



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

(VIA ONLINE ZOOM MEETING)

- 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th July 2024 5 - 25**
Order: Agreed.
- 2 Questions to the Director of Services South Central**
Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.
- 3 Environment and Transportation Matters**
1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 27/08/24 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/08/24 and 20/08/24.
Order: 1. Report Noted.
2. Reports Noted.
- 4 South Central Area Matters**
1. Naming & Numbering Proposal for a new residential development known as 'Cherry Orchard Point', Dublin 10. Planning Ref: ABP-318607-23.
2. Presentation on Dublin City Council's new Local Economic & Community Plan.
3. Part 8 - 2nd Notification – Donore Harriers Flood Lighting.
4. Notification of initiation of Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). Proposed development of new library on the site of the former Ardscoil Éanna, Crumlin Road. **For information purposes only.**
5. Proposal to initiate the procedure to Extinguish the Public Right of Way over the laneway adjacent to Thomas Street, Swan Alley, Dublin 8.
6. Report on CCTV Cameras.
7. Director of Services Report.
Order: 1. Agreed.
2. Presentation Noted.
3. Noted. Recommend to Council.
4. Noted.
5. Noted.
6. Postponed.
7. Report Noted.

- 5 **Housing Matters**
1. Cherry Orchard Affordable Purchase Housing Update.
Order: Report Noted.
- 6 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
1. Sports and Recreation Report for September 2024 South Central Area.
Order: Report Noted.
- 7 **Planning & Property Development Matters**
1. With reference to disposal of plot of land at Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, D10. (Former OLV Building)
2. With reference to disposal of plot of land at Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10
3. With reference to short term letting of a community facility at Springvale Grove, Chapelizod, Dublin 20.
Order: 1. Agreed. Recommend to Council
2. Agreed. Recommend to Council
3. Agreed. Recommend to Council
- 8 **Emergency Motions**
None.
- 9 **September 2024 Motions**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th September 2024

- M006 Councillor Máire Devine (Deferred from July 2024 meeting)**
This Committee expresses strong dissatisfaction with the “Robinsons Gate” saga that is way past its due date. We insist that this essential protective measure for our vulnerable senior citizens be addressed and prioritised now.
Order: Report Noted.
- M013 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin**
This Area Committee agrees to support the local Housing team and DCC tenants by requesting the CEO of DCC, allocate funding in the budget for 2025, for an organisation outside of DCC that had the expertise and scope to assist the Housing Department with tenants who need additional supports, in addition to housing supports.
We've seen an increase in the needs of DCC tenants from a variety of reasons; some that go outside the remit of the local housing team but affect the tenant and surrounding residents. We need to find a way to support residents in addressing their needs.
Order: Agreed.
- M014 Councillor Jen Cummins**
This Area Committee agrees that the delays in the reopening of Donore Community Centre are unacceptable. It agrees that every effort must be made to ensure that the process is not delayed any further than it already is. It agrees that there will be appropriate liaising with Councillors and relevant community bodies to ensure that the community is kept up to speed with progress
Order: Agreed.

M015 Councillor Jen Cummins

This Area Committee condemns the brutal scene of animal cruelty in Dublin 8 recently. This Committee will ensure that byelaws for animal welfare are enforced and reported on regularly to this committee.

Order: Agreed.

M016 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That in view of the disgraceful behaviour of Ticketmaster / Live Nation in the selling of concert tickets for ColdPlay, Oasis etc that this committee calls upon the competition authority to fully review the practice of jacking up prices with their in-demand TICKET pricing structure and if the promoters make additional profits over the original face value of the tickets this profit be ring-fenced for charities like Irish Cancer Society, St Vincent de Paul, Community Foundation of Ireland. It would make sense to allow physical outlets sell tickets this would allow some certainty that the process was fair and transparent also limiting the purchase to 2 tickets would reduce the practice of re-sale of tickets. Dublin City Council licences these events hence we have some opportunity to address the monopoly situation Ticketmaster / Live Nation have.

Order: Agreed to send the Motion to Events Section.

M017 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council please look at developing a proper management plan for the Le Fanu Road Area of Ballyfermot outside of St Setons Secondary School. The current situation is intolerable for school authorities with parallel parking right up to the gates of this very busy school. Busses now use Le Fanu Road and Bus Connects will, if implemented alter traffic flows resulting in substantial increases in traffic movement. Can I ask that our Road Engineers draw up a plan to address safety concerns with Double Yellow lines, Pencil bollards and a set down area outside school? In addition, a safety rail is needed on the public footpath outside the pedestrian entrance. There are similar concerns outside St Michaels, St Gabriels and St Raphaels Schools, Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, these are accidents waiting to happen.

Order: Agreed.

M018 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to draw up an action plan, in consultation with residents, community groups and other stakeholders, for Drimnagh pitch & putt grounds and Lansdowne Valley which will deliver a park similar to the People's Park in Ballyfermot.

Order: Agreed.

M019 Councillor Máire Devine

Members of this Committee are dismayed at the ongoing dangerous and intolerable Anti-social and criminal activities wrought upon the residents and families at Herberton Complex, Rialto. The lack of resolve by responsible agencies in carrying out their Duty of Care for residents is unacceptable and urgent robust effective action is required. We ask that adequate security personnel and secure access be implemented asap while agreed safety and repair measures are attended to without delay.

Order: Report Noted.

M020 Councillor Máire Devine

This Committee understands that “due process” is a requirement for the planning authority when considering applications. However, while we are conscious of this, we act for the public good and believe in the priority of the common good. It would be remiss of members not to robustly oppose applications for -“Amusement Arcades/Gambling Dens” in our area- where the most disadvantaged areas are targeted. This will undermine the decades of committed community response in dealing with the ravages that addiction has had - destroying lives, families and wider society. Gambling addiction is an anathema to building and maintaining sustainable communities. We request that this motion be noted in all applications of these types.

Order: Report Noted.

Councillor Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

Wednesday 18th September 2024

Attendance

Members:

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)

Michael Pidgeon (Vice Chair)

Ammar Ali

Jen Cummins

Darragh Moriarty

Máire Devine

Philip Sutcliffe

Ray Cunningham

Daithí Doolan

Hazel de Nortúin

Officers:

Bruce Phillips, A/Executive Manager, South Central;

Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;

Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, SWIC;

Linda Fanning, Area Housing Manager, SWIC;

Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, SWIC;

Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, SWIC;

Liam Hendrick, Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area;

Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department;

Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;

Martin Donlon, Development Manager, Housing & Community Services;

Kenneth Murphy, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services;

Brid Brosnan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscape Services;

Shauna McIntyre, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services;

Ross Curlew, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services;

Mairead Owens, City Librarian, Culture Recreation & Economic Services;

Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian, Culture Recreation & Economic Services;

Alison Lyons, Divisional Librarian, Culture Recreation & Economic Services;

Sarah Curran, Executive Architect, City Architects;

Dervilla Masterson, Senior Executive Architect, City Architects;

Michelle Robinson, Executive Manager, Housing & Community Services;
Cathy Cassidy, Senior Staff Officer, Planning & Property Development Department;
David Quearney, Environmental Liaison Officer, SWIC;
Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;

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Q1 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm the following in relation to Dublin City Council support for St. Patrick Athletic FC's redevelopment of Richmond Park:

- Can you confirm the current status in relation to DCC purchase of property surrounding Richmond Park;
- Can you confirm when DCC will have the CPO map prepared for publication? This was supposed to happen by end of 2023, and then in 2024 – we are now into September. When will this be completed; and
- Can you confirm whether St. Patrick's Athletic have held any pre-planning discussions with DCC regarding its plans for stadium redevelopment?

Reply

To date DCC has acquired three properties, No. 119/119a, No.133, No.131 and a fourth property is at contract stage. The Council is continuing to engage with the remaining property owners with a view to acquiring those properties by agreement. Preparation of the CPO map and associated documentation is still ongoing. St Patricks Athletic have been requested to provide more information to the Council, including a more detailed design and confirmation of the approach to the funding of the stadium project. The Club will also be expected to commence pre-planning discussions.

Contact: Leanne Price / Senior Valuer, Planning & Development Department.
Email: leanne.price@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Ray Cunningham

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the one-way system on Martin's Row, part of the traffic plan agreed by the Chapelizod Steering Committee. The implementation was delayed by concerns from Fingal County Council – what progress has been made to agree a start date for the plan?

Reply

Dublin City Council (DCC) are continuing to engage with Fingal County Council with regard to the proposed Restricted Access Scheme for the Chapelizod area in line with the proposed interventions set out in the Chapelizod Village Transport Assessment Report.

Part of the proposed Restricted Access Scheme interventions would need to be implemented on roads outside of DCC charge and will require varying transport related surveys. DCC will continue to engage with all relevant local authorities and government bodies which will determine the next steps dependent on funding and resources,

Contact: Andrew Duff, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept
Email: andrew.duff@dublincity.ie

Q3 **Councillor Ray Cunningham**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the junction of Lucan Road/Anna Livia Bridge in Chapelizod. There is an ongoing issue with cars stopping at a point where they can't see the traffic lights. A repeater light has been suggested, but at the July 2023 meeting the Roads department suggested refreshing the line marking at the junction. Has this work taken place?

Reply

The road markings have been checked on site and do not require refreshment. The repeater left turn filter signal is not recommended for the reasons given in our previous response. The ITS team have recently reviewed the operation of the traffic signals at this junction and identified an efficiency to increase the amount of green time for the left turn filter signal. This new operation has been tested and is due for install in the next fortnight. This measure should assist this movement and possibly lead to improved driver behaviour as a result.

Contact: Liam O'Brien, Senior Executive Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Officer
Email: liam.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q4 **Councillor Ray Cunningham**

To ask the Director of Services to have the paths across the green at Walkinstown Crescent repaired, as they are in very bad condition and will be dangerous to walk on in the dark evenings ahead.

Reply

Road Maintenance visited this location and noted that these pathways are within the Park and are therefore the responsibility of the Parks department.

While there the footpaths were surveyed and three sets of disabled dishings have been placed on our works list for an upgrade.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer.
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Parks budget for 2024 is already allocated. The footpath repairs at the above location can be reviewed in the context of 2025 improvements.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Snr Parks and Landscape Officer
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q5 **Councillor Ray Cunningham**

To ask the Director of Services to investigate possible locations for a bottle bank in Chapelizod as there is none in the village.

Reply

Waste Management Services is committed to recycling and providing the best infrastructure possible in a busy, urban environment. We are always open to the possibility of adding new recycling facilities should suitable locations become available, and always happy to investigate any reasonable suggestions for new bring bank sites.

However, the reality is that finding sites for new bring banks in the city is very problematic. Many are located on privately owned land e.g. supermarket car parks and

sports grounds. Publicly owned land is at a premium. Statutory planning regulations restrict the locations where new bottle banks can be installed, and our service provider requires safe access to all sites. The area must be free of overhead cables and overhanging trees, must not conflict with bus or cycle lanes and must be directly accessible by HGV.

Parts of the South Central Area, including Chapelizod, are incredibly difficult to find suitable locations for the installation of bring banks due to the high density urban nature of the area. Waste Management Services will however investigate the area over the coming weeks in an attempt to identify a suitable location. We are also happy to investigate any reasonable suggestions made by elected representatives and members of the public.

Contact: Sid Daly, Public Domain Officer, Waste Management Services.
Email: sid.daly@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a time and date be set to convene a site meeting with residents of Memorial Court, Islandbridge to discuss the various issues of maintenance and essential safety repairs.

Reply

The Area Office are committed to an onsite meeting with the residents of Memorial Court to resolve their concerns, and will propose a date for early October 2024.

Contact: Linda Fanning, Area Housing Manager, SWIC
Email: linda.fanning@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the waste area in front of Meath Place, Pimlico Green, be attended to and imaginatively reinstated as a safe open space where children can resume play.

Reply

Housing Maintenance will carry out an inspection of the area in the coming weeks and assess what works are required & feasibility of same. Housing Maintenance will update the Councillor.

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

Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to provide a report on traffic management in the Bulfin Estate, Inchicore which will include;

- Review of speed limits and additional signs where needed.
- Further traffic calming measures - especially along the roads that define the estate's boundaries.
- Deterrents to parking at junctions.
- A 3.5 ton limit with associated signage.
- Installation of the newly agreed affordable Zebra Crossing(s) along Bulfin Rd.

Reply

The Road Safety unit will review the speed limits in this environs of this estate, and will replace or install speed signage as required.

Contact: Zewar Zyada, Executive Engineer, Env. & Transportation Department
Email: Zewar.zyada@dublincity.ie

- The request for further traffic calming on Bulfin Road and surrounds will be assessed by TAG. **Ref. No. 7041753**
- It is not current Dublin City Council policy to provide parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under legislation. Under Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997 section 36:2:c "A vehicle shall not be parked - Instances of illegal or obstructive parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, DSPS (email info@dsps.ie or tel. no. 01 602 2500) or an Garda Síochána for enforcement.
- If resident's still feel parking is an issue, they may wish to apply for a pay and display/permit parking scheme (<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>).
- A 3.5 tonne limit is already in place on Bulfin Road, with signage provided at the junctions of Bulfin Road with both Suir Road / SCR and Emmet Road.
- The request for a pedestrian crossing / zebra crossing on Bulfin Road will be assessed by TAG. **Ref. No. 7041754**

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, South City Executive, Transport Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the agreed Motion at Julys Area Committee re safety features at Chapelizod By-Pass to allow pedestrians, and schoolchildren in particular, a less hazardous crossing?

Reply

In relation to the provision of a school warden, the school warden Unit will perform an assessment in the near future, this could not be carried out earlier due to school closures during summer holidays. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Please note, it is not the role of a school warden to control driver behaviour and any issues with parking or illegal driving active should be reported to the Gardaí.

Contact: Laura Masterson, Staff Officer, Road Safety/School Warden Service
Email: laura.masterson@dublincity.ie

Following on from the motion in the SCAC Meeting in July, please see below the updates regarding the junction of South Circular Road and Con Colbert Road/Chapelizod Bypass:

- Overgrowing vegetation has been trimmed on the traffic island, this will allow for greater visibility of pedestrians crossing north/south on the crossing across the slip road.
- The line marking team has been contacted to renew markings in the vicinity.
- A traffic signal warning sign has been recommended for the Con Colbert Road/Chapelizod Bypass before the slip road leading onto South Circular Road to remind drivers of the approaching signals.
- An assessment for the yellow box on the junction of Con Colbert Road westbound and South Circular Road is to be conducted in the coming weeks.
- An inspection of safety barriers in the area is to be conducted in the coming weeks.

TAMS Ref. No. 7040679

Contact: *Neil O'Donoghue, South City Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group*
 Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a report with recommendations, on Molyneux Lane, D8 be provided referencing "Love the Lanes" initiative?

Reply

There are no firm proposals for Molyneux Lane at this time. The presence of unauthorised stables and a prevalence of derelict sites have been the main impediments to previous attempts to improve the laneway. Some small measures were undertaken by the Area Office at the northernmost end including lighting and a mural.

There are two permitted developments either side of the lane, both of which will redevelop currently derelict/vacant sites and which will include measures to improve the public realm:

1. Proposed 'Vicar Street Hote'l (previously permitted, currently subject to revised proposals under Reg. Ref 3536/24 Vicar Street Hotel Limited)
2. Proposed 'Molyneux Hotel' (permitted by Reg. Ref:4236/19 Midsal Homes Limited)

These developments propose to retain limited vehicular use of the laneway to allow servicing access to Vicar Street Hotel. Improvement to footpaths at the southern end of Molyneux Yard are proposed by both applications and will need to be coordinated. It is likely that any work to extend new paving, lighting etc to the northern portion of the laneway would need to be undertaken by the local authority, unless it could be agreed during the development compliance process as planning gain.

Q12 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the overgrown green area in front of the vacant block at Dolphin House (fronting SCR) be attended to and painting of the railings be prioritised?

Reply

The Area Office has been in contact with the Housing Maintenance team to have the work carried out at this location.

The overgrown area on both sides of the entrance to Dolphin House including the grotto area has been cleared.

Contact: Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, South West Inner City.

Email: frank.murphy@dublincity.ie

The railings at this location are in poor condition, painting will be considered for inclusion in the 2025 painting programme.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to confirm when a presentation will be given to this Committee re: the design layout for the Marrowbone Lane site as committed to by the Chief Executive in his letter dated 16th April 2004.

Reply

The Transformation Unit is currently out to tender for consultation on a site optimization study.

Contact: Richard Shakespeare, Chief Executive

Email: richard.shakespeare@dublincity.ie

Q 14 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services (details supplied)

Reply

Housing Maintenance have arranged an inspection of the gutters at this property and all necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q 15 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services (details supplied)

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor

Q 16 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services can the trees at Dromard Field be cut back to allow for easier visibility in the park?

Reply

Parks will arrange an inspection at this location and any works deemed necessary will be carried out as soon as resources allow.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Jen Cummins

To ask the Director of Services what is planned for the 300 sq metre site at the corner of St Luke's Avenue and Brabazon Street? The community of the South West Inner City that surrounds this site have a lack of green space. Can this area be used as a community amenity for people to have benches, a pocket forest and perhaps items such as chess tables, table tennis tables (solid concrete structures) or perhaps an outdoor gym?

Reply

Consideration was being given by the South Central Area Office to landscaping this area as a small parklet as a possible resolution of the site.

However a recent review of the site, undertaken with the Superintendent, Parks & Landscaping Services following the completion of Ardee Point/NIDO Student Accommodation and the disassembling of the site compound late last year, suggests the site would not be suitable for planting and would not make a good quality open space.

The site is north-facing, with large gable walls on either side that will see the area largely in shade, and with no overlooking for passive surveillance. This initial viewing of the site doesn't take into consideration the extent of work that would be needed to remove the existing hard surface of the site or to address any archaeology beneath this area (as was the case beneath both the Ardee Point/NIDO building and nearby No 10 Ardee Street). Both of these factors would add considerably to the cost and complexity of any work here.

Parks & Landscaping Services have advised that they had no capacity to take on such a project. Neither is there capacity within the Area Office for such a project.

It is therefore prudent to consider whether there are other possible uses for the land. As the site is the responsibility of the Council's Property Development Section, we have referred the area back to them to see whether alternative uses can be made of it.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Public Realm Coordinator

Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Jen Cummins

To ask the Director of Services can I please have a report about the allocated hours for a dog warden for the Dublin 8 area? Can these hours be increased to help with dog fouling, dogs off leash and dangerous breeds?

Reply

The hours of the Animal Welfare and Control Services Unit are as follows:

Office Hours: Tel. **01 222 6060** E-Mail animalwelfare@dublincity.ie
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Out of Hours: Tel. **01 222 6060** E-Mail animalwelfare@dublincity.ie
Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

All other hours are **voicemail only**. All voicemails are dealt with on the following working day.

The unit has recently recruited five Animal Welfare Wardens who are completing their training at present. Once fully trained it is anticipated that the service will be available on week days through to 7p.m. and wardens will be available on to patrol at weekends and bank holidays to supplement the existing phone service.

Animal Welfare and Control Services regularly engage with An Garda Síochána from Kevin Street Garda Station to patrol surrounding area and issue fines for breaches of the Control of Dogs 1996 Act and notices as necessary. Park patrol are operated on rostered basis and, although the Warden Service are not authorised to issue fines for dog fouling, it is policy to engage with owners to promote responsible dog ownership including the duties of owners to manage waste.

The service will schedule additional patrols in the parks and open spaces in Dublin 8 over the coming weeks.

Contact: Richard Herlihy, Administrative Officer, Animal Welfare Unit
Email: richard.herlihy@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Jen Cummins

To ask the Director of Services could the triangular area at the bottom of Clarence Mangan Road be greened and include cycle racks. The greening of the Tinters is warmly welcomed by residents.

Reply

As it currently stands there is no National Transport Authority funding allocation for on-street cycle parking delivery in 2024. Dublin City Council Traffic is currently trying to identify an alternative source of funding.

This location will be investigated and, if considered suitable, cycle parking will be installed subject to funding being available.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer
Email: chris.adamson@dublincity.ie

The triangular space at the end of Clarence Mangan Road is on the schedule of greening for Tinters which is hoped to be completed by end of 2024.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Jen Cummins

To ask the Director of Services could the area outside Spar on the SCR opposite Griffith College be created into an area of greening, and to include a bench to improve the accessibility in the area?

Reply

I'll review the area and revert to the councillor. On initial viewing:

- the area directly in front of Spar is likely to be a private landing and we have no remit here.
- the width of the footpath and level of footfall here would need to be considered before adding trees. Adding trees would be a matter for Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services.
- placing a bench on the footpath here might impede pedestrians. We would also need to ascertain the level of support from local residents for seating.

Contact: *Stephen Coyne, Public Realm Coordinator*
Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Jen Cummins

To ask the Director of Services could an explanation be given regarding the decision to weld open the gates at Oscar Square. There is concern from residents about anti-social behaviour; dogs using the park, off leash, at times other than the bye laws timing.

Reply

This decision was made as a last resort as the square was being used as a dog run and in particular used by XL Bully dogs. Keeping the gates open is seen as a way of deterring this activity.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Jen Cummins

To ask the Director of Services for a report about the weed management in Dublin 8, to include the chemicals and weed removal on footpaths and curbs. I have been contacted by several residents to ask what chemicals are being sprayed on weeds as well as queries about what is the plan to remove weeds from footpaths and curbs throughout the Dublin 8 area. Can I please have an update on this?

Reply

Roads Department contracted Greentown Environmental to treat weed growth across the Dublin City Council administrative area. The contractor uses a targeted treatment namely *New Way Spray* to deal with visible weed growth. The Public Domain Officers manage the implementation of the programme locally. A number of treatments are carried out between May and September in areas identified by Public Domain.

New Way Spray

1. Contains Acetic Acid which is naturally occurring and bio-degradable
2. Safe for the environment and breaks down naturally with water
3. Glyphosate free
4. The application method produces significantly lower carbon emissions compared to other methods

Contact: David Quearney, Environmental Liaison Officer, South West Inner City

Email: southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie

Q 23 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the closure of bin chutes in Pimlico flats (Summer St, Braithwaite St and Pimlico Terrace) and the introduction of segregated waste by way of general, food and recycling bins.

Reply

When Dublin City Council began work here in 2023 we met with a lot of resistance from tenants at the consultation phased. It was decided to continue the programme at other complexes and we will fall back to here at a later stage. All of our complexes are receiving new bin areas, so this is a large body of work that will take time to complete. If required DCC can make arrangements with the Councillor to fall back to this complex at a sooner date.

Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance

Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q 24 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to carry out urgent relaying and resurfacing works of the Fatima astro pitch located at the F2 Centre.

Reply

Preparatory works for the pitch resurfacing will be commenced shortly. Installation of the new surface will then take place following the completion of design, resourcing and procurement processes.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, A/ Executive Manager, South Central Area

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q 25 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to install Double Yellow lines at **(details supplied)**

Reply

To facilitate the access and egress of emergency services and waste disposal on **(details supplied)**, it is recommended to install double yellow lines on the eastern side of the carriageway between the driveways of **(details supplied)**

To reiterate, it is strongly recommended that if residents still feel parking is an issue, they apply for a pay and display/permit parking scheme.

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

The introduction of such a scheme will allow for the maximisation of on-street parking while ensuring that access is maintained along the entirety of the road for waste disposal, emergency services and for all residents.

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, South City Executive, Transport Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q 26 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to engage with the management company at Rialto Court regarding the possible communal bin storage for tenants. Such engagement would seek to overcome ongoing issues with regard to individual bin bags being left out on non-bin collection days, which can often end up scattered across the street by foxes, seagulls etc.

Reply

The Litter Wardens visit Rialto Court (private complex) on a regular basis to remove a sample of bags for investigation to try and find any evidence of the person responsible. A lot of the time, there is no evidence within the bags. I have sent letters to all residents regarding presentation times and storage of their wheel bins. I will contact the management company to ask about the possibility of a communal bin service.

Contact: Stephen Kavanagh, Supervising Inspector, Waste Management
Email: stephen.kavanagh@dublincity.ie

Q 27 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update with respect to DCC efforts to track down the owner of the gated greenspace at 30-45 Rialto Cottages to bring it into public ownership.

Reply

Acquisitions Section in conjunction with the Area Office are progressing with efforts to acquire the greenspace. A reference search to identify ownership has been completed and the details have been forwarded to the Chief Valuer to commence negotiations to acquire by agreement.

Contact: Margaret Mooney, Administrative Officer, Planning & Development
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Q 28 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to carry out an investigation into the condition of the CIE Inchicore Works Estate wall at Sarsfield Road, specifically with respect to ongoing growth of greenery from the wall, the impact this is having on its condition and to clarify who is responsible for any possible remedial works that may be required.

Reply

As outlined within Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, Volume 4 Record of Protected Structures RPS ref no. 8744 refers to CIE Railway Estate: boundary wall dating from the 1850's (including 20th century reconstructions but excluding modern additions). See also sections of wall at: (a) Inchicore Terrace South, Dublin 8; (b)

Granite Terrace, (off Inchicore Terrace South), Dublin 8; and (c) Inchicore National Schools, Sarsfield Road, Dublin 10.

A 'Protected Structure' is defined in the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) as '*Any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or any part of a structure, including the interior of the structure, the land lying within the curtilage of the structure, any other structures lying within that curtilage and their interiors, and all fixtures and features which form part of the interior or exterior of the above structures*' (see the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2011) Chapter 2, sub-section 2.2.2, p.21).

In accordance with Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Owners and Occupiers of Protected Structures have a statutory obligation to protect them from endangerment as follows: '*Each owner and each occupier shall, to the extent consistent with the rights and obligations arising out of their respective interests in a protected structure or a proposed protected structure, ensure that the structure, or any element of it which contributes to its special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, is not endangered.*'

The Buildings at Risk (BAR) Officer has been asked to inspect the boundary wall for endangerment.

Contact: Rhona Naughton, Senior Planner
Email: rhona.naughton@dublincity.ie

This wall is not within the charge of Dublin City and is part of the lanród Éireann's infrastructure. However, Road Maintenance are responsible for overgrowing flora onto a public footpath and we occasionally organise for the flora to be cut back from time to time. The cutting season begins at the end of September and stops at the start of March, Road Maintenance will review this location to plan works if required.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer.
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q 29 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm what consideration, if any, has been given to include regeneration of the Emmet Buildings flat complex in the LDA redevelopment of Digital Hub lands - The Pear Tree Crossing Project. Can DCC confirm its current position on this?

Reply

The LDA's examination of the Digital Hub Lands did include initial discussions with DCC around the inclusion of Emmet Buildings. Emmet Buildings, being a Simm's Building, is a protected Structure and as such there is limited opportunity for intervention on a similar scale to that of the proposed Pear Tree Crossing Masterplan.

Contact: Martin Donlon, Housing Development Manager
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Q 30 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm if DCC has engaged the owner of the Rialto Cinema site and what consideration, if any, has been given by DCC to include this site in the regeneration of Dolphin House.

Reply

The Former Rialto Cinema site was brought to the market for sale in 2017. On the instruction of the Housing Department, the City Valuers Office entered into negotiations with the then vendor's agent. The bid was unsuccessful, the property was subsequently sold and the City Valuers Office have received no further instructions. Additionally, the site currently has an SHD planning grant for student accommodation.

Contact: Cecilia Gately, Senior Executive Valuer, City Valuers Office
Email: cecilia.gately@dublincity.ie

The former Rialto Cinema, 355 South Circular Road is a privately owned site on which there is an extant planning permission for a Student Housing Development. The front art deco section of the building is to be retained as part of the planning permission.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, SWIC
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Q 31 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm its plans to combat illegal parking at the Rialto Cinema site where the build-up of cars illegal parked on footpaths has become commonplace.

Reply from Parking Enforcement

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

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

Reply from Transport Advisory Group

It is not currently Dublin City Council policy to provide parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under legislation. Under Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997 section 36:2:i "A vehicle shall not be parked - on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;".

Furthermore, Dublin City Council is not in charge of the brickwork part of the footpath as it is private land. As such, no measures are recommended at this time.

Ref. No. 7041657

Contact: Seán Daly, South Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.
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Q 32 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services why are the following properties remain empty (**details supplied**) and can he assure me that they will be allocated as soon as possible as they are attracting serious amount of illegal dumping?

Reply

The local area office is looking into the status of the properties detailed and will report back to the member with an update. All properties that are ready for occupation are allocated as quickly as possible. The Housing team strives to have tenants ready for a property prior to it being ready for occupation.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q 33 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can DCC outline a timeframe for the development of a cycle lane through Lansdowne Valley and the former pitch & club grounds in Drimnagh?

Reply

The Active Travel facilities in Lansdowne Valley Park are scheduled to be shovel ready in the later part of the current programme, which runs from 2024 – 2028. Construction is not scheduled to happen in this period. However, should additional funding become available, construction could start before end of 2028

Contact: Grainne O'Brien, Senior Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office

Email: grainne.obrien@dublincity.ie

Currently the lands of the former pitch and putt course are overgrown, undulating and with no path network. The park however, is rich with biodiversity and it is important that we do not impact on that character. Provision will be made in the Parks 2025 works programme to open up the access from Slievebloom Road and to construct a pavement to the existing parkland.

A report on the works will be brought to the Area Committee in early 2025 to provide further information on the proposed works and the timescale.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q 34 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services will DCC commit to removing weeds on Curlew Road?

Reply

Curlew Road was not selected in this years weed treatment programme as it was treated under the 2023 programme. Curlew Road will be treated in 2025, in line with 2 year weed treatment programme cycle, to ensure of all roads in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area are treated at least once every 2 years.

Contact: Liam Hendrick, Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot Drimnagh LEA

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Q 35 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can DCC confirm when Landen Road, Ballyfermot gets cleaned?

Reply

Waste Management Services clean Landen Road on a weekly basis.

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

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q 36 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To the Director of Services to outline the maintenance works carried out in reach property in Lissadel Road, how much was spent on this maintenance and will more works be carried out as promised?

Reply

Between 2023 and 2024, significant energy upgrades were completed at the residential complex. These improvements included insulating external walls and installing new windows and doors. Additionally, gutter replacement and other critical repair and maintenance issues reported to DCC Housing Maintenance in April have been addressed or are nearing completion. Routine maintenance requests are being handled individually as they are received by the Maintenance Section.

*Contact: Shane Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer,
Housing & Community Services*

Email: shane.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q 37 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To the Director of Services will DCC consider removing the double yellow lines along Jamestown Rd, Inchicore as they are no longer needed to facilitate commercial vehicles accessing the industrial site due to the decline in businesses there?

Reply

Double yellow lines not only facilitate commercial vehicles accessing and egressing the industrial site, but also to allow for waste disposal and to allow for the smooth flow of general traffic, where the sections of double yellow lines act as a buffer zone. Furthermore, previous assessments have indicated that the road is quite busy and the double yellow lines were required.

If residents still feel parking is an issue, they may wish to apply for a pay and display/permit parking scheme (<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>).

Ref. No. 7041752

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, South City Executive, Transport Advisory Group

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Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at installing some CCTV into the beautiful Peoples Park next to Ballyfermot Civic Centre in order to deter some serious levels of recent anti-social behaviour. A small group is causing ongoing problems for regular park users and adjoining residents and no one seems to be able to do anything to deter these problems.

Reply

Parks do not install CCTV cameras into parks as we have no means of monitoring same. Parks are aware of anti-social issues in Ballyfermot People's park and have reported the issue to the local gardai requesting additional patrols at this location.

The cameras on the exterior of the civic centre do provide some coverage of a section of the park and are available for review by an Garda Siochana

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look into the following housing matter (details supplied).

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor

Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure the section of the Road Ramp outside numbers 156 / 158 Lally Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10 which was damaged by contractors doing road repairs last May is repaired as the current situation is an accident waiting to happen and looks very bad.

Reply

I visited this location yesterday and noted a footpath repair had been carried out to a water meter outside 156/158 Lally Road which indicating works were carried out by Uisce water. I also noted that these works continue onto the carriageway and this part of the works have not been reinstated. I will forward this onto our Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU) to contact Uisce Water in relation to this matter.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Environment & Transport Dept.
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give me a figure on the total Social Housing units available in Dublin City Council's administrative area over the past few years. Substantial additional numbers have come on stream however the headline figure never seems to rise.

Reply

The following figures outline the number of Lettings for the years 2021 – 2023 inclusive, which is an indicative number of the available units that were available for lettings –

Year	2021	2022	2023
No. of Lettings	2,027	2,037	2,236

There was a total of 6,300 lettings from 2021 to 2023.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Director DRHE

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Q42 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the vegetation growing out from the pocket parks next to St Matthews Church, Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10, be cleaned up and cut back. Some of the ivy is growing out of control and needs addressing.

Reply

Parks will organise for a tidy up at the above location in the coming weeks.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q43 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the serious traffic problems now happening on a daily basis outside of the Ballyfermot Training Centre on Chapelizod Hill, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 be addressed. For two years, with the building of the new apartments, DCC has done nothing to help this grave situation with parking along Kylemore Road / Le Fanu Road. Now the new apartments are completed the people using the Training Centre cannot get out safely with parking. What will DCC do to assist staff / trainees using the training centre?

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group will carry out a site visit in order to assess the issue of parking around the Ballyfermot Training Centre on Chapelizod Hill. The Councillor will be informed of any recommendations deemed appropriate in due course.

In the meantime, it is illegal to park blocking this entrance. Under Road Traffic (Traffic and parking) Regulations 1997 section 36:2:g "A vehicle shall not be parked - in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises;" It is not current Dublin City Council policy to provide parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under legislation.

Instances of illegal or obstructive parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, DSPS (email info@dps.ie or tel. no. 01 602 2500) or an Garda Síochána for enforcement.

If it is still felt that parking is an issue, they may wish to apply for a pay and display/permit parking scheme (<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>).

Ref. No. 7041361

Contact: *Seán Daly, South Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group*

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Q44 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services- the commercial heart of Ballyfermot is dying in front of my eyes with lots of stores closed over the past year DCC have allowed take-away after take-away knowing that this crazy situation would happen. Can I ask that DCC employ a staff member similar to the liberties to work with existing traders to reverse years of neglect? To consider the establishment of a monthly / weekly market in the area to help bring back footfall and arrest the commercial decline, we need a full retail strategy for the area.

Reply

In order to assess whether or not footfall in the Ballyfermot Road shopping area is declining would require a proper survey and with that evidence recommendations could be made to sustain the future of the area. This work would have to be carried out by suitably qualified and experienced consultants who could also properly assess suggestions by stakeholders before drafting a report detailing actions that could be taken.

The area office does not have a funding stream for this work so it may be a proposal to be considered for support from the discretionary fund for 2025.

Contact: *Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office*

Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q45 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give an update on my question to the May Area Committee to ask that resources be provided in the 2025 estimates to repair / replace equipment in the Ring St Jim Mitchell Park Inchicore Dublin 8 and the general look of this well used Park and for periodic improvements. I have a small number of residents who would like to meet senior Parks Staff to discuss their plans for the Park.

Reply

I would be happy to meet the residents at any time to discuss their opinion.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer*

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q 46 Councillor Ammar Ali

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for cleaning of litter around the Dublin 8 area. (Outside the shops in Dolphins Barn, Hanover Street West, St. James's Terrace and outside the shops of Rialto village).

Reply

Waste Management Services clean all the above mentioned shop fronts on a daily basis.

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

Q 47 Councillor Ammar Ali

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for completion of repairs to existing tarmacked area in the avenue of Rialto Cottages 12 – 29. Some area were not completed.

Reply

Road Maintenance are aware that there are three Cul-de-sacs within Rialto Cottages that have not yet been resurfaced as per surrounding roads which were resurfaced over the last number of years and I can inform you that we are considering at least one of these roads to be included in our 2025 resurfacing contract. However, this choice will be dependent on available funding allotted to Road Maintenance budget at the end of this year.

*Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie*

Q 48 Councillor Ammar Ali

To ask the Director of Services to have the Green lamp posts painted along South Circular Road. (From SCR Dolphins Barn to SCR Leonard's Corner)

Reply

An inspection of the green lamp standards on South Circular Road between Dolphins Barn and Leonards Corner will be carried out in the coming week or two. If the lampposts require painting they will be added to the list for painting in 2025.

*Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer, Roads & Traffic - Public Lighting and Electrical Services
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Q 49 Councillor Ammar Ali

To ask the Director of Services to arrange restoration of footpaths at the Dolphin's Barn Junction and South Circular Road.

Reply

Road Maintenance visited this junction and surveyed the surrounding footpaths which were deemed to be in a good condition. Road Maintenance responsibility is to look after the upkeep of the existing roads/footpaths and our repairs replace like with like. If you would like a change to an existing feature then this would be a matter for the Traffic department.

*Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Environment & Transport Dept.
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie*

Q50 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please give me an update on **(details supplied)**

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor