



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2023**

- 1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee meeting dated 16th October, 2023.**

Order: Agreed.

- 2 **Director of Services Replies to Questions**

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Order: Noted.

- 3 **ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS**

- a **Minutes of the TAG meeting dated 31st October, 2023**

Order: Noted.

- b **Gully report for noting**

Order: Noted.

- 4 **AREA MATTERS**

- a **Leases & Licences - Proposed grant of a 3 year licence for Café Unit, Bull Wall North, Clontarf, Dublin 3 to Container Café Limited**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council - Subject to the insertion of the following in the licence: "the provider will encourage and promote the use of Vitale "keep cups".

- b **Disposals - Proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 20 Carleton Road**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- c **Disposals - Proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 100 Grattan Lodge, Grange, Dublin 13.**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- d **Naming & numbering - proposal for a development at Clonshaugh House, Clonshaugh Road.**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- e **Naming & numbering - proposal for a development at 9 and 9a Richmond Avenue.**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- f **Update briefing from Dublin Port**
Order: Noted.
- g **Update on the Castle Court flooding**
Order: Noted. James Nolan to organise the following: 1) A meeting for Clontarf Ward Councillors and any other NCAC members who wish to attend & 2) a meeting for both residents & councillors together.
- h **Update on the Discretionary Fund 2023**
Order: Noted.
- i **Area Manager's Reports**
Order: Noted.
- j **Housing Supply Report for noting**
Order: Noted.
- k **Housing Allocations Report for noting**
Order: Noted.
- l **Sports & Wellbeing Report for noting**
Order: Noted.

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MOTIONS

- a **Motion in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

That this North Central Area Committee calls upon the Chief Executive, to assist businesses on Main Street, Belmayne in every way (not limited to compensation) for the disastrous down turn in business caused by the prolonged construction works on the bus gate at that location and further calls on him to arrange that the Main Street is opened without further delay and that parking is made available to residents.

Reply

The section of Belmayne Main Street from Belmayne Avenue to Churchwell Crescent, adjacent to the commercial units, will be opened to vehicular traffic subject to ESB Networks completing the necessary accommodation works on site.

The eastbound section of Belmayne Main Street from the junction with Belmayne Avenue to the New Priory development, which has remained closed in the interest of public safety, is expected to be opened to vehicular traffic prior to Christmas.

Contact: Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer
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Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. O'Muirei.

- b **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

The location is not considered inappropriate for a new playground as it is located in the centre of Kilmore on the residential side of the Oscar Traynor Road, well overlooked from the same busy road, is well served by crossing points and is in close proximity to other community focussed facilities and activities including the Recreation Centre, the youth club and pigeon club, nearby school and the community garden. These facilities and activities on this open space ensures a good level of footfall and passive supervision which would not be the case in other nearby open spaces.

The procurement process for the playground includes an iterative process of amendments and redesign of the initial submission to find the best fit with the location and the needs of the community. The Parks Service is more than happy to discuss the perceived issues with this location and to revert to the designers with feedback and explore if there is a better location within this open space perhaps to the west closer to the community garden. This redesign could then be circulated within the community for comment.

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

c Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons

Recognising that the proposal from Dublin City Council and the Land Development Agency to residentially develop the underpass site at Northside is ill-conceived and likely to have a detrimental impact on the quality of life of the future residents of the development as well as the community, this area committee calls for the plans to be scrapped and community consultation to be initiated to establish alternative proposals for the future uses of this site that could benefit and enhance the quality of life for the entire community.

Reply

The proposed development has been assessed by the DCC Planning Department and is deemed to be in compliance with the *Dublin City Development Plan 2022–2028*. Under the current Development Plan, the subject site is zoned as 'Z4 – Key Urban Villages / Urban Villages' and is within the designated Northside Shopping Centre 'Key Urban Village'. Under the previous Development Plan 2016-2022, the site was zoned as 'Z4 – District Centres (incorporating Key District Centres)' and within the Northside Shopping Centre 'Key District Centre', demonstrating that the site has long been intended for development. 'Residential', 'community facility' and 'cultural/recreational building and uses' are listed as 'permissible' on Z4-zoned lands and will support its objective: *"To provide for and improve mixed-services facilities."*

Dublin City Council and the Land Development Agency have been engaging with the local community and counsellors since February 2023. Following this consultation, feedback was taken into account and the scheme design was revised. On the 26th May, there was a public consultation event held with Local Councillors to present the revised

scheme. On the 2nd September a public information morning took place in the Kilmore Recreation Centre. Representatives were present from DCC Housing Department, Local Area office and the LDA who were available to answer queries in relation to the proposed development. The event was attended by the local residents and the wider community.

The development meets the criteria of s.179a of the Planning and Development Act (as amended). It is therefore mandatory under section 179 of the Act that the housing development is brought forward by this route as the proposed housing development is classed as exempted development.

The proposed development will develop an underutilised, vacant, DCC site and bring it into residential and community use. It will deliver 146 new homes and 379 sq. m of designated cultural arts and community space on the ground floor. In addition to this, there will be 441 sqm of external public plaza and 706 sqm of green space provided for local community use. This will benefit the local community by providing internal space for community activities. The development will offer a mixture of residential tenures on the site, comprised of 13 no. social homes and 133 no. cost rental homes, providing additional homes for the existing and future generations of residents in the area.

The proposal is comprised of a shared podium level landscaped courtyard and 3 no. residential blocks, with an internal 'podium' level communal courtyard. The orientation has been considered to minimise over-shadowing and to maximise the sunlight with 8 no. storeys to the north, facing Oscar Traynor Road, stepping down to 3 no. storeys to the south, facing onto Cromcastle Road.

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Order: Motion fell. Opposed by Cllrs O'Muire, Cooney, Flanagan & O'Toole.

d Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

That this North Central Area Committee affirms its support for the residents of the Electoral Divisions of Clontarf East A, Clontarf East E, Clontarf West A, Harmonstown A and Harmonstown B, who have concerns regarding the current proposals for the Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue Walking and Cycling Scheme and calls for Jacobs, who are providing engineering services for the scheme and Dublin City Council to directly engage, face to face, with members of the public prior to finalisation of the detailed design stage.

Reply

The Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue Walking and Cycling Scheme was published on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub in June 2023 for four weeks between Tuesday, 6th June 2023 and Tuesday, 4th July 2023. There was a further one week extension of the consultation period from the 24th to the 31st of July, to accommodate the Public Information Event on the 25th of July. The Public Information Event had over 80 attendees.

Over 452 information leaflets were distributed in the area, primarily to

residents with access directly onto the scheme. All the drawings were available to view in hard copy format in Raheny Library, during the consultation period.

In total, there were 802 responses to the public consultation, over the five week period and of these responses 710 were submitted via the consultation hub and 92 via email. The consultation results indicated that 60% of the respondents who made comments or observations (via the hub or email) had a positive sentiment towards the scheme. Whilst 35% were negative and 5% were neutral.

A public consultation report will be published which will summarise the results of the public consultation. The main concerns of residents, including concerns which are listed in the motion, will all be addressed in the public consultation report where there will be a detailed response to each.

DCC and the appointed consultants Jacobs have begun work on the detailed design. The design team are taking into account the feedback from the public consultation and where appropriate and feasible will amend the designs.

The Active Travel Programme Office will directly engage, face to face, with representatives of the local residents during the detailed design stage to seek to address concerns. This is expected to take place in early 2024.”

Contact: Gerard Claffey Project Engineer
Grainne O’Brien Senior Engineer
Active Travel Office.

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Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. O’Muirí

e **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

That this North Central area committee examine the possibility of installing a suitable form of public lighting/improved suitable public lighting along pathway(s) in Fairview Park, to enable commuters to continue to use the park on the way to and from work during winter months.

Reply

The new esplanade inside the first line of trees in the park is to be lit after dark. There are no proposals to provide any additional lighting on other paths in the park.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks
Superintendent

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Order: Agreed.

f **Motion in the name of Councillors Donna Cooney & Alison Gilliland**

That this North Central area committee seek to find a temporary location as a replacement farmers market due to the closure of the Honest2Goodness Saturday market in the Glasnevin industrial estate in January, we need more direct selling of food from farmers for climate

action and food security and EU field to fork implementation.

Reply

We have linked the draft food strategy – Edible Dublin - and our draft climate action plan – Climate Neutral Dublin 2030 – in recognition of the importance of a resilient food system, due to the interconnected issues of food security and climate change having direct impacts on citizens' health and well-being.

Through the climate action plan and food strategy we will explore options to support farmers directly selling to consumers, to insure citizen's health and well-being, while addressing farm to fork (and back) objectives at the EU and National levels, and creating opportunities for social enterprises in the food sector to emerge that contribute to making the sector circular, support biodiversity and reduce waste

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Order: Agreed.

g Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

That this North Central area committee agrees to place bike stands close to the boat launch on Clontarf promenade, at the pitches St. Anne's park and more generally in St. Anne's park and on site at Carton Hall Marino.

Reply

The Clontarf promenade will be examined to see if an appropriate location in the vicinity of the boat launching area can be found.

There are currently 12no. cycle parking spaces provided in the public car park to facilitate the pitches at St Anne's Park. The Environment & Transportation Department consider this an adequate amount based on the occupancy rates as follows;

St Anne's Park Car Park Cycle Parking

No. of spaces	Occupied	Survey Date	% Available
12	2	Jun-23	83.33%
12	0	Jan-23	100.00%
12	1	Oct-22	91.67%
12	2	May-22	83.33%

Unfortunately, there is not a suitable location to install cycle parking in the immediate vicinity of Carleton Hall Marino. The carriageway is circa 5m wide and cannot accommodate cycle parking safely, vehicles are observed parked partially on footpaths.



The footpaths are also not wide enough to accommodate Sheffield Stands without adversely impacting pedestrians, vulnerable road users and do not meet the minimum space requirements.

The footpaths have been built out at the junction of Casino Road and Shelmartin Avenue, circa 50m from the Community Centre and stands can be accommodated here. Alternatively, the feasibility of installing bike stands within the curtilage of the Community Centre will be examined by the Area Office in conjunction with the E&T Department.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer
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Order: Agreed.

h Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

That this North Central area committee agrees that we are waiting too long for action on restoring the historic iconic shelters on Clontarf promenade.

Reply

The North Central Area office have requested a meeting with Fergal McNamara, Conservation Architect and Niamh Kiernan, SEACO/Conservation Officer, Dublin City Council to progress the preparation of the tender for the repair works to the linear shelter. The Council is the registered freehold owner of the land on which the (long) shelter is located as per Land Registry Folio DN190932F.

The ownership of the bandstand has yet to be established and there are no records in the DCC Property Register regarding its ownership. It is, however, understood that it was constructed as part of the promenade.

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Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. O'Muirí

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

That this North Central area committee reaffirms its commitment to the delivery of a new full-sized all weather football facility in the Coolock-Artane area, a commitment first given in October 2021 when we passed a motion calling for such a facility in the area, and calls on the city council to refocus and re-energise itself toward the delivery of this desperately needed, much deserved and long-overdue sporting facility for the community.

Reply

The North Central Area Office have been working on this proposal and with the local clubs for circa two years and the process is ongoing. The initial meetings with local clubs had requests that were gauged as short, medium and long term. The all-weather pitch was always longer term.

The Area Office met with the local clubs, the Parks Department and local Councillors early in the process. The City Parks Superintendent advised the four clubs present to advise Dublin City Council of areas of hard standing that we may be able to install 7-9 a-side training pitches on. It was agreed that the priority of the clubs was to provide winter training facilities for the children of the area under lights. The Area Office and the Parks Department investigated the suggestions provided.

The unused tennis courts in Belcamp Park were turned into a MUGA pitch for training and St John Vianney asked for use of the small MUGA in the Stardust Park for their very young players. Dublin City Council also sought agreement from the local schools in Kilmore (Scoil Ide & Scoil Fhursa) to build a nine-a-side pitch on their grounds for the use of the school and the community.

The local Area Office are organising an area wide consultation of estates around the Oscar Traynor Development Lands. The purpose of this consultation will be to ascertain the types of activity/ entertainment etc. that the residents and the children in these areas would like to see. Once this consultation has been carried out there will be a steering committee formed to work out how we will use the Community Gain funding being provided for Capital Projects by Glenveagh for the benefit of the Community.

The Parks Department and Biodiversity Officer are working on carrying out ecological studies this coming winter on the available green spaces in the area. The Parks Department have also included the enlargement and redevelopment of the small pitch in Stardust Park in their Sports Capital Grant Applications.

The Sports Section are developing a City Sports Plan at present and they also have hopes to add two MUGAs to the proposed Swimming Pool Development on Cromcastle Road.

The Area Office hope to invite all local Councillors, Deputy's and the local clubs to a meeting over the coming weeks to discuss the ongoing actions that are being taken to further the proposal.'

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall LEA
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Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. O'Toole & Cllr. Barron

j **Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

That this North Central area committee recognises the need for a crossing guard to serve the Killester Raheny Clontarf Educate Together National School on Collins Avenue East and asks that the manager review the decision not to provide this resource. The school's Board of Management have been in touch to ask for this decision to be reversed. This is a growing school in a busy urban retail area and it goes against measures to encourage active travel to school not to provide a crossing guard. This specific location has been raised on numerous occasions at the North Central Area Committee due to traffic and parking safety issues and increased Garda and parking enforcement measures have been requested following these discussions but have not improved the situation.

Reply

Dublin Street Parking Services regularly patrol this location and carry out enforcement action on illegally parked cars. Instruction will be given to continue to focus on this location.

Contact: Linda McDonald, Acting Parking Enforcement Officer
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Following site inspection and School Warden Coordinator assessment, a School Warden is not recommended on Collins Avenue near to the Killester Raheny Clontarf Educate Together National School. There are 2 No. sets of pedestrian crossings to help assist students crossing the road. The students attending at the moment are all accompanied and the numbers would not meet the warrant for a school warden.

A School Keep Clear road marking, 2 No. School Ahead Signs and 2 No. "SLOW" road markings were proposed on Collins Avenue near to Killester Raheny Clontarf Educate Together National School to warn of the likelihood of encountering children on the road and to increase the driver's awareness.

However, any instances of illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services (Tel no. 01 602-2500) or email info@dpsps, for enforcement under the Regulations.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
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Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllrs. O'Muire, Heney & Cooney.

k Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

That this North Central area committee commits to a full review of and management plan for traffic and parking issues on Mount Prospect Avenue, Dublin 3 across from the Red Stables, with input from traffic and transport, the Gardaí, the parks department of the council and Dublin Bus. While residents appreciate their proximity to the park, nonetheless the situation regarding parking at busy times and traffic issues is unsustainable. At present the parking is managed through Garda intervention and physical obstacles (cones, rocks etc.) but nonetheless residents' driveways are frequently blocked. The traffic issues are such that the 130 bus which is the only bus serving the area is frequently forced to divert leaving people waiting at bus stops. In addition to this, the combined parking and traffic issues are a hazard for accessibility of emergency vehicles.

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7036206) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory

Group

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Dublin Street Parking Services should be contacted directly by the resident in situations where there are vehicles obstructing a driveway. Appropriate action can then be taken by DSPS once the owner of the property authorises them to remove the vehicle causing the obstruction.

Dublin Street Parking Services have been instructed to patrol the location and carry out enforcement action where required.

Contact: Elaine Norton, Acting Administrative Officer

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Order: Agreed.

l Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

That this North Central area committee asks the manager to examine the junction at Copeland Avenue and the Howth Road as a matter of urgency and introduce measures to increase crossing safety including, in the short term, altering the light sequence to allow for time for pedestrians to cross

and in the medium term providing an official zebra or pedestrian crossing. At present many residents have raised the issue to there being no means of crossing safely across the Howth Road intersection with Copeland Avenue as the lights are sequenced to allow cars at all times and traffic is significant. I have attached a photo indicating the location/issue.

Reply

The Active Travel Programme office is currently working on two active travel schemes that will cover the area in question, the Baldoyle to Fairview Active Travel Scheme and the Glasnevin to Clontarf Active Travel Scheme. These projects have not yet been assigned project design teams. Once these schemes commence, any concerns regarding pedestrian crossings in the area will be passed on to the relevant project manager for consideration in developing safer facilities.

Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Senior Transportation Officer

Email: Activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

In regards to upgrading the Pedestrian Crossings at the junction at Copeland Avenue and the Howth Rd there is a new procedure which is as follows.

- (1) It is anticipated that similar to 2023, there will be an annual works package of pedestrian crossings delivered by the City Centre Projects Team in 2024 and future years.
- (2) When a Service Request is raised for a pedestrian crossing, the Area Engineer will assess the location based on an agreed criteria to determine that the installation of a pedestrian crossing in the location is feasible and also that there is a clear and justifiable demand for installing the crossing in the location.
- (3) If the location meets the criteria, the Area Engineer will recommend that it is included on a Works List. The current Works List for any of the 5 administrative areas can be made available to local area Councillor's on request.
- (4) Prior to assembling the next works package, the City Centre Projects Team, will request that the Area Engineers provide the latest work lists for each of the 5 administrative areas. The Area Engineers will be required to give each location a priority rating to assist the City Centre Project Team in deciding which locations are to be included in the next works package.
- (5) The City Centre Project Team will assemble the next works package based on the works lists forwarded for each area. The aim will be to construct a similar number of pedestrian crossings in each administrative area taking into consideration the priority lists provided by the area engineers, any essential upgrading works that may be required by the ITS section and the available funding from the NTA.
- (6) The list of locations to be included in the next Work Package will be

made available in the Traffic Quarterly Reports.

Contact: Will Mangan, Acting Senior Executive Engineer
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Order: Agreed.

m Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

Regular updates are given to representatives in Castle Court and Auburn Apartments. If email addresses of residents not receiving these are given we can provide a monthly update. Currently very few residents are living in the flooded area so we feel that this would be a more effective method of communication than by a leaflet drop as it would provide the possibility of two-way communication.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Senior Engineer, Environment & Transportation.
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Order: Agreed.

n Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons

The North Central Area Office has been, and continues to be, fully supportive of the annual Sensory Garden Santa Event. The organisers have sought financial support towards the cost of the event and a contribution has now been approved.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA
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Order: Agreed.

o Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

That this North Central area committee notes the significant slip hazard that wet autumn leave pose for all pedestrians but particularly our more senior residents and those with mobility issues and the hazard they can also pose for cyclist when they build up on our cycle lanes. The North Central Area Committee also notes the contribution the leaf mulching project on Griffith Avenue makes to leaf collection and the circular economy and therefore the reduction in potential for accidents and slips as well as providing naturally produced fertilising leaf mulch to local residents groups for use in their community gardens.

Noting the absence of a practice whereby autumn leaves are gathered, litter separated out, mulched collectively and returned as compost across the North Central Area, the North Central Area Committee proposes a leaf

collection and composting/mulching pilot scheme be set up for next autumn across a selection of our most heavily tree lined avenues and roads that perhaps could link in with transition year students from local schools as support/extra hands and that would build on the excellent work done already in the area by the Griffith Avenue and District Residents Association.

Reply

At present the North Central Area is leading the way in Dublin City with regard to leaf mould composting. Development of this scheme commenced back in 2020 during Covid when residents in Maywood/Bettyglen estate in Raheny expressed an interest in piloting it in NCA. Griffith Avenue & District Residents Association had previously trialled this initiative with mixed results.

Since 2020 the scheme has been expanded to 32 locations across the North Central Area. There is a total of 165 leaf baskets in residential areas in NCA at present resulting in approx. 5000 bags of leaves being diverted to composting as opposed to collection & disposal by DCC Waste Management Services. There are also some Community Gardens in the area that have set up their own leaf composting areas and they take bags of leaves from residential areas and assistance was provided to the Belmayne Allotments to set up a large scale leaf composting zone in 2021 and the allotments are provided with approx. 500 bags of leaves from a dedicated high leaf fall street in the North Central Area.

In 2022 the Environmental Liaison Officer worked closely with both GADRA & All Hallows Resident Associations on Griffith Avenue. Compostable leaf bags were made available to all residents and with the help of All Hallows Residents Association, four schools on Griffith Avenue agreed to assist with leaf gathering. A leaf gathering week was arranged with full support from Waste Management Services and with agreement from Parks the bags of leaves were transported to St. Anne's Park to make leaf mould compost for use in the park. It is proposed to continue this operation annually as it is working extremely well so far.

In relation to leaf baskets on Griffith Avenue, assistance and support was provided to GADRA in 2022 when they expressed an interest in leaf composting again. A composting expert met with the group and recommended that the baskets be placed in a secluded shaded location not so easily visible in the public domain and close to a water supply. Unfortunately the group did not take the advice on board and insisted that the baskets be placed on the grass verge next to the roadway and a distance from a water supply. An assessment of the baskets in Autumn 2023 showed that there was significant contamination of the baskets which was most likely done by a professional landscaper who was able to pull up in his vehicle and dispose of his waste in the baskets. There was however suitable mulch/compost at the bottom of all of the baskets underneath the contamination. It was decided to salvage the mulch and combine it together in fewer baskets and create a wire lid to go on top of each of the full baskets to prevent further contamination from taking place. It is expected that by late spring or early summer 2024 there will be leaf mould compost ready for use and this can be offered to the Resident Association in the first instance and then to local residents.

When the baskets are emptied in 2024 it is proposed to remove them from the public areas to restrict unauthorised access and deter illegal waste disposal. All households on Griffith Ave. will instead be offered baskets to be placed in their gardens and the provision of compostable bags for the surplus leaves will continue.

It should also be noted that All Hallows Residents Association were consulted about the leaf composting project and have decided that they are not currently in a position to take on the management of baskets so declined the offer to take part in the 2023 programme.

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Order: Deferred to December meeting.

p **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

In relation to cycle path at Griffith Avenue, this North Central Area Committee calls on the manager to say what plans he has to address the problem of the large number of cyclists who continue to cycle on the footpath on a daily basis, (not using the cycle path) as residents complain about the large amount of money that has been paid to put cycle lanes on Griffith Avenue which “nobody uses” according to residents.

Reply

Dublin City Council installed a high quality cycle lane on Griffith Avenue to increase safety for cyclists. Cycle counter data shows that the numbers of people using the cycle lane on Griffith Avenue are continuously increasing, with over 12.500 people using the cycle lane in October 2023. While the Council does not have the authority to enforce the use of the cycle lane, the team will continue to promote its use among local residents, schools and on social media.

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Order: Deferred to December meeting.

q **Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

That this North Central area committee seeks an update on the pilot road closure of Haverty Road and a timeline for decision on a permanent closure.

Reply

A report summarising the public consultation feedback and traffic surveys is being compiled and will be presented to councillors in early 2024. We will seek feedback from councillors on the report and councillors will be given the opportunity to advise whether to implement the trial on a permanent basis, amend it or have it removed.

A permanent scheme would likely involve the installation of permanent infrastructure such as traffic islands, planting and other traffic calming measures as required. We will be in a position to tender for the development of a detailed design in Q1 2024 if there is support from councillors for a permanent scheme.

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Order: Agreed.

Councillor Daryl Barron
Chairperson
Monday 20 November 2023

Attendance:

Members:

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

Members:

Patricia Roe
Terence Flanagan
Deirdre Heney
Micheál MacDonncha
Larry O'Toole

Members:

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

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Bruce Philips, Mick Carroll, Derek Farrell, Fiona Moore, Catherine Cahill, Fergus O'Carroll, Jeremiah Moore, Gerry McEntagart, Catalin Rosca, Will Mangan, Patrick Smith, Gillian Corcoran, Cathy Cassidy, Niamh Reilly, Lynda Drysdale, Deirdre Murphy, Sabrina Dekker, James Nolan, Gerry O'Connell, Colm Fitzpatrick, Joe Kelly, Deirdre Kelly, Martin Donlon, Alec Dundon, Grainne O'Brien, Gerard Claffey, Linda McDonald.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th November, 2023

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager to request the erection of "GO SLOW - CHILDREN AT PLAY" signs along Ferrycarrig Avenue, Dublin 17”

Reply

A site investigation was carried out and it was observed that the aforementioned location and vicinity is covered by **30 km/h Slow Zone signage**, Children Crossing Signs, School Ahead Signs and SLOW road markings indicating the lower speed limit and the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists they are driving in residential areas and to expect children. The signage was provided at the following locations:

- a) 30 km/h Slow Zone signage:
 - at the entrance on Glin Road from Clonshaugh Avenue;
 - at the entrance on Glin Road from Greencastle Road;
 - at the entrance on Macroom Avenue from Greencastle Road;
 - at the entrance on Greencastle Park from Greencastle Road;
 - at the entrance on Greencastle Drive from Greencastle Road;
 - at the entrance on Greencastle Avenue from Greencastle Road.
 - at entrance on Ferrycarrig Drive from Glin Road
- b) School Ahead Sign:
 - at the entrance on Macroom Road from Glin Road;
 - At the entrance on Greencastle Park from Greencastle Road.
- c) Children Crossing Sign:
 - at the entrance on Greencastle Drive from Greencastle Road;
 - at the entrance on Ferrycarrig Park from Ferrycarrig Drive;
 - at the entrance on Ferrycarrig Drive from Glin Road.
- d) SLOW road markings:
 - one sign on Ferrycarrig Avenue;
 - two signs on Macroom Road;
 - one sign on Ferrycarrig Road;
 - one sign on Ferrycarrig Park;
 - one sign on Ferrycarrig Drive.

To avoid the proliferation of extra signage, it is not recommended to add additional signage at this location.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager to give an update on **(details supplied)** housing applicants current status on the list”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List, with an application date of 21/05/2019, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
B	1	457

Dublin City Council allocates 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.

It may benefit the applicant to increase his areas of choice as it may increase his chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday – Friday 2pm – 5pm at 2222201) to discuss options with the applicant should he wish to amend his application to include additional areas of choice.

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

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Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager to Indicate when a front door ramp will be installed at **(details supplied)** for this wheelchair bound applicant”

Reply

Housing Maintenance Adaptations Section has approved these works for the tenant. We are hoping to have the ramp installed in the first quarter of 2024.

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

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Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager can an inspection be carried out on the windows of **(details supplied)**. The tenant informs me that the frames are swelling and some of the windows won't close”

Reply

Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot will log this now for the tenant and the carpenter will inspect the windows frames and all necessary works will be carried out.

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

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Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager for an update on the proposed development of the former council depot site on Collins Avenue. The update should include the current designs and information regarding any changes that have been made since the designs were first presented to the councillors in July and feedback from the local consultation that took place on September 26th”

Reply

A public information session was held on 26th September for the above PPP Social Housing Bundle 4 site. The event was well attended over a three hour period. The designs presented on the night were issued in an email to the NCAC Cllrs on 28 September.

The Project Team are taking on board the feedback from the community and will now move forward to finalising the design in preparation for Pre Part 8 initiation in Q1 2024. The final scheme design will be presented to the elected members at the North Central Area Committee. The Project Team will ensure the feedback from the community will be included in the report that goes before the North Central Area Committee.

Contact: Gareth Rowan, Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 222 6030
Email: ppphousing@dublincity.ie

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

Withdrawn duplicate of Q3

Reply

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Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

Withdrawn duplicate of Q7

Reply

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Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to respond to this housing transfer request at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The applicant is not eligible for a transfer as she is only recently transferred to her current property (17/04/2023), so would not be eligible to apply for a transfer until 17/04/2025.

Should the applicant be experiencing anti-social behaviour she firstly should report this to An Garda Síochána and also link in with her local area office who can advise the applicant further regarding a transfer on EM grounds.

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

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Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to respond to the following housing maintenance query at (details supplied)”

Reply

Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot has undertaken an inspection of these windows and following this, we have put in a new order for windows with our Joinery Workshop.

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

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Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to respond to the low water pressure issue at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

As per letter dated 2nd May 2014 from the Chief Executive which was sent to all Councillors, water queries should be forwarded directly to Irish Water.

The following are the correct contact details for Irish Water;

Telephone

General 1800 278 278 Free

Business 0818 778 778 Standard Charges Apply

Postal Address: Irish Water. PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

**There is a specific email address at Irish Water for Councillors;
localrepsupport@water.ie**

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager, Artane/Whitehall LEA

Tel 222 8546

Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to respond to the following housing list query at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 21/10/2010, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
B	2	33
E	2	31

Dublin City Council allocates 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 applicants should be advised to regularly check the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

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

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Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to respond to tree trip query at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11147459) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will conduct a survey of the locus and assign to a crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North
City
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager the following question regarding the anti-social behaviour issue in the evenings in All Saints Park:

Can some consideration be given to whether the gates into this park can/should be locked at a certain point in the evening e.g. after nightfall? Locals would be willing to take this responsibility on and lock it in the evening and unlock it again in the morning, or a DCC official could also do this. It is felt that access to the park after dark is encouraging anti-social behaviour in the area”

Reply

The Parks Service does not consider locking such local open spaces as a solution to congregation after dark as this merely prevents effective patrolling of the area by the Gardaí. The work to crown lift the trees here has commenced which is improving sightlines across the park and removing cover for congregation and anti-social behaviour.

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

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Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to outline any plans in the short or medium term to revamp Belcamp Park in particular i) paint and clean-up of the Pavilion and Office of Dean Swift Building ii) increase the number of benches throughout the park particularly for those more senior users who need regular rest intervals when using the park, iii) putting up some signage to identify the park as Belcamp Park, directional signage to the pitch and putt and the children's playground etc and iv) flowers in the flower bed.

Reply

- i) This is considered a matter for Dean Swift management.
- ii) A number of such benches were installed in recent years. Additional benches can be considered as part of future parks improvement programmes.
- iii) Signage is in place at the main entrance at Clonshaugh Park. Consideration will be given to providing additional signage as part of the improvement programme for 2024.
- iv) This bed was managed by Dean Swift in the past. The area will be cleared out and planted appropriately.

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

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Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager could the area office establish if any of the ornate lampposts along Fairview Strand are to be saved and not replaced by modern replacements as part of the ongoing road works? It seems such a loss of our architectural heritage.”

Reply

The intention of the *Clontarf to City Centre Scheme* between Annesley Bridge and the Clontarf Arch rail-bridge is to install lighting column embellishments in the same style as per the existing columns. An example of the embellishments to be installed is as per the column already installed on Annesley Bridge Road (Fig. 1 below). Not all the embellishments have yet been installed. The remaining embellishments are to be installed towards the end of the construction phase to avoid risk of damage in the interim.



Fig. 1 – Embellishment installed – Annesley Bridge Road



Fig. 2 – Embellishments yet to be installed (bottom of Fairview Avenue Lower)



Fig. 3 – Embellishments yet to be installed (bottom of Fairview Avenue Lower)

Contact: **Joe Mernagh, Executive Engineer**
Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

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Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager requesting a date for the activation of recently installed traffic lights on Brookwood Avenue/Gracefield Road”

Reply

The traffic signals at this junction were switched on Thursday 02.11.2023 and have been connected to our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management system to enable monitoring and fault management.

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

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Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager to respond to this housing query of **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer Hap Housing List, with an application date of 05/11/2015, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
B	2	164

Dublin City Council allocates 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.

It may benefit the applicant to increase his areas of choice as it may increase his chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday – Friday 2pm – 5pm at 2222201) to discuss options with the applicant should he wish to amend his application to include additional areas of choice.

The applicant should be advised to regularly check the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicant's interest in the above property has been noted on her file.

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

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Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager to give a guide on how and when people can express an interest in purchasing homes on Oscar Traynor development and advise the estimated time frame for phase one to be completed”

Reply

There are 170 affordable purchase homes in the Oscar Traynor Road development which will be delivered over the course of the construction, first phase estimated completion in April 2025.

In advance of the date when the particular dwellings are scheduled to be completed, the Council will advertise the availability of the dwellings in at least one newspaper circulating within the administrative area and on Dublin City Council’s website.

The advertisement will include details regarding the location, number and type of dwellings to be sold, their price, the income limits for eligibility, as well as how and when to apply.

At this point any constituent who may be interested in applying should consider the qualifying criteria for the Affordable Purchase Scheme and their ability to raise a minimum 10% deposit (first-time buyer).

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 222 5280
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

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Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager to provide a full report on the work that has been carried out and established plans, with timelines for sporting facilities in the Artane/Whitehall area. In particular all weather pitches to support local football clubs”

Reply

The Area Office hope to invite all local Councillors, Deputy's and the local clubs to a meeting over the coming weeks to discuss the ongoing actions that are being taken to further the proposal.'

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

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Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager to include Rockfield Park when planting new trees this year”

Reply

The Parks Service is more than amenable to the planting of additional trees on open spaces providing such planting does not unduly interfere with the recreational amenity of such spaces. The Park will be inspected for suitability for additional tree planting for inclusion in the upcoming tree planting programme.

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

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Q.21 Question the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager to correct the footpath on the Ardlea Road which has an image indented into the concrete”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11147112) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection & assign to a crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager for an update on my question from July 2023 and if he can advise if the footpath has been inspected and an estimated time of expected works to prepare the footpath as it's a trip hazard there”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11147113) has been created for Skelly's Lane (**details supplied**). The Area Inspector informs me that there are no serious trip hazards along this route - a number of defects have been added for repair, but will not be repaired at present as there are utilities currently excavating the footpath.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager to remark the parking spaces at the taxi rank outside Dunne’s Stores on Barryscourt Road”

Reply

Taxi rank has been renewed on the 7/11/23.

Contact: Anthony Dalton Assistant Traffic Officer
Email: Anthony.dalton@dublincity.ie

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Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The appropriate measure to deal with the issues raised, is for residents to apply for a Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes this can be found on the DCC website:

https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

- a) The existing street lighting in **(details)** Estate, Santry will be upgraded to LED street lights under the current Public Lighting Infrastructure Upgrade Project, although an exact timeframe for these future improvements cannot be provided at this time except to say that the existing street lights will be upgraded to LED over the course of the next five years or so.

Until such time as the existing street lights in **(details)** Estate are replaced with the LED street lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

- b) Dublin Street Parking Services will investigate the dangerous parking at the location above. Enforcement action will be carried out if necessary.

Contact: Elaine Norton, Acting Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 6291
Email: elaine.norton@dublincity.ie

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Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Traffic Lights as outlined below and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Can the Traffic engineer seek to improve the sequencing of traffic lights for motorists coming out of the following estates?

- Courtlands onto Griffith Avenue
- Gaeltacht Park onto Swords Road
- Griffith Avenue onto Swords Road

Reply

- Courtland's onto Griffith Avenue

The operation of the traffic signals at the junction of Griffith Ave / Walnut Rise have now been evaluated and amendments made to the operation and signal timings to assist traffic exiting Walnut Rise / Courtland's.

- Gaeltacht Park onto Swords Road

The junction of Swords Road / Iveragh Road, exit / entrance to Gaeltacht Park, is an uncontrolled junction. That is to say, that there are no traffic signals controlling traffic movements at this junction.

There is a pedestrian crossing across the Swords Road, directly adjacent to this junction but this is only used to safety assist pedestrians crossing the road. Dublin City Council policy does not permit pedestrian signals to control the movement of vehicles from side roads onto main roads.

- Griffith Avenue onto Swords Road

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 reduces the green time available to the Swords Road and thereby increases public transport journey times along with increasing congestion along Swords / Drumcondra Road.

Please note that 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 junctions in question and amendments to traffic signal timings will be made as required, where there is scope to do so.

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

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Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

Parks Service has allocated pitches to the first club at **(details supplied)** at Belcamp Park and Kilmore Drive for juveniles and adults and has allocated pitches to the second club at **(details supplied)** at Oscar Traynor Road for juveniles and adults.

Contact: Sean Ray, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Service
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

The Area Office hope to invite all local Councillors, Deputy’s and the local clubs to a meeting over the coming weeks to discuss the ongoing actions that are being taken to further the proposal.

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

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Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Traffic at **(details supplied)** and if he will provide a report on the matter”

Reply

The traffic signals along the route are controlled by Dublin City Council's traffic management system SCATS, which alters traffic signal timings and sequences based upon real time traffic data demand taken from vehicle detectors on approaches to the junctions. SCATS also co-ordinates the traffic signal operation at adjacent traffic signals along the route to optimise free flow through the junctions. The co-ordination and linking of various traffic signals along with traffic signals timings have been assessed and updated.

Traffic signals along the route will continue to be monitored and further changes made, as required, where there is scope to do so.

Please note the NCA Forum – Traffic Summit scheduled for 02.10.23 did not take place as scheduled.

Contact: Seán Fallon. Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

The Local Area Manager will be liaising with Traffic in order to re-arrange a traffic summit for the **(details supplied)**.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall LEA

Tel: 222 8546

Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

Please note that the works currently taking place here are to upgrade the junction to provide signalised pedestrian crossing facilities on all entry/exit arms of the roundabout flyover. These works are funded by the National Transport Authority and are carried out by DCC Traffic in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). Regarding construction dirt/debris on the road – please note that we have passed your observations on to TII for action and follow up.

Contact: **Liam O’Brien**
 Senior Executive ITS Officer
Email: liam.obrien@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Service will call to the site manager of the above mentioned works to ensure that they have a road sweeping machine cleaning around the site and keeping the location as clean as possible until the works finish.

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

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Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

1. **Update on commencement of works** – Site setup works commenced with enabling works and site development to start before Christmas.
2. **Timelines for development** – Commence Nov 2023 and complete 2028.
3. **Road sweeper** – The road is currently cleaned once a day due to minimal construction traffic. A wheel wash facility will be installed on the site as part of the site set-up, road sweepers will be implemented during the construction of the scheme.
4. **Traffic plan** – The TMP is currently under review by planning authority in line with planning conditions

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

3. Waste Management Service will call to the site manager of the above mentioned development when it commences to ensure that they have a road sweeping machine cleaning around the site and keeping the location as clean as possible until the works finish.

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

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Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

Subject to procurement it is envisaged that the roll out of this signage to all playgrounds will commence in the coming months.

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

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Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The Parks Service have initiated a programme of recorded inspections of street trees prioritising main roads and routes with significant amenity trees in the first instance. Once all street trees are included in the digital inventory tree works can be programmed on a planned and proactive manner. Street trees will then be re-inspected on a 3 to 5 year cycle depending on the recommendations of the arborist carrying out the assessment. The **(details)** Estate will not be formally surveyed in this manner in the short term. In the interim the Parks Service will continue to arrange visual inspections based on reports and representations received. The Parks Service is more than amenable to the planting of additional trees on open spaces providing such planting does not unduly interfere with the recreational amenity of such spaces. The small greens in this estate have a good number of trees but if suggested locations are forwarded they can be inspected for suitability for inclusion in the upcoming tree planting programme.

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

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Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The Parks Service with the winning tenderer last week and all are happy to proceed on the basis of the winning tender. The next stage is to revert to the community consultees for feedback.

Then the designers will consider the feedback from the consultation and amend the designs accordingly which will then be brought back to the community for final agreement.

The provisional playground upgrade programme for 2024 is to carry out a major refit of Belcamp Playground.

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

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Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Details: Can the council carry out a traffic survey of the Hole in Wall Road to Donaghmede Roundabout. There is a lot of traffic on this road and it's only going to get worse. What plans are there to remove the roundabout and replace with a traffic junction?

Reply

Dublin City Council's Active Travel Network will enhance quality of life by connecting all people through the delivery of a walk-wheel-cycle network. This will be achieved by improving access, connectivity and sustainable mobility and will also contribute to a citywide reduction of transport-related carbon emissions. Over the next eight years, the active travel network will grow from its existing 10km to a connected network of 310km across the city. The network will be rolled out on a project by project basis.

At present the Active Travel Programme Office do not have a current project for the **(details)** Road. There is however, a future project – the Clare Hall to Belmayne via **(details)** Roundabout, which is currently under consideration and subject to the availability of resources. This scheme, when implemented, may enhance the infrastructure at the **(details)** roundabout.

Contact: Chris Manzira – Deputy Director – Active Travel; Programme Office.

Email: christopher.manzira@dublincity.ie

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Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Dublin Street Parking Services have been instructed to monitor this location over the coming weeks and carry out enforcement action where required.

Contact: Elaine Norton, Acting Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 6291
Email: elaine.norton@dublincity.ie

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Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The Parks Service have initiated a programme of recorded inspections of street trees prioritising main roads and routes with significant amenity trees in the first instance. Once all street trees are included in the digital inventory tree works can be programmed on a planned and proactive manner. Street trees will then be re-inspected on a 3 to 5 year cycle depending on the recommendations of the arborist carrying out the assessment. To date **(details)** Road has been surveyed and further areas will be included in future years. In the interim the Parks Service will continue to arrange visual inspections based on reports and representations received.

The Parks Service is more than amenable to plant additional large canopy trees on public open space in the **(details)** area. An inspection of suitable sites will be made for inclusion in this winter's tree planting programme.

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

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Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The Litter Enforcement Manager will instruct the litter wardens for the area to visit the laneways around the **(details)** area and remove a sample of any illegal dumping present for evidence to try and find out who is responsible. Once the dumping has been checked for evidence the Inspector for WMS will be requested to go ahead with the cleaning of these lanes.

Contact: Stephen Kavanagh, Litter Enforcement Manager
Email: stephen.kavanagh@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Details: Can DCC local council management please meet with the DERA Donaghmede Estate Residents Association committee at least 4 times a year to deal with any issues they may have. Meetings used to take place before Covid and it would be my opinion and other Cllr’s that these meetings resume.

Reply

(Details) are represented at the Donaghmede Safety Forum meetings which takes place 5 times a year. These meetings are attended by DCC local management, representatives of An Garda Síochana and all public representatives are invited to join these meetings.

Arrangements can be made to meet with the **(details)** separately, if considered necessary, having regard to existing staff resources.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager, Clontarf/Donaghmede LEA
Tel: 222 8846
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

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Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Arrangements will be made to discuss this proposal with representatives of **(details)** in order to clarify this request.

Contact: Mick Carroll Local Area Manager, Donaghmede/Clontarf LEA
Tel: 222 8846
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

There are no outstanding development works on the pitch and putt course in the park.

As was agreed with the pitch and putt club 9 holes are available.

The depot here remains in use by Parks staff.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The appears to be a good mix of species of street trees planted along this road
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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The Dublin City Tree Strategy adopted as policy in 2016 does not consider the reduction or removal of leaf fall as a valid reason to 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 3.7.4 Leaf Fall states that ‘the Council will not prune or fell a Council owned tree to remove or reduce leaf fall or remove fallen leaves from private property’.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Dublin Street Parking Services have been instructed to monitor the location and take enforcement action if required.

Contact: Elaine Norton, Acting Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 6291
Email: elaine.norton@dublincity.ie

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Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Arrangements are being put in place to have all such stumps in the area removed in the coming weeks including the one at this address.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the Council will prune the tree outside a house 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.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the Council will fix the footpath at **(details supplied)**?”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11147232) has been created & assigned to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the locus & assign to a crew for repairs.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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20th November, 2023

Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the Council will fix the road at **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11147235) has been created & assigned to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the locus & assign to a crew for repairs.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the Council will fix the broken kerb in the centre island at (details supplied)?”

Reply

An enquiry (ref.11147237) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection & assign to crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the Council will consider installing a bench in the green at Foxfield Park for elderly people in the area?”

Reply

Arrangements are being put in place to overlay the footpaths on this open space. This work will include provision for a hardstanding for benches. Once complete consideration will be given to the provision of benches at this location as part of next year's improvement programme to have benches installed in advance of the improving weather next spring.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if repairs could be carried out to footpaths along Shanliss Ave, Santry. I note that footpaths on adjoining roads are included in the Works Programme 2023 for the North Central area, would it be possible to add areas along Shanliss Ave footpath while other works are being carried out? Failing that, could footpaths on this road be included in the 2024 Works Programme? ”

Reply

The annual works is agreed at the beginning of each year and includes the footpaths & carriageways to be repaired for that year. Shanliss Avenue was not included in this programme. It will be considered when drafting the 2024 works programme.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if a “No Dumping” sign could be erected on the grass verge outside **(details supplied)**. The elderly resident living at this address reports serial dumping of garden waste mainly but often including domestic waste at this site, which is located on a wide grass verge at T-junction”

Reply

The North Central Area Public Domain Team will assess the location and will erect a sign in the coming weeks if it is deemed necessary.

Contact: Joanne O’Sullivan, Environmental Liaison Officer
Tel: 222 8541
Email: joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to have the Traffic Dept carry out a full traffic survey on Crestfield Park. A public meeting yesterday residents outlined the problems being created by the use of the estate for parking by DCU students and patrons, the chaotic parking blocking driveways by patrons of football pitches at St Aidan’s CBS and other users of the school facilities in the evenings and the imminent closing of the staff carpark in St Aidan’s due to extensive building works. I have previously raised these issues with both Santry community Gardaí and Parking Enforcement. It would also be helpful if the traffic manager could outline to residents what are the options available to them. ”

Reply

The appropriate measure to deal with the issues raised is the introduction of a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme. The purpose of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme is to eliminate long term commuter parking.

If residents would like to apply for a Residential Parking Scheme details of the criteria can be found on the DCC website:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

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

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive
Email: Gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to advise if the holding of Poker Tournaments at **(details supplied)** is in compliance with the Gaming Act 2023? In respect of the same premises where another 10 day Poker tournament is planned for February 29th to March 10th could the Manager please advise if an event of 11 days requires special planning permission? Thirdly, if the running of the above events are subject to licence, does the granting of the licence include the requirement to provide parking for patrons? As the Manager will be aware, the hotel no longer has a carpark, therefore causing patrons to find parking wherever they can, most frequently in the adjoining small residential estate. ”

Reply

Dublin City Council has no part or role in the licencing or compliance of gaming/gambling in this State.

The holding of a poker tournament at the Bonnington Hotel is not considered to be an enforceable breach of existing planning permissions associated with the Hotel.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the Road Maintenance Services Works Programme 2023 presented to us by Roads Maintenance department can be reviewed (see attached) As can be seen from this document which was circulated to all Nth Central councillors **(details supplied)** was included on the schedule. I am now informed by the current Senior Engineer that this road has been omitted from the list. As the List of Works is costed when presented to us, could I see what savings have been made by its omission and get a guarantee that it is included in the programme of Works 2024? ”

Reply

While **(details)** Road **(details/Iveragh Road)** carriageway was included in the 2023 works programme, it did not actually include any part of **(details)** Road. Both engineers who dealt with this area (and the works programme) have left DCC, so clarity cannot be sought as to why **(details)** Road was included in the works programme.

Sections of **(details)** Road carriageway will be included as part of the 2024 works programme.

Regarding savings being made – no savings were made in relation to this, as only Iveragh Road was accounted for in the works programme.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to examine **(details supplied)** and

- a) arrange to prune tree adjacent to side of number 17 where tree has grown through utility wires and is affecting service; tree is in park under control of Parks Dept
- b) Arrange to prune roadside trees, some of which are enormous and totally overshadow these 3 storey houses at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

- a) 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. The clearing of vegetation around utility lines is specialist and dangerous work and is a matter for the service provider. ESB networks provide the advices below for residents to report such concerns.

To request a tree cutting service, please contact us at 1800 372 757 or +353 21 2386555. Our team will arrange for a tree cutting crew to inspect the area. If the inspection confirms the need for tree cutting, we will aim to complete the work within 3 to 4 weeks. However, if the inspection determines that immediate cutting is not necessary for public and network safety, the tree cutting will be included in our scheduled tree cutting programs.

- b) Dublin City Tree Strategy adopted as policy in 2016 states that ‘trees are not dangerous just because they are perceived as tall, too big for their surroundings or move in the wind’.

Objective 3.7.10 ‘Tree considered too big/ too tall’ states ‘The Council will not prune or fell a Council owned/managed tree because it is considered to be ‘too big’ or ‘too tall’

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager in relation to roads as per **(details supplied)**, say if consideration can be given to making same one way as requested by residents.”

Reply

Dublin City Council only recommends one way systems and/or road closures in exceptional circumstances as they have considerable drawbacks associated with them including:

- They can result in operational difficulties for emergency services, waste disposal and delivery.
- They can result in considerable inconvenience to local residents and other road users due to diverted traffic.
- They can result in increased volumes of traffic on other local streets as traffic is displaced.
- It can result in increased traffic speeds.

Therefore, it is not advised to turn **(details)** Road into a one way road.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please refer to shores at **(details supplied)** and arrange to clear same.”

Reply

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

- Details supplied – 4 of 4 Gullies cleaned and inspected on 13/11/2023. All 4 gullies are in good working order.

**Contact: Kevin Vallely, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood
Incident Management Division**
Tel: 222 7504
Email: kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie

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Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager arrange to renew the yellow box markings at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

In respect of the yellow box this will be renewed within 30 days.

Contact: Anthony Dalton, Assistant Traffic Officer.
Email: anthony.dalton@dublincity.ie

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Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to arrange to repair/straighten sign at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11147243) has been created and forwarded to the Area Engineer to add this request for a new street name-plate to be ordered. A street name-plate contract is currently being drafted and will commence in early 2024.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please, in relation to laneway at **(details supplied)**, arrange to clear same of weeds and debris etc.”

Reply

Waste Management Service cleaned the above mentioned laneway on the 10th November 2023.

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

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Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager in relation to fallen tree at **(details supplied)** please arrange to remove the remainder of same which appears to have been cut up into small sections by Dublin City Council following recent storm. ”

Reply

There are no publicly owned trees at this location and this is a matter for the tree owner/waste management.

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

Waste Management Service will arrange to remove the remainder of this tree before the end of the month.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Manager could the gullies be cleaned and leaves cleared on Kincora grove area.”

Reply

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

- Kincora Grove – 4 of 4 Gullies cleaned and inspected on 13/11/2023. All 4 gullies are in good working order.

Contact: Kevin Vallely, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division
Tel: 222 7504
Email: kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Service operate a leaf clearing programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets and paths with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. In addition we assist resident groups in clearing leaves from their areas and remove the collected leaves for them. We had the leaves cleared on Kincora Grove on the 14th November 2023 and will ensure this area is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Manager could the Kincora road Clontarf speed issue be reviewed as no measures have been taken since report in 2020 showed consistent speeding.”

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) has a limited budget for 2023 and therefore unable to recommend any traffic calming measures at the aforementioned location at this time.

The request for traffic calming has been added to a list for future consideration along with similar requests throughout Dublin North Central. Any future recommendations for traffic calming are dependent on future funding being 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.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Manager could the issue of cars and vans parking on pavements on Griffith Ave be addressed?”

Reply

The Parking Enforcement Inspector will carry out an on-site inspection at the location and arrange enforcement action if necessary.

Contact: Elaine Norton, Acting Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 6291
Email: elaine.norton@dublincity.ie

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Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Manager could we have a meeting with active travel team to discuss north central projects?”

Reply

The Active Travel Programme Office will liaise with the Area Manager to agree the format and to set up a meeting.

**Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Deputy Director Active Travel
Programme Office**

Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager when **(details supplied)** will be reached with an offer of housing as she has been on our housing list for 13 years and has a very young family.”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 21/10/2010, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area E	2	31
Area B	2	33

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

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

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to add a full carriageway repair of Mount Prospect Avenue adjacent to St Anne’s Park/The Red Stables to the programme of works for 2024. This road has very heavy usage due to the proximity to the busy amenity of St Anne’s Park and is in poor condition. Residents note that partial repairs are undertaken frequently but the condition always deteriorates.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11147306) has been created for carriageway repairs on Mount Prospect Avenue at the junction to St. Anne’s Park entrance. This section of carriageway will be considered when drafting the 2024 works programme.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the inspection and pruning/crown lifting of the tree outside (**details supplied**) where the branches are intersecting substantially with utility wires which is of concern to the resident.”

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. The clearing of vegetation around utility lines is specialist and dangerous work and is a matter for the service provider. ESB networks provide the advices below for residents to report such concerns.

To request a tree cutting service, please contact us at 1800 372 757 or +353 21 2386555. Our team will arrange for a tree cutting crew to inspect the area. If the inspection confirms the need for tree cutting, we will aim to complete the work within 3 to 4 weeks. However, if the inspection determines that immediate cutting is not necessary for public and network safety, the tree cutting will be included in our scheduled tree cutting programs.

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

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Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager for a full update on the schedule for planned works for **(details supplied)** where there are markings for footpath repairs in place? The footpaths are in very poor condition and have been significantly damaged by tree roots (see photo attached) and have already led to injury of residents. To ask the manager also to improve the communications from the council to the residents as residents were left notes on their cars indicating they must be moved by a specific date/time to facilitate works with no communications via their letterboxes or any other means.”

Reply

A footpath contract was recently completed for footpath repairs on above location to remove any defects, including tree root trips.

Regarding the issue of communications with residents in advance of footpath works, the contractor carried out a letter drop to every household and also a letter was left on vehicle windscreens (in compliance with contract requirements). There may be confusion with regards to this, as Irish Water also carried out footpath works on this road recently.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to consider the removal of the remaining fencing at Fairview Park to open the full park length out to the cycleway/village. Local residents have expressed concern that there are safety issues arising from the green fencing currently in place in terms of someone being able to get away in case of assault. Given how positive the opening of the top stretch of the park has been can it be extended to the entire Fairview side of the park?”

Reply

Given the incursions of scrambler motorbikes and a stolen car onto the pitches at Fairview Park earlier this year which caused considerable damage it would not seem prudent to further open up the park along this busy road at this time. Lighting has been installed along the new esplanade and the trees along the boundary have been pruned and crown lifted to improve sightlines and views in and out of the park and the perceptions of safety for park users.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager if the Council will fix a lifting footpath at a location **(details supplied)** that is causing a trip hazard and damaging a garden wall?”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11147313) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the locus & assign to a crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager if the trees at a location can be pruned (**details supplied**) – the trees are blocking some of the street lights making the road extremely dark at night.”

Reply

A quick visual inspection indicated that the majority of the trees are not unduly interfering with the public lighting columns. A detailed 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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to provide information on community composting for a specific area (**details supplied**), specifically where there is community composting in and near this area, and the system whereby DCC will collect blue compost bags.”

Reply

A local resident from the (**details**) Area attended a leaf composting workshop held at the Sensory Garden Springdale Road in Autumn 2022.

Should the residents in the Foxfield Grove area wish to make more leaf mould compost for use in the area more baskets can be provided on the understanding that the residents commit to managing the baskets as this is a community led initiative.

Leaves should not be placed in DCC blue bags. They should only be placed into DCC compostable leaf bags which we have given to registered groups for local distribution. The procedure is as follows:

1. Place only leaves in the bag
2. Fill bag half way and tie a knot
3. Place bags outside your property.
4. Do not block pathways, roadways, laneways or driveways
5. Request bag collection via DCC Citizen Hub <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/> select “**Request It**” and then “**Community Clean Up Request**” or alternatively for those members of the public who do not use the internet they can call the North Central Area Office and a member of staff will be happy to assist Phone: 01-2228540

It should be noted that these bags are for use in the public domain **only** and should not be used for private home use. **Under no circumstances should people place garden waste in these bags.**

Contact: Joanne O’Sullivan, Environmental Liaison Officer
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20th November, 2023

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager to request the help of the family support team to engage with **(details supplied)** and their young family who are at risk of homelessness and are in need of as much support as we can provide to help them secure a new home.”

Reply

The Family Support Team (FST) has contacted **details supplied** and they are approved for homeless HAP.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Director DRHE
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager to Request a report on the housing file of **(details supplied)**, why her position has changed the way it has over recent times and what housing options she has available to her.”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer List with an application date of 08/2/2018 , and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area E	2	842
Area B	2	905

Positions on the list can fluctuate from time to time. If an applicant that is on the list longer than the above changes their area of preference to B or E, they would go to a position ahead of the applicant.

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

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

Contact: Sandra Barry, Acting Allocation Officer
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Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the planting of a small flower bed or a couple of trees on the now charred space where a bonfire was lit on the green space at the junction of Maryfield Crescent and the Kilmore Rd as this may prevent the annual bonfires at this spot”

Reply

Community & Social Development Section are more than happy to link in with our Colleagues in Public Domain and Parks Department to look for green space improvements with residents at this specific green space.

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

The effects of the intense heat and toxins released into the ground during such unauthorised fires often render the soils unsuitable for plant growth for a year or two afterwards. It is considered highly unlikely that such a horticultural intervention would deter the lighting of illegal bonfires at this location. At best it might displace the activity elsewhere in the green or the planting itself may become a target. The most successful way to stop such fires is for the community to organise alternative activities at that location in the early evening which will act to prevent materials being assembled and bonfire construction.

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

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Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to arrange for tree trimming in **(details supplied)**, as the height is becoming a hazard as the weather conditions worsen.”

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.

It should be noted however that height reduction know as topping or lopping is not a recommended arboricultural technique and merely results in a rapid flush of weakly attached regrowth which can break off in high winds. Objective 3,6,5 - Quality of Work of the adopted tree policy states ‘Topping is only considered where trees have serious defects that cannot be otherwise addressed and their short term retention is essential or highly desirable’.

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

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Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to get a “children at play” sign installed on **(details supplied)**, as there is an increase in children in the area, and the ramps aren’t doing enough to reduce speed.”

Reply

The streets surrounding **(details)** Grove display 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children.

Further signage such as Children Crossing are not recommended within the estate, as this would lead to a proliferation of signs where motorists have already been warned on entering the estate.

The 30km/h painted roundels were provided at the entrance to **(details)** Grove from **(details)** Road and Thornville Road in order to complement the existing 30km/h signage.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
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Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to install signage indicating the rules of off lead dogs in Edenmore Park”

Reply

The installation of such signage will be considered as part of the improvement programme for 2024.

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

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Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager to request a maintenance inspection of the home of **(details supplied)** with a particular focus on the leaking attic roof.”

Reply

Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot has given this job to a roofing contractor who will inspect the attic roof this week for the tenant and all necessary works will be carried out.

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

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20th November, 2023

Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please refer to housing applicant as per **(details supplied)** who is seeking City Council wheelchair accessible accommodation and advise when it is likely she will be housed”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 30/3/2021, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
B	1	914
H	1	685
P	1	352

Dublin City Council allocates 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 applicants should be advised to regularly check the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager in relation to my previous request for tree pruning on Kilbride Road, Killester, Dublin 3, can the manager in relation to assessment of trees on the road, say

- a. If this is an annual assessment or one only done on ad hoc basis (e.g. at a resident's request?
- b. What is meant by the term “crown lifting?”
- c. If he can advise when it is planned to remove the tree stump on the road
- d. In relation to the broken tarmac at some of the bases of the trees, if/when he can arrange for repair of same
- e. If he can assess the poor quality of public lighting on Kilbride Road during night time hours as it seems (by photos provided in a previous response from City Council officials) that the previous assessment was done during the day.

Reply

- a) The Parks Service have initiated a programme of recorded inspections of street trees prioritising main roads and routes with significant amenity trees in the first instance. Once all street trees are included in the digital inventory tree works can be programmed on a planned and proactive manner. Street trees will then be re-inspected on a 3 to 5 year cycle depending on the recommendations of the arborist carrying out the assessment. In the interim the Parks Service will continue to arrange visual inspections based on reports and representations received such as in this case.
- b) Crown Lifting is defined in the adopted tree policy as *‘pruning to achieve a desired vertical clearance above the ground level’*. Essentially this is the removal of lower branches to ensure there is adequate space beneath for pedestrians.
- c) Tree stumps particularly those within small pits in concrete pavements cannot be removed until they have degraded sufficiently to allow for their safe removal without damage to the pavement or any adjacent underground services. The stump will be inspected to ascertain if it is suitable for removal in the next tranche of removals in the area otherwise the Parks Service will continue to monitor the locus.

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

- d) An enquiry (ref. 11147225) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection & assign to a crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

- e) An assessment was carried out on the street lighting on Kilbride Road and the lighting levels meet the required standard for such a residential road. The assessment involves simulating the light levels on the street using specialist street lighting software with the specific photometric data of the particular luminaires that are installed on the street so a night inspection isn't generally required. There are, however, some trees on the street and there appears to be reasonable separation between the lights and the trees so that the light should reach the road and footpath surfaces.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th November, 2023

Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to outline progress made with regard to identifying a green area in the Kilmore area that would be suitable for building an astro pitch”

Reply

The Parks Service previously reported on the challenges associated with the 3 open spaces in the area large enough to accommodate a full-sized all-weather facility not least of which is that each site has been previously identified as important feeding sites for Brent Geese, a protected species, with huge numbers recorded on each site. A full appropriate assessment of the impacts of any such proposal on protected species will be required if any of these sites are to be brought forward to planning. The Parks Service is commissioning surveys of the usage of these open spaces by the Brent Geese over the winter months which will inform any future impact assessment. There is no guarantee that impacts can be ameliorated.

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

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Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to indicate any grant funding or grant funding opportunities either from a national source or a local source that has been made available to sports clubs in the North Central Area either directly for sports and recreation activities or under a social inclusion category for which a sports clubs working with socio-economic disadvantaged children and young people has qualified for”

Reply

Sport for Young People Small Grant Scheme 2023

170 applications were received from clubs across the city including the North Central Area (NCA). Sport Ireland Contribution for 2023 is €80,000. Remainder of allocation is from DCC. The assessment stage is now complete. The DCSWP Advisory Board noted the final list and allocation at the meeting of 24th October. Successful clubs have been notified (134). Average funding is between €500- €950. A number of clubs remain under review. A full list of NCA clubs can be provided for the committees' information on request.

Also a sports club can contact their local sports officers to potentially source some support if needed.

Contact: Aideen O'Connor, Administrative Officer
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Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to indicate if there are plans to upgrade or expand the size of the pitch in the stardust park”

Reply

A funding application has been made to the Sports Capital Programme to improve and expand the existing mini-pitch at this location.

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

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Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to indicate if there are plans to build additional caged basketball/football all weather surfaced areas in the general Kilmore/Coolock/Artane area”

Reply

The Parks Service have no such plans but same could be considered as part of future programmes subject to the identification of a suitable location and source of funding.

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

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Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to indicate if there is the possibility of the central surface carpark in Artane Place being used for a weekend farmer's market so that a pilot market could be encouraged over several months”

Reply

This carpark is privately owned and is managed by Xestra Asset Management. The query has been referred to Xestra for their consideration and a reply will issue directly to the councillor in due course.

Contact: Fiona Moore, Staff Officer
Tel: 222 8870
Email: Fiona.moore@dublincity.ie

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20th November, 2023

Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to provide an up-to-date report on discussions between Dublin City Council and AIB in relation to acquiring the plot of land between **(details supplied)** – have terms been agreed?”

Reply

Terms and conditions have just been agreed with the Vendor for the acquisition of the subject plot at Richmond Road and the acquisition formalities have now commenced.

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer
Phone: 222 3941
Email: nial.dully@dublincity.ie

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20th November, 2023

Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager To (a) request an update on the issue relating to Grace Park Rd/Collins Avenue junction as raised with DCC Traffic/ITS via the Area Office on 01/09/2023 (b) confirm why no acknowledgement/response was forthcoming from DCC Traffic/ITS on the matter; I can forward the email correspondence if required

Reply

Please accept our sincere apologies regarding the lack of response / acknowledgement from DCC Traffic on this query. At the time there were several similar queries relating to the same junction and it appears that an acknowledgment was overlooked in this case. Nonetheless your query was forwarded to ITS and we carried out an assessment of the issues raised at the time. Please find details of this assessment below.

The traffic signals at the junction of Collins Ave and Grace Park Rd were upgraded in May 2023. Extra pedestrian crossings were installed so that all approaches now have a pedestrian crossing. For pedestrian safety, all pedestrian crossings run concurrently in a single traffic signal phase with no possible conflicting vehicular movements.

These measures have somewhat reduced the amount of vehicle green time available each cycle of the traffic signals which impacts the capacity of the junction for vehicular throughout. However, the level of service and safety for pedestrians has significantly improved which is in line with national and City Council policy to provide for active and sustainable modes of transportation.

Since the junction upgrade, the traffic signal operation has been constantly monitored and assessed and changes to signal timings and sequences have been made to mitigate (as far as practicable) any delays at peak traffic hours, with a particular focus on Grace Park Road.

We will continue to monitor the junction and make further changes to signal timings where there is scope to do so.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, ITS, Transportation
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Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to provide an update on discussions to regularise arrangements around the cycleway to the front of the Clontarf Baths”

Reply

The Active Travel Programme Office, with the support of the Planning and Development Department is currently finalising the Heads of Terms to enable the transfer of lands required for the development. Once these are finalised and, agreement is reached with the landowner, AcTPrO will proceed to complete the detailed design with a view to proceeding to construction when funding becomes available.

Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Deputy Director Active Travel Programme Office

Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

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Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager organise for the footpath outside **(details supplied)** to be levelled and reinstated to good quality”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11147315 has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of this defect and assign to a crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager organise for the Sheffield bike racks outside of the All Hallows entrance on Grace Park Road to be reinstalled - they were removed for local works and never replaced (see attached picture)”

Reply

Traffic have been in touch with the contractor that removed the cycle infrastructure as part of the entrance up-grade to *All Hallows* campus and have requested their reinstatement.

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer
Tel: 086 815 1521
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20th November, 2023

Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager can the following matters at **(details supplied)** be considered as part of the tree audit to be undertaken on St. Lawrence Road”

Reply

Arrangements have been made to have the trees on this road fully and independently assessed. The above matters will be brought to the attention of the surveyor. Any recommendations made by the consulting arborist arising from this assessment will be programmed as per the assigned priority rating.

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

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

“To ask the Manager In relation to Clonturk Park can the Area Manager respond on the following:

1. The lighting on Clonturk Park is considered to be poor – can it be upgraded to deliver better quality lighting
2. The laneway running parallel to Clonturk Park between it and Church Avenue needs to be cleaned. This was raised by a local resident most recently by phone to DCC on 30/06/2023 (case ref 528106440) but no reply; please provide an update to what happened to this case?
3. Can the Area Manager also confirm date of the most recent effort of lane closure at this location and why it was rejected – from memory it involved Eir requiring access to plant.

Reply

- 1) A lighting assessment was carried out on the street lighting in Clonturk Park. The lights in this estate were upgraded to LED street lights back in 2016. There is one very small section at the gable of H64 that is below the desired minimum level that we would like to achieve. This will be addressed by adjusting the orientation of the luminaire outside H55 in the coming days. Once the above adjustments are made the light levels will meet the required levels for such a residential estate and there are no plans for further improvements.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

- 2) Waste Management Service cleaned the above mentioned laneway on the 10th November 2023. Back in June it was put in as a weed control request which would have been listed for spraying/removal by the programme operated by the Area Office on behalf of Road Maintenance.

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

- 3) The most recent attempt to extinguish the public right of way over the laneway at Clonturk Park/Church Avenue/Ormond Road was in 2011. This was unsuccessful due to objections by Eir, who require access to their services. Informal enquiries with Eir in 2018, in response to an enquiry from a resident found that at that time they indicated that they would be open to a proposal involving gates with coded padlocks. ESB have some specific requirements but these are unlikely to constitute an obstacle to closure.

Contact: Lynda Drysdale, Acting Senior Staff Officer
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Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager in relation to the welcome implementation of a School Zone outside Drumcondra National School can the Area Manager:

1. Confirm what treatment will be applied to the stretch between the School and Grace Park Road (school side) to maximise visibility and minimise congestion i.e. what replaces the single yellow line proposed previously
2. Ensure 30 kph signs are installed for traffic heading east towards Grace Park Road so they know the applicable speed limit
3. Move the “Stop” sign at the Grace Park Road junction to a more visible/prominent position to with a view to getting maximum adherence
4. Request a traffic survey post-implementation with a view to identifying any further measures required

Reply

The works are currently underway for the implementation for the School Zone at Drumcondra National School. These works will take place on Church Ave and Grace Park Road. The design elements for this School Zone include pencil bollards along the edge of the southern carriageway of Church Avenue from its junction with Grace Park road to the school entrance and on the east side of the footpath on Grace Park Road adjacent to the existing ramp to prevent illegal parking on the path and to raise awareness of the presence of Grace Park Educate Together School entrance, as well as colourful road markings and a School Zone road surface sign on Church Avenue. The existing 30kph signage will be retained and in addition two new School Ahead with Flashing Amber signs will be installed on the northern side of Church Avenue and on the southern side of Church Avenue at the junction with Grace Park road. All of the design documents and information about the project is available at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/copy-of-drumcondra-national-school/> The team will undertake an evaluation after the implementation of the project.

Contact: Deirdre Kelly, Acting Administrative Officer
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Email: Deirdre.kelly@dublicity.ie

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

“To ask the Manager In relation to the laneway running parallel to Annadale Drive between it and Griffith Court can the Area Manager:

1. Confirm that the public right of way is now extinguished
2. Clarify if DCC owns title to the laneway as some residents are interested in incorporating the laneway into their gardens

Reply

The Public Right of way to this laneway was extinguished by resolution at a meeting of The City Council on 4th September 2023, with the condition that the residents of all properties which have access to the laneway either now or in the future are given access to the gate and to the laneway.

Dublin City Council owns the title to this laneway.

The following observations were made by service providers during the extinguishment process which have implications for any proposed disposal:

- ESB have network in this lane and require a wayleave and right of way to the cables. Contact details:
- Virgin Media have an overhead cable passing 31-33 which they would need access to in future.
- Irish Water noted that there is a foul sewer manhole in the laneway & access to it must be maintained and not built over without an IW build over agreement. .
- Dublin City Council’s Drainage Division (on behalf of Irish Water) requires immediate risk-free access 24/7/365 to the foul sewer for maintenance.

Contact: Lynda Drysdale, Acting Senior Staff Officer
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Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to organise for Windsor Lane to be put on a regular cleaning schedule.”

Reply

Waste Management Service cleaned the above mentioned laneway on 10th November 2023. The cleanliness of this laneway will be monitored and additional cleaning will be carried out when necessary.

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

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Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager to introduce a method that will stop people parking in this space circled in blue which blocks access to the park in the event of emergencies. This mainly happens when football matches are being played and there is a higher volume of cars in the area.”

Reply

Upon a site investigation, the dropped kerb at the above location is not suitable for prams, buggies, bicycles or wheelchairs since there is no other dished kerb across Whitethorn Avenue that pedestrians can safely cross.

The dished kerb is to allow maintenance machinery to access the green area by DCC Parks Department. Until now, we have not received any requests from the Parks Department to install parking restrictions at the aforementioned location. The provision of parking restrictions are not recommended.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager to add new or paint the road signs on the wall above the EBS on Kilmore Road/Malahide Road as they are completely eligible”

Reply

An enquiry (ref.11147316) has been created to order a nameplate for Malahide Road & Kilmore Road. The Area Engineer is currently drafting a name-plate contract work will commence in early 2024 replacing name-plates.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, North City.
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Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager to have a thorough clean of the road into **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Waste Management Service had the above mentioned road cleaned on the 9th November 2023.

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