensation which may be made by any party arising out of building works being carried out on the property at No.1 above, or any working areas or on any access points thereto.
22. That all VAT payable and any Stamp Duty liabilities, on this transaction and any proposed development, shall be the responsibility of the Applicant.
23. That as a condition of this disposal the Applicant shall provide evidence that it holds the unencumbered freehold title with full vacant possession in the former Health Centre site shown outlined in red on drawing index no. PD2008-083, for identification purposes only.
24. That each party shall be responsible for their own professional costs arising in this transaction.
25. That any of the dates/time frames outlined above may be extended by the Chief Executive at his absolute discretion and all notices must be given in writing.
26. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact David Garvey at ph: (01) 222 2112 or by email [david.garvey@dublincity.ie](mailto:david.garvey@dublincity.ie).

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

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### **Report of the Director of Services, South City**

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#### **Grand Canal**

A meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 with Waterways Ireland Management to agree the structure of meetings going forward. The first quarterly meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Microsoft Teams and the second meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

#### **Portobello Harbour Square**

We met with City Architects Department and Public Realm to make a plan for public engagement in relation to the redesign of the square. A meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> January with SEA Councillors to discuss the proposed public consultation for Portobello Plaza. A meeting was held with City Architects, Roads, Planning and Public Realm to discuss how we might proceed. The architects for the hotel have now confirmed that they plan to commence development in the summer. A meeting will be arranged in April with City Architects and hotel architects and other internal departments to discuss arrangements for managing the build and the renovation of the square. A further meeting will be arranged with Councillors soon afterwards to set out in some detail how the initial phase of public consultation will proceed.

We have a social media campaign ready to go which will focus on the problems associated with outdoor drinking and the impact on the local community in Portobello.

This was a particular problem last Summer with very few places open in the city due to the Covid 19 situation. The social media campaign is a collaboration between Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána and Waterways Ireland and we intend to launch very shortly.

#### **Parking Enforcement in Housing Complexes in the South East Area**

A number of representations have been received from Councillors over the last few years regarding the lack of parking enforcement in housing complexes within the South East Area. In response to this, the South East Area Office has engaged two contractors to carry out parking enforcement within our housing complexes. These contracts are for an initial period of 12 months, with a review after 6 months and the average cost of a parking permit is €25 per year, which is considered to be good value. Parking Enforcement in Dublin City Council advises that Dublin Street Parking Services have no authority to enforce in the DCC housing complexes.

#### **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 was proposed that the tender for

the car park works would issue by end of Q1 2021, but this has been delayed due to resourcing issues in Road Construction section. 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 completed in February 2021. Renewal of display boards at entrances to the park will be carried out in 2021 using Discretionary Funds.

### **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.

*Both of these projects are now listed on the Capital Programme 2021 – 2023 it is understood that funding has been awarded from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).*

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and further meetings were required with key departments. Due to resourcing issues Roads Design and Construction Section will not be able to oversee completion of project to Part 8 stage. We are therefore preparing a tender brief to address all outstanding issues and bring the project to Part 8 stage. In the meantime we are engaging with internal stakeholders to identify all outstanding issues. Councillors will be briefed before we commence the 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Pre Part 8 report and drawings issued in December 2018 did not meet the requirements of E & T Department, however. 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**

Progress on the pitch refurbishment in the Cabbage Garden has been very much impacted by the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. A contractor has been appointed to bring the pitch to a 3G standard. Once the construction sector resumes, we are awaiting a construction plan from the contractor and we will need to get an archaeological licence for the pitch refurbishment.

We also want to develop play possibilities/opportunities within the Cabbage Garden and we are awaiting some feedback from Debby Clarke, Play Officer. We are keen to work proactively with the Parks Department to develop a master plan for the Cabbage Garden for the future.

Monthly meetings with various stakeholders are ongoing with an aim to improve the local environment and develop activities in the park. Also, the plan for the mural on Cathedral Lane is progressing, with 28 groups contacted for expressions of interest to be involved. A separate steering group has been set up to work on that element.

### **Pearse House Regeneration**

Stage 1 for Pearse House regeneration is with the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government. Once stage 1 is approved by the department, a design team will be appointed. A design team will be guided by the design of the retrofit/amalgamation/extension proposal. Dublin City Council is expecting a decision from the department in the next couple of weeks. Currently the housing manager and his team are in consultation with the tenants living in Pearse House.

### **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 it 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 replace all fire alarms and escape lighting. The tender process for these works is now complete and the tenders are currently being examined.

An additional budget allocation of €240,000 for the requisite works has been sought from the additional government funding and it is anticipated this funding will be approved at the April City Council meeting. Further tendering of the remaining works will be required at that stage. A draft management plan for the running of the facility is being prepared in conjunction with the two main community groups.

### **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 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.

It has been agreed by the elected members that further monies (€7.500) will be allocated to this Age Friendly Initiative in the Discretionary funding for 2021. 8 IT age friendly tablets have been distributed to residents and have been very well received. Cliff Run Media has supplied over 1000 units to established age friendly projects across the country. The tablet comes with one year's free WIFI and is dignity proofed to make access as easy as possible. Funding of € 2,000 from the HX Age Friendly Project; €1,000 from the central age friendly fund, and a final €1,000 from our Community Budget. A list of recipients was prepared in conjunction with HXVCC.

Next meeting has been scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 the community.

A meeting took place between the Area Manager, the Parks Section and the secretary of the residents' association on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March to have initial discussions around the best utilisation of co-funded €20 k from the Discretionary Fund and Park Section's allocation.

### **St. Pancras, Mount Tallant**

It is expected that acquisition of the units will be completed within the next few weeks. It is now confirmed DCC will be purchasing 4x2 beds 7x1 beds. Selections for the units have been completed and we are currently undertaking estate management checks on selected applicants.

### **Choice Based Lettings**

Two units in Grove Road and one in Rathmines Avenue were allocated under the choice based letting scheme in February. We have now advertised a further 2 x 2 bed units in Rathmines Avenue. Applications will remain open until 16<sup>h</sup> April.

### **CCTV Benbulbin Road**

Following discussions with the Data Protection Office we have now agreed a course of action that will allow us to progress the installation of CCTV at Benbulbin Road. A report was submitted to the JPC and they endorsed the project. We have now written to the Garda Commissioner to seek his authorisation to allow us to install the system. This will address the concerns of our Data Protection Office in regards to DCC having the authority to install CCTV in a public place. It is a requirement under the current Code of Practice that An Garda Síochána will agree to be joint data controller of the system. Once these steps have been completed we will undertake a consultation process with local stakeholders.

### **Acorn IT Tablets**

The first roll out of the 16 IT packages of a 10-inch Tablet Screen with full IT support and one year's free broadband as a pilot project to older persons in the South East Area has been arranged. Initial feedback from client users (VIPs) and sponsors assisting them with getting started has been very positive. A review of their usage will be carried out after a month and we will liaise with Cliffrun Media on any issues raised.

### **Acropolis Volunteer Group**

A new Volunteer Group answering calls to the Covid-19 Community Response has been initiated for the Rathmines Area. This is a very welcome development as some fatigue has set in from established groups, some of whom have been servicing the clients for a year now. The group are from a philosophy study group and are also offering attendances at their regular Zoom Classes.

### **Allotments**

Annual Licences for allotments at Blarney Park, Ringsend Park and Herbert Park have been renewed. Plan for any improvement and maintenance works for 2021 being prepared.

### **BRU Crumlin**

The Community Team has arranged for 125 care packages to be assembled for the most isolated and 'in need' younger persons attached to the BRU Crumlin Youth Service. Each package contains games, treats, BRU Crumlin branded items and information on staying connected to the service in anticipation of the reopening in the summer.

### **Cabbage Patch & Cathedral Lane**

Monthly meetings with various stakeholders are ongoing with an aim to improve the local environment and develop activities in the park. The football pitch is due to be relayed and CCTV installed shortly. Also, the plan for the mural on Cathedral Lane is progressing with 28 groups contacted for expressions of interest to be involved. A separate steering group has been set up to work on that element.

### **Covid-19 Community Response**

We are still receiving referrals from older residents looking for low level assistance. Requests for transport for Covid-19 tests are referred to the Civil Defence who are very busy with this task. A number of groups and organisations assist in providing support including Serve the City, St. Andrews Resource Centre, The Holy Trinity Church and Maxwell Court Meal Service (Rathmines), Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre, The Fair Play Café (Ringsend), Portobello St. Kevin's, Ranelagh Community Response, The Acropolis Group, Donnybrook Tidy Towns, Ballsbridge Tidy Towns, Temple Bar Company, the South City Partnership supported food bank in Bluebell and other local providers. We are continuing to support BBQ

Tonight Restaurant on Clanbrassil Street who link in with the Muslim Sisters of Éire in providing meals for the homeless as well as those in isolation.

### **Crumlin Community Clean Up**

The Community Team are supporting the group in a wide range of activities across the whole Crumlin area including:-

- Weekly Clean Ups (in all weathers)
- Survey of Residents on best usage and plans for the open spaces
- Provision of professional supports (Fiann O’Nualláin – Organic Gardener)
- Identification and review of laneways and antisocial dumping

### **Docklands Voices**

Zoom meetings with local stakeholders from the Pearse Street and Ringsend areas were held earlier this month to develop this Arts Office project which aims to engage residents in the Docklands with creativity and link communities on both sides of the Liffey. Benefits for those who become involved will include learning or developing new skills, an opportunity to perform as well as enhancing mental health and well-being. A more concrete plan for the programme expected to be formalised by the end of April/early May.

### **Environmental Projects (Ongoing)**

Much focus will centre on environmental and greening projects over the coming months. We have been working with Friends of Green Spaces Projects, Tidy Towns Groups and other Environmental Groups and a number of requests for assistance have been received. Recent and forthcoming projects as follows:

We are assessing a request for additional planters in Mount Argus Grove and Mount Argus/Church Park Estate in Harold’s Cross. The Harold’s Cross Tidy Towns Group are to liaise with local residents who made the request.

We will be replanting the six large planters on Leinster Road, Rathmines once the weather improves.

Twelve new planter boxes to be added to Lower Rathmines Road.

We will be repainting the planters on Durrow Road and Lismore Road to the colour of the other planters in the Crumlin area.

Three planter seats, a library seated planter and 3 standard planter boxes to be put in place at Verschoyle Court Sheltered Housing Complex.

Two planter seats and 2 standard planter boxes to be put in place at Powerscourt Sheltered Housing Complex.

Three planter seats to be put in place at Ranelagh Gardens Sheltered Housing Complex.

A planter seat and standard planters to be provided to St. Andrew’s Resource Centre/Pearse Street.

Large provision of plants being arranged for Ringsend Tidy Towns to support their village greening programme and pollination pots.

Five new planter boxes and an extra provision of plants being provided to Ballsbridge Tidy Towns.

We are also currently liaising with Donnybrook Tidy Towns to assist their plans for the year ahead. Location for a library planter being examined.

New equipment, planter boxes and flowers are being provided to Portobello Tidy Towns. We are also supporting their biodiversity garden on Synge Street.

A Notice Board and extra seating with small table on order for Dunville Avenue Boulevard of Dreams.

Terenure Tidy Towns - it is our understanding that the current group have decided to step down. Terenure Residents Association and I Love Terenure 2030 have agreed to carry out an audit of planters and available path spaces with a view to overhauling the current units and sourcing suitable locations for other. The open space at LIDL has been identified as a possible location for a signature planter(s).

We are carrying out remedial work to fix a custom Planter at Elm Park Terrace (Terenure), as the current item constructed by local residents has become damaged.

The Harold's Cross Tidy Towns Group are proposing the installation of Benches/Rest Stops in the Village. This ties in with the proposal in the Age Friendly Plan, therefore the cost may be split between the Tidy Towns Group, the Age Friendly Project and the local Area Office. Support being provided to volunteers involved in planting projects at Whelan House and O'Rahilly House in Ringsend.

Other areas being examined include Whitefriar Gardens, Leo Fitzgerald House, Boyne Street and Grand Canal Wharf.

A request for road based planters at the entrance to Herberton Drive has been received, however we don't supply units that may have implications for traffic. The local resident has been referred to the Traffic Department to see can the necessary permissions be granted.

### **HX Grow Project**

The project managed to run an event for St. Patrick's Day, which was the distribution of wildflower and other growing packs to the local community. Approximately 300 packs were distributed with support from the Community Team and assistance for the new Educate Together School.

### **'Let's Have a Chat' Gardening Programme**

Due to the enormous success of this project being run by the Active IT Society in Terenure, the Community Team have agreed to support two online sessions per month for March, April, May and June. Ordinary members of the public who would like to attend these sessions with Organic Gardner Fiann O'Nualláin will now be admitted, they can have the Zoom Link by contacting the Community Team.

### **Harold's Cross Virtual Festival 2021**

Planning for the Harold's Cross Festival 2021 which will be entirely Virtual and will take place from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> of May continues with two meetings per month on Zoom. A comprehensive programme of online activity with something for all ages is in the planning stage.

### **Kimmage Manor and the River Poddle Lecture**

Cathy Scuffil presented another talk entitled "Kimmage Manor and the River Poddle" on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 7PM as part of the Dublin City of Learning Virtual programme. The talk will also be repeated during the Harold's Cross Virtual Festival both talks will be hosted by the Community Team.

### **New-born Knitting**

New-born Knitting packs comprising wool, needles and patterns are now being distributed to residents of Beech Hill Court, Beggars Bush Court, Cambridge Court, Charlemont Court, Heskin Court, Powers Court, Ranelagh Close, Verschoyle Court and Woodstock Court sheltered housing complexes with baby blankets, cardigans, hats and teddies for new-born babies and their older siblings to be sent to refugee camps on the Greek island of Samos.

### **Older Person's Activity Packs**

Activity packs for older people are being prepared for distribution initially on a pilot basis to residents of selected sheltered housing schemes. It is hoped to extend this project beyond sheltered housing at a later stage. Packs will include jigsaws, puzzles books (word searches, sudoku, crosswords) and anti-stress Colouring Books. Such brain activities have been proved to help reduce anxiety, develop focus, increase creativity and enhance motor skills. Book reading/library type areas are also being promoted at selected sheltered housing complexes with other ideas at the planning stage.

### **Other Initiatives**

The Community Development Team have also been inputting to or/and have promoted other initiatives including Sculpture Dublin Commissions/Workshops, DCC Integration Strategy, Dublin City Learning Festival, DCC Age Friendly, Pride of Place, Creative Arts Spring School, Culture Connects, Irish Architecture Foundation Public Space Sessions, Autism Friendly Villages, DCC Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, Public Parks Usage Survey, Arts Office Grants and Lottery Grants schemes.

### **Pearse House**

Support has been given to Pearse House residents with their plans for competitions and other safe activities for the St. Patrick's Day and Easter periods, benefitting both younger and older residents.

### **Rathgar Bee Pollinator Garden**

We printed a number of high quality signs for the Rathgar Bee Pollinator Garden which is based at the Church of the Three Patrons in Rathgar, and we will be supporting the project into the Spring/Summer.

### **Rathgar Business Association**

Following the meeting with the RRA, we liaised with Mark Smith from the Rathgar Business Association and are looking at supporting the provision of hanging baskets, linear planters at empty shop fronts and we using one of our suppliers for the provision of planting materials for planters and other locations.

### **Rathmines Community Survey**

The Area Community Officers completed a survey of DCC community activity, local community infrastructure, combined with those services and business that assist with capacity building and enhancing social capital in Rathmines Village and environs. This is on foot of a Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Freehill and was possible given the formal handover of responsibility for most of Rathmines from Ronan O'Donnell to Robert Chester. A combined meeting with the South City Partnership and the Kimmage Rathmines LEA Office with interested Councillors will be convened to discuss matters arising from the survey.

### **Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre**

We are providing support to the following activities and programmes run from the centre. Activities are currently taking place virtually.

- RICC Movie Club
- RICC Bingo Club
- After Schools Programme
- Ringsend Youth Service
- Friday Night Family Quarantine Quiz

Care packages are being delivered to the elderly and vulnerable who use the centre's services over bank holiday periods. These forthcoming packages will include Easter eggs. Separately, local volunteers and others based at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre assist the VDP in delivering 300 care packs every week.

### **Smart Agers Project**

The Terenure Smart Agers Project have managed to create their annual fund raising calendar by carrying out the photography before Christmas, and they have now collated the material with support from the Community Team. This Calendar is usually sold locally and all proceeds are given back to local community groups and projects in the area, although this component may have to wait till later in the year.

### **St. Agnes CCMA**

We have been discussing the best way to support the community music school given the current restrictions, and the Community Team will be providing various supports as agreed. The aim is to prepare the school for the eventual re-opening later in the year with group activity returning, currently all main activity is online.

### **St. Andrew's Resource Centre**

In conjunction with St. Andrew's Resource Centre, dinner deliveries are being arranged for Good Friday and Easter Saturday to 50 people who are isolating or are considered vulnerable. Care packages are also delivered to the elderly and vulnerable over bank holiday periods. These forthcoming packages will include Easter eggs. The local Talk about Youth Project also provides support.

### **Talk About Youth Project**

Support is being provided to this project which works with approximately 150 young people from Pearse House, Leo Fitzgerald, Markievicz, Andrews Court, Conway Court, Macken Villas, Longboat Quay, Hanover Quay, Gallery Quay; Pearse Grove, Princess Street South, Boyne Street, Fenian Street and Creighton Street. Activities are currently having to take place online with some special activities taking place for St. Patricks Day and Easter. During this pandemic period, the project is working not only with young people, but with families also.

**In what has been very difficult times for Local Community Groups and Volunteer Organisations, we are very grateful to all those involved in the above for their commitment and efforts.**

### **Waste Management / Environmental Services**

Removal of Graffiti

Supporting community clean-up programmes

Supporting National Spring Clean 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April

Public Domain Community (Deep Cleans) recommenced for April 2021

Weed Control to commence early April. Scheduled to start South East Area scheduled streets in late June

### **Abandoned Bike Removal**

56 abandoned bikes removed in March.

### **Joint Policing Subcommittee (JPC)**

Meeting Held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

### DUBLIN CITY SPORT & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP REPORT

APRIL 2021



Delivery of DCSWP programmes for April 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.

DCSWP has sought and received official confirmation around the re-engagement with schools from Sport Ireland and while officers have been in touch and received queries from schools regarding the resumption of programmes no face to face programmes will proceed until such time as it is safe to do so.

Supporting communities in the South East area to stay active and healthy regardless of age, ability or background remains a priority for DCSWP.

Development of the DCSWP Virtual Hub has been a highlight for the service in 2021. The team, in conjunction with our social media and event management partners, has worked very hard to develop this invaluable resource over the past few months in order to continue the very important work in our communities. (More information below)

#### Online/Social Media Supports:

- Twitter: [@dccsportsrec](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec)
- Facebook: [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing)
- Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)
- Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub: [dcwsphub.ie](https://dcwsphub.ie)

#### Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Virtual Hub

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership was proud to announce the launch of the new Virtual Hub. The Hub was created to ensure DCSWP continues the very important work of supporting communities across the city and Dublin City Council staff to stay physically and mentally active in a safe environment during this very

challenging time. Once restrictions are eased and lifted the Hub will also provide an invaluable resource in terms of enhancing and supporting face to face programmes.

Delivery of programmes via the Hub kicked off with our Change for Life programme which has been bringing people across the city together since 2013 as they embark on an 8-week journey towards health and happiness. Over 2000 people have registered for the 2021 online programme. Regardless of age, gender or ability there is something for everyone including fitness classes, nutrition talks and weekly challenges.

- Upcoming Hub initiatives are in the planning stages and details will be included in upcoming reports.

### **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 were 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>

### **Keep Well Campaign**

'Keep Well', the Healthy Ireland and Central government backed national campaign was launched in October last year. The campaign aims to highlight the critical importance of minding ourselves both physically and mentally during these uncertain times. Keep Well is described as a 'call to action' to everyone across society whether at individual, organisational or voluntary level to support people in discovering the many ways we can work together to build community resilience.

With older people in our communities facing a lengthy cocooning period, supporting their physical and mental health in the confinement of home became a matter of priority for DCSWP from the start of the crisis.

Keep Well has provided a great opportunity for DCSWP to continue to prioritise older and more vulnerable people and further enable them to stay active and healthy in the safety of their own homes.

When planning the online Keep Well Older Adult programme, careful consideration was given to how DCSWP could best support people to keep active virtually. Officers worked closely with individuals to ease any concerns - advising on issues around technology and engaging with coaches familiar to many of our participants.

The initiative commenced on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February with 90 older adults (age 55 plus) signing up to take part. Chair-based fitness classes were chosen with adaptations in place to ensure the programme is fully inclusive.

The classes are delivered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11.30am and provide a mixture of fitness, Pilates and yoga geared towards improving strength and balance.

The final two Keep Well initiatives are in the planning stages and will commence following the easing of current restrictions.

### **Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge 2021**

The challenge is over for 2021 and the virtual adaptation has proved to be a huge success. See below message from the Lord Mayor's office thanking 2021 participants and encouraging them to keep going:

*"You have got out there and walked and ran during the hard winter months – keep it up now we are coming into warmer weather. If you need to have something to work towards, look up the various charity challenges. Some of them are to complete a certain distance a month – there's lots out there. Another challenge is the (not) parkrun which is being done by parkrun Ireland. As they can't hold their weekly 5k runs / walks, they are encouraging all park runners to do a 5k a day and you just register it online. If you're in the VHI, you get some benefit (they are sponsors of parkrun) but the best bit is you get into the habit of doing a daily 5k".*

People can register for parkrun at <https://blog.parkrun.com/ie/2020/11/12/join-us-for-notparkrun/>

### **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.
- SIIO officers continue to deliver 2021 Change for Life programmes. Programmes for the next few weeks will be delivered online via the Virtual Hub. Activities will include walking, circuit classes, dance classes and Sit Fit classes.

### **Training**

- Online Safeguarding Training to support compliance in local clubs and organisations resumed with Safeguarding 1 Training on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Training is provided by DCSWP Officers. Safeguarding 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 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.
- Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership has recently been invited to apply for the CARA 'Xcessible' Bronze medal award. Through the Xcessible programme CARA enables Local Sports Partnerships to provide meaningful opportunities for people of disabilities to take part, sustain participation and excel in sport and physical activity. DCSWP has 12-18 months before providing evidence of our work and journey to the Xcessible committee, DCSWP Sport Officers and Administrative staff are currently completing their Xcessible training to support the application.

### **Sport for Young People – Small Grant Scheme 2021**

Sports clubs operating within the administrative area of Dublin City Council and affiliated to a National Governing Body have been invited to apply for financial assistance from the Sport for Young People – Small Grant Scheme (4-21 years of age) which is funded and administered by Sport Ireland and the Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership.

Club applications can be made at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure/dublin-city-sport-wellbeing-partnership>

Closing date for 2021 applications is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 at 5pm.

### **Co-Funded Programmes**

With level 5 restrictions currently in place face-to-face athletics, boxing, cricket, rowing and rugby programmes have been temporarily suspended. As per the introduction piece engagement with local schools continues in order to resume programmes once restrictions are lifted and online supports continue as highlighted below.

### **Online Co-funded Highlights - Boxing in the community**

DCSWP Boxing Co-funded officers are currently delivering its second stage of 'zoom-boom' Startbox online boxing tutorials. Boxing legends Michael Carruth and Paul Quinn are tutoring young enthusiasts via the IABA Youtube Channel (see link below).

The programme commences with various warm up exercises and finishes with cool down advice. In between classes, officers are sharing their expertise in relation to footwork and awareness skills. The target age is 7 – 18 years:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWCJty6SYFt5zBEIAsnVAUg>

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**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if any arm of the City Council could look at the old baths on Sandymount Strand to see if there is any way that they could be put to use in these Covid times with a view to providing a controlled outdoor swimming area.

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he could look at the possibility of installing more Community Book Sharing facilities across the area as described in the email submitted with this question and on a trial basis perhaps in the vicinity of Donnybrook Fire Station.

I look forward to participating in Donnybrook Plan, I saw this on Dunville Avenue, and would love to think we could do the same in Donnybrook (I for one would love to share my books) Area to the left and in front of Fire Station a possibility. Would welcome your comments about how to go about getting this done, and maybe coming up with a better design.



**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the following issues pertaining to the Gulistan area.

**Pedestrian Gate**

I am writing to draw your attention to the fact that the pedestrian gate from Gulistan Depot to Rathmines has been locked since the start of the pandemic, forcing people onto the heavily congested footpaths in Rathmines. The reason given by the depot staff that they need to be able to control access to the recycle centre is nonsensical - it is an outdoor facility, and allowing pedestrian access is hardly going to create any problems for them. Locking the gate is needlessly putting people at risk by adding to the congestion in Rathmines Village.

**Bike Bunker**

I very much hope that one of the new bike bunkers will be made available here soon. I think one of the parking spaces at the junction between Castlewood Terrace and Gulistan Cottages would be ideal for a bike bunker.

**Weeds/ Street Cleaning**

The upkeep of these streets is truly abysmal. Last summer enormous weeds proliferated everywhere and I can't remember the last time I saw anyone from the council sweeping the streets. Cleaning usually only happens in response to complaints from us. I do not see the same level of neglect on the more expensive roads in our neighbourhood.

**Bins**

With no back or front gardens, these houses are not suited to wheelie bins, and plastic bin bags get ripped apart by animals. Surely a better solution would be some kind of communal bins (like in Spain)? I have noticed that many of the houses on Mount Pleasant Place leave their wheelie bins permanently on the pavement outside their houses, making it unpleasant and difficult to navigate the street (particularly for anyone

with a buggy or in a wheelchair). I would imagine that they would also welcome a similar solution.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will give a comprehensive response to the issues raised in relation to Dartmouth Square in the email submitted with this question.

**“Subject:** LEAVE NO TRACE - DARTMOUTH SQUARE PARK seeking your permission to get bin moved.

Ranelagh Village Improvement Group

You might be aware of the great turn out we had here in the square and all across the greater Ranelagh area making submissions to the City Development Plan looking for a Ranelagh Village Improvement Scheme. It was a tremendous burst of energy and fun during bleak times. We await a result

Dartmouth Square - Party Central March 2020-March 2021

1. Dumping household waste in our bins, general waste (beer bottles, coffee cups, dog poop bags and pizza boxes). On a regular basis over the weekends in particular we as neighbours had to go out and clean the streets with blue bags. We often had 10/12 bags hanging off the railings. The week before last I went out to find broken bottles thrown all over the ground. Coffee cups and rubbish. Decided I wasn't cleaning it up. When returned it was all still there with huge amounts of stuff on top. While I was off walking two people drove up to dump the bags from their car in our bin and another person put the contents of a shopping bag in the same bin. All raw meat.

The Committee got together and decided that we didn't want any more bins and we would try to get people to buy into Tidy Town's project "LEAVE NO TRACE". We are heading towards our third weekend and we are delighted with the response. We are getting nothing but positive feedback from people using the park.

We want the bin on the West side removed, bear in mind we had never requested a bin.

2. Key holder - This time last year DCC decided that they were withdrawing the man that opened/closed gates to the Park for financial reasons. DCC had only paid the guy a stipend. It was intended that all the gates would be left open on a permanent basis. This would be impossible here as we are so close to park and it poses security risk to all of us, children and cars, so we have been opening and closing the Park ourselves. Bear in mind we as a community helped DCC buy back the Park when they didn't have enough money in 2013. The amount paid equates to a quarter of the park. So will they give us back the money so we can employ someone to open and close the park?

3. After the 2013 issues we were presented with a plan for large scale improvements in the square by Les Moore, since then we have to rattle everybody's cage to get the slightest thing done.

4. Car parked on the west side of Square for months no tax or insurance clamped and unclamped on a regular basis. Eventually they towed it away two weeks ago and its now back again on the north side of the square clamped again. No tax or insurance. Obviously Parks don't like Dartmouth Square as much as they like other Parks or maybe it's Ranelagh generally

Please feel free to ring me or we can meet in the Park with other members of committee”

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to ensure that the Double Yellow Lines previously in place ( and still partially visible) along the road at the side of the Amazon Building leading to Burlington Gardens – off Burlington Road – are repainted and that the metal receptors on this public road are removed as a matter of urgency. The works on the Amazon

buildings are now completed approximately three years and there is no case for the official road marking not to be reinstated and the unofficial metal receptors not being removed.

The parking problem has arisen since Amazon commissioned their new HQ about 6 years ago. Prior to Amazon's Shannon House there was double yellows on both sides of the road. Subsequent to Amazon's occupation of the building the yellow lines on their side of the road became obscured by the works at the construction period but still may be seen where they have not been eroded. Also Amazon's builders left metal receptors in the road so that they can cordon off the parking for themselves by inserting poles.

**Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will have the "make shift drain" ( according to a resident) at the pavement at the pedestrian crossing outside O'Brien's on Sandymount Road examined and upgraded. I am told that water constantly stagnates there and makes crossing for the elderly in particular difficult. Also if there could be a review of the footpaths generally through the Village as I am told they need upgrading.

**Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to report on the public lighting along the main Sandymount Village area as I am told it is very dark in the evenings.

**Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the concerns raised by Dodder Action in relation to proposed works along the Dodder as submitted in the email with this question.

Dodder Action, a voluntary group dedicated to the maintenance of the River Dodder, is aware of the proposal, adopted by South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council and Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council in 2003, to build 584 metres of flood walls at a height of 1.48 metres between the river and the riverbank in Milltown.

We have concerns about this plan as it is outlined in the River Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Management Plan (2014), particularly the proposal to build 1.48 metre walls on the river bank at Shanagarry Apartments (DCC) and the Al Hussain Islamic Centre (DLR).

These walls would destroy some of the most beautiful views on the River Dodder. They would impact the enjoyment of the thousands who walk the river banks every day. They would also be detrimental to the wildlife in and along the river, from otters, to birds, to insects to fish to vegetation.

Consultant engineers Byrne Looby, informed of our concerns, have clarified that surveys of the river are on-going and public consultation will take place before any new flood defences are constructed. They add, however, that the suggestion by Dodder Action that modern flood mitigation measures allowing controlled flooding in the less populated upper reaches will help with additional flooding caused by climate change, but not with the flood risk already calculated.

The flood risk to the Shanagarry Apartments and the Al Hussain Centre is calculated to be a once in a century event. Even at that, the Shanagarry Apartments are built on stilts, presumably due to the perceived flood risk, and the flood risk relates to the car park. If Byrne Looby still finds that a wall is absolutely required to protect the Al Hussain Centre and the Shanagarry Apartments, it is Dodder Action's contention that a flood wall should be constructed between the apartments/Al Hussain Centre and the river, not between the river and the river bank. This simple solution would avoid the destruction of a noted beauty spot rich in industrial heritage and wildlife.

Dodder Action wishes to alert you, in your role as a public representative for this area, to this potential risk to the river and its banks in the hope that you will use your influence in the River Dodder's favour. To that end, we will be happy to furnish you with any further information you may require.

**Q.9 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can the main road running along Palmerston Park be designated as a 30km area? The Park area has a large number of children (there is also a nursing home on the street) and many cars regularly race up the street.

Can DCC look at creating wider footpaths and cycling lanes as part of the Covid Mobility Response especially at the top section of Upper Rathmines road leading up to the junction with Palmerston Park? With the COVID crisis, the pathway is often congested and it is necessary to walk on the road. As it is the road is not wide enough to accommodate two lanes (given the priority for parking along this section currently). Parking should not be permitted along this stretch of road, or should be on one side only.

Could a traffic calming measure be put in place needs, residents have suggested a 'press-button-for-the-green-man' on the left hand side of Upper Rathmines junction with Highfield Road / Dartry Road / Palmerston Park? There is a button on all the other sides of this junction, but not there. It would really help and make it safer.

Is this road included in this year's budget for road surfacing? The road has a lot of big holes and is unsafe for cycling along the park. The holes are visible coming from Palmerston Road and turning right, and cycling along the side of the park to the junction.

**Q.10 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can the request for a yellow box at the junction of Larkfield Grove and Clareville Road be reviewed? A number of residents have been in touch again to express their frustration about this on-going issue. Please see attached 3 photos of the crossroads at Larkfield Grove Clareville Road clearly showing traffic blocking residents in. A yellow box junction would certainly facilitate residents in exiting their own street a little easier.

2 photographs were taken at 16.56 & 17.41 on Thursday 3rd December & a 3rd 8.13 am on Friday 4th December. Videos are also available.

Engineer out for 1 hour in summer time during the pandemic.

Residents would like this matter reviewed and a logical attitude from the council. Residents are open to speak to DCC over the phone who have been blocked in. It has been suggested that DCC visit/ call out during school term between 8 am & 9.15.

**Q.11 Councillor Tara Deacy**

On February 12<sup>th</sup> I emailed Parks about the on-going issue the Leylandii trees in Royston are creating. I am aware that residents have been in touch several times, and I have also followed up myself. Can these trees be removed, my previous email Feb 12<sup>th</sup> outlines the reasons why and their removal would be very much appreciated by the residents, due to on-going anti-social behaviour issues and general discomfort they are causing.

**Q.12 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Having received correspondence from a number of residents about opening the entrance to Pearse Park between Crumlin Bowling Club and St Mary's Anglican Church, I would like to request that we open that up this entrance, it is a much brighter entrance and it would be great to see it opened up especially coming into the summer.

**Q.13 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Residents have asked that we respond to the on-going issues around anti-social behaviours/drug use in Eamon Ceannt Park (Sundrive Park). While the park wardens do an excellent job of cleaning up could we provided with what solutions exist to stop the behaviour from occurring. This could be in the form of increased (any) Garda patrols in the night, locking the gates as a deterrent or perhaps sending litter wardens at weekends and fining those who breach existing laws. I am aware there is a working group in place working on this 'Friends of Eamon Ceannt', could we get some feedback in terms of how we can communicate this work to our constituents with a view of addressing these issues?

**Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager supply a full report with regards the recent anti-social behaviour at Glovers Court, York Street which involved a street fight and also violent attacks in and around the flat complex which was captured and put out on social media? This was a pretty serious incident and it also involved a substantial amount of An Garda Siochána to attend the scene. Can the manager supply the following information: Have DCC issued any sanctions to the individuals involved? What measures have DCC taken with regards further security at Glovers Court and York Street Flats area.

**Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the extra charges that have been applied to parking permits for residents of social housing flat complexes in the SEA? This report also to include what legislation was used to increase these charges? Was there any report supplied to the Traffic and Transport SPC or the Housing SPC with regards these increased charges? Are these increased charges to be rolled out across the entire Dublin Local Authority Area? What official took the decision to allow these increases? Was there ever a report brought to the SEA for approval for such increases?

**Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report as to what plan of action, if any, is being considered to address the issue of drinking on the canal in the Portobello/Charlemont Street area of the canal and the general issue of anti-social behaviour within this area?

**Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report to the SEA with regards the intended installation of dozens of wind turbines within Dublin Bay? Can the manager arrange a presentation from those involved in this initiative so as we can have full transparency and clarity?

**Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards a number of vacant apartments and flats at the end of Townsend Street as it joins with Tara Street? These flats are above shops and were formerly in the possession of DCC. They have remained boarded up for 15 years which is unacceptable in the present housing and homeless crisis situation. Can manager ascertain as to who now owns these dwellings? What is DCC's involvement in these dwellings? What is the future of these dwellings?

**Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a report with regards the security firm which is now involved in the Dublin Docklands Area and Dublin City Council estate? Recently a camera crew from RTE, filming a news item on the white water rafting system, were stopped and told they couldn't film in the area. There was a number of councillors present being interviewed for this news item and it was a rather peculiar demand coming from a private security firm. What authority does this security firm have for such action given that this is a public domain?

**Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager look at the possibility of removing a number of seats and benches at Ross Road/Bride Street flat complex? These seats within the complex are the subject of much anti-social behaviour, drinking and drugging all hours of the night. Residents are very concerned about the security in this area and the continuation of this anti-social behaviour.

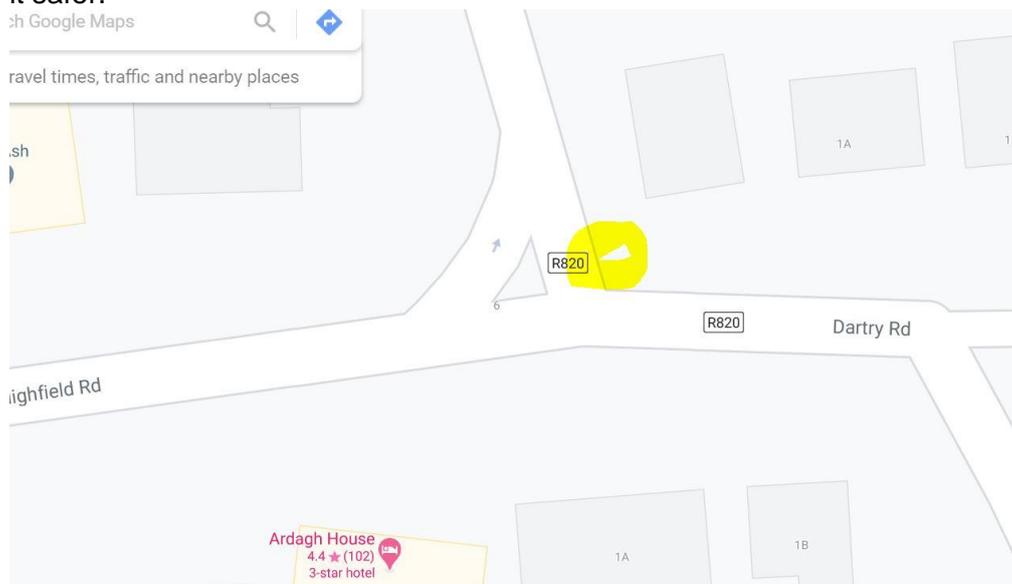
**Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how much rent is owed by social housing tenants to Dublin City Council since the lockdown and pandemic began? Many vulnerable communities who are in our housing estates are falling into a huge poverty trap which is resulting in rent arrears and indeed arrears for other amenities like gas, electric etc.

**Q.22 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if a pedestrian button can be provided by Traffic Department at the junction with Upper Rathmines Road/Highfield Road/Dartry Road/Palmerston Park, a junction that has difficulty to cross by pedestrians.

The image demonstrates that the button is needed on the left hand side of Upper Rathmines junction with Highfield Road / Dartry Road / Palmerston Park. There is a button on all the other sides of this junction, but not there. It would really help and make it safer.



**Q.23 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if Brighton Road, Terenure can be provided with low speed signage, 30kmh, as the resident notifies that other roads have the 30kmh signage.

**Q.24 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can ensure that the works described below that were promised in November 2019 are completed as a matter of urgency and safe access and egress is ensured in this area so close to the playground – including some form of safety barrier inside the park.

“South East Area - TAG Meeting Minutes for Noting 30/10/2019 (Area Committee Date: 11/11/2019)

25 7011884 Yellow Box CLYDE LANE (SE) Dublin 4 requested safety measures at both entrances to Herbert Park on Clyde Lane.

Recommended Yellow Box on Clyde Lane at entrance to Herbert Park (Bowling Green end): At a point 2.5m on the south side of Clyde Lane opposite side of No. 21, Clyde Lane beginning at the south west gate post a junction box (M 121) to be lined north east for 2.57m (across the entrance/exit) of Herbert Park. The junction box should extend 2.97m north-west to edge of existing parking bay then for 2.57m south west ending at the south west gate post.

Addition of two worded “SLOW” (M 114) road markings traversing Clyde Lane, both “SLOW”

Road markings should be 2.27m wide. The first “SLOW” to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m south west from the edge of new junction box. The other “SLOW” to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m north east from edge of the “SLOW”.

Yellow junction box on Clyde Lane at entrance to Herbert Park (Tennis Courts end) to start at a point 2m north east on opposite side to property 8A, Clyde Lane beginning from the south west entrance/exit gate post to Herbert Park. To be lined for 2.57m north east (across the entrance/exit) of Herbert Park. The box junction to be extended 2.97m north west to edge of existing parking bay. Box junction to continue 2.57m south west before curtailing at the south west gate post.

Addition of two worded “SLOW” road markings traversing Clyde Lane, both “SLOW” road markings should be 2.27m wide. The first “SLOW” to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m south west from the edge of new junction box. The other “SLOW” to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m north east from edge of the “SLOW”. The Parks Department have been requested to examine what measures may be appropriate on the Parks side”

**Q.25 Councillor Mary Freehill**

Would the manager please state why Palmerston Park is not in the ownership of DCC according to the LDA Assets database and would you state who is it registered to please.

**Q.26 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if cycle parking can be provided at the lower end of Upper Rathmines Road, and/or outdoor seating outside café/bar units. I am notified by local business that double yellow lines outside all their businesses in upper Rathmines road “have appeared out of nowhere” This enquirer requests that Dublin city bikes extend to this area and some bike rails as there is nowhere for anyone to park their bikes in the area.

**Q.27 Councillor Tara Deacy**

As you know speed limits have been recently changed and a "slow zone imposed" on a large number of roads in Dublin city.

Could you please tell me pursuant to what decision/ resolution did this happen?

Can you tell me when it happened? As it stands Garville Avenue Upper, Brighton Square and Brighton Avenue in Rathgar/ Terenure are part of this slow zone.

Brighton Road is not.

This has led to a very confusing RTA situation:

1. As one leaves Brighton Road moving onto Brighton Square there is no sign indicating to the driver that they are entering a slow zone or that the speed limit is changing;
2. As one leaves Brighton Road moving onto Terenure Road East there is a 50km sign suggesting that the speed limit is changing when in fact it is not (as Brighton Road is still currently 50km per hour);

Can you explain why Brighton Road is not included in the slow zone? There are three child care facilities on the road. The road has a huge amount of children cycling, scooting and in buggies to and from these facilities.

I am of the view that the current speed limit of 50km on Brighton Road is dangerous. There has been a dramatic rise in delivery vans during the pandemic. A van driving at 50km past a Montessori school is, in my view, highly dangerous. Can this be addressed as soon as possible?

**Q.28 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I previously asked the manager to repaint and repair the lampposts on the following streets: Lismore Road, Ferns, Durrow Road, Aughavanagh Road, Glenealy Road, Rathdrum Road. Q20 November 2020 refers.

Received the reply:

We will examine the poles on Lismore Road, Ferns, Durrow Road, Aughavanagh Road, Glenealy Road, Rathdrum Road and if the poles on these roads are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to the list for future painting programmes subject to available finances.

Were the poles examined and when will they be repainted?

**Q.29 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Further to 12/10/2020 Q.28 asking the manager if broken railings on the green space on Cashel Road could be replaced as people are using it as a way to illegally dump food on the green space and the hedge around the green on Cashel Road is cut back now that the nesting season is completed. Could this be followed up?

**Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I raised the issue of illegal parking at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads. It was highlighted at the time that this would be monitored and if it were to persist further action would be taken. Locals have sent me photos on number of occasions and the issue has indeed persisted and in fact gotten worse. Can we now look at the installation of planters as was discussed as soon as possible so we can avoid a serious accident in the near future? - This is still a problem. Can we look at addressing this again?

**Q.31 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask a manager to deal with this issue from a constituent on Ramleh Close, Milltown, Dublin 6. She writes:

"As can be seen from the photo attached below there is a 3/4 cm dip on the footpath and anyone could trip there.

Ramleh Close and Ramleh Park footpaths have become very neglected. They haven't been looked at in over 25 years. The area has a large older population the older residents feel obliged to walk on the road for safety reasons."



**Q.32 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent, he writes:

"I am living on Strand Road Sandymount an area where many people visit to walk and enjoy the beautiful beach. I was hoping you could get some swift action from Dublin City Council on the provision of temporary Public Toilets throughout the city in this time of global pandemic. It was great to see this happen at the top of Grafton Street last summer however that is not nearly enough. We need public toilets in all our parks and areas of natural beauty.

People want to get out and about and have no choice if caught short to urinate in public.

It is looking very likely we will have a spring summer 2021 of only meeting family/friends outdoors so people need to have a place to use a toilet.

It saddens me to see a toilet just up the road on Strand Road, Sandymount beside the Martello tower that requires 20 cent coin to use this one toilet cubicle. Surely budget can be found to provide some FREE public toilets. Just today I saw a distressed elderly man who could not manage to get the coin mechanism to work to open the door and he had to dash into the bushes to urinate.

I hear all the arguments that providing toilets will encourage people to gather and encourage anti-social behaviour. This is archaic thinking in the 21st Century. Extraordinary times call for people to rethink and reimagine our public spaces and act quickly."

City council cannot rely on private business bars, cafe, restaurants, hotels, service stations to provide toilets when many are closed ".

**Q.33 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue in relation to Dartry Park from a constituent,

She writes,

"I have heard that it is proposed to allow Ranelagh GAA Club to use that park regularly. I do not know if that is true - perhaps just a rumour. I have been at the park when Ranelagh GAA have been there. The number of people - and the number of cars - makes the park far too unpleasant for other users to enjoy it. I would be grateful if you could let me know if it is true that Ranelagh GAA will be permitted the regular use of the park.

If it is true, I should like to know -

What are the terms of the original grant of the land to Dublin City Council?

Whether Ranelagh GAA can be given permission to use the park without any public consultation even though there is currently no pitch in the park;

How representations can be made not to permit the establishment of a pitch - or at least to permit its use only after 11 am to allow dogs use of the park until that hour.

Finally, I should like an opportunity to inspect the grant of the park land to Dublin City Council".

**Q.34 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

"Whilst out on walks around the Sandymount/Ballsbridge/Donnybrook/Baggot Street area recently, I am absolutely appalled at the huge number of overflowing DCC waste

bins. Surely this is one of the DCC's most basic services? The need to have bins emptied is much more important than either a white water rafting or cycle track facility."

**Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to give details of the amount of grant funding from DCC to Marian College Swimming Pool to include all years since the commencement of funding, and the annual amounts.

**Q.36 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can bollards or some other measure be added to the footpath on Windmill Road at side of Pearse Park to stop illegal parking on the path? The path is impassable for wheelchairs and buggies, particularly those using the local crèche.

**Q.37 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the issues submitted with this Question to be examined and a response issued to this Councillor and the residents' group by the end of April and that, when allowed, an "onsite meeting would be held to progress these matters further.

- Re-Surfacing - while extremely thankful for the re-surfacing budget allocation, the Residents Association wondered if we could dove-tail the Ashfield Rd & Ashfield Ave lane junction re-configuration with already authorised resurfacing works, either:
  - By temporarily putting in some soft landscaping material, contained in immovable containers (barrows/barrels) to create the same effect
  - Followed by permanent works in the next budget allocation (extending the footpath out on both sides to reduce this junction point to single lane), to traffic calm a junction that is being used by commercial traffic for daily commercial deliveries, daily waste collections (Keywaste/Citybin), and high volume restaurant Deliveroo collections, which traffic movement includes the reversal of commercial vehicles through the junction in a residential area at times when kids are walking to school.
- Litter – much of the litter in the area tends to congregate towards the bottom of Ashfield Road, reasons being – (1) litter from Keywaste/Citybin daily commercial wheelie bin pick-ups at the lane (2) litter blown up Ashfield Rd from Ranelagh Rd (wind tunnel effect). In contrast, the Devlin Hotel and Tribeca have their wheelie bin waste picked up on Ranelagh Road.
- Tree Map – the suggestion was we plot the existing trees on a Tree Map and make recommendations regarding:
  - Remove unsuitable trees (root system undermining footpaths) & replace with suitable trees (e.g. deep root systems)
  - Plant suitable new trees in suitable locations, particularly towards the bottom of Ashfield Road
  - Tree Map – insert later
- Pathways – as part of a future budget allocation:
  - The pathways on the right hand side (even numbers) as you drive down Ashfield Road were reinstated circa 1991, and it was promised at the time that the opposite side (odd numbers) would be done subsequently, but this never happened.
  - The latter (odd numbers) pathway is in poor shape, with kerbs too low in many places, with damaged kerb in other places, and tree root damage elsewhere.

- Foot-paths around the parking meter (beside lane), kerbs are badly damaged from commercial traffic turning/reversal movements
- An additional suggestion was that these pathway reinstatement works could be part of a pilot scheme to install power points for electric cars, as part of the Climate Action Plan.
- Traffic calming – road signage in several locations could be improved (1) access to Ashfield Rd from Ranelagh Rd needs improved signage to warn traffic it's a 1-way system (2) peak morning traffic from the top of Ashfield Road to Mornington Road is illegal until 10am, and this byelaw is breached daily.
- Yellow Box - the yellow box on Ranelagh Road opposite Ashfield Road is too small, and inhibits traffic turning right towards Sandford Road – solution is to add say 3m to the Yellow Box (Sandford Rd side)
- Counter Flow Cycle Lane to the bottom of Ashfield Road.

**Q.38 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the following ESB poles be painted as they are in a poor condition? If this is the responsibility of the ESB can the Area Manager request them to do this? Also can our own painting crews or contractors paint as many public lighting poles in the Dublin 12 area as possible?

- Outside [23 Ardagh Road](#)
- Outside [2 Armagh Road](#)
- Outside [63 Captains Road](#), Opposite [103 Captains Road](#), Outside [334 Captains Road](#), Outside [226 Captains Road](#)(Lorcan O' Toole Park)
- Outside 1 and 11 Derry Drive,
- Outside 40 Lorcan O Toole Park
- Outside [1A Park Crescent](#) ( Lorcan O Toole Park)
- Outside 48, [106A](#) and 159 Windmill Park

**Q.39 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the manager to ensure that Kimmage/Rathmines gets its fair share of the promised new park bench allocation .That some of these, in addition to local parks such as Willie Pearse and Eamonn Ceannt be placed in non-park green spaces in the Crumlin/Kimmage area like Bangor Circle. Resident groups could assist in selecting locations.

**Q.40 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the manager to resolve the problem on St. Mary's Road of cars blocking the view of drivers exiting the Belfry estate. Cars are parking on the pathway - could bollards or some other preventative measure be used as enforcement does not seem to be working?

**Q.41 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Could we look to have the presentation of the bottle and clothes banks improved outside Dolphin Fire Station? Could the litter bin that was removed for repair from this location also be replaced?

**Q.42 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Could the bins that were removed for repair from St. Mary's Road near bus stop / Old County Road (near DID) be replaced?

**Q.43 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the playground gates be fixed & unlocked in Willie Pearse Park also can graffiti in the form of (details provided) be removed?

**Q.44 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can our Parks Section outline the protocols that they undertake when placing rodent control boxes in our parks? Some users of Brickfield Park reported seeing such boxes in the park earlier this year. There is a concern among dog owners that their pets could be poisoned. Why was there no warning signage in place?

**Q.45 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can DCC begin a process to take into charge a small piece of land located at the end of Kildare Road (see map)? This effective No Man's Land has a small ESB sub Station on it. It has been neglected by the owners and is a magnet for illegal dumping. Local community and residents groups are willing to tend to the land by creating a community garden or similar.

**Q.46 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if a gully inspection can be carried out by the drainage department at 123 Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4 which continuously overflows following the accumulation of rain.

**Q.47 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if further to the passage of the South East Area motion number 22 on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 if at the request of Sandymount Tidy Towns and the Sandymount community he can provide additional bins on Sandymount Green and also an increased collection service on weekends and bank holidays.

**Q.48 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if the following issues in Dartmouth Square can be investigated as set out in the email from details supplied to all councillors and a reply furnished.

"Dartmouth Square - Party Central March 2020-March 2021

1. Dumping household waste in our bins, general waste (beer bottles, coffee cups, dog poop bags and pizza boxes). On a regular basis over the weekends in particular we as neighbours had to go out and clean the streets with blue bags. We often had 10/12 bags hanging off the railings. The week before last I went out to find broken bottles thrown all over the ground. Coffee cups and rubbish. Decided I wasn't cleaning it up. When returned it was all still there with huge amounts of stuff on top. While I was off walking two people drove up to dump the bags from their car in our bin and another person put the contents of a shopping bag in the same bin, all raw meat.

The Committee got together and decided that we didn't want any more bins and we would try to get people to buy into Tidy Town's project "LEAVE NO TRACE". We are heading towards our third weekend and we are delighted with the response. We are getting nothing but positive feedback from people using the park.

We want the bin on the West side removed, bear in mind we had never requested a bin.

2. Key holder - This time last year DCC decided that they were withdrawing the man that opened/closed gates to the Park for financial reasons. DCC had only paid the guy a stipend. It was intended that all the gates would be left open on a permanent basis. This would be impossible here as we are so close to park and it poses security risk to all of us, children and cars, so we have been opening and closing the park ourselves. Bear in mind we as a community helped DCC buy back the Park when they didn't have enough money in 2013. The amount paid equates to a quarter of the park. So will they give us back the money so we can employ someone to open and close the park?

3. After the 2013 issues we were presented with a plan for large scale improvements in the square by Les Moore, since then we have to rattle everybody's cage to get the slightest thing done.

4. Car parked on the west side of Square for months no tax or insurance clamped and unclamped on a regular basis. Eventually they towed it away two weeks ago and its now back again on the north side of the square clamped again. No tax or insurance.”

**Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area manager if the contents of this email from a resident on Strand Terrace, Milltown, Dublin 6 can be considered in full and a reply on the issues detailed given:

“I am writing in relation to some issues in my area of Strand Terrace in Milltown, Dublin 6. I know from speaking with my neighbours that the general consensus is that our little community has been all but forgotten by Dublin City Council. Having spent the majority of the last 12 months at home I can safely say that the only time I have seen a council worker on the terrace is when I called myself to report a dangerous tree branch and even then it took multiple phone calls and emails before the issue was finally sorted out.

Firstly there is the issue of the DCC carpark located opposite Wilde & Green. I know the issue of the entrance to this carpark has been raised before and that traffic engineers have said that moving the entrance is not an option but surely there are some traffic calming measures that can be put in place to reduce the speed of the traffic coming down the hill. Due to the nature of the entrance many user don't realise that there is also a lane way there which has led to countless near misses with people entering the carpark at speed without paying any attention to traffic exiting the lane.

The carpark also contains the bottle and clothes banks which in themselves attract a lot of rubbish due to peoples' inability to use them properly. These banks are used extensively and are often full to capacity so it should be arranged that they are emptied more frequently and a "proper" clean up down around them regularly.

This year the earthen bank which separates the carpark from Strand Terrace became infested with rats and had to be laid with poison. Living directly on the river the odd rat is to be expected but the reason that this situation developed is that over the years this bank has been left totally unmaintained. Branches from the trees have been cut and just left underneath and therefore the bank is totally inaccessible to dogs and foxes which would normally keep rat numbers under control.

The river walkway, which has always been popular, has seen an explosion of walkers during lockdown. At a meeting in the Milltown Parish Hall in 2019, which I know a number of you attended, I asked that the council do work on this at least once a year to clear fallen leaves and cut back brambles which encroach on the path and to be fair they did do a job on it shortly afterwards. However this has not been done in the last 12 months and in places the path gets waterlogged due to leaves which by now have turned to mud and once spring arrives the brambles and weeds will once again take off. Also on the upper trail on the Clonskeagh Bridge end of the river walk a large branch has fallen from a tree located in Scully's field and has been obstructing the pathway for at least the last 6 months.

My daily dog walk takes me across the river into Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown territory and I look enviously at their large compacting bins and wildflower areas and wonder why DCC is so far behind the curve. Milltown has so many green areas that would be perfect for conversion to wildflower meadow.

If it were not for the Dodder Action Group and their regular clean ups I wouldn't like to know what the litter situation in the area would be like. The bin at the bus stop is

constantly over flowering and is not adequate for the area. Residents have learned to leave their bins out for the shortest amount of time possible as they will inevitably be used as a public bin.

As residents we cut the grass on the terrace and clean up all the fallen leaves in the autumn and take pride in our area but as households that pay property tax we do expect some level of input from the council too.

**Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he could liaise with the Property Management Section with a view to waiving the licence fee for storage for details supplied for the duration of the pandemic.

**Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what housing options are available for details supplied. This tenant is currently 10 on the housing list and is down for a 4 bedroom house in the locality. They were recently advised to apply for a 3 bed instead, but they are concerned that this may affect their place on the list. Can the Area Manager please confirm whether changing requirements would affect the tenants placing on the list and when this family can hope to relocate to a house?

**Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager when will the tarmac on the pathway on Cuffe Street at the junction of Wexford Street (outside the burrito bar) be fixed, which was left by utility companies after a development there. The tarmac is uneven and unsightly and the flagstones should be replaced immediately.

**Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please take some action to address the ongoing issue of illegal dumping and litter problems from details supplied. Repeated complaints have been made by the residents and I have raised this issue before. No dumping signs were installed back in 2019, however the problem persists. Untagged rubbish bags are regularly dumped at the railway arches. Can the manager please outline what steps will be taken to address this issue? Can the Area Manager also arrange for an inspection of this property as neighbours seem to be concerned that this is operating as an AirBnb without permission?

**Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please install double yellow lines along the residential side of Ringsend Road. Paid parking is currently permitted in front of all houses, and residents' access in and out of their driveways is often blocked off as a result of cars parking across them.

**Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following details supplied with retrofitting her home. This individual is elderly, relatively house bound and is struggling to keep warm due to very poor insulation in these houses.

**Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the ongoing issue of damp and mould at the following address details supplied. The tenant has a 5 year old daughter who suffers from asthma and the mould is greatly affecting her health.

**Q.57 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide cleaning in the Grand Canal basin where there is a significant build-up of litter and, where necessary, to liaise with Waterways Ireland to allow for the same.

**Q.58 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager about the possibility of improving lighting and installing CCTV along Sean O Casey Bridge. Residents have reported witnessing or being victims of very serious anti-social behaviour.

**Q.59 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager that South Lotts receive information on the follow on impact of the Strand Road cycle trial and to install speedometers along South Lotts Road in advance of the trial.

**Q.60 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to improve bin facilities between Londonbridge Road and Fitzwilliam Quay. There is a significant increase in foot traffic and litter. Further if the manager could replace the barcode on the existing bin along that route as it has been removed.

**Q.61 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager what plans are in place for increased collections at bins in the area over the summer.

**Q.62 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to outline a summer plan for dealing with anti-social behaviour in Portobello Harbour.

**Q.63 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager for an update regarding the installation of planters at Whelan O Rahilly House.

**Q.64 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to install more bins along the Irishtown Nature Park and walk towards Poolbeg lighthouse and to increase cleansing as litter is building up during the good weather. Similarly if signage around litter could be installed.

**Q.65 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide for cleansing at the unoccupied property at the corner of R111 and R802 beside the Maxol Station near Sean Moore Park or to engage with those responsible for the property. Litter has become an increasing problem in the area.

**Q.66 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager for an update regarding works at the IGB site and whether wildlife surveys need to be carried out on the site.

**Q.67 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if information is available to Dublin City Council on the timeline for repairs to the damaged brick wall between the canal and the footpath opposite numbers 26-31 Dolphin Road. The wall was damaged in a presumed road traffic collision in June 2020 and presents a clear danger to the public if it were to collapse on to the canal tow path below. While repairing the wall may be the responsibility of Waterways Ireland it is incumbent on Dublin City Council to ensure

this work is done as soon as possible. Waterways Ireland has been made aware of the damage.

**Q.68 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the wait time at the signalised pedestrian crossing opposite Monto Cafe, at 45 Sundrive Road, can be reviewed with a view to reducing it to eliminate a potential pinch point for pedestrians.

**Q.69 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if something can be done to prevent the continuous double parking of cars and other vehicles at the junction of Kimmage Road Lower and Sundrive, which often leads to drivers turning left off Sundrive having to abruptly swerve to avoid double parked cars that are not in their sight line as they round this bend. The road markings and facilitation of double parking at this busy junction also presents a clear danger to cyclists and pedestrians with reduced visibility.

**Q.70 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if an area within Palmerston Park can be identified and set aside to accommodate outdoor exercises such as Park Hitt or outdoor yoga. The large, open green area in the eastern area of the park is frequently crowded, lends itself to ball games, and often has dogs running off lead. Local instructors have expressed an interest in having a low-traffic space to hold outdoor classes in line with ongoing restrictions.

**Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if additional dog fouling bins can be provided in Rathmines, namely at Grosvenor Square, Mount Drummond Square and Grosvenor Lane where the dumping of bagged dog poo is an issue of increasing concern to residents.

**Q.72 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the visual appearance of the large concrete islands at the fork of Kildare Road and Clogher Road can be improved or enhanced, perhaps with planters or other greenery.

**Q.73 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if Rutland Grove can be assessed for inadequate street lighting with a view to improvement, as residents find it to be poorly lit at night.

**Q.74 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update on the South Dublin Quietway. The route did not appear on the report: Update on the Implementation of Proposed Cycling Projects - a 5 Year Cycling and Walking Plan (item 16 on the March monthly council meeting agenda). Can the area manager confirm it is still this council's intention to undertake a consultation on this route and ultimately deliver it?

**Q.75 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent. He writes:

"I am a resident of Waterloo Lane and have recently been delighted to learn that funds have been allocated for the badly needed resurfacing of the lane from Leeson St to Burlington Road. An issue that I, and many residents on the lane, feel strongly about is the high speeds at which many 'rat-running' vehicle travel which poses a constant and serious risk to residents, in particular the many young children. I have 3 children under 4 years old. If it is not already part of the plan, I strongly request that some traffic calming measures like speed bumps be included as part of the resurfacing project and

ask you to make representations to the appropriate persons/department in the city council."

**Q.76 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent. He writes:

- "To briefly outline our proposal we would like to place our health food trailer (picture attached), serving tea, coffee, acai berry bowls, smoothies, and various baked good in the area of Sandymount beach. We would ideally open 7 days a week from 8 am to 5pm, but these hours are subject to change to be in line with the priorities of the council.
- Our offerings are procured through local producers and small business, with whom we already have a strong network. Our mission is to support our local community through good quality healthy food and to provide them with a wholesome and healthy experience.
- As the Corona virus has changed the landscape of trade, we believe now is the perfect time to provide the option for outdoor Covid-friendly grab and go healthy treats and hot beverages, in the manner which has already been executed by a number of businesses throughout Dublin, but as of yet not done on Sandymount beach.
- Our business will be eco-friendly with biodegradable packaging and sustainably sourced ingredients, as well as seasonal offerings procured from our local vendors."

**Q.77 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the utility boxes at 212 Bangor Road and at the junction of Leighlin/Bangor Road be painted as part of the utility box decorative scheme?

