



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023**

1 Presentation on Whitefriar Street Greening Strategy

Order: Noted.

2 Presentation on Blind Quay from Parks

Order: Noted

3 Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 13/11/2023

Order: Agreed.

4 Environment and Transportation Matters

- i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 28th November 2023

Order: Noted.

5 Housing and Community Service Matters

- i. Housing Allocations Report October 2023.

Order: Noted.

6 Planning & Development Department Matters

- i. Report on Proposed Grant of Licence for Café at St Patricks Park.

Order: Recommend to City Council.

- ii. Report on Disposal 32 Sandford Road.

Order: Recommend to City Council.

- iii. Report on Disposal of Porches on Pigeon House Road.

Order: Recommend to City Council.

7 South East Area Matters

- i. Report of the Executive Manager.

Order: Noted.

- ii. Public Domain Report December 2023.

Order: Noted.

- iii. Report on proposal to name and number a development at the former Irish Glass Bottle and Fabrizia Site Poolbeg West.

Order: Agreed.

- iv. Nominating Daniel Ceitinn for Docklands Forum.

Order: Agreed, Refer to Council.

8 **Motions 11th December 2023**

Motion 1 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could the trees on Leinster Road West be inspected as they are causing damage to the footpaths which are very narrow. They are also blocking light and garden growth from adjacent houses. As Rathmines has recently lost 3 mature trees to council pruning and is due to have 5 more removed from Leinster Road could we have a proposal from DCC on how to reinstate the green canopy that is very much needed in Rathmines. Would Parks agree to audit Leinster Road, Leinster Road West and Effra Road and see what solution would maintain or improve the biodiversity in the area?

Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

In view of the extraordinary litany of delays in relation to the absolutely necessary Sandymount Flood works this Committee requests:

1. The immediate convening of the agreed Task Force.
2. A meeting to be held with the four Local TD's, Councillors and the Minister for the Officer of Public Works.
3. That the Sandymount Flood Protection Works remain as a permanent feature on the agenda of the South East Area Committee until sufficient progress is made.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager, in relation to the area bordered on one side by Mountpleasant Avenue, the Grand Canal, Prices Lane and to the East by Ranelagh Road

- An update on the measures that will be taken on foot of the "on site" meeting held nearly a year ago.
- an update on any progress in respect of planned interventions to reduce the incidents of speeding;
- a timeline for when we can expect the relevant officials to begin work on addressing this issue;
- a timeline on when repairs to footpaths will happen;
- The Planning considerations of the potential impact of Bus Connects on

the small side roads leading from Mount Pleasant Ave - Ranelagh Road, including Bannaville, Mount Pleasant Terrace, Price's Lane.

- What steps have and will be taken to reinstate the Archway at Prices Lane.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey and Fiona Connelly

This Committee requests the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council to engage with the Chief Executive of CDET, the relevant Ministers, Councillors and the four Dublin Bay South TDs and interested Senators to explore how we can collectively advance the restoration of the former Concert Hall within the Rathmines Town Hall.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this SEAC of DCC agree to put forward Dr Noel Brown for considerations as the new name for the Trinity College, former Berkeley library.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of the SEAC call on the area management to extend the railings at Diggs Street flats to include the grass area on the western side of the flats at Redmond Hill in order to contain continuous anti-social behaviour and trespass in and around the flats and in the best interest of the residents safety and privacy and also to enhance the playground for the children and amenity area within the flats community.

Order: Agreed

Motion 7 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this committee notes the urgent need to implement flood alleviation works along the river Poddle, notes the constraints on using nature-based solutions in a highly urbanised landscape, but notes too that the FAS works approved by An Bord Pleanála are comprised of seven times the amount of hard defences over earth embankments or softer, nature-based solutions. This committee agrees that Dublin City Council's proposal to replace healthy mature trees lost from parks with individual street trees in unspecified locations is not in line with the objectives of the Dublin City Development Plan to ensure net biodiversity gain, and agrees that Dublin City Council should seek to identify opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the environs of the Poddle, including the development of a community biodiversity initiative in the Poddle Close park.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This Area Committee is opposed to the removal of the 7 mature trees between the boundary of Brickfield Park and the adjacent Apartment development. We note that there was no permission sought or granted for the removal of these trees when the developer sought and was granted planning permission. We further note the concern of local residents and park users when they learned that our Parks Section had given permission to the developer to engage a contractor to remove these trees and salute the protest they engaged in which successfully paused the removal of the trees.

Noting that Parks have stated that they will now engage their own contractor this area committee calls for this action to also be paused and that a full report be initiated to determine the health of the trees which should only be removed if they are diseased or a danger to the public.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager calls on the Area Manager to address the following issues on South Lott's Road and surround area:

- 1) Articulated trucks delivering to the Tesco store many times a day which are causing dangerous obstructions and are in breach of the planning conditions.
- 2) Parking in the area by Tesco customers who are parking on the footpaths causing dangerous obstructions, Can the manager increase parking enforcement in the area.
- 3) Engage with the local residents on the public realm upgrade that Tesco are obliged to carry out under their planning conditions.
- 4) Work with the residents to explore the possibility of amending parking times.
- 5) Resurfacing the footpaths and roads.
- 6) Reinstall the Dublin Bikes on Barrow Street or a neighbouring street.
- 7) Provide more bike parking in the area.
- 8) Provide funding for an upgrade to the playground in the park on South Lott's Road.
- 9) Find a solution to the bin storage issues in the area.
- 10) Increase the street cleaning schedule of the street.
- 11) Accelerate the redevelopment of Barrow Street.
- 12) Take action on the two vacant houses on South Lotts Road beside the Gas Works.

Order: Deferred to January SEAC Meeting.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee agrees to write to ESB to ask for an update on the proposals for the Pigeon House chimneys and can the manager confirm when they will be put on the register of protected structures as previously agreed.

Order: Deferred to January SEAC Meeting.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to include Landsdowne Park in the road resurfacing for 2024.

Order: Deferred to January SEAC Meeting.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to request that the Parks department urgently moves forward with the following schemes:

1. The Cabbage Patch Gardens.
2. Portobello Harbour redesign.

Order: Deferred to January SEAC Meeting.

Motion 13 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee agree to implement a refurbishment of Cambridge Court senior citizens complex in Ringsend. It is in very run down and in very poor condition.

Order: Agreed.

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Questions to the Chief Executive 11th December 2023

Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

When is it anticipated the trees on Rosary Terrace, Stella Gardens, Irishtown, will be trimmed?

Reply:

I would like to inform you that pruning of these trees was successfully carried out as part of the 2020/2021 tree works program. As of now, no additional works are deemed necessary. However, I would like to reassure you that these trees are scheduled for inspection in three years' time to ensure their continued health and well-being.

Q.2 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To have an inspection carried out on the paths and shores in Canon Mooney Gardens, Ringsend, Dublin 4. There are trip hazards all around this complex and the shores are loose and need to be cemented. A resident recently had a fall in the flats and had a major operation on his leg and is now in Respite following an operation in St. Vincent's Hospital. I would ask that this matter be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance local area depot will carry out an inspection of the paths and shores in this housing complex. All necessary repairs will be carried out.

Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

When will Dublin City Council have the necessary work carried out on start of Sandymount Beach coming from the Sean Moore Road as the odour emanating from the seaweed is unbearable and people cannot walk the beach?

Reply:

The presence of Ectocarpus siliculosus is a naturally occurring macro algae that washes ashore around Dublin Bay. When the Ectocarpus decays, it produces a malodour, which can be mistaken for foul effluent or sewage. This is further exacerbated as when it dries, it forms dark brown clumps which can be misidentified as caked sewage. However, the algae is innocuous and does not pose a threat to human health.

Following an ecological survey commissioned by Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services in 2009, it was advised to leave Ectocarpus in situ to provide habitat for invertebrates and other fauna. The area of Sandymount Beach is also within the South Dublin Bay SAC and the Qualifying Interests for the SAC include 'drift lines' that wash ashore. Therefore, removing Ectocarpus using diggers etc. could damage protected habitat.

In order to monitor the situation, Dublin City Council's Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services commissioned NUI Galway to monitor algal blooms in Dublin Bay (as part of a four year project) and NUI Galway with

Coastwatch to monitor the Seagrass (*Zostera noltii*) beds that are also found at Sandymount and Merrion Gates. These studies have helped inform our understanding of these natural processes but have also highlighted the negative impacts that the Ectocarpus is having on the seagrass, which is an essential food source for the Light-bellied Brent geese. In light of this, Parks and Biodiversity will be meeting with the National Parks and Wildlife Service to discuss whether management of the Ectocarpus is required and how this might be achieved given the sensitivity of the site. None of the proposed flood alleviation projects will have any significant effect on Ectocarpus on the beach in Sandymount. I will be meeting with the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) shortly and would be happy to provide an update early in the New Year.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Further to Question 2 (supplied with this question) at the October 2021 area committee could the Manager confirm to me that these lampposts will be painted and if he could give an approximate time frame.

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 10th October 2021

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

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

Reply 10/10/2021:

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

Reply:

It is planned to get the columns in Annesley Park painted before Christmas. This naturally will be weather dependent.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can give an update on the maintenance of trees on Annesley Park, Ranelagh for which attention has been repeatedly promised and not delivered.

Reply:

I am pleased to inform you that an inspection of the trees in Annesley Park is scheduled for the coming weeks, and any necessary maintenance works will be carried out. Our team is dedicated to ensuring the well-being and safety of the community, and we appreciate your patience as we work to resolve this matter.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager when the road maintenance programme for Sandford Avenue, Donnybrook, will be implemented.

Reply:

Sandford Avenue is included in our South City Asphalt Framework Contract (C12-23). This contract is currently out to tender. We expect to appoint a contractor in January 2024 and at this juncture we will be in a position to advise of programmed dates for the carriageway resurfacing to

take place.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the traffic report, that was commissioned to assess the impact on Tritonville Road, Serpentine Avenue and other surrounding roads in Dublin 4, that took the brunt of the diverted traffic during the water works on the Strand Road will be circulated to Councillors and published on the Dublin City Council website as has been repeatedly promised.

Reply:

The traffic data is currently being analysed. Notification of the results being uploaded on the DCC website will be issued to councillors.

Q.8 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent:

"I am a pensioner and widow and registered owner of details supplied I attach several photographs clearly showing a recently installed bus stop on the road next to my house at 34 Sandymount Avenue. The house is a listed building and the gate posts accessing the driveway are considerably narrower than those that you would see in a modern home.

As you can see, the newly installed bus stop clearly interferes with my access to and from the house which is dangerous and unsafe and I'd have thought a breach of all the health and safety legislation.

To date I have been given the run around by Dublin Bus which is very distressing for a pensioner and a widow. As such, I am contacting you as a constituent to see if you could help me in getting the bus stop removed from its present location?"

Reply:

The NTA are currently reviewing stopping locations throughout Dublin as part of the BusConnects project. Following this review, it was considered that Stop 7929 on Sandymount Avenue was required for new/future bus routes. As part of the above project, new and upgraded existing stops will feature new TFI poles, carousel and bus cage linemarking. The route utilising stop number 7929 will be BusConnects route S2 which will have a frequency of four buses per hour.

In light of these considerations, the NTA believe that retaining the bus stop in its current location is in the best interest of the community and aligns with our broader goals of promoting sustainable public transport and accessibility. To ensure that the bus stop remains accessible and that it can operate safely, we must ensure that the bus can pull up adjacent to the kerb to allow passengers to safely enter and exit the bus. This is ensured with the inclusion of the bus cage linemarking.

With respect to the matter of the bus cage marking continuing past the driveway: The guidance states that it is acceptable for bus stops to traverse driveways if space is limited and this is seen throughout the city. In the context of the above, it should be noted that the bus cage linemarking does not allow for a bus to park. It allows the bus to safely pull up to the kerb to allow passengers to board and descend from the bus before moving on. A screenshot of the guidance is shown below:

6.3. When Kerb Space is Constrained

If required minimum dimensions of the bus cage cannot be met at a location, designers should consider:

1. Providing bus boarders (see Section 6.11);
2. Remove on-street car-parking or other barriers to provide the required minimum space;
3. Relocate the bus stop to where the minimum dimensions can be found, without compromising; appropriate pedestrian access to the bus stop, spacing or other location criteria.

Note: It is acceptable for bus cages to traverse driveways if required and safe to do so.



Figure 23: Bus Cage Traversing Driveway

Q.9 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a disabled parking space installed on Fitzwilliam Street Ringsend adjacent to Ringsend Medical Centre.

Reply:

The issue outlined above requires further investigation by the Area Engineer. A service request has been created to effect this action. Enquiry No. 7036562 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.10 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange to clear the leaves on the road and path adjacent to my property (details supplied). I am an eighty three year old and am concerned that I might fall as it is so slippy. It is impossible to see where the path ends and road starts and I am also concerned about side wall damage to my car tyres.

Reply:

Waste Management Service will have the leaves cleared from (details supplied) by the end of November 2023.

Q.11 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following email from a constituent.

"We have a large very high tree on the green area at the entrance to Ramleh Close which needs extensive pruning, it is directly behind our house (details supplied). We were afraid during the recent storm that it could break off, fall into the back garden and likely cause damage to the back patio doors of our house. Dublin City Council did some felling and pruning in that area a year or so ago and that particular tree was omitted."

Reply:

Thank you for bringing your concerns about the tree at the entrance to Ramleh Close to our attention.

I want to assure you that your safety and the well-being of the community are of utmost importance to us. Regarding the specific tree you mentioned, it was omitted from the recent tree works in that area as it was assessed against DCC's tree policy criteria for the necessity of carrying out pruning works and deemed not to require any attention at the time.

However, I understand your concerns about potential risks during storms, and I want to inform you that, as a resident of an affected property, you are permitted to cut back any overhanging branches from the tree as far as your property boundary. Please note that you do not require additional permissions for this action, but it is advisable to inform the owner of the tree of your intentions.

I must emphasize that any work carried out should not render the tree unsafe, dangerous, prone to infection, or irreparably damaged. It is important to take all necessary precautions to ensure the tree's continued health and safety.

Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following question that we go a reply from last month re clamping at Dodder View Cottages Ballsbridge. Unfortunately whatever you have been told by the parking enforcement is not happening as we were once again illegally clamped outside our homes just last week details supplied.

Reply:

As previously outlined there had been an issue at this location in relation to a discrepancy in the roads mapping system that named the whole road as Beatty's Avenue when in fact this section of the road is Dodder View Cottages. The resident was advised of the error. We have advised the on street crews of this discrepancy so they are aware of the issue.

Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to introduce speed deterrents on Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge to combat the high speeds of drivers and cyclists on this busy road.

Reply:

Traffic calming is already in place on Anglesea Road in the form of:

- 3 No. speed ramps
- 3 No. pedestrian crossings
- 1 No. slow road marking.
- On-street parking which narrows the carriageway.
- Street trees which create a sense of enclosure.

As Anglesea Road is a 50kph arterial route with traffic calming already in place, no further measures are recommended.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to increase the monitoring, and enforcement of illegal parking around The Crescent, Donnybrook where residents are having great difficulty finding parking spaces.

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) will monitor the location above and carry out enforcement where necessary.

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to liaise with Iarnród Éireann about the ongoing problems with the level crossing at Serpentine Avenue not functioning.

Reply:

I will make contact with Iarnród Éireann regarding the level crossing at Serpentine Avenue.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to prioritise the resurfacing of Lower Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh and the adjoining pavements.

Reply:

The carriageway surface of Lower Beechwood Avenue will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing Programme as appropriate.

The footpaths on Lower Beechwood Avenue will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 South East Area Footpath Reconstruction Programme. In the meantime, if address locations are provided pinpointing specific locations of concern, these footpath locations will be inspected and any defects found will be logged for local repairs to be carried out.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to erect signs near the end of Ashfield Road Ranelagh, and also mark the road similarly stating "RIGHT LANE, and LEFT LANE" "TURN RIGHT" and TURN LEFT" to address the many drivers turning right from Ashfield Road onto the Sandford Road as they seem to feel the need to enter the left lane in order to make a sweeping RIGHT turn. This, of course, is totally unnecessary and blocks the left lane.

Reply:

Currently on Ashfield Road, while the carriageway widens at the junction with Ranelagh as a result of the pay & display / permit parking ending, the carriageway remains as a single lane. As such, it is not recommended to provide two lane indication arrows on Ashfield Road as it is too narrow.

However, to remind drivers that this is a single lane at the end of Ashfield Road, 1 No. lane indication arrow will be provided on Ashfield Road, at the junction with Ranelagh, indicating that a left or right turn may be taken.

Q.18 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could the lane to the rear of Harold's Cross Road and Brighton Square be served by public lighting? It is owned by DCC. Residents use this lane for a mixture of parking, bike parking, bins, accessing their properties. There have been reports of recent burglaries and drug taking in the laneway. Lights would alleviate these issues and provide safer access to the houses for residents. The laneway serves 56 houses or possibly more and is in council charge. This is a pressing issue as it is impacting on the safety and security of residents on the Harold's Cross Road and on Brighton Square.

Reply:

The laneway in question is a rear entry lane at the rear of the above houses and the City Council doesn't provide lighting in these laneways except for the following reasons;

1. Where the laneway is well used by residents, as a short cut, to get from one residential road to another, i.e. a link, and
2. Where Mews houses front onto the lane.

As this lane doesn't meet the above criteria there are no plans to provide lighting here.

Residents can, however, make an application to the Council to extinguish the laneway. If such an application is approved gates can be erected by

the residents making the lane inaccessible.

Q.19 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could a yield sign be placed at the junction of Darley Street and Mount Drummond Avenue to slow traffic? Many cars drive down Darley Street and onto Mount Drummond without yielding care. There is a sign at the end of Emmet Street which runs parallel to Darley Street and also has cars moving onto Mount Drummond Avenue.

Reply:

In keeping with other roads in the surrounding area, it is recommended to provide yield road markings at the junction of Darley Street and Mount Drummond Avenue.

Q.20 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could Rathgar National School be considered for school zone treatment? It is on Rathgar Avenue and needs the signage to facilitate safe access to the school. If the proposed trial of the filtered permeability scheme goes ahead on Brighton Road, Rathgar Avenue will be subject to increased volume of traffic which will increase the need for school zoning and signage.

Reply:

The School Mobility Team is installing School Zones in Dublin city as part of the Safe Routes to School Programme, funded by the National Transport Authority. Applications for the School Zone Project are currently closed as the team works through a priority list of schools for this programme, as identified by the Department of Transport. Once this list has been cleared, the team will be in a position to re-engage with other schools.

Q.21 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Would it be possible to prioritise the cleaning and sweeping of the leaves from footpath surrounding Neagh Road Park and playground as there is a high volume of leaves fallen and the footpaths are slippery and inaccessible by some of the residents in particular some who have visual impairments and mobility issues.

Reply:

Waste Management Services Section will give as much attention as possible to the above mentioned location during our leaves removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

As there is a huge volume of leaf fall around the South East Area and the entire city, our Waste Management Section are under extreme pressure to have all areas cleaned as quickly as possible. I have referred this matter to our Waste Management team and have asked them to include this area as a priority to their list for cleaning. They have informed me that it has been added and will be done over the next coming days.

Q.22 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will issue a response to the points being made by a resident of Strand Road a submitted with this question.

"I believe one matter which the Corporation should address in the interim is the issue of temporary protection in the event of flood warnings. In the past this has consisted of placing some sandbags at houses and having others available for collection in containers on the promenade. We share

an entrance with a neighbour and there is no gate. It takes about 24 sandbags to create any type of protection. I applied to the Corporation for Planning Permission to install flood protection, (costing €30k) and was refused. I could not afford to repeat that now because as an OAP I couldn't afford the cost if it was approved. Physically I could not collect enough sandbags to mount even the "protection" of the past. So for houses such as ours I believe the Corporation should deliver and put in place the temporary protection in the event of flood warnings"

Reply:

Dublin City Council has adopted a Flood Emergency Plan which is enacted in accordance with weather warnings or notifications from onsite monitoring or telemetry. We also have an ongoing programme of maintenance works which includes cleaning of street gullies and surface water sewers to remove any potential obstructions from the drainage network and maximise its capacity to manage significant rainfall events. For example, our most recent inspection and cleaning of the gullies on Strand Road was on 01/11/2023, 15/10/2023 and 21/09/2023, all site visits reported the gullies to be in good working order.

Please note that Strand Road is predominantly outside of the 1,000 year flood event (Flood Zone C - lower flood risk).

The primary role of the City Council in advance of a weather events likely to cause flooding is to erect flood gates/protection measures and to clean out and prepare the public drainage networks. These actions are to minimise the risk and extents of any flooding that may arise and to provide protection of greatest public benefit, prioritising protection of property. Known areas prone to flooding are monitored to inform how we prioritise and target our response and assign our resources in such events. The protection of specific individual properties by City Council staff is a secondary priority but a customer service we are happy to provide when resources allow. The Flood Emergency response team will supply sandbags in exceptional circumstances and then only at specific locations with known local issues.

Full details of the Council's policy in this regard is available at:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/water-and-wastewater/drainage-services/sandbag-policy#:~:text=Dublin%20City%20Council%20does%20not,the%20owners%20of%20those%20properties.>

Should the property owner of concern to this question wish to contact us directly we may be able to provide further insight/guidance.

Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update on Saint Andrew's Court and also on Townsend Street apartments as to what progress is being made with the housing development?

Reply:

The regeneration of St. Andrew's Court received Stage 2 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in August 2023. This gives consent to Dublin City Council to proceed to the planning stage of this redevelopment project.

The proposal is for the demolition of the existing housing block and for the

construction of a new social housing scheme. The 33 new homes will be a mix of one, two and three bedroom homes. It is anticipated that we will commence the pre - Part 8 planning process in early 2024.

Townsend Street: The contractor commenced works in January 2023. Staff from the City Architect's Division provide oversight and inspect progress on a monthly basis. The works are progressing and are due to complete in Q2 2024.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full update as to the progress of placing certain infrastructure and buildings at RTE campus on the record of protective structures? This item has been ongoing in this committee for years. Now is the time that these buildings should be put on the list of protected structures, they are part of the foundation of the state and in many respects cultural icons. They should be listed and protected before any lands are sold off or developed. DCC cannot delay this process any longer.

Reply:

The City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS) was updated and reviewed under the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028.

5 buildings at the RTE Campus, Stillorgan Road, Dublin 4, were added to the City Council's RPS as part of the review and adoption of the above City Development Plan, comprising the following:

1. Television Building, 1962 and 1979;
2. Scene Dock Building c. 1965-1969 (exterior lightweight trussed roof structure);
3. Restaurant Building c. 1965 (excluding later extension);
4. Administration Building, 1967 (excluding later extension); and
5. Radio Building, 1973.

The entry for the buildings on the RPS can be seen at Ref. No. 8888, Volume 4 RPS Part 2: Record of Protected Structures of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028; - <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/strategic-planning/dublin-city-development-plan/development-plan-2022-2028/volume-4-record-protected-structures-0>

Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Could the manager as a matter of urgency address a substantial leak and ceiling collapse at details supplied? This issue has been reported for a long time and it's unacceptable that an elderly individual has been left in such a state in their home.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance local area depot will call to the tenant in the coming days and will carry out a full inspection of the leak. All necessary works will be carried out.

Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager inquire into how a section of historic land at Ship Street developed recently ended up with the name Dublin Royal Convention Centre?

Reply:

The Planning & Property Development department are not consulted and

have no input into the naming of non-residential developments within the city. Street naming and numbering is frequently a condition of planning applications where new streets are created, in line with the OPR guidelines

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to where Go Cars and other such vehicles for hire are allowed to park? Also this report to include penalties for illegal parking of these Go Cars. More and more of these commercial cars are now parking in residential areas taking up much needed space and can be there for quite some time. This report is for the entire South East Area but in particular the South Lotts and Ringsend area in and around Google.

Reply:

Car clubs operate under the Dublin City Council Control of On-Street Car Club Bye-Laws 2013, and, as per the Development Plan SMT27, it is the policy of Dublin City Council "To encourage new ways of addressing the transport needs of residents (such as car clubs and mobility hubs) to reduce the requirement for car parking. Licensed Car Club operators must pay an annual permit fee, per vehicle, to allow on-street parking and must obey all the same parking requirements as other vehicles. Car Club vehicles can, and are, subject to fines and clamping if vehicles are not parked legally. The Road Safety and Micromobility Unit will engage with the operators to explore usage in the areas noted and request reallocation of vehicles if required.

GoCar have a fleet of approximately 1,000 cars and 370 permits. Toyota Yuko have a fleet of approximately 250 cars and 127 permits and Enterprise Holdings have 16 permits.

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the Bishop Street flat complex painted? This particular block of flats is long overdue a paint over. Residents are asking the City Council to refresh their estate.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Painting Workshop completed the painting of this complex 6 months ago. It was painted in 2019 but access to the back of the complex was dependent on a particular hoist, which only became available mid-2023. This painting job should last for a minimum of 7 to 8 years and therefore it is not due to be painted again until 2026/2027. There is one part of this complex that we can't reach with hoist and are trying to put a plan in place to gain access.

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager bring a full report to the south was area in and around the Temple Bar area? This report to include the economic impact the emergency response and the cost of the malicious damage caused during the recent riots. Also to include in this report as to how the city was managed during this criminal rampage. What is the structures for stopping public transport when citizens are trying to get home from such events? Many were stranded. Who takes overall responsibility for the management and mobility of the city during such an event? Where was the coordinated city plan?

Reply:

The cost of the economic impact, the emergency response and the cost of the malicious damage caused during the recent riot is not yet available and will take some time to be collated. As the situation developed, the Senior Management Team within Dublin City Council were fully briefed and engaged from early Thursday evening and all available resources were made available to assist in the clean-up and repair of the public realm from early on the Friday morning. City Council staff from Waste Management, Public Lighting and Road Maintenance etc. from all over the city played a key role in ensuring that the damage to the public realm was repaired without delay and that O'Connell Street could reopen on Friday.

The question of public transport is a matter for the National Transport Authority (NTA). The City Council is engaging proactively with all stakeholders including An Garda Síochána, the Government and business groups within the city as we approach the key Christmas season.

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager, as promised at the previous meeting of the South East Area Committee, supply me with the Street Furniture License for the Café on Palace Street?

Reply:

The business operator at Palace Street holds a Street Furniture Licence for tables and chairs outside the premises. Discussions are currently underway with the business owner with regard to the street furniture arrangements and the Councillor will be advised when these discussions have concluded.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the footpath on Aungier Street right beside the bus stop on the East side of the street opposite the church repaired? This is a major trip hazard and there has been some serious falls here and it is our footpath.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services is liaising with Irish Water to ensure a permanent reinstatement is carried out beside the bus stop on Aungier Street (opposite Whitefriar Street Church).

Q.32 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the status of the Rathmines to Milltown Cycle Route, which was due to go to public consultation this year. Why did the scheme move from design and tender stage in Q1 to concept and development stage in Q2, and remain at concept and development stage in Q3?

Reply:

Early stage concepts were prepared for the Rathmines to Milltown Walking & Cycling Scheme in 2023. No significant progress has been made on this scheme in the meantime. The scheme has recently been reassigned to a new team and it is expected to resume at Concept and Development phase in 2024.

The scheme was not brought to detailed design & tender phase at any time to date.

Q.33 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the application to DCC's Schools Mobility Office from St Mary's College (incl. junior and senior schools) in Rathmines for a road traffic warden and pedestrian crossing for Military Road. With the expansion of the school to take in junior and senior infants, as well as first class pupils, there are now more students crossing the road and younger children as well. A Traffic Warden is urgently needed to provide a safe crossing opportunity for pupils walking to the school.

Reply:

A School Warden is provided for children from 2nd class up to 6th, generally children over the age of 8, who are unaccompanied crossing the road.

A request for a School Warden to assist children will be assessed and will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.34 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services what Dublin City Council traffic engineers can propose by way of a traffic management solution for cars exiting the single vehicle-width gate at Larkfield football club onto Kimmage Grove? High levels of through traffic when the grounds are in use can cause a bottle neck at the entrance to the estate, and traffic engineers should assess if this can better managed with:

- A yield sign and markings for cars exiting the club.
- Road markings to indicate two-way traffic.
- Moving the bicycle parking stands to the space adjacent to the gate and the boundary wall of the football club.

Reply:

The cycle stands on Kimmage Grove were requested by members of the public and installed in 2022 as part of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

The carriageway installation is a standardised design that had been used successfully city-wide. The stands are more than 5m from the junction and beyond the double yellow line parking restrictions. The Environment & Transportation Department considers moving the stands at considerable cost unnecessary.

The entrance of Larkfield Football Club is a private landing and it is responsibility of the club facilities management to provide measures on their property.

With regards to the right of way leaving the club grounds, under Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997 section 4 "A driver of a vehicle entering a public road from a place which is not a public road shall yield the right of way to all vehicles and pedestrians proceeding in either direction along the public road". This means that traffic leaving the club grounds should yield to traffic on Kimmage Grove. This is a matter for enforcement by An Garda Síochána.

Road markings to indicate two-way traffic - the Transport Advisory Group will assess this location for the provision of suitable line markings. A service request has been created to effect this action. Enquiry No. 7036573 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in

due course.

Q.35 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if lighting can be installed in the lane serving the rear of 291 to 349 Harold's Cross Road. This is a wide public lane providing rear access to homes on Harold's Cross Road and Brighton Square, a number of which have recently been the subject of burglaries. Some public lighting would improve the security of the lane and safety of access for residents.

Reply:

The laneway in question is a rear entry lane at the rear of the above houses and the City Council doesn't provide lighting in these laneways except for the following reasons;

3. Where the laneway is well used by residents, as a short cut, to get from one residential road to another, i.e. a link.
4. Where Mews houses front onto the lane.

As this lane doesn't meet the above criteria there are no plans to provide lighting here. Residents can, however, make an application to the Council to extinguish the laneway. If such an application is approved gates can be erected by the residents making the lane inaccessible.

Q.36 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services why an excessive amount of poles have been installed at the junction of Palmerston Road and Cowper Road? This junction is located in an Architectural Conservation Area, and residents draw attention to the objective in the Dublin City Development Plan to removing or reducing street clutter where possible to contribute positively to the public realm. Is each of the poles now installed here necessary or are any of them to be removed?

Reply:

The location is currently under construction. When complete all infrastructure that is not part of the new build will be removed on completion.

Q.37 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if the Parks can assess the condition of two trees on the green at Brookfield Green which residents report to be dead and now storm damaged, and if the trees are confirmed to be dead or dying, can they be removed and replaced with new trees?

Reply:

Parks will arrange an inspection of these trees in the coming weeks and organise appropriate works as are deemed necessary.

Q.38 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if lighting levels can be assessed at the entrance to Lavarna Grove, coming off Terenure Road West. Residents report very low lighting levels and suggest safety of access for pedestrians could be improved if lighting was better. Some pruning of trees along this stretch of Lavarna Grove could help.

Reply:

A lighting assessment will be carried out on the street lighting in Lavarna Grove, off Terenure Road, to see what improvements may or may not be

required.

Q.39 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Tree roots have raised the footpath 75mm at the base of the tree outside (details supplied) on Stannaway Avenue. The footpath crack has become a trip hazard. Residents do not want to see the tree removed but request the footpath would be made safe by removing a small section of the footpath and relaying it at the original level.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the footpath at this location and recorded the tree trip. It has been added to our Works List and will be assigned to the next available crew in this area for repairs to be carried out.

Q.40 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Why were the cycle stands removed from outside 153 Harold's Cross Road? The hoarding for the construction site appears to take up a significant amount of the footpath but the need for cycle parking remains. These cycle stands were used and residents have been in touch. This is the second set of cycle stands that have been removed from Harold's cross - the other set was removed from outside Centre.

Reply:

The cycle stands were removed by traffic to accommodate site access. However, toaster cycle racks have been installed across the road.

Q.41 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could Olney Grove and Olney Park please be included for street cleaning? Residents have reported that these residential roads have not been serviced and are in need of cleaning / sweeping.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned roads cleaned as requested in early December 2023.

Q.42 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could parking be examined at Kimmage Grove to optimise access and safety for both residents and football club users as there have been reports of poor parking and lack of enforcement by both residents and club members which is impacting on safety of young players accessing their local football club and impacting on local residents?

Reply:

If there are vehicles obstructing a vehicular entrance at the above location, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) should be contacted directly on 01 602 2500 so they can send a crew out to remove the obstruction.

Q.43 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can electric vehicle (EV) charge points put along Kildare Road, Clogher Road? Many people in the area don't have the space to park and install a charger in their driveways. On street ones in this area would be of benefit as the ones on Crumlin Road and in the village are too far to be practical for everyday use.

Reply:

The Dublin Local Authorities Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy was

published in June 2022. The strategy document projects the likely demand for public EV charging stations across Dublin City and County up to 2030.

Amongst the key recommendations included in the report are that;

- The role of the local authority (DCC) is that of an enabler and facilitator, and not a direct service provider.
- Dublin City Council's priority is to focus on rapid (hub) charging rather than slower neighbourhood chargers.

These recommendations were presented to the Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy Group in July 2022 and, at the monthly Dublin City Council meeting in November 2022 the Strategy was approved by the Elected Members.

Dublin City Council is working with the other Dublin local authorities and Codema to deliver a pilot project of 200 EV charging points at 50 locations across the county. DCC has proposed 15 locations for fast charging services under the pilot project.

Q.44 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Parks Section see if more trees could be planted along Kildare Road, particularly along the stretch from the Clogher Road junction to the next lights / roundabout - from houses 70 to about 120 Kildare Road there are barely any trees at all and it would really enhance the appearance of this road where a lot of young families have recently moved in. Planted trees or trees in planters would enhance the area. This request could be examined alongside the already agreed greening of the traffic island close to this location.

Reply:

The planting of street trees is something that Parks are supportive of, however there are a number of considerations which limit the options available i.e. overhead & underground services, footpath widths, dishes for vehicular entrances to gardens and public lighting columns. Parks can examine the suitability for the stretch mentioned above and will report back to the councillor on the result.

Q.45 Councillor Pat Dunne

Park users in Eamonn Ceannt Park continue to complain of dogs being let off leads in the park. Can I have an update on where we are with the recruitment of additional Dog Wardens and what plans are there to assign them to Eamonn Ceannt Park?

Reply:

A Local Garda Inspector of Crumlin Garda Station and an Animal Welfare Inspector have organised a number of joint operations to patrol all of the parks in the Crumlin area, including Eamonn Ceannt Park over the past number of weeks. Members of An Garda Síochána and Council Dog Wardens patrolled these parks together on the 9th and 22nd of November. As authorised officers under the Control of Dogs 1986 Act both the Gardaí and the Dog Wardens engaged with numerous dog owners to advise them of their responsibilities under the act and the penalties that can be imposed should any owner fail to comply. The Dog Wardens have carried out 2 further patrols in Eamonn Ceannt Park since then and continue to engage with the public. The Garda Inspector has requested the Animal Welfare Unit assist with patrols at the weekends and it was agreed that

Dublin City Council would offer assistance as soon as resources can be made available.

On the topic of recruitment of wardens, interviews were held between the 15th and 20th of November. A number of suitable candidates were identified and offers will be issued to the successful candidates over the coming days. It is anticipated that training of up to 5 wardens will commence in January 2024.

Please contact the Animal Welfare unit for any further information.

Q.46 Councillor Pat Dunne

Despite numerous complaints over many years, large trucks continue to park illegally at the roadside opposite both Dolphin's Barn Fire Station and Seagull House Flats. What actions will be taken to stop this practice and what roadway changes can be made to make this area safer for motorists and pedestrians?

Reply:

The area around Dolphin's Barn Fire Station and Seagull House on Rutland Avenue and Parnell Road have been provided with parking restrictions where required. A continuous white line preserves access to the fire brigade station and double yellow lines keep the entry point to Seagull House clear. The carriageway at this location is greater than 10m wide meaning that parking at this location does not impede the flow of traffic. No measures are recommended as they would only serve to inconvenience residents and would shift parking further onto Rutland Avenue.

Instances of illegal parking, such as parking on the footpath, should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, DSPS (email info@dsps.ie or tel. no. 01 602 2500) or An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

A speed survey is to be conducted on Crumlin Road before any safety measures are recommended in the area.

DSPS will monitor the location and take enforcement action of any illegally parked vehicles.

Q.47 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the road ramps and mini roundabout on Clonmacnoise Road near the Lismore Road junction be inspected and repaired as necessary.

Reply:

On a recent inspection, the ramps and roundabout on Clonmacnoise Road near the Lismore Road junction were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Could addresses please be provided to pinpoint the locations of concern.

Q.48 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our street Lighting Section improve the lighting in the cul de sac green on Clogher Road (known locally as the avenue)? Recently there was an anti-social incident around this green in which Garda and an individual were involved and residents state that poor street lighting was a factor in the lead up to the incident.

Reply:

A lighting assessment was carried out on the street lighting in the cul de sac on Clogher Road and the light levels meet the required standard for such a residential road.

Having said that, these lights will be upgraded to Led street lights under the current Lighting Upgrade Project although an exact timeframe for this upgrade work cannot be provided at this time.

In the meantime the existing lighting will continue to be maintained in accordance with current maintenance regimes.

Q.49 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the issue of traffic congestion on Windmill Road at the Swan Leisure and Sports campus be re-examined? The current car park has only one entrance / exit which is restricted to one vehicle at a time. This alongside illegal parking when the campus is busy leads to major traffic congestion. Can we once again look at a second gateway, which would allow for separate entrance / exit points into and out of the carpark?

Reply:

The issues outlined above require further investigation by the Area Engineer. A service request has been created to effect this action. Enquiry No. 7036551 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) will monitor the parking on Windmill Road and will take the necessary enforcement action where required.

Q.50 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager what is the process of installing on street digital advertising totems in the city, why Councillors are no longer consulted on their locations and can he look into moving the digital advertising totem beside the Molly Malone statue.

Reply:

The double sided digital 'Metropanel' display near the Molly Malone statue on Suffolk Street was authorised by way of planning permission under plan ref. 1504/07 and WEB1459/17. Councillors are not generally consulted on planning applications as such proposals are subject to a public consultation process and any member of the public including elected members are in a position to make a submission on the proposal if they wish to do so. In this regard, it is noted that 2 no. submissions were made in relation to the original planning application (plan ref. 1504/07) from An Taisce and the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO). All planning applications for digital billboards are assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Outdoor Advertising Strategy contained in the Dublin City Development Plan. It is envisaged that a review of these displays will take place when the contract with JCDecaux expires in late 2027.

Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will the contraflow cycle lane on Nassau Street be completed and is possible to put down contraflow markings now as an interim measure.

Reply:

Nassau Street forms part of the Trinity to Ballsbridge Walking & Cycle Route.

Due to a number of projects at concept stage affecting Merrion Square North, Clare Street & **Nassau Street**, the decision was made to split the Trinity to Ballsbridge Scheme into two Phases with Phase 1 along Mount Street Lower & Northumberland Road to be implemented first. Public consultation for Holles Street to Lansdowne Road interim scheme was held last month.

The remainder of the route from Holles Street to Dawson Street along Merrion Square North, Clare Street & **Nassau Street** (Phase 2), will be progressed at a later stage when the impact of the other projects in the area are clear.

There are currently interim contraflow cycle facilities running along **Nassau Street**. Once the Phase 1 works are complete the only section of the route without interim measures will be Merrion Square North and Clare Street.

Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager why is parking still allowed on both sides of Hanover Street East and can this be reviewed as it effectively makes this very busy road one lane and is dangerous for cyclists and drivers. Can the manager install a no right turn onto Cardiff Lane and also from Cardiff Lane onto Hanover Street East as it causes a backup if a car is turning?

Reply:

The issues outlined above require further investigation by the Area Engineer. A service request has been created to effect this action. Enquiry No. 7036550 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the Area Manager please fix the uneven surface with metal plates at the junction of Forbes Street and Sir John Rogerson's Quay as a matter of urgency?

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location and noted defects around some inspection chamber covers. We will liaise with the relevant utility providers to arrange for repairs to be carried out.

Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will the streets, currently managed by Grand Canal Harbour Management Company be handed over to Dublin City Council?

Reply:

DCC is working towards taking in charge of streets within the Grand Canal Harbour Area within 2024. There are a number of road junctions within the area which need to be improved prior to the finalisation of the full taking in charge. A tender process to procure a consultant design team is underway by DCC Roads Department in respect of these works and the project will progress into 2024. Once these works have commenced a clearer timeline will be confirmed to complete the handover to DCC.

Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install more waste bins in the Ringsend area?

Reply:

Waste Management Services monitor litter levels on a regular basis in the Ringsend area and will install extra litter bins if deemed necessary.

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to provide an update on the following projects:

1. The completion of Suffolk Street pedestrianisation scheme.
2. The progression of the public realm scheme for the junction of Grafton Street and Nassau Street which was presented to Cllrs a number of years ago.
3. The pedestrianisation of South William Street.
4. The upgrade of South King Street as part of the Grafton Street Public Realm Scheme.

Reply:

This request is currently under investigation and a reply will be issued for the January South East Area Committee Meeting.

Q.57 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the road markings in South Lotts area, adjacent to Barrow Street can be re-painted. Due to recent works the lines are faded.

Reply:

This will be done within 30 days of said date.

Q.58 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the manager if he will arrange for a sensor to be installed at the junctions of Pine Road and Bremen Road with Sean Moore Road to facilitate exit of traffic from the estate, as the current timed system is causing significant delays when drivers do not adhere to the yellow junction boxes which is creating a significant hazard for cyclists who are using the cycle lane as well as the drivers trying to exit the estate and pedestrians attempting to cross at the location.

Reply:

The Intelligent Transportation Systems team have reviewed your request. The junctions of Sean Moore Road with Pine Road and Bremen Road operate as uncontrolled priority junctions. In both cases there are nearby controlled pedestrian crossing facilities. Please note that Dublin City Council policy does not permit the use of detection on side roads to call nearby upstream / downstream pedestrian crossings to facilitate the exit of traffic from side roads on to the main road. The purpose of standalone pedestrian and toucan crossings is to provide safe crossing of the road for pedestrians and cyclists. As part of our review we note that the exits from Pine Road and Bremen Road may be lacking signage and / or line marking appropriate to an uncontrolled priority junction. We will bring this to the attention of the Area Engineer for traffic for review and comment.

Q.59 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the yellow junction boxes to be repainted on Sean Moore Road.

Reply:

This will be done within 30 days of said date.

Q.60 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for an inspection of the recent works on Clonlara Road at the junction with Pine Road as it seems the works were unsatisfactorily completed with water pooling and top layers of the road surface not laid.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services is liaising with ESB to arrange for the snags in these recent carriageway works to be remedied.

Q.61 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will consider a local environment improvement plan for the section of Temple Bar from Aston Quay to Fleet Street and from Asdill's Row to Westmoreland Street.

Reply:

The area from Aston Quay to Fleet Street and from Asdill's Row to Westmoreland Street is not listed as a proposed LEIP on Page 63 of the Core Strategy of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-28 however the Area Office will work proactively with local stakeholders to improve the local area in the short to medium term.

Q.62 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if the City Council intends to construct a pedestrian bridge from Thorncastle Street to the Graving Docks as per the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) planning scheme, noting that such a proposal has not been included in the National Transport Authority's (NTA's) Ringsend Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) and DCC are currently devoting significant resources to bring forward two key bridges for the Docklands SDZ lands - the Tom Clarke Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge and the Dodder Public Transport, Cycling and Pedestrian Bridge. These new bridges, in combination with upgrades to the Bus Connects service and new / upgraded cycle and footpaths at East Wall, Dodder and Campshires; will have a transformative impact on the wider Docklands area and significantly increase the connectivity of Ringsend to the wider area.

It is not proposed to consider an additional pedestrian bridge at Thorncastle Street at this stage. The need for the additional bridge will be reviewed following completion of the Dodder Bridge connection when clarity regarding need can be assessed.

Q.63 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on the Sean Moore Park container café.

Reply:

Our team is actively working on the project and are in the process of assessing alternative locations within Sean Moore Park. The initial preferred location is proving to be challenging due to the presence of high

voltage cables, and the associated costs for servicing the site are excessively high.

We understand the importance of having these facilities available for the community, and we are committed to finding a feasible and practical solution. Our goal is to enhance the park experience for all visitors while ensuring the safety and efficiency of the chosen location.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through these challenges.

Q.64 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the edging of the grass verges along Bremen Road, Bremen Avenue, and Pine Road.

Reply:

Regarding the edging of grass verges along Bremen Road, Bremen Avenue, and Pine Road, I appreciate your concern and the community's interest in maintaining the aesthetic appeal of our surroundings. However, I regret to inform you that at present, Parks is not undertaking the edging of grass verges on entire roads.

For the past few years, the responsibility for maintaining grass verges outside individual homes has been placed with the residents themselves. This approach is consistent with the policies applied by Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin County Councils. Residents are free to choose whether or not to maintain the grass within these verges.

As a goodwill gesture, we are willing to consider cutting a verge on a case-by-case basis, particularly if there is a specific request from a local representative on behalf of a resident facing physical incapacity challenges.

In light of your request, I have forwarded this matter to our colleagues in the Roads Department for their consideration. The landscape brief typically focuses on incidental litter control and grass cutting and edging entire roads would likely incur additional costs that may not be economically justifiable.

I hope this clarifies our current stance on grass verge maintenance, and I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Q.65 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a revamp of the play equipment at O'Rahilly House and the repair of the netting on the court.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will investigate the site and repair the netting on the court as necessary. We will look at the existing condition of the play area and upgrade as needed.

Q.66 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager if he could ensure overgrown tree branches are pruned in the Ravensdale Close Complex.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance trimmed trees in this complex on the 15th November

following request from some residents. All trees which were highlighted by residents at the time were trimmed back. If there are other trees that requiring trimming, residents should advise the area office or the Sheltered Housing Liaison Officer for the complex.

Q.67 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager for an update regarding the removal of trees in Poddle Park (Ravensdale Park) as a result of Ash dieback. How many have been removed to date and how many have been replanted to date. Could the future dates of removals and replanting also be outlined?

Reply:

The trees in Ravensdale Park were listed in the tree works schedule distributed to all councillors in October 2023, a further copy is attached here for your information.

Ravensdale Park, this work was communicated to the local councillors via area office in advance. There will be replanting carried out in 2024. Future works and plans for replanting will be communicated where possible in advance – this is not always possible when storm / emergency works are involved.

Q.68 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager for an update into a review into the traffic arrangements for Greenmount Avenue which was requested at April's South East Area Meeting.

Reply:

In response to Councillor Q.33 raised in the South East Area Committee Meeting in April 2023 regarding a review of traffic arrangements on Greenmount Lane, the following response was issued:

1. The road already has a speed limit of 30km/h in place, which serves as a regulatory measure to ensure safe driving speeds.
2. The presence of on-street parking along the road contributes to naturally reducing the speed of traffic by creating a narrower roadway and requiring vehicles to manoeuvre carefully.
3. The road features multiple vehicular entrances to private premises, which further contribute to lowering the speed of traffic due to increased caution and awareness required in these areas.
4. Any vehicle not adhering to the road regulations should be reported to the local Garda station
5. It is not possible to introduce a "Residents only" one-way system. A one-way system is not recommended for a number of reasons:
 - A one-way system would lead to increased traffic speeds and reduce pedestrian and cyclists' safety.
 - A one-way system would cause inconvenience to residents on and increase traffic on adjoining Roads.
 - A one-way system would also hinder emergency services access, Garda operations and other service vehicles.

As the existing traffic measures and conditions already contribute to encouraging a controlled and safe speed on Sandford Road, the Transport Advisory Group did not recommend installation of Traffic Calming measures at the above location.”

Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the manager to fix the potholes on Northbrook lane.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will arrange for repairs to be carried out to potholes in the carriageway surface of Northbrook Lane as necessary.

Q.70 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to clean up the lanes behind Elmwood Avenue lower, it is in charge of the council and in need of cleaning.

Reply:

These lanes are in charge of Dublin City Council and a deep clean and weed removal was carried out by Waste Management Services on 28th October 2023 at the location identified by the Councillor.

Q.71 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to cut back the trees at the top of park drive outside numbers 25 - 29 as they are intruding into gardens and need to be pruned.

Reply:

These trees will be inspected to ascertain if pruning works are necessary.

Q.72 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to ensure, either by directing DCC services or by liaising with Luas operators, that the trees on the Luas wall on Elmwood Avenue Upper are assessed for pruning or removal given they are a serious risk during stormy weather.

Reply:

The trees and surrounding area on Elmwood Avenue are the responsibility of Transdev, the operator of Luas services in the Dublin region. A letter will be sent to them detailing your concerns to have the trees pruned or removed.

Q.73 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to replace the concrete lampposts on Beechwood Avenue Lower with metal lamp standard as they are hazardous and the concrete is splitting and breaking putting the public at risk from falling concrete.

Reply:

All concrete columns in Dublin City Council's administrative area will be replaced with new columns and LED streetlights under the current Lighting Upgrade Project. This concrete column replacement work is expected to commence in the 2nd quarter of 2024 and take up to 3 years to complete.

In the meantime the concrete columns on Beechwood Avenue Lower will be inspected and, if required, interim measures will be taken to ensure that concrete pieces do not fall onto the ground.

Q.74 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to provide an update on the maintenance of Palmerston Park, residents are concerned the park is still looking run down.

Reply:

Thank you for your concerns about the current state of Palmerston Park. We appreciate your interest in the well-being of our public spaces. General park maintenance is an ongoing priority for us. Additionally, we have several upgrades in progress to enhance the overall experience at Palmerston Park.

Here is a brief update on the current status of the park:

Water Feature: The water feature has recently undergone repairs and relining to return it to full functionality. Clearance of overgrown shrubbery is now complete and a revitalised planting scheme is being implemented surrounding the pond.

Pond Railings: New railings are in production for the pond area and will be installed in 2024.

Seating: The original historic semi-circular seating is being restored and will be installed back into the park as part of the Café landscaping phase of works.

Path Repairs: Sections of the paths within the park have been repaired, improving accessibility and safety for visitors. Path upgrades will continue in future programs of works.

Tree Planting: We have plans for new tree planting, scheduled to take place in the New Year, contributing to the park's greenery and biodiversity.

Entrance Planting: The entrance replanting is in progress and is expected to be completed by Christmas, adding a welcoming touch to the park's entrances.

Depot Conversion: Starting from December 11th, contractors will be on-site to commence work on converting the depot into a cafe and public toilet facility. This development aims to further enhance the park amenities for everyone's enjoyment.

We understand the importance of Palmerston Park as a community hub, and we are committed to ensuring it remains a vibrant and well-maintained space for all residents. Your feedback is invaluable, and we appreciate your patience as we work to implement these improvements.

Community involvement is always welcome in the day to day upkeep and maintenance of our open spaces, we welcome volunteer help with, for example, litter picks and other park related activities to help with upkeep of public open spaces.

Q.75 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager for new road ramps and speed lowering mechanisms for Mountpleasant Avenue Lower.

Reply:

5 No. speed ramps have already been provided on Mountpleasant Avenue

Lower. These ramps were originally spaced so as to prevent harsh braking and subsequent heavy acceleration and as such, additional ramps are not recommended.

“30kph slow zone” signage has also been provided at the junction of Canal Road with Mountpleasant Avenue Lower and the junction of Mountpleasant Avenue Upper with Belgrave Square North / Charleston Road.

Furthermore, pay and display / permit parking has been provided on both sides of the carriageway which acts as a passive form of traffic calming.

However, to further remind drivers of the 30kph speed limit in effect on Mountpleasant Avenue Lower, 2 no. 30kph roundels have been recommended.

These measures will be provided subject to the statutory process, which will be installed early in the first quarter 2024.

Q.76 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager yet again a traffic assessment of Price's Place and Mountpleasant Terrace Lower.

Reply:

Price's Place was recently assessed for traffic calming under enquiry ref. 7019991, the response to which was as follows:

“Not recommended – following a preliminary assessment, it was found that Price's Place does not have a 200m straight run.

The criteria for the installation of speed ramps are as follows:

- The road should have a straight run of approximately 200 metres.
- The 85th percentile speed (speed exceeded by 15% of vehicles) should exceed the posted speed limit.
- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.
- There should be genuine road safety concerns based on accident statistics or observed road safety patterns or a written report from an Inspector of the local Garda Síochána.

As the criteria were not met, speed ramps are not recommended on Price's Place.

Furthermore, it was found that there is already a 30kph slow zone sign in place at the junction of Ranelagh Road and Price's Place.

As the road is narrow and Pay and Display / Permit Parking has been provided on the north side of the carriageway. This parking acts as additional, passive traffic calming and as such, no further measures are recommended at this time.”

With regards to Mountpleasant Terrace, 2 no. ramps have already been provided. These ramps are spaced in accordance with the DCC standards. The Parking amenity along the carriageway acts to passively calm traffic, supplementing the ramps currently in place.

Additionally, 30kph slow zone signage has been provided around Mountpleasant Terrace at the following junctions:

- Canal Road / Mountpleasant Avenue Lower.
- Price's Place / Ranelagh Road
- Richmond Hill / Rathmines Road Lower
- Mountpleasant Avenue Upper / Belgrave Square N & Charleston Road,

As such at this time, the Transport Advisory Group do not recommend further measures on Mountpleasant Terrace.

Q.77 Councillor Hazel Chu

That this area committee agrees to replace the historical arch on Price's Place as soon as possible.

Reply:

The archway at Price's Place is not a Dublin City Council asset and the ownership is currently unknown. Discussions are ongoing between the area office, Conservation and the Law Agent to endeavour to progress.

Q.78 Councillor Hazel Chu

That this area committee agrees to an audit of all our South East Area playing spaces.

Reply:

The annual safety audit for all playgrounds in the South East Area and South Central Area is currently underway and is being completed by a highly qualified & experienced external play inspector.

Q.79 Councillor Hazel Chu

That this area committee is presented with an update of park maintenance schedule and strategy for South East Area parks.

Reply:

Given the substantial scope of this request and the limited time frame before the upcoming meeting, compiling detailed information of this nature for all our SEA parks poses a significant challenge. It would be helpful to receive more specific details about the information you are seeking or any particular focus areas you are interested in.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation & I look forward to receiving additional details to facilitate a focused response.

Parks strategy documents which include the SEA parks strategy are available to down load from the DCC website <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parks/strategies-and-policies/parks-strategy> or a hard copy can also be made available for review.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 11 December 2023

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)

Members:

Members:

Danny Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn
Carolyn Moore

Hazel Chu
Daniel Céitinn
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Claire O'Connor

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Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
Paddy McCartan

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John MacEivilly

Mark Ginnetty
Neil Nerney

Brian Hanney
Sean Reid

Apologies:

Claire Byrne

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