



NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.

AND BY REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023 AT 11.00 AM

AGENDA

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a	<p>Motion 5(o) carried forward from the November meeting in the name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
b	<p>Motion 5(p) carried forward from the November meeting in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney</p> <p>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.</p>	

c Motion in the name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland

That this North Central Area Committee expresses concern that the Dublin City Council School Zones Scheme is being usurped by the NTA Safe Routes to School Scheme, in particular the arbitrary way in which the NTA chooses schools compared to the self-selecting collaborative way the DCC School Zones communicates with schools and the requirement that we implement the NTA scheme ahead of all the schools that have submitted a request under the DCC School Zones Scheme. This leaves many of our schools in limbo and also damages our reputation as an effective efficient local authority. Therefore, the North Central Area Committee agrees to write to the Minister of Transport outlining our DCC School Zones and the number of schools wishing to participate in it and request funding, including to recruit staff to implement the scheme, to fulfil our obligation to the schools waiting, ensure more children can walk and cycle to our schools and increase overall safety, health and well-being of our school population.

d Motion in the name of Cllr. Patricia Roe

That this North Central Area Committee write to the Project Manager of the proposed development at the former Bring Centre on Collins Avenue, Whitehall and outline the following concerns, which we, as local representatives, wish to highlight and that each of the following points be addressed:

- 1) We consider the maximum height of apartment blocks on the site should be no higher than four storied
- 2) We totally oppose the proposed opening up of the boundary wall on the green at Crestfield Close. Placing a pedestrian exit from the development onto Crestfield Green does nothing to enhance ease of access to DCU but will provide an easy escape route for anti-social activity which happens at public greens/spaces all around the area. It will also encourage overflow parking by those in the development who cannot access a parking space.
- 3) All blocks should be situated as far back as possible from houses on Collins Avenue and Crestfield Park. We believe that the extensions which have been added to many houses have not been taken into account when calculating the separation distance, overlooking and overshadowing which will be caused by the development on the adjacent roads.
- 4) We believe that a comprehensive traffic management plan for Collins Avenue from Ballymun Road to Swords should be drawn up before the development is commenced.
- 5) Due to the high concentration of older people living in the area, and the almost halving of the number of proposed senior citizen units on the Holy Child church carpark site, we urge that a much higher proportion of apartments be assigned to seniors,

which will allow people to downsize and consequently free up much needed family homes in the area.

- 6) We request that as many mature trees as possible are left in situ to provide much needed greening and privacy for properties adjoining the development.

This Area Committee further requests that the project team report back to the NCA councillors on the above issues raised, before this Part 8 goes out for public consultation, as this is our only forum to collectively air our views.

- e Motion in the name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland

That this North Central Area Committee requests a cross section conversation with the various managers who have plans to improve the social and recreational infrastructure in Kilmore West i.e. playground plans, swimming pool and MUGA plans, astro-turf plans so that we can ensure joined up thinking as to where we are physically locating what and why and have a set of coherent plans that can be brought to the local community for consultation by one lead co-ordinator.

- f Motion in the name of Cllr. Declan Flanagan

That this North Central Area Committee and local housing manager begin real dialogue with the residents of Crestfield & Collins Avenue regarding the City Council's proposal for housing on the old bring centre site. The residents of Crestfield and Collins Avenue wish to put on record their utter disappointment over the negative and unsatisfactory responses they have received from PPP Housing (Nov. 20) in response to their submissions of November 12 outlining serious and genuine concerns in relation to the development of the Bring Centre site.

The residents feel that their concerns are being ignored and that no genuine attempt is being made to discuss the issues with them or find a satisfactory compromise. This motion asks that you now start real dialogue with the residents of Crestfield and Collins Avenue and come up with a suitable compromise for all. Can the managers make contact with the residents association to open dialogue?

- g Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the Manager to immediately arrange a meeting with residents of Castle Court and Auburn to discuss the report recently issued in relation to the flood event that occurred on 5 August and to address other relevant matters.

- h Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the manager to refer to complaints from some cyclists who feel that the design of the cycleway on Griffith Avenue is a substandard cycleway and address same and also ensure that this cycleway is, (as far as is possible), is kept clear of fallen leaves as (see pictures attached)

i Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the Manager to explain why Sheriff FC was not consulted about the Clontarf Half marathon, held on the 18th November last; say what action he intends to take to address the fact that Sheriff FC playing pitches are now destroyed as a result of the use of same during the marathon, and if/what alternative APPROPRIATELY LOCATED playing pitches are being provided.

j Motion in the name of Cllr. Donna Cooney

That this North Central Area Committee requests a discussion around pedestrian crossings in North Central area and requests a meeting with traffic department to discuss funding allocations to put in both signalled and zebra crossings in the North central area, especially on routes to school as soon as possible.

Bruce Phillips
Executive Manager
07 December 2023