



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2022

- 1 **Minutes of the NCAC Meeting dated 11th April, 2022**
- 2 **Questions to the Area Manager 16th May, 2022** **10 - 96**
- 3 **Area Matters**
 - a **Sports & wellbeing report**

Order: Noted. Chairperson Patricia Roe lauded the great work of Olivia Shattock at the Darndale 5k. She also commended Fergal Scally for his work with Mercy College and John McDonald for his work with the couch to 5k and mini-marathon training. Cllr. Butler echoed these sentiments and requested an update on the replacement for Dan Russell. She also stated that there is a further huge loss created by the departure of the two sports inclusion integration officers. Cllr. Lyons also commended the work of the Sports & well-being partnership, stating that it is one of the most important sections of the council regarding the work that it does. Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland reiterated that the loss of the two sports inclusion integration officers is huge and that both officers had done remarkable work in the area. Manager Bernie Roe stated that we are actively pursuing replacement officers and she also acknowledged the tremendous work that Olivia, Fergal and John Sweeney are doing in covering the entire area. Lord Mayor Gilliland requested that the replacement of the two sports inclusion integration officers be taken in isolation, as they are specialised posts. ACE Eileen Quinlavin, Head of HR stated that she will look into this issue and revert back to the members. On the wider area office staffing, she stated that she has agreed the structures and priority recruitment programme with area management for the rest of the year. Cllr. Heney thanked the Sports & Wellbeing partnership and Fergal Scally for the preparations for the women's mini marathon. She also thanked them for the "Start Box Initiative" and requested that it be brought to younger children under 10. She also requested that the unit give consideration to expanding skateboarding in the community.
 - b **Naming and numbering - 1-31 Prospect Bay, Mount Prospect Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3**

Order: Agreed.
 - c **Naming & numbering - 1-93 Ellenfield Place, Beaumont Road, Beaumont, Dublin 9.**

Order: Agreed.

- d **Extinguishments - Proposed extinguishment of Public Right of Way over the walkway/desire line from Coolock Lane to Castletimon Road (Site otherwise known as the Oscar Traynor Development Site)**
Order: Agreed – on condition that the current walkway will remain open and accessible to the public right up until the development work is about to commence. Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland requested a timeframe on when the new pathway around the perimeter of the site will be created and concreted. To return to the NCAC in July for recommendation to full city council in September.
- e **Leases & Licences - Proposed grant of Licence for plot of ground at the rear of 645A Howth Road, Dublin 5.**
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- f **Disposals - Proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 5 Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3**
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- g **Disposals - Proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 7 Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3**
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- h **Part 8 Report for Fairview Tearooms**
Order: Noted. Cllr. O’Farrell welcomed the report but requested that the new conditions be forwarded to the members prior to the June City Council meeting. Cllr. Cooney queried if there is still a coffee dock planned for the rear for commuters and also if Marino library could be accommodated by a new build in the Park. Cllr. O’Muirí reiterated Cllr. O’Farrell’s query in relation to the conditions. Bernard Brady stated that they are standard conditions and it is subject to approval by the full city council in June. He also stated that the tearooms are included on the programme to start the detailed design in 2023. He will send the conditions the members prior to the city council meeting.
- i **Information session from ESB on power outages in the NCA - requested by Cllr. O’Muirí**
Order: Noted. Chairperson Councillor Patricia Roe thanked Eoghan Judge and Mark Stewart for their attendance at & engagement with the NCAC. Cllr. O’Muirí requested could a one page document outlining the current position on what has been discussed at the meeting, be distributed to the members.
- j **Area Housing Report**
Order: Noted.

Cllr. Lyons requested the following:

- In relation to the regeneration of Cromcastle & Woodville, a commitment has been given for community consultation –Can he have a timeframe for this consultation and also can the members be given advance notice of same. ACE Coilin O’Reilly will revert back to the councillors with full details of the timeframe and format for this consultation.
- Regarding Glin Court, can the final designs for this regeneration be recirculated to the members. ACE Coilin O’Reilly will organise

recirculation of same. A date was given of Oct 2022 for commencement of construction at the housing presentation earlier in the year – is there any slippage on this date?

- The Collins Avenue/Swords Road PPP – He would like an explanation as to why there is a year delay between planning permission being granted (Sept 2022 according to the report) and the actual commencement of the build (Q3 of 2023). ACE Coilin O'Reilly explained that this delay is due to the complexities of the tendering process.

Cllr. MacDonncha requested the following:

- Voids – Progress on same – 30 completed in the NCA and 68 underway – is 98 the full projected figure for the year or will there be others coming on stream? Do we have any comparison regarding improvements in the speed of turnaround? Have we improved compared to a few years ago? ACE Coilin O'Reilly confirmed that void turnaround time averages at 18.43 weeks and that DCC is committed to and will endeavour to bring as many voids as possible to completion.
- The SHD for Belcamp college lands – queried the high cost of the units being offered to Dublin and Fingal Co. Co. ACE Coilin O'Reilly stated that DCC will be engaging at the earliest opportunity in negotiations with the developer on the Part 5.

Lord Mayor Gilliland queried the following:

- The amount of 4 bed units available for Area B.
- She also queried the size of the units for the various Part 5 applications that we have and how we do we distribute them i.e., 1,2 3, 4 bed etc.

ACE Coilin O'Reilly stated that there aren't many 4 beds being built generally. However, there will be another (5) 4 beds in addition to the (1) 4 bed under Part 5 coming in through acquisitions, so a total of 6 for the NCA.

Cllr. Batten queried whether or not given the sheer size of the SHD for the Belcamp college lands if there should be additional planning consultation? ACE Coilin O'Reilly stated that Belcamp College lands will be a standard SHD process.

Cllr. Cooney queried bedroom sizes regarding the current gender focus & could it be examined. Coilin stated that the scheme of letting priorities dictates how we allocate and it comes down to the number of properties we have.

4 **Roads & Traffic Matters**

a **Minutes of the TAG meeting held on 26th April, 2022**

Order: Noted. Cllr. Roe welcomed the survey undertaken by the TAG team and looks forward to improvements being implemented and requested that TAG keep the members up to date and involved in developments.

b **Gully cleaning report for noting**

Order: Noted. Cllr. Cooney raised the issue of new gullies required in her area in front of houses on the route down to the seafront and hasn't had a response from the gully manager and is looking for an update on same. Pat Smith stated that the gully manager determines whether or not a new gully is required by a set standard distance measured between gullies.

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Motions

a **Motion in the name of Councillor Joe Costello**

That this Area Committee requests that the equipment planned for Fairview Park playground is installed as the playground is unfinished. The plans show swings and they were never installed. Also can some toddler friendly equipment be installed as there is only a sandbox suitable for children under 4? The pirate ship with baby slides, lookout windows and all baby swings have been removed. This new inclusive playground is excluding a lot of toddlers. Fairview Park covers children of North Strand, East Wall, Ballybough, Fairview, Marino and Clontarf. The playground size should reflect this huge catchment area.

Reply:

When the upgrade of Fairview Playground was planned it was intended that the swing sets be reused and relocated within the new layout. These swings appeared in good condition and had passed the most recent independent safety inspection. However once the contractor was on site and lifted the swings extensive decay was noted on the below ground parts. This necessitated the ordering of new swing sets late in the build. The significant lead in time for such equipment at this time after 2 years of restrictions and supply chain difficulties has led to this significant delay in finishing out the build. The installation of the swings is now overdue and the Parks Service are still awaiting a firm date from contractor when these will be installed. The swings will include cradle and baskets swings suitable for younger children under close parental supervision. The additional swings and unexpected but necessary repairs and replacement of the safety surfacing has resulted in a significant additional cost to this project.

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Order: Agreed. Supported & moved by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland in Cllr. Costello's absence. Seconded by Cllr. Cooney and also supported by Cllr. Lyons.

b **Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

That should this area committee agree, that it calls on DCC to stop removing / cutting down historical street lampposts and replacing them with lampposts of comparatively little ascetic / design value. Furthermore a full report to be issued to councillors including the reasons for these

historical lampposts being removed and possible alternatives to their removal and / or alternatives to the replacement lampposts being used presently.

Further information: a lamppost has recently been removed from Melrose Ave and I understand there is also be a possibility of lampposts being removed from Inverness Road. Previously a historical lamppost was removed from near 221 Griffith Ave (I brought to attention of DCC at that time) and was replaced with a lamppost as described above.

Reply:

It is not the policy of DCC to remove / cut down historical lampposts and replace them with standard lampposts. Most occurrences of lampposts being replaced come about as a result of the columns being knocked down or irreparably damaged by delivery / construction vehicles.

Where possible a heritage column that has been damaged beyond repair is replaced with a similarly styled heritage column if that column type is available.

Sometimes because of lack of availability of suitable replacements a standard column has replaced the heritage column in order to ensure that the road remains lighted for safety reasons (better to have it lighted than not at all).

With regard to the two locations at Melrose Avenue and Griffith Avenue respectively these columns were replaced with standard lighting columns.

There is a particular problem on Melrose Avenue in so far as the heritage columns on this road have been vulnerable to vehicular impacts. Three of the four heritage columns on Melrose Avenue have been damaged and have had to be replaced. As cast iron columns are brittle and, for safety reasons, these were replaced with standard galvanised steel columns that can take a significant impact without disintegrating. They were painted green to fall in with the colour scheme of the original heritage columns.

Regarding Griffith Avenue it is planned to replace the standard looking column with a heritage column over the course of the summer months. Note that three other heritage columns on Griffith Avenue have been replaced with similarly styled heritage columns.

Finally it should be noted, although they are not in the North Central Area, that approximately 120 high value heritage columns will be installed under the Lighting Upgrade Project in the city centre area that will bring a little more consistency and uniformity to the streetscape. This work is expected to be carried out over the next year and a half.

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Order: Agreed.

c Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

That should this area Committee agree, that we will contact the Chief Executive, Owen Keegan and request that he and City Parks

Superintendent, Les Moore agree a way forward on the provision of a decent skate park facility for Fairview Park; skateboarding is an Olympic Sport and in the context of the current major works that are ongoing on the Clontarf to City Centre Cycleway Project alongside Fairview Park, can we put the "wheels" in motion now to bring about the provision of a decent skate park for Fairview.

Reply:

The Skate Park in Fairview is a small local facility which is very popular and receives good reviews from visitors on-line as being safe and particularly suitable for beginners. It is appreciated that this skate park may not be as challenging as more experienced skaters would like however it would not be considered the best solution to replace this facility with a more advanced one that might no longer be suitable for these younger less experienced skaters. While the site is very restricted surrounded by mature trees on 2 sides there may be an opportunity to extend to the south east and introduce a more challenging element. It is not certain that this is feasible as this area is directly above the port tunnel and contains a considerable amount of underground services. The site will be investigated to this end. There is currently no budgetary provision for this extension.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Order: Agreed. Cllr. Heney requested that correspondence be formally sent to the Chief Executive in the name of the chair from the NCAC referencing the motion.

d Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

That should this Area Committee agree, that we will call on the Manager to source some form of low level lighting around the skate park facility in Fairview park on time for next winter, as people use the park long after dark with personal lighting; low level lighting would be more than sufficient for skateboarding considering the park is open till 5:30pm in November meaning skaters use the facility as intended during opening hours in almost total darkness. Lighting similar to that at the playground would be greatly appreciated by the local community.

Reply:

Low level lighting is not considered adequate for such a high speed sport, floodlighting is required to allow this activity to continue after dark. Floodlighting is expensive to install, maintain and operate and would require planning permission and it is questionable if such lighting could be permitted next to such a busy road into the city. Fairview Skate Park is a small local facility with currently only 5 items and is not considered suitable for floodlighting.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Order: Agreed.

e **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

Noting the support of all members of the North Central Area Committee for a new playground in the Kilmore West area at its monthly meeting in March 2022, should this committee agree once again, the members will request that work identifying possible sites and funding sources for the new playground will commence immediately.

Reply:

The North Central Area Office and the Parks Dept have investigated this question and provisionally believe that the green on Dundaniel Road would be the most suitable spot however we can put this question to the safety forum once elected/set-up. We hope to have our inaugural meeting in the coming weeks. We are working on invitations at present. The parks department have stated that they would be willing to consider this playground as a priority for 2023 providing they find match funding from the area such as discretionary funding.

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Order: Agreed.

f **Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri and Councillor Catherine Stocker**

Should this Area Committee agree, we will request that Dublin City Council reopens the St. Anne's Park pedestrian entrance from Vernon Avenue (near the Health Centre) so that local residents nearby can once again access the amenity of St Anne's from this location. Permeability is a key commitment of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 (Chapter 10, G15) access via this gate improves permeability and access to the Park.

Reply:

This is not nor was ever an official entrance to the park but rather a gap in the boundary where the wire fence internal to the hedge was cut to affect an unofficial access point. There is no receiving footpath here as the gap opens into a copse of trees. The roots of these trees and mud associated with pedestrian traffic represent a hazard to pedestrians and at least one injury has been reported. When this accident was investigated it was recommended that this gap be closed on safety. There is a fully accessible entrance to the park with a receiving footpath some 150m to the north. It is not intended to reopen this gap in the hedge as it is not considered safe.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Order: Agreed.

g Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

That should this North Central Area Committee agree that the lack of progress in flood defences for the Clontarf promenade and that fact the consultation committee has not met for over a year is a cause for concern, that we will request that the Dublin City climate action plan and mitigation measures need to be costed/funded and implemented as soon as possible. The sea is rising in Dublin Bay at twice the rate previously predicted and yet nothing is planned to protect people and homes in the flood risk areas of Clontarf.

Reply:

The Flood Defence Projects Office are currently preparing contract documents to appoint a consultant to produce design options for the Clontarf Promenade redevelopment and Flood Defence Project. We are liaising with internal DCC departments, such as City Architects, Parks and Landscape services as well as Active Travel and Irish Water regarding the proposed water main to produce a services requirements document which will include everything relevant to satisfy all.

The possibility of the construction of a bund to replace the sand bags which are currently in place around the area of the car park near Alfie Byrne Road is also being examined by this office.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Project Manager
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Order: Agreed.

6 AOB

Cllr Lyons raised the issue of the "grass cutting" contract. Cllr. Roe stated that members were unaware of this and that communications issues need to be addressed in this regard, for the benefit of all. Cllr. Cooney requested more of the "Let it Bee" signs to be made available to explain to the public that the grass is long because of biodiversity. All councillors were in agreement that how we deliver this message is all important and requested that a one page document outlining all of the details, be circulated to members as a matter of urgency.

Fergus O'Carroll stated that In accordance with a more sustainable policy with regard to amenity grass maintenance to support the establishment of wildflower rich swards, DCC will only be maintaining open spaces/greens and will not be cutting grass margins outside residents' homes in residential estates. This policy is in keeping with the policy of every other local authority in the country. Effectively, everything that used to be cut, with the exception of residential grass margins, will still be cut. Grass overgrowth on paths through green open spaces is a fall out from the council decision to not use weed killer on verges across open spaces but this will be manually addressed throughout green open spaces and in

parks via the new contract.

Councillor Patricia Roe
Chairperson
Monday 16 May 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Patricia Roe (Chairperson)
Dearbháil Butler
Catherine Stocker
Tom Brabazon
John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell
Alison Gilliland

Members:

Daryl Barron
Terence Flanagan
Deirdre Heney
Micheál MacDonncha
Larry O'Toole

Members:

Donna Cooney
Racheal Batten
Jane Horgan-Jones
Naoise Ó Muirí
Declan Flanagan

Officers

Patrick P Smith
Derek Farrell
Derek Kelly

Fergus O'Carroll
Fiona Moore

Deirdre Murphy
Bernie Roe

Apologies:

Non-Members:

Eoghan Judge ESB Networks
Mark Stewart ESB Networks

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Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the manager to organise for the provision of boules sets in order for members of the public to utilise the boules pitches near the Red Stables in St Anne’s Park please. The pitches are often unused and it would be nice if park users passing by could play spontaneously. I was thinking boules sets could be made available in Olives Room for instance and prospective users could pay a deposit and / or leave identification behind. I believe sets costs from €30.00 only each.”

Reply

The feasibility of the proposal will be investigated and discussion held with the management of Olive’s room to ascertain if a workable arrangement can be agreed.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the manager to deliver an educational program to community groups on “Event Management” or “How to organise an event in your area.” In this program, it should also cover the various departments in DCC that can support communities organising events within their communities. Departments such as parks, community, sports, arts, culture & biodiversity.”

Reply

The area manager is happy to engage directly with Councillor on the week of 23rd May to explore practical ways forward to engage in this initiative.

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Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the manager to investigate and provide a report on tree outside **(details supplied)**. Residents are saying this is the 3rd tree that has been put into this particular spot and that it’s not safe. Footpath & garden walls have been cracked and residents are fearful that with high storms/winds the tree may fall on their property.”

Reply

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks as schedules allow to confirm suitability for the location. Trees are selected to suit the available rooting capacity to prevent the reoccurrence of the types of infrastructure described.

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Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the area manager to for a full report on all cycle lane instalments and upgrades in the North Central Area.”

Reply

Dublin City Council's Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) is working on the delivery of approximately 210 kilometres of a state-of-the-art cycle network over the next five years. This is being funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA) under their Active Travel Programme. This network is based on routes that have been prioritised from the overall Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network Plan.

A report on all planned cycle routes for the North Central Area was submitted to the March 2022 meeting of the North Central Area Committee. In the interim, some of these routes have been extended and additional routes have been added, following a review of the proposed network in conjunction with the NTA. Work on finalising the cycle network is ongoing and a detailed presentation will be made to the North Central Area Committee in July 2022.

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Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to report on what measures have been taken to deal with the anti-social elements at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The situation at present has eased after we cleared the shrubbery from the pots in front of this space and the Gardai carrying out patrols of the area. The older members of the gang have moved on and some younger youths have taken their place but are not as aggressive as older youths. We still await the closing of lane at end of block which we hope will assist in solving the problem of the youths gathering. We are meeting with Garda today 11th May to discuss this cul de sac and to see if anyone has been identified from this group We also want to discuss the new blocks which have access onto Oscar Traynor Road to see if we can put a plan in place for the future Policing of these areas on Bunratty Road.

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Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to have measures taken to deal with speeding and ‘rat run’ traffic (especially HGV traffic at **(details supplied)**)”.

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7026578) 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.

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Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the manager to outline the specific criteria for granting a sports licence or letting on pitches in the ownership of Dublin City Council?”

Reply

Currently pitch letting applications are issued to clubs every January, when completed applications are returned with a copy of the club’s up to date public liability insurance indemnifying Dublin City Council up to €6.4m, an 11 month permit can be issued to the club on receipt of payment of an invoice for use of the pitch and subject to acceptance of pitch letting terms and conditions and availability of pitches. Sports licences are issued through Development Dept.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Longer term agreements for the use of Council owned land are processed by the Planning and Property Development Department. Applications made from sports clubs are usually endorsed by the Area Office and or the Parks Dept. If and when terms are agreed for a licence/lease in excess of 12 months, it is brought for the approval of the Elected Members.

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Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the manager the following please:

- Is DCC satisfied that the granting of consent (including letter of consent) in respect of a planning application on DCC lands is a delegated function of DCC officials and not a matter for elected members of DCC?
- If DCC believes that consent is an executive function, is the planning department satisfied it's a matter for a parks official rather than a function of the CEO DCC (executive) to grant consent?
- who in DCC has the authority to issue letters of consent in relation to DCC owned land and what format should these letters take? If for instance in relation to a telecommunications mast in a DCC Park and if DCC believe it's a matter for the Parks Superintendent is there a particular format required for the letter of consent in order for it to be a valid letter in accordance with all relevant planning legislation.”

Reply

The issuing of consent by DCC for lodging a planning application is an executive function. There is not a prescribed format required for the letter of consent in order for it to be a valid letter in accordance with all relevant planning legislation. Letters of consent are issued by the relevant officials who have responsibility for the areas in question.

The proposals as set out in planning application 3617/22 were the subject of consideration by the DCC Telecoms unit (set up in 23rd Feb 2022), the Planning and Development Department, and the Parks Service.

The Law Agent has advised as follows:

“The legal basis for the requirement of the consent of the owner for a planning application is Regulation 22 (2) (g) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2021 which concerns the content of planning applications generally. Regulation 22(2)(g) provides that where the applicant is not the legal owner of the land that the application for permission shall be accompanied by the written consent of the owner. The consent involved is merely a consent to submit a planning application. It does not imply any consent to dispose or deal with the land in any way. It merely indicates that the owner is consenting to the application being submitted by a party that is not the owner.

The giving of a consent to submit a planning application in respect of local authority owned lands is an executive function pursuant to Section 149(4) of the Local Government Act 2001 which will be validly exercised by the Chief Executive or an official to whom the function have been delegated pursuant to Section 154 of the Local Government Act 2001.”

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Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the manager to prioritise the next meeting of the Clontarf Flood Defence and promenade joint working group as a matter of urgency please?”

Reply

The Flood Defence Projects Office are currently preparing Contract Documents to appoint a consultant to produce design options for the Clontarf Promenade redevelopment and Flood Defence Project. We are liaising with internal DCC departments, such as City Architects, Parks and Landscape services as well as Active Travel and Irish Water regarding the proposed water main to produce a services requirements document which will include everything relevant to satisfy all. The possibility of constructing a bund to replace the sand bags which are currently in place around the area of the car park near Alfie Byrne Rd.is also being examined by this office.

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Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the manager for an update on the request to separate the proposed overflow car park at Red Stables, Clontarf and the proposed land art sculpture in respect of Part 8 planning applications please?”

Reply

It is intended to meet with local councillors to discuss the matter of the Part 8 for St. Anne's. The meeting will be scheduled in the next 2 weeks.

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Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the manager to organise a copy of the most up to date St Anne’s Park management plan please?”

Reply

Arrangements will be made to have the latest Green-flag Management Plan circulated.

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Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the manager to report on the following please. On the 29th April 2022 the latest CE's Development Plan report was circulated to members for their consideration. The paragraph below was attached to the circulation which prohibited members from any onward transmission of the report to any third party.

'It is important for members to note that this CE Report is being circulated for your consideration, in advance of the Special Meeting of the City Council, scheduled to commence on the 5th of July. The CE Report is not for onward transmission to any third party.'

Local authority Councillors have no supporting / back office staff and very little planning experience if any, yet are expected to study, contribute to and agree or disagree with this extremely important report in a matter of a few short weeks without being allowed to send the report on to any third party for support / advice

Can the manager outline the reasons / rationale for this instruction and under whose authority was this instruction given please? Also make reference to / outline the legislation covering this instruction / matter please: “

Reply

The CE Report on the Draft Plan has been issued to all Members of the Council on the 29th of April; as required under the Planning Acts. The scale of submission received (over 4,300) was unprecedented and as a result; the scale of the CE Report is also very large.

It is an obligation under the Planning Act that the Council publish the CE Report as “soon as is practicable”. It is an obligation under the Planning Act that the Council publish the CE Report as “soon as is practicable”. We can confirm that the CE Report was published on Thursday 12th May on the website.

The rationale for giving the advice not to circulate the document is to give all members of the Council the time needed to read the document. If the document was published/circulated widely on the day of issue many members would not have the opportunity to have read and consider the recommendations before they would be fielding questions from media outlets and/or other interested parties. For this reason we aimed to give all members a week to find the time to read the document and take the time to consider the many issues raised.

In relation to advice, the Planning team have organised two workshops for all Councillors to give the time and space for members to ask questions; explore particular issues and discuss possible motions so as to assist elected members in the development plan duties. The team is also available to contact directly on any issue to discuss and give advice/background as needed to all Councillors to assist in bringing the Plan to the next stage.

Contact: John O'Hara, City Planning Officer
Tel: 222 3813
Email: john.ohara@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Manager answer the following in relation to the number of complaints received by the Parks Department regarding **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

Parks Service has received approximately 38 communications regarding **(details in supplied)** by email and the CRM on-line portal , in addition to phone calls on the subject.

Contact: Leslie Moore
Head of Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Service
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the manager arrange to replace the pedestrian guard railings at (**details supplied**) and clear the grass and weeds along the front of (**details supplied**) and to do a general litter pick of the area?”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the litter, grass and weeds removed from the above mentioned location on the 5th May 2022.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

This barrier appears to be in good condition with only slight misalignment present.

An inspection will be carried out on this barrier to confirm the structural integrity of this barrier and to ensure that the barrier is not causing a hazard to pedestrians.

Please note that Road Maintenance are directing funding toward barriers which are in urgent need of repair or if the barrier is a hazard to pedestrians.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager for an update on the operation to finally dismantle the illegal dump operating in the Belcamp area of Dublin 17?”

Reply

Withdrawn by Councillor

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“My February 2022 question below in relation to trees removed in Marino refers.

NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st February 2022

Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to trees that were removed on Marino, (residents say several trees were removed but not planted) can the manager give a detail as to

- a. What/how many trees were removed in recent years and*
- b. How many of those removed have been replanted to date and when will those that have not been replanted be replanted“*

Reply

Due to remote working the numbers felled and replaced are not to hand however Parks have been following a phased replacement plan agreed with the residents association. It has been disappointing that the stumps of previously removed trees are not decaying as rapidly as was hoped due to ground conditions and Parks have been unable to replant according to the schedule. The Parks Service are constantly monitoring the situation and will affect replanting as soon as possible. The Parks Service will also be meeting with the residents association in the coming weeks to re-evaluate the programme in light of these limiting factors.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks**
Superintendent
Tel: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Residents say several trees were removed but not re-planted.

“Can the manager please **now**, in relation to trees that were removed, give a detail as to

- a) What/how many trees were removed in recent years and
- b) How many of those removed have been replanted to date and when will those that have not been replanted be replanted?”

Reply

The multi-annual prioritised phased replacement plan had envisaged that 63 problematic trees would have been removed and 63 replaced by winter 2021/22. While removals have met the objectives of the agreed plan the replacement programme has lagged due to the length of time it is taking stumps, root-plates and major roots to degrade to allow for a new tree to be planted taking longer than was estimated. To date approximately 45 have been replaced including 14 this winter.

The Parks Service remain committed to replacing each tree that has been removed as part of the agreed plan as soon as ground conditions allow.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please say in relation to the playground in Fairview Park, say if the park remains unfinished and if so, when will the planned swings etc. be installed and also say if there are any plans to install more toddler facilities in the playground as currently there is only a sandbox suitable for children under 4; can the manager say why the pirate ship, with baby slides, lookout windows & all baby swings have been removed?”

Reply

The original plan for the playground at Fairview Park was to retain the existing swings. When the contractors arrived on site and commenced ground preparations it was discovered that the swings were in a state of decay and would need to be fully replaced. A new budget line was sought and the swings were ordered, however, there was an exceptionally long lead in time for the swings which was beyond our control and supply chain difficulties also prolonged this lead in time to delivery. It is hoped that these will be in situ by the end of the month and provision has been made for a baby swing.

The pirate ship was not included in the new design as it too was in a state of decay and no longer met health and safety regulations.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager to please refer to my numerous requests for an official from the Parks Department to contact my constituent, at **(details supplied)**, in order to discuss with my constituent, the issue around the provision of the long talked about (via email with me) replacement low railing around the skate park facility to replace the one that is now broken; **(see detail in one of the many detailed emails from my constituent)** can the manager please say what railing was ordered, when was it ordered and when it is expected it will be in place?”

Reply

There have been unavoidable delays with the reinstatement of the skate rail, however, it will be in situ in the coming weeks.

The gravel pathway adjacent to the skate park are part of the park design and there are currently no plans to resurface it. The issue has been highlighted with local maintenance staff and the area swept when required upon opening of the park and facility

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“In relation to the issues of access and right of way to **(details supplied)** from my constituent, can the manager please provide a **detailed response?**”

Reply

This is not nor was ever an official entrance to the park but rather a gap in the boundary where the wire fence internal to the hedge was cut to affect an unofficial access point. There is no receiving footpath here as the gap opens into a copse of trees. The roots of these trees and mud associated with pedestrian traffic represented a hazard to pedestrians and at least one injury has been reported. When this accident was investigated it was recommended that this gap be closed on safety grounds. There is a fully accessible entrance to the park with a receiving footpath some 150m to the north. It is not intended to reopen this gap in the hedge as it is not considered safe.

The rusty gate is not an entrance to the park but the ESB's access to their compound and is outside of the park and is considered to be a matter for the ESB as they are the only users of that access.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager in relation to the attached from my constituent, can the manager please provide advice on when replacement trees will be planted at (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

The trees were removed following a safety inspection as was requested by the residents as a number of trees had failed in the area during winter wind events. The area will be inspected over the summer months and any sites deemed suitable for new planting will be listed for inclusion in next winter’s tree planting programme Nov 22 – Mar 23.

Contact:	Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel:	222 6625
Email:	parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager to please refer to location as per (**details supplied**) which is a 30 KPH zone and say if he can consider installing further traffic calming measures to assist in reducing the speed of traffic where residents say there is a constant disregard for the speed limit, with some motorists travelling in excess of 60kph at times, in an area with a large cohort of children due to the schools & proximity of local amenities etc.; speeding occurs throughout the entire day but is at its worst during the morning & afternoon school runs (8-9am, 1-2pm) & evening commute (5pm).”

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7026580) 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.

Contact: **Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.**

Tel: **222 2528**

Email: **traffic@dublincity.ie**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager to please advise what measures are in place to build an interim segregated cycle lane from the Marino and Drumcondra area into Dublin city centre as cyclists are concerned that cycling along the three main routes into town (Drumcondra, Ballybough or Strand roads) is very dangerous and unpleasant?”

Reply

A constraints analysis of the all the routes in the Dublin Cycle Network is currently underway in order to identify sections of routes where interim cycle measures can be delivered within the next 18 to 24 months.

This is expected to be completed by the end of June 2022.

It should be noted that Drumcondra Road is on Bus Connects Route 2 and cycling measures along that route will be addressed by the NTA Bus Connects Team.

North Strand is part of the Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Route and as construction for a permanent scheme is currently underway for this route there are no plans to implement an interim scheme whilst works are ongoing.

Ballybough Road is along the Fairview to Parnell Street Walking & Cycling Route which links Edges Corner to Parnell Street via Summerhill. This route would facilitate cycling from the Summerhill, Ballybough & Fairview to the City Centre.

The Active Travel Office are reviewing this route as part of the overall constraints analysis and locations where interim measures are appropriate, it is proposed to implement them over the next 18 to 24 months.

Contact: Gráinne O’Brien, Senior Engineer.

Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Further to previous reports of speeding in Abbeyfield Killester, below are some observations from a constituent from the past couple of weeks highlighting the ever increasing speeds of drivers travelling through Abbeyfield, a 30km "traffic calmed" residential zone with very narrow and poorly maintained pavements where many young children and older residents live and go to school. Can the manager please advise when the area will be further traffic calmed?”

Reply

The pavements on **(details supplied)** are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in the 2023 works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

Please note that due to the private property boundary lines there is nothing that Road Maintenance can do at this time to make the footpaths wider at **(details supplied)**.

The traffic department may be able to advise if additional traffic calming measures are required.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7026581) 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.

Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.
Tel: 222 2528
Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager refer to damaged lamp at (**details supplied**) and arrange repair of same?”

Reply

The light in question at details supplied, will be examined this week and any repairs necessary will be carried out.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager to respond to this housing issue. **(Details supplied)**”.

Reply

The above applicant is active on Band 2 of the transfer list for three bedroom accommodation with registration date 02/09/2016, the applicant holds the following positions on the list:

Area	Position
Area B	278
Area D	114
Area E	339

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 should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer
Tel: 222 2201
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager for a report on voids in the North Central Area: how many do we currently have, what is the current status of each, what are the completion and allocation dates for each turned around void and for clarity on who will be allocated each new home?”

Reply

The following is a summary and breakdown of the vacant properties (75 units) currently in the North Central Area.

Property	No. Beds	No. Units	Total Units
Apartments	1	4	12
	2	6	
	3	2	
Houses	1	1	43
	2	4	
	3	30	
	4	8	
Senior Citizens	0	15	20
	1	5	

The properties above are currently being refurbished through the Framework or by Direct Labour and are at various stages of completion. It is anticipated that the properties will be returned to productive use in two to fourteen weeks' time. In 2021, 149 properties were refurbished in the North Central Area. These were made up of 21 apartments, 61 houses and 67 Senior Citizens Units.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager for a report on what has been asked of Dublin City Council's North Central Area office to date in relation to the accommodation of people fleeing the war in Ukraine?”

Reply

Dublin City Council does not have access to this data we are only assisting the International Accommodation Protection Service, who have the statutory function, with the task of finding accommodation.

To date the North Central area office have not been requested to house anyone or groups outside of our normal Housing Allocations scheme of letting Priorities.

Dublin City Council has activated its Community Call for Ukraine Forum made up of various stakeholders. These stakeholders are developing bespoke programmes and services in the areas of education, employment, health, childcare, integration, art, sport and social protection.

Contact: Patrick Smith, Area Housing Manager
Phone: 222 8852
Email: Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager to establish the ownership of the site beside **(details supplied)** and seek to secure the site as it is presently in a haphazard state?”

Reply

I refer to your e mail in the above matter. In particular ownership of the site adjacent to details supplied.

A search of the Property Registration Authorities website shows a freehold interest in the site adjacent to details supplied as plan DU9TY in the Parish of Coolock. Registered on folio DN242503F the registered owner of this folio is shown as Irish Shipping & Transport Limited (Company No. 150224) of Forward House, Eklad Road, Malahide Road Industrial Park, Coolock. The date of registration is shown to be 3rd September 2021. There is nothing lodged in the Land Registry to suggest any change is pending. I attach for your attention a printout of folio DN242503F together with a screenshot of the Land Registry’s digital map showing the lands comprised in this folio coloured pink thereon.

A search of the Companies Office register shows Irish Shipping & Transport Limited, Company No. 150224, has it’s registered office for the service of notices at Forward House, Eklad Road, Malahide Road Industrial Park, Dublin 17. I also attach a company’s office printout for your attention.

Without evidence to the contrary it appears Irish Shipping & Transport Limited of Forward House, Eklad Road, Malahide Road Industrial Park, Dublin 17 is the beneficial owner of the site the subject of your enquiry.

Contact: Tom Kennedy, Chief Property & Title Researcher
Tel: 222 2828
Email: tom.kennedy@dublincity.ie

The area DB Inspector’s visit / inspection of the site at (details supplied) as of 5/05/2022 showed that the premises appears to be currently inhabited, the adjacent vacant site however - surrounded by Herras fencing - required minor re-securing works at the corner to prevent casual entry. This was completed by DB operatives on the day.

DB have no further remit here.

DB will issue a **DB 1 Notice** in due course, to the owners as listed in the e-mail below advising the minor works completed.

Contact: Clare Goldenberg, Architect in Charge, Dangerous Buildings Section
Tel: 222 3548
Email: clare.goldenberg@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager for a report on the housing file of **(Details supplied)?**”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer HAP List with an application date of 15/09/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Position
Area B	179

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 should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer
Tel: 222 2201
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager to a report on the housing file of **(Details supplied)**, whose family are currently living in very overcrowded accommodation and has been waiting a significant amount of time on the transfer list?”

Reply

The above applicant is on band two on the Transfer List with an application date of 22/09/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Position
Area B	316
Area E	377

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 should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

They should also register on Homeswapper.ie as they may be able to do a Mutual Exchange of tenancies with another Local Authority tenant.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer
Tel: 222 2201
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager for a commitment given to residents by the city council in 2009 to improve the paths along Kilbarron Park to be fulfilled: young and older people alike live on this road and the current state of the paths presents a threat to residents' safety?”

Reply

The footpaths on **(details supplied)** are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in the 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager to install "Children at Play" signs along Ferrycarrig Drive, Dublin 17?”

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7026625) 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.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer,
Environment and Transportation Department.
Tel: 222 6145
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager for an update on the proposed new community centre for the Kilbarrack area?”

Reply

The Area Office invited tenders from various financial advisory and accounting Firms to carry out a Cost Benefit and Needs Analysis for the proposed Greendale Neighbourhood Centre. The Project Team have had meetings with 2 Firms to discuss terms of engagement, objectives and costings and are awaiting to hear back from them.

As previously advised when this piece of work has been carried out, the results of same will be made known to NCA elected representatives.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 8845
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager for an update on the feasibility study of the underpass site at Northside Shopping Centre as a potential site for housing?”

Reply

A design team was appointed in April 2022. Site surveys will be commencing in the coming months as well as a project programme being established which will then advise milestone dates.

Contact: Martin Donlon, Development Manager
Tel: 222 3943
Email: martin.donlon@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to give an update on this housing application (**Details supplied**)?”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 21/10/2009, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area B	1	68
Area H	1	73
Area L	1	61

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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them 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 income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 2222226
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager when will the council repair the footpaths on Roseglen Road, Dublin 5?”

Reply

The footpaths on Roseglen Road are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in the 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager when will the council repair the footpaths on Roseglan Avenue, Dublin 5?”

Reply

The footpaths on Roseglan Avenue are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in the 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to trim at tree outside **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

The Area Housing Manager has arranged for a Housing Maintenance works crew to carry out maintenance works in this complex. Going forward this will take in the clearing up and disposing of all leafs in the autumn and winter months as requested.

Contact: Patrick Smith, Area Housing Manager
Phone: 222 8852
Email: Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to remove cars along Fairview strand -across from the Jewish Cemetery - without tax/insurance which have been stationary there for some time – up to two years in some cases” (photos attached)

Reply

These cars will be investigated and if they are deemed to be abandoned, I will arrange their removal.

Contact: Patricia O’Toole, Abandoned Vehicles Officer
Tel: 2224896
Email: patricia.otoole@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to allocate budget – alongside the footpath repairs scheduled near Tesco Drumcondra – for some public realm redesign to improve the environment for older people and families including some planting/greenery and seating?”

Reply

The area manager is happy to engage directly with Councillor on the week of 23rd May to explore practical ways forward to engage in this initiative.

Contact: Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA
Phone: 222 8846
Email: bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to arrange for enforcement against parking on the footpaths in the area of Tesco Drumcondra Road which is a danger to children and visually damaging to the area?”

Reply

The parking policy and enforcement inspector will visit the location and report back his findings.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to consider findings from a local resident with regard to speeding in Abbeyfield, Killester taken using a sensor near a speed ramp (findings attached) and to take action with regard to curtailing this speeding either via design or enforcement?”

Reply

The Road Safety Engineer will assess the area to see if a 30 km/h roundel can be installed to reinforce the 30 km/h zone. Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

Contact: Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, Transportation. Road Safety. Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section.

Email: rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7026581) 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.

Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.

Tel: 222 2528

Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the pruning of a tree at **(details supplied)** where there are low hanging branches that impede walking on the footpath?”

Reply

The tree will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the trimming/pruning of trees hanging over the wall of the property at **(details supplied)** and are hitting off the roof and house.”

Reply

The tree will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to arrange to have a claims form sent to the resident at **(details supplied)** who wishes to initiate a claim regarding damage from tree roots to his driveway.”

Reply

A “Claims Form” has been sent to **(details supplied)** as requested, 5th May 2022.

Contact: Melissa Peavoy, Law Department, Block 3, Floor 4, Civic Offices,
Wood Quay, Dublin 8.
Tel: 2223239
Email: melissa.peavoy@dublincity.ie

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Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to include Belton Park Road on the next programme of works for carriageway repairs as there is significant damage to the roadway?”

Reply

Carriageway repairs on Belton Park Road are not part of the works programme in 2022.

Road Maintenance will complete an inspection of this area any defects found will be recorded. Road Maintenance will consider this area for inclusion in the 2023 works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

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Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager whether any extra funding can be secured from central government to improve the quality of roads in the North Central area?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services is in the process of applying to the National Transport Authority for additional funding to support the delivery of the ‘Active Travel Elements’ of the Division’s Annual Works Programme. If successful this could allow for the completion of some additional carriageway and footpath renewal works, however this will be subject to the tenders sums received from contractors at tender competition stage. We note that there are currently significant inflationary pressures in the market.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

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Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager as to what checks are carried out before major road repairs are carried out & after works are completed to ensure roads & footpaths are returned to the same standard. Also, what are the remedies if utility companies do not comply and do not carry out rework that may be required?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services carries major footpath and carriageway repairs as part of our annual works program. Roads are surveyed by the area engineer to determine the extent of the works and the depth of reconstruction required. This is determined by the cause of the carriageway deterioration.

Prior to commencement of works on site, a 10 day notice is sent to relevant internal Dublin City Council departments and external utility companies to inform them of planned footpath or carriageway repair works. This provides them with an opportunity to program any or their own planned works, prior to footpath or carriageway reconstruction by Road Maintenance Services. The rationale for this is to minimise the chances of newly laid surfaces being excavated.

On completion of footpath or carriageway works, a final inspection is completed by the Road Maintenance Services engineer and any snags are issued to the contractor for repair. There is a one year maintenance period for all works.

On completion of permanent reinstatement, utility companies are required to return each opening to Road Maintenance Services (RMS) for taking in charge purposes. An inspection of each returned opening is carried out by an Inspector in RMS. If the reinstatement does not meet the required standard, as set out in the ‘*Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads*’, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, April 2017, the reinstatement is refused and returned to the utility company for remedial action. Reinstatements remain the responsibility of the utility company until they are accepted by Road Maintenance Services (by way of a T5) and the subsequent guarantee period has passed (two years for services that are within 1.5m of the road surface and three years for services deeper than 1.5m).

Contact: Shane Satell, Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

Contact: Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Management Unit.
Tel: 086 388 3986.
Email: deri.flood@dublincity.ie

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Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager as to whether an alternative location has been found in the NCA for coach parking in light of the decision to ban coach parking on the Alfie Byrne Road?”

Reply

A coach park has been developed on a site at the corner of Collins Avenue/Swords Road to facilitate coach parking associated with concerts in Croke Park this year. The site was prepared and cleared at the cost of Aiken Promotions the concert Promoter for this year’s shows in Croke Park. This is a temporary arrangement for this year and will be reviewed next year if the site is still available. The site worked well for the recent Ed Sheeran Concerts.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel: 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

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Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager for an update regarding Flood Protection measures proposed for Clontarf?”

Reply

The Flood Defence Projects Office are currently preparing Contract Documents to appoint a consultant to produce design options for the Clontarf Promenade redevelopment and Flood Defence Project. We are liaising with internal DCC departments, such as City Architects, Parks and Landscape services as well as Active Travel and Irish Water regarding the proposed water main to produce a services requirements document which will include everything relevant to satisfy all. The possibility of construction a bund to replace the sand bags which are currently in place around the area of the car park near Alfie Byrne Rd.is also being examined by this office.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Project Manager
Tel: 222 4302
Email: gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie

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Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager for an update re; capital works being carried out in Northside Shopping Centre?”

Reply

The area office are unaware of any capital works occurring at Northside shopping centre. If the Councillor could come back with more detail we will look into this for him.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall LEA
Phone: 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager for an update regarding the following (**details supplied**) who is on the housing list?”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 25/02/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area B	3	114

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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them 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 income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 2222226
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

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Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager to make contact with the following regarding trees (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

Contact will be made with the resident in the coming weeks as schedules allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager if any monitoring of the traffic has taken place in Fairview in light of the works taking place on the Clontarf to City centre cycleway and whether any solutions have been identified?”

Reply

Regular monitoring of the traffic is taking place along the route of the Clontarf to City Centre Project, by the Traffic Department, the Project team and the civil works Contractor, and this monitoring will continue for the duration of the works.

Our traffic control centre works 24/7 and adjustments are made to the traffic management provisions and traffic signals as required, if there are specific issues identified please don't hesitate to make contact with the Active Travel Office at the contact below.

Contact: Victor Coe, Senior Engineer, Active Travel Office.
Email: activeTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

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Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to advise whether the **(details supplied)** has applied for a housing transfer & where she is on list?”

Reply

There is no record of a Transfer Application being received from **(details supplied)**.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2226
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

The Area Housing Manager has made contact with details supplied and they are now going to complete an application form and submit it as soon as is possible.

Contact: Patrick Smith, Area Housing Manager
Phone: 222 8852
Email: Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie

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Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the request for the following traffic report (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

The report was issued by Area Manager Bernie Roe to the Donaghmede Ward Councillors on 5th May, 2022.

**Contact: Conor Lynch, Executive Engineer, Active Travel Programme
Office.**

Tel: 222 4566.

Email: conor.lynch@dublincity.ie

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Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following footpath issue in **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

Almost 1km of perimeter paths were installed in 2021 bringing the total of new paths in the last 3 years to just over 1.6km. It is not intended to bring the footpath around the corner at Millbrook Ave and Millbrook Road as there is an existing connecting path and this area has been extensively planted as a biodiversity area with trees, flowering shrubs, bulbs and wildflowers. The path network in the park is considered to be have been completed.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to have someone from the housing department contact the following **(details supplied)** re: overcrowded housing?”

Reply

(Details Supplied) has been contacted by a Housing Advisor.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2226
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

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Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following correspondence from a constituent seeking the housing department’s assistance and intervention **(details supplied)**. Please can the housing department contact the following?”

Reply

A Housing Advisor attempted to call **(details supplied)** but was not successful. As the query is in relation to a property with Fingal County Council there is not anything this section can assist with.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2226
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

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Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following regarding a request for a pedestrian crossing at (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group is not in a position to make any traffic management recommendations in relation to Main Street, Clongriffin as the location concerned is not in the charge of Dublin City Council.

Contact: **Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.**
Tel: **222 6145.**
Email: **catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie**

Clongriffin is not in charge of Dublin City Council, therefore the Transport Advisory Group is not in a position to make any traffic recommendations. Gannon Homes applied in January 2022 to Taking in Charge Section, Planning and Development Department to have Main Street, Clongriffin taken in charge. When this process is complete and Main Street is in charge of Dublin City Council a request can then be made to TAG for pedestrian crossings to be installed on this Street.

Contact: **Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer**
Tel: **222 8845**
Email: **deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie**

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Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager for an update on lease and capital works for **(details supplied)?”**

Reply

The new lease for (details supplied 1) is currently being agreed between DCC Law Dept and the landlord. We expect an agreement very shortly.

(Details supplied 2) reopened on April 25th following a full refurbishment of the ceiling, lighting, flooring and shelving.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Tel: 087 6184734
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

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Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager for an update re: planned Garda station for Donaghmede?”

Reply

In the Belmayne & Belcamp Lane Masterplan lands located at Clarehall/Northern Cross Junction R107/R139, there is a proposal for a Garda Station as part of the Belcamp Lane, land bank.

At the Joint Policing Committee held on 11/04/22, New Garda Station Update was listed as an Agenda Item. Chief Superintendent Mark Curran advised that this is in the hands of an Outside Agency and no update is available as yet.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 8845
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

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Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to organise for the public lighting on (a) Glandore Road, Dublin 9 and (b) Carberry Road, Dublin 9 to be assessed and if necessary improved and enhanced as local residents tell me that the footpaths there are poorly lit at night. Is there an opportunity to switch existing lamp standards to better quality LED?”

Reply

The public lighting on both of these roads are planned to be upgraded to LED, and these works are expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

Contact: Nicola O’Shea, Senior Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 4452
Email: nicola.oshea@dublincity.ie

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Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to confirm that the footpath bordering the parking/landing area outside the Goose Tavern/Brass Onion/Health Clinic, Sion Hill Road in Dublin 9 is in charge? If so, can the Manager organise for the footpath to be inspected and any necessary repairs to be carried out?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at this location. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

The footpath bordering the parking/landing area outside the Goose Tavern/Brass Onion/Health Clinic, Sion Hill Road in Dublin 9 is **in charge of Dublin City Council**.

Contact: Geoffrey Burns, Chief Technician, Road Maintenance Services.
Email: geoff.burns@dbulincity.ie

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Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to confirm how much (if any) of the open space in front of the buildings from Tesco to Insomnia on Upper Drumcondra Road **is in charge**? Are the pedestrian footpaths beside the roadway in charge? Can DCC develop a plan to animate and green this location with planters and seating?”

Reply

Road Maintenance have plans in place to complete footpath works at this location this year. Any repair works will be reinstated in concrete which is preferable in this very busy public area.

There is a large section of this footpath between No. 6 and No.14 which is private that greatly limits any potential in terms of greening this area.

The local area office may be able to help with planters and seating at this location.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.**
Tel: **222 3898.**
Email: **derek.horan@dublincity.ie**

The Public Domain Officer will engage directly with the Councillor in the coming days to explore this idea.

Contact: **Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer**
Phone: **222 8866**
Email: **richard.cleary@dublincity.ie**

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Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to confirm if (a) the current City Development Plan and (b) the draft new City Development Plan contains a specific objective to provide a pedestrian/cycling bridge over the Tolka River linking Grace Park Road with Clonliffe lands in Drumcondra? Can the Manager confirm if this bridge has been included in planning considerations relating to those lands?”

Reply

The current City Development Plan 2016-2022 does not contain a specific objective to provide a pedestrian/cycling bridge over the Tolka River linking Grace Park Road with Clonliffe lands in Drumcondra. An objective has been provided in the Draft City Development Plan 2022-2028 in Chapter 8, Sustainable Movement and Transport as detailed below:

SMT025: Tolka Park Pedestrian/Cycle Connection

To provide a pedestrian/cycle connection from Tolka Park to the lands to the south. An indicative route from Richmond Road, along the east side of Tolka Park and through the Clonliffe lands to the existing entrance at Clonliffe Road is shown on draft Map E.

The provision of a bridge over the Tolka River did not form part of the Strategic Housing Development application for the development of the Holy Cross College (ABP Ref: 310860-21). The lands on the opposite side of the site were not in the ownership of the applicants. However the development was designed to facilitate future access at this location and through the new development to Clonliffe Road.

Contact: Nicola Conlon, Senior Executive Planner, Transportation Planning Division.
Tel: 222 6363.
Email: transportplanning@dublincity.ie

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Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to organise for the inspection and repair of loose and broken capping on the retaining wall (Collins Park side) of the main triangular green in Collins Park/Celtic Park, Dublin 9?”

Reply

The site was examined and the wall here is rendered without capping. Further detail is required as to the location of the damaged area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to organise for the health of the crab apple tree outside **(details)** Celtic Park Avenue, Dublin 9 to be assessed and if necessary have it removed and replaced with another tree?”

Reply

The tree will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to please request that the tree at (**Details Supplied**) be replaced immediately and the tree stump be removed also?”

Reply

Tree stumps are left in situ until they have degraded sufficiently to allow for their safe removal without damage to any underground services, telecoms or data cables located in the vicinity. This process can take a number of seasons particularly when the stump is located in a small cut out in a concrete path. The locus will be inspected to ascertain if the stump can now be safely removed. If not a further inspection will be scheduled later in the year.

Contact:	Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel:	222 6625
Email:	parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to review the corner at (**Details Supplied**) as it is causing a hazard to residents locally as the junction is causing near misses to members of the public due to dangerous driving?”

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7026582) 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.

Contact: **Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and
Transportation Department.**
Tel: **222 2528**
Email: **traffic@dublincity.ie**

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Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to seek to have the road dipped at (**Details Supplied**) as resident is seeking for the path to be lowered? Submitted to DCC.”

Reply

In order to create vehicular access to a front garden, planning permission is first required. The first port of call is to download and complete the standard planning application form (Link to download the planning application form here: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/planning-applications/make-planning-application/planning-application-form/about-planning-application-form-download>). Planning is a statutory process, so the form has to conform. It is a standard application form which is used by all councils throughout the country, for all planning applications, including small scale applications, such as creating vehicular access. The form can at first appear to be somewhat daunting, so to assist your constituent, I have included two examples of recent application forms that are in the public domain for such a purpose, which they might find useful when compiling their form. (See links below)

Examples of planning applications for converting garden into a driveway – links below:

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dublincity/application-details/146842>

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dublincity/application-details/147229>

Once planning has been granted, the next port of call is to contact the roads department for the purposes of dishing the path. See link below. However, it is incumbent on the applicant to prove they have complied with planning.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/road-maintenance-services/modify-footpath-allow-vehicular-access>

Contact: Fiona Moore, Staff Officer
Tel: 0874111350
Email: fiona.moore@dublincity.ie

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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the manager to please report on the tree planting works locally and to confirm plans for year ahead and progress update of planting for 2022. I note a lot of the request I have submitted for replacement trees have not been completed since 2019?”

Reply

Number of trees planted in the North Central Area winter 2021-22 by depot area are as follows:

St Anne’s Park and area:	152
Ellenfield Park and area	9
Belcamp Park and area	201
Edenmore Parks and area	28
Fairview Park and area	23
North Central Total	413

If contact can be made on parks@dublincity.ie regarding particular tree planting requests a detailed response can be issued as to why replacement trees have not yet been planted at particular locations.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to inspect greenspace at (**details supplied**) as the resident is worried regarding the lack of grass cutting on the space adjacent to houses, the growth of which is causing a visual obstruction to road. Illegal dumping also in this location?”

Reply

The area will be inspected as soon as local schedules allow and any maintenance deficiencies will be brought to the attention of the contractor responsible.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to remove the Graffiti at (**Details Supplied 1**) at the bottom of the Cul de Sac and have the tarmac at (**Details supplied 2**) replaced as dangerous holes in bridge are a potential hazard to members of the public & may result in falls?”

Reply

I investigated the graffiti and contacted Councillor Barron to confirm the location whilst onsite. The location is in fact the side wall of house on road of (**details supplied**) & not Grove. A request was sent to PMAC on Friday 6th May and they have removed this graffiti from the side wall of the property.

Contact: Joanne O’Sullivan (Acting Environmental Liaison Officer)
Tel: 0872868325
Email: joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie

The Bridge referred to above will be inspected and a report will be issued.

Contact: Joseph Kelly, Senior Engineer. Road Design & Construction
Division.
Tel: 087 2868325.
Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

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Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Manager could speed reduction measures be put in place in Marino?”

Reply

As you may be aware, the Marino Area has been selected to receive a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme which aims to alleviate transport issues such as speeding and cut-through traffic in the area. A project tender brief is currently being prepared in order to procure a consultant in the coming weeks to assess and develop a design for this scheme.

Contact: Andrew Geoghegan Neighbourhood Transport Engineer (North City)

Email: andrew.geoghegan@dublincity.ie

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Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Manager could speed reduction measures be put in place in Abbeyfield Killester?”

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7026581) 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.

Contact: **Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer**
 Environment and Transportation Department.
Tel **222 2528**
Email: **traffic@dublincity.ie**

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Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager could a map of where the new recycling bins will be situated on Clontarf promenade be provided and a date as to when they will be installed also be provided?”

Reply

There has been a significant delay in installing the bins due to be placed on Clontarf promenade. This is because of extended delivery lead times and also the additional requirement to conduct a risk assessment due to the weight of these particular bins. We are currently awaiting an updated map outline of the suggested locations from waste management and this will be forwarded to you in due course.

Contact: Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer
Phone: 222 8843
Email: rob.ingram@dublincity.ie

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Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager for a copy of the speed reports commissioned in December 2021 on Kincora Road Clontarf, so that measures can be put in to address speeding on this road?”

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group have prepared a tender to procure consultancy services for review of speed surveys and recommendation of traffic calming measures for 30km/h roads, including Kincora Road, with the aim of implementing measures where appropriate and subject to funding availability. Once the Consultants complete their report, this will be made available to Councillors and TAG will determine a schedule to carry out these works.

**Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment and Transportation
Department.**
Tel: 2226145
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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16th May, 2022

Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager to request that all proposed changes in zoning in the draft development plan in the North Central Area be provided in list form to North Central area councillors?”

Reply

The proposed changes in zoning are set out in Volume 3 (page 444) of the Chief Executives Report on Submissions, circulated to Councillors on the 28th April.

The proposed zoning changes are summarised in List form at the beginning of each Map Section and cross referenced to each map. The List forms relating to the North Central Area are as follows:

Map B - page 473
Map C - page 552
Map E – page 593
Map F – Page 731

The Chief Executive’s Report provides summaries of the matters raised in all submissions, as required by legislation, so that the draft Development Plan can be considered on a City-wide basis by all Councillors. A List/matrix of the proposed zoning changes for the whole City sorted by Area will be circulated to Councillors prior to the Special Development Plan City Council Meeting 5th July 2022 in order to facilitate the conduct of business at the meeting.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if he will take steps to address traffic safety matters at a location (**details supplied**) in Dublin 9?”

Reply

The request for an examination of Coolock Lane / Oak Park junction will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course. (Ref No.7026623).

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer,
Environment and Transportation Department.
Tel: 2226145
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to examine the pedestrian lights at the shops on Shantalla Road to see if the level of lighting could be improved as there have been complaints that the lights are very dim and difficult for motorists to see?”

Reply

The Traffic Controller at this location is legacy hardware and not capable of supporting an upgrade of the signal lamps to LED.

The Traffic Controller will, subject to funding becoming available, be upgraded and the signal lamps will also be upgraded to LED.

Contact: **Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Transportation**
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to have repair work carried out on footpath on (**details supplied**). The paths are reported as being uneven, cracked and damaged and the tarmac used in various repair jobs over the years, is overgrown, damaged and unsightly. Paths have been upgraded in past 12 months on adjoining roads, could you advise if there are plans to complete similar at this location?”

Reply

The footpaths on (**details supplied**) are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in the 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.**
Tel: **222 3898.**
Email: **derek.horan@dublincity.ie**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to clarify if the developer has an obligation to reinstate embankment at (**details supplied**); if the trees and shrubs in this area could be trimmed / lower branches removed (outside of nesting season) in order to allow the local Tidy Towns group to clean and remove litter which gathers at this area. Clarification is sought by the TT group as to what can be done to improve the appearance of this area and what the developer’s obligations are in relation to reinstating it to an acceptable standard.”

Reply

The area office are liaising with the Parks Department at present to follow up on crowning the trees and landscaping the bank at (details supplied). The area manager will liaise shortly with the Tidy Towns Committee with regard to these works.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall LEA
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to install speed slowing measures at the bend (**1 details supplied**) and to improve the ramps on (**3 details supplied**). There are good traffic calming measures in place on (**2 details supplied**) which result in drivers actively slowing down. But along (**3 details supplied**) and at (**1 details supplied**) traffic travels much faster than the allowed 30kph on this recognised rat run and is a danger to pedestrians, older people and children especially crossing to and from the park entrance. Would it also be possible to paint 30kph on the road (**3 details supplied**)?”

Reply

Regarding the request to install 30 km/h, The Road Safety Engineer will assess the area. Councillor will be informed in due course.

Contact: Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, Transportation. Road Safety. Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section.

Email: rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7026614) 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.

Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to extend the yellow box fully across the junction at (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

The extension of the yellow box at Larkhill Road/Swords Road/Shantalla Road Bridge has been listed with the Traffic Officer. The work is due to be completed in the coming weeks.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer,
Environment and Transportation Department.
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th May, 2022

Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to have shrubbery cut back to allow local group to remove bags of rubbish, which is continually dumped at (**details attached**) and to include this area in regular cleaning rota as it is a dumping blackspot. Shrubby to be cut back from kerb without reducing height and thus privacy of houses behind.”

Reply

Waste Management Services clean at and around the bottle bank on a daily basis. The rest of the car park is cleaned on a weekly basis. We would certainly appreciate any work done in tidying up the shrubbery there.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

The area has been examined 09 May 2022. In order to keep the height of the shrubbery it is proposed therefor to thin out the shrubbery back from the kerb. This work will be carried out before the end of May. Contact will be made with the area office and Parks to schedule a programme for maintenance in keeping with the remainder of the area.

Contact: Nicola Finegan Administrative Officer
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