



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 2 PM VIA ZOOM**

- 1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July, 2024.**
Order: Agreed.
- 2 **Replies from the Director of Services for the North Central Area** **9 - 147**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Matters**
 - a **Minutes of the TAG meeting held on 27th August, 2024.**
Order: Agreed.
 - b **Gully Report for noting only.**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Planning and Property Matters**
 - a **Extinguishments - Proposal to initiate the procedure for the "EPROW" over a REDUCED amount of the landing/car park area adjacent to 89 Swords Road (the Viscount Pub on the junction of Iveragh Road & Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9)**
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
 - b **Disposals - Lease of part of cellar and part of car park area adjacent No.89 Swords Road (Viscount Pub), Whitehall, Dublin 9**
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
 - c **Disposals - Proposed disposal of the Council's Fee Simple Interest in a site at 41 Newtown Avenue, Coolock Industrial Estate, Dublin 17 (deferred from July)**
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
 - d **Naming & numbering - Proposal for a redeveloped older persons residential complex Ref. 3118-24, located at: St Anne's Court, All Saints Park, Raheny, Dublin 5.**
Order: Agreed.
- 5 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Matters**
 - a **Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)**
Order: Noted.

- b **Sports & Wellbeing Officer's Report**
Order: Noted.

6 **North Central Area Matters**

- a **Area Managers' Reports**
Order: Noted.
- b **Housing supply report for noting**
Order: Noted.

7 **Motions**

- a **(1) Motion in the name of Cllr. John Lyons**

The Area Committee re-affirms its support and commitment to the delivery of a new all-weather football facility for the Coolock area in 2025; It calls on management to provide a detailed timeline for the planning and delivery of this much needed sporting facility; It requests details of the financing of this project and a definitive commitment that the funding has been secured to ensure this project is delivered as promised in 2025.

Report:

The Parks Department and the Area Office are working on the Pre Part 8 consultations for this project with our internal Departments. A part 8 proposal is being worked on and will be brought to Area Committee over the coming months.

We would hope that the consultation phase of this Part 8 would begin in either December 24 or January 25. Once agreement is reached by full Council at the end of the Part 8 process circa end of Quarter 1/ Start of Quarter 2 2025, then it is our intention to go to tender for this project. The paperwork will be worked on in tandem with the Part 8 so that we can save time once Part 8 is agreed.

We have been working with the Sports section on a plan for management of this facility and this will continue over the coming months. We also intend to meet with the local clubs and councillors as part of the process.

Capital funding for this project has been secured and it is proposed that we will have a contractor on site in Quarter 3 or 4 of 2025.

Contact: Derek Farrell/Fergus O'Carroll
Tel: 0868150764
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Order: Agreed.

- b **(2) Motion in the name of Cllr. John Lyons**
The Area Committee recognises the growth in youth participation across a range of sports over recent years in the North Central area and calls on Dublin City Council to help support and encourage the further growth of

sports participation amongst the youth across a range of sports, including hurling, football, soccer, camogie and handball, by installing a ball wall in Ellenfield Park.

Report:

There is a considerable provision for active recreation in Ellenfield Park including 6 grass pitches, an all-weather training area and 3 all-weather tennis courts which accounts for over 60% of the available space within the park. There is insufficient space remaining to accommodate such a facility.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

c (3) Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Brabazon

That this North Central Area Committee agrees that the current retail prices of the Oscar Traynor Woods homes should remain at the 2021 indicative prices for one, two, and three bedroom homes making them more affordable to many more people and staying in line with the developer’s build price criteria and that the Council’s equity stake shares if used, remains at the purchase value amount and at zero interest for the duration of the mortgage as the lands are already in public ownership.

Report:

Current Retail Prices

The information given to the Elected Members in October 2021 (Table 1) regarding indicative prices was on the **Price Range per Unit** type, was excluding VAT, assumed subvention of €100,000 per unit and applied the €30,000 reduction available through the Help to Buy (HTB) scheme.

Table 1

OSCAR TRAYNOR ROAD AFFORDABLE PURCHASE HOMES 2021 PRICE RANGE PER UNIT EX VAT & INCL HELP TO BUY	
SIZE	PRICE RANGE
1 BED	204,000 – 238,000
2 BED	227,000 – 284,000
3 BED	250,000 – 306,000

Table 2 below adjusts these ranges to include VAT and exclude the Help to Buy Scheme.

Table 2

OSCAR TRAYNOR ROAD AFFORDABLE PURCHASE HOMES 2021 PRICE RANGE PER UNIT INCL VAT & EX HELP TO BUY	
SIZE	PRICE RANGE
1 BED	265,590 – 304,180
2 BED	291,695 – 356,390
3 BED	317,800 – 381,360

On 30th July 2024, the first 16 affordable purchase homes were advertised for sale with the prices as per Table 3 below. A blanket €100,000 subsidy is being applied to all unit types. The sales prices outlined below in Table 3 fall within the price ranges presented to Council in Oct. 2021 as per Table 2 above.

Table 3

OSCAR TRAYNOR ROAD AFFORDABLE PURCHASE HOMES 2024 PRICE PER UNIT INCL VAT & EX HELP TO BUY	
SIZE	SALES PRICE
1 BED	254,358
2 BED	325,769
3 BED	360,931

Dublin City Council's Equity Share

Dublin City Council will provide a monetary contribution known as an 'Affordable Dwelling Contribution' that facilitates the purchase of homes by an eligible applicant. This contribution is the difference between the combined total of the purchaser's deposit and maximum mortgage capacity (and savings where relevant) and the market value of the home on the date of offer.

The Equity Share is simply the Affordable Dwelling Contribution expressed as a percentage. It is the stake that Dublin City Council will take in the home that covers the reduced price.

The equity share can be bought out by the purchaser at a time of their choosing but there will be no requirement to do so. The total amount repayable in respect of the Affordable Dwelling Contribution to remove the City Council's equity share from the property will depend on the future open market value of the home and the timing of the repayment(s).

The redemption and realisation of the affordable dwelling equity is written into the Affordable Housing Act 2021 and the purchasers of homes at Oscar Traynor Woods will be subject to the same requirements as any other applicant buying a home under the Scheme.

Contact: Martin Donlon
Tel: 01 222 3943
Email: martin.donlon@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. Lyons, Batten & Moran. A letter to be sent to Minister Darragh O'Brien seeking a meeting with the members & copied to the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council.

- d **(4) Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Brabazon**
That this North Central Area Committee calls upon the developers and builders at the old Millwood Court to fully engage with residents with construction and compliance related issues in line with the part 8 planning permission granted.

Report:

I am aware that the last resident's liaison group meeting was held in person in June and that Fold have communicated by email to the group since then, I am informed that a number of issues relating to site management have been raised and that these issues are being addressed on an ongoing basis.

The Housing Development team will contact the Fold Housing regarding the Councillors request.

Contact: Aisling Browne, Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 01 222 6530
Email: aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. MacDonncha. Aisling to revert to the members with an update.

e **(5) Motion in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Donna Cooney**

That this North Central Committee agrees to express their pride in the achievements to date of Ellen Keane, our Paralympic swimmer who was previously a gold & bronze medallist and who won in the semi-finals 2024, only to narrowly miss out on another medal coming fourth. At the age of thirteen, she was Ireland's youngest Paralympic athlete when she competed in 2008 in Beijing. We are delighted to congratulate her and welcome her home to Clontarf. We wish her the best in her future endeavours.

Report:

Should this committee agree, the North Central Area Office will write to Ellen Keane on their behalf, congratulating her on her many achievements in the Paralympics.

Contact: Fiona Moore, Staff Officer
Tel: 0874111350
Email: fiona.moore@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. The membership also extended congratulations to another local athlete, Orla Comerford & to all of our Paralympian's.

f **(6) Motion in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Donna Cooney**

That this North Central Area Committee is concerned about illegally parked cars and vans on public pavements and roadsides with no tax discs for often months and years that are causing obstruction, are often unsightly on the public domain and yet DCC waste disposal and public domain can do nothing as registered owners claim they are not abandoned, that parking enforcement should be directed to remove these vehicles when obstructing pavements.

Report:

Parking Enforcement will request that DSPS patrol and enforce all vehicles that are illegally parked on pavements when requested.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
Tel: 01 222 7075
Email: suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

g **(7) Motion in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan**

That the North Central Area Committee urges the allocation of additional funding for the supply and installation of defibrillators across the entire North Central Area.

Report:

It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to install defibrillators. However, in instances where sports clubs or private business seek permission to install them on public property, Dublin City Council will authorise same, provided they are properly maintained and located with an adequate power supply to maintain a consistent charge.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Area Manager
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Dublin Fire Brigade have positioned defibrillators (AEDs) outside all of its fire stations across the city and county and they are accessible to the public as required.

The AEDs are located outside each of the 14 fire stations in a heated secure box. Members of the public can access the defibrillators by calling 999/112 and stating their location. Simultaneously, medical help will be dispatched and guidance will be given over the phone.

Each of Dublin Fire Brigades' Ambulances and Fire Appliances also carry defibrillators and all firefighters are trained in their operation.

Contact: Karen Munds, Dublin Fire Brigade
Email: karen.munds@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

h **(8) Motion in the name of Cllr. Barry Heneghan**

That the North Central Area Committee supports the installation of a head statue of Seán Dublin Bay Loftus on the Clontarf Seafront to honour his environmentalism and efforts to protect Dublin Bay, with part-supported funding to be provided by the Dublin Bay Watch Committee."

Report:

Under the council's policy on commemorations & naming, in order to be commemorated, a person must have died twenty years previously or have reached the centenary of their birth. As Seán Dublin Bay Loftus (1927-2010) does not meet this criterion, a statue in his honour cannot be considered until 2027 at the earliest.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Tel: 2224800
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Refer back to the Naming & Commemorations Committee

i **(9) Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

That this North Central Area Committee calls for a report on the casual parking of camper vans overnight at the Dublin City Council car park on All Saint's Road and confirm if this is in line with DCC Parks policy.

Report:

The overnight parking of camper vans is precluded under Section 4.12 (b) of Parks and Open Space Byelaws 2002. The Parks Service has liaised with the Gardaí on this matter and recently erected signage to that effect. If this behaviour continues consideration will be given to the erection of overhead barriers at the entrances. This will only be considered as a last resort as such barriers can prevent access to visitors with roof boxes, bicycles or indeed wheelchairs affixed to the roofs of vehicles.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Daryl Barron
Chairperson
Monday 16th September 2024

Attendance:

Members

Daryl Barron
Tom Brabazon
Donna Cooney
Alison Field
Declan Flanagan
Barry Heneghan

Members

Deirdre Heney
Jesslyn Henry
John Lyons
Paddy Monahan
Edel Moran
Micheal MacDonncha

Members

Naoise O'Muiri
Aishling Silke
Supriya Singh
Racheal Batten

Apologies:

Catherine Stocker

Officers

Derek Farrell, Mick Carroll, Fiona Moore, Will Mangan, Maire Nic Réamoinn, Catalin Rosca, Cathy Cassidy, Colm Mullins, Jeremiah Moore, Fergus O'Carroll, Niamh Reilly, Deirdre Murphy, Philip Power, Eamon Duffy, Aisling Browne, Sara Bermingham, Shauna McIntyre, Suzanne Lacey, John McDonald.

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Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Director of Services to review the management of Gorsefield Court, Dublin 5, to re-open the common room for use by residents, replace any broken washing appliances, expand the washing machine and dryer area and replace the broken front door at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The washing machine in **(details supplied)** has been repaired and is in working order. We are looking at upgrading/relocating the washroom to a more suitable location within the complex.

The community room is fully functional and residents have access. It has not been used for a number of months as it was being abused by individuals and also due to lack of interest from residents in the complex. Estate Management will be working with community development to set up a new resident group and new programmes for the centre.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran A/Housing Manager
Tel: 2226930
Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

Housing Maintenance have no record of any issue with the door here, but we will log this now for inspection and all necessary repairs will be undertaken.

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

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Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the St. Anne’s Tennis/Bowling Pavilion.”

Reply

The project has re-started and the current plans are at an advanced stage (Stage 3 Tender Action). The Project Team recently met with the club and in this regard.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Director of Services to review the impact of the traffic lights on Gracefield Road, Artane on traffic patterns in the area and take measures to address the particular concern to many residents of the emerging rat run along Mask Road.”

Reply

The installation of traffic signals at the junction of Gracefield Road and Brookwood Avenue has increased the level of service and safety for pedestrians in the area, which is in line with national and city council policy to provide for active and sustainable modes of transportation.

The requirement to provide for safe crossing points for pedestrians outweighs any small impacts on general traffic journey times that may occur as a result.

The traffic signals at this junction are controlled by Dublin City Council's Urban Traffic Signal Management System, SCATS, which adapts signal timings on each approach automatically, in response to real time demand(s) from traffic / pedestrians.

The operation of the traffic signals has been continually reviewed since installation and traffic signal operation amended to decrease vehicle journey times through the junction.

Monitoring will continue and further amendments to operation made, as required, where there is scope to do so.

The issue of 'rat running' at Mask Road will be assessed by the Area Engineer.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

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Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Director of Services to repair the cracked footpaths along Riverside Crescent, particularly outside **(details supplied)**”

Reply

A job (ref. 41195779) has been raised for this defect by the Area Inspector and it will be repaired within the next few weeks.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, NCA, Assistant Engineer
Tel: 0879109484
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Director of Services to remove the dead tree outside **(details supplied)** and to ensure dishing work commences as soon as possible at the same address.”

Reply

This tree was removed last month.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Road Maintenance completed the dishing at the above location in May 2024.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, RMS NCA, Assistant Engineer
Tel: 0879109484
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Director of Services to review the traffic flows along Larkhill Road at school drop-off and collecting times and introduce measures to ease the traffic congestion and consequent difficulties faced by residents trying to enter and exit their homes at these times. One proposal to that end that was raised previously by locals was the implementation of a one-way system along Larkhill Road.”

Reply

The Area Engineer will assess Larkhill Road to determine the appropriate traffic calming measures available to address the issues raised.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the director of services please say who erected the fencing on the green open space between **(details supplied)** and for what purpose?”

Reply

The locus was inspected and no new fencing was observed. If further detail of the location of the fence can be forwarded to parks@dublincity.ie the matter can be investigated.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Director of Services for a report on the housing file of **(details supplied)** who would like to register her interest in the new social homes to be delivered at Oscar Traynor Woods.”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List and in receipt of homeless hap, with an application date of 29/11/2016, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bed size	Position
B	2	192
D	2	97
E	2	268

I have noted the applicant’s interest in Oscar Traynor Woods.

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.

Contact: Mary Hayes
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Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

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Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Director of Services for a report on the housing file of **(details supplied)**) and what is the likelihood of him securing a home via the *Choice Based Letting* option”

Reply

Mr. Whelan is on Band 2 of the Housing List with a registration date of 15/06/2023, his positions are as follows;

Area	Bed Size	Position
Area B	2	708
Area D	2	401
Area E	2	804

Dublin City Council are allocating 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.

If a number of applicants apply for the same property on a Choice Based Lettings competition, the final offer will be made to the applicant with the highest position on list.

Contact: Mary Hayes
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Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

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Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Director of Services for an upgrade of the all-weather football pitch in Darndale Park”.

Reply

The long awaited repairs to the Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) in Darndale Park were effected last week. There are no proposals to upgrade this facility.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Director of Services please clarify the following query pertaining to bus lanes as per **(details supplied)**?”

Reply

Dublin City Council's policy is to continue promoting the modal shift from private car use to increased use of more sustainable forms of transport, such as active mobility and public transport. The bus priority team is reviewing bus lane operational hours throughout the city and intends to extend them where possible.

Route 15 operates 24 hours a day from Clongriffin Train Station to the City Centre and beyond and will benefit from the 24-hour bus lanes.

Some of the benefits of operating the bus lane on a 24-hour basis include:

- Improved bus speed and reliability.
- Increased public transport ridership.
- It's safer for cyclists who sometimes share the bus lane.
- The 24-hour operation makes it more evident to other road users when the bus lane is operating.
- Improved ability to enforce.

Please note that the bus lane signs on the **(details)** road adjacent to Father Collins Park were installed incorrectly. This section was never intended to operate 24 hours a day and the signs have since been changed back to their original times. Although there is no current bus route on this section of roadway, cyclists benefit from the bus lane's operational hours. The NTA intends to operate route D3 on this road.

Contact: Niall Bolger, Acting Senior Exec ITS Officer
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Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

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Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Director of Services please arrange for weed removal/ grass tuft strimming at the following locations (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

The North Central Area Public Domain team were not given any funding to carry out manual weeding or tuft strimming this year. Weeds in the area were dealt with under the confines of the weed spraying programme.

Contact: Tommy Collins, Public Domain Officer
Tel: 086 8150179
Email: tommy.collins@dublincity.ie

Strimming of the longer grass at the railings to the boundary of the open space at (**details 2**) is included in the landscape maintenance contract. The matter will be referred to the contracts manager for investigation.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Director of Services please arrange to remove gravel and debris from **(details supplied)** which had been committed to by Waste Management?”

Reply

Waste Management Services had this work carried out during the summer and are doing it again during the first week of September 2024.

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

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Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Director of Services please arrange to remove the bollards at **(details supplied)** as previously detailed and replaced with something more aesthetically pleasing e.g. like Parnell Square or Griffith Avenue?”

Reply

There are no plans to replace the bollards on the **(details supplied)**. Once bus lane enforcement cameras are introduced, bollards protecting bus lanes from illegal vehicle use can be considered for removal. Until then, bollards protecting bus lanes help in reducing bus journey times across the city.

Contact: Niall Bolger, Acting Senior Exec ITS Officer
Tel: 01 222 5271
Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

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Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Director of Services please arrange to have the double yellow lines at **(details supplied)** renewed?”

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for renewal will be carried out within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of the 16/09/24.

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer
Tel: 01 222 2222
Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

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Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Director of Services please arrange to urgently repair the large and dangerous pothole at the turn into the inlet at **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11164233) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
Tel: 2222576
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Director of Services please arrange a deep clean of that section of **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

Waste Management Services had a deep clean carried out on this section of **(details supplied)** on 4th September 2024.

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

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Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Director of Services please arrange carry out road repairs at **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11164249) has been created and passed on to the Area Engineer who will carry out an inspection and consider inclusion of this road in the 2025 carriageway resurfacing programme. Any defects that requires an urgent repair will be added to the Area Inspector’s works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
Tel: 2222576
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

“To ask the Director of Services if repairs or resurfacing will be carried out on the playground in Fr. Collins Park?”

Reply

For the major repairs identified, the playground repair contractor has committed to commencing on site late this week or early next week depending on the weather. Minor patching will be carried out by direct labour as schedules allow once the ordered repair materials are delivered.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services confirm the update on the Crown paint sites and dialogue with the local residents?”

Reply

A zoom meeting has been arranged with IPAS staff to give an update to the members for Monday 16th September, 2024.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Area Manager
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services please advise on the ongoing noise issues at the Glenveigh site Oscar Traynor lands?”

Reply

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit has received ongoing complaints from residents about the noise levels from the Glenveigh Site.

The complaints predominantly related to pile driving. The builders advised the pile driving will finish in September.

Joint inspections were carried out between officers of the Unit and Planning Enforcement Officers to ensure the noise control measures outlined in the approved Construction Management Plan submitted with the application are implemented.

The Case Officer has ongoing communication with the builders and updates complainants.

Additional inspections will be carried out weekly.

**Contact: Paul Rutherford, Acting Principal Environmental Health Officer,
Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit**
Phone: 01 2223747
Email: paul.rutherford@dublincity.ie

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Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services provide an update on the proposed Bring Centre as per (details supplied)?”

Reply

Contact has been made with the resident and appropriate arrangements put in place as (per details supplied).

Contact: Derek Farrell, Area Manager
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services provide an update on putting a couple of “Padel” courts into St Anne’s tennis space? There are no public courts anyway near here and it’s exploding in popularity”?

Reply

The Parks Projects team is currently liaising with the tennis club at St. Anne’s with regard to progressing the delivery of the new pavilion. Padel courts can form part of future discussions with the club and be considered at a later stage in this project.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services provide an update on the following issue as per the correspondence below received from a constituent?”

“The streets of Dublin have become a disgrace, covered in dog mess that makes walking through our neighbourhoods a daily hazard. The lack of enforcement from dog wardens is glaring, and this failure falls squarely on your shoulders. Recent reports and public discourse highlight how filthy our city has become, and it’s clear that you have not taken this issue seriously enough. It’s your job to protect our community, yet the streets tell a story of neglect. I challenge you to step up and tackle this issue, though I suspect, like so many others in your position, you’ll just find a way to pass the buck”.

Reply

The enforcement process for dog fouling offences is extremely difficult as the dog owner or dog walker who fails to pick-up after their dog can refuse to provide a name and address, therefore a fine cannot be issued. In order to enforce Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts, it is necessary to have a member of an Garda Síochána present and this works out extremely challenging and expensive.

Dublin City Council have in the past organised numerous dog fouling awareness campaigns including radio advertisements and the free distribution of doggie bags. Signage has been put in place advising people to clean-up after their dog and to “Bag it and Bin It”. Notices have also been placed on litter bins advising dog owners and dog walkers that they can dispose of doggie bags in public litter bins. Recently, stencils have been placed on footpaths advising dog owners and dog walkers that they must pick up after their dog, “Bag it and Bin” it to avoid €150 fine.

If the Councillor can provide a list of locations, arrangements will be made to place stencil there.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer
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Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services please follow up on the following housing query (details supplied)?”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 01/12/2020, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bed size	Position
B	2	241
D	2	100
E	2	297

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.

If a number of applicants apply for the same property on a Choice Based Lettings competition, the final offer will be made to the applicant with the highest position on list.

I note from the applicant’s file that she has recently been successful in being approved for the homeless hap payment.

Contact: Mary Hayes
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Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services provide an update on the following issue as per the correspondence below received from a constituent?”

“May I please bring a couple of things to your attention? The wildflower area on the green at Santry Villas is an eyesore at this stage. Would this be able to be turned back to grass with a more suitable area for the wildflowers to be placed? “

Reply

In general, wildflowers will be past their best this late into the season but best practice is to leave them as late in autumn/ early winter to allow seeds to drop and regenerate for best results the following season. Parks services have discussed this location with our contractor and have arranged to prioritise refreshing and maintenance of this area.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Exec Parks & Landscape Officer, NW Parks District.

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services provide an update on the following issue as per the correspondence below received from a constituent?”

“Cyclist safety on Santry Avenue is horrific. There is no safe space for cyclists. The roadway would be wide enough in most parts to accommodate a cycle path if the area was looked at to ensure safety for all? “

Reply

Santry Avenue forms part of the Dublin City Council’s Active Travel Programme Office, “*Santry to Poppintree Walking and Cycling Scheme*”.

Due to current funding constraints the “*Santry to Poppintree Walking and Cycling Scheme*” is not part of NTA / DCC Active Travel Programme Office current programme, which runs from 2024 – 2028. Construction is not scheduled to happen until after this period. However, should additional funding become available, construction could start before 2028.

The DCC Active Travel Programme Office will issue the full Active Travel Network current programme in the coming days

Contact: Chris Manzira
Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

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Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services provide an update on the following issue as per the correspondence below received from a constituent?”

“The traffic lights installed on the Coolock road interchange have yet to be turned on. With children going back to school, would you be able to find out when they are due to go live? They have been installed months at this stage. “

Reply

The traffic signals will be operational at this site within the next 6- 8 weeks.

Contact: **Brendan O’Brien, Head of Technical Services**
Email: brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie

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Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services provide an update on the following issue as per the correspondence below received from a constituent?”

“The amount of youths on scrambler motorbikes without helmets, breaking traffic lights and pulling wheelies up and down the road is a real safety concern that I hope you could target”.

Reply

This does not come under the remit of Dublin City Council, but is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Contact: Fiona Moore, Staff Officer
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Email: fiona.moore@dublincity.ie

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Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the Director of Services please provide an update on the bus connects project as it pertains to the North Central Area?”

Reply

Due to GDPR concerns, the NTA has requested that correspondence received by DCC regarding Bus Connects is sent directly by the councillor to the NTA for response.

Councillor queries should be sent to oireachtaslaiison@nationaltransport.ie

Contact: Niall Bolger, Acting Senior Exec ITS Officer
Tel: 01 222 5271
Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

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Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

“To ask the Director of Services if larger signage can be installed on the cycle lane along Parkside Boulevard, opposite Vesta Apartments? Although the area hasn't been fully taken in charge yet, there have been numerous incidents of illegal parking that persist, despite Gardaí issuing multiple tickets. After consulting with Gardaí, it was concluded that the parked cars are obstructing the view for vehicles coming from Parkside Way, posing a significant risk of accidents. The Gardaí have suggested that a larger sign is the most effective solution. Could this be please implemented as soon as possible to prevent potential accidents?”

Reply

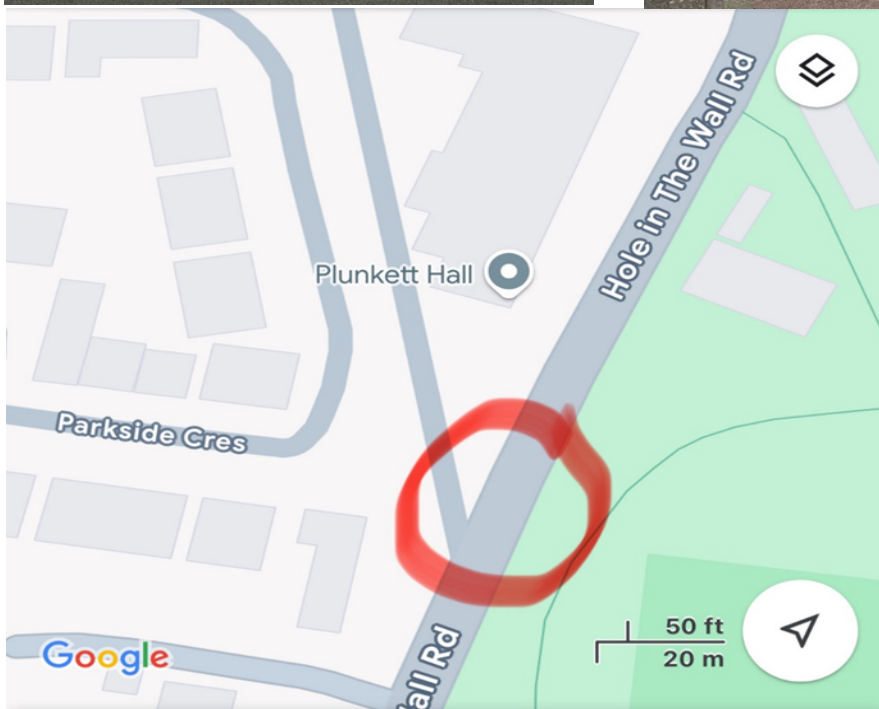
The Transport Advisory Group cannot make any traffic management recommendations in relation to this area as the location concerned is private and not in the charge of Dublin City Council.

Contact: Will Mangan, Traffic
Email: william.mangan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

“To ask the Director of Services for the installation of pedestrian crossings between Parkside Crescent exit to Plunkett Hall and between the Parkside Crescent to Father Collins Park (Hole in the Wall Road). These crossings are needed to help slow down speeding vehicles in these areas?” (Pics below)



Reply

There is a pedestrian crossing situated about 130 meters to the North of Plunkett Hall, at the junction with Marrsfield Avenue. Furthermore, a second crossing is located around 130 meters South, near Trinity Donaghmede Football Club. The pedestrian crossings which are currently in place can offer safe locations to cross. An

additional pedestrian crossing in such proximity to the existing ones would not be recommended at this moment.

Contact: Will Mangan, Traffic
Email: william.mangan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

“To ask the Director of Services if there are any plans for development in St. Anne’s Park. Are there any plans to increase the running track near the Sybil Hill Road end of the St. Anne’s Park?”

Reply

There are no proposals to install a running track in St. Anne’s Park. A feasibility study carried out on foot of previous requests for a running track within the park concluded that there is not enough space to deliver such a facility, with an enormous footprint within the 19th century demesne landscape, without compromising existing football pitches and historic tree lines.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

“To ask the Director of Services that in light of the numerous requests from residents in Woodbine regarding the overgrown trees, what effective measures can the council take to address these concerns?”

These overgrown trees are not only posing health and safety hazards but are also obstructing sunlight and intruding into the kitchen windows of several homes and getting entangled into cable wires”.

Reply

The treeline in question is formed of a mix of eucalyptus and evergreen material which forms the boundary to the pitch and putt course within Edenmore Park and which acts as a barrier to prevent golf balls entering the private homes here. The treeline is regularly inspected to ensure that it does not pose a safety risk to these properties. The trees are regularly cut back from the lane behind these private gardens. These trees are not intruding into the kitchen windows of these properties.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

“To ask the Director of Services what steps can the council take to urgently address the following issue and prevent further public health risks;

Despite several requests from residents, the overgrown ivy bushes in Belmont Park have not been cleared, leading to a rat infestation. The HSE conducted an inspection and set traps, but these measures have not been effective. I informed the Parks Department, but there has been no response”.

Reply

If the councillor can forward detail to the email below of the location of the ivy bushes mentioned above, an inspection with a view to scheduling the cutting back of same can be arranged.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

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Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

“To ask the Director of Services to have the yellow box on the Grange Road at the junction with Newbrook Road re-marked?”

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for re-marking will be tasked within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of 16th September, 2024.

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer
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Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

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Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

“To ask the Director of Services to have to have the broken manhole cover outside **(details supplied)** repaired?”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11164631) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, RMS NCA, Assistant Engineer
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Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services for toilets to be provided near the Maypark playground on the Malahide Road?”

Reply

The Parks Service does not provide toilets in such local parks where there are no other services or staff located to maintain and supervise them.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services to trim trees in St Anne’s Park, as several residents (details supplied) are trying to get solar panels and the trees are stopping the light”.

Reply

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area. However, it should be noted that the Dublin City Tree Strategy adopted as policy in 2016 considers the reduction in height of trees or ‘Topping’ as a harmful and outdated pruning technique. Topping is not a recommended arboricultural practice and merely results in a rapid flush of weakly attached regrowth, which can break off in high winds. Objective 3,6,5 - Quality of Work of the adopted tree policy states ‘Topping is only considered where trees have serious defects that cannot be otherwise addressed and their short term retention is essential or highly desirable’. With regard to solar panels the adopted policy further states under objective 3.7.14 Trees and Solar Panel; the council will not prune or fell a council owned/managed tree to facilitate installation or improve natural light to a solar panel.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services to test for a speed ramp on Annadale Drive. Close to **(details supplied)** opposite the green.

Reply

The ramps on Annadale Drive have been positioned in accordance with current best practice, and act as a traffic calming measure to reduce speed and danger to pedestrians. The factors taken into consideration in locating ramps include spacing between ramps, street lighting, location of driveways and proximity of junctions. Adding additional ramps would not comply with current design standards and would encourage harsh braking and consequent heavy acceleration. It is therefore not recommended to introduce an additional speed ramps as they do not meet the warrant.

Contact: William Mangan
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Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services to use funding from the recent concerts in Fairview park as a community gain to install toilets in Fairview Park”.

Reply

The proposed tea rooms and public library development includes the provision of toilets at this location.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services to place extra “dogs off/on the leash” times signage in Croydon Green and Marino Green”.

Reply

Signage will be erected as local schedules allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services to place yellow lines at the junction of Haverty Road/Aidan’s Park Road/Carlton Road as bin trucks cannot get up the road.”

Reply

The above-mentioned junction was previously investigated, and it was observed that cars were parked illegally. It is not recommended to install parking restrictions, such as placing double yellow lines where restrictions are already covered under the law.

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2); a vehicle shall not be parked:

- (c) Within 5 meters of a road junction;
 - (d) on a section of roadway with less than 3 traffic lanes and where traffic sign number RRM 001 [continuous white line] has been provided;
 - (i) on a foot way, a grass margin or a median strip.
- Illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services (Tel no. 01 6022500) for enforcement under the law.

Contact: William Mangan
Email: william.mangan@dublincity.ie

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Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services to fill all the holes on Croydon Green.”

Reply

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any necessary works identified with regard to the filling of holes, will be programmed.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services to switch the cycle lane and pedestrian lane around, so the pedestrian lane is closer to the seats along Clontarf and you don’t have to walk across the cycle lane to access the pedestrian lane, it makes it safer all round.”

Reply

This pedestrian footpath and cycle track forms part of the Dublin City Council Active Travel Programme Office, “*East Coast Trail Scheme*”.

Following a review of the pedestrian/cycleway space next to the seafront, it would not be plausible to swap the cycle track and pedestrian lane around. If swapped around, cyclists would be required to cross over the pedestrian area tying into either side of this section, causing conflicts with pedestrians.

Furthermore, relocating cyclists to the seafront side next to the rocks, would not be signed off by a project supervisor or road safety auditor, due to the risks involved in doing so. As a result, interim measure will not be possible. Due to current funding constraints, the future permanent upgrade of this section of the “*East Coast Trail Route*” is not currently on the programme up to 2028. Should additional funding become available in the meantime, the priority list and scheduling will be reviewed. The DCC Active Travel Programme Office will issue the full Active Travel Network priority list in the coming months.

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Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services when the Dublin Community Recognition Grants are available?”

Reply

The council is finalising its assessment of expressions of interest received under the scheme. Successful funding proposals will be submitted to the DRCD for final approval before the application window deadline of 30th September 2024.

In order to address changes in the numbers and locations of new arrivals during 2024, Dublin City Council is obliged to reserve at least 20% of its €2.14m allocation for the submission of proposals under a further application window in January 2025.

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Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services to install a playground in Rockfield Park, Beaumont”.

Reply

There are no proposals to install a playground in Rockfield Park as this location is considered to be within the catchment of the existing playground at May Park, some 400m to the east.

The Parks Service is currently working with a local group to deliver a suite of natural and more traditional play opportunities within Rockfield Park arising from the consultations carried out locally earlier this year by '*A Playful City*'.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

“To ask the Director of Services to review the parking issue outside a shopping area. Each shop has two parking places outside, it is a very busy area and some residents living there, own many cars which means they are constantly parked there and only moved occasionally. There can be up to twelve cars constantly parked there. It is limiting customers parking at this area. Can you please survey this major problem for the shop owners?” **(Details & pictures supplied).**

Reply

The area described in the above question is a public road with no parking restrictions and therefore cannot be enforced by Dublin City Council Parking Enforcement. If residents wish to apply for parking restrictions for this area, they can contact the Traffic Advisory Group to discuss measures that can be implemented.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services to verify whether or not the foul manhole in the green adjacent to **(details supplied)** is the responsibility of the council. This manhole regularly overflows and contaminates part of the public green used by children and pet owners. The manhole cover is broken and residents in the area have reported this as a health and safety concern. There is also a public health issue with the discharge from the overflow”.

Reply

The manhole in question has been investigated and found to be a private outfall manhole which serves the adjacent houses. It does not form part of the public sewerage network. Per the legislation, the responsibility for maintenance of this manhole falls to those whom it serves. During recent investigations local residents were informed of their responsibility with regard to this manhole.

Contact: Jack Mills
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the inclusion of Aulden Grange /Coolock Lane, D17 into the tree pruning programme. There have been requests from residents and the residents` associations in this area for the overgrown trees here to be attended to as solar panels and light levels in homes are being negatively affected by the trees”.

Reply

The trees in this estate were subject to a visual inspection a couple of years ago and were generally found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at that time. If detail of trees of particular concern can be forwarded, an inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area. With regard to solar panels, the tree policy adopted in 2016 states under objective 3.7.14 Trees and Solar Panel; the council will not prune or fell a council owned/managed tree to facilitate installation or improve natural light to a solar panel.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services for the planned date that construction of the new Playground in McCauley Park Artane will start?”

Reply

Due to unforeseen delays with in processing the documentation the contractor is not now expected on site until mid-November.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services for an update on the parking problems in Kilmore West directly linked with Beaumont Hospital and any discussions between the council and the hospital in this regard”.

Reply

The area manager is currently engaging with hospital management with a view to setting up a meeting to update the members.

Contact: **Derek Farrell, Area Manager**
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services to have the overgrowth of the trees cut back adjacent to the northern footpath on the Shantalla Road beside the Bridge. The branches are obstructing the footpath causing a hazard for pedestrians. **Photo attached.**”

Reply

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

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for an improved/more regular cleaning regime of the stairwells, lobbies and courtyards of block no.1 at Cromcastle Court, Kilmore D5”.

Reply

Cromcastle Court has a dedicated caretaker assigned to the complex. He has been asked to pay extra attention to Block 1.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran A/Housing Manager
Tel: 2226930
Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

The stairwells, lobbies and courtyards of Block1 Cromcastle Court were deep cleaned and power washed on Friday 6th September 2024. Going forward Housing Maintenance will ensure that Cromcastle court is on a regular schedule.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
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Tel: 222 2095

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Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services to organize the installation of speed ramps for traffic calming on Kilmore Drive. This is the only road in the area that does not have speed ramps”.

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 11152901) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: **Catalin Rosca**
Email: **catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie**

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Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services for the revised date of going live with the new traffic lights recently installed on the Oscar Traynor Road and Coolock Interchange roundabout”.

Reply

The traffic signals will be operational at this site within the next 6- 8 weeks.

Contact: Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager (Traffic).
Email: brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie
Tel: 222 5373

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for an inspection to be carried out on the boundary wall on the Oscar Traynor Road between the Larch Hill complex and the Centra shop. Local Pedestrians / residents have raised concerns about this wall as it is leaning out towards the public footpath and looks like it could collapse in the future”.

Reply

Dublin City Council Dangerous Buildings Section, continue to periodically monitor this boundary wall, as is our remit under the Local Gov. sanitary Services Act 1964. The most recent inspection 4/09/2024 observed no significant deterioration in the stability of this retaining wall since our last inspections.

The wall is currently stable & warrants no DB emergency action at this time.

It is, as always the responsibility of the incumbent property management company for the apartment complex to maintain a safe & secure premises and environs including this boundary wall at all times, and in the interest of public safety.

DB have again made contact with a representative from Larchwood Management to advise the local public concern & the requirement for ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the wall.

Contact: Clare Goldenberg
Email: dangerousbuildings@dublincity.ie

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Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services for an update on the occupancy levels of the new dwellings at Bunratty Road/ Bunratty Walk apartments”.

Reply

We have full occupancy at Bunratty Walk apartments.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran A/Housing Manager
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the trees on the section of Griffith Avenue between the Swords Road and Gracepark Road to be pruned and tidied up. The trees along this section of the avenue have not been attended to in over 15 years according to residents here, causing issues, while other sections have recently had the work completed on the trees”.

Reply

Over 1,000 trees on Griffith Avenue were surveyed and the recommended pruning works are being scheduled on a multi-annual basis according to the priority assigned at time of inspection. Starting at the eastern end of the avenue, approximately 200 trees were crown reduced this year and next year moving west, similar numbers will be attended to.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services what he can do to rectify the dangerous cycle lanes on the New Priory Road and Marrsfield Avenue, both Dublin 13. With the opening of the new building for Belmayne Educate Together Secondary School both cycle lanes are in increasingly heavy use by young people and neither is fit for purpose – sandwiched between encroaching parked cars and fast-moving vehicular traffic while protected by no more than a strip of paint. If Dublin City Council is not responsible for this can the Manager say who is responsible and when Dublin City Council will take responsibility?”

Reply

The Area Manager will respond directly to the councillor in due course.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Area Manager
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

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Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services to ensure more and better water quality notices and swimming warnings are erected at Bull Island, particularly in the Bull Wall area around the coffee shop, toilets and swimming shelters”.

Reply

To provide some context, Dublin City Council (DCC) manages six bathing waters across its jurisdiction. Namely Dollymount Strand, the Half Moon and Sandymount Strand, which are classified as designated bathing waters, whilst the North Bull Wall, Shelley Banks and Merrion Strand are classified as other monitored waters.

Designated waters are managed in accordance with the Bathing Water Regulations [SI 79 of 2008](#), and involve a number of stakeholders including the Health Service Executive (HSE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Uisce Éireann (UÉ). Dublin City Council monitors all waters regardless of designation, on at least 20 occasions during the bathing season, and on a fortnightly basis thereafter.

Monitoring schedules, results, warnings (when applicable) and other pertinent bathing information is available online on DCC’s dedicated webpage [here](#) or on the EPA’s national bathing water website [here](#). Furthermore, relevant bathing water information is available in both Irish and English in dedicated bathing water cabinets located at bathing water entrances.

In relation to Bull Island, three information cabinets are available to the public. They are conveniently located at entrances to the bathing waters and where most footfall is anticipated. Furthermore, DCC is in the process of procuring a fourth and additional cabinet for the Bull Island Causeway entrance. A map of the six bathing waters and associated cabinets is included in Appendix 1 for your reference.

A 'smart' screen powered entirely by renewable energy is currently being tested at the entrance to the North Bull Wall, complementing the existing on-site information cabinets. This screen provides near real-time updates on bathing water conditions. In addition to its sustainability, the self-powered design eliminates the need to install new utility services in the Nature Reserve, which would pose significant environmental challenges. Feedback on the pilot has been positive so far, but further evaluations are needed to assess the screen’s long-term reliability and effectiveness as an alternative to traditional statutory displays.

Finally, lifeguards are in position on Bull Island during the bathing season. Lifeguard flags should always be monitored and warnings adhered to. In the interest of safety, bathers are advised to consult available information on site and/or online before bathing. A helpful bathing water FAQ is available on the aforementioned websites, attached [here](#) for convenience.

**Contact: Emma Finlay, Water Pollution Control, Senior Executive Engineer
Roy O’Connor, PWBO, Senior Engineer**
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Appendix 1: Map of bathing waters and cabinets



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Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services to set out the steps he can and will take in relation to the premises at **(details supplied)**, so that it can be used for its intended purpose as a crèche facility. Can the Manager investigate the possibility of the compulsory purchase of the premises so that it can be used for this purpose?”

Reply

The Area Manager will respond directly to the councillor in due course.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Area Manager
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

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Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services to liaise with An Garda Síochána to minimise anti-social behaviour in and around Edenmore Park in the approach to Halloween. In recent years fireworks have been a major problem for local residents, especially between when schools finish and dinner time and young people have been engaging in behaviour that puts themselves and others at risk. Further, can the manager outline the plans and actions in place to address such anti-social behaviour in and around Edenmore Park in the approach to Halloween?”

Reply

A significant programme of vegetation and undergrowth clearance has been underway in Edenmore Park in recent weeks. This work has been very well received locally as it opens up views across the park, improving safety and perceptions of safety for park visitors, removes hiding places and facilitates the Gardaí in their patrolling of the area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

The manager will make contact with the Superintendent of Raheny Garda Station to ascertain what can be done to mitigate such public order offences.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Area Manager
Email: Derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services to outline the process that is being followed in relation to a proposal to create an opening in the boundary wall separating Ayrfield Drive (and the Ayrfield Estate) from the Malahide Road, to include the goals and benefits expected to arise from this opening, any implications for the area in terms of anti-social behaviour and any consultations that are planned to take place with residents of the Ayrfield Estate in relation to this plan?”

Reply

The NTA have requested that correspondence received by Dublin City Council regarding the Core Bus Corridors Infrastructure Works is sent directly by the councillor to the NTA for response.

Councillor queries should be sent to oireachtaslaiison@nationaltransport.ie

Contact: Niall Bolger, Acting Senior Exec ITS Officer
Tel: 01 222 5271
Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

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Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services to create a separate bicycle path and walkway (simply by painting a division line) on the short (approx. 200m) section of cycle path from opposite the pond in St Anne’s to the Bull Island Causeway?”

Reply

There is already a segregated cycle lane at this location that connects to the shared surface access to the beach on the causeway road.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services to install roadside bollards on Watermill Road, Raheny, from Watermill Lawn to The Village / Bettyglen, to ensure cars do not park on the grass and among the trees. Failing this, can the Manager please set out the measures that will be taken to end this practice?”

Reply

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2); a vehicle shall not be parked:

(i) On a foot way, a grass margin or a median strip.

It is Dublin City Council’s policy not to install bollards on footpaths to prevent illegal parking as this approach is not sustainable and the prohibition is already provided for in law.

Instances of illegal parking should be reported directly to Dublin Street Parking Services by phone 01 602 2500 or e-mail info@dpsps.ie, or An Garda Síochána as infringements occur.

Contact: William Mangan
Email: William.mangan@dublincity.ie

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Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services, given the size and success of the Raheny Shamrock Athletic Club and in recognition of new athletics facilities that have opened in Cabinteely, Dundrum and UCD, to report on the possibility of a new athletics facility to serve the Raheny / Donaghmede area?”

Reply

Planning is underway to consider options for improved facilities for athletics in the north city and Raheny Shamrocks are being consulted in this regard. A report will be brought to the North Central Area Committee in Q1 2025 to advise on the options and the timescale for any new facilities to be developed.

Contact: Leslie Moore, Head of Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services
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Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services, to intervene to end dangerous and illegal parking associated with construction work in the area on Grange Abbey Road, close to the junction with Hole in the Wall Road?”

Reply

Parking Enforcement will request that DSPS patrol the area and enforce all illegal parking.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services, to ensure that the public toilets in Fr. Collins Park are opened and maintained daily. If this cannot be done immediately can he please set out what needs to be done for this to happen?”

Reply

The Parks Service has very recently begun making the toilets available to Parks users in the mornings during the week and for the Park Run on Saturday mornings on a trial basis, whilst staff are working in the area to have a level of supervision on what is a valuable but vulnerable asset. The Parks Service will continue to explore options to have the opening hours of the toilets extended.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

“To ask the Director of Services, to examine the need for improved lighting on St. Assam’s Road between the Howth Road and the roundabout on St Assam’s Avenue. This route is particularly dark given it is the main route for people seeking public transport after leaving the Cedar Lounge?”

Reply

The street lighting on St. Assam’s Road West between the Howth Road and the roundabout was upgraded to LED street lighting under the Public Lighting Upgrade project and meets the required standard for such a residential street. There are no plans for further improvements in this street.

Contact: **Seamus MacSweeney**
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

“To ask the Director of Services when a new lease will be signed for the St Luke’s Youth Club building, Cromcastle Road, in order for this important building be back in use for the community?”

Reply

A number of assessments and works have been carried out on the building previously occupied by St. Luke’s Youth Club including –

- Review of the Electrical Services
- Provision of a direct supply of electricity (prepay electricity meter removed)
- Review and service of the Gas Boilers
- Replacement /repair of broken window
- New flooring laid in the main hall.

Additional works identified, with costs estimated to be in excess of €110,000, are being reviewed and considered in the context of competing budgetary demands –

- Following the review of the gas boilers the upgrade and replacement of the system to bring it up to standard (circa €50,000)
- Recommendations in the Fire Safety report to address basic fire remedial works required to bring the property up to the basic standard (circa €35,000)
- Advice is being sought on whether the statutory requirement for Disability Access Certification (DAC) is required in this instance - installation of disabled WC facilities (circa €15,000)
- Following the investigation of the waste drains, one drain was found to have collapsed which will necessitate remedial work (circa €13,800).

The Local Area Office continues to engage with community groups or other interested entities who have the required governance structures in place to be able to enter into a licence/lease agreement and will recommend same to Property Management to enter into negotiation when all works are funded, procured and underway.

Contact: Nicola Finegan, Administrative Officer
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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

“To ask the Director of Services to repaint the double yellow lines at the junction of Kilbarron Avenue and Kilbarron Road as this is causing many issues with illegal parking, which are extremely unsafe at this junction?”

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for re-marking will be tasked within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of 16th September 2024.

Contact: Damien Cooney
Traffic Officer
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Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

“To ask the Director of Services to dish the footpath on Cromcastle Road, immediately in front of the Primary Care Centre. This is an ongoing issue since the construction of the building for many residents with disabilities. This really is an urgent matter which I have raised many times and needs to be arranged as soon as possible.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11164776) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, NCA, Assistant Engineer
Tel: 0879109484
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

The proposed uncontrolled crossing on Cromcastle Road at the Coolock Primary Care Centre will be going to the design stage in Q4 of 2024. This involves the consultant preparing construction drawings and carrying out a road safety audit. Once this is complete, the uncontrolled crossing will be constructed. It is anticipated that this will be constructed in Q1 2025, if not sooner.

Contact: Will Mangan, Senior Exec Engineer Traffic
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Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

“To ask the Director of Services to fix the footpath on Cromcastle Road (**details supplied**). The footpath has lifted which has caused elderly residents to fall. A resident recently has been left with 3 pins in their arm due to falling.”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11164777) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, NCA, Assistant Engineer
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Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

“To ask the Director of Services for a commencement date of the new playground at McAuley Park.”

Reply

Due to unforeseen delays with in processing the documentation the contractor is not now expected on site until mid-November.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

“To ask the Director of Services for a commencement date for the new playground at Kilmore West.”

Reply

Due to unforeseen delays with in processing the documentation the contractor is not now expected on site until mid-November.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

“To ask the Director of Services to install a toilet (portaloo or similar) at the football pitches, Oscar Traynor Road.”

Reply

The Parks Service do not provide toilets in such local parks where there are no other services or staff located to maintain and supervise them.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

“To ask the Director of Services for a pedestrian crossing on Clonshaugh Road. There are currently no pedestrian crossings in the Clonshaugh area, the Clonshaugh Road is a busy road used by those coming from the M50 and pedestrians are increasingly worried about the elderly and children crossing to the shops etc.”

Reply

A request for a pedestrian crossing on Clonshaugh Road. (Enquiry Ref: 7030803) is listed for examination and report by the Transport Advisory Group.

The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: William Mangan
Email: william.mangan@dublincity.ie

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Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange to repair a wall at **(details supplied)**. Large pieces of render are falling off it, making it dangerous for residents, especially children playing close by. It has been over 10 years since DCC carried out repairs.”

Reply

The wall is a private wall which is part of the St Kevin's boy's football complex and is their responsibility to maintain.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Officer
Tel: 0868150441
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

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Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services for an update on the development of Whitehall carpark, an approximate date for the commencement of works and whether the line of mature trees running along Swords Road will be protected.”

Reply

Clúid have advised that the planning application pack is now complete for the proposed development of older person's housing on this site.

Once submitted to the Housing Development Section, an information event will be held for local residents and local councillors to view the final design in advance of lodging.

Clúid have engaged consultant landscape and bio-diversity teams who have carried out tree surveys on and around the site. The consultant arborist has recommended retention of a number of trees, where consideration is being given to removal of trees it is based on an assessment that the tree in decline is of poor condition or low quality and will be replaced with a more suitable species of more ecological value.

Contact: Aisling Browne, Senior Executive Officer
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Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services to guarantee that litter collection and clean-up in Whitehall carpark will be continued weekly until the building works commence.”

Reply

Waste Management Services will continue to clean the above mentioned car park on a weekly basis until the building works commence there.

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

Waste Management Services clean and wash the bottle banks in the Whitehall car park regularly. It is noted that area is prone to littering with car parking at near capacity during the week restricting a cleaning service, therefore Waste Management provide a cleaning service on Saturdays by the Suburban 7/7 crews using mechanical street brushing equipment, when the car park is not at capacity. The service will continue pending any future plans for the development of this area.

Contact: Nicola Finegan
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Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services for an update from the developers on the development of the Beaumont Fruit & Veg site and request that they remove the overgrowth and replace hoarding, as it is reducing access to the footpath for pedestrians and people with mobility issues.”

Reply

Relevant Planning history for the site:

3881/22 ABP-314161-22

Permission refused for the following development:

The demolition and clearance of all buildings and structures on site and the construction of two apartment buildings (Buildings A and B) with balconies to contain a total of 99 no. apartments. Building A will contain 55 no. apartments and will range in height from 3 storeys to 6 storeys. Building B will range in height from 3 storeys to 6 storeys and will contain 44 no. apartments. The overall development will comprise a mix of 2no. Studio, 67no. 1-bed and 30no. 2-bed apartments and will be operated as a Build to Rent development with residential amenity rooms and communal open space including a podium garden. The development proposed provides for the creation of a non-vehicular link (pedestrian / cycle only link) through the application site from Beaumont Road/Grace Park Court to Ellenfield Road requiring the demolition of part of an existing boundary wall at the southern end of Ellenfield Road (adjacent Nos 9 and 23B Ellenfield Road). Vehicular access to the site will be via Grace Park Court and on-site car parking will be provided by way of a car park to the rear of Building B located beneath a podium garden above. This planning application includes for signage for the development, the undergrounding of existing overhead lines, a car parking space on Grace Park Court on the public highway intended for use by Go car or similar operator, public and communal open space, roof terrace at second floor of Building A, landscaping, public lighting, an ESB sub-station and all associated site development works and boundary treatments. A Natura Impact Statement will accompany this planning application.

The reason for refusal is

1. The proposed development is considered contrary to Section 16.7 Building Height in a Sustainable City of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 and the Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines for Planning Authorities December (2018) by reason of its excessive height, massing, overall scale and close proximity to site boundaries. The proposed development would therefore, not successfully integrate with existing development in the vicinity, be contrary to Ministerial Guidelines issued to planning authorities under section 28 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. The proposed development by reason of its height, scale, massing and proximity to the site boundaries would adversely impact on the amenities of existing adjacent properties by way of overbearance when viewed from existing residential properties in the immediate area, particularly on Ellenfield Road. The proposed development would be contrary to the Z1 zoning objective of the

subject site 'To protect, provide and improve residential amenities', would seriously injure the amenities of property in the vicinity and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. The proposed development would provide a substandard level of residential amenity for future occupants of this proposed "*build to rent*" residential scheme. The scheme is considered seriously substandard with regard to the overall quality and quantity of the residential support facilities and residents' services and amenities proposed, and the access to the communal open space proposed from Block A. Furthermore, a significant number of the proposed units are unsatisfactory in terms of average daylight factor. The future residents will not enjoy an overall enhanced standard of amenity. The proposed development would therefore, be contrary to the requirements of the Design Standards for New Apartments 2020 including SPPR 7, the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Contact: Eileen Buck Hart /Senior Executive Planner
Telephone: 01-2223484
Email: eileen.buck@dublincity.ie

An enquiry (ref. 11164795) has been raised and passed on to the Area Engineer who will carry out an inspection and issue a warning letter to the store owner regarding reducing the access to the footpath.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, NCA, Assistant Engineer
Tel: 0879109484
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services, on grounds of health and safety, to review the placement of bollards at the edge of shops at the entrance to **(details supplied)**. The bollards currently in place do not prevent drivers of cars from differentiating between road parking and the path. An entrance to a large local convenience store is very close, attracting a large footfall. This is a potential hazard to pedestrians, especially children, accessing or exiting the shop towards **(details supplied)**. The parked cars also block people using mobility aids from accessing the path, pushing them to the main road to gain access.”

Reply

The existing bollards were not installed and/or maintained by the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG). However, under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2); a vehicle shall not be parked:

- (i) on a foot way, a grass margin or a median strip.
The matter has been referred to Dublin Street Parking Services who are responsible for enforcing penalties on illegal parking.

Contact: William Mangan,
A/Senior Executive Engineer
Transport Advisory Group – Northside
Email: William.mangan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services to enforce littering fines on shops contributing to ongoing littering outside and around their premises and request shops remove litter from outside and around their area. I have received complaints from residents in **(details supplied)** about overfilling bins causing littering. Litter lands on the grass verge, which road sweepers do not pick up. Several complaints about both places have been lodged over the last year, but action has yet to be taken. Photos attached.”

Reply

The Litter Enforcement Manager spoke with the waste collectors recently regarding the presentation and collection of the euro bins at **(details supplied 2)**. Letters were also sent to the premises to detail their responsibilities under the Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste 2018. Key waste have brought their customers from a fortnightly collection to a weekly collection which should mean the bins won't be overloaded when presented for collection. Thornton's have spoken to their customers also regarding overloading of their wheeled bins. The litter wardens have been told to visit the area daily to oversee the presentation of the bins.

The Litter Enforcement Manager will be visiting **(details 1)** next week and the offending premises will be written to regarding their responsibilities also.

Contact: Stephen Kavanagh, Litter Enforcement Manager
Email: stephen.kavanagh@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services to urgently remove a dead tree on the path outside **(details supplied)**. Residents have requested removal through the portal several times but no action has been taken. Concerns due increasing storms and the lack of stability of the tree. See photo attached

Reply

The tree will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow with a view to arranging its removal as soon as is practicable.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for a road traffic survey to be carried out at a location **(details supplied)** with a view to installing yellow lines to address poor visibility caused by a large amount of parked cars.

Reply

Parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are provided to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and prevent congestion where parking causes congestion which would interfere with traffic flows on a daily basis. No adverse problems regarding parking were observed along **(details supplied)** following a previous site visit.

On-street parking serves as a traffic calming measure in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets guidelines allowing residents to park close to their homes. Removal of on-street parking will have the unintended outcome of increasing driver speeds resulting in a less safe environment for vulnerable road users.

It is not recommended to install parking restrictions.

Contact: William Mangan
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Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services for a commencement date for the installation of traffic lights on junction of Ardmore and Kilmore”.

Reply

The consultants appointed are currently completing the design for the first package of pedestrian crossings which includes a new signalised junction at Kilmore Road/Ardmore Drive. Construction works are currently programmed to begin in late October on the first package.

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

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Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on why the ongoing situation with illegal parking and use of caravans on Glin Road is not being dealt with. Resident (**details supplied**) has been sending emails with photographs and details of the issue for the last six months and no action has been taken. The resident has written numerous emails and all have been with same reply “Issue forwarded onto housing department”. They have rang housing department also numerous times and received same reply “we are aware of this and investigating” and yet caravans are still parked all over the street”.

Reply

The investigation of the use of caravans on Glin Road is ongoing. There are multiple internal departments involved. This is a complex case for investigating and is currently with our Law Department. Estate Management monitor the situation on a weekly basis and the family in question have been interviewed on numerous occasions. We will continue to monitor the situation and will act on advice received from our Law Department.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran A/Housing Manager
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Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

“To ask the Director of Services for a report from traffic and engineers with regards to restrictions on the small roundabout outside Artane Castle. The community would like to enhance this space either with flowers or possibly an art sculpture. Considering it is a small roundabout, guidance on what is or is not allowed for safety reasons will create a starting point to move forward to enhance the space”.

Reply

The mini roundabout outside Artane Castle is a very busy area, located at the junction of Skelly’s Lane, Kilmore Road and the shopping centre. The Transport Advisory Group is not in favour of any street furniture or greenery that could interfere with visibility or any other elements that may distract drivers from a safety perspective.

Contact: William Mangan,
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services if the path outside (**details supplied**) is due to be paved over”.

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11164779) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, NCA, Assistant Engineer
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Email: ugurhan.ilhan@gmail.com

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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16th September 2024

Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services to address persistent illegal parking at the junction of Shanliss Drive and Shanliss Road, as it is impassable for pedestrians”.

Reply

Parking Enforcement will request that DSPS patrol the area and enforce all illegal parking in that area.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
Tel: 01 222 7075
Email: suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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16th September 2024

Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services if any further traffic calming measures are being considered for the Shanliss area to address speeding and use of the area as a rat run”.

Reply

The Transport Advisory group have assessed the requirement for traffic calming on Shanliss Drive and have recommended the installation of 2 no. ramps. No Other measures are recommended for Shanliss Drive.

Regarding Shanliss Avenue, please note that this road it is situated in North West electoral area. The North West area engineer states that Shanliss Avenue is currently traffic-calmed with 5 No. ramps which are appropriately spaced to offer optimum traffic calming.

Additionally, free parking is available along the street, which offers traffic calming by reducing the available carriageway width and raises driver awareness to their surroundings. Shanliss Avenue is a 30km/h Residential Speed Zone with signage provided at the junction of Santry Avenue and Shanliss Way to alert drivers. Recently, a SLOW road markings was recommended at strategic points to enhance the driver awareness. Therefore, no additional traffic calming is recommended.

Notwithstanding this, any other specific requests for traffic measures at specific locations in the area are welcome and can be submitted to the website: https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request where they will be dealt with by the Area Engineer.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services when the new pedestrian lights at Coolock Interchange will be operational”.

Reply

The traffic signals will be operational at this site within the next 6- 8 weeks.

Contact: Brendan O’Brien, Executive Manager (Traffic).
Email: brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie
Tel: 222 5373

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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16th September 2024

Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services if the tree canopy on Ardmore Grove can be inspected and raised as there are several very low branches”.

Reply

The trees at this location have been inspected and minor crown lifting recommended on a number of specimens which will be programmed in the coming weeks as local schedules allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to grass verges at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to have same mowed please”.

Reply

Dublin City Council maintains grass margins along main roads and margins abutting large green spaces in housing estate. People throughout Dublin city maintain the margin outside of their house and in the case of people who are elderly or infirm, typically family and/or neighbours provide assistance. This is the same policy that pertains in Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council areas and the evidence is that the majority of residents in the city are maintaining their grass margin as residents do in every other local authority.

If however, there are particular cases of hardship or elderly people who do not have such support we will provide a one off cut on request however we would need a specific address and support information emailed to parks@dublincity.ie

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to trees at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can agree to have same pruned, as residents are concerned that these trees are too large and have not been pruned for many years

Reply

These trees which seem to be mostly smaller canopy specimens, will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services to please examine traffic signals at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can consider increasing green time for vehicles exiting from **(details supplied)** as currently only 2 vehicles can exit on current green time”.

Reply

The **(details 2)** Road is a major public transportation artery in the city, carrying multiple bus routes with a large volume of passengers. This road is also the alternative port access route for HGVs in the event of Port Tunnel closure.

Given the importance of the **(details 2)** Road to the city’s road access infrastructure for public transport and port access, opportunities to increase traffic signal green time for private vehicles exiting **(details 1)** are somewhat limited.

However, additional traffic signal green time for **(details 1)** has been applied on a trial basis. We will monitor this change in terms of any negative impacts on the public transport corridor during this trial.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

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Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services to please give an update report on the provision of a playground for location as per **(details supplied)**, to include any other plans for **(details supplied)**.”

Reply

There are no proposals to install a playground in **(details supplied)** as this location is considered to be within the catchment of the existing playground at May Park some 400m to the east.

The Parks Service is currently working with a local group to deliver a suite of natural and more traditional play opportunities within **(details supplied)** arising from the consultations carried out locally earlier this year by ‘A Playful City’.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to tree at location as per **(details supplied)** and say when he can arrange to prune same, as a tree close by fell last year and residents live in fear of **(details supplied)** falling too.

Reply

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

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to area at location as per (**details supplied**) and say if he can clear same of weeds.

Reply

There is a small boundary wall facing number (**details supplied**). The weeds are small and dying off and some sections have no weeds at all.

We will continue to monitor this area.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Officer
Tel: 0868150441
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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16th September 2024

Q.101 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services to please arrange for the pruning of the huge trees on road as per (**details supplied**) as residents say the growth of same with dangerously low growing branches are a cause of concern.

Reply

The trees will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area. Any works required to ensure the safety of pedestrians will be expedited.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.102 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services to please arrange for the pruning of the trees on road as per (**details supplied**) as residents are upset at the growth of same and say they have not been pruned for years.

Reply

The trees were recently inspected and found to be relatively young maple tree varieties. These ultimately very large trees, were planted in a very restricted site and very close together. The trees are planted too close to the small butt wall and will ultimately undermine same. Consideration should be given to their replacement in the short to medium term with smaller canopy varieties better selected for the available space.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.103 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services to please give a report on the cleansing of algae from Dollymount Strand and to advise why the large rock still remains in situ on the beach (put there initially to prevent vehicles accessing the area) and make a statement on the matter”.

Reply

Ectocarpus, a brown filamentous algae, is brought in to the beach on the tide and very quickly builds up on the intertidal zone of the bathing area. If not removed, the algae forms a crust on the beach and releases an unpleasant odour as it decays. The algae is removed from the beach each day during the bathing season. According to a protocol agreed with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the collected sand and algae is piled on the beach for a few days to allow any invertebrates gathered with the sand and weed return to the ocean. The sand and algae is then spread along the toe of the dune system to reinforce same.

There are a number of such rocks installed to restrict vehicular access to the beach that remain on the beach. They are being relocated as and when schedules and resources allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.104 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services, in reference to shared pedestrian/cycleway space on Causeway Road, address the view of many users, that there is a danger for pedestrians and cyclists alike and say if there are any plans to separate both in the interests of safety and if he can make a statement on the matter”.

Reply

Causeway Road forms part of the Dublin City Council’s Active Travel Programme Office, “*Dollymount to Kilbarrack Walking and Cycling Scheme*”. Following review of the shared pedestrian/cycleway space on Causeway Road, it would be ideal to have segregation along the route. The segregation could involve placing a verge strip down the centre of the shared space separating cyclists and pedestrians. Alternatively, a stepped cycle track could be provided with concrete kerbing separating the cycle track from the pedestrian footpath and the roadway.

However, due to current funding constraints, the upgrade of the “*Dollymount to Kilbarrack Walking and Cycling Route*” is not on the programme up to 2028. The scheme is not planned to commence work until post 2028. Should additional funding become available, the priority list and scheduling will be reviewed.

The DCC Active Travel Programme Office will issue the full Active Travel Network priority list in the coming months.

Contact: Christopher K Manzira
Tel: 087 932 1163
Email: christopher.manzira@dublincity.ie

There are no proposals to separate cyclists from pedestrians on the shared access to the beach. The segregated access route to the beach along the Causeway Road was designed and installed as a shared space for cyclists and pedestrians and ‘*share with care*’ signage and ground graphics installed. Users of this space are expected to take full cognisance of other users and cyclists should modify their speed accordingly. Cyclists who wish to cycle faster than is appropriate for such a shared space are welcome to use the public road. Putting a line down the middle of this space whereby on one side pedestrians, buggies, children, dogs’ etc. walk and on the other side of the line cyclists can cycle at speed, is not considered safe particularly in such recreational settings.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.105 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services, in relation to road as per **(details supplied)**, provide a report on the history of previous requests for the introduction of residential disk parking and also outline what residents need to do to initiate the introduction of same.”.

Reply

According to our system, the residents of **(details supplied)**, Clontarf were balloted to introduce a paid parking scheme in 2011. The residents rejected that proposal at that time. There was further representations made by Deputy Flanagan in 2014 requesting details of how the residents could apply, details of which were given to the Deputy but there was no further contact made by either the residents or Deputy Flanagan.

In order for the council to proceed with a residents permit parking scheme, supporting evidence is required from the residents of the location to demonstrate that there is an interest for a scheme to be implemented. This evidence should include the names, signatures and addresses of at least 35% of the households concerned.

The residents can apply for a scheme using this link; https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request or they can send the evidence to traffic@dublincity.ie

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
Tel: 01 222 7075
Email: suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

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Q.106 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to that public domain area outside location as per **(details supplied)** and arrange to clean up/clear away overgrowth”.

Reply

Waste Management Services had any dirt or litter cleaned up at this location on the 6th September 2024.

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

The aforementioned overgrowth is on private property and is not impeding public right of way.

Contact: Tommy Collins, Public Domain Officer
Email: Tommy.collins@dublincity.ie

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Q.107 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to junction at location as per **(details supplied)** and say when a pedestrian phase will be installed as matters are very dangerous at this location”.

Reply

The “*Pedestrian Crossing’s works programme for 2024*” was finalised in consultation with the local area councillors earlier this year and did not include this location. Works at this junction will be considered as part of future works programmes.

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

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Q.108 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and agree to prune tree at location **(details 1)**, which is seriously overhanging residence adjacent to same & mow grass verges at location **(details 2)**.”

Reply

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

Dublin City Council maintains grass margins along main roads and margins abutting large green spaces in housing estate. People throughout Dublin City maintain the margin outside of their house and in the case of people who are elderly or infirm, typically family and/or neighbours provide assistance. This is the same policy that pertains in Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council areas and the evidence is that the majority of residents in the City are maintaining their grass margin as residents do in every other local authority.

If however, there are particular cases of hardship or elderly people who do not have such support we will provide a one off cut on request however we would need a specific address and support information emailed to parks@dublincity.ie

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
mail: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.109 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say when he can arrange to prune tree there as resident is upset at the size of same and worried about what might happen during wet and stormy weather.

Reply

These trees have been inspected on the foot of previous representations and were found to be in an acceptable condition with minor pruning works shortening some of the longer branches extending over the public road recommended. This work is to be carried out in the coming weeks as local schedules allow.

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

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Q.110 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to have same inspected as tree roots are growing up through wall of residence at **(details supplied)** and say what action he can take to rectify this issue and say if he can contact my constituent directly on the matter

Reply

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

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.111 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Director of Services to please refer to location as per (**details supplied**) and say if he can, in order to address the issue of speeding traffic and parking problems at same, outline the possibility of introducing

- (a) Residential disk parking
- (b) Introducing a one way system

And say if either of the above have been investigated/requested by residents in the past and the outcome of same.

Reply part (a)

The Parking Enforcement Section have no record of any application for a Paid Parking Scheme to be introduced to Mount Prospect Park. The residents can contact the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) to initiate an application for residential paid parking and can request that engineers assess the road for one way traffic.

In order for the Council to proceed with a residents permit parking scheme, supporting evidence is required from the residents of the location to demonstrate that there is an interest for a scheme to be implemented. This evidence should include the names, signatures and addresses of at least 35% of the households concerned.

The residents can apply for a scheme using this link; https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request or they can send the evidence to traffic@dublincity.ie

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
Tel: 01 222 7075
Email: suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

Reply part (b)

If residents would like to apply for a Residential Parking Scheme details of the criteria can be found on the DCC website:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

Dublin City Council only recommends one way systems and/or road closures in exceptional circumstances as they have considerable drawbacks associated with them including:

- They can result in operational difficulties for emergency services, waste disposal and delivery.

- They can result in considerable inconvenience to local residents and other road users due to diverted traffic.
- They can result in increased volumes of traffic on other local streets as traffic is displaced.
- It can result in increased traffic speeds.

However, introducing a one-way system is part of the Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes and residents can apply through the DDC website:

https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request

Contact: William Mangan
Email: william.mangan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.112 Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Director of Services to please give an update on discretionary funding projects to be completed in the Clontarf Area”.

Reply

The Area Manager will respond directly to the councillor in due course.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Area Manager
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.113 Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Director of Services to give extra funding for the North Central Area for the non-herbicide removal of weeds for this year ”.

Reply

In 2024 a budget of €698,623 excluding VAT was allocated to carry out weed control by a contractor on public roads and footpaths in the Dublin City Council Administrative Area. This equates to 478km of the road networks in the Dublin City Council Administrative Area. This is an increase in budget of approximately €200,000 from 2023.

Contact: Ksawery Hession
Tel: Senior Executive Engineer
Email: sev.hession@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.114 Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange that a presentation be given on the tree surveys for the North Central Area”.

Reply

A presentation will be prepared by the *Tree Officer* for inclusion in the October agenda.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.115 Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Director of Services for an update on the transfer of lands to facilitate the cycle ways improvements at Clontarf baths and the pedestrian crossing”.

Reply

The Active Travel Programme Office, with the support of the Planning and Development Department, issued the “*Heads of Terms*” to enable the transfer of lands required for the development. Once an agreement is reached with the landowner, ACTPRO will proceed to complete the detailed design with a view to proceeding to construction when funding becomes available.

Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Deputy Director Active Travel Programme Office
Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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16th September 2024

Q.116 Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the tree stump in Grace Park Gardens be removed, the pavement be fixed and a replacement tree be planted”.

Reply

Once the tree stump has been removed & the tree replaced by the Parks Department, Roads Maintenance will arrange for repairs to the footpath to be carried out.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, NCA, Assistant Engineer
Tel: 0879109484
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow to ascertain if this stump can be safely removed from its tarmac setting. If upon inspection it is considered safe to do so its removal will be programmed as soon as is practicable.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.117 Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

“To ask the Director of Services to explore the feasibility of acquiring the 'Legion Hall' in Abbeyfield, Killester, for use as a multipurpose community hall, including investigating Central Government funding and potential community partnerships. It is currently sitting derelict with no use to the community”.

Reply

Derelict Sites served a Section 8(7) notice on this property and it was entered onto the Derelict Sites Register on 13th February 2024. At that time the owner had responded indicating that works to the property were under consideration however a recent inspection has revealed that no works have progressed. The Derelict Sites section has contacted the owner again to determine the current position with regard to bringing this property back into use.

Contact: Margaret Mooney, Administrative Officer
Tel: 01-2223941
Email: margaret.mooney@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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16th September 2024

Q.118 Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

“To ask the Director of Services to urgently support the housing needs of a resident (**details supplied**) who requires a larger home, following a visit that highlighted the critical need for a transfer due to their current living conditions”.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List with a medical priority and an application date of 17/04/2019, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bed size	Position
B	1	17

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.

Contact: Mary Hayes
Tel: 01 222 6611
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.119 Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange the immediate repair of the washing machine and the general communal washroom facilities at Gorsefield Court, Artane, Dublin 5”.

Reply

The washing machine in Gorsefield Court has been repaired and is in working order. We are looking at upgrading/relocating the washroom to a more suitable location in the complex.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran A/Housing Manager
Tel: 2226930
Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.120 Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

“To ask the Director of Services for an update on the plans to address graffiti and other antisocial behaviours across Clontarf, Fairview, Artane, Beaumont, Killester, Donnycarney and Raheny, as these issues have been raised by multiple constituents”.

Reply

Both Public Domain and Waste Management remove graffiti from city council property across the North Central area.

The removal of graffiti is carried out on a daily basis and is removed as soon as it is reported to ourselves.

Public Domain also guarantee that any graffiti which is of a sexist, political or offensive nature will be removed within 24 hours.

Illegal dumping is reported to the *Litter Warden Service* either directly or by Citizen Hub. The Litter Warden Inspector then delegates a warden to investigate any dumping and take appropriate action as required.

Contact: Richard Cleary & Tommy Collins, Public Domain Officers
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie tommy.collins@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.121 Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

“To ask the Director of Services to investigate why some schools are reluctant to transition to co-educational systems, despite a strong preference from parents, as evidenced by a 2021 survey showing 73% support for co-education in the KRCSPA area”.

Reply

The councillor is advised to make contact with the Department of Education as this question comes under their remit.

Contact: **Fiona Moore, Staff Officer**
Tel: **0874111350**
Email: **fiona.moore@dublincity.ie**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.122 Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

“To ask the Director of Services to urgently investigate the safety of the crossing at the junction of Seapark Road and Seafield Road East, where residents have expressed concerns about the sufficiency of current signage and the potential risk to schoolchildren”.

Reply

The following signs are in place at the junction of Seapark Road and Seafield Road East:

- a Stop sign with associated road markings (continuous white line, stop line and worded “STOP” marking
- a 50km/h SPEED LIMIT as you exit from Seapark Road
- a 30km/h SLOW ZONE sign to alert drivers they are entering a residential 30km/h SLOW ZONE as you enter on Seapark Road;

A dished kerb (Uncontrolled crossing places) is provided on Seapark Road and the pedestrians have to be aware of the potential dangers when approaching or crossing them:

- Always remember that you do not have an automatic right-of-way.
- You need to be alert that traffic may suddenly approach from either direction.
- You should only enter when you are sure that all traffic is aware of your presence.

Considering the above, any additional signage are not recommended at the mentioned junction.

The faded road markings will be repainted in order to increase drivers' awareness.

Notwithstanding this, any other specific requests for traffic measures at specific locations in the area are welcome and can be submitted to the website:

https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request where they will be dealt with by the Area Engineer.

Contact: William Mangan
Email: william.mangan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.123 Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the trimming and maintenance of the trees outside **(details supplied)**, which have become dangerous and require attention”.

Reply

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

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.124 Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

“To ask the Director of Services to address the overgrown trees on the road and in the park at Seacourt, Clontarf, as residents have requested a reduction in their mass for years, with some now at a critical level”.

Reply

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

The trees on the open space were assessed and pruned in 2022 and no further works are proposed here at this time.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.125 Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the Parks Department to visit Seafield Downs, Clontarf, for bush trimming and general weed maintenance in the cul-de-sac”.

Reply

The open space including the shrub planting is maintained by way of contract, the matter will be referred to the contracts manager.

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

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Q.126 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the area (**details supplied**) encompassing (a) transfer of title to Dublin City Council and (b) resurfacing plans”.

Reply

The Area Manager will respond directly to the councillor in due course.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Area Manager
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

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Q.127 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update in relation to the items raised in my Question 127 to the North Central Area Committee in July in relation to 2023 flooding at Castle Court & Ashbrook including:

1. Provision of minutes of the meeting of 8th May
2. Release of Technical Report arising from that meeting
3. Update on assessment of claims submitted by residents to DCC
4. Project update on both elements of the defence works

Reply

The Area Manager will respond directly to the councillor in due course.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Area Manager
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

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Q.128 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

In relation to the site on Richmond Avenue referenced in the correspondence below (**details supplied**) can the Director of Services:

1. Provide a progress update on DCC plans for this site
2. Take action to resolve the cleansing and maintenance issues in the immediate neighbourhood as highlighted

Reply

The Housing Department is engaged with an *Approved Housing Body* who already have a presence locally in the area who are interested in developing housing for older persons on this site. There are significant challenges and complexities to this site including addressing the existing structure. Work on how best to deal with this is under way. Housing Development have assigned a DCC Architect to work with the AHB on developing an appropriate design for the site. The Area Councillors will be updated as plans progress.

Contact: **Aisling Browne**
Tel: **01 2226530**
Email: **aisling.browne@dublincity.ie**

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned lane and the top part of **details** Avenue is monitored and cleaned on a regular basis.

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

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Q.129 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Director of Services to organise for an assessment of the issues raised in the correspondence below (**details supplied**) in relation to Lomond Avenue to encompass (a) limiting pay-and-display to 2 hrs and (b) removing the loading bay?”

Reply

Following previous correspondence with the business owner of 107b Lomond Ave, he confirmed that they are still using the loading bay for deliveries. However, the Transport Advisory Group will contact the company again to confirm the status.

Contact: William Mangan
Email: william.mangan@dublincity.ie

Parking Enforcement have contacted DSPS regarding enforcements around Croke Park over the weekend that Coldplay were performing. DSPS have advised that they carried out 30 relocations, 2 clamps and 97 Fixed Penalty Notices over the four days and liaised with both the Croke Park control room and took instruction from the Gardaí that were on location regarding relocations and clamps. Unfortunately, it is not possible for all streets in the vicinity of Croke Park to be patrolled when major events are taking place but DSPS have been requested to try and ensure that as much area as possible can be covered, especially on major event days.

With regard to cars parking on the street without a valid ticket being displayed, these drivers may be paying for parking through the Parking Tag app and therefore would not have a physical ticket on display. Again, we will request DSPS patrol and enforce any and all illegal parking in this area.

The issue of reducing the maximum stay to two hours has been assessed for this street and it is Parking Enforcements view that this would not alleviate the parking issues that the resident describes and would have a detrimental effect on the surrounding streets. Therefore the three hour maximum stay will remain but we will request DSPS patrol regularly to enforce an illegal parking.

The issue of rescinding the loading bay will need to be raised with the Traffic Advisory Group.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
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Q.130 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Director of Services to confirm that Fairview Strand will revert to a 7am-10am clearway as the C2CC works complete as highlighted in the correspondence below (**details supplied**).?”

Reply

This matter is actively being reviewed at present with discussions ongoing between a number of DCC Departments. A proposal regarding the clearway hours and layout of Fairview Strand inbound in general is expected in the near future. We shall revert with a plan as soon as it is finalised.

Contact: Joe Mernagh
Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

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Q.131 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Director of Services to organise for the footpath outside **(details supplied)** to be repaired as the public tree at that location is damaging the footpath?”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11164781) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, NCA, Assistant Engineer
Tel: 0879109484
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.132 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Director of Services to organise for the tree outside **(details supplied)** to be assessed as its roots are damaging both the public footpath and a boundary wall at this location?”

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11164943) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, NCA, Assistant Engineer
Tel: 0879109484
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.133 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Director of Services to outline what the future plans are for the site on the Alfie Byrne Road currently being used as a compound/storage site for the C2CC project?”

Reply

The site on the Alfie Byrne Road which is currently being used as a compound/storage site for C2CC project has been earmarked for the location of a new Fire Station.

The process has moved to detailed design and this will replace the existing North Strand Fire Station which is in need of major works.

Contact: Karen Munds
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Q.134 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Director of Services to organise for the trees on the eastern edge of Rockfield Park backing on to St David’s to be pruned back to address the issues raised in the correspondence below (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

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

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

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Q.135 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Director of Services to request that Planning Enforcement investigate the installation of a mobile phone mast off Philipsburgh Avenue as detailed below **(details supplied)** to confirm that it is authorised?”

Reply

The Planning Enforcement Section will carry out an inspection at this site to ascertain the legality of the structure concerned. Once the inspection is carried out the Councillor will be updated on this matter.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel: 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie