



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2024

1 Presentation on Dublin City Council Sports Plan 2024-2029

Order: Noted.

2 Presentation on the Delivery of the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024

Order: Noted

3 Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on the 12th February 2024

Order: Agreed.

4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters

Order: Noted.

5 South East Area Matters

- i. Report of the Executive Manager.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Discretionary Fund 2024.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- iii. Library Square Part 8 Planning Report.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- iv. Report on proposal to name and number a development at former Heidelberg, Miller Site, Dublin 12.
Order: Deferred pending New Name from Architect.

6 Motions 11.03.2024

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Recognizing the date circulated with this Motion this Committee requests the Manager to take action as suggested by residents in relation Footpaths and Speeding on Mountpleasant Avenue Upper.
'Thanks for following up re the installation of the requested speed limit roundels on Mountpleasant Avenue Upper.

I was due to come back to you with the suggested locations for footpath

repair and widening. I have marked these locations on the attached. We think it is important that the footpaths are widened and not just repaired in a number of locations where the footpaths don't not comply with minimum required widths. We don't believe it would be good use of taxpayers' money to just repair the footpaths in those locations as footpaths widths are sub-standard.

Widening the footpaths (and effectively narrowing the road) might also help to address the persistent issue with speeding on the road. I have extracted some interesting data from Telraam which measures the amount and speed of vehicles in a number of locations across Dublin and I have compared speeds with other roads that have a similar amount of traffic. This shows a much lower compliance with speed limits on Mountpleasant Avenue Upper than comparable roads'.

May was used as no school holidays during that month and long hours of daylight.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee asks that the footpaths on Larkfield Park be reinstated. We further note that they are in a poor state of repair and this causes difficulty for the many elderly people who use them daily.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Now that the changes to Belmont Avenue have been embedded this Committee request the Manager to prepare a traffic plan for Marlborough Road that will take into account the substantial submission made on behalf of residents of Marlborough Road during the Belmont Avenue consultation period.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee rejects the decision by An Post to sell the Rathmines post office and calls on the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to intervene.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a full report from An Post on their plans for the Post Office in Rathmines. The Committee further condemns the ongoing reduction in Post Offices throughout the Dublin Bay South area that has seen post offices close in Donnybrook, Sandymount, Ringsend and more and calls on the Minister responsible to announce how they intend to provide post office services to the communities of this area.

Order: Agreed

Motion 6 from Councillor Fiona Connelly and Councillor Dermot Lacey

Rathmines post office was built in 1934 by the OPW and remains an iconic civic amenity in the heart of Rathmines. The diverse community of Rathmines is very poorly served by publicly owned buildings and public

services have disappeared or in some cases have not been developed in the area. Recently the Citizens Information Centre and Community Partnership closed their services in Rathmines. Rathmines has a population equivalent to Drogheda, but as a community is very lacking in the provision of social services.

“This committee therefore calls on DCC to ensure that if An Post pursue their plans to sell Rathmines Post Office, that it would be retained in public ownership in order to help re-establish a level of community service provision to the area, in the interests of the people of Rathmines.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee agrees that interim measures compatible with the proposed school zone should be installed to increase the safety of children accessing Harold’s Cross Educate Together, to include:

- Children crossing’ signs on the signalised pedestrian crossing outside (Details Supplied) Harold’s Cross road to discourage red light breaking
- Children crossing’ signs on the signalised pedestrian crossing at the corner of Harold’s Cross Road and Parkview Avenue to discourage red light breaking.
- An assessment of junction at the southern end of the park with Harold’s Cross Road, and appropriate measures proposed to a) allow children to cross safely and b) prevent cars turning right to southbound on Harold’s Cross Road and inadvertently breaking the red lights at the signalised crossing at the corner of Harold’s Cross Road and Parkview Avenue.



Order: Noted.

Motion 8 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee agrees that in light of the relatively few footpaths added to the annual programme of works for resurfacing each year, and the very many footpaths currently in need of resurfacing or repair, contractors employed by DCC to carry out resurfacing work will be required to take all practical measures to avoid freshly resurfaced paths incurring new damage which would require them to be resurfaced a second time, including covering where appropriate and using barriers to prevent access.

Order: Noted

Motion 9 from Councillor Hazel Chu and Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this Local area committee agrees that the closure of the Rathmines post office is a significant loss to the community and of serious concern.

- The committee agrees to write to An Post to express that concern and to request a meeting with local councillors and management to discuss continuity of service in Rathmines and options to keep Rathmines Post Office open.
- It is further agreed that everything possible should be done to keep this building in public ownership and maintain the use of this building for the benefit of the community and provision of community services.
- The committee also agrees to write to the Communication Workers Union to seek a meeting with organisers so the committee can support staff who will be impacted by this closure.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Fiona Connelly and Councillor Carolyn Moore

This area committee notes that a serious parking and traffic situation exists on Windmill Road particularly adjacent to the swimming pool and asks that the proposal for a second vehicle entrance /exit be progressed. We therefore ask that the relevant DCC section take action to progress this matter as per the January 2023 reply (see below).

Q.14 Councillor Pat Dunne Can a new second vehicle entrance / exit be created at the car park of the Leisure Centre on Windmill Road? Currently there is only one single lane entrance / exit and there is serious traffic chaos when the football pitches, swimming pool and boxing club are all in use. A new second entrance / exit would allow for a traffic flow with one entrance and one exit point this would greatly ease the current traffic congestion at this location.

Reply: The creation of an additional vehicular access will require planning permission. It is therefore a matter for the operator of the facility and/or the relevant department in DCC to bring an application forward. Transportation Planning Division can provide pre-application advice in this regard. Sports and Recreation Section will look into this matter and a reply will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

Order: Noted.

Motion 11 from Councillor Hazel Chu

That this area committee requests an engineer from traffic to do an onsite walk through from lower Mountpleasant Avenue to Ranelagh Road with residents of the area. This topic has been discussed a number of times during previous tag reports I would move to have a formal meeting with the residents of the area and a walk through with engineers from traffic.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Hazel Chu

Following recent protest on Charleston Road and Wynnefield Road, this local area committee stands against racism and agrees to support the Dublin 6 for all and Dublin 4 for all welcoming groups. The local area

committee acknowledges that these voluntary groups have been playing a vital part in the area. Further this local area committee acknowledges the vital part the Community Development Manager Sile McNulty has played, and requests City Council officials continue this positive support.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee once again notes that dog fouling continues to be a huge problem in our parks, footpaths and greens. We note that the problem is caused by a minority of dog owners. These dog owners need to be named and shamed. We call upon all relevant sections in Dublin City Council to step up actions to tackle this problem.

Order: Noted.

Motion 14 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would invite the OPW to a monthly area committee meeting to discuss the management of Iveagh Gardens and their engagement with the local community.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would host a reception in the Mansion House for Tidy Towns groups in the south east area marking the end of the term.

Order: Agreed to recommend to Climate Action SPC.

Motion 16 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would request the chief executive to examine the lengthening of opening hours of city hall to facilitate visitors and to appoint guides to facilitate the tours. The opening hours should be brought into line with Dublin Castle.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to immediately address the ongoing issues of litter and illegal dumping in the following areas in Portobello:

- Pleasant's Place
- Grantham Place
- St Kevin's Parade / Junction of Clanbrassil St

Can the manager please outline in detail what steps will be taken to address these issues.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to outline the reasons why there was no additional capacity considered for the Glovers Court retrofit and regeneration.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to actively progress the completion of the redevelopment of Verschoyle Court.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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Questions to the Chief Executive 11.03.24

Question to Chief Executive Committee

South East Area

Meeting 11th March 2024

Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to have the grey bins cleaned in the Ringsend/Irishtown area to be cleaned and painted where necessary.

Reply:

Our bin maintenance crew will inspect all our litter bins in the Ringsend/Irishtown area and have them washed and painted as necessary. We would expect to have this completed by the middle of March 2024.

Q.2 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To Ask the City Manager to find out who the owner of the Beach Tavern in Bath Street is as the area is falling into disrepair and resident are complaining.

Reply:

The premises The Beach Tavern at 9 Bath Street Dublin 4 is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. According to Tailte Éireann ownership of the premises is not registered. It would be necessary to execute a search in the Registry of Deeds, Kings Inns, to ascertain ownership detail.

Reply:

The Derelict Sites Unit will arrange to have the site inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the City Manager to provide a new sign for Pembroke Cottages, Ringsend as the sign is old and need replacing.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will look at Cllr. Donoghue's request to provide a new sign for Pembroke Cottages. The street sign will be replaced with a new one if the current nameplate is damaged.

Q.4 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the City Manager to erect Signs on the Green in Stella Gardens at the children's play area that Dogs must be kept on their leash/Lead.

Reply:

Signage are on order, following discussion with animal welfare, and these will be put up as soon as they are delivered.

Q.5 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to provided cleansing of paths at Kerlogue Road and

to provide maintenance of green areas.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned footpaths cleaned on the 16th February 2024.

Q.6 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if the owner of the Beach Tavern in Bath Street could be contacted to provide cleansing and improvements as it is falling into disrepair.

Reply:

The premises The Beach Tavern at 9 Bath Street Dublin 4 is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. According to Tailte Éireann ownership of the premises is not registered. It would be necessary to execute a search in the Registry of Deeds, Kings Inns, to ascertain ownership detail.

Reply:

The Derelict Sites Unit will arrange to have the site inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

Q.7 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if the manhole outside (details supplied) could be fixed as the noise it creates with traffic is a serious problem for residents.

Reply:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has been in communication with Vodafone and SIRO to carry out remedial works on the manhole cover and frame at the location details provided. SIRO have been in contact with the homeowner at the address (details specified) and propose to replace the cover & frame recently replaced on the carriageway.

Q.8 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if the houses between (details supplied) could be canvassed about closing off the lane.

Reply:

The laneway to the rear of Margaret's Place is "in charge" of Dublin City Council which means that a public right of way exists over it.

In order that a laneway that is currently "in charge" of Dublin City Council may be closed by any means, the public right of way would have to be extinguished. There is a legal procedure involved (under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993), which includes a formal written application being submitted to Dublin City Council.

However in this instance Dublin City Council cannot consider a proposal to extinguish the public right over the laneway because the laneway is owned by Dublin City Council.

In cases where a laneway is not owned by Dublin City Council and the public right of way is extinguished the Council has no further responsibility for maintenance / liability of the area in question.

However in the case of the laneway to the rear of Margaret Place if the public right of way was extinguished and a gate erected Dublin City Council would remain the owner of what would then effectively be a private laneway and remain liable for its upkeep and maintenance.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if a new Public Light along the stretch of Sandymount Green can be installed roughly mid-way between Ryan's Pub and the Mount Tabor.

Reply:

A street lighting assessment will be carried out on the above stretch to determine whether or not additional lighting may be required at this location.

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will issue a response to the matters relating to Palmerston Park outlined in the letter submitted with this Question.

Reply:

The programme of works for SEA has been decided & the budget already allocated. The request in relation to railings can be considered in the context of 2025 budget. Palmerston Park has received a large proportion of the available budget, both revenue and capital in this year and previous years, as is evidenced from ongoing improvements.

Allocation of budget for 2025 will be decided towards the end of this current year and will be determined using a number of criteria, urgency being one. In the meantime grants available could be examined, however the time involved in applying for them, is very often in excess of the amounts available to draw down.

We have a busy programme of work in the South East Area and we have to set priorities based on available resources and need. The restoration and conservation of the railings would be both costly and time consuming in terms of procurement and so at the moment it is not something that we will get to this year. Our Conservation Management Plan for the park which you reference is being implemented in phases over time as resources allow and I think good progress has been made. We will get to the railings in due course.

Q.11 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager if the roadway and footpath on Riversdale Grove (off Kimmage Road Lower) could be resurfaced. The road has multiple pot holes and the footpaths is badly damaged in multiple locations.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site inspection on the aforementioned road, any defects will be made safe. Depending on the outcome of the inspection Riversdale Grove will be considered for resurfacing in 2025.

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

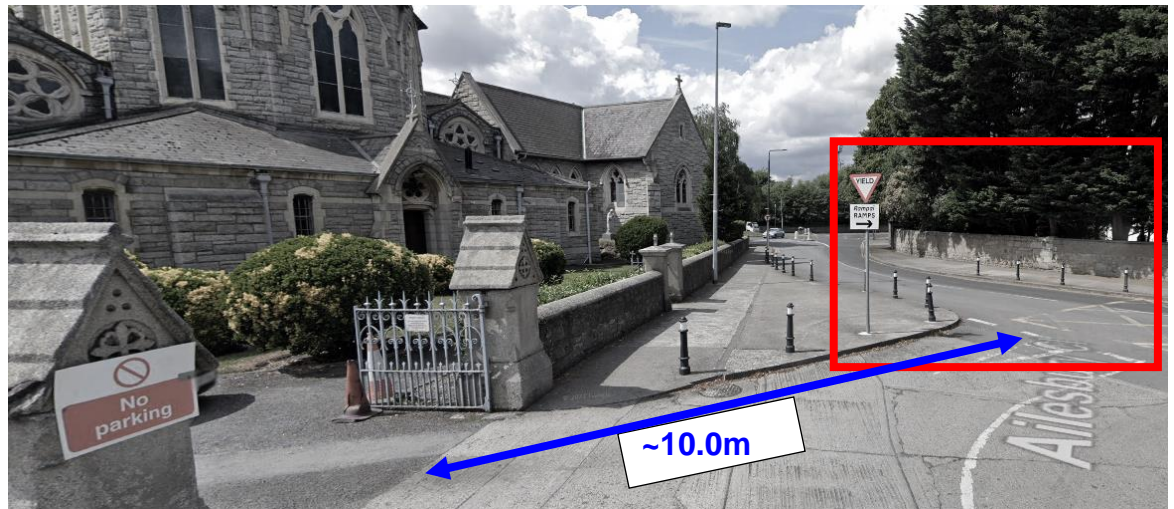
To ask the Manager that a Yield Sign be placed on the Lamppost at the junction of Ailesbury Close, opposite the exit from the Sacred Heart Church, Donnybrook. While the Church has a sign internally on their grounds motorists can be lulled into ignoring the possibility of traffic coming from the right at this location. Such an additional sign would help inform motorists of the need for specific care at this point.

Reply:

The South East area engineer has conducted a site assessment regarding the request to install a Yield Road Sign by attaching it to the lamppost at

the junction of Ailesbury Close, opposite the exit from the Sacred Heart Church in Donnybrook. Based on the assessment, it is not recommended to install a Yield Road Sign at the specified site for the following reasons:

- It is not current Dublin City Council policy to install regulatory road signs for individual premises.
- The junction of Ailesbury Close / Ailesbury Road, approximately 10.0m away from the gates of Sacred Heart Church, already features a Yield Road marking and road sign leading into the main road.



Q.13 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for an update regarding the redevelopment of St Andrews Court on Fenian Street.

Reply:

The redevelopment of St Andrews Court is currently at pre-planning stage. We have received Stage 2 consent and budget approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to progress this regeneration project. We are currently concluding some title issues with the site and the next step will be to commence the pre Part 8 process. We are aiming to be in a position to be lodging a Part 8 planning application by Q3 2024 to deliver the 33 new homes.

Q.14 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if cleansing can be carried out at the side of Cambridge Court and planters installed.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will liaise with the Area Office to arrange to have the required cleansing work carried out.

Q.15 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to have the Oakland Drive road resurfaced / repaired as quickly as possible. This road leads into St. Luke's Hospital in Rathgar and is in a very poor state.

Reply:

Sections of Oaklands Drive are programmed for resurfacing in the first half of this year as part of our resurfacing contract. The Contractor has been appointed and we will have the programme of works in the coming days.

Q.16 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to please continue the path reinstatement works that were carried out on Larkfield Grove into Larkfield Park. The path on this road is in a very poor state and is a trip hazard for parents, grandparents dropping off and collecting children and also for local residents, particularly older residents.

Reply:

Footpath reinstatement works were recently carried out on Larkfield Grove. The Area Engineer will be carrying out an inspection of the works in the coming days to identify any snags and will also inspect Larkfield Park for defects.

Q.17 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to consider what safety solutions can be found to address the extremely dangerous crossings for children attending the Harold's Cross Educate Together National School. School wardens and safety signage need to be considered for this busy traffic filled area in the mornings in particular.

Please note that there is no alternative route for a lot of children travelling from the Mount Argus / Lower Kimmage Road area.

Dangerous Road Situation 1:

Although there is a very efficient pedestrian crossing light, many cyclists do not obey it. Some of them are on electric bikes.

Because the road is at a steep incline downhill, the cyclists are travelling at very high speeds.

Dangerous Road Situation 2:

The lane beside the park has no pedestrian crossing and is too small for the two-way traffic it is supposed to accommodate (see below).

This means that drivers are navigating a difficult junction and often speed up, take off suddenly, or go onto the pavement to get through.

The cars that have turned onto this lane from the main road can often be jammed there as there is no room for anyone to move, which means children sometimes have to navigate through stationary cars waiting to move.

Dangerous Road Situation 3:

While the lights at this junction may change in favour of pedestrians, cars and bicycles do not always stop when children have started to cross.

Better sign-posting at this point may help.

I am asking that school traffic wardens be installed at all three of these points along the school route before an accident involving a child happens.

Reply:

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

Q.18 Councillor Pat Dunne

A constituent who is attending St Luke's Hospital reports the bad state of the roadway on Oaklands Drive at the entrance to St Luke's Hospital.

He wrote" I am currently attending the hospital for treatment and it is severely uncomfortable driving down the road. You can imagine the frail nature of many of those attending the hospital and being shaken in that way by potholes etc. is not pleasant.

Can the roadway at this location be inspected and any defects be repaired.

Reply:

Sections of Oaklands Drive are programmed for resurfacing in the first half of this year as part of our resurfacing contract. The Contractor has been appointed and we will have the programme of works in the coming days.

Q.19 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could Oakland's Drive be prioritised for resurfacing? It is badly in need of repair work and as it serves St. Luke's Hospital our most vulnerable citizens are using it and being subjected to discomfort at an unnecessary level as they attend the hospital. This poor road surfacing causes issues for ambulance access too and must be addressed urgently.

Reply:

Sections of Oaklands Drive are programmed for resurfacing in the first half of this year as part of our resurfacing contract. The Contractor has been appointed and we will have the programme of works in the coming days.

Q.20 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Is there an update on the proposed works for Eaton Square Terenure? Last June there was an onsite meeting and agreements were made to address the footpath in the Square and look at the drainage as a significant amount of the time the park is extremely muddy and water logged. There was also a plan to put some matting adjacent to some trees where the grass has been worn away by children playing.

Reply:

- We had the hedges checked for bird nesting and when we got the all clear and had available manpower we made the time to get hedge removals completed.
- After some consideration we decided to remove 3 of the 4 hedges as they were in very bad condition and could not be easily maintained due to the amount of wire mesh and staking through them.
- We will replant all three removed hedges, however local residents have suggested today that the outer two be replanted and the 2 near the double gates left free of planting. A beech hedge will be planted at the end outside No.4 & 6, & this we hope to carry out in March.
- The Areas behind the other two seats will be graded & reseeded along with the seeding of the mounds again in March/April, weather dependent.
- The artificial grass is in stock and it will install and reseeded along with the other grass areas.
- The paths have been scraped clean of debris and we will monitor to see if there is an improvement in their condition.

Q.21 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could additional signage be put up in Eaton Square to inform dog owners of their obligation to have dogs on lead after 11 o'clock in the morning? Many times the square has dogs off lead and it can be off putting for young families and older people alike.

Reply:

Signage is on order, following discussion with Animal Welfare, and these will be installed as soon as they are delivered.

Q.22 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Is there an update on the carpark upgrade at Crumlin Swimming pool? Proposals were made the carpark would have an entrance and an exit to facilitate smooth flow of traffic, this would alleviate some of the difficulties being experienced by swimming pool users and football club members at peak times. Last January at the area committee meeting the reply was that planning permission would be sought, where is this process at?

Reply:

An answer will be supplied to the Councillor in due course.

Q.23 Councillor Fiona Connelly

What are the obligations on commercial premises to prevent gravel from their premise from spilling onto the footpath and causing a hazard for footpath users and cyclists? Circle K in Rathmines do not maintain the gravel within the flower beds that were designed. What can the council do to ensure pedestrians can pass this premises safely?

Reply:

The Area Engineer will engage with Circle K in Rathmines and highlight their responsibility to maintain the gravel within their boundary. So that it does not impede pedestrians/cyclists.

Q.24 Councillor Fiona Connelly

What can be done to improve safety of pupils attending Presentation Primary School in Terenure? The footpath is extremely narrow and it is difficult to walk along this footpath safely next to traffic along Terenure Road West. School zones have been allocated for 2024 however given the width of the footpaths would it be possible for DCC to inspect and see if there is anything that can be done to serve this school in a better way? We all know how important school safety is.

Reply:

As part of the Safe Routes to School programme, funded by the National Transport Authority, DCC implements School Zones. For 2024 DCC has been allocated funding to install School Zones at 12 schools. Presentation Primary School is not on the list for this year so the team is not in a position to install a School Zone at this location at the moment. However there are also options for supporting softer measures to encourage behaviour change among the school community.

Options for behaviour change measures include:

Park and Stride initiative where parents parks their car 5-10 mins walk away from the school and walk the last part of the journey, instead of dropping their child at the school gate. This reduces congestion at the school gate, which makes the area safer overall as well as enabling

students to get some exercise and fresh air each day.

Walking busses: where a group of students and adults walk together to school in a group. Walking busses often meet at a Park and Stride location at an agreed time to walk together to school, meaning that not all parents need to take part in the 'stride' part every day.

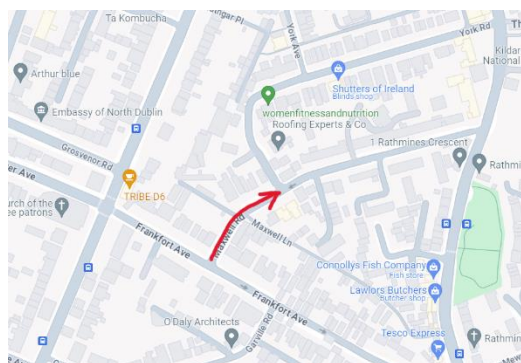
Cycle bus: a group of students and adults cycle together to school as a group. The idea is that people feel safer when cycling in a group so this can be particularly beneficial for people who are new to cycling. There are other cycle busses operating in the area that parents/guardians could join to see how they work, if helpful. Training and support is available from Green Schools and they have a cycle bus network for people to share experiences / support each other.

If the school is interested in exploring any of these measures, please contact sustainablemobility@dublincity.ie and the team will support, where possible.

Other transport measures can be applied for through the [Transport Service Request Form](#).

Q.25 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Would it be possible to examine Maxwell Road in Rathmines and ascertain if a contraflow cycle lane would be possible? See photo attached.



Reply:

This will be assessed and a report issued to councillors.

Q.26 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Would it be possible to install a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Harold's' Cross Park to facilitate safe crossing into and out of the park. See attached photograph.

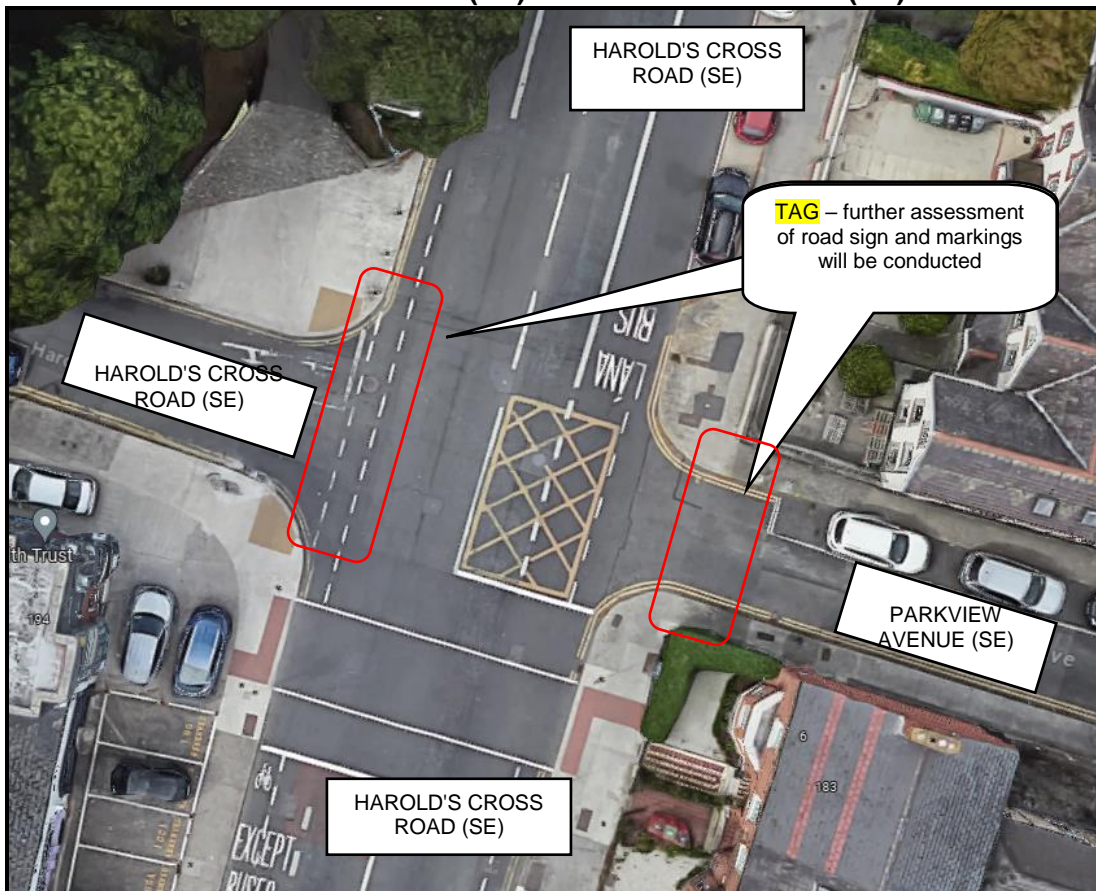


Reply:

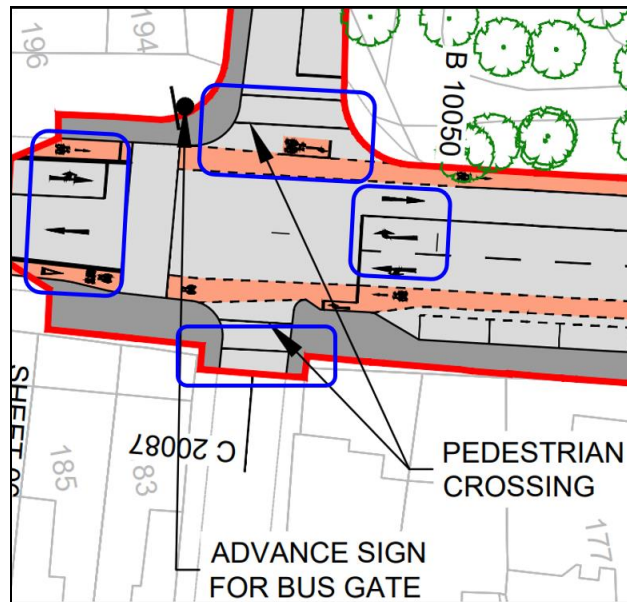
The South East area engineer will conduct an onsite assessment of the of road sign and markings on HAROLD'S CROSS ROAD (SE) / PARKVIEW AVENUE (SE) junction and the Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

The pedestrian crossing at both arms of the junction is included in the upgrade works for the BusConnects Kimmage to City Centre route. For more information, please refer to page 10 of the General Arrangement Drawings of the BusConnects Kimmage to City Centre route at <https://kimmagescheme.ie/>. Additionally, please see the snapshot below for further illustration. Junction of HAROLD'S CROSS ROAD (SE) / PARKVIEW AVENUE (SE).

HAROLD'S CROSS ROAD (SE) / PARKVIEW AVENUE (SE)



BusConnects Kimmage to City Centre - page 10



Q.27 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive, Local Area Manager and the Roads Department in relation to Oakland's Drive, Rathgar en route to St Luke's Hospital in regard to the driving system on the road.

The Enquirer states:

I would like to raise attention to the current state of the Oakland's Drive at the entrance to St Luke's Hospital. I am currently attending the hospital for treatment and it is severely uncomfortable driving down the road. You can imagine the frail nature of many of those attending the hospital and being shaken in that way by potholes etc. is not pleasant.

I hope that the state of the road could be easily rectified, as it is a short drive but would have an immense benefit.

Reply:

Sections of Oaklands Drive are programmed for resurfacing in the first half of this year as part of our resurfacing contract. The Contractor has been appointed and we will have the programme of works in the coming days.

Q.28 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive, Local Area Manager and the Roads Department in relation to enquirer on the cycle infrastructure required in Mount Argus housing estate.

The Enquirer states:

I am a resident of Mount Argus housing estate to bring your attention to a matter of significant concern within our community—the lack of adequate cycling infrastructure in the housing estate.

Cycling has become an increasingly popular and sustainable mode of transportation, offering numerous benefits such as reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality, and enhanced overall well-being. However, despite the growing number of cyclists in our neighbourhood, the current state of cycling infrastructure within our housing estate is far from satisfactory.

The absence of dedicated cycling lanes, secure bike storage facilities, and well-maintained paths poses a serious challenge for residents who rely on bicycles for their daily commute or recreational activities. As a result, cyclists are forced to share the road with motorized vehicles, leading to safety concerns and discouraging potential cyclists from choosing this eco-friendly mode of transportation.

I urge you to consider the following improvements to address the current deficiencies in our cycling infrastructure:

1. **Dedicated Cycling Lanes:** Establishing clearly marked and separate cycling lanes along major roads within the housing estate will significantly enhance the safety of cyclists and encourage more residents to take up cycling.
2. **Bike Storage Facilities:** Installing secure and accessible bike storage areas near residential buildings and community spaces will promote the use of bicycles by providing a convenient and safe place for residents to store their bikes.
3. **Maintenance of Cycling Paths:** Regular maintenance and repair of existing cycling paths are crucial to ensure the safety and usability of these routes. This includes addressing issues such as potholes, uneven surfaces, and overgrown vegetation.
4. **Educational Initiatives:** Launching educational campaigns to raise awareness about the benefits of cycling, road safety for cyclists, and the importance of sharing the road will contribute to a more harmonious coexistence between cyclists and other road users.

I kindly request support and advocacy in addressing this matter promptly. I look forward to hearing about the steps that will be taken to improve cycling infrastructure within our local housing estate.

Reply:

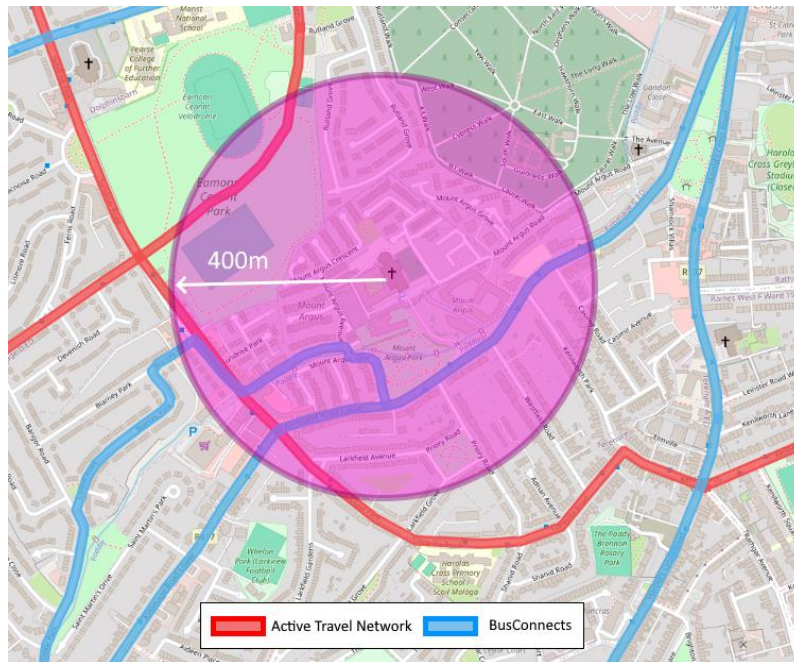
Dublin City Council's Active Travel Programme Office are responsible for the delivery of approx. 200km of improved facilities for walking, wheeling and cycling over the next 10 years. These facilities will connect together to form an active travel network as illustrated in an interactive map found at the link below:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/active-travel/about-active-travel/interactive-maps-gis>

Given the scale of works being undertaken by the office at this time, we are not in a position to increase the extents of the network to include additional routes. However, please note the following routes within 400 metres of Mount Argus Estate that will improve conditions for cyclists travelling to/from the estate:

- Harold's Cross to Ballymount.
- Kilmainham to Ballsbridge South City Loop.

Furthermore, as illustrated below, the Kimmage to City Centre Core Bus Corridor being delivered as part of the BusConnects project is a key segment of the active travel network and will endeavour to improve the experience of walking and cycling along Kimmage Road Lower.



Further information about active travel projects can be found at www.dublincity.ie/active-travel.

Q.29 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive, Local Area Manager, and the Roads Department in regard to road safety issues re on-street parking on Orwell Road, Rathgar. The enquirer details issues of parking on the double yellow lines, etc.

The enquirer states:

The road safety issues arising as a result of on-street parking on Orwell Road, Rathgar, which continue to make it difficult and dangerous for residents and neighbours in Park View and Belford House to safely enter and exit our properties. This is a busy main road, which bends and narrows on the hill on which our properties are situated. Our vision of oncoming traffic is obscured by parked vehicles and we cannot be seen emerging from our gates. On-street parking has also created a bottleneck, making it difficult for the No. 14 bus to get through, as well as proving a hazard for pedestrians and cyclists (there have been several bike accidents in this area).

After years of effort and with the help of some of our councillors, my family and I finally succeeded in getting double yellow lines on either side of our gate (which is also used by the residents of Belford House, 118 Orwell Rd). Councillor, in June 2021, was hopeful that before the year was out we would see the yellow lines extended as far as the bus stop beside the kiosk, which would 'make the road safer for everyone'. Unfortunately this has not happened.

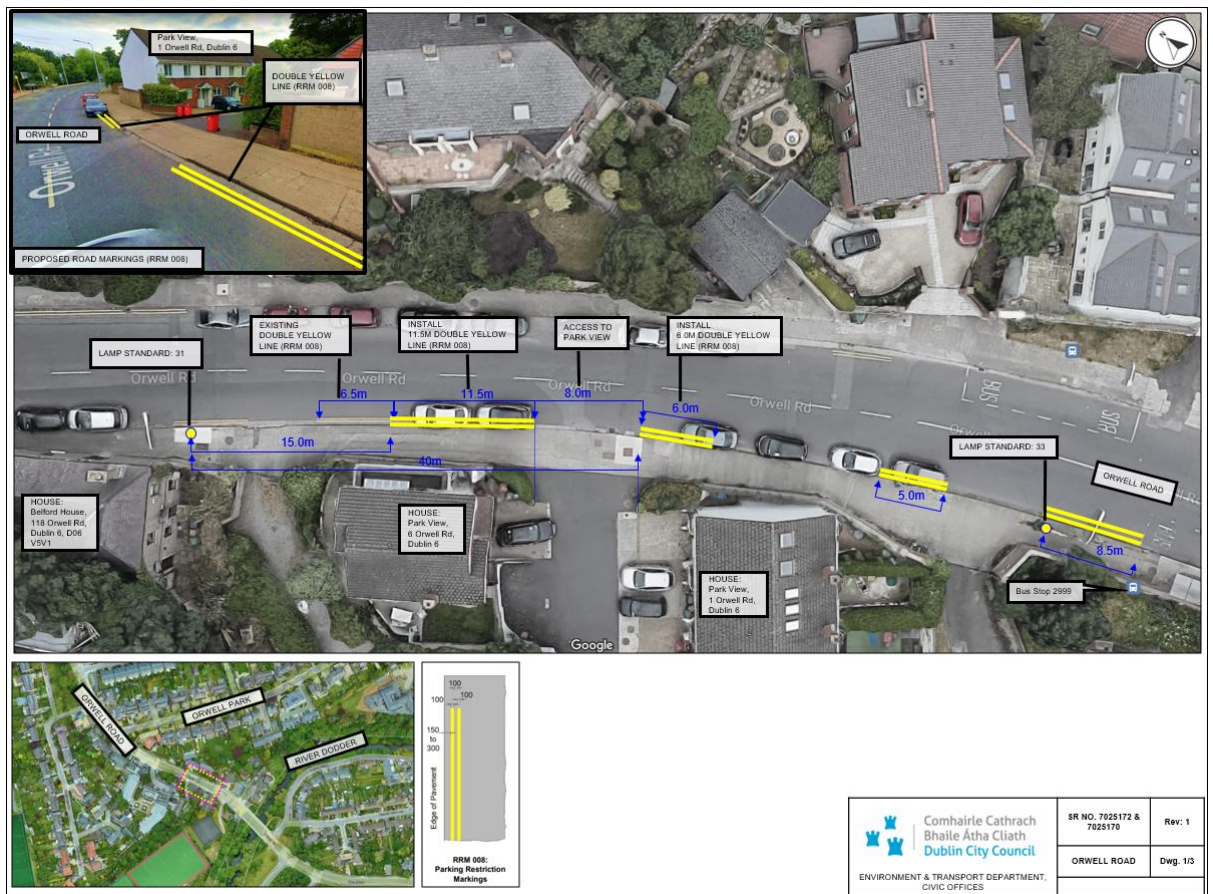
The Kiosk on Orwell Road, owned by DCC, is currently being offered for rent 'at a time when roadside cafes have become very popular with motorists as well as walkers' (Irish Independent, 8th February 2024). Where are all these motorists going to park? The bus stop is located beside the Kiosk and it will add to the problem if motorists pull in for drinks. Parking is not allowed on Orwell Bridge.

We residents would like to request our rescue on this important safety issue. Please reinstate the damaged yellow lines and extend them as far

as the bus stop. In doing this, it will not only be making life easier for those of us who live in The Barn, Belford House and Park View, it will also be helping the free flow of traffic along Orwell Road, including our public bus service, as well as making the road safer for pedestrians and cyclists

Reply:

The South East area engineer has conducted a site assessment regarding the request for Double Yellow Lines (DYL) near Bus stop no. 2999, Park View housing estate, and Belford House on Orwell Road. Following the assessment, the Traffic Advisory Group recommends installing Double Yellow Lines (DYL) on the inbound side of Orwell Road only, starting from bus stop no. 2999 in the North-West direction, covering approximately 62.0 meters. This installation will exclude access gates and space for 3 cars.



Q.30 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive, Local Area Manager, and the Planning Department in regard to construction on the site to the rear of Mount Argus Church, Kimmage. The enquirer mentions the numerous trucks running up and down the resident's road – Mount Argus Road.

The enquirer states:

I report that construction works have commenced on 16th February at the site at the rear of Mount Argus Church. There is a large excavation / muck away operation in progress with numerous trucks running up and down Mount Argus Road. They are using the hole in the fence as the site entrance.

Planning permission for this site was refused on 2nd February 2024 (Details Supplied)

Previously Planning was refused by ABP on 2nd November 2022 (Details Supplied)

The enquirer wants some planning enforcement action.

Reply

Following receipt of recent complaints relating to this location a planning enforcement file has been set up. The matters raised in the complaints and the Councillors question will be investigated and once the fact have been ascertained an update will be sent to the Councillor and all complainants on this matter.

Q.31 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive, Local Area Manager, and Parks or Roads Department in relation to the enquirer on dog fouling on Stannaway Road, Crumlin, in order to provide road signage along that road.

I have noticed new signage along Beaver Row and provide a photograph of it.



The enquirer states:

I'm a local resident of the Crumlin/Kimmage area (Clonard Road) and I'm very concerned about the level of dog fouling in the area, particularly along Stannaway Road.

This is a very long road and I don't believe there is a single sign advising of the fines associated with not cleaning up after your dog. I can't imagine they are a huge deterrent, but in place of inspectors or cameras I'm not quite sure how this disgusting and dangerous (for the numerous small children living in the area) issue is going to be addressed. I did send a request for signage via the DCC online portal months ago and received no response.

Reply:

Dublin City Council no longer use the above dog sign. Arrangements are in place to install a number of dog signs at Clonard Road.

Q.32 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email re: The Glass Bottle development.

She writes,

Please see below some of the issues we flagged to Justin Bower who met

the residents on the Sean Moore Road and his response to us which we aren't very happy about. Since our meeting the following issues have become more prevalent, disgusting smell from site, foundations of our homes which some checks were done but we need to know how stringent or even legal checking was carried out. We fully realise there may be historical subsidence due to the fact the houses are built on reclaimed land, but the speed of the subsidence has increased dramatically since the building work began.

We also have issues with footpaths, resurfacing of roads, noise levels and dust. We need the oversight committee NOW and accountability of these builders to the local residents, this is a 10-year build and is causing considerable hardship for the people living across the road.

Noise Pollution –

Piling – noise from this is causing considerable anxiety to residents who are in the vicinity during the day every day, especially the most vulnerable young and old. Where are the noise barriers to keep this down to an acceptable limit.

Piling – what procedures are in situ for tidal changes due to the piling and building works. As our estate is also on reclaimed land where the sea still factors into the build, what safety measures have been instigated or are ongoing to ensure that the tidal changes won't cause damage to our homes. We are requesting all reports undertaken before the start of building and ongoing measures in place to ensure that our homes won't be damaged.

Vibration - from all work on site, residents are very concerned about damage caused by this and would like to see any reports done on our residences before work commenced and safety guards in place during the build.

Dust Pollution – causing considerable dirt on our side of the road, what procedures are in place to keep this to a minimum for residents who are very proud of their homes and look after them.

Lights from Site – Causing Concern to residents as they shine into homes:

all

night.

Privacy – Residents are concerned that cranes have full site access into bedrooms of residents especially children and vulnerable young adults.

Soil Contamination – Originally before build we know 300,000 tonnes of contaminated soil were removed from site with 100,000 tonnes for removal after was this completed.

Smell – We now have the smell from site. Is this to do with the contaminated soil and has it been sorted or will this be an intermittent issue during the build duration for completion of site?

Reply:

Detailed noise and vibration monitoring reports have recently been received and were analysed by the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Monitoring Unit of Dublin City Council to check for compliance with the required construction standards associated with these matters. The reports cover the period September 2023 to January 2024

Vibration.

With respect to vibration the guide outlines best practice control measures and states that a vibration level of 1.0 MM per second peak particle velocity (ppv) must not be exceeded where possible. Levels above this are perceptible to occupiers of sensitive receptors. This level was not

exceeded for the reporting period.

Levels in excess of 12.7 mm per second PPV may cause structural damage. The levels recorded for the monitoring period were significantly below this level.

Baseline (before work commenced) noise and vibration monitoring was carried out and submitted with the application. The results can be accessed using the below link.

<https://webapps.dublincity.ie/AnitePublicDocs/00956710.pdf>

Noise

The guide states that a (one working day) construction noise level of 75 decibels must not be exceeded at the site boundary. Over the reporting period there have been a number of exceedances. The Planning Enforcement Section has active enforcement files in respect of complaints received relating to noise associated with the scheme. The Construction Management Plan for the development includes a provision that the measures in the Good Practice Guide for Construction and Demolition will be complied with. Ongoing monitoring relating to these matters will be carried out over the course of the coming months to ensure ongoing compliance with the Construction Management Plan

Dust Pollution

The Planning Enforcement Section has requested detailed dust monitoring information from the developer from the start of January 2024 to date. This data once received will be analysed by DCC Environmental Health, Air Quality and Noise monitoring section to ensure compliance with the relevant codes and standards. The developer will also be reminded of their requirements in terms of keeping the roads in the vicinity of their site clear of dirt and debris.

Privacy

Give the scale and height of the cranes and the distance from existing dwellings, it is considered that the likelihood of overlooking or privacy issues becoming an issue is unlikely. Such issues are in any case civil matters between the developer and any concerned residents.

Soil Contamination/Smell

The issue of alleged soil contamination and its handling of same by the developer is a matter for the EPA. Dublin City Council will refer this element of the query to the EPA for their investigation/consideration.

Lights from Site

Given the distance between the existing dwelling and the Glass Bottle site, it is considered unlikely that the shining of lights into homes will create ongoing residential amenity issues

The Planning Enforcement Section now has active enforcement files in respect of complaints received relating to noise, vibration and dust/condition of the surrounding roads associated with this site.

Detailed noise and vibration monitoring reports have recently been received as outlined above, and were analysed by the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Monitoring Unit of Dublin City Council to check for compliance with the required construction standards associated with these matters.

The noise and vibration monitoring locations include the nearest noise/vibration sensitive premises and site boundaries.

As previously mentioned, The Construction Management Plan for the development includes a provision that the measures in this Unit's Good Practice Guide for Construction and Demolition will be complied with.

Ongoing monitoring relating to these matters will be carried out over the course of the coming months to ensure ongoing compliance with the Construction Management Plan.

Q.33 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give a time line for a commencement of the Ringsend Bus Connects works and the Dodder Bridge works?

Reply:

As the Ringsend to City Centre scheme is subject to an ongoing statutory application process and has not as yet been approved by An Bord Pleanála, we are unable at this time to specify a works commencement or completion date.

On completion of the statutory process the NTA will be in a position to advise on the likely construction commencement.

Q.34 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following email from a constituent re trucks on Belmont Avenue Donnybrook.

He writes,

"I just want to alert you that one of your trucks is consistently undertaking collections that cause an incredibly high risk of an accident outside a national school.

The location is Belmont Avenue in Donnybrook, Dublin 4. Outside St Mary's national School. The trucks frequently arrive to collect bins on Wednesday morning at precisely the peak drop-off time for children. I.e. between 08.40 and 08.50. The truck pulls in to a 'keep clear' area right next to the zebra crossing which is staffed by a lollipop man. After collecting bins there, it then often reverses into Donnybrook manor. This is incredibly dangerous and comes at a time when hundreds of children are being dropped off to school. If the bin truck simply waited until after 9am (20 min delay) or came before 08.20, there would be materially fewer people, and crucially young children, crossing the road in that area and would materially reduce the risk of death or injury.

Can you please reassess this route and specifically the timing and safety of collecting bins in and around the school and let me know the outcome?

Reply:

A Waste Enforcement Officer visited this area on Wednesday 28th February between 7.30am and 9.30am and noticed no waste collection taking place. On further investigation he ascertained that there is a waste collection along this road on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He contacted the waste collector and brought the complaint to their attention. The waste collector has agreed to defer collections of waste along this road until after 9.00am in future.

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

As a resident of nearly 30 years at (Details Supplied) Lower Pembroke Street Dublin 2 I have witnessed Dublin City Engineering Department at work so I probably should not be in shock at their latest effort on the above Street.

To walk towards St Stephens Green I either have to step off the footpath and avoid being hit by oncoming traffic or resort to wearing Wellington boots.

This latest project of making the footpath wider is a case of utter engineering incompetence.

See pic below.



Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out a level survey and subject to the findings consider the installation of a gully in conjunction with our drainage colleagues.

Q.36 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the follow issue from residents in Donnybrook.

I am contacting you on behalf of a group of concerned residents and business owners in the local Donnybrook area.

As you may be aware, a new development apartment building, Lovett House located on the Donnybrook Road, was recently allocated as 100% social housing. Since residents have begun moving into the building, we have noticed a significant increase in anti-social behaviour.

Whilst I understand that social housing must be provided for, it is unacceptable that the local community must suffer. I would hope that as our local representative you would recognise the seriousness of this problem.

Additionally, preventative measures (i.e. an increased Garda presence) should be undertaken to deter and prevent this sort of behaviour.

Reply:

The Lovett House development in Donnybrook is a long-term leased complex managed by Tuath Housing on behalf of Dublin City Council. There are 38 apartments (33 x 1 beds & 5 x 2 beds) in the development and are all fully allocated. All tenants are Garda vetted in advance as per allocation protocol.

Tuath Housing have reported that the development is running well and have recently held a tenancy engagement event attended by 30 tenants.

The Tuath Housing Officer assigned to this development is Lurna Breen and she can be contacted at l.breen@tuathhousing.ie. All reports of antisocial behaviour reported to Tuath Housing are investigated fully and appropriate action is taken in line with relevant policy and procedures.

There is currently no CCTV at the development but the owners have informed me that it will be operational in the coming months this will add to the security of the development and surrounding area.

In relation to the above mentioned incident this was not brought to the attention of Tuath Housing but they have now been made aware.

Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue.

The pedestrian lights at (Details Supplied) Anglesea Road and the junction of Anglesea lane Ballsbridge are on a motion sensor and hence change anytime anyone passes close to them. This was ideal for Covid but not now when cars are stopped all through the night which is very disturbing of a night's sleep for residents. It just needs a button signal put back which can't be too hard.

Reply:

Our traffic signals maintenance contractor has attended site and confirmed that the pedestrian push buttons are pressing and releasing properly and are not currently on permanent demand. Nonetheless, on reviewing the previous faults for this site in our Asset and Fault Management System, we note that this type of fault does get reported to us from time to time by members of the public. Therefore, we intend to connect this junction to our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System to assist with automatic fault identification and more prompt resolution. This will be added to our programme of works for this year and we will give it priority due to the intermittent and disruptive nature of the fault.

Regarding the operation of the touchless/contactless pedestrian push button unit (PBU) - we note that the footpaths are narrow at this location and that occasionally a pedestrian walking by may inadvertently brush past the PBU causing the sensor to demand the pedestrian crossing. We will request our traffic signals maintenance contractor to attend site and switch out the contactless PBU for a standard PBU. This will resolve the issue of ghost pedestrian demands. Thank you for bringing these issues to our attention.

Q.38 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to ask Dublin Bus to look into the issue from a constituent.

He writes,

"Buses had agreed years ago to stop using Anglesea Road as their commute route from Donnybrook garage as it's too narrow. They are now using it morning noon and night often in a hurry back to the depot at the end of a shift. It's too narrow as you can see in the attached and we need an agreement with Donnybrook garage that they will cease using it as their "rat run"

Please see picture.



Reply:

Dublin City Council have asked Dublin Bus for comment on the issue

raised and received the following response:

“Dublin Bus have never entered an agreement with any organisation or residents regarding Dublin Buses travelling on Anglesea Road. Anglesea Road is used by many bus and coach companies, including Dublin Bus along with commercial vehicles of all sizes who are travelling between the Stillorgan Road and Ballsbridge.”

Further to the above, we note that route 120 has active stops on Anglesea Road for peak AM and PM times.

Q.39 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the area manager if he can confirm whether the laneway, which is marked in red marker in the Google Images photo I attached, is in the charge of Dublin City Council.

Please see picture.



Reply:

The laneway in question which runs perpendicular to Beach Road is marked with a red “X” and coloured green on the map below. Roads Maintenance Services records indicate that the laneway is not in charge.



Q.40 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent.
Good Evening,

I have just read your very good article in the Independent, today Tuesday

23rd regarding problems with trees in the Ranelagh area, I noticed a tree leaning towards the road and the roots and base of the tree were rocking, the tree is located outside house No. (Details Supplied) on Mount Tallant Avenue, Dublin 6W. I live in number 106 so I rang Dublin City Council's dangerous buildings direct line at 1.30pm today and spoke to a gentleman who said he would look into it, another lady was also looking at the tree so I spoke to her and said I had reported it, she went back up the road to video it.

After an hour nobody had come so I rang again to be told by someone different that the dangerous building department don't deal with this and he put me through to customer service, I spoke to another individual there and he took my contact details but he said he couldn't get through to anybody so I assumed he would get the information to someone to come out but nobody did. Someone then suggested to ring my local Garda station which is Terenure to see what they could do but I rang 4-5 times and nobody answered the phone to me, so hopefully the tree will stand the storm tonight and not kill anybody or do substantial damage but maybe you would have more luck than me in trying to contact someone in Dublin City Council to have a look at the tree as early as possible tomorrow.

Reply:

This tree was inspected on Thursday 29th February 2024 & no problem was observed with this tree or in fact any tree on this road. However as there are new concrete footpaths recently installed the length of this road, we will keep an eye on them going forward.

Q.41 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can signage warning dog owners about dog fouling be erected outside of the Marist Primary School, Clogher Road, Crumlin in Dublin 12.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to put in place dog signage at the above mentioned location.

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager replace the bollards beside Glovers Court Lane way, as since the bollards have been removed. There is no end of antisocial behaviour and drug taken and selling at this location.

Reply:

The unauthorised bollards were erected on a public road by a private entity and were blocking access to a public road. They were subsequently removed by Road Maintenance Services.

Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager organise a full briefing and documentation of the proposed retrofit at Glovers Court include all rationale in relation to the retrofit timescales of the job and what amenities will be included in the also what consultation took place with the residents prior to the draft plans been made and presented.

Reply:

The regeneration of Glovers Court has received Stage 1 project and funding approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The project comprises the deep retrofit, amalgamation and extension of the two existing housing blocks to provide 53 new quality homes that will be a mix of one, two and three bedrooms.

The redevelopment proposal is to comply with the Dublin City Development Plan and to meet our targets as in our Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 to reduce carbon emissions from the built environment.

An Integrated Design Team – DTA Architects - where appointed in September 2023 to design the redevelopment of the housing scheme. Following the appointment of DTA Architects, an information leaflet was distributed to all residents of Glovers Court to update them on project progress.

An in person community consultation was held on the 27th February 2024 for residents and local elected members. Information boards showing proposed designs of the new housing scheme formed part of the consultation meeting and members of the integrated design team and colleagues from Dublin City Councils City Architects Division were also available on the night to answer all questions on the early stage proposals. The next key milestone for the project is the pre - Part 8 planning process which we are targeting to commence in May 2024.

As with all Housing Regeneration projects, consultation with the residents and local elected members will form an important role in progressing the regeneration of Glovers Court.

I have forwarded a copy of the presentation that was shown at the consultation meeting on the 27/2/2024 to the local area office for circulation to all councillors.

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager seek a full response from Dublin regional Homeless Executive regarding the death of an individual homeless person on REDMOND Hill, Aungier Street recently.

Reply:

The DRHE extends its sincere sympathies to the close family, neighbours who watched out for her, and many friends of the woman who died on Aungier St. recently. The Outreach and the Housing First teams were in constant contact, as were her family and other services. All supports were offered consistently, including social housing. A case review is scheduled between the Dublin Simon Outreach team, the DRHE and the HSE.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) collates reports of every death notified to it of a person experiencing homelessness and shares these with the HSE. It was agreed following the *Interim report on Mortality in Single Homeless population 2020* that the Health Research Board was the appropriate body to collect, review and analyse deaths among homeless service users and make recommendations on the prevention of deaths among the homeless population at a national level. The HSE has appointed a co-ordinator to work alongside key stakeholders, including the DRHE, to implement the recommendations from the report.

This includes the establishment of a critical incident review group and the development of a comprehensive protocol for their work. The purpose of this group and governing protocol is the review of available data on each death in homeless services and of rough sleepers to improve care and services for homeless people; reduce avoidable premature death of homeless people; and to address health inequalities experienced by homeless people. The governing protocol is awaiting final sign off from

the HSE's Quality, Safety & Standards Team.

The co-ordinator is currently informed of all deaths that occur in homeless services and, if required, will carry out a review of the available data on a death that has occurred. When the protocol is approved, in the event of a death the co-ordinator will go onsite and interview relevant parties in the accommodation setting and /or service for rough sleepers. They will also interview other professionals involved in the deceased persons wider care plan and collate relevant reports, analyse all data in collaboration with Doctor. Austin O'Carroll. Following this a full report and any recommendations will be submitted to the group for review.

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager invite the little museum of Dublin to make a presentation of the cultural offerings and Museum offerings to the South East area committee this also to include the future of the museum and its building upgrade.

Reply:

An answer will be supplied to the Councillor in due course.

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager, arrange from the Alice Leahy Trust on Bride St, a presentation at our next area committee meeting on the work that they do and services that they offer in our local area.

Reply:

I will make contact with the Alice Leahy Trust and ask them to present at a forthcoming Area Committee Meeting.

Q.47 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if Oaklands Drive could be considered for resurfacing, with interim repairs of potholes seen to as quickly as possible for the comfort and wellbeing of patients accessing treatment at St Luke's Hospital.

Reply:

Oaklands Drive will be resurfaced in the coming weeks as part of a resurfacing contract recently awarded.

Q.48 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the long term closure of the former loading bay running from unit 19, Swan Centre to 270 Rathmines Road Lower by bollards can be made permanent by means of a build out. The presence of a loading area continues to attract illegal parking across the footpath and blocking the cycle lane. Some intervention is required to prevent vehicles from mounting the footpath outside Life pharmacy and blocking the cycle lane.

Reply:

This location will be examined with the Area Office and City recovery for the best use of the space.

Q.49 Councillor Carolyn Moore

The recent removal of telephone poles from outside (address supplied*) has left the grass verges open to parking, and delivery vans and other heavy vehicles are causing significant damage to the verges (see photo). DCC has confirmed they will plant a tree here in the 24/25 season but

residents would like some measure of protection for the verges in the meantime, if a planter or other intervention to prevent parking could be installed here?



Reply:

Regarding your suggestion of installing some measure of protection or road barriers to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb, Parks is not best situated to install road barriers. For a request of this nature, the Roads Department should be involved, as they possess the requisite authority to handle road-related infrastructure. It is vital to ensure that any barrier complies with road traffic regulations.

Also, planters need to be kept in from the carriageway a minimum of 300mm or they cause safety concerns for road users, & in this situation this guideline may result in their obstructing the pathway & posing a potentially hazardous situation for path users.

Q.50 Councillor Carolyn Moore

A grass verge outside (address supplied*) was infilled with concrete by DCC in recent years, and this was reported to residents who queried it as having occurred in error. Residents would like to see the grass area reinstated and the issue has been reported to DCC on a number of occasions with no commitment to date to reinstate the verge. Can the area manager let me know if this reinstatement can be carried out?

Reply:

The inspector for this area has met with the residents regarding this concreted area. The job has been added to the worklist and will be completed when a works crew becomes available.

Q.51 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if dog poo signage can be installed, visible from both directions, on the stretch of road between (Details Supplied) Lower Kimmage Road and Ashewood House on Lower Kimmage Road, where there is an ongoing issue with dog fouling?

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to put in place dog signs visible from both directions, on the stretch of road between 199 Lower Kimmage Road and Ashewood House, Lower Kimmage Road.

Q.52 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if traffic engineers can assess the traffic light sequencing at the junction of Rathmines Road Upper and Rathgar with a view to addressing the following issue:

- This evening, for the second time in two weeks, I was nearly hit by a car turning right from Rathgar Road on to Rathmines Road Upper while bringing my 3-year-old son home. Both times, I had a green man signal. I don't know if it is to do with the lighting sequence for cars turning right or cars taking a chance and running through a red light, but cars seem to routinely turn right into a pedestrian crossing when pedestrians have right of way. What makes it worse is that it's a blind spot for the pedestrians, who expect cars to come from Rathmines Road Lower.
- The entire junction is a bit of a mess, with long waits for green men with cars waiting on red at the first crossing from the Rathgar side to the first island and a lack of synchronicity between the pedestrian lights. These are minor inconveniences, however, compared to the actual danger of cars breaking the lights.

Reply:

Right turning movements from Rathgar Road to Rathmines Road Upper are only permitted outside of the AM Peak (07:00 – 10:00) and PM Peak (16:00 – 19:00) as per the statutory signage. Vehicles making the right turn during the

morning and evening peaks times above are breaking the law and this matter should be referred to An Garda Síochana for enforcement.

Please note that road users are permitted to make this right turn outside peak hours, by proceeding with caution when shown a full green signal, under normal gap acceptance conditions. Road users who have moved beyond their stop line to make this right turn, and who have failed to find a gap in oncoming traffic to safely do so, are permitted to turn through the intergreen (amber and red time) following the closure of full green signal. We have checked these safety intergreen timings and they are to standard. However, we have adjusted the intergreen upwards by 1s to allow some additional time for vehicles to complete making the right turn movement before the green pedestrian signal comes on. We will continue to monitor and review the operation of this junction via our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management and CCTV systems.

Q.53 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if Larkfield Park can be assessed and considered for inclusion in an upcoming programme of works for footpath resurfacing. There are a number of elderly people living in the area, as well as people with mobility issues, for whom the current unevenness and general state of disrepair of the footpaths (see photos) presents a trip hazard.



Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out an inspection. Any defects will be made good as soon as possible and if deemed necessary the footpath will be included in a list of schemes to be considered for the 2025 contract.

Q.54 Councillor Tara Deacy

In light of the recent roll out of much needed pedestrian crossings in the city can the following be added to that list for the next round of installations to be considered:

- The corner of Leinster Road and Harold's Cross Road.
- A crossing (ideally with signs and speed bumps) at the corner of Leinster Road and Grosvenor Lane (across Leinster Road): for school children going to the new Harold's Cross ETNS Grosvenor Lane entrance.
- At the corner of Larkfield Grove and Larkfield Park/Clareville Road along with appropriate traffic calming for school children.
- A crossing with lights at the corner of Kimmage Road West and Brookfield (across Kimmage Rd West), in particular in light of likely major housing development on a site adjacent.
- Requested 4-way installation at the KCR junction (currently only on 1 side). Currently very difficult in particular for school children on their way to Presentation N.S. on the Terenure Road East.

Reply:

Leinster Road and Harold's Cross Road

The traffic junction at Leinster Road and Harold's Cross Road is part of the BusConnects Dublin - Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre project.

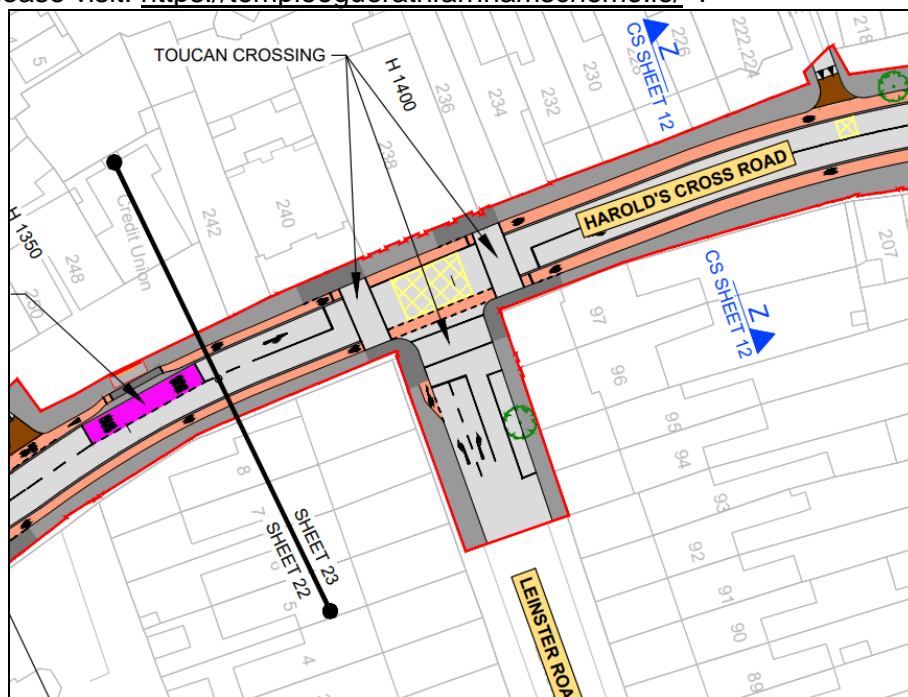
The proposal includes extensive civil works aimed at enhancing pedestrian safety at these crossroads, as depicted in the snapshot below. The proposed scheme is still undergoing the consultation phase.

The latest newspaper notice dated 8th June 2023, can be found at:

<https://templeoguerathfarnhamscheme.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2023/06/Newspaper-Notice.pdf>

For more information on the BusConnects Dublin -

Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme, please visit: <https://templeoquerathfarnhamscheme.ie/> .



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A. Leinster Road and Grosvenor Lane

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) area engineer has conducted an initial assessment of the site. It will be considered for inclusion in the 2024 future works program, subject to detailed design and the availability of funding.

B. Larkfield Park/Clareville Road

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for a speed survey, 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.

C. Kimmage Road West and Brookfield (across Kimmage Rd West), in particular in light of likely major housing development on a site adjacent.

The councillor may consider engaging with the developer during the public consultation phase to express their concerns and provide input on the development plans. The TAG engineering team is available to assess any proposals made by the developer and advocate for a safer traffic environment in the area.

D. KCR junction

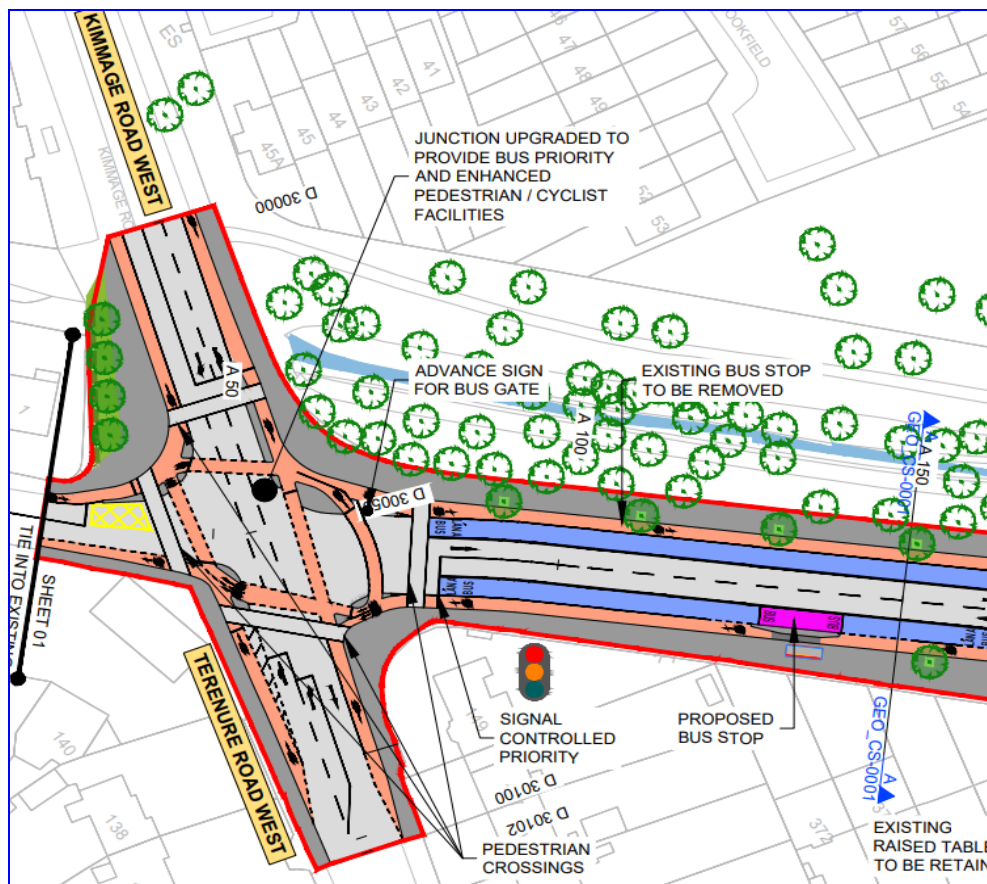
The traffic junction at Kimmage Cross Roads (KCR) is part of the BusConnects Core Bus Corridors, specifically within Route no. 11 from Kimmage to the City Centre.

proposed scheme is still undergoing consultation phase.

The latest newspaper notice dated 26th October 2023, can be found on:

- https://kimmagescheme.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/10/NTA_26thOct-Kimmage_6pp.pdf.

For more information on BusConnects Dublin - Kimmage to City Centre Core bus Corridor Scheme, please visit: <https://kimmagescheme.ie/>.



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Q.56 Councillor Tara Deacy

On Palmerston Park, at the northwest corner, there is a particularly difficult rise in the footpath as a result of the tree roots that is in bad need of repair, can this be looked at and repaired.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site inspection on the aforementioned road, any defects will be made safe.

Q.57 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can we begin repaving of footpaths on Larkfield Gardens as residents saw similar repaving on Larkfield Grove recently and want similar upgrade works.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site inspection on the aforementioned road, any defects will be made safe. Depending on the outcome of the assessment Larkfield Gardens will be considered for resurfacing in 2025.

Q.58 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can we also add the Larkfield Park Street be resurfaced, and footpath repaved.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site inspection on the aforementioned road, any defects will be made safe. Depending on the outcome of the assessment Larkfield Park will be considered for resurfacing in 2025.

Q.59 Councillor Tara Deacy

The footpaths in Brookfield estate off Kimmage Road can they be added to the footpath list.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site inspection on the aforementioned road, any defects will be made safe. Depending on the outcome of the assessment the pavements in Brookfield Estate be considered for resurfacing in 2025.

Q.60 Councillor Tara Deacy

Resurfacing Winton Ave has been requested; a resident (civil engineer) reported hydraulic fracturing as a result of poor maintenance.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site inspection on the aforementioned road, any defects will be made safe.

Q.61 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the potholes on Zion Road and Bushy Park Road outside Zion Parish Church be repaired.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site investigation at the aforementioned location any potholes will be repaired in order to make the road surface safe.

Q.62 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can street cleaning around the southern arc of Palmerston Park and onto Orchard Road South be arranged. Heavy leaf-fall and general dirt are collecting on the streets (and footpaths) and are uncleaned, often because of car parking.

Reply:

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

Q.63 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can we look at the drainage of small pedestrian entrance to Brookfield Green from Ravensdale Park (opposite the Four Provinces pub). Area floods very badly during rainfall and becomes inaccessible. This has been an ongoing issue.

Reply:

DCC Surface Water staff have investigated the reported flooding at Brookfield Green and Ravensdale Park. Level survey of the area has indicated a local low point on the footpath at this location. It is intended to install a new gully at this location on the existing footpath which will relieve flooding in the area. Works are scheduled to take place in Q2 of 2024. An update will be provided direct to the councillor upon completion of the works.

Q.64 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Is there any update on the Tree plan for maintenance and planning in the Leinster Road, Leinster Road West and Effra Road area of Rathmines? Residents are concerned that if pruning does not take place urgently that nesting season will prevent progress

Reply:

Our standard street tree inspection cycle ranges from 3 to 5 years, prioritized based on need. Pruning is only conducted as deemed necessary, guided by our tree policy. The trees on Leinster Road, Leinster Road West, and Effra Road were surveyed on 21/12/23, found structurally sound, and not in need of immediate attention. Resources and extensive priority works necessitate an annual tree maintenance schedule based on surveys undertaken in the previous year. Only essential or emergency tree works can be additionally accommodated due to resource constraints.

The trees in the mentioned areas, currently provide amenity & biodiversity value, but are gradually beginning to outgrow their locations. Ideally in the long term, we would like to remove these trees and replace them with suitable street trees planted in build-outs onto the road, potentially reducing parking spaces.

We are developing a programme for this type of tree planting and these roads have been included for investigation. Feasibility surveys for underground services will need to be undertaken, and upon completion, we will assess the suitability of these roads for a proposed future tree build out planting program.

Q.65 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Is there a possibility to have a zebra crossing on Terenure Road west, near Hazelbrook Road or Parkmore Road.

If you are trying to cross with children, it is dangerous and also narrow. It is a long walk down to Greenlea Road junction to cross the road safely.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) area engineer has conducted an initial assessment of the site at the junction of Terenure Road West and Hazelbrook Road. Further on-site assessment will be carried out, and the Councillor will receive notification of the recommendation in due course.

Q.66 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he has assessed the disused parking space outside (Details Supplied) Irishtown Road for a footpath extension as occasional yet persistent illegal parking causes a visibility hazard for drivers exiting Dermot O'Hurley Avenue.

Reply:

Parking restrictions such as double yellow have been provided (Details Supplied) Irishtown Road.

Instances of illegal parking should be sent to Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS).

To address this issue, the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) will notify Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) to monitor the area and enforce parking regulations.

There is no current plan by the Transport Advisory Group to extend the existing footpath at this location.

Q.67 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if a new Traffic Management Plan for Old County Road, specifically at the area around the shops, could be explored. The area is a complete bottleneck for traffic and is chaotic around peak hours.

Reply:

A traffic count will be performed to gauge the requirement for measures on Old County Road, including a speed survey. Following this survey, the area engineer will assess Old County Road for the introduction of appropriate measures. In the meantime instances of dangerous driving should be reported to an Garda Síochána.

Q.68 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the main door of the building at (details supplied) to be repaired and the internal stairwells in the building to be put on a regular cleaning schedule.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance have logged the repair of the main door of the building and all necessary works will be carried out. The Caretaking Section is tasked with cleaning of internal stairwells and this will be done as regular as caretaking resources permit.

Q.69 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a full deep clean of Whelan House and O'Rahilly House courtyards, play areas, stairs, and balconies as they have become grimy, mossy, and generally unkempt with a lot of grass growing through the brickwork.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will call to both complexes and arrange for the necessary works to be completed.

Q.70 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the removal of a tree stump and the repair of the footpath at the rear of a property (details supplied) as the tree recently fell and caused significant damage to the rear wall of the property, and this cannot be repaired until the Council addresses the remaining damage and debris on the public footpath.

Reply:

The tree has been removed and the area has been made ready for repairs by Road maintenance.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site visit at the aforementioned address. Any snags identified will be rectified by the contractor that recently carried out the works on behalf of Dublin City Council.

Q.71 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he has examined the possibility of play equipment in the green space at Stella Gardens along the Dodder; if it would be possible to install play equipment in the park space while active travel works are underway on the Dodder Greenway from London bridge Road to Fitzwilliam Quay.

Reply:

Stella gardens has not been examined by Parks for its suitability for play equipment, as we have not, until now, had any requests for this. We will investigate the feasibility of its inclusion in a future playground expansion program, if resources are made available. Currently there is no budget allocation for this.

Reply:

The Dodder Greenway- Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road is an NTA Funded Rapid build active travel scheme; the provision of play equipment in the park adjoining this scheme is outside the scope of NTA Rapid Build projects.

Q.72 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can ensure housing maintenance address a recurring pest issue at a property.

(Details Supplied)

Reply:

Housing Maintenance received the most recent report on 21st February 2024 in relation to rodents in the dwelling and have contacted the HSE to call to the dwelling to inspect same. It should be noted that the HSE may take up to 10 working days to contact the tenant directly to arrange a suitable date and time to call to the dwelling. Housing Maintenance will also call to the complex exterior and inspect and treat for pest control as per normal practice.

Q.73 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will report on the establishment of a consultative or oversight forum for the Poolbeg West SDZ.

Reply:

The matter will be considered and a response will be provided to the Councillors as soon as possible.

Q.74 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he has examined permitting residents to install charging gullies or similar in paths to charge electric vehicles at their home while avoiding trip hazards on public paths and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

Dublin City Council adopted the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy in 2022. It was agreed that DCC's role was to facilitate

the roll out of fast charging hubs over other models including neighbourhood charging.

To support the strategy DCC and the other Dublin Local Authorities are in the process of procuring an operator to implement a pilot project to develop a limited number of public charging hubs across Dublin City and County.

In relation to residential / domestic charging, where a property has off street parking, the property owner can install an EV charger for use within the curtilage of the property.

Dublin City Council do not sanction any other systems of EV charging from a domestic supply.

Dublin City Council is responsible for the maintenance of the public road in the interest of all road users. The installation of privately owned infrastructure within the structure of the public footpath would be detrimental to the structure of the footpath and is not permissible under current legislation.

Q.75 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he confirm when (details supplied) is due to be painted.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Paint Squad will add this complex to their works list for 2025.

Q.76 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the trees at (details supplied) to be pruned.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance are currently seeking a quotation for the required works, due to the height of the trees at this complex.

Q.77 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager again for an update on the promised rebuild of the fallen arch on Prices Place and Ranelagh Road. Said arch was crashed into by a truck on August 2022. Immediately afterwards there was contact by local residents and representatives to the council to ensure the materials from the arch will be stored and then rebuilt. This was agreed upon. I would like to confirm that the materials are indeed in storage and for a commitment and timeframe from the relevant manager on the rebuilding of this piece of heritage.

Reply:

This matter is currently with DCC Law Agent. Attempts are being made to establish ownership and/or responsibility for the arch. It has been confirmed that this arch is not a Dublin City Council asset.

This office is not aware of any promise made by Dublin City Council to rebuild the archway as it is not a publicly owned structure.

As the structure is a Protected Structure, there is a requirement to repair / rebuild the arch to best conservation practice in accordance with Section 60 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Dublin City Council Conservation Section would work with whoever is

ultimately responsible for the archway to progress a rebuild in the future. The materials recovered at the time the arch was demolished are currently stored in a Dublin City Council housing maintenance yard.

Q.78 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to install some solar pathway or similar lights in Sandymount green, currently the green is well used for walkers and even though the days are getting longer, during the evening period it is quite dark in the green even with surrounding lights.

Reply:

The Public roads around the park are well illuminated, ensuring permeability in the village and a suitable level of brightness in the Green for passive surveillance.

The principle of maintaining a dark environment, has been proven as a means of providing safe havens for urban wildlife. This practice significantly contributes to the preservation of urban biodiversity, with a particular emphasis on safeguarding nocturnal pollinating insects.

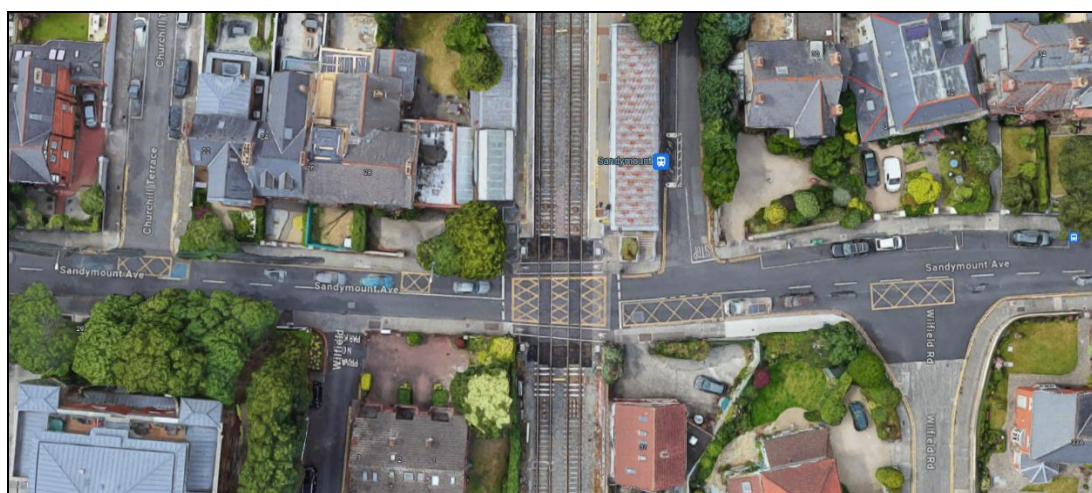
There are currently no facilities within Sandymount Green that need to be accessed after dark.

Q.79 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to install speed ramps and/or signage for Sandymount Avenue, currently cars are treating the train tracks as crossing line they need to speed up to avoid the train barriers, this is causing a significant danger to the elderly and children in the area.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is working with Iarnród Éireann on a programme to monitor traffic behaviour at the level crossings in the Sandymount area. The programme is beginning at Merrion Gates and will progress to the other level crossings. The information gathered will inform traffic and safety interventions at these locations.



Q.80 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager for an update on the Chelmsford Road and Ranelagh Road pedestrian lights, the ducting and traffic poles seem to be in but no lights as of yet. A date or possible date would be welcomed.

Reply:

The new pedestrian signals across the Chelmsford Road arm of the Ranelagh Road/Chelmsford Road junction are due to be switched on by the end of March 2024.

Q.81 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager what is the status of the current lease of the Dropping Well car park.

Reply:

The carpark is currently held under a 7 year lease by Milltown Inn Limited and this lease is due to expire on the 31st March 2024. The City Valuers office are now negotiating terms for a 1 year licence with Milltown Inn Limited.

The one year licence is due to forthcoming flood defence works planned for the Dodder River.

Q.82 Councillor Pat Dunne

The resident at (details supplied) reports damage was caused to her drive in as a result of footpath repairs carried out by our road maintenance section. Can this damage be accessed, and the necessary repairs be carried out.

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site visit at the aforementioned address. Any snags identified will be rectified by the contractor that recently carried out the works on behalf of Dublin City Council.

Q.83 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can we install a Yellow Box outside Applegreen on St. Agnes Road - difficult to exit or enter Applegreen when exit is blocked also blocked far side of road when someone is trying to turn in coming from Ashleaf and entrance/exit is blocked.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) area engineer has assessed the site and made the following comments:

The installation of a Yellow Box at the second entrance of the Applegreen Service Station is not recommended by the Transport Advisory Group. Introducing a second Yellow Box may increase the length of the queues at the traffic light and could encourage speeding to catch the green light.

Q.84 Councillor Pat Dunne

At Windmill Road and Kildare Road junction, there is a traffic island at traffic lights and it has not been dishd, so it is difficult for people with buggies and wheelchairs to cross there. Can we arrange to have this traffic island dishd.

Reply:

The concerns outlined above require further investigation by the Area Engineer. A service request has been created to effect this action. Enquiry No. 7038114 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.85 Councillor Pat Dunne

Residents on Ferns Road Crumlin report their road been used as a short

cut. Could a traffic count be done at peak hours on this road to see how many cars are using it as a shortcut from Sundrive/Stannaway Road.

Reply:

A speed survey has been conducted on Ferns Road and the area engineer is assessing this data, along with potential measures to be provided in relation to vehicular speeds.

An Garda Síochána were notified of cars breaking this left turn ban at the February Transport Advisory Group meeting and they have been requested to enforce.

If residents wish to extinguish through traffic from either Sundrive Road or Stannaway Road, they should apply for a neighbourhood transport scheme on Dublin City Council's Transport Service request form <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/how-apply-general-transport-measures>

Q.86 Councillor Pat Dunne

Following the resurfacing of Armagh Road last year it was promised the colourful pixels and school zone markings would be reinstated. They still have not been reinstated can this be done now.

Reply:

It is planned to reinstate the School Zone road markings on Armagh Road. At the moment the weather is too cold to install the road markings so this will be undertaken when the weather improves.

Q.87 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Heritage office get in contact with the Crumlin & Walkinstown History group. The group has a comprehensive heritage plan, and it would see how the Heritage Office can support them carrying out the planned actions.

Reply:

An answer will be supplied to the Councillor in due course.

Q.88 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for an update on the housing position of (Details Supplied). The applicant has now been on the housing list for 16 years.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 4/09/2008, the applicant holds the following position on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
M	1	30
N	1	34
P	1	25

I note from the applicant's file that he is interested in Pine Road.

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.

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.

Q.89 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the depression in the road outside details attached could be corrected / resurfaced. It is leading to vehicles swerving to avoid it and creating a hazard.

(Details Supplied)

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site visit to the aforementioned road. Any remedial measures will be carried out to make this section of (details supplied) Safe.

Q.90 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager get the street light fixed / lit at the entrance to Donnybrook gardens , pole no 12.

Reply:

We think the Councillor may be referring to pole 12 Greenfield Park (very close to Donnybrook Gardens). This light has been out of order due to an ESB fault. The ESB had been requested to attend to this last year and we will ask them to attend to this as soon as possible.

Q.91 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the area at details attached could be re surfaced, repairs have been inadequate.

Details: Stephen's place, Dublin 2, from lower mount street to Verschoyle Court.

Reply:

The Area Engineer has carried out repairs on this road in order to make the road safe. The Area Engineer has scheduled road resurfacing work be carried out this will take a number of weeks to be scheduled.

Q.92 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a detailed report and expected timeline on the Pearse House Regeneration project.

Reply

Dublin City Council has received Stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the first phase of the regeneration of Pearse House, Dublin 2.

The approved regeneration proposal involves the full deep retrofit and amalgamation of existing flats in Blocks L, M, N and P also known as the "Small Flats". As Pearse House is a protected structure, this puts additional requirements on what can be done as part of its redevelopment. An integrated design team has been appointed to develop the redevelopment of Blocks L, M, N and P.

Currently the indicative timelines show the following milestones:

- Commencement of the pre- Part 8 planning process Q3 2024
- Stage 2 submission to the DHLGH Q3 2024
- Part 8 planning lodgement Q4 2024
- Stage 3 submission to the DHLGH Q2 2025
- Stage 4 submission to the DHLGH Q4 2025
- Commencement on site Q1 2026
- Delivery of new homes and completion of Phase 1 Q4 2027

Q.93 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install an EV charger in Pearse House complex.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Engineering Section will look at the feasibility of installing an Electric Charging Point at said complex. We will report on the findings at a future SE Area Meeting.

Q.94 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please improve street cleaning on Gordon Street. There is an ongoing litter issue here with lunch items being thrown on the ground on a daily basis by people who work in the area, which then gathers in under the cars leaving the residents to clean it up. Can the Manager install more bins on Barrow Street as a means to help the situation.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have Gordon Street cleaned on a weekly basis. We will monitor the cleaning of this street to see what improvements can be made. There are two big belly bins and two standard litter bins on Barrow Street which caters for the litter needs there. There are no plans for additional bins for Barrow Street at this time.

Q.95 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following with their critical need for housing and outline what options are available for this family (Details Supplied) 4 children from 16 to 2 years old, very overcrowded, seeking a transfer.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List, with an application date of 4/09/2008, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
M	3	155

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.

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.

Q.96 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following with their ongoing drainage issues being the end of terraced house.

(Details Supplied)

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 Uisce Eireann) 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
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However, DCC are aware of staff who attended the site to investigate the complaint.

Customer was not home but stated over the phone that the issue relates to odours from the drain in the back garden.

Contractors working for the customer granted access to the rear garden & it was discovered that the customer has a waste drain pipe that connects straight into a combined public sewer c.1.5m away. Customer was advised that a broad's trap should be installed to prevent smells coming back into the premises.

Q.97 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to assist the following individual who is concerned about slipping on blossoms on the ground from the trees outside her house.

(Details Supplied)

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location swept and cleared of blossoms on the 29th February 2024.

Q.98 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the provision of secure bin storage for the flat complexes in South East Inner City, what are the timelines for completing the rollout and what are the barriers to reaching those targets.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance are in the process of rolling out secure bin areas in all of our housing complexes and have engaged the services of four contractors for this project. We anticipate that this process will take some time due to level of engagement required with local residents.

Q.99 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate the illegal neon sign on the (Details Supplied) as a matter of urgency.

Reply

An Enforcement Notice was served pursuant to Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) on the 16th of November 2024 requiring the removal of the 2 unauthorised projecting signs at the above premises at Meghan's Coffee Shop, Ground Floor The Granary Building, 20 Cecilia Street, Dublin, 2. As the enforcement notice was not complied with within the timeframe specified namely 22nd of December 2022 legal proceedings have been initiated to secure their removal. The matter is currently before the courts awaiting a hearing date.

Q.100 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he can detail when the finding Charlie's voice communication board will be installed on Sandymount Green as previously agreed by the head of parks.

Reply:

Signage has been ordered and we will included Sandymount Green when it's being installed.

Q.101 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager for increased power washing, graffiti removal and street cleaning of Rathmines Road, South Richmond Street, Camden Street, South Great Georges Street.

Reply:

Waste Management Services monitor the cleaning the cleaning of the above mentioned streets on a continuous basis and will arrange extra cleaning and washing when necessary to do so.

Q.102 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager that Anna Villa road, Ranelagh receive road resurfacing given the appalling state of this small road and the number of pothole repairs that have had to be done on an intermittent basis.

Reply:

The Area Engineer/Roads Inspector have scheduled repair works at the aforementioned road. In order to make the road surface safe

Based on future funding the Area Engineer will add Anna Villa Road, Ranelagh to a list of other roads in Dublin South East requiring resurfacing.

Q.103 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager that the existing road markings which stated "school" and other words and are located in front of Rathgar Junior School on Grosvenor Road be repainted.

Reply:

This will be checked within 30 days from today's date

Q.104 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if Rathgar Junior School are permitted to paint the safety barrier that is on the pavement outside the school and built on the pavement.

Reply:

Dublin City Council does not paint safety barriers located outside schools. If the safety barrier is damaged and the School Principle would like to contact the Road Maintenance Area Engineer in this regard a site assessment will be carried out to ascertain its condition. The safety barrier will be replaced with a new one if it is damaged.

Q.105 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he can detail when the works in solving the drainage problem in Ranelagh Park are likely to be carried out.

Reply:

Solutions to resolve the pathway puddling in Ranelagh Gardens will be investigated this year, as resources have now been allocated to this in the SEA 2024 POW. When we have identified a feasible solution and appointed a contractor I will be in a position to advise on time lines for these works being undertaken.

Q.106 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager whether there are plans to install zebra crossings anywhere in the South East Area and if so, if he could identify those locations.

Reply:

Funding for new pedestrian and zebra crossing was announced by NTA in February. The traffic section are currently reviewing and assessing

possible locations for both signalised pedestrian and zebra crossing and will publish this list once the process is finalised.

Q.107 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he could identify when a new gully will be installed at the location opposite Doheny and Nesbitts Pub on lower Baggot Street.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out a level survey and subject to the findings consider the installation of a gully in conjunction with our drainage colleagues.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 11 March 2024

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Fiona Connelly
Tara Deacy
Mannix Flynn
Carolyn Moore

Members:

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