



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023

1 Minutes of the North Central Area Committee meeting dated 20th November, 2023.

Order: Agreed with the following insertion pertaining to Item 4g 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 when both the external and internal reports are available & 2) a meeting for both residents & councillors together.

2 Replies from the Director of Services

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Order: Noted.

3 ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

a Minutes of the TAG meeting dated 28th November, 2023.

Order: Noted.

b Gully report for noting

Order: Noted.

4 PLANNING & PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

a Disposals - proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in 449 Collins Avenue, Collins Avenue West, Dublin 9.

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

b Extinguishments - proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over a laneway located at 6 - 60a Annadale Drive and 1-59 Annadale Crescent, Marino, Dublin 9.

Order: Deferred to January.

5 NORTH CENTRAL AREA MATTERS

a Update on the Santry River Greenway Restoration Project

Order: Noted.

b Area Managers Reports for noting

Order: Noted.

- c **Housing supply report for noting**
Order: Noted.

6 **CULTURE, RECREATION & ECONOMIC MATTERS**

- a **Arts Officer Report for noting**
Order: Noted. Area Office will circulate the report.
- b **Sports & Wellbeing Report for noting**
Order: Noted.

7 **MOTIONS**

- a **Motion 5(o) carried forward from the November meeting in the name of Cllr. 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.

Contact: Joanne O'Sullivan, Environmental Liaison Officer
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Order: Agreed.

b Motion 5(p) carried forward from the November meeting in the name of Cllr. 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: Agreed.

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.

Reply:

For discussion at meeting.

Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. Barron. A letter to be sent to the Minister & NTA.

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.

Reply:

- 1.** The site is zoned Z1, as per the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 to 2028. The proposed development responds to the irregular shape of the site taking into consideration the requirements of the said plan.
- 2.** The Project Team will bring forward the community feedback on the proposed permeability from the development into Crestfield to the Area Planner.
- 3.** The proposed development ranges in height from two to six storeys. The height of the blocks has been mitigated by the Project Team with the height of Block A, which, will be adjacent to Collins Avenue houses stepping down to two storeys'. The height of both Block A and B increases at the northern section of the development, which, is furthest away from the southern and western boundaries.

Block B is located to minimise the impact on boundaries to Crestfield Park and Close. A new road is proposed running parallel to Crestfield Close to create a greater distance between the boundary of the houses to Block B. The planned public open space is located at the

front of Block B to create greater distance to the southern boundaries along with providing overlooking and passive surveillance for the space.

Site strategy drawing outlined below to illustrate the location of Block A, B and C. This drawing has been shared to the NCAC Councillors by the Project Team.



4. The Project Team are carrying out an analysis of the junction at the entrance to the site. There will be a Road Safety Audit undertaken and any recommendations from same will be implemented within the scheme design. The Project Team are also engaging with DCC Transport Planning following the observations received from local residents. The Road Safety Audit report will be made available, as part of the planning pack.
5. The proposed social housing development is located in Area E. Based on October Housing Allocations Report that was provided to the NCAC Cllrs at the November Area Committee meeting, outlined below is the combined waiting list for Area E.

Bedsize Required	Area E
1 Bed	2351
2 Bed	1733
3 Bed	829
4 Bed	87
5 Bed	14
Total	5014

The allocation of the homes will be made in accordance with Dublin City Council, Scheme of Letting Priorities. At this time no decision has been made on the percentage proportion of homes that will be allocated for senior citizens including those couples or individuals downsizing.

Downsizing via financial contributions is a scheme that has been supported by Dublin City Council across various developments citywide. The topic of downsizing was a key contribution from residents who attended the public information meeting in September.

6. Based on the feedback from the residents who attended the public consultation there was differing opinions and requirements with regard to the trees that surround the site.

The Project Team are undertaking a tree survey with a consultant arborist. The recommendations from this report will be reviewed by the Project Team and implemented. The tree survey report will be made available, as part of the planning pack.

It has been agreed with the Area Manager that a second public information session will take place in Q1 2024 in advance of the lodgement of planning. The Project Team will illustrate the design changes on foot of feedback from the community and the requirements from DCC Technical Departments.

Contact: Gareth Rowan, Senior Executive Officer
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1&2 The proposed site is a DCC owned former depot. The Housing Department is currently preparing a scheme for the lands. It is currently intended that the proposal will go through the Part 8 process and therefore will come before the Council for decision. The planning report on the proposal will assess the scheme's compliance with the 2022 City Development Plan. No different to any other application, all applications are considered and recommended on their own merits, context, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 28 Guidelines and Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028.

Contact: Emer Uí Fhátharta, Deputy City Planning Officer
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The North Central Area Committee will be notified by the area office in advance of the proposed public information session and prior to the lodgement of planning.

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

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 ie 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.

Reply:

The Parks Service is in ongoing communication with colleagues in the Sports Section and the Area Office on these matters. Full cognisance was taken of the swimming pool proposals to be brought to Part 8 permission by our colleagues in Sports when going to tender for the proposed new playground. As some local issues with the proposed location were highlighted further commitments were given to the area committee that the playground designers would be charged with redesigning the playground and relocating same within the open space but also not impeding the future development of the proposed swimming pool. When this redesign is available it will be forwarded to members and public consultations will be held on this iteration.

A report of the challenges of locating a full sized all-weather facility in the area was previously submitted to the area committee not least of which is the impact of the proposals on protected species. As appropriate assessment and an impact assessment of any such proposals will be required the Parks Service has commissioned surveys of Brent Geese on each of these sites over the winter months. The Parks Service and the Area Office recently met with the local clubs and local elected members and committed to reverting to the area committee with a feasibility study of the proposals once the surveys have been completed next March from which a concrete proposal for such a facility in the area can be developed.

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

Order: Agreed.

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?

Reply:

The Collins Avenue (DCC Depot) site was approved for inclusion in the National Social Housing PPP Programme Bundle 4.

The PPP Project Team presented an update to the North Central Councillors members in July of this year. It was agreed with the elected members that public consultation would be commenced in September with the support of the Area Office.

A public information session took place on 26 September 2023 for local residents with representatives from the Project Team, Architects & Area Office in attendance. The Area Office identified the residents in the area to be invited and issued circa. 550 leaflets to the following streets and developments.

- Collins Avenue Extension
- Shanowen Avenue
- Milners Square
- Crestfield Close
- Crestfield Road
- Crestfield Drive
- Crestfield Avenue
- Shanowen Business Centre

110 residents attended the three-hour public information session in Whitehall Scout Hall.

There have been eight written requests to the PPP Project Team for information with regard to the site design, tenure mix, permeability, car parking, trees, boundary treatment and local infrastructure capacity. All individual queries have been responded to by the Project Team including one specific query that had 44 questions. All feedback and input from the local community is being considered by the Project Team, as the design development is progressed.

The Project Team are taking on board the feedback from the community and finalising the design in preparation for Pre Part 8 initiation in Q1 2024. A second public consultation event will take place in Q1 2024 in advance of the lodgement of planning. The Project Team will illustrate the key design changes following community feedback and requirements from DCC Technical Departments, in accordance with the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 to 2028.

The Project Manager is satisfied that the level of stakeholder engagement to date for this development has been comprehensive.

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

The North Central Area office team will make contact with resident representative with details of a second public consultation early in the new year.

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

Phone: 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

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.

Reply:

A meeting with the residents from Castle Court and Auburn is arranged for Thursday the 07th of December at 19.00 in Conference Room 1 at the North Central Area Office, Northside Civic Centre, Bunratty Road, Coolock, Dublin 17.

Contact: James Nolan, Executive Manager
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Order: Agreed.

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), kept clear of fallen leaves as (see pictures attached)

Reply:

As a tree-lined street, Waste Management Services direct as much resources as possible to leaf clearing on Griffith Avenue particularly over the autumn and winter months. We ensure the cycle way is kept as free of leaves as possible during this regular clearing of leaves there.

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

The cycle lanes on Griffith Avenue connect Ballygall Road East with the Malahide Road, a distance of approximately 3.5kms. For the vast majority of this length, high quality cycle lanes have been provided, comprising of continuous cycle lanes, protected with an extruded concrete kerb and with a coloured anti-skid surface applied to surface of the cycle lanes.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer
Email: Alec.Dundon@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

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.

Reply:

The Clontarf Half Marathon has been a popular event on runner's calendar for many years. Recently however as the event grew it was seen as less sustainable to allow these numbers run through the protected habitats of Dollymount Strand which necessitated a new starting and finishing point for the participants to achieve the requisite distances. The public open space at Alfie Byrne Road is ideally located for this purpose.

The weather in the run up to the event did pose a challenge and the Parks Service met with the organisers on 3 occasions before the event the most recent being the Thursday before the start. A route was agreed with the organisers that avoided the playing surface of the pitch with the runners exiting the public open space using the space behind the goals. However the rain was so heavy the night before the event that this space was waterlogged with several inches of standing water in this undrained space. It was necessary to allow the runners to use the space in front of the goals on the Saturday for safety reasons. This was a calculated risk with the potential of damage to a section of 1 pitch currently allocated to 1 local adult team. It was however understood that even in the worst case scenario the goal posts could simply be moved forward a few meters to the other side of the runners route until full repairs could be affected to the damaged area.

However as can be seen from the photos below (taken 1 week after the event) the pitch was not destroyed as was reported and once the rain washed down the mud kicked up by the runners it was clear that the pitch remains playable and available to the club but subject to the usual weather calls as is the case with every other council owned pitch in the area. While no invasive repairs are necessary a small bit of decompaction and topdressing has been commissioned along the runner's route and will be carried out as soon as conditions allow. These works will not take the pitch out of commission.

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

Order: Agreed.

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.

Reply:

The Traffic Department is currently not in a position to meet to discuss funding allocations as the allocation of funding for 2024 has not yet been made by the NTA. There are indications, however, that funding may be considerably less than was available in 2023 and so until the funding is confirmed we are not clear how many crossings could be constructed in 2024. Once the funding has been confirmed we can circulate to the next area committee a list of crossings which can be funded as well as a list of those where funding is still needed.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer
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Order: Agreed.

Councillor Daryl Barron
Chairperson
Monday 11 December 2023

Attendance:

Members:

Daryl Barron (Chairperson)
Dearbháil Butler
Catherine Stocker
Deirdre Heney
Naoise Ó Muirí
Declan Flanagan

Members:

Patricia Roe
Terence Flanagan
John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell
Alison Gilliland

Members:

Donna Cooney
Tom Brabazon
Micheál MacDonncha
Larry O'Toole

Absent

Jane Horgan Jones
Racheal Batten

Officers

Bruce Philips, Mick Carroll,
Derek Farrell, Fiona Moore,
Fergus O'Carroll, Jeremiah
Moore, Gerry McEntagart, Will
Mangan, Patrick Smith, Gillian
Corcoran, Margaret Mooney,
Niamh Reilly, Lynda Drysdale,
Deirdre Murphy, Deirdre Kelly,

Alec Dundon, John Stack,
Joanne O'Sullivan.

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Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to clear rubbish dumped in the river behind St Joseph's Hospital, between Edenmore and Harmonstown, as requested by **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The River Santry is routinely maintained and monitored by the Water Pollution Control section of the Protection of Water Bodies Office. Amongst other functions, the section is responsible for removing debris, objects & bulky waste from rivers, which has or can cause an obstruction to flow.

Work was concentrated on the stretch of the River Santry between Tonlegee Road and Lein Gardens in the last two weeks of November.

A quantity of bulky and domestic waste was removed from the river including numerous rubbish bags, Construction & Demolition waste and a motorbike.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the reporting of flooding obstructions directly to waterpollution@dublincity.ie for prompt investigation and action. Reports of illegal dumping should be made directly to waste.management@dublincity.ie.

Contact: Emma Finlay, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Water Pollution Control, Protection of Water Bodies Office
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Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to fix the paths where tree roots are growing under the path onto **(details supplied)**. Is it possible to cut the roots somehow, as there is severe damage in the drive way and they are worried the root growth will reach the house. Also the tree needs cutting.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref.11148262) has been created for defects at above location & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the locus & add any defects for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services, North City.
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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
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Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to fix the paths from trees growing outside **(details supplied 1)** and also cut the trees, as per resident at **(details supplied 2)**”

Reply

An enquiry (ref.11148263) has been created for defects at above location & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the locus & add any defects for repair.

**Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, Road
Maintenance Services, North City**
Tel: 222 2297
Email: ronan.connolly@dublicity.ie

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

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Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager for consideration of the CBL application made by **(details supplied)** for a 2 bed apartment Newtown, Malahide Road, Dublin 17”

Reply

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

Area	Bedsize	Position
B	2	161

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 her areas of choice as it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

The applicant’s interest in the choice based lettings at Newtown, Malahide has been noted on the applicant’s file.

All successful applicants who made applications for Choice Based Lettings will be notified if they are successful by the Allocations team.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Acting Allocations Officer
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Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager for a maintenance inspection of **(details supplied)** and all identified works to be carried out in a timely manner.”

Reply

The above location cannot be located on our system. I have requested more information from Cllr Lyons regarding the location. If this is a DCC tenancy I will have the address inspected as a priority.

Contact: Tony Smithers
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Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to arrange for road sweeper to clean Ardcollum Avenue.”

Reply

Waste Management Services had Ardcollum Avenue cleaned by a road sweeper on the 30th November 2023.

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

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Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to have a road assessment carried out for speed at **(detail supplied)**. There is a number of concerns raised by residents because of the speed and the sharp bends that has caused an accident. I note that since the last assessment there has been an accident and with this in mind the need for speed bumps needs to be considered.”

Reply

Following on from previous site investigations, it was observed that **(details supplied)** is not conducive to speed and is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking which act as passive traffic calming measures thus reducing the carriageway width for motorists and increasing driver caution in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidelines. In addition, the bends near house Nos. 39, 20 and 90 **(details supplied)** act as traffic calming measures by causing drivers to slow to navigate the bends at this location.

(Details supplied) has a posted 30 km/h speed limit with corresponding road traffic signage (Ardlea Road and Mayfield Cres.) alerting drivers the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone and to expect children.

A previous speed survey indicated drivers travelled at an 85th percentile of 32 km/h and therefore the provision of any extra traffic calming measures is not recommended at this time.

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.8 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to provide any updates from parks when the last time the trees were inspected and maintenance took place in Ardcollum Avenue.”

Reply

Trees in such estates are visually inspected on foot of works requests, queries and representations received. According to Parks records the most recent of which earlier this year and prior to that in 2021. These records do not capture such requests that were forwarded directly to the works depots. With regards to what tree works have been carried out in this estate in recent years inquires will be made at depot level and this will be communicated directly with the Councillor.

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

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Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to have a road sweeper call to Kilmore Drive, Close and Park.”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned roads cleaned by a road sweeper on the 30th November 2023.

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

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Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the double yellow lines on **(details supplied)** beside the pedestrian lights on the car-park side to be re-marked.”

Reply

The road markings at this location will be refreshed within the next 4-5 weeks.

Contact: Anthony Dalton assistant traffic officer
Email: anthony.dalton@dublincity.ie

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Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the gullies on **(details supplied)** to be cleaned”

Reply

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

- **Details supplied 1** – 22 of 22 gullies cleaned and inspected on 30/11/2023. All gullies are in good working order.
- **Details supplied 2** –9 of 10 gullies cleaned and inspected on 30/11/2023. One gully (opposite lampstand 1) was covered by a parked car. All cleaned gullies are in good working order.
- **Details supplied 3** – 27 of 29 gullies cleaned and inspected on 30/11/2023. Two gullies (at no.39 and lampstand 6) were covered by parked cars. All cleaned 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.12 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the "blue and white" name plate road sign attached to the side wall of house number **(details supplied)** re-painted”

Reply

An enquiry (ref.11149039) has been created and forwarded to the Area Engineer for inspection. The name-plate will be re-painted and reinstalled.

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

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Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager if more public toilets will be provided in St Anne's Park given the large numbers of people using the park in all its aspects; if the formerly opened public toilets adjacent to the tennis courts will be reopened; if he will state the requirements in terms of staffing for adequate toilets to be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

It is proposed in Q1 2024 to commence the procurement of a new toilet block in the car park of the Red Stables and a changing facility including toilets at pitch 21/23 in the south east corner of the park. The new toilets at the Red Stables will be serviced by way of a management contract as is the case with the current temporary toilets. The changing and toilet facility at pitch 21/23 will be allocated to local clubs through the allocation process and will be available to the clubs using the pitches in this area of the park. The toilets at the tennis courts are made available on request to groups using the facilities in the area. Investigations are proposed into how these toilets might be made available more generally next year.

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 Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager for an exact timeline for the full opening of Belmayne Main Street and if this can be expedited given the severe disruption caused to the local community and businesses”

Reply

ESB Networks are onsite carrying out supply connections to ESB substations and checking associated traffic and public lighting micro-pillars are live, estimated timeline to complete this work is December 2023. Commissioning of traffic infrastructure at the junction Belmayne Main Street/Belmayne Avenue can commence post ESB works and it is envisaged this will be completed by February 2024, subject to contractor scheduling. Similarly, commissioning of the Public Lighting infrastructure can only commence post ESB works. It is envisaged that this work will be completed by February 2024 subject to contractor scheduling. It is estimated that the areas from a-c(New Priory to Belmayne Avenue) and c-d (Belmayne Main Street) will open in February 2024, as per above comments.

Contact: Eric Lavelle, Resident Engineer
Tel: 222 6847
Email: eric.lavelle@dublincity.ie

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Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager what are the proposed parking arrangements for Belmayne Main Street when completed; if different options will be considered; if there will be consultation with local businesses and residents and if, in particular, the needs of local businesses who rely on customers from outside the area for a large proportion of their business, will be fully addressed.”

Reply

The North Central Area Office has committed to meeting with local businesses to discuss proposed parking arrangements when Main Street, Belmayne has opened to vehicular traffic and a sufficient period of time has elapsed for traffic and parking patterns to be determined.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager, Clontarf/
Donaghmede LEA
Tel: 222 8849
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

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Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager if an overall survey will be undertaken to assess parking needs and to propose solutions in Belmayne and Clongriffin in light of new housing and road developments and the signalled ending of previously free parking by Gannon’s in Clongriffin.”

Reply

The two car parks in Clongriffin which were closed were always only provided as a temporary measure. All parking in Belmayne and Clongriffin are subject to planning approvals and comply with the City Development Plan and constituent planning applications.

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

The Area Engineer reports that Dublin City Council are not in a position to make any traffic management recommendations in relation to the above as the location concerned is private and not in the charge of Dublin City Council.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart, Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 6753
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager if repairs will be carried out on roads, paths and dips in Edenmore Green.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11149061) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the roads & footpaths and a list of defects shall be added to a works list 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.18 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager if repair and upgrade will be carried out on the roads in Foxhill estate which require such work, most notably Foxhill Close.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11149062) has been created & forwarded to the Area Engineer, who will carry out an assessment of the carriageways in the Foxhill estate, which 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

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Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply:

What role the city council plays in promoting and supporting enterprise & employment

Dublin City Local Enterprise Office:

The Local Enterprise Office of Dublin City Council operates under the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between Enterprise Ireland and Dublin City Council. The LEOs are part of Enterprise Ireland’s strategy to deliver entrepreneurship, support microenterprises and promote a pro-enterprise environment at local level, in association with the Local Authorities.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001, the Local Authority has a remit to provide a wide range of services in its functional area. The LEOs also have strategic objectives as set out in the National Development Plan, as follows:

- Supporting entrepreneurialism and building competitive clusters in strategic sectors and activities;
- Through collaborative actions at regional and local level as noted in the Regional Enterprise Plans;
- By realising a significant uplift in the performance of enterprises in terms of innovation, export potential and productivity; and
- By attracting further investment to the regions.

The Local Enterprise Offices has experience in assisting micro to small businesses sized (0 – 50 employees) in Dublin City to plan, start, sustain & grow their business. Inclusive supports available are as follows:

- Initial advice & sign posting to the most relevant supports & / other state agencies e.g. Revenue, company registration office etc.
- Business Advice Clinic: a free workshop detailing the essentials of company formation
- Start Your Own Business Programme: suitable to test the feasibility of your business
- Training: an array of short training courses in essential skill areas such as business, marketing & financial strategy
- Management Development training / leadership management programmes
- 1 to 1 mentoring: a business founder can meet with a mentor & receive one to one direction in relation to their business opportunities & challenges
- Consultancy services in the areas of green, competitiveness/lean, digital & export, suitable for established business i.e. +18 months

- Networking & collaboration opportunities
- Grants e.g. feasibility & staffing. Please note criteria applies.

Full details of all services can be viewed on www.localenterprise.ie/Dublincity . All service can be booked online or by calling (01)222 5611 / info@leo.dublincity.ie
Opening hours 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm Monday through Friday.

Dublin City Economic Development Office:

The Economic Development Office of Dublin City Council leads the promotion of the economic, enterprise, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. This is achieved by supporting Dublin City’s economy through managing, leading and collaborating in policy, projects, research, & events. The work of the Economic Development office is set out in the Economic Development Office Strategy 2022-2024, linked to the Dublin City Council Corporate Strategy. In the main the work plans is guided by four pillars:

Pillar 1

Human Development

Objectives

- 1.1. Support all to engage in the Dublin City economy and seek to identify and address barriers to participation
- 1.2. Encourage the creation of quality and inclusive employment opportunities and skills development

Pillar 2

Place making & Clusters

Objectives

- 2.1. Support the creation and development of place making initiatives that enhance Dublin City, its economy and ecosystem as a place to live, work, learn and start or develop an enterprise in
- 2.2. Identify and enable cluster development in key economic and enterprise sectors

Pillar 3

Promotion & Investment

Objectives

- 3.1. Promote and brand Dublin as an attractive, unique, proactive place and economy to work, cluster, invest, and to start or develop an enterprise in
- 3.2. Support international and local investment opportunities through stakeholder collaboration and dissemination of key economic information

Pillar 4

Innovation & Transformation

Objectives

- 4.1. Enhance the ecosystem and city economy through developing supports, encouraging collaboration, promoting Dublin as a testbed and supporting new

approaches and transitions such as the social economy, digitalisation and the transition to a low carbon, green, circular economy

4.2. Monitor the ecosystem, economy, macroeconomic and policy environment in order to identify and seek to address and support current and future challenges and opportunities

What statutory obligations has the city council got?

Additional Statutory Obligations:

1. Dublin City Council support the Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024. <https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/publications/publication-files/dublin-regional-enterprise-plan-to-2024.pdf>
2. Dublin City Council support the Local and Economic and Community Plan (LECP). The second iteration of the LECP is presently at stage two: Public Consultation. To make a submission please visit: <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/culture-recreation-and-amenity/local-economic-and-community-plan-2023-2029>

Shanowen lands:

Dublin City Council do not own the lands in Shanowen. DCC is willing to engage with land owners to discuss Enterprise & Employment opportunities.

Contact: Local Enterprise Office Dublin City / Economic Development Office
Tel: 222 5611
Email: info@LEO.DublinCity.ie Economicdevelopmnet@dublincity.ie

The lands referenced at Shanowen Road are not in the ownership of DCC. Any employment feasibility study or site development plan regarding the use of these lands or relating to the Enterprise & Employment designation would be a matter for the owners of these lands, if they chose to carry out such a study in line with their own future plans for this land. As until the landowners (who we believe are the OPW) indicate that they wish to engage, it would not be appropriate for the Council to divert resources into a plan where there is no indication if it will be implemented. The current zoning policy supports the future development of the lands for enterprise if any planning application was proposed for such a use.

Contact: Deirdre Scully, A/Dublin City Planning Officer
Tel: 222 3129
Email: deirdre.scully@dublincity.ie

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Q.20 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 make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The IDA are in the process of procuring a contractor to undertake an updated traffic survey count They also plan to get an updated analysis of shift/work patterns within the park and will share this information with DCC once the survey is completed.

When we have the information referred to above we will prepare a plan.

**Contact: Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer, Road Design and Construction
Division**
Tel: 086 3860696
Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

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Q.21 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

The Area Office have consulted with local national and secondary schools with this idea in mind. The offer was made to schools that we would build all-weather pitches for the use of the schools and the local clubs but the boards of management were not interested or in some cases it did not suit because other clubs were already using the facilities that were in place.

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

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Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The **(details)** family facility has an 84 bed capacity.

There are five family facilities in the North Central Area including **(details)** with a maximum capacity of 305 Beds in total.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Director, DRHE
Tel: 222 6611
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

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Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding an update re: land discussions at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply

The Parks and Biodiversity Service does not normally support the disposal and privatisation of public open space provided to meet the recreational needs of the community.

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

The Area Manager will liaise with the Parks Department and the Gardaí to verify the level or existence of serious Anti-Social Behaviour in this green area. Once this has been clarified then we will make contact with the lady at **(details supplied)**

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall LEA
Phone: 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@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 weeding at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The area of wildflowers to the front of **(details)** is maintained by direct labour and is listed for attention on local works programmes and will be addressed in the coming weeks as schedules allow.

The grass at Santry Villas is maintained by contract and has been flagged for attention with the contracts manager.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@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 tree pruning (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

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

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

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Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

A lighting assessment has been carried out in the vicinity of this junction and an additional light is required.

It is planned to install this in the first quarter of 2024.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@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 tree stump at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply

Such stumps particularly those growing in small concrete pits cannot be safely removed until they have degraded sufficiently to minimise the risk of damage to underground services and nearby infrastructure, telecoms and data cables are particularly vulnerable. This can take a number of seasons. Once the stumps has been removed replanting can take place in the following tree planting season.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@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 playground delivery at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply

Tenders have been accepted for proposed playgrounds at McAuley Park and Kilmore West. The playground for Kilmore West is located on the open space next to the recreations centre, community garden and youth club. The designers are currently redesigning the layouts in response to the initial feedback from the communities and local councillors. Once revised proposals have been received these will be brought back to the communities for further comment.

There are no current proposals for new playgrounds in the area as the priority in the short to medium term is to upgrade the last of the older playgrounds.

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

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Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager when the last time was the trees on Kilmore Close have been trimmed as they appear to be very shabby. However, the tree outside **(details supplied)** is very large and needs to be trimmed as it would be a danger in the event of another storm.”

Reply

The Dublin City Council Tree Strategy adopted as policy in 2016 identifies pruning as weakening trees and opening potential sites for infection by disease and decay causing organisms and requires pruning work on trees to be carried out only when absolutely necessary.

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

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Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to arrange for Kilmore Close to be swept and cleaned up as it is very grubby and looks like the council have not been around in a long time.”

Reply

Waste Management Services had Kilmore Close swept and cleaned by a road sweeper on the 30th November 2023.

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

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Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to look into **(details supplied)** anti-social behaviour taking place.”

Reply

The above location is not a Dublin City Council property and no complaints re: antisocial behaviour, reported recently in relation to these premises.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran, Acting Local Housing Manager
Tel: 086 8556560
Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

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Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to look into repairing the path at **(details supplied)**.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11149065) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection and add to a works lists.

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

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Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the back lane on the Rise in Drumcondra potholes to be repaired.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref.11149068) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector for repair of the potholes within the laneway.

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

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Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to have the gullies on Kilmore road cleaned as a number of residents have said there is issue with blocked drains.”

Reply

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

- Kilmore Road – 6 of 6 gullies cleaned and inspected on 30/11/2023. All 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.35 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Manager to arrange to have the gullies cleaned out in Shanowen Drive as there are blockages in the drains.”

Reply

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

- Shanowen Drive – 8 of 8 gullies cleaned and inspected on 30/11/2023. All 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.36 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager if the bags at **(details supplied)** will be removed and collected from the estate? Residents did a clean here.”

Reply

Waste Management Service had the bags collected from the above mentioned location on the 29th November 2023.

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

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Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to examine when paths and ramps **(details supplied)** will commence as improvements required? Can we also please have the trees examined on the Road as the ESB Polls have become interlinked with trees and need to be cut back urgently? Major works required to trim back trees.”

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

An enquiry (ref. 11149071) has been created with regard to the footpaths at **(details)** and forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will create a works list for repairs.

The ramps will be reviewed and considered when drafting the 2024 works programme.

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

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Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager if the Roads Division will examine the path and fix the problems at **(details supplied)**? As recent incident caused an accident to elderly person. With a particular mention of number **(details supplied)**.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11149071) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection and the defect to the works list.

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

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Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager if an additional bin could be installed on **(details supplied)** as illegal dumping with area consistent over the last 12 months. This is an issue been raised before and need a bin after Bus stop.”

Reply

The above mentioned location is within the administrative area of Fingal County Council.

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

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Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to examine when paths in **(details supplied)** will be improved? Paths requires improvement to deem them safe.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref.11149075) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of **(details supplied)**, and create a defects list for footpath repairs.

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

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Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager if a Roads Division will repair path as it has dipped appeared at **(details supplied)** as it has become a hazard to pedestrians.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11149076) was created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the locus & add the defect to the works list for repair.

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

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Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager will he request parks to have the trees inspected and trimmed back at **(details supplied)** as tree are substantially bigger than houses and residents concerned of movement.”

Reply

The 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 tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

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

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Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager when proposed works at **(details supplied)** will be commenced as confirmed by area office previously that improvement to railing and building where to be done?”

Reply

The internal station upgrade has been completed and some minor improvements to the engine bay will be complete in 2024.

The low level exterior railings were painted in the summer of 2023.

The painting of the high level railings that stretch around the complete perimeter of the station approximately 260 meters will be tendered next year.

Contact: Karen Munds, Staff Officer
Tel: 222 4133
Email: karen.munds@dublincity.ie

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Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager can he examine and inspect and arrange the removal of the old Lamp light at **(details supplied)** the base is still live and connected and is a danger. New lamp light installed and replacement earlier this year.”

Reply

The old lamp standard referred to above can only be removed when the ESB supply into it is capped and transferred over to the new lamp standard (at present a temporary supply feeds the new lamp standard from the old one).

A number of repeated requests have been formally sent to ESB to attend to this but it still remains outstanding.

A phone call will be made to ESB asking that they attend to this as soon as possible.

Once the ESB supply is capped the old lamp standard will be removed.

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

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Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to arrange for a safety forum for Kilbarrack to be initiated as approved NCAC by motion in 2021. A forum is required with community engagement with An Garda Síochána.”

Reply:

The Kilbarrack area falls between the Coolock and Raheny Garda Districts, covered by Coolock and Howth Garda Stations. The Train Line is the divide between Garda Districts.

Arrangements will be made to establish a Kilbarrack Safety Forum in 2024 in consultation with the Garda Superintendents from Coolock and Raheny.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager Clontarf/Donaghmede LEA
Tel: 222 8870
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager if the road sweepers will clean and wash **(details supplied).**”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned roads cleaned by a road sweeper on the 30th November 2023. It was not deemed necessary to have any washing carried out there.

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.47 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The Environmental Protection Division will investigate why that ponding is occurring on the (**details**) Road at Insomnia Santry and seek the appropriate resolution. An update on the matter will be presented to the Cllr once we make that determination.

Contact: Aongus Bates, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water
Tel: 222 6557
Email: aongus.bates@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The works are jointly funded by TII and the NTA. The NTA has provided €400,000 for these works in the 2023 DCC allocations.

Contact: **Brendan O'Brien, Head of Technical Services**
 Dublin City Council.

Email: **brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie**

The Litter Enforcement Manager will instruct a litter warden to visit the site mentioned and speak with the manager to make sure they have a road sweeper to make sure the road remains free of muck and dirt throughout the period of the works there.

Contact: **Stephen Kavanagh, Litter Enforcement Manager**

Email: **Stephen.kavanagh@dublincity.ie**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

There are eight Active Travel routes going through these areas. The current Active Travel Programme Office spend in the Santry, Whitehall and Beaumont Areas are given in the table below. The 2024 figures are those presented in the Capital Programme. These figures will change when Active Travel funding for 2024 is confirmed by the Department of Transport.

NTA Code	Project Name	2022	2023 (End Nov)	2024(Proj)
DCC 21 0001	Finglas To Killester	€0.00	€0.00	€54,000.00
DCC 21 0009	Coolock to Clontarf	€0.00	€10,216.28	€270,000.00
DCC 21 0010	Glasnevin to Clontarf	€1,887,900.98	€456,948.45	€5,000.00
DCC 21 0011	Santry River Greenway	€0.00	€0.00	€200,000.00
DCC 21 0031	Bayside to Donaghmede	€24,151.00	€15,358.38	€1,100,000.00
DCC 22 0014	Whitehall to Artane	€0.00	€2,000.00	€2,000.00
DCC 22 0015	Beaumont Hospital Link	€0.00	€2,000.00	€2,000.00
DCC 22 0032	Santry to Poppintree	€0.00	€2,000.00	€2,000.00
		€1,912,051.98	€488,523.11	€1,635,000.00

There are an additional seven. Active Travel Routes going through the North Central Area, The full list of 15 Active Travel routes are broken down thus:

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DCC 22 0032	Santry to Poppintree	€0.00	€2,000.00	€2,000.00
DCC 12 0033	Clontarf to city centre	€11,903,820.60	€26,401,783.66	€25,263,471.00
DCC 19 0002	East Coast Trail North	€50,918.20	€1,421,378.71	€1,160,000.00
DCC 21 0019	Raheny to Kilbarrack	€0.00	€1,192.80	€924,000.00
DCC 22 0004	Clontarf Baths	€0.00	€0.00	€500,000.00
DCC 21 0023	Baldoyle to Fairview	€0.00	€29,981.00	€5,000.00
DCC 22 0012	Clarehall to Belmayne	€0.00	€2,000.00	€2,000.00
DCC 22 0013	Dollymount to Kilbarrack	€0.00	€2,000.00	€2,000.00
		€13,866,790.80	€28,346,859.26	€29,491,471.00

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

Email: activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

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Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Many local clubs have advised of a similar growth in membership and have sought the allocation of additional pitches and facilities. The Parks Service previously reported to the Area Committee on the pitch allocations in St. Anne’s Park which demonstrated how there has been a significant increase in participation in active sports in the Raheny and Clontarf areas in recent years. Also while the number of clubs with an allocation in St. Anne’s has actually fallen in this time the growth in membership by local club has meant that significantly more teams are being accommodated in St. Anne’s than ever before. As the pitches in St. Anne’s are currently fully allocated and no new pitches are coming on stream there are no additional pitches to allocate.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The reduction in height of trees known as ‘topping’ is not a recommended arboricultural practice 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’.

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.52 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

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

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

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Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

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

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Such stumps growing in small pits in concrete footpaths are left in situ until they have degraded sufficiently to allow for their safe removal without damaging nearby underground services. Data and telecoms are particularly vulnerable. As this tree was only recently removed it may take another season or two before this can be safely removed. The Parks Service will continue to monitor the locus and affect removal as soon as it is safe to do so. Once the stump is removed replanting can take place in the following planting season.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

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

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

An anti-skid surface was added to **(details)** roundabout in November, which was the final element of the current scope of improvements of this particular project.

As outlined in Q34 to the North Central Area Committee on 20th November 2023, the Active Travel Programme Office do not have any ongoing projects for the Hole in the Wall Road. A future project, the Clare Hall to Belmayne via **(details)** roundabout, will evaluate the roundabout in further detail. This is currently under consideration and will be progressed subject to the availability of resources.

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

Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

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Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned walkway inspected on the 30th November 2023 and it was found to be in a clean condition. We will monitor the cleanliness of this walkway and have cleaning carried out there when necessary.

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

The Community Monuments Fund is described as investing in archaeological heritage and helping owners and custodians of archaeological monuments to safeguard them. However it is not clear what works are required or appropriate for this structure. Extensive works were carried out in the past investigating the site and consolidating the ruins and the structure is not considered under threat.

Public lighting will be checked. The request for heritage and interpretative signage will be discussed with the Heritage Office.

The area is maintained by contract and is subject to weekly visits grass cut and litter removed and is generally very well presented. The reports of dumping will be brought to the attention of the contracts manager.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager the following question regarding housing maintenance **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Housing Maintenance local area depot sent a request to the Joinery Workshop for a new front door in 2022. The workshop will get the door measured before Christmas and hope to have it installed in early 2024.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Maintenance
Tel: 222 2095
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to consider the feasibility of introducing swings for teenagers in playgrounds in the North Central Area.”

Reply

Generally high energy play equipment for older children and teenagers are provided in proximity to but outside of playgrounds to avoid perceptions of conflict with younger children using playgrounds. Equipment such as 5 way swings, zip lines, space nets, climbing structures have provide very popular and successful so located. Parks have also recently trialled outdoor table tennis and seating as a teenage area zone in one park. If further detail of where such equipment might be installed could be forwarded to the Parks Service consideration can be given to same as part of future playground upgrade programmes.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to cut a tree on Copeland Ave, between **(details supplied)**, it's very overgrown”

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

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Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to cut the tree outside **(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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Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to put a leaf mesh on the little green, outside **(details supplied)** and to send road sweepers to that road to clear the leaves that have gathered and also to clear the laneway at the back of Annadale Drive, side of **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The leaf baskets are only given to groups who take part in our Autumn Leaf Composting Workshop Programme. This is a community led initiative and groups need to commit to owning the baskets and taking care of them. If there is a group of residents on Annadale Drive who would like to manage a basket at that location then they can submit an expression of interest to take part in the 2024 leaf composting program by emailing northcentral@dublincity.ie.

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

Waste Management Services had above location cleaned with a road sweeper on 1st December 2023 and bags were removed. The laneway was clear with no rubbish.

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

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Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to cut the tree and fix the path outside **(details supplied)**”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11149181) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection & add this defect to a works list for repair.

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

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

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Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to upgrade speed ramps and put up drive slow signs on Grace Park Terrace.”

Reply

The speed ramps at Grace Park Terrace will be considered when drafting the 2024 works programme.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Services North City.

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Grace Park Terrace is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone. This warns drivers the road is a residential area and to expect children. These road traffic signs are clearly sign posted at the entrance from Grace Park Road and Philipsburgh Avenue respectively.

Additional signage are not recommended at this time.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart - North City Executive Engineer

Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager to put more speed bumps and speeding/children playing signs in Griffith Court.”

Reply

Griffith Court is a narrow/short residential road in nature and traffic calmed with entrance treatment to the cul-de-sac in the form of double yellow lines. The traffic calming is aided with the presence of on street parking which reduces speeds and improves driver caution.

Griffith Court has a posted 30 km/h speed limit with corresponding road traffic signage and a supplementary CHILDREN CROSSING sign at the junction with Philipsburgh Avenue warning drivers the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone and to expect children.

No other engineering measures are recommended at this time.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to outline the current cleaning and leaf removal schedule for Charlemont estate off Griffith Avenue and to request increased cleaning and specifically cleaning and leaf removal in areas of the estate near the entrance where the larger street cleaning machines don't fit but which nonetheless require thorough and regular cleaning. Residents try to maintain areas outside their homes but cannot be responsible for all cleaning and leaf removal in the estate.”

Reply

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 will ensure that the Charlemont Estate is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to assess the trees along the roadway into Charlemont estate, off Griffith Avenue, for crown lifting. Residents are concerned that no works have been carried out in relation to these trees in many years and they need to be assessed in terms of their health and size.”

Reply

Charlemont Estate is listed for inclusion in the formal recorded survey for inclusion in the digital inventory of street trees in 2024. All works recommended by the consulting arboriculturist will be scheduled according to the priority rating assigned to any and all recommendations.

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

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

“To ask the Manager to assess the slipway at the Dollymount Avenue junction with the Clontarf Rd for safety and carry out any necessary cleaning and repairs. Can this slipway also be flagged for attention and works to ensure safety and usability as part of the Clontarf flood defence project?”

Reply

This will be examined as part of the flood alleviation plans for Clontarf.

Contact: James Nolan, Executive Manager
Tel: 222 4858
Email: james.nolan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to engage with residents in Woodside regarding the car park behind the St Anne’s pitches. When this was first put in the council committed to opening and closing gates and maintaining the car park. However the council has not done so and it results in traffic and disturbance in this quiet street at all hours. Can parks staff commit to locking the car park for the night?”

Reply

Parks cannot commit to locking this car park at night as staff resources are not available to achieve same.

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

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

“To ask the Manager if there is any action can be taken regarding a situation at Mount Prospect Drive, D3. Residents who wish to apply for dishing of the area in front of their homes – some for the purpose of accessing their front gardens to install EV charging on their premises – are in the unusual situation that the small green area to the front of their homes is privately owned by a company meaning they can’t do so. For them to buy this area they would need to all agree to do so and collective agreement of all neighbours is hard to secure. The residents I spoke with are wondering if the council could buy the land and then sell as required to the individual residents or retain it and grant permission for dishing? I have enclosed a picture of the area in question”

Reply

The City Council has no proposals to purchase the strip of land referred to.

It is a matter for the residents, either individually or collectively, to make contact with the registered owner with a view to acquiring all, or a required portion of, the lands.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager Clontarf/Donaghmede LEA
Tel: 222 8546
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to assess the trees at **(details supplied)** and to have the damage to the footpaths caused by roots repaired and to send a claims form to the resident whose details are supplied regarding damage to her wall/property from roots”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11149183) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection of the locus and add any defects to a works list for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North City
Tel: 222 2576
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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.

A claim form will be posted to the resident in question.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager to have the area adjacent to **(details supplied)** added to a more regular cleaning schedule for leaf fall. The resident tries to keep up with it but it is very heavy and a recent council cleaning team did an excellent job. Can the manager outline if this area is on a regular cleaning schedule and, if not, add it to one?”

Reply

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 will ensure that the above mentioned location is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

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

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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager if they will install anti-dumping signs at the edge of St Anne’s Park near Park Lawn, where there is often illegal dumping taking place”

Reply

Arrangements have been made to put in place “No Dumping” signage at the above location.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer
Tel. 222 4243
Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager if the footpath under the bridge on Howth road, near a location (details supplied) can be cleared of weeds and rubbish”

Reply

Waste Management Services will have this area cleaned weekending 8th December 2023.

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

The weeds at this location will be included in the 2024 Weeding Programme.

Contact; Tommy Collins, Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Tel: 222 8859
Email: tommy.collins@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager if the Council has any plans to upgrade and improve the playground equipment in St Anne’s Park”

Reply

It is proposed to carry out a major upgrade of the play equipment in St. Anne’s in the short to medium term subject to the identification of a suitable budget and resources.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager if the Council have any appropriate small grants available for a swimming club (**details supplied**) to help with their costs”

Reply

The above mentioned swimming club have been awarded €950 under the Sport for young people small grant scheme 2023. The club received confirmation of their successful application on 27/10/23 and they will receive payment of the grant within the month of December.

Contact: Doncha O’Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 222 5033
Email: Donncha.odulaing@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager when the trees that were cut down at **(details supplied)** near the entrance to **(details supplied)** will be replaced?”

Reply

The locus will be investigated and assessed for suitability for inclusion in the coming tree planting season Dec 23 – Mar 24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the pavement can be repaired at a location **(details supplied)** where it's cracked and lifting, and if the tree can be pruned”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11149185) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection & create a defect and add to a works list for repair.

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

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
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Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the road sweeper can be scheduled for **(details supplied)** and if they can sweep in to the edges of the pavement?”

Reply

Waste Management Services will have this work carried out as requested in early December 2023.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
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Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the ramps on **((details supplied))** can be logged for repair or re-tarmac as they are in a poor condition with numerous areas of cracking and potholes”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11149173) has been created & forwarded to the Area Engineer, who will carry out an inspection of the ramps on **(details supplied)** and consider these when drafting the 2024 works programme.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North City
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Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if path sweeping can be carried out on the following areas **(details supplied)** all of these paths are heavily used by school children and pose a slip threat due to the build-up of sodden leaves”

Reply

Waste Management Services will have this work carried out as requested in early December 2023.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
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Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if a litter bin could be installed at the bus stop on south side Collins Ave beside entrance to Helix at DCU?”

Reply

Waste Management Services will inspect the above mentioned location and will install a bin if it is deemed a suitable and necessary location for one.

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

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Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to have the tree outside **(details supplied)** pruned?”

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

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Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to install yellow lines at two corners of **(details supplied)**”

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref No: 7036536) 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: Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer
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Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to have the railings at **(details supplied)** repaired or replaced where necessary.”

Reply

The railings at above location have been repaired.

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Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please again refer to road as per **(details supplied)** (on which my request for traffic calming measures was recently refused) and say if this matter can be revisited as the use of details as a rat-run by speeding motorists is an accident waiting to happen. There are traffic calming ramps on the adjacent and road parallel to **(details supplied)** which is causing certain motorists familiar with the estate, to use this road as a rat-run”

Reply

There are no extenuating circumstances that warrant reversing the previous decision.

The following criteria has also not been complied with for provision of speed ramps:

The resultant 85% percentile speed was found to be 32.5 km/h and have not indicated the presence of speeding vehicles which suggests that the road is compliant with the speed limit. Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour and there should be genuine road safety concerns based either on actual accident statistics or on observed road safety patterns or written report from an Inspector of the Garda Traffic Division to issues of safety.

The above location is passively traffic calmed by the presence of on-street parking, which form a sense of enclosure which reduces speeds and improves driver caution and is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone. 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.

Therefore, no additional traffic calming measures are recommended at this point in time.

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Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say

- a) when is the last time trees were inspected/pruned
- b) if he will agree to include this estate on the tree inspection schedule and advise me and residents when inspection will take place
- c) if he can give the a commitment that these trees, (which residents say have requested be maintained on several occasions with no response) will be inspected and necessary works carried out as soon as possible and
- d) can he also say if he is aware that 5 trees have fallen down over recent years, one of which barely missed a mother and child when it fell”

Reply

- a) Trees have been examined and discussed with residents on a good number of occasions in recent years. Trees have also been pruned away from street lights at the entrance to the estate.
- b) **(Details)** Estate is listed for inclusion in the formal recorded survey for inclusion in the digital inventory of street trees in 2024.
- c) All works recommended by the consulting arboriculturist will be scheduled according to the priority rating assigned to any and all recommendations.
- d) The Parks Service is aware of tree failures within this estate.

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

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Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to re-examine road/footpath at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he will agree to install/cut-out a lay-by to accommodate medical staff and others working in the community and clients of **(details supplied)** as they are currently experiencing awful difficulties parking at **(details supplied)** in order to obtain use of state health services and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply

As previously advised through Q54 North Central Council Meeting 6th November 2023.

Transport Advisory Group have no plans to increase parking spaces at this location. This would be contradictory to our current policies and DCC’s Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024.

This means that DCC are against reducing footpath widths to the detriment of pedestrians in order to increase availability of parking spaces for private vehicles. Nursing staff and clients can use the existing on street parking at the above location, as there are no restrictions in place.

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Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to refer to communication regarding the Croi Conaithe Grant as per **(details supplied)** and let me have a response please”

Reply

Dublin City Council in partnership with the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage administer the Croi Conaithe Grant.

There are strict terms and conditions for the scheme and for any applicant to be approved for a financial grant they must conform to these terms and conditions.

The City Council while administering this scheme has been in regular communication with above applicant however to date we have not received a Croi Conaithe Application from her or her partner. We can only engage fully with them once we have received same.

The scheme allows for an applicant to request a letter from the City Council requesting approval in principle if they are in the process of purchasing a property and once they have acquired it then to process their application to join the scheme. We did not receive same.

One of the conditions of the scheme requires any potential applicant to submit supporting documentation that clearly states that the property was vacant for 2 years prior to the application being submitted and that any refurbishment works being applied for under the scheme cannot have commenced until a site inspection has taken place.

Any applicant must provide the necessary supporting documentation with their application as required under the scheme to facilitate the Local Authority making a determination on the application. The Scheme requires that any applicant submit a quotation(s) for the works being applied for under the scheme.

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Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please refer to the reply to my Area Committee question of November 2023 (see attached) and say if he can advise me and residents, when trees on road as per **(details supplied)**, have been included on the inventory of trees.

Reply

The small number of trees on this road have been visually assessed recently on foot of inspection and pruning requests received and were found to be in an acceptable condition with only minor crown lifting recommended on one or two specimens. This road has not yet been included in the digital inventory of street trees.

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

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Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to advise why **(details supplied)** is no longer locked at night which is resulting in an increase in the number of people drinking alcohol and leaving rubbish etc behind and say if this was a decision of Council and if same can be revisited in order to reduce the aforementioned matters”

Reply

The southern and western side of this park is bounded by a 5 foot wall which did not seem to exclude those determined to enter the park after dark. One gate of the park has been left open at night to allow the effective patrolling of the area at night by the local Gardaí if required. The Parks Service has not noted an increase in anti-social behaviour or littering since this gate has not been locked.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** which has now become a rat-run as a result of the C2CC works in Fairview and say if some form of temporary traffic calming measure can be installed until C2CC works are completed as residents fear the potential of a fatal accident at this point”

Reply

Further to a response issued to Qs72 for the Council Meeting on 4th September 2023 the *Clontarf to City Centre* Project Team have liaised with Traffic colleagues to see what could be done with regard to Marino Crescent.

Some details received from our colleagues regarding the installation of traffic calming measures are outlined as follows;

- 30 km/h residential SLOW ZONE signs are already installed at either ends of **(details)** Crescent – see Fig 1 and Fig 2 as per below to alert drivers
- It is understood that **(details)** Crescent does not meet the criteria for provision of speed ramps, The C2CC Scheme understand that the Traffic Advisory Group criteria for ramp installation is as follows:
 - The road should have a **straight run of at least 200m.**
 - The 85th percentile speed should be greater than 50 km/h.
 - Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.
 - There should be genuine road safety concerns based either on actual accident statistics or on observed road safety patterns or written report from an Inspector of the Garda Traffic Division.

It is also worth noting that in recent weeks the temporary lane closure on Clontarf Road which was in place for a number of months, between the bottom of **(details)** Crescent and the Howth Road has been reopened making it easier for traffic to progress outbound along the Clontarf Road and make the turn left up the Howth Road.



Fig 1 – Slow Zone signs on the Malahide Road side of **(details)** Crescent



Fig 2 – Slow Zone signs on the Howth Road side of **(details)** Crescent

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Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager in relation to **(details supplied)**,

- a) Please arrange to cut back the overhanging branches
- b) Provide better/increased bin facilities at entrances/exits
- c) Say when he will carry out improvements to playground which is now becoming very run down, shabby and in need of a revamp”

Reply

- a) An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and tree works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.
- b) Bins at entrances are a matter for waste management.
- c) Maypark is one of 3 playgrounds in the area of an older design. It is provisionally listed for an upgrade in 2025.

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

Waste Management Services have bins in this area including at some entrances to this park. There are no plans to install additional bins.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer
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Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to outline if there has been any updated indications from An Bord Pleanála on a timeframe for decision on the Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor?”

Reply

An Board Pleanála have given no indication of a decision date for the Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects scheme.

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

“To ask the Manager provide an update on discussions with the OPW regarding the DCC-owned landed located between the site of the Casino in Marino and the Casino Park Estate”

Reply

The City Valuer's Office issued terms to the OPW for their consideration on 19th June 2023. There is ongoing engagement between the OPW and City Valuer's Office at the current time and City Valuer's Office are hopeful of progressing the matter in the near future.

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

“To ask the Manager as the Griffith Avenue cycleway is now complete can the Area Manager provide an update on the assessment of the suitability of Lower Grace Park Road for an interim cycleway scheme with a particular focus on local school-goers?”

Reply

The widths of Lower Grace Park Road vary considerably over its length. Over certain sections there is insufficient width to provide any protected cycle lanes without removing a lane of traffic. This would effectively make Grace Park Road one way and this not something that the Traffic Department would recommend.

While the Traffic Section has therefore ruled out the possibility of providing continuous cycle lanes on both sides of Lower Grace Park Road it is exploring what limited options are available. A report will be prepared on these options for a future area committee meeting.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer
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Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager organise an examination of the signalling of the Malahide Rd junction in Fairview in relation to cars turning right up towards Donnycarney – further details in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The ongoing Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC) active travel scheme construction works at the junction of Clontarf Rd / Malahide Rd/ Howth Rd has required the closure of traffic lanes, realignment of existing traffic lanes and amendments in junction traffic signal operation.

For the duration of the works these measures have somewhat impacted on the capacity of the junction for vehicular throughput. However, when complete, the provision of protected cycle infrastructure and upgrades to pedestrian crossings will significantly improve the level of service and safety for pedestrians and cyclists, which is in line with National and City Council policy to provide for active and sustainable modes of transportation.

This junction is operated by DCC’s SCATs traffic management system which automatically allocates green signal timings based upon real time demands from traffic and pedestrians. Following evaluation of the traffic signal operation, in light of your query, some extra signal timings have been allocated to the right turn from Clontarf Rd to Malahide Rd, subject to demand both on this approach and on all other approaches to the junction such as the Malahide Rd, the Howth Rd etc.

We will continue to monitor the operation of the junction and make further changes as required where there is scope to do so.

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

“To ask the Manager organise for the following laneway to be cleaned (**details supplied**)”

Reply

Waste Management Services had this lane cleaned in October 2023 and has since been checked regularly. The lane was inspected on 4th December and was found to be not littered.

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

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

“To ask the Manager to provide a report on the selection of a starting location for the recent Clontarf Half-Marathon which resulted in pitches being damaged and unavailable for use by local clubs”

Reply

The Clontarf Half Marathon has been a popular event on runner’s calendar for many years. Recently however as the event grew it was seen as less sustainable to allow these numbers run through the protected habitats of Dollymount Strand which necessitated a new starting and finishing point for the participants to achieve the requisite distances. The public open space at Alfie Byrne Road is ideally located for this purpose.

The weather in the run up to the event did pose a challenge and the Parks Service met with the organisers on 3 occasions before the event the most recent being the Thursday before the start. A route was agreed with the organisers that avoided the playing surface of the pitch with the runners exiting the public open space using the space behind the goals. However the rain was so heavy the night before the event that this space was waterlogged with several inches of standing water in this undrained space. It was necessary to allow the runners to use the space in front of the goals on the Saturday for safety reasons. This was a calculated risk with the potential of damage to a section of 1 pitch currently allocated to 1 local adult team. It was however understood that even in the worst case scenario the goal posts could simply be moved forward a few meters to the other side of the runners route until full repairs could be affected to the damaged area.

However as can be seen from the photos below (taken 1 week after the event) the pitch was not destroyed as was reported and once the rain washed down the mud kicked up by the runners it was clear that the pitch remains playable and available to the club but subject to the usual weather calls as is the case with every other council owned pitch in the area. While no invasive repairs are necessary a small bit of decompaction and topdressing has been commissioned along the runner’s route and will be carried out as soon as conditions allow. These works will not take the pitch out of commission.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Manager to organise for an assessment of the trees in Grace Park Gardens to address the issues highlighted in the correspondence below (details supplied)”

Reply

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’.

The reduction in height of trees known as ‘topping’ is not a recommended arboricultural practice 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’.

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2024.

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

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

“To ask the Manager In relation to the laneway that runs between Griffith Court and Annadale Drive can the Manager

1. Confirm that the public right of way over this laneway has now been extinguished
2. Confirm if DCC owns title to the laneway? Some residents wish to consider absorbing the laneway into the back gardens of houses there so as not to have to deal with antisocial behaviour.”

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.

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