



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.
AND BY REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE ON MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024 AT 2.00 PM**

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7		Motions		
	a	(1) Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons The Area Committee recognises the development of several data centres in the wider Coolock area over recent years; believes the local area is an appropriate location for a new district heating scheme; therefore, we call on Dublin City Council to commit to establishing a new district heating system for the Coolock area.		
	b	(2) Motion in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe That this area committee asks that the Director of Services to revisit the entrance to Haverty Road, Dublin 3 from Marino Mart/Marino Park Avenue from a design perspective. Whilst the closure of the road to rat running is welcome and has been very successful, the means of doing so is very makeshift in appearance and residents would like a design solution implemented which adds to the appearance of the area and is more permanent in nature.		
	c	(3) Motion in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe That this area committee agrees on the need for a full traffic safety assessment of the junction between St Aidan's Park Road and Haverty Road/Carleton Road. Despite stop signs at the junction following the		

shops, traffic progressing through St Aidan's Park Road through this junction does not stop coming from either direction. Physical measures are needed to ensure traffic stops and safety is prioritised.

- d (4) Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons
That this North Central Area Committee calls for the establishment of a "*Santry - DCC & Fingal Working Group*", that meets at a minimum twice a year, with membership comprised of public representatives and officials from the Artane-Whitehall and Ballymun-Finglas LEAs of Dublin City Council and the Swords LEAs of Fingal County Council.
- e (5) Motion in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon
That this North Central Area Committee calls upon the Director of Services to explain the rationale for converting bus lanes around Clarehall Avenue and Hole in the Wall Road from 12 hour bus lanes to 24 hour bus lanes.
- f (6) Motion in the Name of Councillor Paddy Monahan
That the North Central Area Committee calls on the Active Travel Programme Office, the Manager and the Chief Executive to overturn the recent changes made to the plan for the Sybil Hill Road section of the Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue Walking and Cycling Scheme. The plan has been changed in such a way as to impede active travel. The planners have introduced unnecessary complications and obstructions for reasons that have nothing to do with encouraging people to cycle. The original plan involved a 2.6km cycle lane on either side of the road. Now, the Sybil Hill Road section of the route - and only that section - is to be a two-lane cycleway for a few hundred metres on one side of the road. This section passes opposite St Paul's College and will now require children coming to school by bicycle from Brookwood Avenue and the Howth Road to cross over Sybil Hill Road twice in the space of 180 metres. This increases the dangers for children cycling to school. Students at St Paul's will take the obvious option of simply not using the two-way cycle path and staying on the road.

Further, a cyclist at the proposed junction with Vernon Avenue, where the two-way cycleway is to return to one-way on either side of the road, will meet a junction with at least four traffic light phases. One of these phases will be for cyclists seeking to return from the two-way cycle path back across to the one-way path. If a cyclist instead stays on the main road he or she will maintain right of way and minimise the chances of being detained for a long period waiting for a cycle traffic light to allow them to cross back over the road and continue on their way. Obviously this is the option most cyclists will choose.

The original plan proposed a "parking-protected" cycle lane at St Anne's Park. This meant the cycle lane was to run between the footpath and parked cars. It is far more likely a cyclist would use such a cycleway rather than criss-cross the road over a short distance to go from single-lane to two-lane and back again. The reasons given for the changes to the plan refer to neither research nor best practice. The North Central Area Committee calls for a return to the original plan.

- g (7) Motion in the Name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí
That the Area Manager organise for an urgent inspection and repair of the floodlights on the Astro pitch in Donaghmede Park so that our younger citizens can continue to train and play there during the winter months.

- h (8) Motion in the Name of Councillor Barry Heneghan
That this North Central Area Committee notes that residents of Gracefield Road and Brookwood Avenue are unhappy with the proposed number of parking bays outside residences along the route of the Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue Walking and Cycling Scheme and calls for the inclusion of additional parking bays to be added to the scheme design that would be commensurate with current parking capacity, and that this be communicated to residents, before the project goes to the tender stage.

- i (9) Motion in the Names of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney and Councillors Alison Field and Barry Heneghan
That the North Central Area Committee requests an onsite meeting with the residents of Richmond road (from Grace park road to Drumcondra road), with the North Central area management, public domain, parks, traffic engineers, active travel team and local councillors, as we support their request for a liveable street, safer, quieter, more greenery, including placemaking designs options with social spaces, rainscapes, climate-resilient, newly designation as a local road, rather than arterial route,, reduce the traffic, the speed, look at possibility of temporary filtered permeability from Grace park road to Drumcondra road and connected biodiversity corridors from the local parks and Tolka river.

Bruce Phillips
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15 October 2024