



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2025

- 1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2025**
Order: Agreed.
- 2 **Replies from the Director of Services for the North Central Area** 7 - 46
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Matters**
 - a **Minutes of the TAG meeting held on 28th January 2025**
Order: Noted.
 - b **Gully Report for noting only.**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Planning and Property Matters**
 - a **Disposal of a plot of land at rear of 41 Saint Aidan's Park Road**
Order: Agreed.
 - b **Disposal of the fee simple in a site for an ESB substation at Tonlegee Road**
Order: Agreed.
 - c **Derelict Sites Report for noting**
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Matters**
 - a **Nomination of 2 NCA Councillors to the Commemorations and Naming Committee**
Order: Cllrs Deirdre Heney and Clodagh Ní Mhuirí.
 - b **Coistí Ceantáir**
Order: Noted.
 - c **Sports and Wellbeing Officer Report for noting only**
Order: Noted.

6 **North Central Area Matters**

- a **Election of Chairperson to NCA JPC**
Order: Cllr Alison Field
- b **North Central Area Discretionary Fund**
Order: Agreed.
- c **Area Managers' Reports**
Order: Noted.
- d **Housing Supply Report for Noting**
Order: Noted.

7 **Motions on Notice**

- a **(1) Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Field**
In a world we live in today, Mental health is a major concern for everyone and unfortunately it is increasing rapidly. I think we can and should do more to help. Try reach out to all ages suffering from Mental Health and depression. Let them know that there is support out there, and society does really care. I would like to put a better support systems in place, with helplines, and quotes that could bring people to a happier place. I would like for us to have a look at train/dart stations, for a start as people can tragically end their suffering there. I think we could start by placing boards/posters there, with quotes of support and numbers of helplines. I know that at the Wexford bridge they place teddies along the bridge and patrol the bridge. I would be delighted if you have any other ideas along with my Councillor friends. Thanking you.

Report:

The promotion of Mental Health and Suicide Awareness in the community does not fall within the remit of Local Authorities and is the responsibility of the HSE and a large number of centrally funded agencies.

The HSE's Mental Health Promotion Plan 2022 – 2027 takes a life course approach and includes actions of relevance to the general population. It considers the needs of specific population groups such as children and young people, the working-age population, older people, and other priority groups.

There are already a number of helplines available and a significant volume of leaflets and posters from the HSE and other stakeholders promoting mental health / wellbeing and suicide prevention.

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

Order: Agreed.

- b **(2) Motion in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan**
That the North Central Area Committee calls on the Manager or the relevant Dublin City Council official to end the use of flashing amber pedestrian light signals at the Artane roundabout on the Malahide Road, Gracefield Road, Ardlea Road intersection. Failing this we request said

person to attend a monthly meeting of the North Central Area Committee to explain and justify the use of this pedestrian light signal.

Report :

At the Artane Roundabout the type of pedestrian crossing in use are known as 'Pelican Crossings'. These type of pedestrian signals are commonly used within the UK and Ireland and are provided for in the Irish Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 9.

At these crossings, motorists have a 3 aspect signal (Red, Amber, Green) while pedestrians have a two aspect signal (Red, Green/Flashing Green).

Motorists are legally obliged to halt on a flashing amber signal if there are still pedestrians on the crossing and failure to do so is a Roads Traffic offence and a matter for An Garda Siochana.

Following on from a councillor question in December we have reviewed the operation of the pelicans crossings and the timing interval with pedestrian flashing green and the motorist red signal has been increased at these sites to enhance pedestrian safety, as it will allow extra timing for pedestrians to clear the crossings before vehicles are displayed a flashing amber signal.

Currently there are no plans to change the operation of these signals as the Artane Roundabout will be upgraded as part of the upcoming Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects scheme when a full upgrade of these signals will occur.

Contact: Liam O'Brien, Senior Executive ITS Officer

Email: liam.obrien@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

c (3) Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons

The Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to urgently convene a meeting of local football clubs, public representatives and relevant council officials to discuss the planned all-weather football pitch to be located on the Glin Road and delivered by the end of 2025; the Oscar Traynor Woods Community Gain Fund and other local facilities/infrastructure-related issues of importance to the volunteers who organise and coach the young people of the area.

Report:

I intend to call a meeting of the local stakeholders as requested to discuss progression of this project and associated issues over the coming weeks. I will set a date once I have had a chance to link up with relevant Councillors, City Council officials, and the football clubs involved.

Contact: Derek Farrell
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Order: Agreed.

d **(4) Motion in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney**

That after the recent sea over topping on the on Clontarf promenade and the seemingly lack of urgency for a proper integrated flood defence solution, when we have an agreed design framework, with Uisce Eireann planning to start watermain replacement soon from Alfie Byrne Road along the promenade and as we had agreed to seek an integrated multipurpose design solution that this community that this committee agrees to seek a meeting with the Minister, the OPW, Uisce Eireann, the Clontarf flood defence working group, DCC engineers, parks executive, architects, biodiversity officers, and DCC active travel team to seek works to be given the urgency and funding necessary to complete within the agreed timeline of the Dublin City Council development plan".

Report:

A pre-feasibility study for this project has been issued to the OPW and their comments are awaited. Work on the Consultant's Brief has been ongoing with an initial draft issued to OPW in September 2024 and a further draft is to be issued once the pre-feasibility report has been accepted. A Framework for Consultants for flood projects in Dublin City and County has been established.

The project team has had a number of meetings and extensive consultation with DCC parks executive, architects, biodiversity officers and active travel.

There have been a number of meetings with Uisce Eireann on their proposed new watermain and consultation with them is ongoing.

OPW have expressed the view that the most appropriate time for them to meet the JWG would be following the approval by the OPW of the pre-Feasibility Report by DCC. At that time the OPW would be better informed to discuss arrangements for a meeting.

The next meeting of the Joint Working group will take place at 2.30pm on the 21st of February.

Contact: Padraig Doyle, Executive Manager (Eng)
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Order: Agreed.

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

That this committee agrees that due to the abuse of clothes banks with regular dumping and the need to reduce wasted textile garments which are damaging to the environment, that we support alternative pilot for a swap/free clothes shop, market with garment up-styling, altering and repair demonstrations.

Report:

Waste Management Services developed a Community Clothes Swap Kit Pilot in 2023. The first project of its kind in Ireland. The pilot ran from April to December of that year, and aimed to encourage clothing reuse and reduce textile waste. A guidebook and webpage were developed by WMS personnel. Clothes Swap Kits (hangers, clothes rails, signage boards) were made available for community groups to borrow for their own clothes swap events.

Following completion of the pilot project, Waste Management Services procured a service provider, Change Clothes, formerly Change Clothes Crumlin, to assume management of the project. Waste Management Services continues to support Change Clothes, specifically to cater to community groups in DCC's administrative area.

**Contact Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
Email barry.woods@dublincity.ie**

Order: Agreed.

f **(6) Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

This Area Committee calls on the manager refer to the "eurobin" type bins used by the City Council in senior citizen complexes, say if he is aware that the majority of senior citizen tenants cannot manage to open the lids of same because of the height and weight of these large lids and say if he can take the necessary steps to bring about change, i.e. install an opening lower down the side of the bin that could be more easily accessed.

Report:

Housing Maintenance is aware of difficulties experienced by some tenants with bin lids particularly in Senior Citizens complexes.

We are currently exploring the option to change to lids of a smaller more manageable design, please see image below.



If the Councillor wishes to identify any particular Senior Citizens complex for consideration for replacement lids Housing Maintenance will follow up.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer
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Order: Agreed.

Councillor Daryl Barron
Chairperson
Monday 17 February 2025

Attendance:

Members:

Daryl Barron (Chairperson)
Kevin Breen
Racheal Batten
Declan Flanagan
John Lyons
Micheál MacDonncha
Catherine Stocker

Members:

Clodagh Ní Mhuirí
Clodagh Ní Mhuirí
Donna Cooney
Deirdre Heney
Edel Moran
Aishling Silke

Members:

Aoibheann Mahon
Aoibheann Mahon
Alison Field
Jesslyn Henry
Paddy Monahan
Supriya Singh

Officers

Bruce Phillips, Derek Farrell, Mick Carroll, Lynda Drysdale, Glen Murray, Catalin Rosca, Sean O'Reilly, Natasha Bagnall, Philip Power, Bernard Kelly, Brendan Teeling, Liam O'Brien, Daithí de Buitléir, Will Mangan, Maire Nic Réamoinn, Padraig Doyle, Margaret Mooney, Niamh Reilly, Fergus O'carroll, Edel Joyce, Jeremiah Moore, Cathy Cassidy.

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Q1. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Area Manager for the inspection of a very large tree outside (**details supplied**) and to ensure any remedial work and maintenance issues identified are addressed.

Reply

The tree at this address was fully surveyed and recorded to DCC's digital inventory of trees in late November last year. The tree was found to be in an acceptable condition with no safety concerns and no maintenance works required or recommended.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q2. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to fix the paths outside (**details supplied**) as the paths are very damaged and are dangerous.

Reply

An enquiry (Ref. no. 11173197) has been created, regarding this defect. This has been forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector for inspection.

Contact: Emily Walsh
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Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q3. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to make sure that Cill Eanna's paths in Raheny are included on this year's list of paths renovation as they are in bad need of replacement. My fear is that someone will be hurt.

Reply

The Annual Program for 2025 has not been finalised yet, but Cill Eanna has been added to the list of locations to be considered. The Confirm reference number for this inquiry is 11173110.

Contact: Emily Walsh
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Q4. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to place a ramp at the lane into La Vista Avenue in Killester, as there is no access for wheelchair users and buggy users in this location.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will assess the lane onto La Vista Avenue for an access ramp and make a recommendation following his assessment.

Contact: Máire Nic Réamoinn – North City Executive Engineer
Email: maire.nicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q5. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the laneway at Craigford Ave Artane it has come to my attention that a petition is going around to close this much used laneway due to antisocial behaviour. Several residents have been onto me explaining that they have lived there for many, many years and they have never witnessed antisocial behaviour. I would be grateful if this matter could be looked into, maybe the lane requires lightening and a clean up to make everyone feel safer. Details given on petition below (**details supplied**).

Reply

The Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way (EPROW) over a laneway is governed by Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993, and is a reserved function of the elected members of Dublin City Council.

The process is managed by the local area office. The North Central Area Office have not received any communication or request regarding an EPROW at this location.

Contact: Lynda Drysdale, Senior Staff Officer
Tel: 01 222 8847
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The Public Domain Team have arranged for the laneway to be cleaned.

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

The Litter Enforcement Manager will instruct the litter warden for the area to patrol the laneway regularly going forward and remove a sample of any bags dumped for investigation to try and gather evidence to issue fines under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009.

Contact Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
Email barry.woods@dublincity.ie

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Q6. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to ask traffic to reassess the drive way at (**details supplied 1**) as promised last October. The attached Google Maps extract, showing where parked vehicles impede entry and exit to/from the driveway. The vehicle images in RED reflect where vehicles habitually park (by neighbours, **details supplied 2**),. The engineer's drawings and markings in the images sent by DCC are not relevant to the reality of what goes on here on a daily basis, the resident informs me. Can this be reassessed as promised?

Reply

In accordance with the Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations 1997, Section 36 paragraph (2); A vehicle shall not be parked:

(g) 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;

Double yellow lines are intended to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and to prevent hazards and congestion due to parked vehicles. They are not provided outside private entrances or driveways, as it is illegal to park in such a manner as to obstruct a driveway or entrance. Enforcement is a matter for the An Garda Síochána.

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

Q7. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the director of Services if a larger budget could be given to cleaning up our paths. Many paths in housing estates are full of weeds and nearly have bushes growing out of them it makes the place look very dirty , I constantly have residents onto me complaining. Can we make 2025 be the year to clean up the paths, for our residents.

Reply

An additional provision has been made in the Annual budget for weeding in the North Central Area which will facilitate an increased level of service for 2025.

A list of the worst affected areas should be submitted to the Area Office and these areas will be prioritised for weed treatment.

Contact: Mick Carroll
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Q8. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to request an urgent update from active travel on the cycle lane issues in Fairview. I have been in touch with active travel on these dangerous issues in Fairview at Merville Ave junction etc prior to completion of the cycle lane. Is it possible to release this information to the public on social media on how this is being resolved. As all commuters are very worried about someone being hurt. We need to work urgent on these issues before someone is seriously hurt or worse.

Reply

By means of an interim measure at the junctions of (i) Merville Ave/Fairview and at (ii) Fairview Ave Lower/Fairview the Clontarf to City Centre Project have closed off two parking spaces at each location.

The Road Safety Audit for the Scheme was undertaken on the last week of January. Once the findings of the Audit have been assessed the next steps for the two areas shall be considered. We can revert back once any proposals have been established.

Whilst longer term proposals are being assessed the two spaces in advance of Fairview Ave Lower and Merville Ave shall remain closed off.

Contact: Joe Mernagh

Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

Q9. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to look urgently at the lack of facilities in Coolock/Darndale area. We need to move on supporting people in this area especially young people with proper sports facilities for example an Astro Pitch in the area would be fantastic. We need to improve this area for all the residents living there. I think all Councillors would agree with me, we could set up a sub committee.

Reply

I intend to call a meeting of the local stakeholders as requested to discuss progression of this issue over the coming weeks. I will set a date once I have had a chance to link up with relevant Councillors, City Council officials, and local sports clubs. At this meeting we can discuss the local structures and communication channels that are required to drive and steer the future provision of sports facilities in Darndale and Coolock areas.

Contact: Derek Farrell

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Q10 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

Requesting a report on the housing file of (**details supplied**) and for her interested in securing one of the new homes at Oscar Traynor Woods to be recorded on her file.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 09/11/2023, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
B	1	1221
D	1	484
E	1	1306

Based on the applicant's positions, it may be some time before they are reached for an offer of housing. 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. Applicants can only apply for properties in their chosen areas that meet the size requirement of their household.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make an appointment with a Housing Advisor in Housing Allocations and bring in her current income details wherein she can be advised on the scheme.

The applicant's interest in the new build at Oscar Traynor Road has been noted on her housing file.

Contact: Bevin Herbert
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Q11. Question in the name of Councillor Clodagh Ní Mhuirí

To ask the Director of Services to provide a list of locations within the North Central Area where CCTV is being proposed or considered as a waste management measure and to prevent illegal dumping.

Reply

A list of the priority locations identified in the North Central Area by the Public Domain unit were forwarded to our Litter Management Office in 2024 for consideration. These priority locations are as follows:

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Whitehall Church car park Artane / Whitehall LEA
Newtown Industrial estate Artane / Whitehall LEA
Shanard Road shop laneway Artane / Whitehall LEA
St. Donaghs green open space (spine site) Donaghmede LEA
Grangepark Crescent (side of Kilbarrack DART station) Donaghmede LEA

Contact: Mick Carroll , Local Area Manager
Tel: 01 2228870
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q12 . Question in the name of Councillor Clodagh Ní Mhuirí

To ask the Director of Services for more frequent litter patrols at a location (details supplied) where illegal dumping has recently increased at the location and the public bins surrounding it.

Reply

The Litter Enforcement Manager will instruct the litter warden for the area to patrol this more regularly and remove a sample of any bags dumped for investigation to try and gather evidence to issue fines to offenders under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
email: barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q13. Question in the name of Councillor Clodagh Ní Mhuirí

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the planned provision of changing facilities and public toilets in St Anne's Park.

Reply

The replacement toilet block including a changing places facility in the Red Stable's Car Park, St Anne's Park is scheduled for installation in the coming months. All procurement and contracts are in place to carry out the works.

Woodside Area changing/toilet facilities are planned to be brought to Part 8 this year. Consultation with the clubs using this area of the Park has been carried out do determine facilities required at this location.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
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Q14. Question in the name of Councillor Clodagh Ní Mhuirí

To ask the Director of Services for an update on when a technical inspection can be provided for an applicant (**details supplied**) for the Vacant Home Grant, which is sought as soon as possible.

Reply

Inspection for the above application is scheduled for Friday 14th February.

Contact: Dionne Cooney
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Q15. Question in the name of Councillor Clodagh Ní Mhuirí

To ask the Director of Services whether and when upgrades are planned for the playground in St. Anne's Park, and if consideration will be given to including accessible play equipment to ensure equal access to the playground and inclusivity for children with disabilities.

Reply

As part of the Parks Works Programme for 2025 it is intended to commence the process of seeking replacements for the tired wooden elements in the playground. Ideally bespoke themed elements in keeping with the nature of the park would be designed and procured. In keeping with the adopted play strategy inclusivity and accessibility will be a significant consideration in the upgrade and replacement of the worn elements.

There are a number of accessible pieces of play equipment already in the playground including 2 accessible swings one with a full support seat and one with a basket seat, a wheelchair roundabout and musical elements which are also accessible by wheelchair. Outside the playground the space net includes accessible elements and a new wheelchair swing is to be installed in the coming weeks.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q16. Question in the name of Councillor Clodagh Ní Mhuirí

To ask the Director of Services to increase the frequency of litter patrols at a lane (**details supplied**) which is a public access route and has seen ongoing issues with illegal dumping.

Reply:

The Litter Enforcement Manager will instruct the litter warden for the area to patrol the laneway regularly going forward and remove a sample of any bags dumped for

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investigation to try and gather evidence to issue fines under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009.

Contact Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
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Q17 . Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to have an inspection carried out Gracepark Road. There have been reports made that there are many large Potholes forming from backfilled utility excavations and sinking Manhole Covers. A request reference RMS671629661 was submitted in relation to this.

Reply

Dublin City Council recently met with Uisce Éireann on Gracepark Road to discuss the utility trenches, which were part of a site investigation to assess a route for new services for an upcoming housing development. Uisce Éireann has committed to permanently reinstating the utility trenches before the new service construction begins to support the development. They have also requested a timeline from their contractor for when these works will be carried out.

Contact: Finan Dooley
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Q18. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for confirmation on the re-installation of the Public Litter Bin adjacent to the number 14 Bus Terminus on Maryfield drive Dublin 5.

Reply

There was a bin here previously but since this location is at the end of a bus route, bus drivers were abusing it by leaving bottles of urine, some uncapped, in the bin. Some of our staff got urine on their hands while emptying this bin and we removed the bin as it was a health and safety risk having our staff service it. Every avenue was explored at the time to resolve the matter but to no avail. So we won't be putting another bin here for this reason.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
Email: barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q19. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update on the proposed planting of a wild flower bed in the Woodlawn Estate, Dublin 17.

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Reply

The Parks Service is unaware of any proposal or commitment to plant wild flowers at this location. However 300 sq.m. of a pollinator friendly spring flower bulb mix was planted on the open space at the back of the estate along the treeline to the river last autumn and should commence flowering in the coming weeks.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q20 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager whether construction works have ceased on the Housing within the Oscar Traynor Road Project as a result of the recent findings by Works Inspectors?

Reply

Glenveagh Developments are engaging with Building Control and are continuing investigations on site to identify all potential issues. Glenveagh have paused some works until such time as they identify all issues and have a clear plan to address the Building Control issues identified.

However, some works are still underway.

1. In the current phase investigation works are underway and the results of these investigations will identify works that require remediation and will be outlined to Building Control.
2. In Phase 2 area of the development Glenveagh are carrying out essential works to concrete structures that are partially erect to ensure they are safe until such time as work resumes in that area. Glenveagh are also continuing works installing ESB infrastructure around the site and works to de-culvert the Naniken River.

Glenveagh will be notifying Building Control when works are commencing to ensure Building Control have the opportunity to inspect as required.

The project is in the early stages and is ultimately scheduled for completion in early 2028, Glenveagh are still endeavouring to occupy the first units in the scheme by the end of 2025 subject to ongoing engagement and the timely resolution of any Building Control compliance issues.

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Q21. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update on the status of Chanel Manor Development in Coolock Village.

Reply

Construction on this development has been completed and Respond Housing expect to finalise legals over the coming month. There are still outstanding works to be completed on site such as landscaping and testing of services. These units will not be ready for occupation until late March early April.

Contact: Aisling Browne

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Q22. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to have the Situation on the grass playing pitches at the Glin, Dublin 17 investigated. There are Horses occupying the pitches and they are destroying the surfaces affecting the playability for the local clubs who use the pitches.

Reply

Animal Welfare have to date removed 6 horses from the St Columban's pitches on Glin Road on a number of visits since Christmas 2024. They are actively working on removing the remaining two horses that remain there.

Contact: Derek Farrell

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Q23. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to clarify if there is CCTV installed for coverage of Traffic and Pedestrians on the Swords Road from Whitehall Church to the Intersection with Collins Avenue?

Reply

The location in question is monitored via a Dublin City Council CCTV Traffic Camera at the junction of Swords Rd/ Collins Ave.

The CCTV cameras are used for live traffic management and no recordings are made or stored.

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As a key city intersection the location is continually monitored by DCC Traffic Control room who respond to any incidents or traffic movement delays and can manually change traffic signal timings and sequences.

Contact: Sean Fallon
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q24 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to have the items resulting from illegal dumping on Buttercup Green, Darndale, Dublin 17 removed.



Reply

A large scale clean up of Buttercup and Marigold areas was carried out by Dublin City Council's Waste Management and Public Domain teams on 14th February 2024.

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

Q25. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To Ask the Manager for an update on the Pavement Rehabilitation Programme in Kilmore, Dublin 5. Are the works completed or are they ongoing?

Reply

The Annual Program for 2025 has not been finalised yet, but Kilmore has been added to the list of locations to be considered. The Confirm reference number for this inquiry is 11173108.

Contact: Emily Walsh
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Q26. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To Ask the Manager has the Public Swimming Pool in Northside Shopping Centre re-opened?

Reply

Coolock Swimming Pool is closed due to health and safety concerns of a structural nature. This issue has resulted in the suspension of all swimming activities, causing significant disruption to our community, including local schools, swimming clubs, and members of the community who rely on the facility for exercise and recreation.

Sports Section is liaising with Dublin City Councils Law dept. for best practice on how to proceed to address the repairing the structural damage with the property management company.

Once we receive any further information we will notify elected members, customers and all relevant stake holders

Contact: Gerard Carty, Swimming Pool Inspector and Water safety Development Officer.

tel: 086-8151594

email: gerard.carty@dublincity.ie

Q27. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To Ask the Manager for an update on the window replacement for (**details supplied**)

Reply

A Reply will be issued to the Councillor within two weeks of the North Central Area Committee Meeting.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Tel: 222 2095

Q28. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

Requesting a detailed update on the drainage project at McAuley Park, Artane, including information on any delays and the current expected completion date.

Reply

The Rainscapes project at McAuley Park began its construction phase in October, with an initial completion target of January 2025. However, progress was delayed due to the discovery of an unidentified ESB cable, which significantly impacted the schedule. This issue has since been resolved.

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Additionally, to accommodate local residents' requests for minimal road disruptions in the lead-up to Christmas, a short extension was agreed upon to ensure fair consideration for those affected. As a result, substantial completion of this construction phase is now expected by the end of March.

Please note that the final planting phase will commence once weather conditions are suitable, likely in late April or May.

We intend to inform the committee ahead of the project's formal completion. Our office is keen to highlight the positive impact that nature-based solutions can bring to communities such as Artane.

Contact: Roy O'Connor, Senior Engineer, Protection of Waterbodies Office
Tel: 01 – 222 2930
Email: roy.oconnor@dublincity.ie

Q29. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to outline plans for the former Credit Union building on Blunden Drive and to give his views on whether Ayrfield United Football Club could become tenants at said building for use as a clubhouse.

Reply

Dublin City Council have been in regular contact with representatives from Ayrfield United and are in receipt of a submission made by the Club in relation to their proposals for the occupancy of the CU building.

It is incumbent upon Dublin City Council to consider all options for the future use of this premises and in the context of the various demands of the area. The Club's submission is being considered as part of these options.

Contact: Cathy Cassidy, Senior Staff Officer
Tel: 222 2861
Email: cathy.cassidy@dublincity.ie

Contact: Bronagh Corry/ Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 222 6106
Email: bronagh.corry@dublincity.ie

Q30. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to explain the layout of the cycle route junction on North Strand Road at the Royal Canal Greenway pedestrian and cycle bridge. The markings on the path indicate that those wishing to turn right should occupy the left hand side of the path, while those wishing to go straight should stay right. Why is this the case? Further, where on the path should those turning left over the bridge be? If this is outside the remit of the NCAC could it please be referred to the relevant official for a response to issue to the NCAC?

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Reply:

The intersection between the *Royal Canal Phase 2*, *Royal Canal Phase 3* (Charleville Mall) and the *Clontarf to City Centre Scheme* at Newcomen Bridge is an important intersection along the Active Travel network. The layout of this intersection (utilising a toucan crossing) follows best practice design guidelines whilst also accounting for the existing environment such as the physical structure of Newcomen Bridge itself.

Toucan crossings are signal-controlled crossings where pedestrians and cyclists share the crossing with no separation between the two. This is the arrangement provided for at the intersection between these three Active Travel Schemes. The ramps provided from the Clontarf to City Centre Scheme cycle-track (as shown in Fig. 1) are intended for cyclists to exit the *Clontarf to City Centre* track and gain access to the shared space and turn left or right as required (right turners shall utilise the toucan crossing).

The design provides for any right-turning cyclists to be able to safely access the toucan crossing, call the crossing and then wait in a safe location that doesn't block the cyclist travelling straight ahead.

With respect to the layout of the *Clontarf to City Centre Scheme* cycle-track if an inbound cyclist wished to access Charleville Mall to the *Royal Canal Phase 3 Scheme* or if travelling outbound to access the *Royal Canal Phase 2 Scheme* they shall need to cross North Strand Road. To safely manage all required movements, the layout as-constructed provides for all straight ahead cyclists to continue as normal along North Strand Road with and a ramped transition provided to bring all turning cyclists up to a shared space. Tactile paving is provided to warn users that they are entering a shared space. The reason for the ramp is to accommodate all turning cyclists and to try avoid the straight-through cyclists being blocked by those waiting to cross North Strand Road. Otherwise the straight ahead cyclist might have a green signal but may not be able to progress if turning cyclists were blocking the track. After using the ramps to exit the main track with caution left-turning cyclists can continue on their route and right-turning cyclist are required to wait at the toucan crossing.

As it may not be initially obvious that it is necessary to utilise these ramps in order to turn right from North Strand Road a right-turn arrow on the ramps has been provided to communicate this message. Space is limited on the ramps and the markings have regulatory sizes and layouts. Cyclists can queue on the ramps if required out of the way of the straight-through cyclists and can progress with care to the shared space and turn left to continue their journey or turn right to the toucan crossing to cross North Strand Road.



Fig 1 – Clontarf to City Centre Inbound Cycle-track at Newcomen bridge – as-built layout

Contact: Joe Mernagh
Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

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Q31. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to investigate and outline solutions to littering and dumping off the Harmonstown Road adjacent to the Santry River. Can the Manager further outline actions that have been taken in this area in the past and their efficacy?

Reply:

The litter wardens for the North Central Area patrol daily, removing bags of waste for investigation to try and gather evidence to issue fines to offenders under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009. The difficulty is, that due to GDPR, identity theft and paperless billing, it is becoming increasingly difficult to identify offenders this way as people are extra vigilant to dispose of their bills, correspondence carefully. This means the wardens will need to be present when these offences are taking place and have the assistance from the Gardai to gather the offenders name and address. Being lucky enough to be present during these offences taking place is hard enough, having the Gardai present at the time makes it almost impossible to catch these people.

CCTV is an option but will not help unless the offenders use a vehicle in carrying out the offence. Footage of a person walking to dump a bag does not give us a way of identifying that their name and address.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
email: barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q32. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to deal with overgrown brambles and vegetation protruding onto the James Larkin Road footpath between Watermill Road and the Howth Road. This overgrowth is making the footpath inaccessible to pedestrians and footpath users.

Reply

The ownership of the strip of land between the houses in The Village/Bettyglen and the James Larkin Road is currently being established, with a view to having the brambles cut back by the land owner.

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

Q33. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to put in place such facilities as are necessary to deal with dangerous and illegal parking on the cycle route along Belmayne Road and Marrsfield Avenue. In particular, can the manager address illegal parking on Belmayne Road at Parkside Way, where cars repeatedly block the cycle lane and force cyclists dangerously into traffic?

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

As this area is not yet in charge of Dublin City Council Parking Enforcement have no jurisdiction to enforce here. Enforcement would currently fall under the remit of the management company.

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

Q34. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager for a report on progress with regard to the swimming pool at Northside Shopping Centre.

Reply

Coolock Swimming Pool is closed due to health and safety concerns of a structural nature. This issue has resulted in the suspension of all swimming activities, causing significant disruption to our community, including local schools, swimming clubs, and members of the community who rely on the facility for exercise and recreation.

Sports Section is liaising with Dublin City Councils Law dept. for best practice on how to proceed to address the repairing the structural damage with the property management company.

Once we receive any further information we will notify elected members, customers and all relevant stake holders

Contact: Gerard Carty, Swimming Pool Inspector and Water safety Development Officer.
Tel: 086-8151594
Email: gerard.carty@dublincity.ie

Q35. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to relocate the bench that has been placed on the sideline of a football pitch in the Streamville playing fields located between the Foxhill Estate and Streamville Road. The bench is too close to the designated playing surface and create a health and safety risk for people using the playing fields for sports purposes.

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Reply

The location for this bench was agreed on site with the residents association and unfortunately the proximity to the sideline was overlooked at the time. Arrangements will be made to have the bench relocated to the opposite side of the path as soon as a contractor can attend to same.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q36. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager for an update on the provision of wheelchair accessible swings for St Anne's Park and for Fr Collins' Park.

Reply

The swings have been procured and ordered and were apparently in transit late last year however the Parks Service are still awaiting delivery of both swings to St. Anne's from the supplier in America. This was promised in January but it is unclear what the holdup is. The Irish agent for the swings has been unable to provide any detail and advised that they only get about a weeks' notice of delivery but has promised to follow up with the supplier again. Once delivery has been received the contractor engaged to install same will be in a position to programme the works.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q37. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager for an outline of plans for the renovation of play equipment in the St Anne's Park playground and in the playgrounds in Fr Collins Park.

Reply

As part of the Parks Works Programme for 2025 it is intended to commence the process of seeking replacements for the tired wooden elements in the playground. Ideally bespoke themed elements in keeping with the nature of the park would be designed and procured.

There are no current proposals to renovate the playgrounds at Fr. Collins Park as the updating of the older playgrounds in the North Central Area for 2025 and 2026. A wheelchair accessible swing has been ordered for Fr. Collins and will be installed once delivered and the contractor engaged for this work can programme same.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q38. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to cut back overgrowth blocking the traffic lights on the left for northbound traffic on the Howth Road, opposite Dunseverick Road.

Reply

The overhanging of branches from private property is a matter for Road Maintenance Services, an enforcement notice under Section 70 of The Roads Act 1993 will be issued by The Area Inspector

Contact: Deri Flood, A/SE, RMS
Tel: 086 3883986
Email: deri.flood@dublincity.ie

Q39. Question in the name of Councillor Micheál MacDonncha

To get the tree outside House numbers (**details supplied**) checked to ensure it is safe after the recent storms.

Reply

This tree was inspected in 2022 and in 2024 with some minor pruning works recommended last year. These works were recently affected and the tree was found to be in an acceptable condition during each inspection and maintenance visit.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q40. Question in the name of Councillor Micheál MacDonncha

To ask the Manager to remark the Yellow Box on the Grange Road at the Junction with Newbrook Road as soon as possible.

Reply

This yellow box was repainted last week.

Contact: Paul Doyle, Road Markings Section, Traffic Transportation.
Email: paul.doyle@dublincity.ie

Q41. Question in the name of Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha

To get the trip hazard on the pavement repaired between (**details supplied**)

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Reply

An enquiry (Ref. no. 11173114) has been created, regarding this defect. This has been forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector for repair.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q42. Question in the name of Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha

To ask the Area Manager what process of community consultation will be put in place to form a plan for (**details supplied**); what development is signalled to date and what further development is contemplated.

Reply

A cross-department team has been established in the City Council to review current development at (**details supplied**) and consider the development options of the Council owned lands at (**details supplied**). Councillors will be updated by the executive on progress made by this team in March 2025.

Contact: Malachy Bradley/ Deputy City Planner
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Email: malachy.bradley@dublincity.ie

Contact: Maire Igoe, A/Executive Manager
Tel: 222 3309
Email: maire.igoe@dublincity.ie

Q43. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to organise a meeting of the following football clubs with a matter of urgency in relation to the promised All Weather Football Pitch on Glin Road.

Kilmore Celtic FC,
St John Vianney FC,
St Columbans FC,
Darndale FC

Reply :

I intend to call a meeting of the local football clubs to discuss progression of this project over the coming weeks. I will set a date once I have had a chance to link up with relevant DCC staff, Councillors and the 4 clubs.

Contact: Derek Farrell
Tel: 01 2228870
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Q44. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to begin consultation with the local area in relation to the Glenveagh Fund.

Reply :

The Glenveagh Community Gain Fund is designed to support local communities surrounding the City Council's Oscar Traynor Road Housing development. The Community Gain Fund is for the provision of municipal community services that are required in the area. Work is currently underway in our Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department to identify, cost and prepare a draft plan for presentation to Councillors over the coming months. Once this presentation takes place and Councillors are briefed decisions can then be made around consultation processes with local communities.

Contact: **Derek Farrell**
Tel: **01 2228870**
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q45. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager for an update on the required maintenance work for Cromcastle Court and the promised inspection.

Reply:

An on-site inspection is scheduled with the local Area Manager and Housing Maintenance representatives during w/e 21/02/2025. Following the site visit a list of works required to improve the environs and communal areas will be drawn up for implementation in the short term.

In recent years the homes there have been upgraded to an average B1 BER rating from an original E1 rating through a range of measures including;

- the buildings in the estate were wrapped in 2016 / 2017 to improve insulation;
- in 2015, with support from SEAI's Better Energy Communities Scheme, the heating system was significantly upgraded and this work consisted of replacing the 3 no. boilers that serve the estate with 2 no. air to water heat pumps which are much more efficient.
- The single glazed windows in the units were upgraded to double and triple glazed at the time.
- the roofs were re-laid insulated and the water tanks were changed from galvanised to plastic and insulated.
- Weather compensation controls were installed as part of the heating upgrade which moderates the flow water temperature to each apartment based on the external temperature.
- Temperature sensors were installed in each apartment which enables internal conditions in each apartment to be monitored remotely (see images below).
- A new fast-recovery hot water cylinder was also installed.

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If individual tenants have maintenance issues (repair requests) these should be reported directly to maintenance@dublincity.ie / Tel. 01 222 2191 so they can be properly logged and tracked.

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

Q46. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager if/when Dublin City Council will take responsibility for Newbury Woods.

Reply:

This will be referred to the local Roads Engineer for investigation who will revert directly to the Councillor on this matter.

Contact: Aisling Browne
Tel: 01 222 6530
Email: aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q47. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager for an update on the disposal of the illegal dump at Moatview.

Reply:

The project team are meeting the proposed contractor this week at a pre contract meeting. It is hoped that contracts will then be signed and the project can then get moving over the coming weeks.

Contact: Derek Farrell
Tel: 012228870
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q48. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager for an update on the upgrade to Belcamp Park play area which was scheduled for Q1 2025.

Reply:

The contractor appointed to carry out this upgrade after the competitive tender is the same contractor delivering the new playgrounds at McAulley Park and Kilmore. Once these 2 playgrounds are complete the upgrade of Belcamp Playground will commence.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q49. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to install a pedestrian crossing on the Clonsaugh Road, as requested by residents. There is currently no crossing along this stretch of road except where it meets the Oscar Traynor Road and the R118.

Reply

This request (Ref 11168198) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

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

Q50. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager for an update on the old Chivers site. This site is becoming a danger to the public due to high levels of illegal dumping, overgrown trees and anti-social behaviour.

Reply:

The site had a previous permission SHD ABP-304346-19, for the development of the 3.8ha site, for the construction of 495 no. Build to Rent apartments, creche, 803 sq.m commercial floor space(412 sq.m gym,34 sq.m café & 357 sq.m creche) with a building height of 4 to 10 storeys, 12,843 sq.m of communal amenity space and 396 no. basement and surface car parking spaces and associated site works. The Final Grant was issued on 13 August 2019.

No further permission has been applied for on this site and the Planning Authority is not aware of recent site activity.

Contact: Deirdre Scully, City Planning Officer
Tel: 01-222 3129
Email: deirdre.scully@dublincity.ie

Q51. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to repaint double yellow lines where they previously stood prior to the upgrade of footpaths in Kilmore West and to liaise with Beaumont Hospital about the dangerous parking by its staff in the area. Dangerous parking is a serious issue in the area and is being ignored no matter how much it is recorded. Residents

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driveways are being blocked, corners are being used as parking spaces leading to blocked vision for other drivers and pedestrians. Dished footpaths are also being blocked and cannot be used by wheelchair users. This is an issue which has been faced by the community of Kilmore West for many years and is not being addressed. Something needs to be done urgently.

Reply: Part reply from Parking Enforcement

Parking Enforcement will request that Dublin Street Parking Services patrol this area and enforce all illegal parking found there.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement

Tel: 01 222 7075

Email: Suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

In addition – it is illegal to park a vehicle within 5m of a corner or junction as per the local authority bye-laws / regardless of whether DYL's are installed or not - to this effect – there is also a degree of enforcement required here - if - as stated by Councillor Henry it is an ongoing issue. Perhaps DSPS could be notified by the area office on receipt of notice.

Contact: *Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer.*

Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

Q52. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager for an update on the works carried out to date following the submission of this question in 2019, particularly in regard to the work done to repair the damage caused to the front garden wall of the home (**details supplied**).

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out investigative works to establish if the was damaged as a result of tree roots, by means of a slit trench. We will revert back with our findings.

Ronan Connolly
A/Senior Executive Engineer
Road Maintenance Services North City
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie
Phone: 222 2297

Q53. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the Manager please arrange to have two (brown type) directional signs erected at locations as per (**details supplied**) (the provision of which has been agreed previously).

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Reply:

The requested signage will be installed later in 2025 as it is critical that the larger elements of the works programme be initiated as soon as is practicable. There is a suitable pole with directional signage near the Red Stables at the path junction to the playground. Directional signage in the park is mostly black in colour rather than the brown signage used on the public road.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q54. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager to outline his plans for the City Council Depot in St Anne's Park (next to the allotments) and say if these plans can include provision of space for St. Anne's City Farm to provide turnout for farm equines.

Reply:

The Parks Service has medium term plans to relocate the skips from this area to a new waste management area to be designed and constructed within the depot. This area is mostly hardstanding and it is intended to relocate the poly-tunnel and associate facilities currently between the depot and the walled garden to this hardstanding area. This will bring all of the community activities into one area outside of the active working depot and will allow appropriate supporting services be provided. The area along the river where the farm was dumping their organic waste will be cleaned up and discussions will be held at a later date with the farm and disability group operating the poly-tunnel as to how this area might be best brought into use.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q55. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager please refer to the needs of St. Anne's City Farm and St. Anne's Allotments and say if/when he can arrange a sustainable plan going to adequately deal with organic waste from both the farm and allotments.

Reply:

DCC does not have a green waste facility. A skip has been provided to the farm and all of the organic waste produced here is sent to a licenced green waste facility. The servicing of this skip provides accurate data as to the amount of such waste produced on the farm. It is really a matter for the farm to manage the amount of waste produced in a sustainable manner.

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It is an objective of the allotment scheme that all organic waste produced is used within the allotments. DCC Parks works with the allotment committee towards this objective and it mostly very successful in this regard.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q56. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager please arrange to contact (**details supplied A**) and assist in the initiation of a residential disk parking scheme at (**details supplied B**) as residents are continuously experiencing serious difficulties with parking/bin lorry access etc at same.

Reply:

If residents would like to apply for a Pay & Display and Permit 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>

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

Q57. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager please refer to (**details supplied**) and let me have a detailed response on what proposals there are to improve matters for parents safely accessing the childcare facility at (**details supplied**).

Reply from the C2CC Project Team:

During the course of the construction of the Clontarf to City Centre Scheme (C2CC) it was noted that there was routinely significant traffic disruption caused as a result of cars entering and exiting the gym and blocking the footway and cycle-track at the gym entrance. This was the case prior to any reduction of vehicular movements entering or exiting the gym. It was regularly observed that there were two queues of traffic trying to get out of the gym (turning left out and right out) and then a further two queues of traffic trying to enter the gym (right in and left in). Please see Figure 1 and Figure 2 for an example of what was typically observed in December 2023 during time when all vehicular movements were still permitted i.e. traffic lanes, footpath and cycle-track blocked.

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Figure 1 – Queuing at Westwood Gym Entrance with no restriction on turning movements (December 2023)

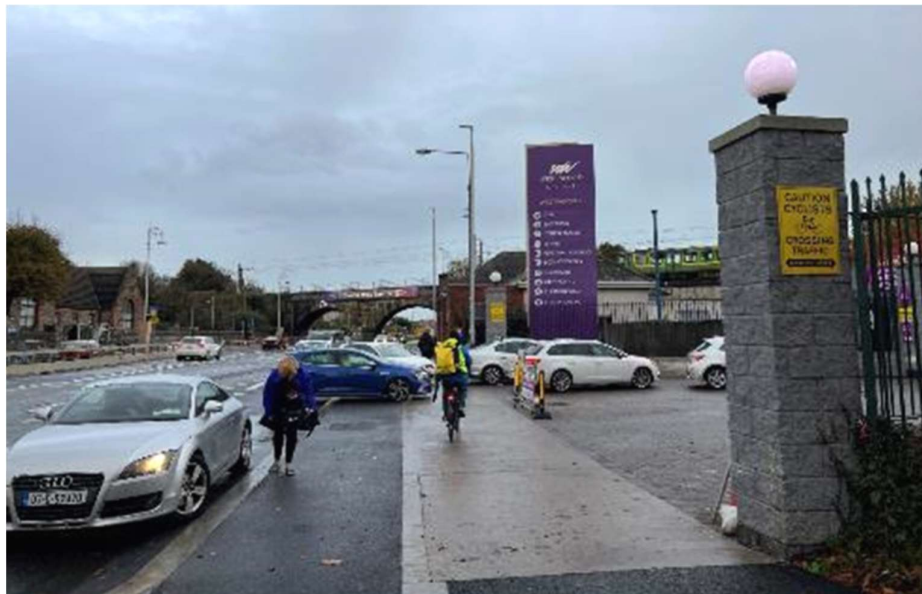


Figure 2 – Queuing at Westwood Gym Entrance with no restriction on turning movements (December 2023)

During construction of the C2CC Scheme measures were undertaken to try mitigate the issues observed (as per Figure 1 and Figure 2).

Some of the measures undertaken by the C2CC Scheme included;

- Red surfacing was installed across the entrance to Westwood Gym to see if this would assist in keeping vehicles off of the cycle-track and footway.
- A central median was constructed as it was considered that there were simply too many movements coming into and out of the gym i.e. two lines of traffic entering and two lines of traffic exiting all crossing each other and interacting with general traffic on the road and also impacting on cyclists and pedestrians trying to pass the gym entrance.
- By constructing the central median it reduced the number of vehicular queues at the gate to two i.e. left turn out and left turn in only. This does appear to have

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regularised the movements at the gate and although there does appear to be queues waiting to enter the private car park it could be regarded that the situation has certainly improved for cyclists and pedestrians at the entrance. As a result of installing the central median;

- Right-turning traffic exiting the gym which is now restricted which reduces one line of vehicles potentially sitting on the footway/cycle-track waiting to make the right-turn across several lanes of traffic.
- Right-turning traffic entering the gym is now restricted which reduces another line of vehicles potentially sitting on the footway/cycle-track or else sitting on the outbound carriageway waiting to make the right-turn and delaying outbound traffic whilst queuing to gain access the gym car-park.
- Outbound traffic is now required to pass the gym main entrance, past the DART Station access and make a turn. This layout routes motorists past the gym overflow car-park (car-park no.2 adjacent to the DART Station car-park) providing a second parking option to motorists if they do not wish to queue for the main complex (car-park no.1). It also ensures the new and frequent bus services accessing the DART Station have a clear route to access the DART Station and continue on their route.
- A yellow box which was removed as part of the roadworks outside of the gym main entrance has been reinstated to try assist vehicles exiting the gym to clear the entrance quicker and hence assists in clearing the car-park quicker.
- The provision of dedicated access in the central median for buses to enter unhindered into Clontarf DART Station was provided as part of the C2CC Scheme. Access for the new frequent bus routes to access the DART Station now provides excellent connectivity to the Dart Station, the gym and the surrounding area. This dedicated access is intended to ensure the reliability of the bus schedule for the entire route.
- The new C2CC cycle-track connects to the Clontarf coastal cycle route which extends along the promenade in the Clontarf direction and all the way to Talbot Street in the city direction. Hence, there is vastly improved new cycling connectivity options for users to access all of the facilities in the Clontarf Road area.
- Additional pedestrian crossing facilities have been provided by the C2CC Scheme in Fairview and Marino providing much improved connectivity of the residential areas around Marino and Malahide Road to the Fairview Park side of the Fairview Road and Clontarf Road.
- The Project Team have witnessed on more than one occasion the enforcement of cars queuing in the bus lane and across the cycle-track and footway.

This question was forwarded to our colleagues in the Traffic Section of DCC.

Contact: Joe Mernagh

Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

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Q58. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager refer to footpath at location as per (**details supplied**) which have been seriously damaged by tree root growth and say if he can arrange repair/reinstatement of same as residents of details attached are concerned that the hazardous nature of same poses a risk of serious injury, particularly for vulnerable pedestrians who could trip and fall down, so much so, that residents now are forced to walk on the road as they feel its safer that using the footpath.

Reply:

The Annual Program for 2025 has not been finalised yet, but this location has been added to the list of locations to be considered. The Confirm reference number for this inquiry is 11173160.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q59. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager please refer to my previous request for “go slow” signs for estate (**details supplied**) and say what progress has been made to date as residents, particularly parents of young children, are anxious about the speed of traffic in this area.

Reply:

The Councillor will be advised of the recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group and will be provided an update before or at the next area meeting.

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

Q60. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager examine the cleaning/clearing of the cycle lanes around Griffith Avenue and Grace Park Road, which my constituents say are not being cleared on a regular enough basis. Especially after the storms the lanes are full of debris.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that sufficient priority is given to the cleaning of the above mentioned cycle lanes.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
Email: barry.woods@dublincity.ie

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Q61. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manger please refer to the trees on road at location (**details supplied**) and say if he can arrange to have same pruned/cut back as over the last few years a few have fallen down during storms.

Reply:

The tree at this location was recently surveyed and recorded to DCC's digital inventory of street trees. The tree was found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q62. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager refer to public lighting at location (**details supplied**) and say if the type of lighting can be improved as some residents feel the light form same is insufficient.

Reply:

A lighting assessment will be carried out on the existing street lighting on Vernon Avenue running from the junction with Clontarf Road, past Seafield Road West and up as far as the junction with Castle Avenue to ascertain light levels and identify where improvements may be required.

The existing street lighting, however, will continue to be maintained in accordance with current maintenance regimes.

As part of the Public Lighting Upgrade Project the street lights on Vernon Avenue will eventually be upgraded to LED street lighting but a timeframe cannot be provided at present. Note that old existing concrete columns on sections of Vernon Avenue will, however, be replaced over the course of the 12 months or so under the project.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q63. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services when was the last speed test carried out on the entrance road within the Collinswood estate.

Reply:

A speed survey conducted on Collinswood in May 2024 indicated that drivers travelled at an 85th percentile speed of approximately 35 km/h. If motorists are

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observed speeding, this should be referred to the local An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

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

Q64. Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

To ask the director of services to plan an event for a launch of the refurbished shelters on Clontarf promenade., music in the band stand, games chess in the longer shelter, teas and refreshments with Lord Mayor, local councillors invited and local community and a talk by heritage officer.

Reply:

The North Central Area Office will support any group wishing to organise an event to mark the refurbishment of the shelters on Clontarf promenade.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 8845
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q65. Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney

To ask the Director of Services for a date for the installation of the inclusive swings in St Anne's Park and other parks in North Central Area. We were allocated funding for 2 in discretionary. The last question I asked for an update and was informed they were on the way for December 2024.

Reply:

The swings for Fr. Collins and St. Anne's Parks have been procured and ordered and were apparently in transit late last year however the Parks Service are still awaiting delivery of both swings to St. Anne's from the supplier in America. This was promised in January but it is unclear what the holdup is. The Irish agent for the swings has been unable to provide any detail and advised that they only get about a weeks' notice of delivery but has promised to follow up with the supplier again. Once delivery has been received the contractor engaged to install same will be in a position to programme the works.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q66. Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney

To ask the director of services for details on the delay with land transfer with Clontarf baths and DCC for reconfiguration and safety on the cycleway, pavement and

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pedestrian crossings which have been going on since 2019 now with no time for transfer could the land be CPO approved as necessary for infrastructure for safe active travel.

Reply:

Terms and conditions are still under discussion particularly in relation to public access to the carpark by users of the promenade and it is hoped that the matter will be closed out shortly.

Contact: Margaret Mooney, Planning and Property Development
Christopher K Manzira, Active Travel
Email: activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

Contact: Bronagh Corry/ Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 222 6106
Email: bronagh.corry@dublincity.ie

Q67. Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney

To ask the director of services to use whatever means to remove a van parked on the new pavement C2CC by the railway bridge, just after (**details supplied**) as it's an eyesore, dangerous as people could get cut on rusty parts and being used for free storage for over 6 months of an untaxed vehicle that is advertising a private company for free, if a public rep put a poster on a lamppost without permission they would be rightly fined, but littering with vehicles and claiming adverse possession is left in actioned.

Reply:

Our Abandoned Vehicle Officer will investigate this van to see whether it can be deemed an abandoned vehicle .If found to be abandoned, he can arrange it's removal.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
email: barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Parking Enforcement will request that their Inspector attend the area and carry out an assessment of this vehicle.

Road Maintenance have been requested to identify if this portion of the pathway is in DCC charge.

If parked on property that is in DCC's charge, the vehicle will be removed for illegally parking on a public footway.

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

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Q68. Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney

To ask the director of services for an update on installation of a bench on Victoria road corner with Castle Avenue.

Reply:

A bench was installed at this location on 10th February 2025 following investigation and clarification of ownership of this plot of land.

Contact: Tommy Collins, Public Domain Officer

Tel: 01 2228870

Email: tommy.collins@dublincityie

Q69. Question in the name of Councillor Aoibheann Mahon

To ask the Director of Services to *have the footpath at (details supplied)* repaired. Resurfaced at the wall has lifted, likely to cause an accident.

Reply:

An enquiry (Ref. no. 11173193) has been created, regarding this defect. This has been forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector for inspection.

Contact: Emily Walsh

Tel: 01 222 2560

Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q70 Question in the name of Councillor Aoibheann Mahon

To ask the Director of Services to *have the footpath at (details supplied)* repaired. Resurfacing due to the water pump has caused the foot path to sink, causing a trip hazard.

Reply

Dublin City Council recently met with Uisce Éireann on Gracepark Road to discuss the utility trenches, which were part of a site investigation to assess a route for new services for an upcoming housing development. Uisce Éireann has committed to permanently reinstating the utility trenches before the new service construction begins to support the development. They have also requested a timeline from their contractor for when these works will be carried out.

Contact: Finan Dooley

Tel: 01 222 2558

Email: finan.dooley@dublincity.ie

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Q71 Question in the name of Councillor Aoibheann Mahon

To ask the Director of Services to have the road weeded *at* (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The 2025 weed spraying programme in the North Central Area will commence late April. We will consider this location for inclusion in the 2025 schedule.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Officer
Tel: 01 2228870
Email: Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Q72. Question in the name of Councillor Aoibheann Mahon

To ask the Director of Services to have a bin put at the bus stop (**details supplied**).

Reply:

Waste Management Services will assess the above mentioned location regarding the requirement of a litter bin there.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
Email: barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q73 Question in the name of Councillor Aoibheann Mahon

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the McAuley Park playground. When do we expect the playground to be completed?

Reply:

Works have commenced on site and the contractor has advised that they will be complete within a short number of weeks.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q74. Question in the name of Councillor Aoibheann Mahon

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the taking charge of the recreation area, including playground in Belmayne and when the upgrades will start.

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Reply:

It is understood that the area has been taken into maintenance while the formal transfer of title proceeds. Prices are currently being sought to replace the items of junior play equipment previously removed by the management company. The safety surface was also removed and has left the area in an unsafe condition and will be addressed in advance as soon as a contractor can be procured to carry out these works.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q75. Question in the name of Councillor Aoibheann Mahon

To ask the Director of Services for the replacement of the trees outside (**details supplied**) as the tree is too big for the road.

Reply:

In general, Parks services do not remove healthy trees, our policy maintains 'The Council will not prune or fell a Council owned/managed tree because it is considered to be 'too big' or 'too tall'. An inspection of these trees will be arranged in the coming weeks and any necessary work will included in our prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Contact: Stephen Groome, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer,
NW Parks District.
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q76. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager to request the urgent inspection and replacement of the broken windows at (**details supplied**).

Reply:

Housing Maintenance have made several attempts to attend to this maintenance request. Please advise the tenant to contact maintenance@dublincity.ie to ensure contact details are correct.

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

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Q77. Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the repair of non-functioning streetlights in Hilltop, Raheny, and Edenmore Park? Residents have raised serious concerns about safety due to the prolonged outage of these lights. Can this matter be prioritized, and can a timeline be provided for the necessary repairs?

Reply:

The street lights in Hilltop, Raheny (on the main road) have been repaired and should be operating normally now.

In relation to Edenmore Park a fire was lit around one of the poles and underground cables were damaged. The cable damage has been attended to and all these lights in the park should now be operating normally as well.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q78. Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the installation of new toilet facilities in St. Anne's Park, as was outlined in the Council's 2024 maintenance plan?
Specifically:

Red Stables Car Park: Has the toilet block, including Changing Places and accessible facilities, been installed or scheduled for installation? If not, what is the expected timeline?

Woodside Area: What is the status of the planned changing/toilet facility to serve the pitches in the southwest area of the park?

Tennis Courts: Are there plans to install new toilet facilities at the previous location of the old ones?

Reply:

The replacement toilet block including a changing places facility in the Red Stable's Car Park, St Anne's Park is scheduled for installation in the coming months. All procurement and contracts are in place to carry out the works.

Woodside Area changing/toilet facilities are planned to be brought to Part 8 this year. Consultation with the clubs using this area of the Park has been carried out do determine facilities required at this location.

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The toilets at the tennis pavilion are currently open and available to the public.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q79. Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the functionality of the water fountains in St. Anne's Park? Residents have reported that neither the fountain at the Red Stables nor the one at the tennis courts is functioning correctly, with insufficient pressure to pump water effectively. Given their importance to park users, particularly runners, can these issues be assessed and addressed as soon as possible?

Reply:

This issue will be investigated and any necessary repairs programmed as local schedules allow.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q80. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager for a report on the housing file of (**details supplied**) and for his CBL application for (**details supplied**) to be seriously considered.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 01/07/2015, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
B	1	107
D	1	42
E	1	119

The competition for the Choice Based Letting for O'Neill Court, Belmayne closes on 21st February. Selections from this competition will then be made in accordance with our Allocations scheme and successful applicants will be notified.

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.

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The applicant should be advised to continue actively applying for Choice Based Lettings, such vacancies are advertised on the DCC website. There will be more developments due in within the applicant's area of preference including Parkside, Richmond Avenue, Clonshaugh Road, Chanel Manor, Clonliffe Road, and Glasnevin Hill which the applicant may apply for in the coming months through our Choice Based Lettings portal. Applicants can only apply for properties in their chosen areas that meet the size requirement of their household.

Contact: Bevin Herbert
Tel: 01 222 2062
Email: Bevin.herbert@dublincity.ie

Q81. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if TAG can please request double yellow lines on (details Supplied).

Reply:

It is not recommended to install parking restrictions, such as providing double yellow lines where restrictions are already covered under the law.

In accordance with the Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations 1997, Section 36 paragraph (2); a vehicle shall not be parked: (c) within 5 metres of a road junction;

Any instances of illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services (Tel no. 01 602-2500) or email info@dsp, for enforcement under the Regulations.

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

Q82. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services to request an Bin be installed at (details supplied)

Reply:

Waste Management Services will assess the above mentioned location regarding the requirement of a litter bin there.

Contact Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
Email barry.woods@dublincity.ie

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Q83. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if would ask the Roads and Traffic Section to add Traffic Calming measures at (**details Supplied**).

Reply:

This location is already traffic calmed with two speed ramps and a raised mini-roundabout.

If motorists are observed speeding this should be referred to the local An Garda Síochána as a matter of enforcement.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q84. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of services to have Road inspected (**details supplied**).

Reply:

An enquiry (Ref. no. 11173205) has been created, regarding this defect. This has been forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector for inspection.

Contact: Emily Walsh

Tel: 01 222 2560

Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

85. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services public domain team to clean the path and roads in (**details supplied**).

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have a cleaning carried out here as requested before the middle of February 2025.

Contact Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)

Email barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q86. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the public domain team to clean the paths and road at (**details supplied**).

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Reply:

Waste Management Services will have a cleaning carried out here as requested before the middle of February 2025.

Contact Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)

Email barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q87. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of services to have the road inspected and Cleaned at (**details supplied**).

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have a cleaning carried out here as requested before the middle of February 2025.

Contact Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)

email barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q88. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services to request 2 seats be installed at (**details supplied**).

Reply:

The Parks Service has provided for a small number of benches in the Parks Improvements Programme for the North Central Area in 2025. If the preferred locations for these benches can be forwarded the request can be considered and coordinated with the area office who also have a similar programme.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Contact No: 01 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q89. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services to request 2 seats be installed at (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Parks Service has provided for a small number of benches in the Parks Improvements Programme for the North Central Area in 2025. This request can be considered and coordinated with the area office who also have a similar programme.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Contact No: 01 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q90. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if Public light would add two additional lights at (details supplied).

Reply:

The Parks Service does not generally provide such lighting on public open space. As there is an existing lit route along Roseglen Avenue some 30m to the north this would not be considered a priority.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q91. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if they can please request an upgrade of the walkway at (details supplied 1).

Reply:

As part of the Bayside to Northside Walking & Cycling Scheme, Dublin City Council Active Travel Programme Office will be upgrading the footpaths and cycling facilities for 5km along (details supplied 2).

The (details supplied 1) is included in the proposed works. This project is currently in Preliminary Design and is due to commence on site Q2 2026 subject to funding approval by the NTA.

Contact: Neal O'Brien
Email: activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

The Annual Program for 2025 has not been finalised yet, but the (details supplied 1) has been added to the list of locations to be considered. The Confirm reference number for this inquiry is 11173204.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie