



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 17 JULY 2023**

- 1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee Meeting dated 19th June, 2023.**  
Order: Agreed. Proposed by Cllr. MacDonncha & seconded by Cllr. Brabazon.
- 2 **Questions to the Area Managers** **5 - 117**  
Order: Agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Heney.
- 3 **Election of the North Central Area Chair & Vice Chairperson**  
Order: Cllr. Heney proposed Cllr. Barron for chairperson of the NCAC. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilliland and unopposed. Cllr. Barron was duly elected. Cllr. Cooney nominated Cllr. Butler as vice chair. This was seconded by Cllr. Heney. Cllr. Butler was duly elected as vice chair.
- 4 **Environment & Transportation Matters**
  - a **Minutes of the TAG meeting dated 27th June. 2023.**  
Order: Noted.
  - b **Gully report for noting**  
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Area Matters**
  - a **Extinguishments - Proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a laneway located at 3 - 69 Annadale Drive, Marino, Dublin 3. (Carried forward from the June meeting)**  
Order: Agreed. Conditional on full access and keys being given to all residents of Griffith Court & Annadale Drive that abut the laneway (both current and future).
  - b **Leases & Licences- Proposed Licence for a Plot of Ground to Rear of 647A Howth Road, Dublin 5.**  
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- c **Disposals - Proposed disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Lands at Baltray Howth Co Dublin**  
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- d **Dog Management Plan - proposals for St. Anne's Park**  
Order: Agreed.
- e **Collection of green waste clippings**  
Order: Noted.
- f **Arts Officers Report**  
Order: Noted.
- g **Sports & wellbeing report for noting**  
Order: Noted.
- h **Area Managers Reports**  
Order: Noted.
- i **Housing Supply Report for noting**  
Order: Noted.

## 6 **Motions**

### a **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

That this North Central area committee requests that the manager agrees to partner up with the owners of newly opened Base Wood Fired Pizza shop in Killester and arrange the installation of a Pizza Box Bin in Killester, (similar to that which was done via the DLR Beta Project and in Fingal), in order to prevent the littering of the local area/filling up of litter bins with pizza boxes.

#### **Reply**

Waste Management Services will engage with DLR Beta regarding project, outcome, optimum locations, learnings and if future expansion is planned to this pilot.

Initial DCC engineer review suggests reservations that a solar compactor bin or other public bins that fit on most foot paths in front of takeaways can hold a big enough quantity of pizza boxes to warrant their cost. Cardboard and pizza boxes are designed to have a certain rigidity and only few will make up a considerable volume when folded into a box and not flat packed.

Waste Management Services litter infrastructure is funded internally and not commercially and would be conscious of competitive influence in the many pizza restaurants in the city.

Under the Bye-Laws outlets have the responsibility to provide their own bin and to clean and remove litter around their premises. The option mentioned could be adopted by the industry within that remit.

**Contact:** Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services  
**Email:** [richard.whelan@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.whelan@dublincity.ie)

Order: Agreed. Motion to be sent to DCC Beta.

**b Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

That this North Central area committee requests that we and the active transport office write to the NTA to support funding measures to prevent more motor traffic entering Richmond Road from the Drumcondra road as part of the Swords bus connects route, that works takes place including, filtered permeability, greening planting, active transport route with residents participating in a liveable neighbourhood plan for Richmond road”

**Reply**

As per all the schemes, once a decision has been announced by An Bord Pleanála and pending on the details of that decision, the NTA and Dublin City Council will work closely in monitoring the surrounding areas and develop the necessary plans.

**Contact.** Niall Bolger Acting Senior Exec ITS Officer  
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Richmond Road is indicated as a secondary routes in the 2021 GDA Cycle Network Plan. However, Richmond Road does not form part of the core Dublin City Active Travel Network that has been prioritised for delivery over the next eight years.

The Active Travel Programme Office is currently very constrained with regards to staff resources. It does not have the capacity to design and implement additional schemes outside of the prioritised network. On this basis, it is not considered appropriate to request additional funding for works on Richmond Road.

There are currently 310km of walking & cycling routes included on the Active Travel Network. The Active Travel Programme Office has been tasked with delivering 210km of this network. Our multi-disciplinary teams are actively working on developing designs and implementing over thirty schemes.

Further works will be considered for inclusion in the review of the Dublin City Active Travel Network which is expected to be undertaken in two to three years. Inclusion of additional roads and streets is dependent on substantial progress of the current network of 310km.

In the meantime, The Active Travel Programme Office will work with other departments as required but is not in a position to take a lead role in addressing the matters raised.

**Contact:** Christopher K Manzira, Deputy Director for the Active Travel Programme

**Email:** [ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie](mailto:ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie)

**Order:** Agreed. Seconded by Cllr.O'Muirí

**Chairperson**  
**Monday 17 July 2023**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Alison Gilliland  
Karl Stanley  
Donna Cooney  
Tom Brabazon  
John Lyons  
Damian O'Farrell

**Members:**

Dearbhail Butler  
Daryl Barron  
Terence Flanagan  
Deirdre Heney  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Declan Flanagan

**Members:**

Patricia Roe  
Racheal Batten  
Jane Horgan-Jones  
Naoise Ó Muirí  
Larry O'Toole

**Officers**

Derek Kelly, Mick Kelly, Derek Farrell, Fiona Moore, Catherine Cahill, Fergus O'Carroll, Jeremiah Moore, Fionnuala Collins, Gerry McEntagart, Catalin Rosca, Patrick Smith, Gillian Corcoran, Cathy Cassidy, Chris Manzira, Maggie O'Donnell, Niamh Reilly, Lynda Drysdale, Barry Woods, Ray Yeates.

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**Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager can he look at the tree stump outside **(details supplied)** and see can it be removed as it is a hazard.”

**Reply**

Parks services have a record of this tree stump outside 55 **(details supplied)**. Our general policy to leave stumps 1m in height to avoid being a trip hazard or been hit by drivers while parking. Stumps are removed when they have degraded enough to allow for their safe removal without damaging surrounding infrastructure. This process can take a number of years. This stump will be examined in the coming weeks to determine if it is ready for removal ahead of tree orders for upcoming winter planting programme in the area.

**Contact: Stephen Groome, Exec Parks and Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.**  
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**Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange a proper cut of the grass area across from Beaumont Grove as it is very poor and there is concerns of rodents.”

**Reply**

The area is maintained by contract and the issue was raised with the contract manager who has advised that access to the open space was blocked for a good number of weeks by a skip. It is understood that this has now been removed and routine maintenance has re-commenced.

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Tel: 222 6625**  
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**Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to look at the field behind Shantalla park and establish if it can be utilised better, and that there be some colour by way of flowers etc.”

**Reply**

An officer from the Community and Social Development would be happy to meet with Parks Department and residents to discuss better use of the open green space near Shantalla Park.

**Contact:** Niamh Reilly, Area Community & Social Development Officer  
Artane / Whitehall LEA  
**Tel:** 222 8841  
**Email:** [niamhp.reilly@dublincity.ie](mailto:niamhp.reilly@dublincity.ie)

The spring bulb planting and wildflower seeding programmes are focussed on high traffic and prominent locations rather than such residential open spaces. The Parks Service is happy to provide supports to residents groups who wish to carry out such improvements to their local opens spaces if contact is made on [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie) a conversation can be initiated.

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**Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange to cut the grass verges along Collins Avenue between Swords Road and Ballymun Road, large portions are not outside private houses and looks disgraceful.”

**Reply**

The sections of large verges along Collins Ave. which are not directly outside homes are on contract and are routinely maintained. A short section near the entrance to Albert College estate had been missed on original mapping but has now been incorporated and will be included in routine maintenance going forward. It is understood all the verges under contract here have been recently cut.

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**Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on putting the Beaumont Drive In on the vacant building list and confirm if fees have been applied.”

**Reply**

This site is not on the Vacant Sites Register and therefore has not accrued any vacant sites levies. However, it was identified as a site that met the criteria under the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) which was introduced in the Finance Act 2021.

The purpose of this new tax is to activate land for residential purposes and will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy. The RZLT is an annual tax, calculated at a rate of 3% of the market value of land and will be collected by the Revenue Commissioners. Lands that are determined to be in scope will be liable for this tax measure in February 2024.

Dublin City Council has determined to include this site on the final RZLT map on the basis that it constitutes land satisfying the relevant criteria as set out in the Act.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, Local Authorities will publish final maps which reflect outcomes of submissions and appeals and any zoning or servicing changes which have taken land out of scope or brought land within the scope of the tax. The final map will form the basis for the administration of the tax measure by the Revenue Commissioners.

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**Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the Area Manager to install some additional litter bins in St. Anne’s Park – with the good weather the litter problem seems to be worse lately. Can litter wardens also please have an additional presence in the area and additional signage be installed to remind people of their responsibilities”

**Reply**

The Litter Wardens based in the North Central Area patrol St Annes Park on a regular basis. They will deal with any litter offences they observe under the Litter Pollution Acts, 1997.

**Contact:** Stephen Kavanagh  
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There are 49 bins in St. Anne’s Park which are regularly serviced during Park opening hours including weekends. It is impossible to be more than a few meters from a bin in the main high traffic areas of the park. The volumes of waste collected in the Park through these bins is staggering but indicates that the vast majority of Park visitors dispose of their waste appropriately. However it continues to disappoint that certain patrons will not use one of the dozens of conveniently located bins in the park.

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**Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the Area Manager to liaise with Iarnród Éireann and ask them to improve their cleaning schedule in Harmonstown DART station which is frequently littered”

**Reply**

Iarnród Éireann's cleaning contractor attends to Harmonstown Station on a daily basis, to maintain high standards of cleanliness at the station. We will liaise with our contractor to ensure standards are maintained.

We do understand that there are litter issues with the laneway adjacent to the station, connecting Ennafort Road with Brookwood Rise / Harmonstown Road. However, this laneway is not Iarnród Éireann property, and is in the charge of the city council.

**Contact:** Barry Kenny, Corporate Communications Manager, Iarnród Éireann  
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**Email:** [barry.kenny@irishrail.ie](mailto:barry.kenny@irishrail.ie)

Waste Management Services clean the laneway adjacent to the Harmonstown Dart station on a regular basis to cater for any litter emanating from the Dart commuters there.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services  
**Tel:** 2224240  
**Email:** [waste.management@dublincity.ie](mailto:waste.management@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the Area Manager to consider additional signage on All Saints Road at the entrance into the Park opposite the All Saints Park – this is a crossing point for children attending Ogra GAA and cars frequently drive very fast posing a risk to those children – Children Crossing sign or similar”

**Reply**

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7026549) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

**Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.**  
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**Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the Area Manager to consider additional measures to stop illegal parking on Harmonstown Road – people continuously park on the path here. Can signage asking people not to park on the paths and/or double yellow lines be installed”

**Reply**

It is not recommended to install parking restrictions, such as providing double yellow lines where restrictions are already covered under the law.

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2); a vehicle shall not be parked:

( i ) on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;

Any instances of illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services (Tel no. 01 602-2500) or email [info@dsps](mailto:info@dsps), for enforcement under the Regulations.

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**Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the Area Manager if Dublin City Council received any income from the recent concerts in St. Anne’s Park.”

**Reply**

The agreement with the promoter is that there is a guaranteed income component of €150,000 for the series of concerts in St. Anne’s for which an invoice has been raised. There is also a per ticket component to the income accruing to DCC which will require verification of ticket sales and it is expected that this will be tallied and an invoice raised in the coming weeks.

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**Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the housing file of **(details supplied)** who is at risk of becoming homeless very soon.”

**Reply**

The applicant is currently on the housing waiting list in Band 2 (overcrowding) for one bedroom accommodation with the following position:

- 26 for one bedroom accommodation in Area B (Artane, Priorswood, Coolock, Donnycarney, Killester, Raheny, Darndale, Kilmore, Beaumont, Donaghmede, Edenmore, Marino, Clontarf, Kilbarrack)

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. The applicant informed housing allocations in January 2023 that they were interested in bedsit accommodation which has been noted, having previously refused the offer of bedsit accommodation.

**Contact:** Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers  
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**Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the housing file of **(details supplied)** who is at risk of becoming homeless, has three young boys and is currently due a fourth child in September”

**Reply**

The applicant is currently on the housing waiting list in Band 2 (overcrowding) for three bedroom accommodation with the following position:

- 118 for three bedroom accommodation in Area B (Artane, Priorswood, Coolock, Donnycarney, Killester, Raheny, Darndale, Kilmore, Beaumont, Donaghmede, Edenmore, Marino, Clontarf, Kilbarrack)
- 56 for three bedroom accommodation in Area H (Ballybough, North Strand, Summerhill, Sheriff St.)
- 40 for three bedroom accommodation in Area P (Church St, Ormond Quay, North King St, O’Devaney Gardens, Chancery St)

The applicant received a notice to quit which was deemed invalid by Threshold. They have been referred back to their landlord to request a revised NTQ bearing the correct termination period. Once this has been received and validated, the Family Support Team can begin the process of assessment for the Homeless HAP payment. They should also check all 3 bed properties in Areas B, H, and P advertised through Choice Based Lettings.

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**Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the housing file of **(details supplied)** and the likelihood of a transfer due to the ongoing anti-social behaviour on the road.”

**Reply**

The applicant is currently on the housing waiting list in Band 2 (overcrowding) for two bedroom accommodation with the following position:

- 149 for two bedroom accommodation in Area B (Artane, Priorswood, Coolock, Donnycarney, Killester, Raheny, Darndale, Kilmore, Beaumont, Donaghmede, Edenmore, Marino, Clontarf, Kilbarrack)
- 60 for two bedroom accommodation in Area D (Ballymun, Poppintree, Santry)
- 81 for two bedroom accommodation in Area H (Ballybough, Phibsborough, Dorset St, Dominick St, East Wall, North Strand, Summerhill, Sheriff St)

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List 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. All Anti-Social Behaviour should be reported to the Project Estate Officer in the Local Area Office.

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**Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the Area Manager if he will meet with a group of residents in the Clonshaugh area to discuss some of the community's proposals to enhance the public realm and improve the area.”

**Reply**

The public domain section would be happy to meet with the residents in the Clonshaugh area. If Councillor Lyons can forward their contact details or alternatively the residents may contact Joanne O’Sullivan or Richard Cleary directly.

**Contact:** Richard Cleary/Joanne O’Sullivan  
**Tel:** 222 8866/8541  
**Email:** [Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie](mailto:Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie) or [joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie](mailto:joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie)

The area office will arrange to meet this group of residents in the coming weeks. Could the Councillor pass on the contact details for the group to Niamh Reilly and she will arrange to meet up with them.

**Contact:** Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager Artane/Whitehall LEA  
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**Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the Area Manager for an upgrade of the playground facility in Priorswood Park and a provisional timeline and completion date.”

**Reply**

While it is not expected to fix the playground upgrade programme for the next few years until budget estimates time later this autumn and the results of the annual safety inspections are known, Belcamp/Priorswood Park is provisionally listed for a major upgrade in 2025.

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
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**Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the Area Manager for the supply of new dog poo bins and regular bins for the Clonshaugh area.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services are satisfied that there is a sufficient number of litter bins in the Clonshaugh area at this time. It should be noted that we no longer provide dog foul specific bins. If the councillor has any specific locations in mind, they are considered on their individual merits.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services  
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**Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the Area Manager for information regarding the protocols in place that the council activates in cases where families have to temporarily leave their homes due to fire or other damage.”

**Reply**

In the immediate aftermath were DCC Tenants who have been displaced by fire/damage, the Area Housing Manger will locate alternative (like for like) accommodation until such time as housing maintenance carries out repairs. In emergency cases where no void property is available to temporarily allocate DCC have a dedicated staff member to liaise with the family and facilitate a placement through homeless services until such time a temporary allocation can be offered or maintenance works are complete in the tenancy.

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**Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the following road markings to be remarked (details supplied)”

**Reply**

All the road marking on the list have now been completed.

**Contact: Anthony Dalton, Assistant Traffic Officer.**  
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**Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the extension of the Double Yellow Lines at **(details supplied)**”

**Reply**

Transport Advisory Group recommended the extension of Double Yellow Lines at the acute bend near **(details supplied)**.

This measure will be implemented subject to the completion of the necessary statutory consultation process with the Gardaí. This process normally takes at a minimum a number of weeks before the road marking team are in a position to provide the extension of the Double Yellow Lines.

**Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.**  
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**Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the analysis of green spaces in **(details supplied)** area that would be suitable for a new all-weather football pitch?”

**Reply**

There are only a small number of open spaces within Kilmore West that could accommodate a full scale facility and each has significant challenges. These are located at Oscar Traynor Road, Kilmore Drive and Dundaniel Road. The Scott Cawley data of 2017 for Kilmore has identified both the Oscar Traynor Football Pitches and Kilmore Drive open space as sites of high significance for Brent geese, a protected species, and Dundaniel Road open space is also marked as a feeding site. As well as Part 8 planning permission, a project of this type will also require an Appropriate Assessment Screening done by a qualified ecologist in relation to the Geese and any other protected species. Up to date survey data will be required as part of this screening process ideally gathered over two seasons.

The Oscar Traynor Road site as well as being an important feeding site for Geese is located on the Santry River where bats and otter holts have also previously been recorded which are further protected species that will have to be considered as part of the Appropriate Assessment Screening of any proposals here. Surveys will be required to identify any bat roosts in the vicinity of the proposals. The smaller of the 2 open spaces is not wide enough to accommodate a full sized facility. The footprint of a full sized facility on the larger space would represent approximately 14% of the entire open space. However the percentage loss to the geese as feeding area could be significantly higher as geese will not feed across the whole site as they avoid treelines and any other barriers that might prevent a clear view of approaching predators and would not feed in proximity to a new all-weather facility. Ultimately it may not be possible to mitigate the potential impacts on the protected wildlife species from such a development at this sensitive riparian location.

The footprint of a full sized facility on the open space at Kilmore Drive, also identified as an important feeding site for Brent Geese would represent just over 30% of the entire open space however depending on how this is sited within the open space the impacts on the geese could be even more significant and could render the site unattractive as a feeding site. The site is located within a residential estate and a development of this nature will represent a significant change of use of the residential open space introducing night time activity, lighting, noise, traffic and parking.

The open space at Dundaniel Road while just large enough for a full sized facility also presents a number of challenges aside from the geese. At just under 50% of the available space with little screening on site such a facility would be highly visually intrusive. While the length of this open space at 200m approx. is more than adequate to accommodate a full-sized facility the width is more problematic. The recommended width of a full-sized all-weather facility is 70m (64m playing surface and 2 X 3m run-off). The open space is 88m wide which will place the fencing and floodlighting less than 10m from the edges of the open space and less than 35m from the front of the properties at Castletimon Green. This is significantly closer to housing than any similar facility in the area. With no screening between the lighting and the housing this development would have a significantly impact on the residential



amenity of these homes. This is a very busy commuter route and the nearest dedicated pedestrian crossing is over 300m away at the junction with the Oscar Traynor Road. Parking is also a significant factor here. It is a source of ongoing frustration locally at the levels of day time parking in the area generated by Beaumont Hospital.

DCC is continuing to explore other options to ensure access to all-weather training facilities for the winter months for local clubs. A meeting is being sought with the dioceses to further pursue the upgrading of existing facilities in a local school to which a local club has access. Also there are two nearby existing facilities managed by others and which have been used by local clubs during the winter months. DCC will engage with the management of these facilities to explore how this arrangement might continue. The feasibility of upgrading smaller existing facilities locally is also being looked at. While this would not deliver a full-sized facility the winter training needs of many local teams and small sided games could be met this way.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
**Tel:** 222 6625  
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**Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an examination during heavy rain of the dip in the kerbing at the pedestrian crossing near the roundabout on **(details supplied)** and of the footpath dishing near the gully opposite **(details supplied)** as well as the lack of drainage on the roundabout itself on the first left turn. All these areas are shown in the photos and hold water/ flood making crossing difficult/wet for pedestrians

**Reply**

There is no gully at the pedestrian crossing. The gully at the roundabout was cleared and jetted and is now in good working order.

During investigations the manhole at the address above was found to be full and details were forwarded to *Drainage Services Division* on 09/07/2023 for their attention. There is no evidence this was a contributing factor in road ponding.

**Contact:** Marina Hennelly, Senior Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division

**Tel:** 222 2403

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An inspection will be conducted to assess surface water drainage in the locations mentioned above. If ponding is occurring a job number will be created. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which Road Maintenance are working through.

**Contact:** Aaron Bellew, Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services North Central Area

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**Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

“To ask the Area Manager what is the procedure for local residents in need of housing to put their names forward for affordable units in the **(details supplied)**”

**Reply**

The Oscar Traynor Road Development is currently under appeal with An Bord Pleanála. A decision is due on or around 11<sup>th</sup> July next. It has been confirmed today (12<sup>th</sup> July) that a decision is imminent. In the event that planning is granted an eight-week period follows during which legal challenges can arise.

Assuming a grant in mid-July, the Developer can only proceed with tender and mobilisation after 5<sup>th</sup> September. A commencement on site is expected no later than December.

The earliest delivery will be end 2024 and phased delivery thereafter to end 2027. Under the Affordable Housing Act 2021, local authorities need to publicly advertise when an Affordable Housing Scheme becomes available. This information will be published in at least one newspaper circulating in the local authority's administrative area and on its website.

In order to advertise any of the LAAPs, we must have an approved Scheme of Priority in place. DCC is in the process of getting this approval which will be published on her website.

**Contact:**       **Martin Donlon, Senior Architect**  
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**Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a full update on the development on the Church Car Park in Whitehall and this is to include a time scale of design and planning.”

**Reply**

Cluid Housing are still committed to delivering social housing for older persons at this site, and have been working with their architects and technical teams on a revised design, as the technical assessments are not yet complete there is no updated programme available at this time.

**Contact:** Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer  
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**Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on applications from tenant in situ in the North Central Area, including times on acquisitions. Can the Manger also provide the information pack that is given to tenants and landlords when they start the application?”

**Reply**

Status of TIS acquisitions in the North Central Area 2023

Not Proceeding	23
Valuers Stage	15
Legal Stage	31
Building Inspector	13
Tenant checks	18
Initial Contact	4
Closed	2

Tenant in Situ acquisitions **proposed** in the North Central Area = **104**

It is taking approximately eight to twelve weeks to complete conveyancing across all acquisitions both tenant in situ and general acquisitions.

The following is the general communication sent to TIS applicants via the [acquisitions@dublincity.ie](mailto:acquisitions@dublincity.ie) email address.

- *Tenants must be in receipt of a valid Notice of Termination.*
- *Tenants must meet the criteria under the Tenant in Situ Policy i.e. Be in receipt of HAP/RAS, the property must suit their needs (bedroom size).*
- *Tenant checks are carried out by the Allocations Section and may take 2-3 weeks to complete.*
- *Once the checks have been approved we will then inspect/view the property and if it is deemed suitable for purchase we will then carry out a valuation.*
- *Dublin City Council offer market value for properties.*
- *If you would like to proceed we will need the tenants name/number and a copy of the Notice to Quit.*

**Contact:** Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer  
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**Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update in relation to the legal outsources providers KPI on property acquisitions and are they in line with the required targets set out in the services level agreement.”

**Reply**

There is no specific time frame for completing a conveyancing transaction. Each conveyancing transaction will be unique and will range from being relatively complex to being a reasonably straightforward transaction. There are many variables for each transaction including title matters, individual circumstances of vendors etc. Legal transactions that are outsourced are subject to DCC service level requirements such as monthly reporting, timely response to telephone calls and emails and management meetings. Additionally solicitors firms are subject to Law Society regulations, practices and procedures around conducting conveyancing transactions. If there are issues with particular transactions you might let me know. If Councillor Batten wishes to contact me directly she may do so. The law department are happy with the service being provided if there are specific problems arising please contact myself or Mairead Cashman.

**Contact:** Yvonne Kelly, Law Agent  
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**Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to the voids in the North Central Area that are lower than other areas, noting the North Central Area is the largest area in the council, this is concerning. Can an outline be given on why the numbers are so low?”

**Reply**

Void properties come about as a result of tenancies ending, the number of properties which become vacant in any given Area will vary based on the number of transfers or death of tenants. All voids units within North Central Area are currently at either one of the 3 stages within the voids process. 1 Awaiting Vacant possession 2. With Contractors 3. With Direct Labour once refurbished all units are given to Allocations for re-letting. Below is a breakdown and comparison of voids units under refurbishment and completed units for 2022 and 2023.

**Current Refurbishment of Voids underway**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>North Central</b>	<b>North West</b>	<b>South Central</b>	<b>South East</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Awaiting Vacant possession</b>	36	12	10	48	24	130
<b>With Contractors</b>	64	41	78	61	23	267
<b>With Direct Labour</b>	23	8	25	23	23	102
<b>Total</b>	123	61	113	204	111	<b>499</b>

**Vacant (Void) Property Refurbishments completed in 2023 to date**

<b>Totals by Area</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>North Central</b>	<b>North West</b>	<b>South Central</b>	<b>South East</b>	<b>Total</b>
House	13	34	47	34	4	132
Apartment	60	11	9	29	52	161
Senior Citizens	19	31	27	27	30	134
<b>Total</b>	92	76	83	90	86	<b>427</b>

**Vacant (Void) Property Refurbishments completed in 2022**

<b>Totals by Area</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>North Central</b>	<b>North West</b>	<b>South Central</b>	<b>South East</b>	<b>Total</b>
House	27	47	62	63	11	210
Apartment	93	22	50	89	64	318
Senior Citizens	36	66	55	46	41	244
<b>Total</b>	156	135	167	198	116	<b>772</b>

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**Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm the update timelines of Oscar Traynor development and confirm that the approved price lines are fixed in contract and are not expected to increase.”

**Reply**

The Oscar Traynor Road Development is on appeal before An Bord Pleanala at present. A decision is due on or around 11<sup>th</sup> July next. In the event that planning is granted an eight-week period follows during which legal challenges can arise.

Assuming a grant on 11<sup>th</sup> July, the Developer can only proceed with tender and mobilisation after 5<sup>th</sup> September. A commencement on site is expected no later than December.

The contract is fixed price and not expected to increase.

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**Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to address the poor conditions of the council owned area along Shanliss and Shanowen, in Santry as the paths, roads and verges look awful. Can this please be put on the list for repairs and grass cutting?”

**Reply**

Please supply exact location details of footpaths and roads with ‘poor conditions’. Due to staffing resources it is not possible to conduct an entire defect survey of this area.

**Contact: Aaron Bellew, Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services  
North Central Area**

**Tel: 222 4259**  
**Email: [aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie](mailto:aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie)**

The area has been inspected by Parks & once-off cuts of grass verges not directly outside people’s homes have been arranged and are proceeding.  
The issue of weeds on footpaths and roads is a matter for R&T

**Contact: Sean Ray, Parks, Biodiversity, and Landscapes Service**  
**Tel: 222 3396**  
**Email: [Parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:Parks@dublincity.ie)**

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**Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Area Manager for a comprehensive report on the River Mayne Linear Park, in particular the full development of the pathway along the River out to Baldoyle, specifically referencing the opening up of access under the railway bridge currently blocking full permeability along this stretch, detailing communications and meetings post Covid with Irish Rail and Fingal Co. Co. to progress and advance the realisation of this plan and Development Plan Objective.”

**Reply**

While these lands have not been taken in charge and remain in the ownership of the developer the Parks Service is continuing to pursue the objective of the River Mayne Linear Park through the development management process of planning applications including the river corridor within their boundaries. Public access is currently available along sections of river and this will extend further as adjacent developments come to completion. The access under the railway and the lands on either side are not under DCC control and access is blocked. Discussions with the relevant land owners are ongoing with the objective of opening this link and a further report will be made on the outcome of these discussions.

**Contact:** Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
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**Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager to please consider erecting ‘Pedestrians Only’ signage at the entrance to **(details supplied)**”

**Reply**

Regarding the junction between the Clontarf Promenade and Alfie Byrne Road, the Clontarf to City Centre Cycleway project team is currently examining the possibility of removing the shared space that is in place in this area and continue the separation of pedestrians and cyclist through from the Clontarf Promenade to the Clontarf to City Centre Scheme. As part of this process there would be a full review of the signage in this area and the erection of no cycling or pedestrian only sign for the footways will be considered and discussed with the Traffic Department.

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**Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager to please again refer to the junction of Griffith Avenue and Swords Road and say what he can do to alleviate the serious issue of gridlock/backed up traffic queuing at this location – where the traffic lights give just 8 seconds of green time east-west on Griffith Avenue and if motorists don't make it in 8 seconds they have to wait two minutes to have another opportunity to try and pass through the junction. The chaos after the matches in Croke Park as fans head up Griffith Avenue heading for the M50 is intolerable for local residents and this sequencing is causing terrible behaviour of drivers flying up the wrong side of the road.”

**Reply**

Dublin City Council policy priorities Active and Sustainable Travel modes such as Public Transport use, Cycling and walking and many city signalised junctions offer traffic signal priority to oncoming public transport.

The Swords Rd receives a majority of available green time at this location as it is a main artery to/from the city and carries many public transport routes.

Allocation of extra green time to Griffith Ave approaches would reduce the green time available to the Swords Road and thereby increase public transport journey times along with increasing congestion along Drumcondra Road.

Every effort is made to keep traffic moving on all routes in so far as possible, however increasing volume of traffic, especially at times of major events such as All Ireland Finals, concerts etc. coupled with the need to service priority demands from pedestrians, cyclists and public transport means that a balance needs to be struck between these multiple modes, on multiple approaches to junctions.

It is therefore not always possible to prioritise one route over others.

However, we will continue to monitor the junction and amendments to traffic signal timings will be made as required, where there is scope to do so.

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**Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to laneway/road at **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to clear same of overgrowth and dumped material as my constituent, an elder resident (who used to keep this lane clear but can no longer physically do so) cannot get to the shops on his motorised scooter via this laneway (and cannot use the footpath fronting his house as its constantly blocked with parked cars) due to the severe overgrowth etc. My constituent has been communicating with Dublin City Council on this matter since 2021 when the lane began to become blocked with overgrowth etc. He cannot get to the shops the way he used to due to this problem and is thus losing his independence.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services have made arrangements to have the above mentioned laneway cleaned by the middle of July 2023.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle. Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services  
**Tel:** 222 4240  
**Email:** [mick.boyle@dublincityt.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincityt.ie)

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**Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to tenant as per **(details supplied)** and

- (1) Explain why Dublin City Council is not happy to refund the €185 owing to tenant
- (2) Explain exactly what has happened to the €600 plus overpayment was accrued by tenant since occupying this tenancy approximately 4 years ago and whose income has not changed since and explain why same amount is being retained
- (3) Explain why the remaining overpayment (by tenant) of €185 is not being refunded by the Council to details attached

**Reply**

In accordance with the Housing Rent Section’s refund policy, the amount of refund due is calculated by deducting one week’s rent from the credit balance. If the residual credit is more than €200, a refund can be processed. The reason for retaining the week’s rent charge is to prevent the tenant incurring rent arrears in the event that they miss a payment.

The reduction in credit on the account was due to a debit applied following a rent assessment that took account of undeclared employment income for the period 2021 to 2023.

Tenant has been advised to notify the Rent Section of any changes in income to avoid any debits in the future by contacting [rents@dublincity.ie](mailto:rents@dublincity.ie) or 01-2222211

**Contact:** Tara Robertson, Administrative Officer  
**Tel:** 222 3867  
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**Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to **(details supplied)**, say if badly needed replacement windows can be provided and can he also confirm if the tenancy was insulated in recent years and if not, are there plans to do so.”

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for the windows in the property to be inspected and all necessary works will be undertaken.

The Housing Maintenance Energy Efficiency section is currently working on this road and are pleased to confirm that subject to the Energy Efficiency programme's continuation the property in question is scheduled to be surveyed next year and, if suitable, would be insulated during 2024.

**Contact:** Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance  
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**Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to overgrown hedges at **(details supplied)** and say if there is anything he can do to  
(a) encourage the owner of the property to deal with/cut back hedging or  
(b) arrange for the City Council to cut back hedging  
as local residents are concerned about same in terms of possible rodent infestation etc in the area”

**Reply**

This is not a DCC Property, it's a private home, and as such does not fall under Dublin City Council's remit.

As this is reported as being a vulnerable person, the Area Housing Manager will visit this site at **(details supplied)**, and endeavour to find out who the registered owners are for this property and request that they attend to the back garden by cleaning up the rubbish and prune back the overgrowth and make safe for the neighbours.

Contact details of organisations that could help and support the resident such as St. Vincent De Paul, Alone, Northside partnership, Handy Hands Etc. will also be provided to the occupant.

**Contact:** Patrick Smith, Area Housing Manager  
**Tel:** 222 8852  
**Email:** [Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie](mailto:Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie)

DCC inspector will issue a notification to the property requesting to have overgrown hedges cut back on the public side.

**Contact:** Aaron Bellew, Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services  
North Central Area  
**Tel:** 222 4259  
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**Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager to refer to housing applicant as per **(details supplied)** and say

(1) if their medical records are up to date in terms of **(details supplied)**

(2) when they are likely to be housed in their own right.

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 12/3/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsize</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area B	1	641

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.

The applicant should have a HMD form 1 (attached) filled in if he wishes to make an application on Exceptional Medical Grounds

**Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**

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**Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to **(details supplied)** who is seeking housing and say when it is likely they will be housed.”

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 29/7/2020, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsize</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area B	1	913
Area D	1	334
Area E	1	1003

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**Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to housing applicant as per **(details supplied)** and say when it is likely he will be housed.”

**Reply**

There is no record of an application from this person.

**Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**  
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**Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to **(details supplied)** and say if he can assist/explain.”

**Reply**

This location is managed by the Office of Public Works and does not fall under the remit of Dublin City Council. We have received the following information from the OPW in relation to the above question.

An expression of interest for a mobile unit at Casino Marino was advertised in April 2023 by the OPW of which Rise n' Shine were the successful applicants.

The mobile unit has permission (from the OPW) to remain on site until start of November.

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**Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager if the tarmac path in Grangemore Park can be resurfaced where the path has become worn and cracked?”

**Reply**

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be programmed subject to resources.

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

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**Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager when the road works on Belmayne main road will be finished?”

**Reply**

The Belmayne Main Street and Belmayne Avenue Scheme is due for completion in August 2023. DCC are currently reviewing how best to proceed with a phased opening of the road to the general public, due to the ongoing adjacent developments in the area.

**Contact:** Eric Lavelle, Resident Engineer  
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**Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager if the path outside (**details supplied**) can be repaired as it has become cracked due to tree roots”

**Reply**

DCC Road Maintenance Services will conduct an inspection and if any defects are present it will be scheduled to be repaired once a works crew is available. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which Road Maintenance Services are working through.

**Contact: Aaron Bellew, Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services  
North Central Area**

**Tel: 222 4259**  
**Email: [aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie](mailto:aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie)**



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**Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager if the path can be repaired at **(details supplied)** where the path has cracked leading down to a dished section, making it more difficult for elderly residents to cross”

**Reply**

DCC Road Maintenance Services will conduct an inspection and if any defects are present it will be scheduled to be repaired once a works crew is available. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which Road Maintenance Services are working through.

**Contact: Aaron Bellew, Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services  
North Central Area**

**Tel: 222 4259**

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**Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will inspect two trees at **(details supplied)** to ensure they are safe, as the residents are worried about their height and the resulting safety impact.”

**Reply**

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Tel: 222 6625**  
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**Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will trim two trees at **(details supplied)**”

**Reply**

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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**Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager to outline the steps being taken to deal with problems caused by seagulls in the North Central area”

**Reply**

Breeding birds, including gulls, are protected in Ireland through the Wildlife Acts (1976 to 2021) and it is an offence to disturb nesting birds and their young. Dublin City Council does not have a role in the control of gulls and asks people not to feed gulls to encourage negative interactions between people and the birds.

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**Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager to have **(details supplied)** included on the road sweeping and weed removal roster as residents state it tends to be overlooked.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned slip road cleaned by a compact sweeper on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023. We will monitor the future cleanliness of this slip road.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services  
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**Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the status and future of the building currently leased to St. Luke's Youth Club on Cromcastle Road, Kilmore West, Dublin 5.”

**Reply**

By way of Indenture of Lease dated the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1980 Dublin City Council demised a site at Cromcastle Road, Coolock, Dublin 5 to the Trustees of St. Luke's Youth Club for a term of 99 years from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1975 subject to an abated rent provided the premises is used as a youth club.

No consent has been sought from Dublin City Council for any proposed works or otherwise.

**Contact:** Cathy Cassidy, Senior Staff Officer  
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**Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to report on the ownership of / responsibility etc. of the roadway connecting Griffith Court and Fairview Community Unit please? I enquired a number of years ago about this road and was told it was ‘not in charge’ and was the responsibility of the hospital/ HSE etc. Users of this road continue to be a safety hazard to residents of Griffith Court (e.g. cars not stopping at T junction and refuse vehicles reversing out onto Griffith Court etc.)”

**Reply**

The roadway in question is not in the charge of Dublin City Council. The issues highlighted in the question will be referred to the HSE with a request that appropriate measures be undertaken to address safety concerns at this location.

**Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede  
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**Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to report on **(details supplied)** and please refer to any options that may be open to them as regards housing including any positions available in voluntary housing etc.”

**Reply**

According to our records, this person has not applied for Social Housing Support. . The applicant should complete an application for Social Housing Support and submit it to Housing Allocations.

**Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**  
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**Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to ensure there are steel footpath barriers outside all the open entrances to the bottom and top circles in Marino Estate please. Presently there are one or two exits with no outside barriers and children may walk / run straight out onto the road.

**Reply**

Pedestrian barriers/guardrails are currently not recommended by Dublin City Council as per Design Manual for Urban Road and Streets Guidelines which states that the use of pedestrian barriers/guardrails are counterproductive in terms of visibility between drivers and children leading to a false sense of safety with increased vehicle speeds, aggressive driver behaviour and create a collision hazard for cyclists.

As such the Area Engineer does not recommend pedestrian barriers/guardrails at this location.

**Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer**  
**Email: [gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie](mailto:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie)**

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**Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to clarify what the position is and what is DCC’s policy in relation to camper vans taking up residence in car parks along Clontarf Promenade where barriers are no longer in place please. Are there appropriate by-laws in place to restrict this activity? To be clear, I am not referring to homeless people who have been left with no choice but to stay overnight in their car or van.”

**Reply**

The Dublin City Council Parking Bye Laws 2020 do not refer to campervans. It has been noted that this may need to be addressed when the Bye-Laws are next reviewed. Enforcement can only take place during the hours of pay and display operation. Outside of these hours there are no parking restrictions.

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**Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to report on the shed in the garden of the house at **(details supplied)**. I understand it was to be removed by the end of May but it's still there. Can you also ask if a proper enforcement notice was issued and what the next steps are in relation to planning enforcement?”

**Reply**

A contractor was lined up to dismantle the shed but this was put on hold as it was intended to consult informally locally about a number of proposed developments underway in the park including the development of the Red Stables building, the proposed garden and proposed part 8 to reintegrate the lodge into the park necessitating alterations to the private accommodation and parking for the caretaker occupant, the gates to the James Larkin Road, new piers and railings to same and the removal of certain boundaries between the park and the lodge. As the part 8 report has been much delayed instruction has again been issued to the contractor to make arrangements to carry out the work. It is anticipated that the shed will be removed in the coming weeks.

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**Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to please request the tree at **(details supplied)** be removed and or loped and branches cut back as impacting serious to neighbouring residents. Serious incidents have occurred because of this tree.”

**Reply**

The tree was recently inspected as a consequence of the report of an incident and was found to be a young small tree of approximately 8m in good condition with no works required or recommended at this time. No damage or inconsistencies were noted to the pavement at this location.

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**Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to review the Junction at **(details supplied)** as is causing a hazard for residents walk across the road because of no filter light for pedestrians.”

**Reply**

There is currently no funding for junction upgrades at **(details supplied)**.

The requested junction upgrade was added to the waiting list for future civil works programme along with other locations throughout Dublin North Central where pedestrian crossings have been requested which will be dependent on future funding.

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**Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to seek to have the railing fixed at **(details supplied)** as resident are complaining about the consistent damage to it. Further discussion required for long term durability of railings.”

**Reply**

The attacks on this fencing are a source of ongoing frustration. The locus will be inspected and repairs schedules as resources allow. There are no current proposals to replace this fencing.

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**Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to have the team clean **(details supplied)** as road need a good manual sweep from the team.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned road swept and cleaned during week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services  
**Tel:** 222 4240  
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**Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to inspect and clear at **(details supplied)** as resident complaining about weeds at location and needs to be cleaned. Exact location and photos can be provided. ”

**Reply**

The Public Domain team will have the above location sprayed for weeds within the next fortnight. The treatment will kill the weeds but will not remove them from the Channel. This is the only treatment available.

**Contact:** Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer  
**Tel:** 222 8866  
**Email:** [Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie](mailto:Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to inspect and clear at **(details supplied)** as resident complaining about weeds at location and needs to be cleaned. Could the washing machine in the middle of the greenspace be also removed? Exact location and photos can be provided. ”

**Reply**

The Public Domain team have checked this location and requested a second spray on this road.

**Contact:** Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer  
**Tel:** 222 8866  
**Email:** [Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie](mailto:Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie)

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services  
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Dumping on this open space is an ongoing challenge at this location and the latest incident will be cleared as local resources allow. Such dumping of bulky WEE is particularly frustrating as these items can be recycled free of charge and when dumped act to prevent effective maintenance of the open space.

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**Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to update on discretionary funding at **(details supplied)** for the Cul de Sac as keen to see progress on works here and improvements to the area.”

**Reply**

A provision of €15K was approved in the Discretionary Budget on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 to carry out greening / improvement works at this location.

Initial discussions have taken place with the Roads Maintenance Section with a view to having these works completed, however, due to staffing changes in that section no further progress has been made at this time.

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**Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to update on discretionary funding at **(details supplied)** for the Greenspace keen to see progress on works here and improvements to the area. The greenspace is unsafe and require works to be done to enhance area to ensure Health and safety not an issue. ”

**Reply**

The open space will be inspected and any works deemed necessary to address safety issues will be programmed as local schedules and resources allow.

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
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**Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an updated list of Void turnaround times for Area B and projected turnaround for year-end 2023. To provide a list of each band of housing list numbers for Area B.”

**Reply**

The latest quarterly report (attached) sent to all Elected Members in April 2023 contains the latest Housing List numbers for Area B broken down by each band etc. The next update will be due September 2023

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The following is a summary of the vacant units in the North Central Area (57 properties).

**North Central Area**

Property Type	No. Beds	No. Properties	Total
Apartment	1 bed	6	12
	2 bed	6	
House	2 bed	8	40
	3 bed	27	
	4 bed	5	
Senior Citizens	0 bed	4	5
	1 bed	1	

The units detailed above and listed below are currently being refurbished by Framework Contractors or by Direct Labour.

**Vacant (Void) Property Refurbishments completed in 2022 (year to date)**

<b>North Central Area</b>	
House	47
Apartment	22
Senior Citizens	66
Total	135

<b>North Central</b>					
<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Bedrooms</b>	<b>Vacant possession date</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Estimated Completion date</b>
House	ARDARA AVENUE	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	22/09/2023
House	BELCAMP AVENUE	2	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	15/09/2023
Apartment	BUNRATTY ROAD	1	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	08/09/2023
House	CLONSHAUGH GLEN	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	23/10/2023
House	MAGENTA HALL	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	23/10/2023
House	MARIGOLD CRESCENT	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	12/10/2023
House	MASK AVENUE	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	15/10/2023
House	MILLBROOK AVENUE	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	30/10/2023
House	MOATVIEW COURT	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	05/08/2023
House	NEWGROVE ESTATE	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	24/08/2023
Apartment	THE OAKWOOD	1	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	23/09/2023
Apartment	WEIR HOUSE, RICHMOND ROAD	2	N/A	Awaiting Vacant possession	23/10/2023

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<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Bedrooms</b>	<b>Vacant possession date</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Estimated Completion date</b>
House	APOLLO WAY	3	16/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	25/07/2023
HOUSE	BEAUVALE PARK	4	24/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	07/07/2023
House	BELCAMP AVENUE	4	27/09/2022	Issued to Contractor	13/07/2023
House	BRIAN BORU STREET	2	19/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	23/07/2023
House	BUTTERCUP PARK	3	11/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	08/07/2023
House	CASTLE ELMS	3	12/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	31/07/2023
House	CASTLEVIEW,ARTANE	3	09/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	15/07/2023
House	COLLINS PARK	3	19/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/08/2023
House	COLLINSWOOD	4	20/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
Apartment	DARNDALE, BELCAMP VILLAGE	2	08/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/07/2023
House	DUNREE PARK	3	28/11/2022	Issued to Contractor	18/08/2023
House	EDENMORE AVENUE	3	12/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	12/09/2023
House	GLENTOW ROAD	2	28/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
House	GLIN DRIVE	4	12/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	31/07/2023
Apartment	HOWTH JUNCTION COURT	2	08/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	10/07/2023
Senior Citizens	KILBARRON COURT	0	31/03/2023	Issued to Depot	07/07/2023
House	KILLESTER AVENUE	2	13/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
Apartment	LARCH WOOD	1	16/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
House	LEIN PARK	3	16/08/2022	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
House	LORCAN AVENUE	3	26/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	31/07/2023
HOUSE	MACROOM ROAD	4	13/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
House	MARIGOLD PARK	3	20/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	10/07/2023
House	MARIGOLD ROAD	3	28/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	15/07/2023
House	MARYFIELD WOODS	3	16/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	24/07/2023

House	MILLBROOK AVENUE	3	08/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/09/2023
Senior Citizens	MOUNT DILLON COURT	0	23/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	15/07/2023
Senior Citizens	MOUNT DILLON COURT	0	03/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	15/07/2023
House	MOUNT OLIVE ROAD	3	19/05/2023	Issued to Depot	31/08/2023
House	MOUNT OLIVE ROAD	2	09/10/2022	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
Apartment	ORCHARD WAY	1	27/09/2022	Issued to Contractor	25/08/2023
house	PRIMROSE GROVE	3	23/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
House	PRIMROSE GROVE	3	21/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	21/09/2023
Senior Citizens	ROSEVALE COURT	0	29/05/2023	Issued to Depot	29/07/2023
Apartment	SAINT BERACHS PLACE	2	30/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	12/09/2023
Apartment	SAINT BERACHS PLACE	1	31/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	03/08/2023
Apartment	SAINT BERACHS PLACE	2	03/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	25/08/2023
House	SAINT BRENDANS PARK	2	29/11/2022	Issued to Contractor	01/08/2023
Senior Citizens	SAINT JOHNS COURT	1	29/05/2023	Issued to Depot	07/07/2023
House	SNOWDROP WALK	3	21/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	19/09/2023
House	SNOWDROP WALK	3	24/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	12/07/2023
House	THATCH ROAD	2	20/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	15/07/2023
Apartment	THE GREEN, LARCH HILL	2	25/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	15/07/2023
Apartment	THE ORCHARD	1	24/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	24/07/2023
house	TULIP COURT	3	03/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	14/07/2023
House	YELLOW ROAD	2	08/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	18/09/2023

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**Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on Glass bottle recycling facility for **(details supplied)**. A review for facility in North Central was to be done in 2022.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services is committed to recycling and providing the best service we can in a busy, urban environment. However, planning restrictions, safe accessibility for service providers and issues with illegal dumping make the reality of sourcing new sites for bottle banks in the city very problematic.

As previously reported, at one time there was a bring bank facility located at Greendale Shopping Centre. This is privately owned land and the banks were removed at the request of the owners. Since this time, Waste Management Services have scouted the Kilbarrack area for a suitable alternative site many times but have been unable to locate one.

The North Central Area contains more bring bank facilities than any of Dublin City Council’s other areas. Within the immediate vicinity of Kilbarrack, there are glass recycling facilities available at Raheny Library, Supervalu Raheny, Tonlegee Road, Donaghmede Shopping Centre and Oscar Traynor Road Bring Centre

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**Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to report on the works currently underway behind red stables?”

**Reply**

The area is being cleared of overgrowth and levelled to allow for a detailed survey with a view to designing a garden to address the new entrance affected to the Red Stables.

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**Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to report on sound levels at the st Anne’s concerts - permitted and actual, details of when sound checks occurred. As raised last year there is a problem with the concerts being held during the period of the leaving certificate. Sound levels particularly high this year it has been reported.”

**Reply**

Permitted noise levels associated with the recent St. Anne’s Concerts were monitored by both Officers from the Environmental Health Section, Air Quality and Noise Monitoring Section as well as an independent acoustic consultant appointed by the Promoter. The permitted noise levels were set by condition attached to the Outdoor Event Licence issued, as well as specified by a pre-emptive EPA Notice issued by Dublin City Council. The music noise levels were monitored during the entire concert and the readings were found to be in full compliance with the levels permitted associated with such events.

The control limits set at the mixer position shall be adequate to ensure that the music noise level shall not at any noise sensitive premises exceed LAeq 75 dB over a 15 minute period throughout the duration of the event.

The sound levels were comfortably complied with during the course of the concerts concerned.

There were very few local complaints received in respect of the concerts. Sound check timings were fully considered to ensure that music was not playing or being tested during the course of any leaving cert exam sitting taking place. Any concert that took place where there was an exam the following day had a music curfew of 10.30pm.

**Contact: John Downey A/Planning Enforcement Manager**  
**Tel: 222 3465**  
**Email: [john.downey@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.downey@dublincity.ie)**

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**Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to report on the wider provision of changing and toilet facilities in St Anne’s Park particularly for visiting teams and also female participants.”

**Reply**

The Parks Service has had discussion with certain football clubs using areas of the park remotely located from existing facilities. It is intended to contact all clubs with such an allocation in the coming weeks to ascertain the level of interest in hiring of such changing facilities to inform the scale of a facility required to meet the local demand. A tender seeking to establish a framework of suitable suppliers of modular buildings is in the procurement pipeline and will be published imminently. Once the framework is in place the procurement of such facilities will be greatly streamlined. It is envisaged that subject to the allocation of an appropriate budget and addressing any planning requirements such a project could be commenced in 2024.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
**Tel:** 222 6625  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the Area Manager to organise the provision of a disability parking spot outside **(details supplied)** please.”

**Reply**

The criteria for provision of a Disabled Parking Bay (DPB) include that the residence not have off-street parking. As **(details supplied)** has off-street parking, no DPB can be provided for the resident(s) of this property.

**Contact:** Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer  
**Email:** [gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie](mailto:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding containers at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services sweep the above location on a regular basis, both by a hand cart operator and a large road sweeping machine. We will monitor this cleaning to see if any improvements can be made.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services  
**Tel:** 222 4240  
**Email:** [waste.management@dublincity.ie](mailto:waste.management@dublincity.ie)

Both containers currently parked at the end of Old Malahide Road shall be removed within the next week.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services North City.  
**Email:** [ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding housing (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

Apartment Block D [16 apartments] and 12 Houses have been placed on BCAR Building Register by Building Control. The Contractor is preparing a handover package for the Local Area housing office including keys and access fobs. The Contractor is planning to upload BCAR documentation to Assigned Certifier for remaining of Blocks ( A, B , C ) this week, subject to satisfaction of Design Team. Following substantial completion a process of handover will take place. Councillors are welcome to contact the Local Area office to view the dwellings prior to being allocated.

**Contact:** Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer  
**Tel:** 222 3695  
**Email:** [alice.simington@dublincity.ie](mailto:alice.simington@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding laneways (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2); a vehicle shall not be parked:

(g) In any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises;

(k) In a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic:

Dublin Street Parking Services will be instructed to patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking.

**Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer**

**Email: [gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie](mailto:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie)**

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**Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Trees (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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



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**Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Park (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

- a) In the survey of play facilities carried out by the Parks Service in 2016 Donaghmede was not identified as an area of deficit of play facilities as much of the area is in the catchment of Fr. Collins Park where there are 2 playgrounds or the playground at Edenmore Park. There are also a number of playgrounds in the Belmayne area. Bringing the existing playgrounds in Fr. Collins Park and in Belcamp Park up to standard is considered to be the priority for available playground budgets in the short to medium term.
- b) The Parks Service do not install bins within such local parks as resources are not available to service same. Waste management may consider installing street bins at the entrances.

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

Waste Management Services will install a litter bin at bus stop 740 on Grange Road beside Donaghmede Park.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,  
**Tel:** 2224240  
**Email:** [waste.management@dublincity.ie](mailto:waste.management@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Tree & footpath (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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

DCC Road Maintenance Services will conduct an inspection and if any defects are present it will be scheduled to be repaired once a works crew is available. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which we are working through.

**Contact: Aaron Bellew. Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services**  
**North Central Area**  
**Tel: 222 4259**  
**Email: [aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie](mailto:aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie)**

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**Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to respond to the following regarding ramps at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

The North Central Area office have asked An Garda Siochána (Coolock station) to patrol this area as requested by Cllr.

**Contact:** Catherine Cahill, Staff Officer  
**Tel:** 222 8848  
**Email:** [Catherine.cahill@dublincity.ie](mailto:Catherine.cahill@dublincity.ie)

This request Enquiry Ref: 7034015 will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

**Contact:** Catalin Rosca, Assistant Engineer  
**Tel:** 222 6145  
**Email:** [Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding a tree (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

The substance in question is not sap but honeydew the sugary excretion of sap-sucking insects such as aphids. The substance is essentially sugar and water and is usually washed away by seasonal rains. The effect is most pronounced during dry spells in late summer. The resident might consider parking elsewhere during these periods to avoid the worst of the problem or investing in a car cover. Dublin City's Tree Strategy adopted as policy by the full Council in 2016 does not consider the reduction or removal of Honeydew as a valid reason to prune or remove an otherwise healthy tree. Leaves, seeds and honeydew are defined in the policy as 'natural and seasonal occurrences and are judged to be a relatively-minor, short-lived inconvenience when considering the many benefits of having trees in the urban environment'.

Objective 3.7.6 states that 'the Council will not prune or fell a Council owned tree solely to remove or reduce honeydew or other sticky residue from trees'.

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

There are no current proposals to introduce a programme of the replacement otherwise healthy trees with smaller specimens.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
**Tel:** 222 6625  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following re; Litter (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

There are currently two litter wardens operating in the NCA on a daily basis carrying out their duties under the Litter Pollution Acts, 1997-2009 and Dublin City Council Bye-Laws. When required litter wardens are brought into the area to assist with Intensive Compliance Campaigns.

The litter wardens remove and investigate dumped waste on a daily basis. They also identify front gardens/ private property that is deemed littered and visible from a public place. They speak with any businesses who are identified as being alleged offenders under the legislation as well as dealing with any people caught littering. The litter wardens also patrol the parks regularly to catch any people allowing their dogs to foul in a public place.

A total of 3,909 were issued citywide from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2023 which includes 623 issued in the North Central Area for littering.

**Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.**  
**Tel: 222 4243**  
**Email: [bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie](mailto:bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie)**

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**Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following a derelict property at (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

The Derelict Sites Unit has an active file on this site having received a number of complaints regarding its condition. As soon as details of ownership are established the owner will be contacted regarding the derelict condition of the property and requested to carry out improvement works. In the event that improvement works are not carried out and the site ends up being entered on the Derelict Sites Register it can be considered for acquisition at that point.

**Contact:** Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, Derelicts Sites.  
**Tel:** 222 3941  
**Email:** [nial.dully@dublincity.ie](mailto:nial.dully@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding footpath (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

DCC Road Maintenance Services will conduct an inspection and if any defects are present it will be scheduled to be repaired once a works crew is available. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which Road Maintenance Services are working through.

**Contact:** Aaron Bellew, Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services  
North Central Area  
**Tel:** 222 4259  
**Email:** [aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie](mailto:aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Area Manager to replace the bin outside Ellenfield Park as the bottom is rusty and starting to fall apart, see pictures.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services have made arrangements to have the above mentioned litter bin replaced with a new bin.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services  
**Tel:** 222 4240  
**Email:** [waste.management@dublincity.ie](mailto:waste.management@dublincity.ie)



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**Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Area Manager to repair the path on Tranquillity Road, it seems to have sunken and damaged making it a risk for people walking – see photo.”

**Reply**

DCC Road Maintenance Services will conduct an inspection and if any defects are present it will be scheduled to be repaired once a works crew is available. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which Road Maintenance Services are working through.

**Contact: Aaron Bellew, Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services  
North Central Area**

**Tel: 222 4259**

**Email: [aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie](mailto:aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie)**

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**Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Area Manager to investigate a tree outside **(details supplied)** residents have advised that the tree is causing structural damage to their wall and they are nervous that the tree will come down in a bad storm. Can you please call into the residents to advise them of your findings as they have raised this on several occasions and no response has come back as yet?”

**Reply**

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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

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**Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Area manager to inspect the footpath coming from Artane Castle to Whitethorn as some of the footpaths are cracked creating an edge. Many people use this path to get to the supermarket and could trip on the path – see photos”

**Reply**

DCC Road Maintenance Services will conduct an inspection of the two locations listed and if any defects are present it will be scheduled to be repaired once a works crew is available. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which Road Maintenance Services are working through.

**Contact: Aaron Bellew, Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services  
North Central Area**

**Tel: 222 4259**

**Email: [aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie](mailto:aaron.bellew@dublincity.ie)**

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**Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Park (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply**

The footpaths will be inspected in the coming weeks with a view to arranging a path overlay to one or both paths depending on condition and resources. Consideration can be given to installing a bench on each path as part of these works.

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

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**Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Trees (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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

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**Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Tree (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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

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**Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Bins (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply**

The Parks Service does not install bins within such residential greens and open spaces as resources are not available to service same. These areas are currently served by street bins. The installation of additional street bins in these areas is a matter for waste management.

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

Waste Management Services have litter bins near and around Cameron Park. There are no plans for additional bins here at this time.

Waste Management Services have a big belly bin at the football club in Springdale. There are no plans for an additional big belly bin here at this time.

An additional litter bin will be installed at bus stop 740 on Grange Road beside Donaghmede Park.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services  
**Tel:** 2224240  
**Email:** [waste.management@dublincity.ie](mailto:waste.management@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to list and respond to the following regarding speed ramps (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply**

The above location is a cul-de-sac with no through traffic passively traffic calmed by the presence of on-street parking on both sides of the road. These factors greatly reduce the probability of speeding.

The Traffic Advisory Group’s criteria for speed ramp(s) is as follows:

- The road should have a straight run of at least 200m.
- The 85th percentile speed should be greater than speed limit of the road.
- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.
- There should be genuine road safety concerns based either on actual accident statistics or on observed road safety patterns or written report from an Inspector of the Garda Traffic Division.

**(Details supplied)** is a cul-de-sac, this side road does not meet the requirements for speed ramps.

Instances of speeding should be referred to the local Gardaí as a matter for enforcement.

**Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer**

**Email: [gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie](mailto:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie)**



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**Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Tree (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply**

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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

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**Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Derelict house **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

The Derelict Sites Unit has an active file on this site having received a recent complaint regarding its condition. As soon as details of ownership are established the owner will be contacted regarding the overgrown front garden and their plans for the property. The house itself is in good condition so the property will also be referred to the Council’s Vacant Property Unit who may have an interest in acquiring it.

**Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer**  
**Tel: 222 3941**  
**Email: [nial.dully@dublincity.ie](mailto:nial.dully@dublincity.ie)**

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**Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Tree (**details supplied**)) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply**

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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

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**Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding lighting ((**details supplied**)) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

The public lighting on (**details supplied**) is planned to be upgraded to LED. These works are expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

**Contact:** Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services  
**Tel:** 222 4539  
**Email:** [karen.leeson@dublincity.ie](mailto:karen.leeson@dublincity.ie)

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7034017) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

**Contact:** Catalin Rosca  
**Tel:** 222 6145  
**Email:** [Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Trees (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

The National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is reminding the public the cutting, grubbing, burning or other destruction of “vegetation growing in any hedge or ditch” between 1st March and 31st August is prohibited. The prohibition is contained in section 40 of the [Wildlife Act 1976](#) . Suspected breaches are investigated by the NPWS and An Garda Síochána. DFB can have the trees cut after this period.

**Contact:** Karen Munds, Staff Officer  
**Tel:** 222 4000  
**Email:** [dfbfeedback@dublincity.ie](mailto:dfbfeedback@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Tree (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply**

Given the very low levels of tree canopy cover in the city when compared to other capital cities in Europe the Parks Service is very reluctant to eliminate a tree planting opportunity. The locus is considered suitable for a small canopy tree and contact will be made with the resident in this regard.

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

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**Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to please provide an update on the application for a vacant home grant at **(details supplied)** and set out a clear decision timeframe as the applicants are reliant on a decision to move on with planning essential renovations”

**Reply**

The City Council has notified the owners of **(details supplied)**, of its decision as regards their inclusion for the Vacant Property refurbishment grant under the Croi Conaithe Scheme.

**Contact:** John Ryan, Administrative Officer.  
**Tel:** 222 5367.  
**Email:** [john.ryan@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.ryan@dublincity.ie)

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**Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm that the Area Inspector has carried out a recent inspection of the public footpath outside **(details supplied)** and that there are repairs scheduled as the footpath is a serious hazard for pedestrians and getting worse.”

**Reply**

An inspection was conducted previously and a job number has been created. It is anticipated a DCC Road Maintenance Service works crew will complete the repair works within the next 8-12 weeks.

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**Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to organise inspection of the following 2 houses (**details supplied**) with a view to them being considered for the derelict sites register as local residents have indicated that they have been unoccupied for a long time.”

**Reply**

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

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**Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for an up-to-date assessment of the trees in The Bramblings, Killester to address concerns set out in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**”

**Reply**

The reduction in the height of trees also known as topping or lopping is an outdated pruning technique which is no longer recommended and is potentially unsafe leading to a flush of weakly attached re-growth that can easily become detached in high winds.

The avoidance of this harmful pruning practice was included as a policy objective in the Dublin City Tree Strategy adopted as policy by the full council in 2016. Appendix 8 of the policy outlines the approved pruning techniques.

The strategy states: *Tree topping (reduction in height) causes large wounds, exposing trees to decay pathogens and causing their long-term decline, as well as being unsightly and potentially unsafe. Topping is therefore only considered where trees have serious defects, that cannot be otherwise reasonably addressed, and their short-term retention is essential or highly desirable.*

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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**Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond on plans to provide toilets & changing facilities at the following locations

1. St Annes Park near the Woodside entrance
2. Alfie Byrne Rd Astro-pitches

**Reply**

The Parks Service has had discussion with certain football clubs using this area of St Anne’s Park which is remotely located from existing facilities. It is intended to contact all clubs with such an allocation in the coming weeks to ascertain the level of interest in hiring of such changing facilities to inform the scale of a facility required to meet the local demand. A tender seeking to establish a framework of suitable suppliers of modular buildings is in the procurement pipeline and will be published imminently. Once the framework is in place the procurement of such facilities will be greatly streamlined. It is envisaged that subject to the allocation of an appropriate budget and addressing any planning requirements such a project could be commenced in 2024.

Alfie Byrne astro-pitches are not managed by the Parks Service and the installation of facilities here is a matter for the sports section.

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Alfie Byrne Rd Astro pitches provide toilet and changing facilities. These facilities are currently used by team bookings.

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**Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to respond on issues relating to maintenance of Annadale Crescent/Drive in Marino as raised in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**

**Reply**

Weed control on footpaths kerbs etc. is not a matter for parks. With the exception of trees and the two large public greens there are no areas on these roads covered by Parks, either by direct labour or by contract.

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The Public Domain section have confirmed that the weeding contract does not include footpaths. The contract is for road kerb to kerb, however, the public domain enforcement officer will look at the possibility of including this estate at **(details supplied)** within the coming weeks.

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**Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed progress report on the Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project including:

1. Progress to date
2. Preferred Options and Planning
3. Overall Timeframe including Consultation

**Reply**

The preparation of a ‘Project Update Report’ commenced this week for the Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project. We expect that the detailed report will be circulated to all the North Central Area Committee members before the end of July, via the Area office. Therein our project team will be addressing the above queries including our plans for upcoming public engagement events.

Meanwhile, for further information please also visit [www.santryriver.ie](http://www.santryriver.ie)

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**Q.101 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a summary update on the plan for 2023 works at the Brookwood Rise/Gracefield Avenue junction and also provide a copy of the related slides presented by the area engineer to the Area Committee earlier this year”

**Reply**

The Area Engineer is in the process of finalising the tender for minor civil works for Dublin City North. The Area and Senior Executive Engineer in the Traffic Section will complete a tender for these proposed civil works. Once this stage has been submitted to tender consulting engineering firms will submit bids to carry out these civil works and a preferred bidder will then be nominated to carry out the works. This process will take a number of weeks to complete.

The Area Engineer will notify the North Central Area Office to provide Cllr. O’Muirí with a copy of the presentation as requested.

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**Q.102 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for the laneway running between Hollybrook Grove and the Howth Road to (a) be cleaned immediately and (b) then be put on a regular clearing/cleaning schedule, minimum twice a year.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services will have the cleaning of the above mentioned laneway completed by the middle of July 2023 and will be put on a more regular cleaning schedule.

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**Q.103 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager about local residents who have expressed concern about the quality of the footpath on the southern side of Beaumont Rd/Skelly’s lane between Beaumont House and the Artane Castle Roundabout – there are a number of trips/hazards there which are a particular risk for the elderly; can the Area Manager organise for an inspection and remedial action please

**Reply**

Please supply the exact location details of the broken footpaths. Due to staffing resources it is not possible to conduct an entire footpath defect survey of this area.

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**Q.104 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for the weeds on the stretch of footpath on the southern side of Beaumont Road/Skelly’s lane between Beaumont House and the Artane Castle Roundabout to be removed as they haven’t been done in a long time.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services will have the cleaning of the above mentioned laneway completed by the middle of July 2023 and will be put on a more regular cleaning schedule.

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**Q.105 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the Area Manager can I have an update on measures to address speeding on Kincora road Clontarf.”

**Reply**

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) has a limited budget for 2023 and therefore unable to recommend any traffic calming measure at the aforementioned location at this time. The Area Engineer will add the request for traffic calming to a list for future consideration along with similar requests throughout Dublin North Central any future recommendations for traffic calming are dependent on whether future funding is made available.

Enforcement of speed limits is a matter for An Garda Síochána, and TAG will raise the Councillor’s concern with them at the next TAG Meeting.

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**Q.106 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the Area Manager can I have an update on works to restore the large shelter and the circular shelter on the Clontarf promenade and Realt na Mara statue works.”

**Reply**

**Circular & Linear Shelter, Clontarf Promenade**

In 2022, a conservation assessment was conducted by 7L Architects which included assessment of both the linear and circular shelter. This assessment was funded through 2022's Discretionary budget.

On completion of this assessment a report was published and subsequently presented to the February Area Committee meeting for discussion.

The Conservation Unit have commenced the process of placing both shelters on the Record of Protected Structures and have requested a legal search regarding title of the circular shelter.

Once both of these actions have been completed the Area Office will meet with the relevant departments to discuss next steps regarding a plan for restoration.

There is provision in the Discretionary Budget of €150K for the Bandstand & Linear Shelters.

**Realt na Mara statue**

Following on from the works that were completed at the statue in 2022 it is the intention of the Area Office to commence phase 2 of this project which will consist of replacing the broken mosaic at the base of the statue which was removed due to it being in poor condition.

It is hoped to meet with Parks Department, Dublin Port and a representative from the Dockers Society in the autumn to agree an appropriate replacement.

There is provision in the Discretionary Budget of €35k for Phase 2.

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**Q.107 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the Area Manager can I have an update on works to resurface and fix up around the Boat slip area and to fix the wall and remove the unsightly wire fence to the back of Clontarf bus garage site.”

**Reply**

The Parks Service arranged rectification of levels and resurfacing of the interface of the path network and the slipway a couple of years ago. No further works are proposed here at this time.

The repair of the wall at the Dublin Bus car park will require engineering input to ensure the weight of the large buses is considered. Dublin Bus has been contacted in this regard.

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**Q.108 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the Area Manager can the other shelters be power washed on the promenade and fully painted inside to protect before the winter.”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services power wash the shelters on the promenade on a regular basis.

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Arrangements are being made to have the shelters painted internally in the coming weeks.

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