

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2024

1	Minutes of the	ne meeting hel	d on 19th Fe	bruary, 2024.

Order: Agreed.

2 Replies the Director of Services for the North Central Area

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Order: Noted.

3 ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

- a Minutes of the TAG meeting dated 27th February, 2024 for noting.
 - Order: Noted.
- b Gully report for noting

Order: Noted.

c Protected Cycle Lane on Grace Park Road for noting

Order: Noted.

4 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

a Cara Park Additional Housing - Section 179a for noting Order: Noted.

5 NORTH CENTRAL AREA MATTERS

a **Discretionary Budget for noting**

Order: Noted.

b Area Managers' Reports

Order: Noted.

c Housing Supply Report for noting

Order: Noted.

6 CULTURE, RECREATION AND ECONOMIC MATTERS

a Dublin City Council Sports Plan 2023 - 2028 - Teneo presentation to the North Central Area Committee

Order: Noted.

b Sports & Wellbeing Report for noting

Order: Noted.

7 MOTIONS

a 1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Jane Horgan- Jones (deferred from February)

That this North Central Area Committee provide funding support for two schools (De La Salle, Kilbarrack and Manor House, Raheny) in the North Central area, to participate in the Yellow Flag programme in line with council policies on inclusion and diversity.

Reply

The Yellow Flag Pilot Programme & Research Report is supported by the E.U Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. Its funding is provided under the European Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity, PROGRESS (2007–2013). This programme was established to financially support the implementation of the objectives of the European Union in the employment and social affairs area.

There is no provision within the North Central Area budget to provide funding support for this initiative.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager for Clontarf -

Donaghmede LEA

Phone: 222 8846

Email: <u>mick.carroll@dublincity.ie</u>

Order: Agreed.

b 2. Motion in the name of Cllr. Damian O'Farrell (deferred from February)

That this North Central Area Committee requests the area manager to organise the repair of a park wall which was clearly knocked over by a utility vehicle (bin) a couple of months ago. The wall is located at the smaller green in Griffith Court, Fairview D3 near the entrance to Fairview Community Unit. There is CCTV footage of a refuse vehicle clearly marked Panda obviously damaging the wall. The firm initially denied and had no report of the incident. I'm not sure what their position is now but the wall remains damaged. This Committee also instructs DCC to recover all costs from Panda Refuse. I have the footage available for further action.

<u>Reply</u>

If the date of the incident and the evidence is forwarded contact will be made with the company.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

c 3. Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the manager to examine/identify/confirm the source of the very unpleasant smell recently at North Bull Wall coming from the direction of the Port and waste water treatment plant and the incinerator and explain the causes and the risks to human health, outline if same poses a risk to swimmers at North Bull Island and users of the island in general and say what steps are being taken to resolve the issue.

Reply

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit received complaints about a pungent odour described as chemical in nature from residents of the Clontarf, Killester and Ringsend areas week commencing 12/02/2024.

Inspections were carried out by officers of the Unit over a number of days at multiple locations. No pungent odour was witnessed.

Irish Water were contacted to determine if the smell may be related to Waste Water Treatment Plant.

They confirmed that works are ongoing on the upgrade of the secondary treatment tanks which involves cleaning some of the tanks.

They advised that this involved the process of removing the debris from the tanks which may create a certain amount of odour and that they are working to get this work done as soon as possible.

It is unclear if this was the cause of the odour and further inspections will be carried out. This includes arranging to walk the Port Area with Dublin Port Officials.

PWBO

The Protection of Waterbodies Office (PWBO) is responsible for the management of groundwater, surface water and the associated network. The origin of reported odours appears to be from EPA licenced facilities, with air being the receptor/pathway rather than water. Thus, risk to bather health is deemed low.

The EPA has a particular role in the assessment of nuisance odours from pertinent licenced sites. Complaints can be made to the EPA directly here.

Contact: Paul Rutherford, Acting Principal Environmental Health

Officer, Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

Tel: 222 3747

Email: paul.rutherford@dublincity.ie

Contact: Emma Finlay, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Protection

of Water Bodies Office

Phone: 222 2402

Email: emma.finlay@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

d 4. Motion in the name of Cllr. Naoise O'Muiri

That this North Central Area Committee ask Public Lighting to undertake an assessment of lighting levels on Bettystown Avenue with a particular focus on the Howth Road end and implement measures to improve lighting quality where appropriate.

Reply

A lighting assessment has been carried out on Bettystown Avenue with focus on the Howth Road end and additional street lighting is required. Two additional lights will be installed on two ESB network poles in the coming months.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer

Tel: 086 8343154

Email: <u>seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie</u>

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Daryl Barron

Chairperson Monday 11 March 2024

Attendance:

Members:Members:Daryl Barron (Chairperson)Patricia RoeDonna CooneyDearbháil ButlerPatricia RoeDonna CooneyTerence FlanaganDeirdre HeneyNaoise Ó MuiríDamian O'FarrellDeclan FlanaganAlison Gilliland

Apologies

Catherine Stocker

Absent

John Lyons Larry O'Toole Racheal Batten Tom Brabazon Jane Horgan Jones Micheal MacDonncha

Officers

Frank D'Arcy, Bruce Philips, Derek Farrell, Mick Carroll, Catherine Cahill, Fiona Moore, Deirdre Murphy, Niamh Reilly, Donncha O'Dúlaing, Will Mangan, Catalin Rosca, Maire Nic Reamoinn, Alec Dundon, John Flynn, Denise Doyle, Emma Finlay, Paul Rutherford, Fergus O'Carroll, Jeremiah Moore, Gillian Corcoran.

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

"To ask the Manager if the path outside (details supplied) will be repaired."

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11154276) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector. An inspection of the locus will be carried out & any defects added to a works list & assigned to a crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North City

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager about an issue concerning the street lights on Stiles Court at (details supplied) which have several lights out, and residents believe an upgrade similar to the ones on Castle Grove would greatly benefit the community in terms of safety and aesthetics. Would it be possible to explore the possibility of upgrading the street lights on this road"

Reply

(**Details supplied**) have been repaired and should be operating normally now. In relation to upgrades similar to Castle Grove street lights in the Dublin City Council area will be upgraded to LED street lights under the Lighting Upgrade Project.

An exact timeframe for this upgrade work on Stiles Court cannot be provided at this stage except to say that the street lights will be upgraded over the next 5 years or so.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer

Tel: 086 8343154

Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Manager to address the pathways which need repairing, the trees need pruning back as well as the railings that are in need of repainting on Croydon Green."

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11152766) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector. An inspection of the footpaths at Croydon Green will be carried out & any defects added to a works list & assigned to a crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North City

Tel. 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

The trees on the open space were recently inspected and considered to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at that time. There are no railings on the open space at Croydon Green. Repair of paths surrounding the green is a matter for Road Maintenance.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to repair the broken pathway at the green on Fairview Green on the west side (Even numbered houses)"

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11154299) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector. An inspection of the footpaths at Fairview Green (western side) will be carried out & any defects added to a works list & assigned to a crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North City

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for an upgrade of the pitch & putt course in Belcamp Park."

Reply

The pitch and putt course in Belcamp Park is managed and maintained by the CE scheme operated from the Dean Swift Sports Club based in the park. This is a local facility with a small footfall and there are no proposals to upgrade same.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager to ensure the illegal parking situation that continues to put pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in danger at the intersection of Annadale Drive and Philipsburg Avenue Marino is addressed by way of double-yellow lines and the enforcement thereof."

Reply

Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS), the parking enforcement contractor, will monitor the area and take the necessary enforcement action.

Contact: Elaine Norton, A/Administrative Officer

Tel: 222 6291

Email: <u>elaine.norton@dublincity.ie</u>

It is not recommended to install parking restrictions, where restrictions are already covered under the law.

Under The Roads Traffic Act (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 (c) "a vehicle shall not be parked on a public road within 5 metres of a road junction.

Illegal parking should be reported to the Gardai or Dublin Street Parking Services, for enforcement under the law.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Assistant Engineer.

Tel: 222 6145

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Manager when will **(details supplied)** be considered for suitable accommodation."

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 06/06/2023, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
В	2	726
D	2	419
Е	2	844

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.

I note from the applicant's file that she recently requested a HAP pack, which has been posted to her.

Dublin City Council are increasing the number of units that are being allocated through the Choice Based Letting Scheme, such vacancies are advertised on the DCC website. If there are no properties available at present, nothing will be advertised. Applicants can only apply for properties in their chosen areas that meet the size requirement of their household.

Contact: Sandra Barry , Acting Allocation Officer

Tel: 222 2201

Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for an update on the proposed residential development of senior citizen housing at the Whitehall Church carpark."

Reply

Clúid have advised that the draft planning application pack is almost complete for the proposed development of older person's housing on this site. Once submitted to the Housing Development Section, the design will then be presented to the local area committee and the wider community in advance of the formal lodgement of a planning application.

Contact: Aisling Browne, Administrative Officer

Tel: 222 6530

Email: aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to investigate if Lorcan Road (Santry side) sewage pipes are on the upgrade list"

Reply

Since 2014 the foul and combined sewers are now in the charge of Uisce Eireann. DCC is only responsible for the surface water drainage network since that date.

On 13th September 2023 Uisce Eireann (previously known as Irish Water) took over the direct control of all foul and combined sewage matters in accordance with the Government's 'Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services'.

DCC Drainage crews still working in the SLA now operate under the control and direction of Uisce Eireann Engineers and management.

Accordingly, questions/requests relating to foul sewerage should now be made directly to Uisce Eireann. Questions/requests relating to surface water drainage only should continue to be made to DCC.

Uisce Eireann provides a dedicated service for Local and Elected Representatives nationwide to ensure efficient and effective triage and resolution to any queries that they may have. Uisce Eireann's Local Representative Support Desk (LRSD) is open Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays), between the hours of 09:00 to 17:30. The LRSD can be contacted either by telephone (0818 178 178) or by email at localrepsupport@water.ie. Uisce Eireann's LRSD team receive prioritised support from across the Uisce Eireann business and have direct relationships with the Regional Engineers so that information from the ground can be gathered and fed back where necessary.

Uisce Eireann Contact details for Oireachtas Members

- Dedicated Direct Line 0818 578 578
- Email: oireachtasmembers@water.ie
- Lines are open from 9am-5.30pm, Mon-Fri
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- Dedicated Direct Line for Councillors 0818 178 178
- Email: localrepsupport@water.ie
- Lines are open from 9am-5.30pm, Mon-Fri

DCC are unaware of any issues with regard to the surface water sewerage on Lorcan Road and as such do not have any immediate plans for works on this part of the network. A CCTV survey will be undertaken to determine the condition of the surface water network and findings will be relayed to the councillor directly.

Contact: Jack Mills, Senior Executive Engineer

Tel: 222-2842

Email: jack.mills@dublincity.ie

Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to put in a request that the gullies are cleaned out on Lorcan Road"

Reply

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

• Lorcan Road – 15 of 15 gullies cleaned on 29/02/2024.

Contact: Kevin Vallely, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood

Incident Management Division

Tel: 222 7504

Email: <u>kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to repair the light outside (details supplied) the bulb is out".

Reply

This faulty light was replaced with a new street light at the end of February and is operating normally now.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer

Tel: 086 8343154

Email: <u>seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to put up no illegal dumping on the back Lane on Hazelwood Drive".

Reply

Arrangements have been made to have a No Dumping sign erected at the above mentioned location.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager that the council review the condition of the trees at St. Kevin's Football club in Whitehall. If the decision remains to not maintain them that they provide the club with indemnity of any damaged caused by the fallen tree branches on to the club house"

Reply

Parks services have inspected these relatively young trees and were found in a healthy condition with no other works recommended at this time. The Council do not provide such indemnity, should damage be caused by council trees it is independently investigated on a case-by-case basis by the IPB.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, NW

Parks District.

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager to outline the approach currently undertaken by the city council when dealing with privately-owned horses damaging public parks and pocket parks in the Darndale area."

Reply

The powers of local authorities in relation to horses are as set out in the <u>Control of Horses Act 1996</u> and Dublin City Council and <u>Control of Horses Bye laws 2014</u> provide for the seizure and detention of any horse found to be in breach of sections 4 and 5 as set out below.

PUBLIC PLACE

4a. No person shall at any time have, keep, ride or drive a horse in a public place except in such portion thereof as may for the time being be set apart to be used as an equestrian ride or carriageway or market or fair area and is clearly identified as such.

4b. Notwithstanding the provisions of 4(a) a person may have a horse on a public road provided the horse is licensed under the provisions of the Act, is fitted with a bridle and is adequately controlled by a person over16 years of age.

GRAZING IN A PUBLIC PLACE

5. No person shall at any time in a public place turn out to graze or feed or allow to stray or remain any horse without the written consent of Dublin City Council **AUTHORISED PERSON**

11b. An authorised person or a member of the Garda Síochána may seize and detain any horse where he has reason to suspect that the horse is being kept, or ridden or driven in an area contrary to these Bye-Laws.

Dublin City Council Animal Welfare & Control Services respond to all reports of stray horses. An operation to seize the horses is planned once a full risk assessment has been completed by our contracted resources. This is normally done in association with An Garda Síochána. The Unit engage with local resources to provide intelligence of stray horse locations and movement. This information forms an essential component of the operational planning for any seizure. The majority of operations are carried overnight due to safety concerns for staff and on advice from AGS.

Contact: Richard Herlihy, Administrative Officer

Tel: 222 6553

Email: <u>richard.herlihy@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager if immediate steps can be taken to pay attention to matters at (**details supplied**) in Dublin 9"

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11154752) has been created to arrange repainting of these bollards.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

Tel: 0879109484

Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned slip road cleaned on the 29th February 2024.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 2224240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

The road marking will be inspected in the next four to six weeks and any works deemed necessary will be carried out.

Contact: Anthony Dalton, Assistant Traffic Officer

Email: <u>Anthony.dalton@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager to report on recent changes to the right filter light at **(details supplied)** and the reason why these changes have been made"

Reply

The traffic signals at the junction of **(details supplied)** are controlled by Dublin City Council's urban traffic management system SCATS.

The SCATS system data indicates that this right turn filter signal to from Collins Ave Grace Park Rd is operating correctly.

A maintenance technician visited the site and confirmed that the vehicle detector for right turning vehicles is operating as specified and that the traffic signals are operating correctly.

The operation of the traffic signals at this location will continue to be monitored and changes made, as required, where there is scope to do so.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager to arrange for consideration to be given to adjusting the traffic lights at the junction of Collins Ave/Malahide Rd on occasions when there is a match in Parnell Park as currently this junction gets completely bunged up and buses travelling east/west on Collins Ave are inordinately delayed, resulting in spectators being delayed in leaving the vicinity of a match"

Reply

The traffic signals at the junction of the Malahide Road and Collins Ave are controlled Dublin City Council's Urban Traffic Management System, SCATS.

SCATS is an adaptive traffic control system that alters signal timings based on traffic flows and traffic / pedestrian demands taken from vehicle detectors on approaches to junctions and pedestrian push buttons.

Dublin City Council operates traffic signal bus priority, via the SCATS system, that allocates extra traffic signal green time to approaching buses.

This bus priority system is in operation at the junction in question and caters for bus routes along the Malahide Road and also orbital routes on Collins Ave.

On match days at Parnell Park, traffic tends to be busy on all approaches and giving priority to one approach will only delay match day public transport and traffic on other approaches.

Therefore, a balance needs to be struck between different approaches and different modes of transportation.

The bus priority section are, however, reviewing the bus priority operation for match days with a view to improving traffic movements at the location for all road users.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the promised works to be carried out at **(details supplied)** as they are very long overdue"

Reply

Housing Maintenance has commenced the cutting back of the trees in this complex. We will also call to the tenants of these properties above and will include the request in relation to the garden sheds.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing

Maintenance

Tel: 222 2095

Email: <u>ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager if the Council will consider crown topping or pruning the large trees beside a home (details supplied) due to their size and overhanging branches"

Reply

The reduction of the height of trees 'Topping' is an outdated practice which is no longer a recommended arboricultural technique. Topping or lopping, is bad for the health of the tree, opening large wounds as potential sites of infection from decay causing organisms and leading to a flush of weakly attached re-growth that can easily become detached in high winds potentially rendering the tree unsafe. The avoidance of this harmful pruning practice was included as a policy objective in the Dublin City Tree Strategy adopted as policy in 2016.

The tree overhanging the property at the gable end of this dwelling has been previously examined and is listed for removal as part of the prioritised tree care programme for area 2024.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager if the Council will replace the trees that were removed in an area (details supplied)"

Reply

Potential planting locations will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any sites deemed suitable will be listed for inclusion in future tree planting programmes for the area.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager if the Council will inspect the footpaths in an area (details supplied) and log any necessary repairs where the paths are cracked and lifting".

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11154747) has been created and passed to the Area Engineer who will carry out an inspection and add any necessary repair to the job list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

Tel: 087 9109484

Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager if (details supplied) would qualify for grant funding by DCC for necessary maintenance repairs".

Reply

The Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) are in regular contact with members of the **(details supplied)**. CSDS ensures that all relevant grant information is sent onto the committee for their consideration.

The Committee recently received funding through the Community and Informal Adult Education Grants 2023. Funding was also given to support their fun day during the Summer through the area's community budget.

CSDS have sent the Centre's committee information on the current Climate Action funding and the Community Local Enhancement Fund and would advise the group to apply to both for funding to assist with their ongoing maintenance requirements.

Contact: Niamh Reilly, Area Community & Social Development Officer

Artane - Whitehall LEA.

Tel: 222 8841

Email: <u>niamhp.reilly@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager if a zebra (non-signalised) crossing could be installed at **(details supplied)**"

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7037963) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Environment and Transportation Department.

Email: <u>catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager to have tree removed at **(details supplied)** as it has caused severe damage to garden wall. Photo attached"

Reply

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2024-25.

A claims form has previously been issued to this resident. If such a claim is initiated against the council it will be fully and independently assessed

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to arrange to have the trees cut back at St. Johns court please"

Reply

Housing Maintenance will call to this complex, assess the trees and all necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing

Maintenance

Tel: 222 2095

Email: <u>ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to treat the footpath at **(details supplied)** so that it doesn't water log in wet weather. This is causing an inconvenience to local pedestrians to the Shopping Centre"

Reply

An enquiry has been created (ref. 11154748) and passed to the area inspector who will carry out and inspection and schedule a repair to prevent future problems on this footpath.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

Tel: 087 9109484

Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide a technical perspective on the safety and accessibility of the proposed bus stop at (details supplied)"

Reply

The Bus connects team have contacted the National Transport Agency in realtion to details supplied and are currently awaiting report back. Once this is received Councillor will be contacted directly.

Contact: Niall Bolger, A/ Senior Executive ITS Officer, BusConnects

Liaison Team.

Tel: 222 5271.

Email: <u>niall.bolger@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for a speed audit of traffic on (details supplied) and for the installation of 30km signage and the painting of 30km/hr on the carriageway"

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7037801) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Environment and Transportation Department.

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for a traffic audit at the junction of **(details supplied)**"

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7038031) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Máire Nic Réamoinn, Executive Engineer

Environment and Transportation Department

Email: maire.nicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide a full explanation regarding the removal of the trees on Skelly's Lane including outlining why was damage not anticipated during the ducting works and steps not taken to avoid such damage? How the damage done was assessed? The criteria considered to inform the decision to cut down the row of 26 trees? The likelihood of the tress falling during storm conditions should they be left in place?"

Reply

The Parks Service was not made aware of these proposed works and had no input into the methodology used. The damage was assessed visually where it was evident that a trench had been dug through the rooting zone without any form of mitigation or root protection. The relationship between root damage and tree stability has been extensively researched and is well understood by tree care professionals. Many standards, guidelines and recommendations have been published on this topic by professional arboriculturist and indeed utility bodies. The trench in this case was within 1m of the trunks of these trees an area defined in the National Joint Utilities Group recommendations 2007 as the 'prohibited zone' where mechanical excavation should not take place. Where installation of services in this zone is unavoidable many mitigation technologies exist where roots can be protected such as hand digging, airspading or boring. An open trench was observed on site from one side of the canopies to the other without any form of root protection severing approximately 45% of the entire root architecture of each tree and all anchorage on one side of the tree line. It is a generally accepted principle that damage to 25% of the tree roots of a tree is significant enough to result in tree death. This level of root damage in this case is of enormous concern rendering the trees unstable greatly increasing the likelihood of failure during wind events. It is unfortunate that due to the level of damaged here in a high traffic area that removal of the compromised trees was the only viable solution to ensure the safety of the public.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide a full explanation regarding the removal of the shrubbery at **(details supplied)**"

Reply

The Development Department has received numerous complaints from both residents and Local Representatives about **(details supplied)** concerning anti-social behaviour, dumping and rodents.

Over the last few years, contractors have cleared the rubbish from the site costing about €5,000 per removal. Most of the rubbish was dumped in and behind the vegetation and this was adding to the rodent problem.

It was decided to cut the vegetation with the hope of alleviating these problems. The roots of the vegetation are still in place and are expected to grow again. The site is earmarked for development but we do not have a timeframe at the moment.

Contact: Cathy Cassidy, Senior Staff Officer

Tel: 222 2861

Email: cathy.cassidy@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the remarking and extensions of the following yellow lines at **(details supplied)**"

Reply

- 1. There is a solid white line along the end of (details 1) (at the junction with (details) Road) for a distance of approximately 20 metres where it is illegal to park. The requested 3.5m is already covered by the continuous white lane. Double yellow lines are not recommended to be extended.
- 2. The double yellow lines on (details) Road at the junction with Newbrook Road (west side of the junction, northern side of the road) are provided for a distance of 18 metres. This is considered to be an adequate length allowing for visibility at and around the junction. On-street parking acts as a form of traffic calming and the unnecessary removal of parking could serve to increase speeds in this residential area.
- 3. Any necessary roadmaking reinstatement/repainting at the location referenced will be referred to the Traffic Officer's team for inclusion on their Works List.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Assistant Engineer.

Tel: 222 6145

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide details of the ownership of **(details supplied)** and when the bollards opposite are going to be installed"

Reply

The Area Manager will clarify the ownership of **(details supplied)** between Roads & Property Management.

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

Phone: 222 8546

Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

An enquiry (ref. 11154746) has been created in relation to the request to have bollards installed to protect the verge opposite the shops up from Beaumont House.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North

City

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the pruning of the tree outside (details supplied) and the repair of the wall caused by a tree at (details supplied)"

Reply

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2024-25.

The Parks Service does not carry out repairs to private property. A claims form has previously been issued to this resident. If such a claim is initiated against the council it will be fully and independently assessed.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to location as per (details supplied A), if he can agree to make advise when agreed Area Traffic Calming scheme will be put in place and in the meantime, can you advise what measures he can put in place at (details supplied B) to enable residents safely egress their home and if he will agree to the erection of a reflective mirror type bollard outside to the left of (details supplied B) that would indicate oncoming traffic to resident trying to egress from (details supplied A)"

Reply

Part A

A Neighbourhood Transport Scheme is currently ongoing in the Haverty Road/Marino Area and is expected to be completed in 2024. The **(details)** area is the next residential area on the list to receive a scheme. Following completion of the Marino scheme, we will liaise with the Area Office and commence developing a plan for the **(details)** area.

Contact: Andrew Geoghegan Neighbourhood Transport Engineer (North

City)

Tel: 222 6347

Email: <u>andrew.geoghegan@dublincity.ie</u>

Part B

The visibility, when exiting the property, is obstructed by the existing property wall (pillar gate). In order to improve visibility, the height of the wall is recommended to be reduced or partially removed.

The Traffic Department does not provide convex traffic mirrors as they give a distorted view of approaching traffic which is hazardous. These types of mirrors attract a high degree of vandalism and they also have maintenance costs associated with them.

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

Group, Environment & Transportation Department, Dublin City

Council, Civic Offices, Dublin 8.

Tel: 222 6145

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager to please refer to the promise of internet access and the installation of a defibrillator in location as per **(details supplied)** and advise on how matters are progressing in the provision of both"

Reply

At a meeting with residents of (**details supplied**) on Monday 4th September, 2023, a number of requests were put forward to Dublin City Council for consideration which included but was not limited to "chair aerobics", first aid training, internet access and the installation of a defibrillator. It was explained at that meeting & via subsequent emails sent to residents of (**details supplied**) that unfortunately, Dublin City Council is not in a position to accede to all of these requests.

Area Housing Management is cognisant that open internet access in senior citizen complexes results in antisocial behaviour, encouraging youths to congregate in the vicinity, which is undesirable & accordingly, is inappropriate. As each unit is self-contained, the procuring of personal internet access would be a matter for each individual resident themselves.

However, first aid training has been arranged with Dublin Fire Brigade by Area Housing Management in conjunction with the North Central Area Community team and dates will be finalised shortly. There is a defibrillator at **(details supplied)** parish hall, which is less than a minute away from **(details)** Court.

Contact: Patrick P. Smith, Area Housing Manager

Tel: 0872185149

Email: patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie

Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager can the CE, in relation to bathroom floor of dwelling as per (details supplied), say what progress is being made to resolve matters and can he also say if he will arrange to have moss/fungus removed from paving slabs in common area at (details supplied)"

Reply

Housing Maintenance have had a number of interactions with this tenant in relation to the bathroom. Although the tenant had installed his own bathroom, Housing Maintenance deviated from protocol and agreed to work with the tenant in relation to the issues he was experiencing due to poor workmanship. However, when the Depot called on 28th November last the tenant refused access and informed them that he was carrying out the works to the bathroom himself.

The slabs in the complex were also inspected by the Depot, who found them to be in good condition. However, they did request a power wash by the Caretaking Section on 20th February last in relation to the moss. The Caretaking Section will also arrange for the complex to be weeded and scutched.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing

Maintenance

Tel: 222 2095

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to road as per (details supplied), say if he can examine the condition of same and say who is responsible for repair of same (i.e. builder or Dublin City Council) as local residents complain the poor state of the road"

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11154749) has been created and passed to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection. If the contractor/developer is responsible of the defects, they will be informed to take action for those. If not, any necessary repair will be added to the job list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

Tel: 087 9109484

Email: <u>ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to location as per (details supplied), please say what if any, progress had been made on the Air Quality monitoring report of properties (as promised would be carried out) and if he can made a statement on the matter."

Reply

The Area Office is liaising with the Protection of Waterbodies Office in relation to the monitoring of the air quality at both locations and an update will be issued to Councillors in the coming weeks.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede

LEA

Phone: 222 8846

Email: <u>mick.carroll@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager to please have the roadway at location as per (details supplied) swept and can he examine drains at location as per (details supplied) and say if he can have same cleared as residents are understandably concerned about same."

Reply

Waste Management Services had above location swept on the 29th February 2024.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

• (Details supplied) – 12 of 12 gullies cleaned on 01/03/2024.

Contact: Kevin Vallely, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood

Incident Management Division

Tel: 01 222 7504

Email: <u>kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to road as per (details supplied), if he will examine the possibility of installing traffic calming ramps on same as residents are concerns about speeding traffic rat-running through same to avoid ramps on adjacent roads."

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7037800) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Environment and Transportation Department.

Email: <u>catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to road as per (details supplied a) say if will examine the possibility of installing traffic calming ramps on same as residents are concerned about speeding traffic rat-running through same in order to avoid traffic lights on main road (details supplied b), the problem is particular bad during early morning and evening peak."

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7037999) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Environment and Transportation Department.

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to application for Disabled Persons Grant from a person as per **(details supplied)**, please say when same will be granted."

Reply

The Housing Grant Section administers three Housing Grants Schemes designed to provide assistance to people making adaptations to their privately owned homes to meet their medical needs and to older people in poor housing conditions carrying out essential repairs to their owner occupied homes. These measures enable people to stay in their own communities and prevent or delay their placement in residential care thereby reducing social segregation, assisting their carer's and strengthening families.

The three Housing Grants are as follows: -

- 1) Housing Adaptation Scheme.
- 2) Mobility Aids Scheme.
- 3) Housing Aid for Older People.

The above referred to Application was received in the Home Grants Section on 21st February 2024. Due to the number of Housing Adaptation Grant applications we are receiving, currently approval of the Housing Adaptation Grants takes about 8 to 10 weeks.

However, the Applicant will have an initial inspection in the next 4 weeks, and if all relevant documentation is correct, approval will be issued in April 2024.

I have attached the hyperlink to Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability.

https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/housing/i-own-my-home/grants-homeowners/housing-adaption-grant-people-disability

Contact: Deirdre Cahill, Acting Administrations Officer

Tel: 222 2640

Email: deirdre.cahill@dublincity.ie

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to grass verges at location as per **(details supplied)**, if he can have same repaired/reseeded (before the ground hardens) as they have been destroyed by construction/road works etc."

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will investigate this matter & arrange for any necessary repairs to the grassed verges.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North

City

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to engage with St. Paul's Football Club in Artane regarding their campaign to have an Astroturf pitch installed in McAuley Park."

Reply

The Parks Service explored such a proposal with the club a number of years ago however due to the very strong objections from local residents who did not wish to see half the local green given over to an all-weather facility the proposal was not progressed.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to make a statement on the tree growth and kerb conditions at (details supplied). The trees are a beautiful feature but they have gone through considerable growth. They are blocking out the natural daylight into the houses and extending into the gardens. They also block out the street lighting during the winter period. While I would not like to see the trees removed, I am requesting that they are cut back considerably before the Spring/Summer period. The kerb sections around the trees have all come away, they are a trip/accident hazard and the broken pieces opened to be used for vandalism. I have removed broken pieces myself just to make the immediate areas safe. No repairs have been carried on these kerb sections for years."

Reply

The trees on this short section of road which includes this address were recently examined on foot of a similar request and were found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at this time. **Objective 3.7.8 'Shading'** of the adopted tree policy states that 'Tree Works will not normally be carried out to address shading of direct sunlight'. There are a small number of street lights on this section of road and none are being unduly obscured by the publicly owned street trees.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

An enquiry (ref. 11154835) has been created for the attention of the responsible division. Over grown trees on public places are not RMS's remit. Please refer the question to the Parks Division.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

Tel: 0879109484

Email: <u>ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to fix a path at **(details supplied)** as the tree has caused the slab of concrete to rise and made it a tripping hazard. It is not on the map as being part of the current works."

Reply

An enquiry (ref. **11154940**) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and schedule necessary repair.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

Tel: 087 9109484

Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager for speed ramps/signage on Ennafort Park at the entrance from the Howth road as the cars come in at high speed."

Reply

A speed ramp is located on Ennafort Park when entering Ennafort Park from the Howth Road.

Ennafort Park is also in a 30km/h Slow Zone area, indicated by the 30Km/h Slow Zone/Home Zone sign, which is clearly visible at the entrance to Ennafort Park from the Howth Road. This sign informs motorists that the speed limit is 30km/h, that it is a residential area, and to be vigilant of children.

No additional speed ramps or signage are required on Ennafort Park at the entrance from the Howth road.

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

Group, Environment & Transportation Department

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to re-tarmac the basketball court in All Saints Park opposite the entrance to the tennis courts in St Annes Park, and to consider the feasibility of installing a small playground in this park also".

Reply

The basketball area was recently inspected and found to be in an acceptable and serviceable condition without damage and it was considered that resurfacing was not necessary at this time.

This area is within the catchment of the main playground in St. Anne's Park and would be considered very low priority for the delivery of a playground.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to trim trees on Waverly Avenue at (details supplied)"

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2024-25.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager about over grown trees on the Howth Road as you come out of the Demesne in Killester".

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11154849) has been created and passed to the Area Inspector. The Area Inspector will visit the site, locate the address and issue a letter to the resident to cut their over grown trees.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

Tel: 087 9109484

Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2024-25.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding tree debris for collection at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Reply

The matter has been reported to local Parks Management for investigation and action.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

These are not council pitches but are privately owned associated with the school.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

a) An enquiry (ref. 11154834) has been created and passed to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and repair any defects on the footways surrounding the park.

Footpaths within parks are not RMS's remit. Please refer to the Parks Division.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

Tel: 087 9109484

Email: <u>ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie</u>

There are no plans to carry out improvements in this park as part of the Parks Improvement Programme 2024.

- a) Footpaths will be inspected and any necessary repairs will scheduled. The installation of additional benches can be consider as part of future improvement programmes.
- b) The Parks Service only installs Water Bottle Filling Stations at sporting pavilions in public parks where there is an existing sporting usage and a readily available source of potable water.
- c) Parks are considered to be closed after dark however as gates are not locked in such local greens and opens spaces such signage is not installed.
- d) The Parks Service does not install public lighting in local greens and open spaces.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

Waste Management Services had the screws removed from the footpath at the above mentioned location on the 29th February 2024.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The grass verge maintenance policy remains unchanged however in 2023 the Park Service collated a list of locations where grass verges were identified by residents and Councillors as being in need of maintenance and these were attended to in Q3 of 2023.

In 2024, funding of €600k has been allocated across the city to cut certain locations once a fortnight throughout the growing season identified with wider margins. These identified verges have been added to the landscape maintenance contract. In the North Central Area these include:

- Brookwood Avenue from Gracefield Road to Howth Rd R105 (North Central Area)
- Tonlegee Road From R109 Malahide Road to Raheny Road Junction (North Central Area)

While the evidence is that the majority of residents are maintaining their grass margins any further similar requests received to cut verges at locations where residents or communities feel there to be a need of support by the City Council will be considered on their own merits.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding weeding programme and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply

The weed removal programme for the North Central Area spend in 2024 is approximately €122,850 plus VAT. The areas that Public Domain will be covering are attached.

The mix of ingredient used to remove weeds are as follows:

- 1) Targeted treatment using *New Way Spray to deal with visible weed growth
- 2) A Target Spot Treatment using a Tank Mix of Chikara & Katoun Gold
- 3) A Target Spot Treatment using Garlon Ultra

The environmental benefits of using these alternative methods include:

- They are ALL glyphosate free
- They are effective and high quality
- The application method produces significantly lower carbon emission compared to that of other methods (flame/ hot foam)
- *New Way Spray Contains 240g/L Acetic Acid naturally occurring and bio-degradable
- Safe for the environment breaks down naturally in water

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer Artane -

Whitehall LEA

Phone: 222 8866

Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

Details of footpath repairs in the North Central Area in 2023 are as follows:

Brian Boru Street - Conquer Hill €53,710

Charlemont Road - €33,777.60

Dunseverick Road - €34,586.29

Ennafort Estate - €63,929.44

Grange Abbey Drive - €14,276

Greencastle Avenue - €83,659

Roseglen Road - €52,112.39

Shanard Avenue - €64,067

Grace Park Road - €227,534

Lein Gardens - €101,592.72

Sion Hill Road - €41,495.60

Tourmakeady Road/Falcarragh Road/Iveragh Road/Iveleary Road - €70,795.11

Total €706,812.57

Details of Carriageway repairs in the North Central Area in 2023 are as follows:

Shantalla Road - €113,453

Tonelegee Road - €130,855

Ellenfield Road - €293,965

Kilmore Road - €273,535

Priorswood Road - €183,529

Watermill Road - €75,364

Marino Green - €167,980

Kilbarrack Road - €99,880

Brookville Park - €46,535

Copeland Avenue - €244,025

Charlemont Road - €65,600

St. Declan's Terrace - €30,645

Haverty Road - €111,230

Richmond Road - €96,475

Iveragh Road - €129,390

Malahide Road - €8,512

Drumcondra Road Upper - €80,585

Swords Road - €59,020

Total: €2,210,578

Total Footpaths & carriageways €2,917,390.57

Attached is an excel spreadsheet containing details of the 2024 Works Programme for the North Central Area.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, A/Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North City.

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

Currently we have 36 staff operating in North Central Area, these are supervised by 3 supervisors and 1 inspector. There are 13 side loaders, 3 large road sweepers, 1 compact sweeper, 1 cycle lane sweeper, 1 tail-lift truck for illegal dumping and 1 grab truck shared with the other north side areas.

It is hoped to have an extra compact sweeper when we take full delivery of the new fleet as well as more staff, numbers depending on candidates being successful in the current competition.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The number of bins in the North Central Area at the start of 2023 was 726 and there were 730 bins there at the end of 2023. Requests for new bins are considered on a case by case basis. There are plans in place to install a litter bin at the bus stop opposite Grattan Wood.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The painting work will be undertaken when the materials are available to allow this work to progress.

Contact: Anthony Dalton, Assistant Traffic Officer

Email: anthony.dalton@dublincity.ie

The public domain team will arrange to have these weeds sprayed in the coming weeks.

Contact: Richie Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer

Tel: 222 8866

Email: Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the cleaning of the public laneway at **(details supplied)**"

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway washed and cleaned on the 29th February 2024.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the pruning of the trees along roadway into Beaumont Woods along The Park and also for the green area to be tidied up - some more elderly residents indicate that the green area is difficult to walk across without tripping."

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2024-25.

The green area will be inspected for trip hazards.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager to please provide an update on (1) tactical measures being implemented on Clontarf Golf Course to minimise risk of reoccurrence of the recent flooding event at Castle Court & Auburn and (2) progress towards implementation of the final stage of the Wad flood alleviation scheme from the Howth Road to the seafront"

Reply

- (1) Alterations to flood controls in Clontarf Golf Club are estimated to reduce the flood risk to Castle Court and Auburn Apartments. Despite some heavy rainfall events including the recent snow event on 1st March last there has been no excess flows into the flood retention pond in the Golf Club since August 2023. Increased monitoring and alarm regimes are also now in place.
- (2) Contract documents are being completed for the new tunnel under the Howth Road (with private landowners on board with proposals) as well as the new Wad outlet details on the promenade. These are both programmed for delivery later this year.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Senior Engineer, the Flood Defence Projects

Office.

Email: <u>gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager for the Flood Defence Unit to respond to and comment on **(details supplied)** and the impact if any to flood risk caused by silting in the inner bay in Clontarf as raised in the correspondence below"

Reply

Siltation in the bay generally helps to break up waves with very little effect on high tide levels. We will investigate this particular observation and report back to the Councillor as soon as possible.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, the Flood Defence Projects Office.

Email: gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie

Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager for the Traffic section to examine potential measures to slow traffic entering Raheny village from the Killester direction as set out in the correspondence below in **(details supplied)**"

Reply

We do not have enough information to assess this request. Further details have been requested and when this is available the request will be entered onto TAMS and referred to the Area Engineer for assessment. At that time an SR number will be created and issued to the Councillor for reference.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Assistant Engineer.

Email: <u>catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager please respond on the following issue at **(details supplied)** relating to parking provision in Raheny village"

Reply

There is currently a Parking Permit scheme on this road. There is a quota available at the property and the resident can make an application for a permit. I attach relevant information on acceptable proofs of address and other documentation that must be submitted at time of application: https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-permit/residential-parking-permit

We can't designate spaces on public roads.

Contact: Elaine Norton, A/Administrative Officer

Tel: 222 6291

Email: <u>elaine.norton@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager to provide a report on the trees in charge of Dublin City Council in the open space at St David's Wood including:

- 1. Confirmation of the species involved I'm told that they are Ailanthus Altissima
- 2. If this tree is considered an invasive species
- 3. Summary of representations received from local residents in relation to these trees over the last 5 years
- 4. Advice for local residents in managing the impact of these trees on both the public domain and on their own hedges and gardens."

Reply

- 1. The species is Ailanthus altissima or 'Tree of Heaven'.
- 2. This is not listed in the third schedule as are Japanese Knotweed or Giant Hogweed but is considered a species of concern under the EU Regulations of Invasive Alien Species, it cannot be imported, traded, or released to the wild. Measures must also be taken to prevent spread of existing populations.
- 3. Contacts have been received from the adjoining resident regarding suckers appearing in the private hedge beside the open space.
- 4. The tree does sucker vigorously which are controlled by mowing in grassed areas and should be cut at the base within private hedges. The species is very sensitive to shade so is not as vigorous in shadier locations.

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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager provide an update on the implementation of the new Fairview Tea-rooms in Fairview Park?

Reply

While the tea rooms has Part VIII approval the project has been expanded to include a public library which requires Part VIII permission. Approval has been received to proceed with the Part VIII application which will take the majority of 2024. Once permission is received a design team will be engaged and it is envisaged that both elements will be delivered as one construction project.

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Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager for the C2CC project team to provide a response on getting Malahide Road pedestrians safely to the new bus stop at the Fairview end as highlighted in the correspondence below at **(details supplied)**"

Reply

The Clontarf to City Centre Scheme continues to review the crossing points at the bottom of Malahide Road and the junctions with Marino Crescent and Clontarf Road. The crossing proposals need to take account of a number of elements when considering how these locations are to be managed. The route from Malahide Road and the left turn onto the slip lane to Marino Crescent and to Clontarf Road is (i) a HGV route (ii) an abnormal loads route and (iii) potentially a bus route in the future. Please see sketch below which identifies the 3no.crossing locations at Malahide Road/Marino Crescent and Clontarf Road. Please also see below for relevant bullet points to try summarise the current proposals for each of the 3no. crossing locations;

1. Crossing no. 1 – Malahide Road onto slip road at Marino Crescent Crossing;

- Current design proposal indicates an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing
- It is not believed that this crossing point is suitable for any form of controlled crossing due to the HGV and bus movements expected from Malahide Road and onto Marino Crescent and the proximity of the Malahide and Clontarf Road junction. The proposed design layout is essentially the same as existed previously with the bus stop also in the same location as was the case previously.
- A raised kerb on each side of the cycle-track coming down Malahide Road is to be constructed with the intention of slowing traffic which intends to make the left-turn onto the slip road.
- At present no changes to the proposed layout are planned for this crossing

2. Crossing no. 2 - Marino Crescent;

 Further to a design review if it is possible for a raised table to be installed at this location (similar to other side roads on the Scheme) this shall be undertaken

3. Crossing no. 3 – Marino Crescent/Clontarf Road;

- Current design proposal has provided for an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing
- It is noted that this crossing point facilitates abnormal loads travelling in both directions (escorted loads).
- A raised kerb on the Clontarf Road outbound cycle-track is to be constructed which is intended to slow traffic making the left-turn from the slip-road.
- A further design review shall be undertaken at this crossing point to see if there is any form of controlled crossing which can be incorporated at this location. The Project Team can report once this review has been undertaken.

In summary, we shall endeavour to provide a raised table at Crossing no. 2 as we have at other side roads along the Scheme (identified as per below at Marino Crescent) and conduct a further design review of Crossing no. 3. With regard to Crossing no. 1 it is for now intended to leave the arrangement as per the current design which is similar to what existed previously prior to the Scheme being undertaken (a raised kerb shall be in place on the cycle-track at crossing no. 1).



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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager can I get an update on pruning of trees and removal of shrubbery at Croydon Green as per the response to my Question 92 at the November 2023 Council meeting?"

Reply

The trees were inspected and found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at this time. The small amount of epicormic growth at the base of certain trees will be removed as local schedules allow.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager seek a detailed response from the C2CC Project Team in relation to current congestion levels at peak on the Clontarf Road/Alfie Byrne Rd as set out in the correspondence below (details supplied) response to include (a) assessment of cause of current congestion (b) potential tactical measures for alleviation and (c) estimated date of completion of works on Alfie Byrne/East Wall Rd and restoration of traffic lanes

Reply

Clontarf to City Centre Scheme

The C2CC Project is a major infrastructure project, which is delivering significant civic improvement works to the Fairview, North Strand and Amiens Street areas with the provision of new water mains, upgraded and segregated junctions, new roads, footpaths, cycling and bus infrastructure. We are extremely grateful to the local communities all along the route and commuters passing through our works area for their patience and cooperation whilst the works are ongoing.

The design of the Clontarf Road / Alfie Byrne Road junction is intended to provide shorter and safer crossing options for pedestrians and cyclists alike. Whilst the Scheme remains under construction the inbound traffic diversion from Fairview Strand onto Ballybough remains in place. Due to this diversion it is believed that additional traffic is likely trying to avoid this route and is travelling to town via Alfie Byrne Road and East Wall Road instead. As the C2CC scheme progresses towards Practical Completion around the end of Q2 2024 the diversion shall be lifted and inbound traffic shall be able to progress via North Strand Road as before. Once the diversion is lifted this is expected to take some traffic back off of Alfie Byrne Road.

The East Coast Trail Phase 1 Scheme

The East Coast Trail Phase 1 Scheme, including Alfie Byrne Road & East Wall Road Cycle-ways, will be completed by May 2024 along with the full commissioning of the final configurations of Traffic Lanes.

As part of the Scheme eastbound road space has been re-assigned with a two-way cycle-lane being installed.

The various works (surfacing and line marking) on Alfie Byrne / East Wall Road junction and at Church Road and East Road junctions are nearing completion. DCC Traffic continue to review the optimisation of sequencing at these junctions to try mitigate against delays on a temporary and permanent basis. This work remains ongoing. Through any additional optimisation and completed works and markings it is hoped that flows from Clontarf Road to Alfie Byrne and along East Wall can be improved. It is noted however that a portion of the space which existed previously on East Wall Road has now been re-assigned to the cycle-lanes.

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Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri

"To ask the Manager to confirm if the disused site at the top of Sybil Hill Avenue beside (**details supplied**) is owned by Dublin City Council? It could be used to provide a housing unit and has lain idle for some time.

Reply

The site in question is not owned by Dublin City Council, it is registered to a private owner.

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Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding dangerous footpath at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Reply

An Enquiry has been created (ref. 11154851) and passed to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and arrange a repair considering the footpath is dangerous.

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Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding double yellow lines at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7037982) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Environment and Transportation Department.

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Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The light at above location has been repaired and should be operating normally now.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer

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Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The pitches in Donaghmede Park are not included in the pitch improvement programme for 2024. There does not appear to be a suitable location in the area for the development of new pitches. If such a site could be identified the development of new pitches could be considered as part of future improvement programmes.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding a clean-up at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Reply

This very narrow verge was sown with wildflowers previously which do look somewhat unkempt over the winter months. The locus will be examined in the coming weeks and cut back to allow new growth to come through as the milder weather takes hold.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding dangerous traffic merging at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7037982) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Environment and Transportation Department.

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Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding traffic lights at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Reply

Dublin City Council Road Construction are currently prioritising opening Belmayne Main Street from Churchwell Crescent (western end) to New Priory (eastern end), area highlighted in green and orange on the attached map. This work includes switching on the traffic lights at the junction of Belmayne Main Street/Belmayne Avenue and commissioning of the public lighting infrastructure along Belmayne Main Street. Road Construction are closely coordinating the opening of this section of carriageway with the new Educate Together Secondary School (OHLA/KSNPM) and Cairn Homes Parkside 5B Development.

The pedestrian traffic lights at the junction of Belmayne Avenue and Parkside Boulevard will be reviewed following on from this.

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Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7038060) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

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

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Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Commitments have been given to install additional bins in Edenmore Park for 2024.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

There are no proposals to install additional lighting in the park but the existing lighting columns will be assessed to ensure that they are functioning effectively.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

(Details) Library has had extensive improvement work done, both internally and to the rear garden, in the last two years and there are no plans for any further major works in 2024.

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