



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE  
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.  
ON MONDAY 3 APRIL 2023 AT 2.30 PM**

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

**HELD ON MONDAY 13 MARCH 2023**

- 1 **Presentation on Housing Development at Keeper Road**  
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation and Briefing Note on Duke Street / Anne Street South Public Realm Part 8**  
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Presentation on Mansion House Universal Access Works**  
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 13/02/2023**  
Order: Agreed.
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Verbal update on temporary tarmac repairs / reinstatement works.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - iii. Road Maintenance South East Area Annual Works Programme 2023.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 6 **Finance Department Matters**
  - i. Report on the Application and Use of Development Contributions.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 7 **Housing and Community Services Matters**
  - i. Housing Report January 2023  
**Order: Noted.**
- 8 **South East Area Matters**
  - i. Report of Director of Services.  
**Order: Noted.**

- ii. Nomination of one Councillor to replace Cllr. Tara Deacy on South City Partnership.  
**Order: Councillor Mary Freehill nominated to the South City Partnership.**
- iii. South East Area Discretionary Fund 2023.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**

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### **Motions 13/03/2023**

#### **Motion 1 from Councillors Kevin Donoghue, Danny Byrne, Mannix Flynn, Claire Byrne and Daniel Ceitinn**

This area committee agrees that an oversight and consultative committee for the development of the Irish Glass Bottle site and Poolbeg West SDZ shall be established, as previously committed to.

The composition of the oversight and consultative committee should include:

1. An independent chairperson
2. Councillors from the SEIC
3. Local residents,
4. Members of the IGB housing action group,
5. Other appropriate members,

as determined and finalised at a meeting of local area councillors and relevant management to be held within 3 weeks of the passage of this motion, with a view to establishing the committee within 6 weeks.

**Order: Deferred to April SEAC Meeting.**

#### **Motion 2 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That Dublin City Council shall install opening hour's signage at Elizabeth O'Farrell Park which sets out off- and on-lead times for dogs in line with the City Council's policies.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

#### **Motion 3 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That Dublin City Council shall engage with the Irish Cancer Society and Raytown Men's Shed to install a daffodil bench in Ringsend Park.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

#### **Motion 4 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

In recent months several residents have been in touch regarding the state of our cities footpaths. These photos were taken by a constituent walking home from work through Harold's Cross, but these sights are familiar to us all in almost every part of the South East Area. How is this an acceptable way to leave a footpath, not only is it dangerous, but it also makes the footpath more tricky to navigate for some and it looks horrendous. I ask that this committee agrees to take action on this poor workmanship, to ensure this type of practice is discontinued and if footpaths need to be repaired that they are repaired fully and permanently rather than this piece meal effort.



**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 5 from Councillors Anne Feeney, Tara Deacy, Pat Dunne, Carolyn Moore, Mary Freehill and Deirdre Conroy**

That this Committee requests an urgent meeting with the CEO and Assistant CEO Environment and Transportation regarding the failure to ensure that resources are available to deliver on the final phase of the Herzog Park works, which form part of the Rathgar Village Improvement Plan as set out in the Part 8 permission.

The outstanding works in Herzog Park and adjoining car park were committed to four years ago. Funding was made available and a Part 8 approved by the South East Area Committee. The final phase of this long overdue project, includes realignment of the front boundary of the park and a revised plan for the car park layout.

The SEAC has been advised by the Director of Services (latest February 2023) that “once the design process has been completed it is proposed to prepare a tender for work to the car park area in 2023 and complete the work in 2023. When these works are carried out, further landscaping inside the park wall, will be agreed as part of the works to complete this project”.

However, following the topo and GPR surveys being completed after four years of waiting, we have now been advised that resources, that were working on this project, have been reassigned with immediate effect to other projects in DCC, with no replacements or plan for completion of the Herzog project. This is completely unacceptable. This funded, planned for and much anticipated project must be completed in 2023 as committed to by DCC.

**Order: Agreed.**

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

This area committee calls on the Chief Executive to engage with the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA) and the Minister for Finance to seek the transfer of NAMA's interest in the Irish Glass Bottle Site to Dublin City Council as part of NAMA's wind up and as soon as practicable.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to please consider installing a 'welcome' sign at the junction of Clanwilliam, Grand Canal Street Upper and Grand Canal Street Lower. The wording proposed by local residents is 'Welcome to the Grand Canal Quarter'. It would be north-south inclusive and would also be the gateway to the Grand Canal Dock, via east facing Barrow Street and Macken Street. Proposed locations are just before the traffic lights at Clanwilliam where it would be visible to motorists turning left or right or could also go across the road at the bridge but then it would mainly be seen by pedestrians rather than motorists.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to write to the ESB for a full update on the plans for the reopening of the Georgian House Museum, number 29 Fitzwilliam Street.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

To reiterate that the motion agreed in September 2020 to resurface Oaklands Drive, Rathgar be acted upon. Furthermore that we receive a report on why this work was not carried out to date.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

To reiterate the proposal already agreed by council to do a pilot scheme on repair of footpaths in Harold's Cross village from Kenilworth Cross to the canal. It was agreed through several conversations and motions at Age Friendly meetings that this pilot would try out ways of working more effectively with utility companies to get repairs done more effectively in the interest of safety of pedestrians.

When this was agreed, the National Transport Authority (NTA) showed an interest and said they were prepared to part fund the pilot scheme. It was agreed that the scheme will investigate ways of reinstating openings permanently in the first instance and highlight where powers of the council need to be strengthened to ensure greater co-operation from utility companies. All of this is in the interest of footpath safety which is an issue for pedestrians, especially older people with mobility difficulties. The number of litigation cases in the courts in this regard highlights the urgency of this initiative.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Parks department investigates the possibility of implementing a speed limit in our Public Parks. There have been a number of incidents where children have been knocked down by scooters and cyclists especially in Bushy Park. While I am aware this is an area that requires legislation, in the interim we agree to investigate how co-operation with the Gardaí could make our Parks a safer place.

Furthermore that the council considers a poster / Information campaign reminding people of all ages of their responsibilities to protect the rights of others.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This area committee notes with grave concern the continued increase in homelessness in the Dublin City Council area and also nationwide. We believe that the increases would have been even greater but for the Government's temporary eviction ban which expires on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

We call on the Government to now extend this eviction ban for another period of at least 12 months.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That this committee agrees to allocate sufficient funding for road cleansing especially next autumn to remove leaves from footpaths. Furthermore that the council makes contact with institutions to get them to take responsibility for sweeping footpaths adjacent to their premises and this includes DCC blocks of flats.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee agrees that the relevant department in Dublin City Council would explore supporting the construction of a small box which would facilitate a community library, similar to the one already in place for adults in Dunville Avenue, designed for children on Dunville Avenue and would engage with relevant parties interested in this proposal.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee would seek to set up a number of repair cafés in the South East Area.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

10 **Questions to the Chief Executive 13/03/2023**

Order: Noted.

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**

**Chairperson**

**Monday 13 March 2023**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

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

**Members:**

Carolyn Moore  
Danny Byrne  
Daniel Céitinn  
Pat Dunne  
Mary Freehill

**Members:**

Paddy McCartan  
Hazel Chu  
Tara Deacy  
Anne Feeney  
James Geoghegan

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Michelle Robinson  
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Ruth Dowling  
Madeline McNamara  
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Fiona O'Brien  
Aisling Browne  
Margaret Glupker  
Jill McGovern  
Fintan Moran  
Brid Brosnan

Brian Kirk  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Eleanor McGarry  
Liam Morrissey  
Paul McCann  
Deri Flood  
Iva Geci

**Non-Members:**

Paul Keogh, Paul Keogh  
Architects

Cian O'Flaherty,  
Paul Keogh Architects

Frances Power, Respond

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager further to Question Number 9 at the South East Area Committee meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February if the answers to the questions on the Traffic counter data be responded to as the answer supplied only referred to the Air Quality and sound monitors. This is critical for any future analysis of traffic proposals.

**Reply:**

Vehicle detection loops are installed at the junctions which allow for the collection of the vehicle count on an hourly basis, these detection loops are also used as part of the DCC SCATS traffic management system which adapts the signal time for each traffic phase based on demand.

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to examine the road surface of Colliers Avenue, Ranelagh and to include it in the works programme for resurfacing.

**Reply**

Colliers Avenue road surface will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to examine the location of the cul de sac sign at the entrance to Colliers Avenue, Ranelagh with a view to placing it in a lower and more prominent position to reduce the number of cars entering that road unintentionally.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group has investigated the location and height of the Sign F350 Cul de sac sign and it is deemed at appropriate height and location at the entrance to Colliers Avenue.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to enter into discussions with the residents of Colliers Avenue, Ranelagh with a view to placing a bike bunker at the existing bike rack location. This is especially important given that none of the houses on this road have back gardens or yards.

**Reply:**

Currently a scheme review of the Bike Bunker Project is underway by ARUP Consultants. The scheme review will produce a comprehensive report on the Bike Bunker Scheme from its initial trial, including the existing scheme, providing strategic recommendations and possible future proposals. The expansion of the scheme is a consideration and will be aligned with the strategic recommendations of the report.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Upper Beechwood Avenue is a one-way avenue in the direction of Ranelagh village. Many times each day cars are observed either driving or parked in the opposite direction to traffic flow. I can only assume the road signs are either obstructed or insufficient to inform oncoming traffic, there are no "no turn" signs on Beechwood Road. Either that or drivers are simply ignoring them. This needs to be rectified before there is an accident.

**Reply:**

The appropriate No Entry road markings are on Upper Beechwood Avenue at junction with Dunville Avenue. However there is an issue that the Rus 050 No Entry Road sign needs to be re-aligned. This will be repaired by the road signage team.



**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Parking at the Luas end of the avenue can be difficult for residents due to car owners parking their cars outside resident's homes while they go shop, etc. This is totally legal provided they have either a parking permit or pay the appropriate parking fee. However, on many occasions, cars are parked for not only several hours but for several days illegally. While I have observed this many times I have yet to see a parking enforcement officer or vehicle on Upper Beechwood Avenue or a car clamped. Are they simply ignoring Upper or just couldn't be bothered to drive the long way around?

**Reply:**

Dublin Street Parking Services have been requested to attend Beechwood Avenue Upper and to take enforcement action for non-payment of Pay and Display or failure to have a residents or visitor parking permit.

**Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

We have corresponded frequently on this topic with little response from the DCC. As has been outlined to the DCC executive through your agency the footpaths are in a hazardous condition with uneven and broken surfaces. Fitful and minimal efforts have been made to ameliorate the more egregious shortcomings - but unfortunately by pouring soft black tarmac with unsightly results. In her email to you of early November, Madeline wrote that the footpaths in Ramleh Close "would be repaired". There was no time line or description of the planned works. The existing paths have been in place for over 50 years (possibly before the contractors handed over the development to the then Dublin Corporation) and need to be replaced - not patched up further with tarmac. I am sorry to trouble you again but please could you and the residents be given the courtesy of a time line for the commencement and conclusion of the appropriate works.

**Reply:**

Ramleh Close is included in our Draft 2023 South East Area Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme.

**Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Some of the trees in Ramleh Close have become dangerous due to lack of attention, care and pruning. Recently, a gardening contractor doing work in the area noted that the tree outside number 8 had grown too large and was in such poor condition that some larger branches were in danger of falling and injuring passer-by's - perhaps seriously. In his view this tree and others need to be URGENTLY and carefully pruned.

In planning the upgrading of the footpaths careful attention needs to be given to the trees to ensure that their root systems are not constituting a hazard.

**Reply:**

Refer to DCC Parks Dept. in respect of tree pruning.

Road Maintenance Services uses bituminous materials when carrying out repairs to footpaths where there are existing tree roots. Bituminous materials are more flexible than concrete or paving slabs and can therefore adjust to provide a smoother transition between level differences in the footpath caused by protruding tree roots.

**Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will request the traffic team to examine the ideas submitted with this question in relation to Morehampton Road / Marlborough Road junction.

Here are a few suggestions that could improve things for everyone:

Correspondence and maybe signage from Gardai to alert of explicit policing (I don't even think that there are limit signs on Morehampton). I don't really advocate for more signs, but something over nothing.

Proper raised ramps at all pedestrian crossings, preferably with clear "sharks teeth" markings. <https://twitter.com/tinybeaches/status/1548522134544142341?s=61&t=8a9XWuZfGcO4edd3gOspnA>



A raised intersection at the Morehampton / Herbert Park junction.

Safer, segregated bus lanes (currently along much of Morehampton, bike lanes are shared with busses).

Final point: Dermot was mentioning that it's hard to get funding for these kinds of improvements. I would have absolutely no issue if my fine payment was contributing to improvements like these, and it would certainly help if there was any indication of where the fine is going to.

I appreciate that all the above is sensitive, and that speeding is an offence and as such I am in breach of the law, but this isn't going to be effective in actual improving things in the local area, and that's a real shame.

**Reply:**

Based on TAG assessment, the solution proposed for a Garda signage is not under the remit of Dublin City Council to provide such a sign, perhaps, the local Garda station can assist.

Regarding the speed ramp question, this junction falls under BusConnects routes hence the upgrade of this junction is the responsibility of BusConnects team, who are currently looking at the design of the junction.

**Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if road and footpath improvement works are included on the works programme for Beechwood Avenue Lower and if not will the manager seek to have them so included in the next programme.

**Reply:**

The road and footpaths surfaces on Beechwood Avenue Lower will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future works programme as appropriate.

**Q.11 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager for an update on the establishment of the oversight committee for the Irish Glass Bottle site.

**Reply:**

The Poolbeg West SDZ area falls within a Strategic Development & Regeneration Area (SDRA 6) for Docklands, and as such is covered by the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum, which has been set up under the auspices of the City Council as the Government designated Development Agency. City Councillors currently on the Forum are Councillor's Claire Byrne, Kevin Donoghue, Ray McAdam and Joe Costello.

The current Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF) is kept up to date on developments within Poolbeg West Planning Scheme at its regular meetings. Matters discussed include the status of infrastructure and planning projects in relation to the rollout of the planning scheme.

Bearing in mind that the North Lotts and Grand Canal Scheme is now substantially complete, it is considered more appropriate that the existing DOCF, or a Sub Committee of the DOCF, should engage on matters related to the Poolbeg West SDZ Planning Scheme. The composition of the Sub-Committee could also be agreed with the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum.

**Q.12 Councillor Tara Deacy**

In light of my recent motion regarding dog's being let off the lead in local parks, could we replicate this social media campaign on DCC's Channels if possible, it might help raise awareness around this issue.



**Reply:**

The Animal Welfare Section proposes to increase the Social Media presence over the coming months as the park opening hours increase. The priority is to deliver a strong message that dogs must be under control at all times whether during non-leash hours or in specified areas within the parks. On-lead walking and muzzling for certain breeds is a legal requirement and will be enforced. DCC will also engage with our Parks colleagues to improve signage relating to dog behaviour in our public spaces.

**Q.13 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the inspection and repair of footpath and road surfaces at Riversdale Grove, Terenure, Dublin 6W.

**Reply:**

The road and footpaths surfaces in Riversdale Grove will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future works programme as appropriate.

**Q.14 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to clarify whether Crumlin Swimming Pool will continue to accept cash payments and will continue to issue full and appropriate change for such payments following complaints that the pool now 'prefers card payments' and that there may not be exact change given for cash payments.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council does not manage Crumlin Swimming Pool. Swan Leisure have taken over the running, operations and management of the pool since August 2022. For further information please contact: Clodagh Kilmurray (Manager of Swan Leisure Crumlin), tel.: 014967908, email: clodagh@swanleisure.ie

**Q.15 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager, further to question 34 answered at the Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Mount Tallant Boxing Gym have reportedly had a key waiting for the paint squad since

last summer but are unsure how to make contact with the paint squad. Could it be ensured that the Paint Squad makes contact to make necessary arrangements (details supplied).

**Reply:**

Our Painting Squad have made contact with the Boxing Club regarding the keys, and they have access to the keys now. The weather is not ideal at the moment for painting the outside, however they will get in touch with the Boxing Club in April with a view to commencing these works.

**Q.16 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if Parking Enforcement could patrol the junction of Glenealy Road and Rathdrum Road in Crumlin, Dublin 12 for illegal parking more frequently as complaints of illegal parking on the corners have increased and there are significant concerns regarding the safety implications for children at the nearby local primary school.

**Reply:**

Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to patrol the area and enforce illegal parking on the corners of this junction.

**Q.17 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to install a yellow box on the Crumlin Road at the entrance to Seagull House as residents are having difficulty entering and exiting the complex due to heavy traffic build up on the road.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group Engineer will assess the entrance to Seagull House on Crumlin Road and will issue a report when site investigations are completed. TAMS enquiry ref: 7031853.

**Q.18 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he could install a light for the tricolour flying at George Reynolds House.

**Reply:**

Electrical Services will install a spotlight to illuminate the National Flag at above complex as per the guidelines below.

The National Flag is normally displayed in the open only from sunrise to sunset, except on the occasion of public meetings, processions or funerals, when it may be displayed for the duration of such function. However, the National Flag may be flown by night as well as by day as long as it is properly illuminated at all times, preferably by spotlight.

**Q.19 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the progress made to date on establishing an oversight and consultative forum for the Poolbeg West SDZ following commitments sought in October and November 2022.

**Reply:**

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**Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent (details supplied):

**Reply:**

The Derelict Sites Unit will arrange to have the site inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

**Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Could the manager deal with the following issue from a concerned constituent.

She writes,

"While I waited with my child outside Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School this morning I saw the lollipop lady having to have a chat with a man about where he had parked his very wide truck and unpacked his building equipment. While his truck may have been in the box, it was wider than the space and made the crossing more dangerous than normal. He did move the stuff he had unloaded which was on the double yellow lines. His parking there made the junction a lot more dangerous. Even the lollipop lady had to creep out and peep around his huge vehicle. The double yellow lines need to extend a bit further from the junction. The location is Mountpleasant Place at its junction with Mountpleasant Square and old Mountpleasant."

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Area engineer will visit the site and will contact the Traffic Warden to see if there was an enforcement issue caused by the truck. The site will be monitored over a period of time. Extension of double yellow lines will not prevent the truck parking, as the regulations on double yellow line allows active loading / unloading for up to 30 minutes.

The Transport Advisory Area Engineer will liaise with the Parking Enforcement Team.

Ranelagh Multi Denominational School has been assessed for a school zone. The front of school treatment takes into account the current location of the school warden.

A final design was approved by the school in early 2021 as part of the school zone application the school was required to inform both the wider school community and their neighbours of the proposed school zone. This occurred in February 2022. A number of residents on old Mount Pleasant Place objected to the proposed design mainly on aesthetic grounds and in the proposed changes to the parking. The school community raised concerns that the junctions between Mountpleasant Place at its junction with Mountpleasant Square and old Mountpleasant needed more consideration.

To address these concerns it was decided to align the school zone designs with the proposed Sandyford to Clonskeagh to Charlemont interim / and long-term active travel scheme.

The school community and all of its neighbours who made submissions on the school zone were contacted and encouraged to participate in the non-statutory consultation on the active travel scheme.

The school zone design will be reassessed in line with the design for the active travel scheme. The observations submitted in Q21 will be noted.

**Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following email.

"I'm emailing you in relation to the current waterworks on Strand Road. While I understand that these works are necessary and temporary there is significant concern amongst the local community that the traffic restrictions will become permanent.

I live on Tritonville Road and have been affected by the recent water works. Having spent a number of years dealing with traffic monitoring, control and congestion and having lived in various parts of the city I feel I'm in a good position to give an opinion on the effect of these works on the residential area of Sandymount Village and surrounds.

When the water works started we the community noticed a significant increase of vehicular traffic along the Serpentine and Tritonville Road.

I have seen articles in the paper and social media from Strand Road residents who maintain that the reduction in traffic has been of a benefit to them. While that is obvious it may not be clear that it is to the detriment of many other roads in the Sandymount area.

As you know Merrion Gates are now closed to northbound traffic and there is no right turn at Ailesbury Road and Sandymount Avenue. The next available turn for diverted traffic is Serpentine Avenue.

I have frequently witnessed 5-axle vehicles traveling via Tritonville Road and while there is a 24-hour ban on this, some hauliers ignore it. I'd go so far as to say it's a bit of a farce of a system. There are no Gardaí available to enforce this

Even as I write this I see fully laden 4 axle tipper trucks driving up and down Serpentine Avenue and Tritonville Road. While they are not banned, a 32 tonne vehicle does significant damage to residential roads. This is noticeable on the deteriorating condition of the speed ramps. There is also an increased danger for cyclists and pedestrians. I now tell my son to cycle to school on the footpath as I fear for his safety on the road now. This then has a knock on effect for pedestrians.

On weekdays, entering and exiting my driveway is no longer a simple task as I wait for the long lines of traffic in both directions to clear long enough so that I may manoeuvre in and out.

The volume of traffic going through Sandymount Village has put the local residents and village users at a greater risk of harm.

Sandymount Green is a popular place for children, post school on a Friday afternoon. Their lives are at risk with the increased volume of traffic and heavy goods vehicles traveling through the village as they try to cross over and back.

I have also noticed that cycling through the village has become far more hazardous (certainly for me) as these large vehicles try to squeeze down narrow roads with little concern for pedestrians cyclists and oncoming traffic.

Even now the simple act of going to the Merrion Shopping Centre to do a weekly shop in Tesco is a chore and at 11 a.m. in the morning one could be stuck in tailback traffic on the return trip towards Serpentine.

Any decisions made as regards traffic routes should be done with the consultation of the people that live in the entire area, not just those for whom the restrictions have benefitted or those keyboard social media warriors who take a snapshot photo and expect us to believe that it accurately reflects the entire situation. These people are the people who pay the not

insignificant local property tax and these are the people who vote for proper representation in their local area.

I beg you to listen to all sides of the story before making any decisions as regards traffic routes and consider how smaller residential roads will be affected with the permanent closure of the main road that is Strand Road.

While we desperately need to improve our environment for the longevity of our planet, it should not be done at the cost of a feeling of oppression in the houses we live in.

Improving the air quality and cycling facilities on Strand Road should not be to the detriment of the residents in the rest of the Sandymount, Irishtown and Ringsend communities.”

**Reply:**

Thank you for your query which we received via Dublin City Council, regarding the Uisce Éireann works currently in progress at Beach Road and Strand Road, Sandymount.

The water-main replacement project along Beach Road and Strand Road is an essential infrastructure upgrade that is long overdue and will benefit 80,000 people in East Dublin, creating a more sustainable and secure water supply by reducing leakage, and ensuring a safer, more reliable supply for homes and businesses in the area.

Traffic management is required to ensure the safety of the workforce, road users and pedestrians. The construction works necessitate extensive, and on occasions complicated, Temporary Traffic Management Schemes. For these reasons special care is taken to ensure Traffic Management is constantly monitored and adjusted where necessary and safe to do so. To this end all Traffic Management Schemes are coordinated with input from consultees including An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council and are accessed regularly.

We appreciate your constituent's feedback and will discuss with our partners Dublin City Council as we continue to access the new traffic management measures introduced to complete the remaining phases of the project.

We can confirm that Merrion Gates are expected to reopen between mid to late May 2023. The overall works are expected to be completed in summer 2023 and as with all complex civil engineering contracts of this scale, delivery and completion of certain elements of work are dependent on a variety of factors project wide and future Traffic Management plans and their sequencing may be subject to change as the project progresses.

Further information on the project is available at the dedicated project webpage [www.water.ie/ECAMproject](http://www.water.ie/ECAMproject). We also have a stakeholder distribution list and upon your constituent's request we can add their e-mail address to receive future project updates. Should **you** have any further queries please contact Uisce Éireann's dedicated Local Representative Support Desk by e-mail [localreprsupport@water.ie](mailto:localreprsupport@water.ie) or call us at 0818 178 178.

Should **your** constituent have any queries they can contact the project team by phone on 0818 462 200 during office hours or e-mail us at [ecam@water.ie](mailto:ecam@water.ie). Out of hours queries can be directed to the Uisce Éireann helpline on 1800 278 278

We understand that delivery of a project such as the ECAM Project can be disruptive within the local community but based on previous experiences, we know that the short-term inconvenience will be overshadowed by the long-term benefits when the improvement project is complete.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578  
Web: www.water.ie  
Twitter: @IrishWater  
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

An Garda Síochána are the enforcing body of the HGV management strategy. An Garda Síochána have again been requested to enforce the 24 hr cordon around Sandymount

**Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

He writes

"I notice there seems to be some work ongoing on the Dodder which I assume is for a walkway from Donnybrook Bridge down to Ballsbridge and on to Sandymount. I think this is an excellent idea and will be a wonderful amenity for the area. In conjunction with this, I wanted to draw your attention to the trees, particularly at the Donnybrook end, which have been fully covered with Ivy for some years now. This Ivy needs to be stripped from the base of the trees before they kill the trees and destroy the lovely greenery of this proposed walkway".

**Reply:**

DCC Parks Section is of opinion that the ivy growing on the subject trees along the riverbank should be left in place.

Ivy (*Hedera helix*) is an important plant in supporting biodiversity by providing habitat and food for wildlife, thus removing the ivy could have negative consequences for the valuable riverbank ecosystem, furthermore, it could potentially increase the risk of erosion along the riverbank where the soil may be vulnerable to erosion.

Contrary to popular belief, ivy generally does not harm trees, however, DCC Parks Section will remove ivy where it is necessary to further aid tree health that might be compromised and potentially hazardous to the public safety which is not the case in this situation.

**Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue.

St Matthews's national school is located down a laneway on Cranfield Place Sandymount and over 200 pupils attend the school. There are two ramps in place; however, neither are close to the school entrance and vehicles move rapidly between these, right at the point of our entrance. There is also limited signage that a school is present. School authorities are requesting either an additional ramp or a zebra crossing to address this hazardous safety issue.

**Reply:**

St. Matthew's National school has been accepted as a candidate for front of school treatment including a School Zone. It is one of 52 schools across the city awaiting treatment. This waiting list will be progressed once the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) applicants have received their treatment. We have prioritised the SRTS for 2023.

Site visits were conducted in 2021 by the neighbourhood engineer and school mobility office. A concept design was developed.

Any front of school treatment is likely to include improved signage and colourful road markings and yellow pencil bollards which would highlight the presence of the School.



On 02/03/21 the Head of Technical Services advised to put the School Zone on hold pending the legal and technical decisions about the nearby Strand Road trial cycleway.

We are awaiting outcome from Stand Road before conducting any further assessment for the School Zone at St. Matthew's.

After a review by the TAG area engineer, it has been observed that there are various traffic treatments in place upon entry to Cranfield Place from Beach Road. These include a "SLOW ZONE" road sign with a speed limit of 30 kph, a "PROHIBITED NUMBER OF AXLES" (RUS 046) road sign, and three speed ramps.

One of the speed ramps requires attention from Road Maintenance Section of DCC. The current location of speed ramps is deemed suitable for Cranfield Place and no further ramp will be installed.

However, it has been noted that there are no "School Ahead" (W 141) sign or "Children Crossing" (W 142) sign in place. These signs are particularly suitable for residential areas where children are likely to cross roads.

TAG will arrange to install the appropriate signage to improve the safety of the area. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

**Q.25 Councillor James Geoghegan**

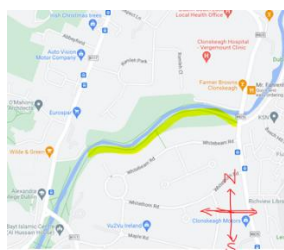
To ask the Area Manager if he will furnish a reply to the follow on email sent below:

"Thanks for your correspondence. I'm appreciative of you taking the time to listen to a local residents issue and raise them with the County council. I actually emailed all 5 LEA councillors (and a minister!) and only yourself and one other responded satisfactorily, two didn't bother responding at all.

I have a few queries relating to the response. I have listed the replies in italics and my questions in **bold**.

*The delivery period for this project is in phase 3 of the Active Travel Network programme (i.e. post 2027).* **Is this the timeline for the full completion of the project?**

*The section referred to by Mr. Quinn in his correspondence is on the north side of the river Dodder and therefore outside the scope of the interim and permanent schemes outlined above.* **Is this correct? The area I am referring to is on the South side of the river. The north side is only a thin strip of land with no cycle lane. Inserted snip below with crudely hand draw compass.**



*The provision of lighting along paths in park areas within the Dublin City Council boundary, is a matter for the Parks Department.* **So is the lighting issue completely outside the remit of the county council? I imagine this has been an issue for years, before I moved into the area.**

*The provision of additional public lighting is not currently included in the scope of the interim scheme as the addition of lighting would require detailed environmental assessment of the*

*impacts, in particular the sensitivity of the native bat populations to the proposed lighting.* **This is the type of nonsense that annoys people about local government. The needs of some bats are not equivalent to the needs of the public, from the original photos it's obvious that the area is far too dark. Spending money on a ridiculous environmental impact survey is pointless and a waste of resources. I've attached a photo of a simple light that is in the area that would solve the problem. I'd install it myself only I have no skills as an engineer.**



Again, thanks for engaging with me on this issue, and raising it with the committee, and please do not mistake this for me criticizing your work here, it just frustrates me when I see an issue that looks like it could be fixed easily have to go through so many committees/proposals before it gets solved.

Question to Chief Executive

South East Area Committee  
Meeting 13th February 2023

Q.87 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if the issues raised in the email and photo attached below could be addressed (details supplied).

Reply:

Lighting improvements are being considered as part of the Dodder Greenway (permanent scheme) between Clonskeagh Road and Dundrum Road on the south side of the River Dodder along the existing Dodder Trail. The delivery period for this project is in phase 3 of the Active Travel Network programme (i.e. post 2027).

Currently Dublin City Council are working in conjunction with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Co. and South Dublin Co. Co. on 5 sections of the route where interim interventions are achievable; these locations are Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road, Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park, Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road, Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Road and Orwell Road to Dodder Road Lower.

Public consultation on the interim proposals for the Dodder Greenway is expected to commence in Q1 2023. The provision of additional public lighting is not currently included in the scope of the interim scheme as the addition of lighting would require detailed environmental assessment of the impacts, in particular the sensitivity of the native bat populations to the proposed lighting.

The section referred to by Mr. Quinn in his correspondence is on the north side of the river Dodder and therefore outside the scope of the interim and permanent schemes outlined above.

Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services have no plans to install lighting along the north side of the Dodder (i.e. the section within the Dublin City Council boundary) that is outside of the proposed Dodder Greenway scheme.

The provision of lighting along paths in park areas within the Dublin City Council boundary, is a matter for the Parks Department.

Dublin City Council Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services will investigate this and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.

### **Reply**

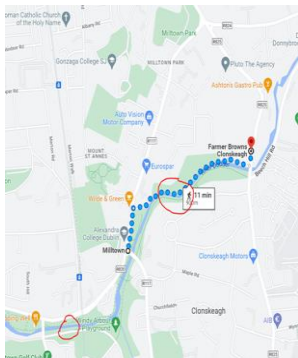
Please see below responses to individual questions:

#### **Q. Is this the timeline for the full completion of the project?**

The permanent Dodder Greenway scheme is programmed for completion Post 2027 in the Active Travel Network programme. The interim proposals referred to are envisaged to be completed in 2024.

#### **Q. Is this correct? The area I am referring to is on the South side of the river. The north side is only a thin strip of land with no cycle lane. Inserted snip below with crudely hand draw compass**

The map below which was included in the question from February 2023, shows the route on the north side of the Dodder, which is within the administrative area of Dublin City Council.



#### **Map from Feb Question on Lighting**

The section referred on the recent map above is on the south side of the Dodder which is within the administrative area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

The section along the Dodder Trail on the south side is earmarked for improvements as part of the Dodder Greenway interim proposals, however the provision of additional public lighting is not currently included in the scope of the interim scheme as the addition of lighting would require detailed environmental assessment of the impacts, in particular the sensitivity of the native bat populations to the proposed lighting.

#### **Q. So is the lighting issue completely outside the remit of the county council? I imagine this has been an issue for years, before I moved into the area.**

Dublin City Council Public Lighting Department operates and maintains street lighting within the Dublin City Council area. Public lighting within Dublin City Council parks is under the remit of the Parks Department.

The section referred to on the south side of the Dodder is within the administrative area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

**Q. This is the type of nonsense that annoys people about local government. The needs of some bats are not equivalent to the needs of the public, from the original photos it's obvious that the area is far too dark. Spending money on a ridiculous environmental impact survey is pointless and a waste of resources. I've attached a photo of a simple light that is in the area that would solve the problem. I'd install it myself only I have no skills as an engineer.**

Under European and Irish law, bats are a protected species, as such they need to be considered during the design stage, planning stage and construction stages of projects where bats are located.

**Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Could the manager ensure that the roadway at the entrance to Clyde Lane Ballsbridge is swept and maintained on a regular bases?

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned roadway monitored and swept when necessary.

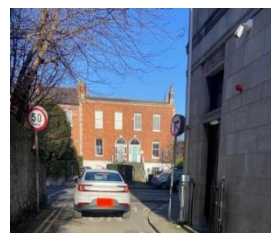
**Q.27 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Local Area Manager, what the Traffic and Transportation Department plan to do about the lane beside AIB's Rathgar branch, off Terenure Road East near Rathgar Village Junction?

Residents have observed incidents of right hand turns onto Terenure Road East from the lane towards Rathgar junction, which are not allowed as per the signage on the lane, see images attached.

Rathgar Junction is a busy junction. Residents have seen cars taking the right hand turn, which is not allowed, and blocking the lane to oncoming traffic coming through the junction in order to inch their way into the far lane to turn right. Cars are observed darting out into traffic. An accident can happen at an already busy junction for pedestrians, cyclists, cars and buses.

These incidents of right hand turns by various vehicles may be due in part to the signage. The signage has been moved (see image) and needs to be turned back into position and it would possibly make sense to reconsider the signage entirely to ensure motorists have better, earlier and clearer warning of the no right hand turn.



**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) Engineer will assess the lane beside AIB's Rathgar branch off Terenure Road East.

The TAG Engineer will issue a report when site investigations are complete. TAMS enquiry ref: 7031857.

**Q.28 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Local Area Manager to seek support from Traffic Department again in relation to St. Louis Infant and Senior Primary School, Rathmines and ongoing traffic concerns outside the school.

The enquiry from the St. Louis Parents' Association is included and the letter from Garda.

**St. Louis Parents' Association:**

"This issue has not been resolved and we are still waiting on any decision from DCC in relation to restricted traffic on Williams Park cul-de-sac during drop off and collection times for the school, during term time.

Over the last three weeks [inquiry from 23<sup>rd</sup> February] we have had a number of traffic related incidents, where our PA Stewards have been shouted at, filmed and aggressively spoken to as they stood at the roundabout outside the school. Their role (a request from the school) is to slow traffic onto Williams Park Cul-de-sac while children and families are entering the school. Illegal parking continues to take place on Williams Park cul-de-sac and cars regularly reverse and do three-point turns in this restricted space as children enter and leave school. The School Lollipop man has also witnessed and been on the receiving end of this activity. The school and the PA have had to, once more, request Garda support outside the school.

The schools' Principals of St. Louis School Rathmines, Ms. Dolores Hanrahan and Ms. Patricia Carthy had a meeting on 10th February 2023 with Management in Safari Crèche, Rathmines in order to agree how they could come together in addressing this joint problem. It was agreed that a letter from Robert Reid (attached), The Rathmines Community Guard, would be sent to all parents in St. Louis School and Safari Crèche.

This was a letter of support for the St. Louis PA Stewards and it highlighted the safety concerns the guards and the local community have for children and their families at drop off and collection times outside the school.

We are in constant contact with the School and the guards."

**An Garda Síochána:**

"To whom it may concern,

Community Policing in Rathmines Garda Station wishes to acknowledge the great work being done by the parents association of St. Louis School in the mornings when children are going to school. Parents are volunteering to highlight the dangers of driving onto Williams Park as it is a cul de sac. The efforts made by the parents make a huge difference for the safety of the pupils when entering the school.

Community Policing Rathmines will continue to support this initiative but it will only work with the co-operation from everyone. I ask for patience and support with the volunteers who turn up every morning to create a safe environment when entering the school.

Community policing members in Rathmines will continue to attend the school in the mornings and will liaise with the school and parents' association with initiatives which will make the area safer."

**Reply:**

At the design stage of the School Zone for St. Louise School Rathmines, there was an issue with the granite kerbstone on Williams Park and the narrow width of the path. This provided technical challenges for the installation of bollards on both sides of the cul de sac.

Continuing on from this, the St. Louis Infant and Senior Primary School, Rathmines received a School Zone on 27 /11 /2020.

Post installation, the Parents Teacher Association PTA became involved in a voluntary capacity guiding the children into and through the Zone.

In response to concerns submitted in 08/11/22, the School Mobility Officer visited the site and met with the PTA and Principals. At this meeting, the School Mobility Officer advised that any illegal parking or dangerous driving issues should be reported to the Gardaí.

The School Mobility Officer did an internal referral to the Traffic Advisory Group TAG requesting:-

- Improved signage to alert drivers that Williams Park is a cul de sac and will explore with them the process for restricted access to Williams Park at school arrivals and departure times.
- Options for preventing illegal parking on the path outside the laneway to the Safari Crèche with the engineers in the Traffic Advisory Group.
- The feasibility of bollards was discussed. All types of barrier / bollards or planters all require to be locked down on the pavement or kerbstone so there is no option for a physical barrier.
- Ramps that could be put in place to reduce the speeding towards and around what you perceive to be a blind corner at the back the Safari Crèche.  
TAG Engineer assessed and noted Williams Park did not meet the criteria for ramps as the lane is not long enough.
- There was a referral made by the School Mobility Officer to the Parking Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council on the misuse of the disability parking place outside no. 1 Williams Park and the pattern of parking behaviour fully mounting the path at the 24 hr keep clear access outside the back of Safari Crèche.
- The TAG Engineer submitted the following report to install clearway on the east side of Williams Park for statutory approval.

The Reps for Parking Restrictions, Williams Park, Dublin 6. 7030436 at the Transport Advisory Group meeting of 29/11/2022.

From the Road Traffic Act, this was deemed as the appropriate measure by the TAG Engineer as it would put an appropriate enforceable no parking measure.

This was based on the observation by the School Mobility Officer, it is required to replace the double yellow lines with clearway on Williams Park to restrict parking / waiting on this sections of the road, causing obstruction for other road users.

The issue relating to the PTA being filmed and aggressively spoken to as they stood at the roundabout outside the school is not a traffic issue and this is a matter for the Gardaí and not a traffic related issue.

- The School Zone Project have agreed to investigate the feasibility of School Streets initiative for a number of School Zones who either have continuing problems or for whom there is restrictions to installing bollards at front of school to address illegal parking and driving. St. Louis has been identified as a possible site for a trial. There is no current timeline for when we might definitely advance this for St. Louis due to staffing resources.
- There is a School Mobility Officer for the entire city dealing with 119 School Zone Projects, 67 of which have been completed and 52 awaiting. The technical staff working on the project are doing so as part of a wider portfolio of city transport projects.

As part of our contractual commitments under National Transport Authority funding allocation City Transport Project Team's priority is to progress any front of school treatment for Safe Routes To School Round 1 applicants who have received no treatment to date.

The School Mobility office will do further site visits when the current Safe Routes to School are completed.

The Parking Enforcement Inspector will visit the school during school drop off and pick up times and will liaise with Community Policing in Rathmines Garda Station about the illegal parking.

**Q.29 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Local Manager and Traffic and Roads Department what can be done to amend the Pedestrian space in Terenure as requested by local residents.

The enquiry emailed to me, states:

The pedestrian space in Terenure, specifically about the scaffolding erected by Nolan Group contractors on the northwest corner of the junction (see picture attached), which has reduced the already inadequate footpath by half. It was erected in mid-October 2022.



The enquirer asks:

Does the contractor require a license from DCC to do this, and if so is there a fee paid? Is it per day? Enquirer requires information about any requirement to provide for pedestrians as part of granting permission?

The enquirer, in his view states the contractor should have been obliged to remove the pedestrian barriers and extend the footpath at their cost. The single northbound vehicle lane is over 4.5m wide here.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council's Roadworks Control Unit issued a licence to Cronin Financial Limited to erect a Scaffold at Terenure Place/Terenure Road North for the period 19/09/2022 to 18/02/2023. The applicant was invoiced for the use of the public space for the period in question and same was paid in full. Hoardings/Scaffoldings are dealt with under "Directions for the Control & Management of Roadworks in Dublin city" which requires that a minimum width of 1.2m of footpath space is provided to pedestrians in connection with hoarding/scaffolding installations. This provision was upheld and confirmed by the Inspector who authorised the scaffold in question and he also reported that there was additional space provided for pedestrians to walk under the scaffold in this particular instance. I can also confirm that the scaffold has been removed from the location.



**Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I had raised a motion last year to have communication boards installed in the playgrounds and parks of the Southeast area. Can this initiative be implemented, can we include Eamonn Ceannt, Ravensdale, and Brickfield in this list?

**Reply:**

Parks Section is planning on installing communication boards into the following parks: Eamonn Ceannt, Willie Pearse and Stannaway over the next couple of weeks. As part of our playground upgrades Parks Section include provision of communication boards as a standard request. In this way each playground will receive one as upgrades are carried out.

The Area Office will support and supplement this initiative and will link in with the Councillor and Parks in the coming week regarding other locations

**Q.31 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can I get an update in terms of the resurfacing of Prince Arthur Terrace, have we any indication of when this much needed work will be carried out?

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services recently carried out significant repair works In Prince Arthur Terrace. There are no plan to resurface Prince Arthur Terrace at present.

**Q.32 Councillor Tara Deacy**

The ongoing traffic issues continue at St. Louis Infant School and Senior Primary School, the Parents' Association have been in touch again and are frustrated with the lack of progress or real solutions. Where are we in terms of addressing this issue more meaningfully, the lack of action on our part continues to create issues for all involved.

**Reply:**

The School Mobility Officer visited the site and spoke to members of the PTA and Principals on 16 11 22 in response to concerns from PTA. She made a referral to the Traffic Advisory Group including observations at the site and the testimonies from PTA and School Principal. She also made a referral to Parking Enforcement. She advised that the PTA and schools continue to alert the local Gardaí of any instances of illegal parking or dangerous driving.

**Reps Ref 7030436:** For Parking Restrictions were prepared for the Statutory Process but were put on hold for agreement by the Gardaí on 12/01/23. This was due to a response by the PTA in correspondence via Cllr Deirdre Conroy on 05/01/23 which requires further TAG consideration.

"The School and the Parents Association feel that a Clearway will not deter illegal parking of cars on Williams Park or stop cars driving at speed up to the school at drop off and collection times. This means that the School Staff and Parents Association representatives will have to continue standing on the road to ensure children and families can safely enter and leave the school."

From the Road Traffic Act, this was deemed as the most appropriate measure by the TAG Engineer as it would put an appropriate enforceable no parking measure in place.

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The School Mobility office will do further site visits when the current Safe Routes to School are completed.

**Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please clarify the following in relation to the Electronic Screen at Wilton Place Park erected by IPUT:

- What are the regulations around section 4.1.f exemptions?
- How and when was the licence extended for a further 2 years and can he please outline how this was granted under 4.1.f exemptions?
- What communication took place with the local community prior to the initial and subsequent exemptions being granted and what records are there of such community engagement?
- Under what planning regulations was the viewing platform installed on the canal and was this planning exempt?

**Reply:**

• **What are the regulations around section 4.1.f exemptions?**

Section 4.1. (f) is as follows

(development carried out on behalf of, or jointly or in partnership with, a local authority that is a planning authority, pursuant to a contract entered into by the local authority concerned, whether in its capacity as a planning authority or in any other capacity;

In this case, the project was initially brought forward during lockdown when all activities including participation in arts and culture were limited to outdoor settings. The installation of the screens was to coincide with the use of the privately owned park as site compound for construction work at Wilton Terrace, minimising the impact of same and screening the cabins from sight. Dublin City Council were seeking to animate the public realm to provide opportunities for engagement and to support innovative proposals for public art in the city which had been severely impacted during the pandemic. The proposal provided a unique and exciting opportunity for a new and innovative digital art form while simultaneously providing for engagement with nationally recognised art institutions.

The applicant was required to demonstrate that

1. The structure would be free standing and have no permanent impact on the park.
2. Undertake an ecological assessment and undertake ongoing monitoring.
3. Provide a proposal regarding the curation of artistic content.
4. Provide evidence of lux levels and how they would be managed day to night.

The application was reviewed by Traffic Department, Parks, Landscape and Biodiversity, City Arts Office, Public Lighting, Conservation and Planning and input taken. The Arts Office appointed a member of staff to the project and an independent Committee to curate content and make the medium as accessible as possible to all who wish to propose content. There is absolutely no advertising element to this installation.

• **How and when was the licence extended for a further 2 years and can he please outline how this was granted under 4.1.f exemptions?**

The Licence was not extended for two years, there was application in October 2022 for two years and a grant of one year to coincide with the planning permission and reinstatement works to Wilton Park. There will be no further extension granted.

See attached

1. Application outlining the benefits to date and safeguards in place.
2. 4.1.(f) Copy of agreement Terms and Conditions.

- **What communication took place with the local community prior to the initial and subsequent exemptions being granted and what records are there of such community engagement?**

On the original application there was consultation via the mechanism set up for construction communications with the residents in proximity to the park.

On the renewal we were contacted by residents of College Court Apartments who indicated they had not been consulted. However we subsequently received submissions from other residents who indicated they had been communicated with.

Further submissions were received from the following between December and January and decision issued 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Renewal of 4.1.f Agreement for Living Canvas at Wilton Park - Public Submissions		
Name	Organisation	
Elizabeth Mohen	Poetry Ireland (Programme Manager)	
Aideen Barry	Visual Artist	
A. Pool	Local Resident	
Matt Ryan	Local Resident	
Niamh Ryan	Local Resident	
Doireann Ní Ghríofra	Writer	
Patrick T Murphy (Director)	Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts	
Christopher Kelly	Local Resident	
Mary Moloney	Local Resident	
Denise Meade	Local Resident	
Manuel and Angela Ryan	Owners	

Name	Organisation	
Katrina Goldstone	Herzog Centre for Jewish and Near Eastern Religion and Culture	
Janine Ryan	Local Resident	
Zuleika Rodgers	Local Resident	
Fergus Fahy	Local Resident	
Brendan Quinlan	Local Resident	
Anna Devlin	South Georgian Core Residents Association	
Aidan Gillen	Local Resident	

- **Under what planning regulations was the viewing platform installed on the canal and was this planning exempt?**

The installation of a temporary structure viewing platform and seating on the canal was a collaboration with Waterways Ireland, and included information panels and benches providing respite and explanation of the Art Works opposite. The provision of seating in open space/green space does not require planning permission and the ramped area was a requirement to protect the ground underneath and prevent any slip and trip hazards.

**Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide details on the plans for 99 - 100 Baggot Street Lower by Dublin City Council and Peter McVerry Trust?

**Reply:**

I can confirm that a Section 5 application (Ref. No. 0054/23) was submitted on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to seek clarification on the use of the properties (excluding the mews style structures to the rear of the site) to provide short term lettings. A decision on this Section 5 is due on or by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023. No planning application for any works to the building or for any change of use has been submitted.

A full planning application for supported temporary accommodation is due to be submitted to the planning department.

**Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide details on the opening and closing times of Merrion Square, and can he please address the concerns raised by local residents that the times are not being adhered to and the park is regularly closing earlier than it should.

**Reply:**

Opening hours for enclosed parks are standard and respond to available daylight through the seasons as listed below, with shorter opening hours in the winter months and longer in the summer months. The complaint about the park closing earlier has been resolved and will not occur again.

January	10:00am to 17:00pm
February	10:00am to 17:30pm
March	10:00am to 18:30pm (19:30pm time change at the start of daylight savings).
April	10:00am to 20:30pm
May	10:00am to 21:30pm
June	10:00am to 22:00pm
July	10:00am to 22:00pm
August	10:00am to 21:30pm
September	10:00am to 20:30pm
October	10:00am to 19:30pm (18:30pm time change at the end of daylight savings).
November	10:00am to 17:30pm
December	10:00am to 17:00pm

**Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please confirm whether the 'meanwhile use' plans on the Poolbeg West SDZ site close to beach road are bound by the condition within the planning permission that no work can take place until the agreement on the social and affordable housing is reached. Can he clarify what works are currently taking place on that section of the site?

**Reply:**

A number of planning permissions have been granted for the redevelopment of lands in the Poolbeg SDZ. The parent permission was granted under Plan No. PWSDZ 3270/19 to provide critical infrastructure on site including utilities, central boulevard, local streets, coastal path, part of coastal park etc. Following the grant of this planning permission, enabling works have commenced on site.

The 'meanwhile uses' were included in the grant of planning permission for the residential blocks identified as Blocks O, M and K (Plan Ref No. PWSDZ3207/21). This permission

includes Condition 25 which requires: (c) Prior to commencement of development, a commercial agreement shall be entered into between Dublin City Council, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, and the owners/developers of the site, for the delivery of 15% of the approved residential units for social and affordable housing purposes. These units shall be additional to the 10% required for social housing purposes. No work has commenced on the construction/installation of the 'meanwhile uses' on site.

**Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can please examine and address the very serious ongoing issue of cars and cyclists illegally turning off the quays and driving through green pedestrian lights on the corner of Wellington Quay & Parliament Street. Despite two signs in the left lane, drivers consistently ignore this and drive through the Green Pedestrian lights turning off the quay causing real danger to pedestrians. Can the Area Manager examine what traffic signage or interventions could be put in place to stop motorists from illegally turning left, and can we write to the Gardaí on this issue also. Finally, can the manager provide an update on plans to pedestrianise Parliament Street?

**Reply:**

Enforcement is a matter for the Gardaí and the writing to them would be supported. All the required statutory signage prohibiting the turn is in place.

The practicability of pedestrianising or making Parliament Street Traffic Free in the short term is currently being explored as it would require changes to public transport. It is still an aim to progress this. However it may be more suitable for this summer to hold a number of Traffic Free weekends so people can experience what it could be like whilst the more permanent measure is being worked on.

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) Engineer will assess and visit Wellington Quay & Parliament St Corner to see if further traffic measures are required and assess the condition of the road marking's to see if repainting is required. TAMS Enquiry ref: 7031858.

Currently there is a RUS 013 No left turn road sign on Wellington Quay. The two traffic signals consist of a green straight ahead arrow.

The TAG engineer will contact the Gardaí over illegal left turns movements from Wellington Quay onto Parliament Street.

**Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please urgently assist with the chronic damp problems in the flat? Can he also assist the tenant in their request for a transfer as the chronic damp is causing serious health issues for the family?

**Housing Allocations Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer List with an application date of 12/09/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area K	2	328

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 check the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice. They are advertised every Friday and remain advertised for a period of 3 weeks.

Applicants are able to check their position on the Housing List by logging onto [www.dublincity.ie/housingonline](http://www.dublincity.ie/housingonline) with their reference number and Date of Birth.

**Housing Maintenance Reply:**

The Local Area Depot have been carrying out investigation works at this property to ascertain where the leak is coming from. Works are ongoing and it will take a week or so before they know what the issue is with the leak/cause of dampness.

**Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a full list of the following?

- Footpath fixing works in the South East Inner City for 2022, the number completed, the exact locations of those completed and how many are still outstanding
- The proposed footpath works for the South East Inner City for 2023 and the relevant timelines for each location

**Reply:**

Please see below SEA Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme for 2022 which are all now complete:

- Annesley Park (Between Dunville Avenue and Ormond Road South)
- Canal Road (Between Ranelagh Road and Mount Pleasant Avenue Lower)
- Dartmouth Square (Dartmouth Square North and South)
- Gilford Road (Between Brabazon House to Strand Road)
- Lavarna Grove (Various Locations in Estate)
- Orwell Road (Between Marianella and Zion Road)
- Ramleh Park (Various Sections within the Estate)
- St. Martins Park (Between No. 35 and Kimmage Road Lower)
- Willow Field (Various Sections within Estate)

The proposed footpath reconstruction works for the South East Area in 2023 are named in the Draft 2023 SEA Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme presented at this meeting. Timelines for the works will be available after the procurement, tender and award processes have been completed.

**Q.40 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if Parks can carry out an initial assessment on the five linear tree pits that form the median on Mount Drummond Avenue with a view to removing the tarmac between the trees and facilitating a community planting initiative or greening strategy and the formation of a linear community garden?

**Reply:**

The subject trees have grown supported by the tarmac surface potentially leading to underdevelopment of their root system, therefore, removing the tarmac surface could result in the trees falling. That being said, costings will be sought for the removal of tarmacadam, introduction of topsoil and planting. Subject to the permission of Environment and Transportation Department and available funding the project could commence in 2024, however, the investigation work would need to show that the trees will not be compromised if surface removed.

**Q.41 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if Greenlea Grove could be assessed for the installation of speed ramps? Volumes of traffic entering and exiting the rugby club grounds have increased significantly since the last traffic survey was carried out here, and residents report the 'slow' signage is not having the desired effect and the speed and volume of traffic is dangerous. Could the Manager also request a traffic management plan from Terenure Rugby Club addressing residents' concerns about Greenlea Grove being used as an extension to the car park, including as a set down and rest stop for coaches.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) Engineer will assess and visit Greenlea Grove to monitor traffic conditions on the road. After the investigation a report will be issued. TAMS Enquiry ref: 7031860.

**Q.42 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if traffic engineers can assess the roundabout design at the junction of Grosvenor Road and Grosvenor Place with a view to making it safer for people to cross here. The existing design encourages drivers to take the roundabout at speed, and the lack of any safe crossing infrastructure makes it difficult to cross the road, where there are several facilities, including a school, a crèche, and a unit of St. Michael's House that would benefit from access to safe crossing and better traffic management.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) Engineer will assess and visit the roundabout at the junction of Grosvenor Road and Grosvenor Place with a view to making it safer for people to cross. After the investigation a report will be issued. TAMS Enquiry ref: 7031861.

**Q.43 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if the operational hours of the cycle lanes on the Kimmage Road Lower can be altered to accommodate commuters and become operational from 7am to 10am in addition to the currently operational hours of 4pm to 7pm.

**Reply:**

This will be further examined and proposals brought to the area meeting.

**Q.44 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if traffic engineers can look at the traffic light sequencing at the junction of Mount Argus housing estate and the Lower Kimmage Road. It's reported that there are persistent issues with the lights not working correctly, despite the fault being logged and repaired by contractors multiple times. A local road user reports 'the lights come on regularly with no traffic coming out. It slows everybody unnecessarily and leads to excess carbon emissions and pollution.'

**Reply:**

Our traffic signals maintenance contractor has attended site and verified that the detector on site is demanding the side road correctly. Please note that this junction is not currently connected to our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System. We will add this junction to our list of sites to be connected to SCATS to facilitate improved monitoring of the operation of this junction and the automatic reporting of faults as they arise.

**Q.45 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if the contractor carrying out restoration and cleaning work on the building at 1 Terenure Place on the northwest corner of the Terenure Road junction received permission from Dublin City Council to erect scaffolding that makes the footpath significantly less accessible at a junction where street clutter, service boxes, a planter, a lamppost and a pedestrian barrier are combining to severely restrict the movement of pedestrians at this location. If permission was granted for the contractors to impede the passage of pedestrians

at this location, was there any consideration given to how pedestrians would navigate this already hostile junction?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council's Roadworks Control Unit issued a licence to Cronin Financial Limited to erect a Scaffold at Terenure Place / Terenure Road North for the period 19/09/2022 to 18/02/2023. The applicant was invoiced for the use of the public space for the period in question and same was paid in full. Hoardings/Scaffoldings are dealt with under "Directions for the Control & Management of Roadworks in Dublin city" which requires that a minimum width of 1.2m of footpath space is provided to pedestrians in connection with hoarding/scaffolding installations. This provision was upheld and confirmed by the Inspector who authorised the scaffold in question and he also reported that there was additional space provided for pedestrians to walk under the scaffold in this particular instance. I can also confirm that the scaffold has been removed from the location.

**Q.46 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if traffic enforcement can be employed to enforce the traffic management plan and prevent construction vehicles from parking on and blocking the pavement and the cycle lane at the Ganson construction site at 86 Parnell Road. The site is adjacent to a primary school and this busy cycle track must be kept clear.

**Reply:**

The Council's Roadworks Control Unit do not have any direct involvement with the Ganson site at 86 Parnell Road as the Hoarding used in connection with the site development works is situated on its own building line. However, this unit has contacted Ganson to make them aware of the problem.

Dublin Street parking services will be asked to patrol this location and carry out enforcement action where necessary on vehicles parked on the footpath and cycle track.

**Q.47 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager why the resident at details supplied is having issues getting the lead pipe feeding her mains water replaced outside her boundary wall. The resident has been told by Irish Water that the council has deferred the work, with no contact details and no planned date supplied.

**Reply:**

As this issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water.

Please call the telephone number on 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone:	<u>0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578</u>
Web:	<u>www.water.ie</u>
Twitter:	@IrishWater
Postal Address:	Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

**Q.48 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if Parks can arrange for the replanting of a tree outside of number 64 Blarney Park. The tree at this location died and was removed in 2021. Residents would like to see it replaced.

**Reply:**

The location has been inspected and the tree pit here has been found to be unsuitable for replanting due to the proximity of services which would interfere with tree support.

**Q.49 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

Can the matter in details supplied be investigated and resolved?

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services will make arrangements to have permanent concrete repairs to the footpath carried out at this location.

**Q.50 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager when will resurfacing of Oaklands Drive be done? This road is badly in need of resurfacing and is heavily used by cars, bikes and ambulances as it is the road leading to the gates of St. Luke's Hospital. Road maintenance advised that it would be considered for 2023 works.

**Reply:**

Oaklands Drive is included in our Draft 2023 South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

**Q.51 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to have the pole outside painted / repaired as it is completely rusted and needs maintenance.

**Reply:**

There are two (2) no. public lights in Ashdale Gardens. One light is mounted on an ESB Networks Pole. The painting of ESB poles is a matter for ESB Networks. The other light is mounted on a DCC public lighting pole.

Pole 2 Ashdale Gardens will be added to the pole painting programme. We envision it will be painted this year, subject to available finances.

The Public Domain Officer will contact the ESB in relation to ESB pole.

**Q.52 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Director of Services to arrange a site visit with the Area Manager and traffic engineers to Greenlea Road to ascertain with various stakeholders how best to enhance safety and the public realm area outside the shops. This is an area of high footfall on a busy road for cyclists and traffic linking Fortfield to Terenure Road West. The shop cluster includes a busy post office, shop, pharmacy, medical clinic, school of music and professional services, together with some Sheffield cycle stands. The road is regularly congested and the public realm in front of the shops would benefit greatly from a redesign / modification in terms of pedestrian safety, better parking and aesthetic enhancements.

**Reply:**

If the South East Area Office organise a meeting, a representative from the Transport Advisory Group will be made available to attend. It has been observed that there is illegal parking on the footpath outside the shops and this has been passed to Parking Enforcement and Control to monitor.



**Q.53 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to have the traffic ramp at the junction of Hazelbrook Road and Lower Kimmage Road repaired. This ramp is in very poor condition and a safety hazard for cyclists.

**Reply:**

This ramp will be included in our next ramp resurfacing contract.

**Q.54 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the matter in details supplied be investigated and resolved?

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services will make arrangements to have permanent concrete repairs to the footpath carried out at this location.

**Q.55 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the roadway and paths in the cul de sac on Kells Road, Crumlin be resurfaced and replaced, these are in a very bad state of repair and are a potential trip hazard. The footpath outside no. 46 is very bad.

**Reply:**

Footpath reconstruction on Kells Road, including this location, is incorporated in our Draft 2023 SEA Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme.

**Q.56 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Manager deal with the following issue as reported by a constituent in relation to the corner of Derry Drive at the Green?

“There are a number of vehicles both commercial and seemingly abandoned vehicles parked around the on the road. All of these vehicles block the pathway and corners but also make it impossible for emergency services or large truck deliveries that are attending the cul de sac to gain access.”

**Reply:**

Our Abandoned Vehicles Officer will inspect vehicles at the above mentioned location and will arrange removal of any vehicles there if they are deemed to be abandoned.

The parking enforcement inspector will visit the location and assess the situation. If the vehicles are abandoned, they will be reported to the abandoned vehicles section. If vehicles are found to be illegally parked, the inspector will take appropriate action.

**Q.57 Councillor Pat Dunne**

The installation of the new pedestrian traffic lights at the junction of Herberton Road and Dolphin Road on the Grand Canal have been welcomed by residents. Given the extent of the footpath build outs, can these be greened with planters and other green options to enhance the junction? In addition, can a welcome to Drimnagh sign be placed in or around the junction?

**Reply:**

The Area Manager has visited the location and discussed this proposal with the Resident Engineer. Please note there are a number of dishings that have been placed at this location which would greatly impact certain forms of greening as access for cars is the primary concern. The Area Manager will also contact Dynamic Drimnagh to get their thoughts on both matters and revert back to the Councillor.

**Q.58 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if further to the commitment given at the area meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 if he can set out what engagement the parks department has made with the CDETB in respect of its sportsgrounds at Terenure since the meeting.

**Reply:**

A letter has issued to the City of Dublin Education & Training Board (CDETB) to request that a meeting take place regarding this matter.

**Q.59 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager further to the online meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 where a commitment was given from the environment and transport department to furnish you with draft terms of reference which would identify which departments would sit on the taskforce to be established following the unanimous approval of Motion 5 by elected members on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.

**Reply:**

The Environment and Transportation Department are in the process of finalising the terms of reference for issue to the South East Area Manager and distribution to the South East Area Committee in advance of the April meeting. I can confirm that the task force will have representatives from the Active Travel Programme, the Transportation Planning Office and the Flood Projects Office.

**Q.60 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if the mature trees which are to be removed as part of the Elmpark Green Development (as per photo) be replanted to offer some level of screening of residents on Bellvue Park Avenue.



**Reply:**

There have been a number of planning applications relating to this development. The relevant planning permissions are:

**4848/22**

Permission granted to amend the residential development permitted under reg. ref. 3743/19 (ABP-307424-20). The proposed amendments comprise:

- Increase from 73 no. to 77 no. residential units with revised unit mix.
- Internal revisions to permitted units.
- Additional storey to secondary block (resulting in 5 no. storeys over basement).
- Elevational revisions and consequential revisions to scheme.
- Provision of single storey multi-use amenity pavilion within the open space.
- Increase in car parking provision from 73 no. to 77 no. spaces within existing basement footprint.
- All associated site development works.

**3743/19**

Planning permission granted by Dublin City Council and An Bord Pleanála on appeal (ABP ref. 307424-20) for a residential building ranging from 3 to 9 storeys in height immediately to the south of 'The Links' building and to the west of the overall Elmpark Green campus.

There are 2 no. planning decisions to amend the approved scheme which are currently on appeal (3389/21 and 4879/22).

The recent amendments permission 4848/22 included landscaping proposals. It is noted in the Planner's report that *the submitted 'Soft Landscape Plan' drawing includes 70 no. new trees of mixed species to be planted along the site boundaries and within the site of Residential Block 3. These would be of select and heavy standard to provide a reasonable degree of instant maturity.*

The link below shows the Tree Removal- Retention Plan  
<https://webapps.dublincity.ie/AnitePublicDocs/01057785.pdf>

and below, the link to the Soft Landscape Plan  
<https://webapps.dublincity.ie/AnitePublicDocs/01057781.pdf>

**Q.61 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if an update can be furnished in respect of the content in this email below:

Following your recent correspondence requesting an update on any proposals by Road Maintenance Services to carry out road resurfacing at Oaklands Drive, I note there was a motion agreed on this back in September 2020, but Oaklands Drive was not subsequently included in the annual works programme for 2021.

We have inspected this road again and found there are a number of localised areas including repairs that are deteriorating. Oaklands Drive will be considered for inclusion in next year's annual works programme, however our final assessment of all potential locations will not be made until later in the year and at that stage we will also have received confirmation of our budget allocation for 2023.

**Reply:**

Oaklands Drive is included in our Draft 2023 South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

**Q.62 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager for an update in respect of the matters addressed in the question and reply below.

"Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee  
Meeting 10th October 2022

**Q.11 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if an update could be given in respect of the below query (details supplied).

**Reply:**

The request for bollards at the above location was recommended by the Area Engineer under (details supplied) and drawings were sent to the Traffic Officer on 7th July, 2022 for installation.

The Traffic Officer has raised an issue with the above recommendation and further discussion with the Area Engineer is required."

**Reply:**

Environment and Transportation Department are going to install collapsible flat top bollards on Shelbourne Road.

**Q.63 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if a reply could be furnished to the issues raised in this email:

"I'm emailing you in relation to the current waterworks on Strand Road. While I understand that these works are necessary and temporary there is significant concern amongst the local community that the traffic restrictions will become permanent.

I live on Tritonville Road and have been affected by the recent water works.

Having spent a number of years dealing with traffic monitoring, control and congestion and having lived in various parts of the city I feel I'm in a good position to give an opinion on the effect of these works on the residential area of Sandymount Village and surrounds.

When the water works started we the community noticed a significant increase of vehicular traffic along the Serpentine and Tritonville Road.

I have seen articles in the paper and social media from Strand Road residents who maintain that the reduction in traffic has been of a benefit to them. While that is obvious it may not be clear that it is to the detriment of many other roads in the Sandymount area.

As you know Merrion Gates are now closed to northbound traffic and there is no right turn at Ailesbury Road and Sandymount Avenue. The next available turn for diverted traffic is Serpentine Avenue.

I have frequently witnessed 5-axle vehicles traveling via Tritonville Road and while there is a 24-hour ban on this, some hauliers ignore it. I'd go so far as to say it's a bit of a farce of a system. There are no Gardaí available to enforce this.

Even as I write this I see fully laden 4 axle tipper trucks driving up and down Serpentine Avenue and Tritonville Road. While they are not banned, a 32 tonne vehicle does significant damage to residential roads. This is noticeable on the deteriorating condition of the speed ramps. There is also an increased danger for cyclists and pedestrians. I now tell my son to cycle to school on the footpath as I fear for his safety on the road now. This then has a knock on effect for pedestrians.

On weekdays, entering and exiting my driveway is no longer a simple task as I wait for the long lines of traffic in both directions to clear long enough so that I may manoeuvre in and out.

The volume of traffic going through Sandymount Village has put the local residents and village users at a greater risk of harm.

Sandymount Green is a popular place for children, post school on a Friday afternoon. Their lives are at risk with the increased volume of traffic and heavy goods vehicles traveling through the village as they try to cross over and back.

I have also noticed that cycling through the village has become far more hazardous (certainly for me) as these large vehicles try to squeeze down narrow roads with little concern for pedestrians cyclists and oncoming traffic.

Even now the simple act of going to the Merrion Shopping Centre to do a weekly shop in Tesco is a chore and at 11 a.m. in the morning one could be stuck in tailback traffic on the return trip towards Serpentine.

Any decisions made as regards traffic routes should be done with the consultation of the people that live in the entire area, not just those for whom the restrictions have benefitted or those keyboard social media warriors who take a snapshot photo and expect us to believe that it accurately reflects the entire situation. These people are the people who pay the not insignificant local property tax and these are the people who vote for proper representation in their local area.

I beg you to listen to all sides of the story before making any decisions as regards traffic routes and consider how smaller residential roads will be affected with the permanent closure of the main road that is Strand Road.

While we desperately need to improve our environment for the longevity of our planet, it should not be done at the cost of a feeling of oppression in the houses we live in.

Improving the air quality and cycling facilities on Strand Road should not be to the detriment to the residents in the rest of the Sandymount, Irishtown and Ringsend communities.”

**Reply:**

Thank you for your query which we received via Dublin City Council, regarding the Uisce Éireann works currently in progress at Beach Road and Strand Road, Sandymount.

The water-main replacement project along Beach Road and Strand Road is an essential infrastructure upgrade that is long overdue and will benefit 80,000 people in East Dublin, creating a more sustainable and secure water supply by reducing leakage, and ensuring a safer, more reliable supply for homes and businesses in the area.

Traffic management is required to ensure the safety of the workforce, road users and pedestrians. The construction works necessitate extensive, and on occasions complicated, Temporary Traffic Management Schemes. For these reasons special care is taken to ensure Traffic Management is constantly monitored and adjusted where necessary and safe to do so. To this end all Traffic Management Schemes are coordinated with input from consultees including An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council and are accessed regularly.

We appreciate your constituent’s feedback and will discuss with our partners Dublin City Council as we continue to access the new traffic management measures introduced to complete the remaining phases of the project.

We can confirm that Merrion Gates are expected to reopen between mid to late May 2023. The overall works are expected to be completed in summer 2023 and as with all complex civil engineering contracts of this scale, delivery and completion of certain elements of work are dependent on a variety of factors project wide and future Traffic Management plans and their sequencing may be subject to change as the project progresses.

Further information on the project is available at the dedicated project webpage [www.water.ie/ECAMproject](http://www.water.ie/ECAMproject). We also have a stakeholder distribution list and upon your constituent’s request we can add their e-mail address to receive future project updates. Should you have any further queries please contact Uisce Éireann’s dedicated Local Representative Support Desk by e-mail [localreprsupport@water.ie](mailto:localreprsupport@water.ie) or call us at 0818 178 178.

Should your constituent have any queries they can contact the project team by phone on 0818 462 200 during office hours or e-mail us at [ecam@water.ie](mailto:ecam@water.ie). Out of hours queries can be directed to the Uisce Éireann helpline on 1800 278 278.

We understand that delivery of a project such as the ECAM Project can be disruptive within the local community but based on previous experiences, we know that the short-term

inconvenience will be overshadowed by the long-term benefits when the improvement project is complete.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578  
Web: [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie)  
Twitter: @IrishWater  
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

An Garda Síochána are the enforcing body of the HGV management strategy. An Garda Síochána have again been requested to enforce the 24 hr cordon around Sandymount

**Q.64 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if Beechwood Avenue Lower could be added to the road resurfacing programme.

**Reply:**

Beechwood Avenue Lower road surface will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

**Q.65 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if the pavement outside 2 Chelmsford Road could be repaired as was done for the neighbour to this premises, please see photos below.



**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services will make arrangements to have repair works carried out at this location.

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1	7029960		P&D/Permit Parking (Rescind)	ARDAGH ROAD (SE)	Dublin 12	Amend parking lines to exclude entrance to No. 16.	Recommended	Based on Tag area engineer assessment, Rescind part of P&D Parking Bay (RRM 016 - Parallel Parking Bays) outside house No.16.	Member of the Public	01/11/2022	0
2	7030584		P&D/Permit Park (Change Hours)	OBSERVATORY LANE (SE)	Dublin 6	Change hours to Monday - Sunday 07:00 to 24:00.	Recommended	Change hours of operation of Pay & Display& Permit Parking on south side of Observatory Lane to 07:00- 24:00 Mon - Sun	Councillor	02/12/2022	0
3	7031469		P&D/Permit Parking	CUFFE STREET (SE)	Dublin 2	Change to Parking Permitted RUS018 with Supplementary plate P051 hours of operation 7 - 19 Mon - Sun (1hr Max Stay).	Recommended	Based on TAG area engineer assesment, STATs is required to regulate the parking arramnegemnt on Cuffe Street, Dublin 2.  STAT: Cuffe Street, Dublin 2, south side of the road, from lamp standard No.12, extending westwards for 15m (to the end of the recessed area). Install regultary signage "Parking Permitted RUS018" with two Supplementary plates P051 hours of operation 7:00 - 19:00 Mon - Sat & 14:00 - 18:00 Sunday. (3 hours maximum stay)	Internal	07/02/2023	0
4	7031597		Disab Park Bay Residential	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER (SE)	Dublin 6	Outside17	Recommended	Based on the assessment of the TAG area engineer, it is recommneded to install a Disabled parking bay outside house no. 17 Beechwood Avenue.	Member of the Public	15/02/2023	0
5	7032203		Bus Infrastructure	SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD (SE)	Dublin 8	Bus priority measures: Loading Bay and extend Clearways.	Recommended	Bus Priority measures: South Circular Road Change Operational Hours of Existing loading bay (RRM 009) on westbound side of road, approximately 11.5 metres west of the junction of Kingsland Park Avenue to operate 1000-1200 Monday-Sunday, currently 1000-1600 Monday-Saturday. South Circular Road Measure: South Circular Road Change operational hours of Existing clearway on westbound side of road, approximately 10 metres east of the junction of Victoria St to operate 0700-1000 & 1200-1900 Monday-Sunday, currently 0700-1000 & 1600-1900 Monday-Saturday. South Circular Road Change operational hours of Existing clearway on westbound side of road, approximately 11.5 metres west of the junction of Kingsland Park Avenue to operate 0700-1000 & 1200-1900 Monday-Sunday, currently 0700-1000 & 1600-1900 Monday-Saturday.	Internal	21/03/2023	0
6	11132220	TRF4828	Yellow Box	SERPENTINE AVENUE (SE)	Dublin 4	Yellow Box request on Serpentine Avenue at Wellington Lodge.	Not Recommended	Following a site visit during peak morning hours, TAG engineers do not recommend introducing a yellow box opposite Wellington Lodge	Internal	01/02/2023	0
7	11132222	TRF4829	Single Yellow Line (Rescind)	WHITEFRIAR PLACE (SE)	Dublin 2	request double yellow lines on Whitefriar Place.	Recommended	Based on TAG area engineer (SE) assessment, double yellow lines shall be installed to improve traffic flow through Whitefriar Place.	Member of the Public	01/02/2023	0

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Item	Enquiry	SP Ref	Topic	Road	Post	Request Description	Tag Result	Tag Comments	Request By	Received	Sec
8	11132223	TRF4829C	No Parking	SAINT STEPHEN'S GREEN NORTH (SE)	Dublin 2	double yellow lines requested.	Not Recommended	Repainting of double yellow lines only required, Referred to the Traffic Officer.	Member of the Public	01/02/2023	0
9	11132229	TRF48294	Speed Ramps	LORD MAYORS WALK (SE)	Dublin 2	if the City Council could install speed ramps. along with some more visible signage.	Not Recommended	This is a traffic enforcement issue and should be referred to the local garda station,	Member of the Public	01/02/2023	0
10	11132411	TRF4844C	Double Yellow Lines	KIMMAGE GROVE (SE)	Dublin 6W	request Double yellow lines on the side of the road closest to the houses.	Not Recommended	TAG area engineering team is aware of the existing issue on these particular roads, hence the best possible solution for the residents is applying for a P&D scheme to regulate the parking around the area and prevent miss use of the space in the vicinity of the houses.	Member of the Public	06/02/2023	0





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# **Temporary and Permanent Utility Reinstatement Procedures Report to SEAC Meeting 3rd April 2023**

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## Introduction

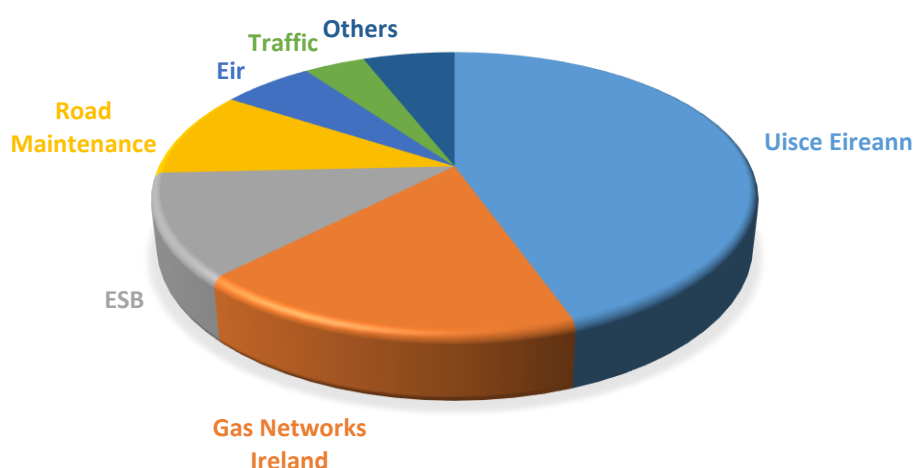
At The South East Area Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, a verbal update was delivered to the Elected Representatives on motions relating to tarmacadam patches in the footpaths, in Harold's Cross and other areas. The majority of these patches are temporary utility reinstatements. To clarify the situation, it was agreed that a written report be submitted to clarify the verbal explanation of the reinstatement process and procedures for this meeting.

## Section 1 Background

### Temporary and Permanent Utility Reinstatement Procedures.

Utility companies are issued with circa 13,000 online permits annually, to open the public road to facilitate the repair and/or upgrade of their services. The main utilities, in terms of quantity of licences, are Irish Water, ESB Networks and Gas Networks Ireland. The Irish Water network and ESB networks of underground services are in need of renewal. Therefore, on an ongoing basis these utilities are repairing their existing services, in parallel with upgrading their overall networks to meet current demand and standards. These works are necessary as without them the citizens of Dublin will experience power and water outages. The telecommunications companies also carry out necessary repairs, upgrades and connections to their networks, without which would result in connectivity outages for homes and businesses. All of the above necessitates roadworks.

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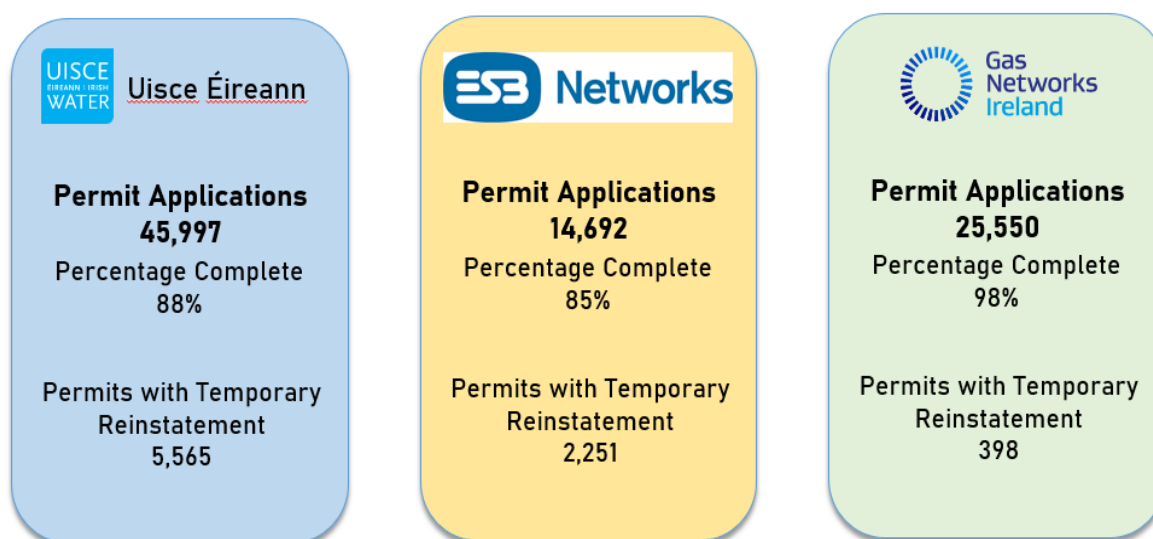
The licencing of roadworks is managed by The Roadworks Control Unit (RCU) In the Environment & Transportation Department. The RCU inspectorate condition licences and monitor the works to ensure that the utilities comply with licence conditions with respect to health & Safety, traffic management and timing of works. In order to enable traffic movement in the city, utility works are conditioned to be carried out at weekends or evenings on high impact roads, which restricts the amount of work completed in a given day. The result is a proliferation of temporary reinstatements with the permanent reinstatement to follow at a subsequent time interval. Temporary reinstatement is stage one of a two part reinstatement process, where permanent reinstatement is the second

stage. Immediate permanent reinstatement is ideal but not always feasible due the factors above.

The quality control of temporary and permanent reinstatements is monitored by The Infrastructure management Unit (IMU). Utilities are required to close out each licence within ninety days of completion of the permanent reinstatement of their works. The IMU inspectorate are notified of these licence closeouts online and circa 20,000 individual inspections of reinstatements are carried out annually. These reinstatements are either accepted and go into the two year guarantee period or are rejected and go back to the utility for remedial action.

## Section 2 Utility Compliance

In terms of compliance the of the three main utilities, the statistics are as follows from 2014 to 2023



From the above figures, it should be noted that each of these three utilities has a high percentage of compliance but this goes unnoticed due to the enormous number of licences applied for. Irish Water's high volume of licences is caused the failing network requiring constant repair and upgrade. ESB networks are in a similar situation. Gas Networks, on the other hand, went through a very disruptive renewal programme over a decade ago and are now in an almost fully compliant position with respect to permanent reinstatement.

The processes and standards for utility reinstatements are detailed in the *Directions for Managing Openings in Public Roads 2017*. This is a national mandatory guideline. The IMU monitor utilities daily to ensure they comply with this document. Temporarily reinstated openings and rejected reinstatements remain the responsibility of the utility

company until satisfactory permanent reinstatements are complete and the two year guarantee period has lapsed. This a motivating factor for utilities to complete permanent reinstatement works. Regular meetings take place between DCC and Utility staff to pursue the utilities to meet their obligations with respect to completion and coordination of works.

### **Section 3 Recommendation**

Dublin City Council is in the process of moving all road opening applicant organisations to MapRoad Licencing (MRL), the national online roadworks control system. MRL is managed by The Road Management Office (RMO), as shared service for all Local Authorities. To date Dublin City Council has adopted MRL for the licencing of the Telecommunications utility companies. The main advantage of this national approach is that it allows the RMO and the Local Authorities to collectively pursue utilities if they are non-complaint. The RMO produces a monthly licensing compliance report for each utility on MRL. The approach includes the use of the national deposit scheme. Under the national deposit scheme, each utility is require to have an amount of reinstatement deposit funds lodged with the RMO corresponding to their national quota of open licences. If a utility exceeds their quota of open licences, they are liable for additional funds to be lodged. The Local Authorities meet quarterly with the Utilities and the RMO. At this Joint Utility Local Authority (JULA) forum, compliance reports are presented by the RMO and discussed by the Local Authorities and utilities attending, with the aim of streamlining roadworks licencing and compliance.

The Irish Water (SLA) portion of Irish Water generates the majority of openings for service repairs nationally. A Master Plan has been set in place for the transfer of Irish Water SLA works to Uisce Éireann. Under this master plan, the SLA works will commence licencing on MRL within twelve months of 30 June 2023. This plan is awaiting the approval of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

### **Section 3 Conclusion**

The inclusion of Irish Water on MRL should result in a significant reduction in the number of temporary reinstatements on the DCC road network. The IMU will continue to vigorously pursue the utility companies to carry out timely permanent reinstatements.



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

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**Report of the Director of Services, Central and South East Areas**

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**Grand Canal**

A meeting was held in January 2020 with Waterways Ireland representatives and Councillors to discuss ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for interaction between Waterways Ireland and DCC. The latest meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.

**Portobello Harbour Square**

Ait Urbanism + Landscape were appointed as consultant for the project and two initial public consultation workshops were held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at St. Kevin's Community Centre. Concept designs were prepared by consultants based on the outcome of these workshops and these were put on public display at St. Kevin's Community Centre between 3pm and 8pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Online consultation was open until 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and a large number of submissions were received. Preliminary Appraisal form has been lodged with the Capital Project Support Office (CPSO). Provision has been included in the Parks 2023 / 24 / 25 draft Capital Programme for the re-design and development of Portobello Harbour Square. Parks Department made a presentation to the December 2022 South East Area Committee. Next stages: Continue non-statutory consultation with local stakeholders with emphasis on children, youth / young people; engage in Pre-Part 8 consultations with internal departments; develop the Part 8 planning package based on this feedback and continue survey work.

**Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)**

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase

The final phase of the project includes the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. A preliminary site meeting was held with Road Construction engineers on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Surveys of the area are being carried out including a drone survey and GPR Survey to assist in the design process. Once the design process has been completed it is proposed to prepare a tender for works to car park area in 2023. When these works are carried out, further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to complete the project.

**Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)**

**Library Square:** (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019, submissions were received and were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and further required detail was identified by key departments. An invitation to tender for additional services to bring the project to Part 8 was issued to consultants and Mitchell & Associates were formally appointed on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Preliminary meeting of design team took place on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and detailed meetings with internal departments were held in January and February 2022. GPR Survey was carried out in January 2022.

A second round of meetings with internal departments was held during April / May 2022 and work on finalising the design is almost complete. A meeting was held with local businesses to finalise servicing arrangements for traders on Fitzwilliam Street in November 2022. A public information meeting to present the designs to the community was held in December 2022 in Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre which was well received. Some areas to be reviewed before commencement of Pre-Part 8. A Road Safety Audit has been carried out. As part of the Part 8 process design boards will be put on display in Ringsend Library to keep the community informed. Pre-Part 8 drawings will be circulated in April 2023. Councillors will be briefed before we commence the formal Part 8 process.

### **Cabbage Garden**

We met the Sports Section with a view to providing a programme of summer sports activity for the Cabbage Garden and will provide further information in due course. A soccer blitz is also planned for the end of May.

### **City Quay**

I have met Parks and Reps. of City Quay residents regarding improving Elizabeth O'Farrell Park. Also met Traffic again and we hope to make progress with a parking scheme at City Quay and this will allow the public realm scheme fronting City Quay to proceed.

### **Merrion Square –Trinity to Ballsbridge Cycle Scheme**

A meeting took place between reps. of the artists on Merrion Square; the Active Travel Unit, Casual Trading Section and the South East Area Office to discuss the proposed cycle scheme. Active Travel to revert to artists.

### **Choice Based Lettings / Allocations**

No units are currently being advertised under this scheme but we do expect to advertise further units shortly. We have also been advised by Allocations Section that we can now let units in Senior Citizens complexes under this scheme.

### **CCTV Benbulbin Road**

Following on from the provision of Discretionary Funding for the installation of CCTV at Benbulbin Road, we have continued to try to progress the matter. Adhering to advice from DCC's Data Protection Office, a letter was sent to the Garda Commissioner's Office on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This letter requested written authorisation from the Garda Commissioner for Dublin City Council to install CCTV at the location, which is a public area and not within the bounds of a Dublin City Council complex. The current DCC code of practice for installation of CCTV in public places requires such authorisation from the Garda Commissioner. The office of the Commissioner replied on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and submitted a number of documents, including An Garda Síochána's Code of Practice for Community Based CCTV Systems. The documents submitted are at variance with DCC's code of practice for CCTV in public places and do not seem to take into account that DCC are installing the CCTV rather than a community based organisation. Discussions took place with local based senior Gardaí in order to try and reconcile the differing positions but following further advice from our Data Protection Office further clarity was required from An Garda Síochána. Further communication from An Garda Síochána outlining their position on this matter stated that their internal policy / procedures will only allow authorisation of this scheme if it is designated a Community CCTV Scheme. Designating this CCTV Project a Community Based CCTV Scheme would impose greater responsibility on the local community in relation to their role in consultation, installation, maintenance and management of the CCTV system. In addition, given the proposed location of the CCTV and the serious criminality which takes place there, there is a significant potential for health and safety issues to arise for community representatives involved in such a project. It would also have the potential to increase costs for the project.

We held further discussions with An Garda Síochána in April 2022 in relation to this CCTV scheme and while they have not changed their viewpoint they have raised issues in relation to all CCTV schemes which will require further clarification with our own Data Protection Office.

Additionally, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner has recently issued a substantial fine against Limerick City and County Council in relation to the operation of CCTV in its area. This decision is likely to have knock on effects for other local authorities and our Law Department is reviewing the decision to assess its implications for existing and planned CCTV schemes.

The most recent update from DCC's Data Protection Office indicated that discussions are still ongoing between the Local Government Management Agency and An Garda Síochána and no clarification on the issues outlined above is forthcoming as of yet.

#### **Former Fr. Lar Redmond Hall, Keeper Road, Drimnagh**

This community hall has been vacant for many years and Housing Development are proposing to redevelop the site for housing. The site will be developed by Respond Housing and the draft proposal is to build 20 older persons' units on the site. The proposal is at an early stage and information days were held in Dolphin's Barn Library on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. A presentation was also made to the area committee on 13<sup>th</sup> March. The comments and suggestions made at these information days and the area Committee presentation are now being collated and discussions are ongoing in relation to finalising a planning application, which, it is hoped can be submitted in April.

#### **Clonmacnoise Grove and Ravensdale Close, Older Persons' Complexes, Crumlin / Kimmage**

Dublin City Council, in partnership with Fold Housing Association, intend to redevelop the above named older persons' complexes. It is intended that the existing complexes, which no longer meet current accommodation standards, will be demolished and replaced with high quality 1 bedroom accommodations. Area Housing Staff and Fold Housing staff have commenced consultation with residents and will carry out feasibility studies on both complexes. The needs and requirements of residents will be fully considered in any new designs for the complexes. There has been a very positive reaction from residents to the proposed redevelopment.

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

Bags and equipment delivered: 10

Collections of filled bags: 25

8 groups have registered for National Spring Clean.

City Neighbourhood Competition to launch in late March.

#### **Graffiti Removal March 2023**

203 M<sup>2</sup> were removed.

Cloud Star Boat Map Art Installation on Essex Street West protected with Graffstop.

#### **Abandoned Bicycles March 2023**

28 Abandoned bikes removed.

38 removed year to date.

#### **Joint Policing Committee**

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting to be held 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



### **Rosary Hall**

After receiving extra funding of €240,000 which was approved at the April City Council meeting (as well as €125,000 already allocated), it was decided to retender the entire proposed works. Meetings took place with both main community groups and consultant architects during the summer 2021 to outline and agree the proposed works which included mechanical & electrical works, fire safety works, remedial works and lift replacement.

The Area Manager also engaged in meetings with both community groups regarding governance of the facility and a management agreement was finalised in May 2022.

A supervisory committee comprising of two members of the football club and two members of the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HXVCC) and the Area Manager will be established to optimise the use of the facility for the benefit of the Community.

Tender documentation was completed and advertised and tenders were received back on February 14<sup>th</sup>. When these tenders were assessed by Consultants it was apparent that construction inflation has led to a significant increase on the previously estimated cost.

A full Corporate Project Support Office (CPSO) appraisal form has been submitted in relation to the matter and it has been included in list of projects for capital funding

The disposal of the lease was agreed at the area committee meeting in June and was brought to the July City Council meeting and approved.

Final further work in relation to the agreed protocol for management of the building was agreed late last year and the lease signed.

Although the requisite monies have now been sourced and the preferred bidder has been contacted it has not proved possible to proceed currently due to procurement requirements.

However it is now proposed to retender the works this month and work is progressing at finalising the detailed documentation.

### **Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross**

The Age Friendly Committee for Harold's Cross has been operational since early 2020. A draft report was submitted by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in conjunction with Rob Chester, Area Community Officer and it was agreed to progress a number of these proposals, funding permitting. In tandem with this it is proposed to hold a workshop to further engage with the residents and ensure particularly any elderly resident who was not consulted has an opportunity to contribute to the process and be included. It was agreed to defer the facilitation of a workshop to get the views of the wider community till autumn 2022.

A subgroup under the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) has been convened to look at the City Wide Age Friendly Strategy. Under this structure, submissions for funding may be advanced, including the Harold's Cross project.

It has been agreed by the elected members that further monies (€8,000) will be allocated to this age friendly initiative in the discretionary funding for 2022.

IT Age Friendly tablets have been distributed to residents and have been very well received. Cliff Run Media have supplied over 1,000 units to established age friendly projects across the country; the tablet comes with one year's free Wi-Fi and are dignity proofed to make access as easy as possible.

It is anticipated that when the works are completed on Rosary that it can play a pivotal role in age friendly activities going forward.

Eir have completed the work involved in getting an additional line into Harold's Cross Park to enable Virgin Media to set up the Wi-Fi hot spot for the area around the café.

A series of sub group meeting have taken place in 2022 including 11<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> April to progress matters and it is hoped to schedule a programme of events to encourage people to participate in.

The first Ageing Well Café meeting took place on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and was attended by about 40 residents with great support from HXVCC. There was a good cross section of our older persons.

A trip to Russborough House took place on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

An Ageing Well Café meeting took place on 17<sup>th</sup> May in McGowan's and a full Age Friendly Committee meeting took place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The sub group met on 15<sup>th</sup> July and a main meeting took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

A trip was organised to the National Stud on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and was attended by a large group.

An event took place in McGowan's on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and was very well attended

Further monies have been set aside in the Discretionary Fund this year for the Harold's Cross Age Friendly Initiative.

The next meeting has been organised for 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Pastoral Centre Harold's Cross.

### **Rutland Grove / Eamonn Ceannt Park**

Meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with traffic engineers, Les Moore from Parks, Area Manager and staff and Cllr. Pat Dunne. It was agreed at the meeting that Traffic Section would look again at the feasibility of putting in dedicated parking as per the Part 8. Should it be possible to implement, the design would need to be progressed and costed.

Leslie Moore has indicated with response to a July motion that he will engage a consultant to review this issue regarding the Part 8 parking. This has not happened to date.

As an interim measure planters were installed at the entrance to Rutland Grove to enhance the environment and assist with ongoing illegal parking at the entrance. Regrettably a number of these have been vandalised and a solution is being sought in conjunction with the residents' association.

Work was completed on the footpaths across the open green space as agreed under the discretionary funding.

A detailed capital appraisal was prepared for tender stage and works on the depot upgrade and was scheduled to start last year. However due to construction inflation the cost has exceeded the assigned budget. An update in relation to this is expected shortly

The Crumlin Kimmage Festival took place on 10<sup>th</sup> July in Eamonn Ceannt Park and it was deemed a great success by locals and all who attended.

A Crumlin Halloween Mini Festival took place in Eamonn Ceannt from 12pm to 4pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and received very good feedback from the community who attended.

A 'Friends of Eamonn Ceannt' meeting is took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> December in the pavilion in Eamonn Ceannt Park.

The next meeting has been schedule for 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 again in the pavilion, Eamonn Ceannt Park.

No further updates have been received from Active Travel or Parks in relation to the proposed cycleway at Rutland entrance.

### **Community Development Report**

Please find below a list of events, activities and projects supported by the South East Area Community Development Team.

### **Allotments**

Annual licences for allotments at Blarney Park, Herbert Park and Ringsend Park have all been renewed. The Kingfisher Project at Blarney Park will be welcoming schools to visit the site in the coming weeks under the Educational Sub-Committee remit.

### **Autism Awareness Day**

World Autism Awareness Day takes place on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April and will be celebrated this year in the South East Area through events organised by the Neurodiversity Irishtown Ringsend & Pearse Street and Neurodiversity Sandymount groups.

**D12 Autism Group Event** on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April at the Spraoi Centre.

**Neurodiversity Irishtown Ringsend & Pearse Street** will be launching their **Autism Friendly Towns** at Ringsend Park with special guest, Adam Harris, CEO of AsIAM invited along to unveil their new Communication Board at the playground. Also in the mix will be a 'Walk with Me' lap of the park and a family day featuring Woolly Farm's Bunny Zone, a Cake Sale, Street Performers and lots more fun entertainment.

**Neurodiversity Sandymount** are another group driving education, awareness and inclusivity for neurodivergent individuals in Dublin 4 and they will be marking World Autism Awareness Day with a family day on the grounds of Monkstown Rugby Club on Park Avenue, with lots of family fun to be on offer there too.

Staying in Dublin 4, Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre of course only recently launched the **Ringsend & Irishtown Sensory Garden**, a new therapeutic facility located at the rear of Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre which in addition to the Multisensory Room at RICCY Youth Service, provide inclusive spaces in the area for those with autism.

We have recently made valuable linkages with our most helpful Dublin City Libraries Outreach Team (see below) and they are kindly arranging to have 100 books available on a long term loan basis at Ringsend Library for Neurodiversity Irishtown Ringsend & Pearse Street. These 50+ titles relating to Autism, Asperger's Syndrome and other disorders will cater for both children and adults on the spectrum.

### **Charlemont Community Resource Centre**

The Tom Kelly 2 (TK2) Centre continues to deliver top facilities and recreational space for the local community in the wider Charlemont Street area. The centre offers many youth activities including an After School Curry Club, a Homework Club, Sports Sessions and a Movie Night.

We will also be providing support to their forthcoming Easter Programme which runs from 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April with daily activities taking place to include gardening, arts and crafts, magic show, a visit from the mobile Bunny Farm and sporting activities.

### **Dublin Street Pastors**

Dublin Street Pastors (DSP) is a charitable group providing uniformed teams of volunteers operating in the city's night-time economy to “care for, listen to and help people” who may be vulnerable for various reasons. They also remove items which may become hazards or potential weapons and contact Gardaí if they see trouble arising on the streets. Their main patrol areas south of the city are Camden Street, Harcourt Street, Temple Bar, Dame Street, Dawson Street and adjacent areas. DSP is an initiative of the Ascension Trust and we've recently provided them with a financial contribution to support their service.

### **Easter Programme**

A packed Easter programme has been planned throughout the South East Area with a strong focus on our flat complexes where local residents continue to make huge efforts for the good of all in their community.

Events / activities ranging from the PAW Patrol DJ Dance Party to Carnival Games to Easter Egg Hunts will be taking place in many of our complexes including City Quay, Conway Court, Glovers Court, Leo Fitzgerald House, Markievicz House and Pearse House. In addition, there'll be fun-packed youth programmes organised by Charlemont Community Resource Centre (as above), Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre and St. Andrew's Resource Centre.

Meanwhile Tea Dances, Bingo Bonanzas, Musical Singalongs and Theatre Evenings will be taking place to cater for our older residents.

See full event listings below.

### **Easter Tricolour Rose Project**

Following the success of a similar project for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Week, tricoloured roses will be distributed to older and vulnerable people in the community during Easter week in partnership with Boyne Street Residents' Association, City Quay Residents' Group, Conway Court Residents' Group, Leo Fitzgerald House Residents' Group, Markievicz House Residents' Group and our Sheltered Housing Liaison Officers who'll cover our sheltered housing schemes in Dublin 2, 4 & 6. The idea behind this initiative is to remind older and vulnerable people that there is care in the local community and that neighbours are on hand to help.

### **Environmental / Friends of Green Spaces / Tidy Towns / Planter Projects**

With spring in the air, environmental groups are out in force again cleaning, planting and making their areas extra colourful. Rather than providing any new planter boxes, focus over the spring period is on the refurbishment of those boxes already in our villages and along our streets, with a painting and planting programme underway since February.

### **Evergreen Club**

The Evergreen Club has moved on to the second phase of the refurbishment of the premises focussing on the provision of enhanced toilet facilities (including a disabled unit) and possible overhaul of the kitchen. The scale of this work will depend on the funding available. The Management Team are applying for funding under the LCDC Community Support Fund 2023. To assist this process the Irish Red Cross has issued the club with a Memorandum of Understanding acknowledging their long term usage and management of the premises going forward. The Evergreen Club have had comprehensive use of the facility since 1956.

### **Harold's Cross Festival**

Planning for this major festival is at an advanced stage with the core dates of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of May agreed, and a comprehensive two-day programme of activities planned for Harold's Cross Park. Items planned are as follows:-

- Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May; Vintage Carousel, Community Dog Show, Sports Programme, Dublin Concert Band
- Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May; Vintage Carousel, Children's Attractions, Face Painting, Jack Flash Magic Show, Children's Art Zone, Main Stage with various music acts including Mundy and local musicians

There will be various other attractions and performers, all to be announced on the festival website. It is evident from many suppliers that costs have increased again for this year, however as the event itself is entirely run on a volunteer basis, the Community Team are delighted to support this flagship initiative.

### **Intercultural Social**

In addition to supporting the Cooking for Freedom refugee-led project, the Methodist Church at Wesley House on Leeson Park has now opened its doors for a weekly Intercultural social evening where various nationalities can meet with Irish people, practice their English, have a coffee or enjoy a game of badminton or table tennis. This initiative follows recent walks the church has taken with international students from the likes of Brazil, Ukraine, China, Mongolia, Ireland and Germany. This social evening takes place every Sunday at 7pm and is being run at the moment on a pilot basis.

### **International & Inclusion Day**

The Talk about Youth Project on Pearse Street will be hosting their inaugural International & Inclusion Day event on 13<sup>th</sup> April at St. Andrew's Resource Centre on Pearse Street. On the menu will be art workshops, music and a Kahoot Quiz, all based on diversity and inclusion. In addition there'll be sporting activities, carnival games, a Virtual Reality Zone, mindfulness and adult space where people can chat and have a cuppa.

The Talk about Youth Project currently works with refugees in two groups; The Intercultural Group and The Zone. These groups are in the early stages of putting together a book which would include life stories, online and offline activity suggestions, fun ideas, recipes and lots more.

Both of the above initiatives will be strongly supported by our team.

### **Library in the Community**

Our team will be working closely with Dublin City Libraries and their outreach service this year. The Libraries Service has already assisted us greatly at recent events such as those on International Women's Day by showcasing library resources, offering presentations / talks and pop-up libraries. Looking ahead, they will be helping out at events celebrating World Autism Awareness Day (as above), Yeats Day and Bloomsday and we are also hoping to set up 'Book Stations' at some of our sheltered housing schemes, starting with those in Ranelagh and Donnybrook where there are no libraries located close by.

One hundred quick-read books have also been donated to Ranelagh Meals on Wheels to form part of the Care Packs which will be distributed to older and vulnerable residents at Easter. The 11 titles range from a fictional short story called "A Sea Change" to "Legends", a compilation of stories from many of Ireland's sporting greats.

Many thanks to our Library Outreach Team for their enthusiasm and cooperation with the above.

### **Men's Shed Groups**

The Community Team continue to support our Men's Shed groups focussing on their social programmes and activities that will bring the existing and new members together, please see the event list below.

### **Merrion Square Artists Association / Art for All**

Merrion Square Artists' Association will complement their weekly Open Art Gallery on 23<sup>rd</sup> April with an Art for All Day. Taking place will be art demonstrations, face painting and a Family Creative Space to encourage young and old to get involved in art.

### **Portobello St. Kevin's Heritage Talks**

The series of hugely successful monthly local history talks at St. Kevin's Community Centre on Bloomfield Avenue continues on 18<sup>th</sup> April with *Rathmines: An Architectural and Social History*; an illustrated slide talk which will explore the former township's historical origins and its rich architectural legacy as well as looking at many of Rathmines' famous former residents, including writers and revolutionaries. These talks, organised by Portobello Tidy Towns with support from our team, are given by Arran Henderson, a graduate in Art History who has written extensively on art and visual culture for numerous publications as well as running the *Dublin Decoded* walking tour business. Full houses attended the previous two talks.

### **Raytown Men's Shed**

Members of Raytown Men's Shed have been very busy in recent months carrying out improvement works at their base behind Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre, generating really impressive results. The group has also managed to fit in some excursions of late to the likes of Collins Barracks, Glasnevin Cemetery and the National History Museum. Trips further afield are planned for this year including a visit to a Men's Shed in Wales.

### **Ranelagh Arts**

Over 40 artworks from young people and local school children formed part of the centre's impressive *Ranelagh Arts Young Artist Competition & Exhibition* which was on display for the last two weeks of March. The theme of this exhibition was '*Éire – Past, Present & Future*'.

*The Ranelagh Arts Festival* will take place from 12<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May this year and planning and organisation is now well underway for that. Further details can be found at [www.ranelagharts.ie](http://www.ranelagharts.ie)

### **Theatre in the Community**

A Theatrical Double Bill with the plays, *Beezie* and *A Galway Girl* will take place in Portobello and Ringsend during early April (see event listings below).

***Beezie*** is written and performed by Sheila Flitton (Mrs. McCormack / The Banshee in *The Banshees of Inisherin*) and tells the true story of a woman from Sligo who decided to live her life alone on an Island off the west coast.

***A Galway Girl***, to be performed by Michael Judd and Sinéad Colreavy, is an absorbing play, mixing humour and tragedy, that charts the ups and downs of a couple who leave small-town Ireland for London in the 1950s.

Michael Judd will also be performing ***The Importance of Being Oscar*** in Portobello at the end of April. Written by Micheál MacLiammóir, this theatrical tapestry reveals the wit, triumph, and tragedy of Oscar Wilde.

### **Ukrainian Support Group**

The group have launched a proposal to use a small section of Eaton Square Park for a community garden with raised beds to grow local produce. The proposal has been sent to the Parks Department for consideration

### **Whitefriar Street Strings Project**

Set up with our support, the Whitefriar Street Strings Project has been providing free access to professional string tuition for children attending St. Enda's Primary School over the past 12 years. About 80 students across 5 classes currently learn the violin, viola or cello through this programme. This includes ten of the Ukrainian students who have joined the school.

In addition, three music clubs have been set up outside of school hours, on weekday evenings and on Saturday mornings to provide additional tutoring. These music clubs are provided to teach theory, musicianship and additional music lessons to help students reach the standard required to join a youth orchestra. All children attending these music clubs have been loaned instruments to enable them to practice their music at home.

Nine advanced students have been awarded scholarships to join the Young Orchestral Pops (YOPS) Orchestra which rehearses at Beechwood Parish Community Centre in Ranelagh. The YOPS Orchestra hope to travel for a concert tour to Paris in 2023 or 2024.

### **Miscellaneous**

Other ongoing projects / activities include Friends of Green Spaces Environmental Projects (60+), Allotments, Tidy Towns, New-born Knitting, Knitting Clubs, Whitefriar Strings Project, Planter / Hanging Basket Projects and Vibrant Villages Walking Trail Map & Guides.

### **Community Event Listings - April 2023**

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at 5.30pm – **D12 Autism Group for World Autism Day**, Spraoi Centre, Longmile Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12.

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> of April from 1.00 to 3.00pm – **Bushy Park Market Easter Activities for Children** (market open from 11 – 4pm).

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April from 2 - 4pm – **Glovers Court Pre-Easter Party** with Woolly Farm's Bunny Zone, Magic Show, Balloon Modelling, an appearance by the Easter Bunny and more

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April from 3 - 6pm – **Pearse House Pre-Easter Party** with Carnival Games, the DJ Anna & PAW Patrol Dance Party, Stilt Walker, Face Painting, an appearance by the Easter Bunny & lots more

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 1 - 3pm – **Launch of Autism Friendly Towns with Neurodiversity Irishtown, Ringsend & Pearse Street for World Autism Awareness Day** at Ringsend Park - unveiling of Communication Board, 'Walk with Me' lap of park, Woolly Farm's Bunny Zone and lots of family entertainment.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 1 - 4pm – **Neurodiversity Sandymount Family Day for World Autism Awareness Day** at Monkstown Rugby Club, Park Avenue, Sandymount

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 2 - 4pm – **Lansdowne and District Residents' Association (LADRA) Easter Treasure Hunt** starting outside Ryan's Beggars Bush, 115 Haddington Road

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 3 - 6pm – **Conway Court Pre-Easter Party** at Unit 18, Trinity Enterprise Centre, Macken Street with the DJ Anna Dance Party, Balloon Modelling, Face Painting and more.

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.15pm – **Iris Charles Bridge Club Easter Special** with raffle at Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue (weekly).

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm – **CY Easter Bingo Bonanza** at the Catholic Men & Women's Society of Ireland, opposite Ringsend Library

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm – **History Talk** at Donnybrook Parish Centre for Donnybrook Active Retirement Association

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm – **Theatrical Double Bill ('Beezie' & 'A Galway Girl')** at St. Kevin's Community Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello. Organised in partnership with St. Kevin's Community Council.

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> of April at 7.30pm – **Men's Shed Social Evening**, Brady's Pub Terenure.

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April – **Easter Tricolour Rose Project** in partnership with various Residents Groups and DCC Sheltered Housing Liaison Officers.

4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April - **Charlemont Community Resource Centre Easter Programme** for young people, Charlemont Street Area.

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 11am – **Ringsend Community Services Forum & Spellman Centre Easter Party** at The Spellman Centre, 17 Irishtown Road.

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm - **Ringsend & Irishtown Easter Tea Dance** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre with live music from Pastimes and special guest appearances from Waffles the Wonderful & the Easter Bunny. Spot prizes and refreshments also on offer!

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm - **Charlemont Community Resource Centre Easter Party** with Waffles the Wonderful Magic Show, Balloon Modeller, Stilt Walker and guest appearance from the Easter Bunny at Charlemont Community Resource Centre, Charlemont Street.

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 9am – **Men's Sheds Day Trip** to Athlone for Viking Mike's Boat Trip to the lakes.

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April from 10 - 12pm – **Home from Home Drop-in Morning** at Sandymount Community Centre for over 65s, offering a warm cuppa, newspapers, cards and games as well as lots of chat (pilot project – weekly).

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm – **Songs from the Silver Screen with the Charming Soubrettes** vocal trio at Main Hall, St. Andrew's Resource Centre, 114 - 116 Pearse Street for St. Andrew's Senior Care.

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm - **Charlemont Community Resource Centre Nature Day** featuring the Bunny Zone Mobile Farm at Charlemont Community Resource Centre, Charlemont Street.

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April from 3 - 5pm – **Beech Hill Knitting Club** at Beech Hill Court Community Room, Beech Hill Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Donnybrook (weekly).

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm – **Theatrical Double Bill ('Beezie' & 'A Galway Girl')** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre, Thorncastle Street. Organised in partnership with R.I.C.C.

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April – **Boyne Street Community Care** with distribution of Care Packs & Easter Eggs to older and vulnerable residents by Boyne Street Residents' Association.

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April – **Fairview Avenue & Square Community Care** with distribution of Care Packs & Easter Eggs to older and vulnerable residents by Fairview Avenue & Square Residents.



Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April – **City Quay Easter Egg Hunt** at City Quay Area.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April – **Ringsend & Irishtown Tidy Towns and Environment Children's Easter Art Competition & Clean Up** in Ringsend and Irishtown.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> of April at 2.00pm – **Orwell Healthcare Easter Party**, Rathgar.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April from 2 - 4pm – **Leo Fitzgerald House Easter Party** with Woolly Farm's Bunny Zone, a guest appearance by the Easter Bunny and more, Hogan Place.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April from 2 - 4pm – **Markievicz House Easter Party** with Danspire Dance & Games Party, Carnival Games, a guest appearance by the Easter Bunny and more, Townsend Street.

8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April – **Hanover Reach Easter Egg Giveaway** to children at Hanover Reach Apts., Forbes Street, Grand Canal Dock.

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of April from 9am – **Men's Shed Trip to Athlone**, including Viking Tour.

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April – **P.A.R.C Easter Day Trip** to Lullymore Pet Farm in Kildare as part of Pearse Area Recreation Centre's two week Easter Camp.

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> of April at 7.30pm – **Rathgar Ladies Club, 'Beezie'** one-act play with Sheila Flitton (from the Banshees of Inisherrin).

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April from 10 - 2pm – **International & Inclusion Day** with Live Music, Carnival Games and lots of family fun at St. Andrew's Resource Centre, Pearse Street. Organised by Talk About Youth Project.

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm – **Historical Talk on Donnybrook** by Beatrice Doran at Donnybrook Parish Centre for Donnybrook Active Retirement Association.

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm – **'Rathmines: an Architectural and Social History'** talk by Arran Henderson at St. Kevin's Community Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello. Organised by Portobello Tidy Towns.

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm – **Sandymount Culture Programme Poetry Evening** at Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue.

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8pm – **The Importance of Being Oscar** performed by Michael Judd at St. Kevin's Community Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello. Organised in partnership with St. Kevin's Community Council.

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> of April at 2.00pm – **Evergreen Club Easter Tea Dance**, with Past Times Band and the Easter Bunny.

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 11 - 2pm – **Art for All Day** at Merrion Square; organised by Merrion Square Artists Association as part of their weekly Open-Air Art Gallery.

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> of April from 1.00pm to 6.00pm – **York Road and Avenue Street Party**, Terenure.

Please note that for various reasons, events can be subject to change.

## **Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Update**

### **2023 – Linking in with National Events & Initiatives**

The primary goal of DCSWP is to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in sport & physical activity regardless of age, gender or ability. In 2023 DCSWP continues to align the planning and delivery of programmes with national and international events. This strategic approach helps maximise promotion of the service, adds momentum to local programmes and initiatives and ultimately increases reach across communities in Dublin City.

### **Women in Sport**

DCSWP's Get All Girls Active (GAGA) initiative is dedicated to providing opportunities for women of all ages and abilities to become involved in sport and physical activity and to increasing the visibility / representation of Women in Sport. In 2022 Ellen Keane and Kellie Harrington were appointed as DCSWP ambassadors to promote and celebrate female sporting achievements. While female focussed programmes are delivered throughout the year, GAGA will take on a strategic focus in March by running in tandem with Women in Sport Week (7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March). DCSWP Sport and Co-funded Officers have commenced planning – in the South East Area officers will be working closely with Youth Services to deliver programmes that promote women in sport throughout the week.

### **Active Cities / Health Improvement**

Please see previous report. Schools across the city, including those in the South East Area, continue to be supported through the DCSWP Active Cities / HSE Playground Stencil Programme.

### **Schools Cross-Country**

The schools cross country citywide programme (age 8 - 12 years) has commenced and DCSWP is working closely with Parks & Landscape Services Section to facilitate the citywide main event in John Paul Park, Cabra on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Track and field training sessions to continue in schools in the South East Area in the lead up to the event.

All DCSWP highlight programmes will continue to be supported by social media channels and the DCSWP Virtual Hub. See below:

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub	<a href="http://www.dcswpshub.ie">www.dcswpshub.ie</a>
Email	sports@dublincity.ie
Twitter	@dcsportsrec
Facebook	DublinCitySportandWellbeing
Instagram	@dublincitysportandwellbeing

### **South East Area April Highlights**

#### **Forever Fit – Older Adults age 55+ years**

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	<b>Forever Fit – St. Andrew's/Pearse Street</b>
Description of programme activity:	Older Adults multi-sport programme
Partners:	St. Andrew's and Pearse St. Recreation Centre
Age group:	Age 60+ Years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Charles Centre, Sandymount every Wednesday from 2.30pm

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	<b>Forever Fit – Lorcan O’Toole, Crumlin</b>
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit
Partners:	Lorcan O’Toole centre Crumlin/Kimmage
Age group:	Age 55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Lorcan O’Toole centre every Wednesday from 11am.

<b>Name of Programme:</b>	<b>Forever Fit Harold’s Cross</b>
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit classes aimed improving mobility and balance for Older Adults
Age group:	Age 55 + years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Harold’s Cross Parish Centre every Monday from 11am

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	<b>Forever Fit Terenure</b>
Description of programme activity:	Older Adult Dance & Fitness programme aimed at improving mobility and improving fitness levels.
Age group:	Age 55+ Years (Mixed)
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Evergreen Centre, Terenure every Tuesday at 11am

#### **Thrive – Adults with mental health difficulties**

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Mindfulness Programme</b>
Description of programme activity:	Yoga programme aimed at adults with mental health difficulties.
Partners:	Clonskeagh Day Care Centre
Age group:	18 +years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/Time and Location:	Clonskeagh Day Care Centre every Thursday at 12.30pm

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Mindfulness &amp; Exercise Mental Health Programme</b>
Description of programme activity:	Yoga programme aimed at adults with mental health difficulties.
Partners:	Pearse St. Rehab Centre
Age group:	18 +years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/Time and Location:	Pearse St. Rehab Centre every Monday from 2pm.

#### **Health Improvement in the Community**

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>D6 Holistic Health</b>
Description of programme activity :	Holistic Mental Health & Exercise programme for people experiencing mental health difficulties (referral only)
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists

Age group:	Adults
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Swan Leisure Centre every Thursday from 12 noon.

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>D4 Tai Chi</b>
Description of programme activity :	Older Adult programme aimed at adults aged 55+ years experiencing mental health difficulties.
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing. In Irishtown & Ringsend Centre every Wednesday from 10.30am

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Men On The Move Terenure</b>
Description of programme activity :	Nutrition & Mental Health Workshops aimed at men age 55+ years
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Terenure every Tuesday from 7pm and the Evergreen Centre, Terenure every Thursday from 7pm

#### **Youth Fit – Young People at Risk Age 10 - 24 Years**

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Youth Fit Swimming</b>
Description of programme activity :	Swimming Programme
Partners:	South East Area Youth Services and DCSWP's Get Dublin Swimming Co-funded officer
Age group:	10-17years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in Markievicz Swimming Pool every Tuesday from 4pm

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Youth Fit Rugby</b>
Description of programme activity :	Secondary School Female Rugby Programme.
Age group:	13-17years
Gender:	Female
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in CBS, Westland Row every Wednesday from 3pm.

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Youth Fit Mid-Term Programmes</b>
Description of programme activity :	Mid-Term Outdoor Programmes
Age group:	10-17years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in CBS, Westland Row every Wednesday from 3-4pm

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Youth Fit Clay Youth</b>
Description of programme activity :	Multi-sport drop-in programmes in partnership with Clay Youth Services
Age group:	13-18 years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Throughout March. Details TBC

**Sport Inclusion & Integration (citywide inclusion & integration programmes include participants from the South East Area).**

#### **DCSWP South East Area Co-Funded Programmes:**

##### **Athletics in the Community**

Couch to 3 / 5k and walking programmes continue in the South East Area in partnership with co-funded Athletics Officers. Officers continue to engage with schools in the Daily Mile and Marathon Kids programmes.

##### **Boxing in the Community**

The South East Area Boxing Development Officer continues to deliver the Startbox programme in local schools and engaging with local clubs and groups in coaching / leadership and education programmes.

##### **Cricket in the Community**

- The DCSWP Cricket Development Officer continues to deliver and support citywide inclusive programmes and engage with local schools (St. Matthew's NS, Star of the Sea) in softball cricket sessions every Thursday from 11am.
- U 15 Team Training sessions continues every Friday from 3.30pm in Merrion Cricket Club (mixed).

##### **Football in the Community**

The Football Officer in the South East Area continues to deliver the following programmes;

- PDP1 UEFA Refugee Course every Wednesday and Saturday in Irishtown stadium (16+ years, mixed).
- PDP 1 Introductory Coaching Course every Wednesday and Saturday in Irishtown stadium (16 + years, mixed).
- PDP 1 Introductory Coaching Course every Thursday in CBS, Westland Row aimed at Transition year students (mixed).
- School sessions will take place in St. Christopher's National school every Friday and St. Matthew's NS every Tuesday over the next period.
- The Youth Mentoring project is aimed at teenagers age 15 - 18 years (mixed) and is a partnership project between DCC / DCSWP / Google and local South East Area clubs / groups. The programme will be delivered on an ongoing basis in 2023. Full details TBC.
- The Kick Start to Recovery Football programme supports people age 16+ years in the local area who are recovering from addiction. The programme is delivered every Wednesday in Irishtown on an ongoing basis.

### Rowing in the Community

The secondary school Get Going, Get Rowing indoor and on the water programmes continue in secondary schools including those in the South East area.

### Rugby in the Community

Tag rugby in-school sessions continue in the following South East area primary and secondary schools:

- Sandford Park (Mixed)
- Scoil Chaitriona (Mixed)
- The Teresians (Female)
- St. Conleth's (Mixed)
- St. Matthew's NS (Mixed)
- Star of the Sea (Male)
- Rugby Development programme continues in Marion College
- Coaching programmes aimed at Club Development

### Swimming in the Community

As previously reported, DCC / DCSWP appointed a co-funded Swimming Ireland Development Officer in 2022 to increase opportunities for everyone in our communities to get involved with swimming and enjoy the benefits of water based physical activities. Work around maximising the use of indoor and open water facilities continues along with plans to increase lifeguarding training.

### Training for 2023

- Safeguarding 1,2 & 3
- Health & Safety (administrative & DCC Sports & Fitness Centres)
- First Aid Training
- PHECC Training
- Disability & Inclusion in Sport training programmes delivered in partnership with CARA.

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### Karl Mitchell

Director of Services, Central and South East

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee

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**Naming and numbering proposal for a development at 11, 11A and 12 York Road,  
Ringsend, Dublin 4.**

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**Teach na Dothra / Dodder House**

A request has been received to name and number a development of residential units at 11, 11A and 12 York Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4.

The applicant proposes to name the development Teach na Dothra / Dodder House, York Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4. The rationale for the naming is as follows:

“The subject development site is in close proximity to the River Dodder.”

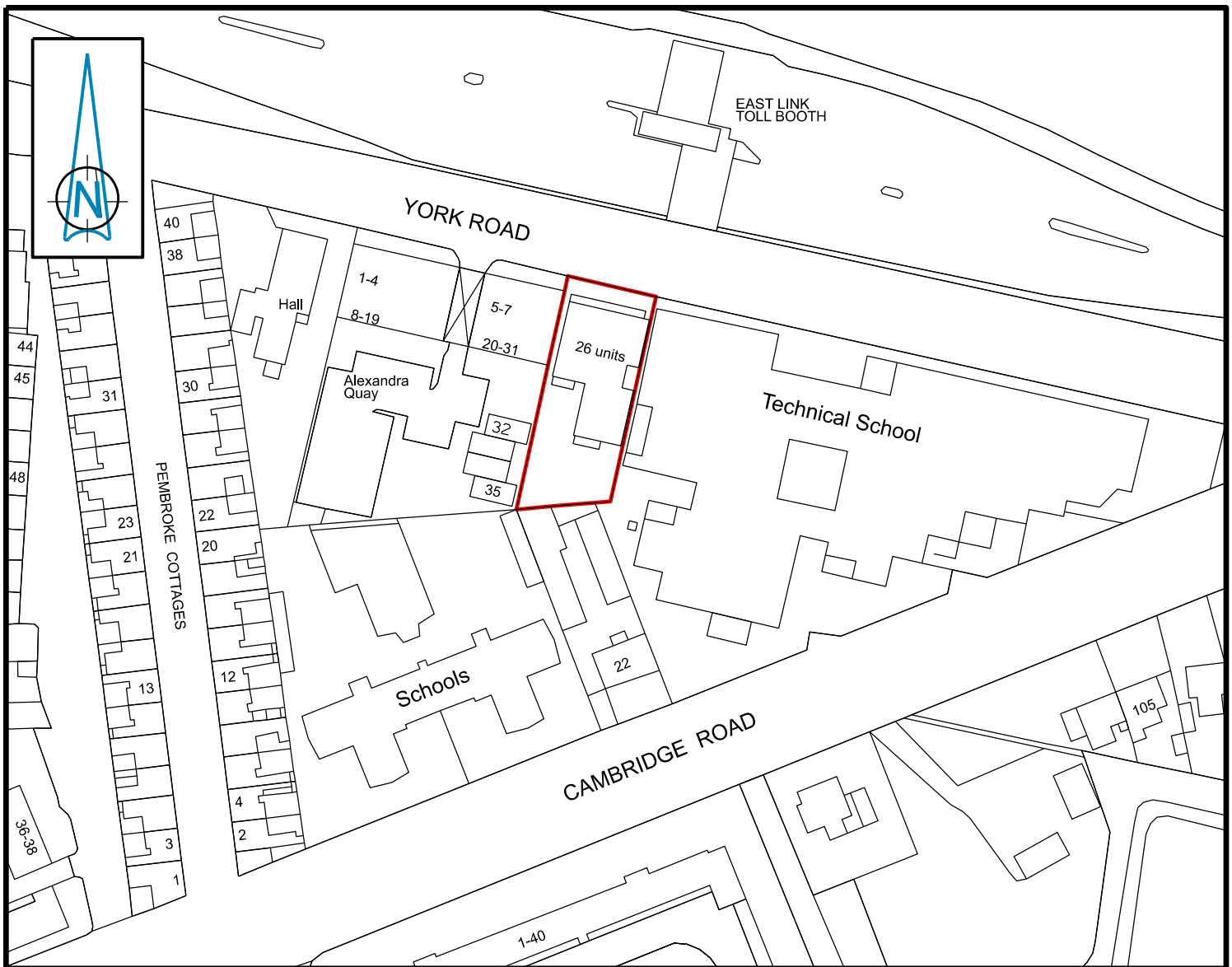
The Heritage Office considers the proposed name appropriate.

The numbering scheme proposed is Apartments 1 – 26.

The Acting Manager Land Surveying and Mapping has assigned the name Dodder House and numbers as shown above. The development is shown on map SM-2022-0605. .

Accordingly the naming and numbering scheme as shown above is recommended for approval.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Director of Services Central and South East Areas**



**DODDER HOUSE (26 Units)**  
 11, 11A and 12A York Road, Ringsend.  
 Map for naming and numbering purposes  
 Original Site Boundary shown thus

FLOOR	APARTMENT NUMBERS
Ground	G01 - G03 3 Units
First	101 - 104 4 Units
Second	201 - 204 4 Units
Third	301- 304 4 Units
Fourth	401 - 404 4 Units
Fifth	501 - 504 4 Units
Sixth	601 - 603 3 Units



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

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**Naming and numbering proposal for a development at Townsend Street / Hawkins Street, Dublin 2.**

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A request has been received to name and number a mixed-use development at Townsend Street / Hawkins Street, Dublin 2.

The applicant proposes the following names:

<b>Item being named</b>	<b>Irish version</b>	<b>English version</b>
Full development	Cearnóg an Choláiste	College Square
Street within the development	Bealach na hAmharclainne Ríoga	Theatre Royal Way
Commercial	Teach an Choláiste	College House
Commercial office	Teach na Cloiche Fada	Longstone House
Residential (nos. 1 – 58)	An tÁras Cónaithe	The Residence

The rationale for the naming is as follows:

The proposed name for the development, College Square, located in the heart of Dublin City Centre, draws its name from the association of “College” in this locality. The development will overlook College Street and Trinity College with “Square” referring to its prominent location and visibility from all four corners connecting Townsend Street, Poolbeg Street, Hawkins Street and Tara Street.

The proposed street name is Theatre Royal Way as an acknowledgement to the Theatre Royal that was previously located on the site.

Longstone House is the proposed name of the larger of the two commercial buildings - an acknowledgment to a standing stone called the “Steine” that was erected near the site over 800 years ago by The Vikings.

College House is the proposed name of the other commercial building - named after the development name and overlooking College Street.

The proposed name for the residential tower is “The Residence” to distinguish it from the commercial buildings.

The Heritage Office considers the proposed names appropriate.

The proposed numbering scheme is 1 – 58 The Residence.

The Acting Manager Land Surveying and Mapping has assigned the names and numbers as shown above. The development is shown on map SM-2023-0061.


Accordingly the naming and numbering scheme as shown above is recommended for approval.


**Karl Mitchell**


**Director of Services, Central and South East Areas**



# COLLEGE SQUARE (inc. Theatre Royal Way) Map for Naming and Numbering

Longstone House shown thus 

The Residence (Nos. 1 - 58) shown thus 

College House shown thus 



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**SM-2023-0061**

### **Motions 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

#### **Motion 1 from Councillors Kevin Donoghue, Danny Byrne, Mannix Flynn, Claire Byrne and Daniel Ceitinn (carried forward from March SEAC meeting)**

This area committee agrees that an oversight and consultative committee for the development of the Irish Glass Bottle site and Poolbeg West SDZ shall be established, as previously committed to.

The composition of the oversight and consultative committee should include:

1. An independent chairperson
2. Councillors from the SEIC
3. Local residents
4. Members of the IGB housing action group
5. Other appropriate members

as determined and finalised at a meeting of local area councillors and relevant management to be held within 3 weeks of the passage of this motion, with a view to establishing the committee within 6 weeks.

#### **Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

That in view of the elderly population in the area and the proximity to the nursing home that the Council would take urgent action to upgrade the footpaths along Merrion Road between the junction with Ailesbury Road and the Merrion Roman Catholic Church.

#### **Motion 3 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That the South East Area Committee of DCC calls on the BID company (We Are Dublin Town) to give right-offs and rate reductions to the many businesses in the BID district that suffered a downturn of trade during the pandemic and who are continuing to this day to be impacted financially and negatively in their business. Given the cost of energy prices staffing etc. and the increase in goods the customer demand is down as are business revenues. The Government have given initiatives and indeed certain cases subsidised certain business activities and services. Indeed DCC in many instances, are very empathetic and give considerations to reductions and right-offs taking into account each specific circumstance.

The BID levy is a double levy and a double rate on top of the DCC rate which means that businesses are unfairly impacted on by this BID levy. It not warrants a special consideration for reductions and right-offs who are members of the BID district and are forced to pay this levy.

This committee hereby calls upon the BID executive and board to work with struggling businesses with the view to rates reductions and indeed, where appropriate, right-offs.

#### **Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this South East Area Committee of DCC agrees to erect a plaque on the site of the former Focus Theatre at 6A Pembroke Place, Dublin. Deirdre O'Connell was to the forefront on innovative theatre practices in Dublin for decades. She formed the Focus Theatre in 1963 which went on to become one of the most successful theatre companies in Ireland, which led to the discovery of renowned actor / artists such as Tom Hickey, Gabriel Byrne, Johnny Murphy, First Lady Sabina Higgins to name but a few. She specialized in classical European theatre and also gave a very warm welcome to new Irish writing and emerging Irish acting talent.

The Focus Theatre was always a welcoming place and Deirdre was always present for those seeking a career in the arts and also to welcome her audiences. Deirdre was married to Luke

Kelly, the world renowned balladeer. Deirdre died in 2001 leaving behind one of the most extraordinary legacies of independent theatre in Ireland.

**Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

The lack of oversight requirement by Uisce Eireann regarding service to the consumer is causing serious distress for many families and individuals. This committee agrees that we receive a detailed report on the working agreement between Dublin City Council and Irish Water giving a clear line of individual institutional responsibilities. Also giving an outline of how the system will work when the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with local authorities terminates later this year.

Furthermore that this council agrees to contact the Minister for Local Government outlining the inadequate generic customer and Politicians representation structure to deal with emergencies and out of hours service. The establishment of Uisce Eireann only requires oversight by Finance and Climate Regulators. The lack of oversight of service to the consumer and the fact that the service operates outside the democratic system shows up a serious gap in accountability.

It would also help if this issue was raised by the County Managers' Association at their meeting with the Minister's Department.

**Motion 6 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests an update and timeline for the upgrade works and installation of columbarium walls at the Donnybrook Cemetery.

**Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Traffic Department helps in resolving the need for an all-day loading bay in Harold's Cross village. Specifically to facilitate the cargo bikes delivering and collecting from Washboard.

**Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Location of public seating is most valuable on routes that don't have any public transport; I have come across many older people who find this walk too long without seating for a rest.

Therefore it is agreed that the local area committee finds appropriate seating spaces along the canal on Grove Road half way between Harold's Cross Bridge and Portobello Bridge as well as on Canal Road between Portobello and Charlemont Bridges.

**Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to please install a signalised pedestrian crossing at the junction of Sean Moore Road and Bayview / R802 to improve accessibility and pedestrian safety.

**Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee condemns Irish Water's removal of trees on Strasbourg Terrace, Ringsend and calls on the Area Manager to outline whether Dublin City Council were aware of Irish Water's intention to remove the trees, and what plans are in place to replace the trees and can he provide a timeline for tree replacement.

**Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to please expedite works to solve the ongoing drainage issues on Bath Street.

**Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That DCC agrees to write to Minister for Local Government requesting the Government to revisit terms of reference and responsibilities of Uisce Eireann setting out their responsibilities to consumers. Currently their only oversight is to the Finance and Climate Change Regulators. Therefore it is agreed to ask that an oversight body which would include input from elected members and officials of local authorities be established. Also state clearer divisions of responsibilities with their service level agreement (SLA) bodies.

**Motion 13 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee agrees to write to Irish Water;

- requesting that the asbestos pipe discovered on Tritonville Road during the ongoing Irish Water works is replaced as part of the current body of work taking place;
- seeking commitments about a full resurfacing of the Tritonville Road following the completion of the works and that Irish Water; and
- insisting that Irish Water improve their direct communication and information flow with residents of Tritonville Road affected by the ongoing works.

**Motion 14 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee agrees to write a supportive letter, further to the efforts of the Parks Department, to the City of Dublin Education & Training Board (CDETb) reflecting the unanimous view of all elected members in the South East Area that the sports grounds located in Terenure be put to greater use in partnership with Dublin City Council to meet the significant needs of local clubs throughout the area.

**Motion 15 from Councillor Carolyn Moore**

This committee agrees that Parks Section will meet with councillors and local residents to agree a timeline and programme of works for reseedling of grass and enhancement of biodiversity in Eaton Square Park before the summer months. Last summer I was given an update that Parks Section had ordered 1,000 wild flower bulbs for the square for planting in the autumn, and also that the re-sowing of seed / relaying of turf following shockwave treatments would occur after the busy summer months had passed. Can Parks Section outline why these works did not take place and agree to a meeting to ensure these works are prioritised.

**Motion 16 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That the interim scheme of the Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Cycleway use an alternative material instead of the proposed wands for the route. During the interim phase of cycle routes in Dun Laoghaire materials were used for the route to blend into the rest of the environment. Plastic wands for interim routes are perceived as unsightly and sometimes generate negative sentiments for interim routes. Usage of better materials will encourage communities to support the route and also provide more safety for cyclists.

**Motion 17 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

Due to lack of parking for school teachers at Lios na nÓg, previously they had an arrangement with Health Services Executive (HSE) and then Beechwood Parish but unfortunately both have lapsed. Teachers who have to drive to school are being clamped and it is an extra cost and becoming unaffordable for them. I move that this council allows for Lios na nÓg and schools in residential zones be allowed a set number of residential disc parking a year so as to aide their recruitment and retention of teachers who cannot afford to live in the local vicinity and have no other mode of transport but to drive.

**Motion 18 from Councillor Claire O'Connor**

What are we going to do about Sandymount?

Sandymount village and especially Serpentine / Tritonville Road and Sydney Parade Avenue have had to deal with excessive traffic in the last few months. No traffic management plan is in place other than diverting traffic through these completely unsuitable roads.

The Dart line creates a particular boundary for Sandymount and in itself has led to extensive traffic queues at each crossing. The impact of traffic standing still waiting to move is unsafe as it creates rat running, Serpentine Avenue being particularly badly effected due to the extended closures on this junction. Drivers trying to beat the lights are regularly crashing here.

These roads are now being used by heavy vehicles, including 8 wheeler dump trucks and double decker buses because there is no control of access. Tritonville Road is now dealing with the impact of this. There has been at least 7 burst pipe events on the road since October with water flowing freely overnight.

Sandymount roads are unsafe to use for pedestrians, cyclists and residents. Traffic jams from Strand Road to St. Vincent's are now featuring on traffic reports in the morning. St. Vincent's is now becoming a rat run, as are other roads in the Ballsbridge area to allow access to Sandymount that eliminates Serpentine from journeys.

**Question to Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee**  
**Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

**Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager to contact Eir in relation to the current state of the phone box in Ringsend in Library Square. It is in a very poor state.

**Q.2 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager for an update on the old Bernard Shaw site.

**Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if it would be possible to install better lighting in Temple Bar Square and Fownes Street / Cope Street along with signage highlighting CCTV. Businesses in the area are reporting serious anti-social behaviour.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

The east side of the (Sandymount) Green is now very busy with Pete's re-opened, Borza's re-opened as Artybaker plus established Mario's, Butler's Pantry and Bujos all trading busily and some with outside tables. All great facilities but one drawback, there is no litter bin along that side of green. There used to be a belly bin at Borza's but for some daft reason it was removed about 15 months ago.

Could you please request DCC to reinstate this Belly bin and even better put a second one in as well?

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager when the actions promised in these replies of October 2021 will actually be carried out in full?

**"Question to the Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee**  
**Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to arrange for an audit of the footpaths on Annesley Park, Ranelagh and for all necessary repairs to be carried out as a matter of some urgency.

**Reply:**

The footpaths on Annesley Park have been inspected and defects identified have been recorded in our asset management system and will be attended to as soon as possible.

**Question to the Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee**  
**Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will have the painting of the lampposts on Annesley Park, Ranelagh included on the work programme for the coming year.

**Reply:**

We will examine the public lighting columns on Annesley Park and if the columns are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.



**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have the trees on Annesley Park, Ranelagh seriously pruned due to their current overhanging and in some cases dangerous conditions.

**Reply:**

There are No. 29 Malus trees on this road. Following the ground inspection, low branches that could potentially cause obstruction have not been identified and therefore no immediate attention is required. However, to preserve the natural form of the subject trees, crown reshaping will be undertaken as part of 2022 tree pruning programme."

**Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager give a full report with regards the removal of street furniture from outside of Hogan's premises and the Guileton restaurant on Fade Street on the 28<sup>th</sup> February? This report to include what efforts were made to liaise with the business before this furniture was removed. What were the reasons for the removal of the furniture? What discretion, if any, can the Street Furniture Section apply to struggling businesses? What protocols are in place with regards operating this enforcement in a much more amicable manner bearing in mind the stress and strain that businesses are facing while attempting to trade.

It is clearly acknowledge that DCC Street Furniture Section are charged with a very difficult task and perhaps it is time now to take a look at how this law is enforced now that the pandemic is over. This report also to include the payment of fines for the retrieval of furniture. This fines mechanism to retrieve furniture in this instance was to the tune of €900. This is a vast amount of money for a struggling business. A full comprehensive report on the full operations of the Street Furniture Section of the South East Area would be most welcome.

**Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager give a report as to what services, if any, DCC are supplying to the residents of the Staircase in Aungier Street? Also, can DCC state clearly the status of this building as to whether this building is being used by Direct Provision? Whether the building is being used to house Ukrainian refugees? Or whether the building is being used to house undocumented asylum seekers? Or whether the building is just being used as a bed and breakfast?

It is vitally important that clarity and clear information is supplied here in order not to give rise to any anti-refugee sentiment to any far right grouping. The residential and business community in this area has always been welcoming to many destitute individuals and are merely seeking a due process of information in these instances. It is the duty of the local authority and indeed central government to supply accurate and appropriate information, particularly now, regarding these matters. It is simple due process and inclusion, participation. And indeed, how can we engage in diversity and inclusion if we are not given appropriate information regarding those new communities who are coming to live with us. Withholding of information or the non-supplying of the information leads to disinformation and fear.

**Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager have planning enforcement visit the Ha'penny Bridge Bar with regards the unlawful construction of a super pub and a beer garden at the back? This

public house recently acquired the Camelian Restaurant which is adjacent to the Regent Barbers in Temple Bar. These set of buildings are highly listed and are rare within the Temple Bar area. Beer LED signs have been erected onto the facade of the building replacing the restaurant sign and there are clear signs of construction activity in this architecturally sensitive area. Further, the ground and the lands at the back of this premises are not in the ownership of the owner of the Camelian restaurant but would appear to the property by default of Temple Bar Cultural Trust formerly Temple Bar renewal, and therefore possibly lands owned by Dublin City Council.

DCC are reconstructing and renewing a whole new public square in this area formerly Temple Bar Square. The last thing this pedestrian area and public amenity area needs is another super pub dispensing alcohol. The area is saturated with public houses and is crying out for other amenities and offerings.

**Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full report as to how many CCTV cameras are operated by DCC along the stretch of the canal within Dublin's South East Area remit? This report also to include how many CCTV cameras have been installed by Waterways Ireland and are controlled and monitored by Waterways Ireland along this stretch of the canal which is part of their estate?

This report also to include - what security lighting, if any, is in operation along this stretch of water which is widely used by the public. Bearing in mind the levels of anti-social behaviour, serious criminal assaults along the canal stretches it is time that Waterways Ireland upgrade their CCTV cameras and their public safety remit.

**Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a full report as to how many benches and seats DCC have installed by way of public amenity within the South East Area. There is huge deficit of seats and benches for people to sit within the city. This has happened over the last number of years due to levels of anti-social behaviour where seats were removed or simply not installed. It has now become a serious issue in the city for many older persons and people with disabilities who find it very difficult to find a place to rest on our city streets. On top of that there is a diabolical issue of public lavatories which are nonexistent.

Can DCC give a full audit of all public benches, seats and public lavatories? These public lavatories to include those that are open 24 hours a day.

Further, can DCC roll out an initiative over the summer within the SEA to supply seating in the same way as they are supply temporary bike parking or cycling lanes. DCC cannot continue to pursue a detrimental policy of able bodyism.

**Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full report as to how DCC Waste Management and Litter sections are dealing with the scourge and rise in discarded e-cigarette canisters? These e-canisters are being discarded all over the streets. The product is being used by very young people including children of school going age. They are akin to alcopops in the way they are advertised having sweet fruity flavours and harmless when in actual fact they do cause harm both environmentally and recent scientific evidence suggest that they cause health issues by way of addiction and other ailments.

It is high time that DCC had a policy on this matter particularly in relation to the disposal of the canisters and indeed, their toxic content. The industry that supplies and

manufactures these must be held to account along similar lines as we hold the chewing gum industry to account.

**Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager give a full update on the premises that Dublin City Council handed over to the resource centre at Pearse Street some years back? This premises was known as the Space and was to be brought into usage as a youth facility. It would appear that this premises is not in use?

**Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager give a full report as to how many homes or premises used as homes or accommodation have been acquired and acquisitioned by DCC in the past five years in the South East Area? This report to include any monies or resources that were supplied to approved housing bodies or homeless services such as the Peter McVerry Trust or De Paul Ireland. This report to include all surveys of these buildings and homes and the amount of money that was paid for each premises and also the process that was used for such acquisitions.

**Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full report as to what protocols are in place by Dublin Regional Homeless Executive and any of the approved housing bodies and charitable organisations such as De Paul, Simon Community, Peter McVerry Trust, Drug Rehabilitation – Merchants Quay that are initiated and are used in the event of death of individuals who are using their services?

Those that are in emergency accommodation, homeless services accommodation and those that are using residential rehabilitation programmes that are financially supported by Dublin City Council. This report to include what protocols are used by way of contacting families of deceased individuals? What other statutory agencies are involved or contacted? And can Dublin City Council produce this protocol and guideline?

**Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for an action included response to the issues raised in the email submitted with this question in relation to Sean Moore Park:

“Over the weekend I took a walk around Sean Moore Park and around the Children’s Playground. I was shocked and horrified at the sight that I was presented with. Firstly, I thought that there were some posts missing from the lovely wicket fence, until I did a complete walk around the perimeter. Whole sections adjoining the two entry gates completely gone. At the main entrance, the metal gate does not close simply because it was hammered out of line and the catch mechanism no longer meets the gate post. About 37 vertical boards missing but more so on the beach-side of the playground. About 7 complete sections of the fence gone and no sighting of the removed posts are anywhere to be seen.

And then the graffiti, most of which is **high-end porn graffiti** – totally inappropriate in a children’s playground. To verify this, see attached photographs.

While I took some photos of the fence on Sunday evening (see attached), the Community Garda was also there on his bike and was observing and engaging with a gang of teenage boys (not sure if he was called to the playground) or merely policing in his normal course of duty.

This playground was our pride and joy and STTCA were so proud at getting this project started and finished. We were so grateful to Covanta for €227,000 and we worked so well with the Dublin Waste to Energy Liaison Office and all relevant officials in the Parks Department of Dublin City Council during the course of this project.

While the safety of the children who enter the playground is the responsibility of parents / minders etc., once inside the swing gates, the smaller children were safely enclosed. Not so anymore with all the huge gaps in the fence.

For a relatively new playground, and with such a large amount of money being spent on it, it is such a pity to see it in its current state. As with the nature of playgrounds, and particularly in the winter season, they are vacated by children by late afternoon, and can only assume that the vandalism and graffiti is done at a later hour by young adults, as evidenced by the graffiti content.

I am writing to you to firstly make you aware of the situation, and secondly if you are in a position to help with repairing the fence. For information purposes, I will be copying this mail to Irishtown Garda Station."

I would welcome a reply from your office at your earliest convenience.

**Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

He writes:

"The east side of Sandymount Green is now very busy with Pete's re-opened, Borza's re-opened as Artybaker plus established Mario's, Butler's Pantry and Bujos all trading busily and some with outside tables. All great facilities but one drawback, there is no litter bin along that side of the green. There used to be a belly bin at Borza's but for some daft reason it was removed about 15 months ago.

Could you please request DCC to reinstate this belly bin and even better put a second one in as well?"

**Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue at Lakelands school at the junction of Durham and Gilford Road, Sandymount.

Several years ago these pavements were dished to facilitate buggies, wheelchairs etc. Today the concrete was replaced but as you can see from the photo, it's no longer dished. Also the concrete is not covered with hessian or plastic to cure it for durable wearing surface as it's now raining on top of unprotected and still soft surface. To call this sloppy work is being kind. It's a waste of public money.



**Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue on Strand Road, Sandymount.

He writes:

Resulting from heavy machinery and trucks driving on and turning, the footpath on the left hand side of the road from Eland Lodge to Merrion Gates has been severely damaged and is in dangerous condition. The road surface likewise has suffered resulting in large pools of water accumulating after every shower.

If the necessary repairs are the responsibility of the pipe laying company I suggest that they be made aware of this before the completion of this section of work. If it is the responsibility of DCC I advise that it be repaired before the first accident and subsequent claim.

Today we are informed that the Merrion Gates will be closed in both directions for almost three weeks in April. This will no doubt add to the already chaotic traffic jams on Merrion Road. If sense prevailed the bus lanes in both directions from Trimbleston Avenue to Sandymount Avenue would be suspended until the gates are fully operational again. In turn this would allow a suspension of the No Right Turn from Merrion Road on to Ailesbury Road for traffic destined for the Toll Bridge via Strand Road without diverting through Tritonville Road or Sandymount.

**Q.19 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ask our Road Maintenance Section to replace the footpath outside 149 Windmill Road which is in a bad state of repair?

**Q.20 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager outline the road safety measures that are now planned following the recent on-site meeting held in the Crumlin Area with the Traffic Engineer?

**Q.21 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he could consider installing a cycle lane on Leinster Road to facilitate safe cycling to the local schools.

**Q.22 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager, given the recent policy decision to end the use of kissing gates in Dublin City Council parks, when will the kissing gate in Ringsend Park be removed?

**Q.23 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he could please examine the possibility of privatising the laneway (details supplied). The residents are keen to have an input in to the redesign of the laneway when the neighbouring development is completed and have some ideas and suggestions. Would the Area Manager meet with the local residents to discuss options and ideas?

**Q.24 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the issue of the following licenced vendor consistently parking on the footpath or in the cycle lane (details supplied)?

**Q.25 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager could he please consider installing some low level lighting on the Grand Canal between Baggot Street Bridge to Huband Bridge as means to improve safety and reduce anti-social behaviour along this stretch.

**Q.26 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate complaints by local residents about dust and hazardous material coming from the following development (details supplied)?

**Q.27 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager why the gates to Corrib Road Park have recently been padlocked open using chains and poles, where previously park users could close the gates behind them? The space is used by many local people to exercise their dogs safely off leash, which they can no longer do as the gates are permanently open.

**Q.28 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

Can Traffic Engineers assess the stretch of Upper Rathmines Road approaching and exiting the signalised crossing at Rathmines Close and continuing around the bend and past the shops? Speeding is an issue here and pedestrians are unable to cross the road safely at the shops due to the blind bend. Ideally a second signalised crossing would service the shops. Are there any other measures that could be taken to slow the traffic here and increase the safety of pedestrians?

**Q.29 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if lighting can be installed in the laneway running from William Pearse Park to St. Mary's Road / Crumlin Road, to increase safety for users and decrease dumping and anti-social behaviour?

**Q.30 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if the pavement outside the Bank of Ireland at 1 Rathfarnham Road can be dished to allow wheelchair users to cross at the junction of Rathfarnham Road and Terenure Road? While this is not an active signalised crossing (despite the best efforts of this committee) it is nonetheless a place where people cross, but while the island is dished, and the footpath outside Hidden Hearing is dished, there is no route off the pavement for wheelchair users for at least 100m, at which point there are no lights and no opportunity to cross. For the safety and accessibility of all footpath users, can this be rectified as a matter of urgency?

**Q.31 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager for an update on the social housing application of (details attached), the applicant has been on the housing list since 2008. The applicant wishes to be considered for the property at details attached as this property is available / becoming available.

**Q.32 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if a bin could be installed inside Sunshine Park on Corrib Road, Dublin 6W.

**Q.33 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if a review of traffic arrangements could be made for Greenmount Lane in Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W, as there have been a number of accidents in recent months plus the lane has become a magnet for rat-runs; if this review include an examination of the feasibility of new traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps, footpath widening or a one-way system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.34 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Area Manager if an update could be provided in relation to Question 41, from the 14 November 2022, on traffic calming measures for Kilfenora Road and Devenish Road.

**Q.35 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Area Manager, in relation to the number of trees which have been removed from Captains Road in Dublin 12 in recent years, if some trees will be re-planted at this location.

**Q.36 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to provide an update as to when work will commence on the new playground for St Vincent Street South Flats, Dublin 8.

**Q.37 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to arrange to have signs erected in South Lotts Park in line with the City Council's policy on off-lead times for dogs; and if he can arrange for the removal of vines which are creeping over the walls and towards adjacent properties.

**Q.38 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the removal of parking bays and provision of double yellow lines and a yellow box at Enable Ireland Sandymount school exit gate.

**Q.39 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to arrange for Mount Argus Park, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W to be weeded, and a general clean-up of the park be undertaken.

**Q.40 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to arrange for a bin located at Ross Road, Dublin 8, opposite the playground to be removed as the bin is continuously overflowing as a result of people using it to dump their household waste in?

**Q.41 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to provide an update as to when work will commence on the new playground for Leo Fitzgerald House, Hogan Place, Dublin 2.

**Q.42 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if the planned playground for Digges Street Flats, Dublin 8 will be placed in the garden, rather than on the football pitch, as residents don't want it in the centre of the complex; if residents have been engaged and consulted directly on the location of the playground; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.43 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

With regard to the removal and replanting of street trees, can the Manager outline how an individual or group of residents should go about getting an empty tree pit replanted?

- Can the Manager further state does the council actively keep a record of empty tree pits;
- what is the criteria that Parks use for replanting vs concreting an empty tree pit where a tree has been removed;
- and is there a replanting strategy in place to ensure that the maximum number of street trees are replanted vs concreting?

**Q.44 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

The Dublin City Development Plan 2022 to 2028 lists 21 areas for the preparation of proposed Local Environmental Improvement Plans. Can the Area Manager outline the decision-making criteria for moving ahead with the preparation of an LEIP and state what is the timeline for preparation of an LEIP for Crumlin-Kimmage and Terenure under the current Development Plan.

**Q.45 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the grass verges on Clonmacnoise Road be repaired and cut? After the paths were repaired many were uneven, without grass and in need of maintenance.

**Q.46 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the kerb and the wall capstone be repaired around Bangor Circle green - opposite 92 Clonmacnoise Road?

**Q.47 Councillor Pat Dunne**

What is the policy of residents and businesses removing street signage off their property without replacing them? Can the following locations be replaced and reviewed (details supplied).

**Q.48 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Given that part of the planning application by Better Value Unlimited Company for the re-development of Crumlin Shopping Centre includes mention of the provision of a library with flexible exhibition / community / arts space, can DCC engage with them in the context that DCC have advanced plans to develop a similar Library also on the Crumlin Road. Can we ensure that we make maximum use of both proposals to increase community facilities in the area? Can the Better Value proposal be in the form of a Civic Centre with meeting facilities etc.?

**Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he can write to Pest Control in the HSE to investigate rodent issues along Sandymount Strand and adjacent to the promenade on Sandymount Strand following reports of increased sightings of rats.

**Q.50 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if further to my email of the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, if a reply to the substantive issues can be furnished.

Resulting from heavy machinery and trucks driving on and turning, the footpath on the left hand side of the road from Eland Lodge to Merrion Gates has been severely damaged and is in dangerous condition. The road surface likewise has suffered resulting in large pools of water accumulating after every shower.

If the necessary repairs are the responsibility of the pipe-laying company I suggest that they be made aware of this before the completion of this section of work. If repair it is the responsibility of DCC I advise that it be repaired before the first accident and subsequent claim.

Today we are informed that the Merrion Gates will be closed in both directions for almost three weeks in April. This will no doubt add to the already chaotic traffic jams on Merrion Road. If sense prevailed the bus lanes in both directions from Trimbleston Avenue to Sandymount Avenue would be suspended until the gates are fully operational again. In turn this would allow a suspension of the "No Right Turn" from Merrion Road on to Ailesbury Road for traffic destined for the toll bridge via Strand Road without diverting through Tritonville Road or Sandymount.

**Q.51 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if the road surfacing of Morehampton Terrace can be formally inspected with a view to adding this small road for refurbishment and resurfacing works; if the corner of Morehampton Terrace as indicated in the photograph below where double yellow lines are located could be examined for possible solutions to



further disincentivise illegal parking on this spot, including but not limiting to the placement of planter at this spot which the residents would be happy to support.



**Q.52 Councillor Hazel Chu**

Can the Manager provide a timeframe for resurfacing of Wellington Road?

**Q.53 Councillor Hazel Chu**

Can the Manager put the footpaths on Ranelagh Road beside Mountpleasant Square on an urgent repairs list? I know the footpaths would be looked at during the construction of the proposed cycle route, but this section is heavily used route for schools and community and currently it is an immediate hazard.

**Q.54 Councillor Hazel Chu**

Can the Manager provide an update of the previously proposed traffic count for Tritonville and surrounding roads since the water works have been in place?

**Q.55 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can our Traffic Section look at the junction on Monasterboice Road at the entrance to the cul de sac with a view to stopping the practice of the parking of big commercial vehicles there? Can a cul de sac sign be erected and some yield road markings?

**Q.56 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager if, further to Question 59 on the last area meeting, if we will be supplied with terms of reference.

**Q.57 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Committee meeting if an update can be supplied in respect of the below question.

**“Question to the Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee  
Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Q.80 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he will consider the issues raised in the emails below and attached images (details supplied).

**Reply:**

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7025406) is referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

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