



**Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting
held on 10th April 2017**

- 1 Presentation on Bordalo Art Project Proposal
Order: Noted.
- 2 Presentation on Public Realm Masterplan for the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme
Order: Noted.
- 3 Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting 13th March 2017
Order: Noted.
- 4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 28th March 2017.
Order: Noted.
- 5 Planning, Property, Enterprise and Economic Development Department Matters
 - i. Report on proposed disposal of a site at Kevin Street to DHGL and further information with regard to the proposed disposal.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 South East Area Matters
 - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports and Recreation Section.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed renaming of Orwell Walk as Orwell Hall.
Order: Agreed.
 - iii. Aviva Project Monitoring Committee. Confirmation of nominations of Cllrs. Lacey and Kennedy to serve until the end of the city council term.
Order: Nomination of Councillors Lacey to serve on the Aviva Project Monitoring Committee until the end of the city council term confirmed. Nomination of Councillor Kennedy deferred pending clarification.
 - iv. Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee. Confirmation of nominations of Cllrs. Lacey, Kennedy and Mc Cartan to serve from May 2017 until May 2019.
Order: Nomination of Councillors Lacey, Kennedy and Mc Cartan to

serve on the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee from 10th April 2017 to May 2019 confirmed.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Mary Freehill

The attached letter sent on 6th March to the Traffic Department and all councillors indicates serious safety issues for children attending Rathgar Junior School, Grosvenor Road, Rathmines. It is agreed that the Traffic Department furnishes a report to this meeting on the safety measures recommended to make this area safer for school children.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee asks the Manager to replace bin that was at the playground in Herbert Park, and also address where more bins may be required in Herbert Park.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Ruairí McGinley

That the Manager report to this committee on the backlog of road maintenance requests and advises on the level of resources required to clear this backlog.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of the South East Area calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) to engage with Coleman Combat Community & Education Group of Ringsend and to assist them through sports grants funding and other community grant schemes. Further, that the community gain fund committee reengage with this group with the view to facilitating them to making further applications for funding.

This initiative by this community group has been hugely successful in engaging with young people and children in the Ringsend area, resulting in very positive actions and educational advantages through martial arts and other sporting activities. It is also highly effective in teaching respect, anti-bullying and discipline for children, self-esteem and mental well-being are brought to the forefront in this practice which is overseen by professional instructors and at all times supervised by parent groups.

Myself, Cllr. Binchy and Senator Kevin Humphreys were in attendance last week and witnessed some extraordinary displays of sporting engagement and community commitment to the young children and young adults in this area.

When a model is this good it is time for DCC and other agencies and community funds to step up and support this committed group who are making an enormous difference in the community and in the lives of our young through their voluntary and dedicated efforts.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) to acknowledge the great and outstanding work by Theatre Director and Focus Theatre founder Deirdre O'Connell who died in 2001. That Dublin City Council considers renaming Pembroke Place as Deirdre O'Connell Place in her honour.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/single-minded-actor-behind-focus-theatre-1.313377>

Order: Motion amended to refer the request to the Commemorative Naming Committee and agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) to immediately begin the process of demolition of the remaining empty units in Townsend Street and begin the process of building much needed state of the art, best practice, modern accommodation for those who find themselves in need of a home in emergency circumstances. It is a long time since DCC built purpose made accommodation for those who are homeless and living on our streets. The crisis deepens and all we can do is muster up ad-hoc accommodation in wholly inappropriate settings sometimes at enormous cost often in privately owned property which has great limitations. There will always be a need for purpose built modern accommodation and while we are addressing the general population and the housing need through rapid build and other initiatives we are not addressing the issue of the immediate needs of the many on our streets and we are continuing to wander around in search of private empty buildings which in many cases are wholly unsuitable for peoples long term needs.

The sites at Townsend Street offer a unique opportunity to build a central unit with all the necessary facilities to deal with the many issues that need to be address in the most difficult cases of rough sleepers.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council planning department not to allow the former Aungier Street Public House permission for a rooftop bar or garden. This area is a residential area with many families and young children. It is also adjacent to the soccer pitch which is regularly used by young people and it would be highly inappropriate to have an open rooftop bar or garden overlooking this children play area. Further, this public house intends to apply for late night licence and while the general noise from such outlets can be contained a roof top bar would be absolutely unmanageable and cause many problems for the neighbours.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council (DCC) calls on DCC Parks Department to commission a 'Journey Stone' marker reminiscent of the old milestone markers that would acknowledge the journey of those who suffered in Irish residential institutions and that this would acknowledge their journey so far and the road that lies ahead.

That this work be placed in the peaceful surrounds of Kevin's Park in Camden Row beside Liberty Lane and that this work be a Dublin City Council and the local authority's acknowledgement of the hardship suffered and the progress achieved so far. Sometimes it's important to acknowledge how far we come. We claim progress rather than perfection. This is not a memorial or a monument it is simply a marker.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Dublin City Council erect a sign at the electric recharging point on Parkview Avenue, Harold's Cross stating that this is a disc parking bay. When ESB insisted on locating the recharging point for electric cars in Park View Avenue in 2013 they were informed that this is an area with more parking permits than parking spaces. Despite an onsite meeting with ESB they insisted on locating the recharging point

as it seemed to be a cheaper option for them.

There was an incident last week when a person who wanted to recharge their car expected a resident to move their car, the resident was legally parked, so the electric car owner doubled parked, recharged their car and left it there for the day thereby trapping in the resident who couldn't access her car to collect her children.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

To support the request made by Upper Mount Pleasant Avenue, Gulistan Terrace and Richmond Place Residents' Group to consider and propose design and management solutions for their areas.

This is in response to significant and serious problems, namely:

- Safety, high traffic speed and increased number of vehicles.
- The inappropriate use of Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper as a thoroughfare or 'rat-run'.
- The need for more and improved residents parking.
- The width, maintenance and planting of the public pathways.

All four areas contravene guidelines for residential avenues. They therefore pose a significant threat to the safety and well-being of residents, their children, and children accessing the area on route to local schools in the area.

Due to the number of serious issues and complaints by residents to the council regarding the area, the issues warrant urgent examination and solutions.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a traffic calming study be carried out in Corrib, Derravarragh, Neagh and Melvin Roads, Aideen, Mount Tallant, Clareville, Shanid and Aideen in the Harold's Cross area. These areas were the subject of motions from me in December and January but so far residents have seen no response to rat running, breaking of no right turn from Kimmage to Aideen, traffic movement at T junction, and parking problems due to school runs on Clareville.

- Residents on Clareville are concerned that the current traffic problem is causing major problems for residents and the proposed extension to Clareville School; planning ref 4106/16 will further exacerbate it. A condition of the planning permission is that a traffic plan must be agreed prior to construction. Residents want to be involved in the drawing up of this plan. One suggestion made is that school times could be staggered as is the case in Terenure, Templeogue and Our Lady's Colleges.
- Mount Tallant Ave is already a pinch point. Currently there is planning permission for the construction of a number of blocks of flats on this road, so a traffic plan is essential.
- Rat running, mainly caused by school runs, has made many of these narrow residential roads dangerous especially for children and older people because of volume and speed. It is essential that any examination

of these areas must be done during school term to properly research the issues.

The residents' associations of both of these areas have come together as they feel that the district must be looked at as a whole, to make sure that a solution for one area doesn't have a knock on effect on the other.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill, Ruairi McGinley and Patrick Costello

Following An Bord Pleanála's decision to reject planning appeal for development at Parnell and Harold's Cross Roads because such a development would be premature without a Local Area Plan and improved drainage. That in the preparation of the 2018 budget that the budget for the Planning Department includes cost of a Local Area Plan to be carried out in Harold's Cross. The urgent reason for this is that the a plan must be completed before any more land can be rezoned in the area, the interest of sustainable planning and development of this heritage village area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee believes that cyclists must dismount when crossing the newly developed College Green Plaza, as if they don't dismount it will make it particularly unsafe for pedestrians and particularly the visually impaired pedestrian.

Order: A vote was taken with five councillors voting for and five councillors voting against the motion (and three deferrals). The motion was carried as the Chairperson's casting vote was in favour of the motion.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee, while we welcome the new pedestrian crossing in Sandymount Village between Ryans and the AIB, we call on the Area Manager to address as a matter of urgency the issues that have arisen as a result of the installation of this pedestrian crossing:

- The drainage and flooding problems that are a result of the pavement extension outwards over drainage channel creating water retention outside AIB and Ryans (see attached photos).
- The removal of the dished pavement at Ryan's corner which is making it very difficult for wheelchair and walking aid users and for those pushing buggies.
- The proposed pedestrian island in the middle of the road which may hinder bus route access to Seafort Avenue.

Can the Area Manager please provide a full report on these works and outline how and when these issues will be rectified?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to ask the CEO to reinstate the Beta Projects and to allocate sufficient staff to manage this project. We are in a new phase of development in the city, and now more than ever, we need to be innovative in how we design and plan our services. Beta Projects is a great initiative that helps to trial such innovative design in the city, examining and measuring the success and impact of experimental proposals and therefore

providing accurate feedback and information to allow for detailed cost benefit analysis of implementing such measures on a long term basis. The Beta Project is of huge value to the development of the city and should be fully supported by the council.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to initiate the process by which a variation to Docklands Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) can be made in order to provide for the long term protection of the Graving Docks in Grand Canal Dock.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this local area agrees to install road sign warning of school presence and school children around Rathgar Junior School on Grosvenor Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

8 Questions for the Chief Executive 10th April 2017
Order: Noted.

Cllr. Paddy McCartan
Chairperson
Monday 10th April 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Mary Freehill
Paddy McCartan
Sonya Stapleton

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Frank Kennedy
Ruairi McGinley

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Claire O'Connor

Officers

Rose Kenny
Jennifer Wall
Neil O'Donoghue
Ruairí O'Cuív

Brian Hanney
Fiona O'Brien
Rossana Camargo
Jeremy Wales

Mark Ginnetty
Eileen Martin
Declan Hayden
Leah Johnson

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to urgently deal with road signage requested in attached correspondence for Rathgar Junior School.

Reply:

During a site inspection made on the Monday 20-03-17 during a period from 8:00 to 9:00 am at Grosvenor Road, specific to Rathgar Junior School the following traffic conditions were observed.

Cars parking on double yellow lines are an enforcement issue and are a matter for the Garda Síochána.

Near the roundabout, Grosvenor Road is traffic calmed with traffic islands (refuges). This narrows the junction and reduces the speeds and provides a facility for pedestrians to cross the road.

There are two speed ramps on Grosvenor Road approaching the school. Grosvenor Road does not meet the warrant for any further speed ramps. Adding additional ramps would not comply with current design standards and would encourage harsh braking and consequent heavy acceleration.

In order to provide additional safety measures for this road the following recommendation has been made:

- **School Ahead signs (W141):** It is recommended to install 2 School Ahead signs (W141) at Grosvenor Road. First from the lamp stand number 13 located at the east side of Grosvenor Road extending 3.5m southwards, install a pole to erect a School Ahead sign (W141), facing oncoming traffic.
- Install a pole with the second School Ahead sign facing oncoming traffic from the lamp stand number 10 located on the west side of Grosvenor Road extending 13m in direction southwards,
- **School Keep Clear Marking (RRM010):** It is recommended to install School Keep Clear marking (RRM010), at the entrance of Rathgar Junior School. A vehicle may not stop or park where this marking is provided.
- Install School Keep Clear marking; from the lamp stand number 11 located on the East side of Grosvenor Road, extending southwards 14.6m as per Chapter 7 Road Markings on the Traffic Sign Manual. Rescind the existing DYL at the entrance of the school from the common property boundary of Nos. 64/63 extending 14.6m.
- **School Warden:** The request for School Warden has been sent to the Road Safety Unit and will be assessed and reported in due course.

All physical measures available to the Traffic Department are implemented with appropriate signage, lining and traffic calming in place, as well as defined parking arrangements.

Poor driver behaviour / illegal parking is a matter for the Gardaí.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

There are a lot of new poles being put up in the Portobello area. There is also one in particular (see attached photo) at the junction of Pleasants Street and Synge Street. Pleasants Street is one way. There should be no traffic approaching this sign and therefore it is redundant. Why was this pole installed?

Reply:

This matter is currently being investigated by the Traffic Officer and a reply will issue to the councillor in due course.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

The issue of drivers and cyclists in the Portobello area going the wrong way down one way streets is getting worse. In some instances, the cyclists have plenty of room but in others it is dangerous. The drivers issue is terrifying. What can be done to ease this problem?

Reply:

On roads that were monitored, Richmond Hill and Charlemont Mall in Portobello, both have no entry markings and no entry signs RUS050.

Illegal driver / cyclist behaviour is a matter for the Gardaí for enforcement under the law.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Litter / dumping – there are a number of black spots in Portobello where people frequently leave bags of rubbish (e.g. junction of Synge Lane and Synge Street). Is there any way to address this? People are also continuously leaving rubbish beside bins and placing domestic waste in public bins - is there any system whereby the regular bin man (comment from a resident is - "that bin man is absolutely lovely and does a great job") who empties those bins tracks how often this happens? Just a note of how many bins are overflowing and how many have bags of waste left beside them and does the city council have any way to track this? Can this be examined?

Reply:

The emptying of litter bins in all areas across the city council is done on a scheduled basis. Unfortunately the illegal dumping of household refuse in or beside litter bins is a frequent occurrence and happens in every area right across the city. At present other than the knowledge and experience of waste management staff that operate out of a particular area there are no records kept by our staff of all the illegal dumping at litter bins which they might come across during their daily scheduled collections.

The city council is however currently trialling a new litter bin management system which will easily allow any member of the public through the use of a smart phone app to report problems with litter bins as they come across them. They will simply scan a bar code which will be placed on all bins across the city and then through a series of user friendly clicks they can report a selection of problems i.e. Bin overflowing, illegal dumping at bin, bin damaged etc in a matter of seconds. It is expected that such reports will provide the Waste Management Department with valuable information and statistics on exactly how often problems are occurring and at what particular bins in each area.

While this will not prevent the illegal dumping in the first place it will enable us to build a profile of exactly which bins in which area are been most frequently abused which in turn should allow us to target our resources towards these problem areas and bins.

This project is at an advanced stage and we expect to start rolling it out across the city in April of this year. It is expected to take up to six months for all our litter bins to be fitted with the bar code tag which will allow the reporting of problems with that particular bin.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

In the North Circular road area with bag collections they have city council signs up that clearly say 'Tuesday only' and a graphic of bins. Could we do something similar here? It might also reduce bags sitting out for ages and then being torn. Piles of bags encourage people to leave their unpaid-for bags in the pile. Can a similar arrangement be applied in Portobello?

Reply:

All houses in Portobello will be leafleted informing them that Monday is the collection day for waste in this area.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

48 Pleasants Street is vacant and to my mind derelict. I was sure I had seen a council notice pinned to the property but that's gone and I have seen no change. Is there anything that can be done? What is the current situation?

Reply:

This site has been declared to be a derelict site within the meaning of Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and a Notice of Intention to enter the site on the Derelict Sites Register was served, following which representations were received seeking an extension of time for the carrying out of remedial works to allow for the resolution of title issues. Entry on the Register has been deferred to facilitate resolution of title issues clarification of ownership. The situation is being kept under review.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

The path beside the canal at the old Portobello College is ruined by people cycling. Could the path either be widened and paved or else restored and clear signs put up to indicate how much this costs and that it is not a cycle path? It's dangerous the way it is. Can this be implemented?

Reply:

Please be advised that the path along the canal falls within the property boundary of Waterways Ireland. The path is currently restricted for use by pedestrians only but there is a difficulty policing such a policy.

Notwithstanding the above, the location in question does fall within the scope of the proposed Grand Canal Premium Cycle & Pedestrian Route. This scheme includes for the provision of a two way cycle track and pedestrian pathway at this location. The current status of this scheme is that it is in the preliminary design stage.

Q.8 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to remove graffiti at locations listed

1. On east boundary wall at junction of Zion Road and Orwell Road.
2. On east boundary wall of Orwell Road opposite junction with Rostrevor Road.
3. On Southwest corner of junction of Orwell Park and Dartry Road.
4. On boundary wall of junction of Orwell Woods and Orwell Park.
5. On northwest boundary wall at junction of South Hill and Miltown Road.
6. On north boundary wall of Miltown Road 50 metres east of junction with South Hill (to side of junction box).

Reply:

Graffiti in the locations mentioned will be removed from Dublin City Council property. It is the responsibility of the owner(s) / occupier(s) to remove graffiti from private property.

Q.9 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager when the pothole at 46 Hannaville Park, Terenure; job listed number of 2145968; will be repaired.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out a repair here as soon as possible.

Q.10 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate illegal dumping in the following garden (details supplied) and in the street in that area and have it removed.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the street at *details supplied cleaned and any dumped rubbish removed on the 20th March 2017. We will continue to make every effort to keep this street as clean as possible.

The property at details supplied is vacant and attempts are being made to identify the owner(s). Once the owner is identified, the waste left on the private property will be followed up. Litter wardens continue to monitor the public areas as regards illegal dumping.

Q.11 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to remedy the following issues (details supplied) in Havelock Square, Dublin 4.

Reply:

1. Arrangements have been made to replace the ant-dog fouling signs at details supplied.

2. Gullies at details supplied were checked and cleaned on 9/3/17.

This shore has been inspected and cement found in the pipe connection. It will require a dig and repair and will be scheduled as soon a drainage construction crew becomes available.

Q.12 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to urgently repair the footpath kerb at No 6 Cormac Terrace - current condition a major trip hazard.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out a repair at this location.

Q.13 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for a bin to be located in the vicinity of the bus stop outside the cemetery (but not in front of the cemetery wall or archway) Donnybrook.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to have a litter bin installed at the above mentioned location as requested.

Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she could arrange for this request from the Pearse Square residents to have the old original type lampposts restored to Pearse Square, details supplied.

Reply:

There is no public lighting programme of improvements for 2017. However, the replacement of brackets & lanterns here with decorative scroll type brackets will be

considered for inclusion in a future improvements programme, subject to finances being made available.

Public Lighting Section does not have the budget to cover this work during the current year. However, the South East Area Office will seek an estimate of the work involved, and will examine the feasibility of carrying out this work within the next two years, depending on the overall cost.

Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will please arrange to finally have the tree outside number 82 Beech Hill Drive and the pathway restored to a normal and reasonable condition and also to have the shore outside the same house cleaned as it was ignored the last time the drainage crew visited the area.

Reply:

The gullies were checked on and both were cleaned. We found that the gully at 82 is in need of high pressure jetting and this work will be carried out in the coming weeks.

The location outside No. 82 Beech Hill Drive has been inspected in recent days and it was noted that that footpath has been resurfaced to the satisfaction of Park Services.

Q.16 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will respond to the issues contained in the attached email relating to Heskin Court.

Reply:

Liaison Officer

We have been working to identify a replacement officer following the recent staff assignments and hope to have one in place shortly. In the interim the members of staff in the area office are dealing with issues as they arise.

Lighting

Bulb replacements are the responsibility of the management company who have replaced a substantial amount of bulbs lately. However, there was an issue where one of the tenants who has been shutting off breakers in the basement boards. To prevent any further interference the boards have now been locked.

Common Areas

Cleaning of communal areas is the responsibility of the management company. Stairs and walkways are maintained by the management company who will have a contractor look at the stairs and walkways and have them power washed where required.

The South East Area Community Team has been working with a group of residents on gardening initiatives. All garden space is communal. No garden space is the responsibility of any individual tenant.

Cutting of grass and trimming back hedging are carried out by the management company. Window cleaning is the responsibility of the management company who will have it carried out straight away.

Electrical Services in Dublin City Council is responsible for keeping lifts operational.

Gates

Gates are maintained by the management company. The car park gate was open last weekend as a result of a faulty bearing and this was repaired on Monday.

Magnet on wooden gate at Block 1

This is the responsibility of the management company. It is possible it is due to the breaking of one of the break glass units, which are regularly broken by residents. The management company will investigate.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the Aungier Danger Donut outlet on George's Street visited for noise pollution? This premises is blasting out music from early morning to late at night. I have received many complaints in the past few months in relation to this outlet and its excessively loud music.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will carry out an investigation of this matter, and to that end has requested that the contact details for the complainants be forwarded to the unit so that the investigation can commence.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of putting extra street lights in the Mercer Street / York Street area, particularly outside of York Street apartments on the Mercer Street side?

Reply:

We have investigated the existing lighting levels here, and whilst there is no requirement for additional lighting, we will consider upgrading the existing lighting on Mercer Street as part of future programme of improvements, subject to finances available. The light on Pole no.5 Mercer Street Upper, is currently not working due to an ESB service fault. A report has been sent to ESB Networks requesting to have the cable repaired as soon as possible.

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager, as a matter of urgency, request the removal of the phone boxes on Camden Street on the east side, just before Camden Place? Also, the phone boxes on Lord Edward Street and the phone boxes on Kevin Street outside of Kevin Street flats. These phone boxes are only used for drug taking, drug selling, general criminality and anti-social behaviour. They are regularly vandalised and are in a filthy condition. I can supply photos, if needed.

Reply:

EIR payphone kiosks are an EIR asset in the public footway. Their upkeep is the responsibility is of EIR. On receipt of this question, the matter was referred to EIR for action and response. The response from EIR is as follows: The double kiosk on Lord Edward Street will be removed in April 2017. EIR have a Dublin City Council roadworks control permit (T2) to carry out the removal works between 1/4/17 and 30/4/17. The other kiosks are under review by EIR.

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue warnings to the Ghostbust tour operators? This bus constantly parks on a very narrow Heytesbury Street and Camden Row. It parks illegally, right on the traffic crossing, creating great danger for oncoming traffic and pedestrians. It also leaves its engine running, which is causing a noise nuisance and pollutant to the local residents. The bus can often be parked waiting here for up to half an hour. I will supply photos.

Reply:

This tour includes St. Kevin's Park and graveyard as a stop along its route and the tour bus makes use of the location to allow passengers to disembark and re-board the bus. As the driver remains with the bus there is no meaningful warning or enforcement action that can be taken with regard to parking in the area.

Nevertheless, the issues raised by the councillor will be brought to the attention of the operator by the Senior Executive Engineer.

Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager examine the possibility of placing bollards at the entrance to Cows Lane? This area is constantly being used for illegal parking. The vans that park here block out the view of the shops and in the morning times it is extremely dangerous here. The bollards there at present could be moved down further onto Essex Street West / Charlotte Row and that would solve the problem.

Reply:

On this stretch of Essex Street West / Charlotte Row, this location is a shared surface and is the only suitable location for vehicles to load without interfering with traffic flow. This location is regularly used by the Garda and the emergency services.

It is not recommended to move the bollards from the entrance of Cows Lane down to the edge of Essex Street because it will shift the loading to a less desirable location causing congestion and further problems for traffic and pedestrians.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

A tree that was planted in Herbert Park in honour of the late Joe Doyle was removed recently due to disease. Could the manager arrange to have a replacement planted?

Reply:

It is proposed to replace this tree as soon as practicable over the coming week.

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

There has been serious subsidence of the road surface in Nutley Park, Donnybrook. Could the manager arrange for road resurfacing to be done? The subsidence is located midway down the road.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out a site inspection at this location and a report will issue to the councillor in due course.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Bike Removals:

- a) To have three abandoned bicycles removed which are located at the Pumphouse, Londonbridge Road, Irishtown. They have been in the bike stand for a number of years.
- b) An abandoned bike tied to a pole outside The George pub on George's Street.
- c) Further up George's Street on a bike rack just up from Dunne's Stores. Frame only remaining.
- d) Locked to a pole near the bike rack opposite Trinity College on Dame Street.
- e) Locked to a pole on Francis Street outside Noto Cafe.
- f) There was a tag on a bike outside the Natural Bakery Co. on Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, but the tag has been removed, hence the bike is still there and has been for the last five months.

Reply:

38 abandoned bicycles throughout the South East area have been removed so far this year. The bike in Francis Street is in the South Central area and has been referred to them for follow-up. The remaining bikes and frames referred to above, are currently being monitored and will be removed as soon as possible.

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Currently there is a road sign on Nutley Lane, Donnybrook prohibiting a left turn to Nutley Road, operating Monday to Saturday inclusive from 7am to 10am. Recent surveys have shown consistent breaches of this rule. Could the manager arrange with the Gardaí to have

random traffic checks carried out? If necessary, fixed-charge penalty notices could be applied, motorists severely warned and/or cautioned to desist.

Reply:

The matter of drivers making illegal turns will be highlighted to the Gardaí at the next TAG meeting.

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the junction of Ailesbury Drive and Anglesea Road examined in the interests of road safety. Currently, because of the narrowness of the drive and the fact that there have been minor collisions at the junction, action is required. This could be best achieved by removing one parking bay currently accommodating two cars (Donnybrook side).

Reply:

The request for removal of the parking area on the south side of Ailesbury Drive, near the junction with Anglesea Road, and replacement with double yellow lines will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report.

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue at Ropewalk Place, Ringsend. The apartments at this location have been targeted by a group throwing eggs at the windows. Could the Gardaí be informed to have the area patrolled?

Reply:

The Gardaí have been informed of this anti-social behaviour and requested to patrol this area.

Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to arrange for the removal of an abandoned car at Fitzwilliam Quay, Ringsend, details supplied.

Reply:

Arrangements of an inspection of this vehicle have been made with a view to removing it should it prove to be abandoned.

Q.29 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange for a manhole shore to be realigned with the road surface at the junction of Bath Avenue Gardens and Derrynane Gardens. Currently the manhole is elevated and the surrounding area has sunken. A similar manhole issue was resolved further down the cul de sac in Derrynane Gardens.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out a site inspection at this location.

Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give a response to the issues raised in the following email from the Ailesbury Road Residents' Association regarding a proposed extension of the 3.5 tonne truck limit to Ailesbury Rd. Could a timeframe be indicated for an in-depth response to this question?

I am writing to you on behalf of the Ailesbury Road Residents' Association. As you may be aware, over the years Ailesbury Road has become very heavily used road for traffic and the residents have always been accepting and patient with the eclectic mix of traffic that needs to use the road. However increased safety concerns have led us to strongly feel that 3.5

tonne truck limit should be imposed. And as there are significant developments coming on stream in the near future this would now seem to be an urgent requirement.

Nature of the Road

Ailesbury road is part of a zoned area (zoned Z2 “to protect or improve the amenities and residential nature of conservation areas...”) and is bordered on either end by the N11 and the Merrion Road. It is then also used to provide constant local access to major facilities including Donnybrook stadium, Simmonscourt Stadium, the RDS, Old Belvedere Rugby Club, and Donnybrook Church. These have a constant usage by considerably high numbers throughout the year. Examples of events include The Ideal Homes Exhibition, The Horse Show, Young Scientists, National Crafts Fair, Funderland, Leinster and schools rugby matches, UCD exams, business expos, rock/pop concerts, funerals, running marathons etc. Daily, the road is typically used by schoolchildren, school buses, walkers, joggers, off duty (and always speeding) buses returning to the Donnybrook Garage, building trades, meandering tourist coaches, diplomatic events and visa queues/demonstrations for embassies and of course the residents themselves.

Key Projects

A number of key projects are in various pipeline stages for the surrounding areas of Lansdowne, Sandymount/Poolbeg and Merrion e.g. 200+ apartments at the Berkeley Court, the operation of the incinerator and the building of the National Maternity Hospital at St Vincent’s. Longer term, there would seem to be plans for the RTE site. There will of course be other “smaller” projects ongoing as usual and we are therefore very concerned about future traffic flow issues.

Existing Limits

This 3.5tonne restriction is already in place for Sydney Parade Avenue and we feel it only makes sense to have it continued onto Ailesbury Road as well. I met recently with Michael Griffin (copied above) of the residents’ association on Sydney Parade and they feel strongly that this would very much help the stricter application of their existing 3.5 tonne limit.

Safety Concerns and Traffic Flow Management Plans

The safety of drivers, passengers, cyclists and pedestrians is our key concern here. Other concerns include the condition of the road itself and the considerable increase in noise from traffic at earlier and earlier times of the day and into the evening. We are very worried that the upcoming building projects will lead to a dangerous free for all for large vehicles if the traffic flow is not managed by direction from the authorities. From our point of view the introduction of the 3.5tonne limit would help to protect this already heavily used residential road. Our request might also remind authorities that a traffic flow management plan utilising the M50 and Port Tunnel as originally envisaged will need to be in place and enforced for these projects to be successfully and speedily implemented.

Reply:

This request will be assessed by the area engineer and the councillor will be informed of the outcome when this assessment is completed.

Q.31 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the concerns from a constituent about the impact of two overlapping development plans for the Ringsend area. The concerns are outlined in the following email.

I’m writing as I have some concerns about the impact of two overlapping development plans for the Ringsend area, one of which comes within your area of responsibility – Dublin City Council.

I attended the public meetings held by Dublin Port recently. As part of their strategic vision they are planning a dedicated road for port traffic to run alongside the toll road leading to

the east link bridge that runs alongside Pigeon House Road. This road will be constructed on the River Liffey side to bring port traffic to the 'roll on roll off' part of the south docks.

Last year we heard that Dublin City Council is planning a public transport bridge 'Poolbeg Bridge' over the River Dodder at the end of the Pigeon House Road which will have a dedicated public transport route (bus and cycle). The designs as yet have not extended into the wider road network. The Poolbeg SDZ is researching movement / transport strategy to identify access routes, public transport improvements, and permeability for cyclists and pedestrians etc.

The reason for my concern is that for nos. 1-51 Pigeon House Road already face onto 2 roads: the Pigeon House Road itself which is narrow, and on the other side of the wall, the toll bridge road. Two different bodies are planning 2 more roads. Potentially this could lead to us moving from the current situation of 4 lanes of traffic to 8!

In addition there's the issue of the Eastern Bypass. I know this project is more distant. However, the proposed alignment for "Sector A: Dublin [Port] Tunnel to Sandymount Strand" opens the possibility of running the motorway directly beside the Point Village. The route will then cross over to the southside, beside or as a replacement to, the Eastlink Bridge, the proposed motorway alignment then runs between houses in Ringsend and the River Liffey.

I would be most grateful if you could shed any light on when public consultation is planned in relation to the public access road for the Poolbeg Bridge. In addition, any light you can shed on the eastern bypass as it relates to my area would be appreciated.

Reply:

Dublin City Council intends to provide a public transport bridge (including pedestrian and cyclist facilities) across the entrance to the river Dodder which will link Sir John Rogerson's Quay and the southern access road to the East Link (Tom Clarke) Bridge. There will be a new junction located between the southern end of the East Link (Tom Clarke) Bridge and the toll booths. It is not intended that public transport using the new bridge will have direct access to York Road/Pigeon House Road.

The public transport bridge will require an environmental impact assessment and as part of that process, statutory public consultation is required.

At present there are no plans submitted to DCC by either TII or the Port Company for any additional crossings or changes in this area so at this stage we have no information on either proposal.

Q.32 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the manager to have an environment assessment carried out on rental property at details supplied.

Reply:

An Environmental Health Officer will ascertain the landlord details, undertaken an inspection under Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 and take any appropriate enforcement action.

Q.33 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to the cleanliness of Pleasants Street, to ask the Area Manager:

- a. How often is this street cleaned?
- b. How often are the drains cleaned?
- c. To increase the frequency of both cleanings; and
- d. To install anti dog fouling signage and to enforce dog fouling laws.

Reply:

- (a) Waste Management Services have Pleasants Street cleaned every morning, Monday to Friday.
- (b) The gullies on Pleasants Street were checked on the 30th March 2017 and 12 of 12 gullies were cleaned.
- (c) We are not in a position to increase the frequency of cleaning for this street but we will certainly see if any improvements can be made within the existing cleaning schedule. Since February 2004 we have visited this street on 33 occasions and on 15 of these occasions we cleaned the gullies completely along the street. This is in line with our remit of cleaning all gullies within the city once every 12 - 18 months.
- (d) Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs at Pleasants Street.

Q.34 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the feasibility of introducing a 3.5 tonne HGV limit on Ailesbury Road.

Reply:

This request will be assessed by the area engineer and the councillor will be informed of the outcome when this assessment is completed.

Q.35 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In recent weeks a serious bicycle accident took place outside the Fast Fit and Topaz opposite Wesley / Bective rugby grounds. An elderly gentleman man was knocked off his bike by a car (heading towards town direction) turning into the Topaz station. Anecdotally there is at least one accident a week at this location, and often two. The accident is always the same type of accident. It is caused as a cyclist is cycling in the cycle lane towards town and at the point where cars can turn left into the service station cyclists are frequently knocked off their bikes by these cars. To ask the Area Manager to introduce measures to rectify this serious health risk without delay.

Reply:

All signage and lining as prescribed by the Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) are already in place at Donnybrook Road. The cycle track markings are placed in conjunction with other road markings, and these are accompanied by the regulatory signs specified in Chapter 5 of the manual.

These signs are **F 360: Start of Nearside With-Flow Bus Lane**, the sign for bus lanes are used to indicate that a particular part of the carriageway is restricted to use by buses and cyclist.

The signs **RUS 028: With-Flow Nearside Bus Lane**, which indicates the presence of a with-flow bus lane and cyclist.

It is also including information plate P 055, detailing the days and times of operation which are Monday to Saturday 7:00 to 19:00.

The rules of the road are for all road users – drivers, pedestrians, motorcyclists, horse riders, cyclists and those in charge of animals.

As a road user, you are also expected to have a positive and considerate attitude to other road users, and, in particular, to vulnerable road users such as cyclists, motorcyclists, pedestrians, children, people with disabilities and older people.

Drivers should be careful when they need to take the left turn in order to access the Fast Fit and Topaz garage. It is important that they look to see if any bus is coming and to look and see if any cyclist is coming, and vehicle can only cross if it is **safe to do**. Under the Road

Traffic Act “A person shall not drive a vehicle in a public place without due care and attention”. Dangerous driving is a matter for the Gardaí for enforcement under the law.

In addition, the behavioural change of both drivers and cyclists is an ongoing challenge for Dublin City Council to improve awareness and increased safety for all road users.

Dublin City Council continues to promote sustainable transport by continually investing in cycle facilities to encourage cycling in a safer manner.

Dublin City Council's Road Safety Strategy 2016 – 2020 is currently being finalised. A key element to the strategy under the education pillar will be a public awareness campaign 'RESPECT'. The 'RESPECT' campaign aims to educate and reinforce strong safety messages for all road users, including messaging to cyclists about rules of the road. The 'RESPECT' campaign is due to roll out in early 2017.

Dublin City Council is currently undertaking a review of speed limits within our administrative area in accordance with the 'Guidelines for Setting & Managing Speed Limits in Ireland' (March 2015) The principle objective of assessing the appropriate speed limits for our roads and streets is to ensure that the set speed limits are as safe and appropriate as possible for vulnerable road users, including children. Donnybrook Road has been included for consideration in the 30km/hr zone for the next year.

Q.36 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following the reply which I received to Question 31 of the January meeting of the SEAC, which referred to the council's policy not to remove certain stone setts and cobble stones, despite the fact that they can result in accidents, to ask the Area Manager:

- a) What balancing exercise is carried out to assess public safety on one hand and the aesthetics of conservation of a 10 metre square patch of cobbles in the middle of four tarmac roads?;
- b) Does public safety have primacy in this balancing exercise; and
- c) If the answer to (b) is yes, who determined that the junction at issue would be safe for cyclists making a turn in wet conditions, when was it made and what were the grounds for the decision?

Reply:

The road make up at the junction in question have been in situ for some considerable time. There are no records, as is the case for most roads in the city which developed over many years, of a design process / risk assessment having been undertaken to determine the materials used at the site. It is recognised that all road materials have less slip resistance in wet conditions but as stated previously it is not the council's policy to remove these historic surfaces.

Q.37 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to Strand Road, the road works ongoing between the junction at Sydney Parade Avenue with the Merrion Gates results in a traffic management in place along one lane that is in operation to allow the flow of traffic each way by means of operating GO / Stop signs. However, in addition to this, there is the continuing issue of cars parked along the road as people go to work for the day, taking no notice of the major road works adjacent to where they park. The effect of this results in gridlock when the line along one side have to move over to allow the oncoming traffic squeeze past the parked cars. To ask the Area Manager to address the problem of parking on the Strand Road between Sydney Parade Avenue and the Merrion Gates as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Works are on-going at this location on behalf of Drainage Division. There are no parking restrictions on the section of road referred to and cars are parked outside of the area that is subject to the traffic management plan associated with the works. The matter has been

referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and identification of temporary restrictions required for the duration of the works.

Q.38 Councillor Frank Kennedy

There is a severe shortage of bins in Herbert Park. To ask the Area Manager to address this as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

There are currently approximately 18 no. rubbish bins located in the park which is considered sufficient to meet the needs of Herbert Park.

However, due to the popularity of the upgraded play area it is proposed to redistribute two existing bins from elsewhere in the park to the playing pitches, one of which will be placed close to the upgraded playground.

Q.39 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to explain what steps Dublin City Council will take to address the severe smell of burning emanating from the incinerator on 25 March 2017, and to ask what steps will be taken if it occurs again.

Reply:

On Saturday 25th March 2017, the refractory cure and boil out took place on line 1, which requires the use of the temporary diesel oil burners as part of this process.

Dublin Waste to Energy limited, the facility operator has informed Dublin City Council that their Environmental Manager was on site at the time from 08:30am until 11:30am carrying out training, which involved several walk downs of the facility and at no point during the morning detected any odours associated with the refractory cure process.

The operator has further confirmed that the Dublin Waste to Energy facility has not commenced the thermal treatment of waste. It was further noted that the facility's tipping hall is designed to operate under negative air pressure to ensure there are no odours emanating from the facility.

Q.40 Councillor Mary Freehill

What steps are being taken to deal with the major litter problem in the centre of Rathmines, caused mainly by takeaways? Litter accumulates in clusters on green patches on Leinster Road and Leister Square and all the roads off the centre of Rathmines. Would the manager please state what special actions are being taken to clear these areas? It probably needs a brush and cart on a daily basis in these areas.

Reply:

The main thoroughfare of Rathmines is cleaned on a daily basis. The side streets are cleaned Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Arrangements will be made for the litter wardens to patrol this area and for them to take the necessary action to ensure we have a clean village.

Q.41 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to replace the rubbish bin at the bus stop on the west side of Morehampton Road (outside No. 47). There was a bin at the bus stop previously, but was damaged and removed and hasn't been replaced, resulting in rubbish being dumped in adjacent gardens.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have made arrangements to have the above mentioned litter bin replaced.

Q.42 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to carry out a study on Palmerston Gardens with a view to implementing parking permits from 7am to 12 midnight, to eliminate illegal long term parking by vehicles whose owners are not resident on the road and the cars / commercial vehicles often have out of date tax discs.

Reply:

The introduction of Pay and Display and Permit Parking at Palmerston Gardens has been considered previously by the Council's Traffic Advisory Group and a ballot of the residents carried out. The result of this ballot was 25.66 in favour and 25.33 against the proposal.

There are a number of criteria that must be satisfied when the introduction of a Pay and display and Permit Parking Scheme is considered by the Council's Traffic Advisory Group. The road must be mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours. Upon review of the proposal it was noted that no occupancy survey was conducted prior to consideration of the request for introduction of a scheme and given the occupancy level requirement and the very slim margin in favour of a scheme it was decided not to proceed with the proposal unless there was evidence submitted by residents indicating that there was a significant change in the number of residents in favour of a scheme or there was a substantial change in the occupancy levels.

The occupancy level on Palmerston Gardens has been surveyed by the Council on a number of occasions throughout 2016, ranging from 51% to 68% when inspected. As there has been no significant change in occupancy levels and in the absence of any evidence to indicate that there has been any significant change of view amongst residents it is not proposed to consider the introduction of a scheme at this time.

Out of date tax discs should be brought to the attention of An Garda Síochána for appropriate action.

Q.43 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to improve the rubbish bin collections in Dartry Park as they are regularly overflowing with general rubbish, but also dog waste, leaving the park looking unsightly and presenting a health risk. In addition, could additional signage with directional signs as to where to dump dog waste, be placed at various points around the park?

Reply:

Having discussed the matter with the local Inspector, I have been informed the public litter bins at Dartry Park are serviced once per day, Monday to Friday. Arrangements have been made to monitor them regularly. A dog bin has been installed at entrance to Dartry Park and at entrance to park on Orwell Road. Dog waste can also be disposed of in the public litter bin. Extra signage has been arranged for these locations.

Q.44 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager if it is feasible to place waste bins for dog fouling along residential roads to try to reduce the increasing incidence of dog fouling.

Reply:

The Waste Management Department is currently in the process of installing dog fouling bins at locations prioritised by the area departments. The criteria being applied to the identification of locations are:

1. Proximity to entrances to parks.
2. Proximity to open green spaces.
3. Locations with high levels of dog walking activity.

Within residential areas, as with any other area, it is the responsibility of dog owners to remove dog fouling immediately and dispose of it appropriately. Any public litter bin may be used in addition to dog foul specific bins. It is not considered feasible that dog fouling bins would be installed on residential roads that do not meet the criteria set out above. The supply of bins at the above locations, combined with the supply of public litter bins, is adequate to meet the needs of responsible dog owners.

Q.45 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to give an indication as to when:

- A. Dartry Park Road and other roads requiring resurfacing in the area will be scheduled.
- B. Light poles in the area around Dartry and Palmerston will be re-painted.

Reply:

- A. There are no plans to resurface Dartry Park Road at present. Arrangements will be made to carry out local repairs.
- B. The public lighting columns here will be examined, and if painting is required, they will be added to our list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to finances being made available.

Q.46 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to increase the signage in Harold's Cross Park advising people to keep their dogs on leads and out of the flower beds.

Reply:

New general park signage is due to be installed in Harold's Cross Park over the next two months. Temporary signs relating to dogs can be included in this work.

Q.47 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to advise of the schedule for repairing footpaths and roads in the Terenure, Rathmines and Rathgar areas, particularly in relation to footpaths on Upper Rathmines Road in front of the row of shops opposite the playground and Terenure Village (particularly east side). There is a danger that with the poor state of some footpaths, people may suffer an injury and claims to Dublin City Council may ensue.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs to Upper Rathmines Road footpaths in front of shops and Terenure Village footpaths.

In reference to 'roads and footpaths Terenure / Rathmines / Rathgar' we do not have the resources to survey all these areas but if specific locations are supplied we can arrange to carry out repairs.

Q.48 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to investigate the feasibility of a right hand filter light coming from Griffith College on the South Circular Road and going towards Harold's Cross (Leonard's Corner) as there are quite a few Griffith College students living in Harold's Cross and adjacent areas who travel by bicycle and this junction is extremely hard to make the right hand turn.

Reply:

A request to rescind the No Right Turn restriction from South Circular Road onto Clanbrassil Street Upper is listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.49 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to request the company responsible for clamping to consider giving a 10 minute tolerance to commercial vehicles loading or unloading (even if it was at particular times of day only) where the vehicle is not causing a danger to pedestrians, cyclists or other motorists. This would be extremely helpful to small businesses in the area and across the city.

Reply:

Many locations are subject to parking restrictions due to the presence of clearways, bus lanes, mandatory cycle tracks etc. While the city council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS), is fully aware of the needs of local businesses and does make allowance for loading or unloading wherever possible it must also take enforcement action where parking is inappropriate or causes any obstruction to other road users or pedestrians.

Regardless, DSPS will be reminded of the requirement to make allowance wherever appropriate.

Q.50 Councillor Chris Andrews

That a solid bulky post be put in on the pavement at the front of number 1 Pembroke Cottages, as the smaller one put in place gets knocked down within days of being put in and it is particularly unsafe spot for pedestrians

Reply:

The option of installing a torpedo style bollard at this location will be investigated.

Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have Dublin City Council install security cameras that will be effective in the Cabbage Patch, as there is ongoing serious disturbance to residents?

Reply:

We do not plan to install security cameras at the Cabbage Patch as the CCTV which had previously been in operation was discontinued because the cost was considered to be too high and it was not preventing anti-social behaviour from taking place.

The problems which arise in the Cabbage Patch can only be resolved by a combination of Dublin City Council, the residents and the Gardaí working together to deal with the small number of individuals who are causing the problem. Neither has locking the park proved successful in deterring anti-social behaviour.

Q.52 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager outline if Dublin City Council (DCC) is aware of the situation where DCC mortgage holders at details supplied are very concerned that they will have no insurance cover if the management company pulls out for this development and can she give them assurances that they will still have insurance and what measures are DCC taking to resolve the issues?

Reply:

A reply will issue directly to the councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.53 Councillor Chris Andrews

The Residents' Association of Pearse Square is requesting the reinstatement of the original lamppost tops to the lamps in Pearse Square.

1. Currently in situ in Ranelagh and 2. Original posts in Pearse Square the tops of which have been replaced with ugly more modern versions.

The residents are requesting that the original scrolled type which are in keeping with the character of the square are reinstalled. They understand that this has been done for other inner-city communities including streets including Summer Street, Dublin 1.

Can you please respond to their request and indicate how they can progress this?

Reply:

There is no public lighting programme of improvements for 2017. However, the replacement of brackets & lanterns here with decorative scroll type brackets will be considered for inclusion in a future improvements programme, subject to finances being made available.

Public Lighting Section does not have the budget to cover this work during the current year. However, the South East Area Office will seek an estimate of the work involved, and will examine the feasibility of carrying out this work within the next two years, depending on the overall cost.

Q.54 Councillor Chris Andrews

Is it possible to put leaflets through doors warning people of the fines they may incur and telling new arrivals to the area of the correct day to leave their sacks out on details supplied?

Reply:

Details supplied will be leafleted informing owners / occupiers of the waste collection day and of their obligations in this regard.

Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when was the decision to instate 'No Cycling' signs in Herbert Park made, how was this decision reached, was there a public consultation process around this and if not, why not, and if she will reconsider allowing cyclists to cycle in Herbert Park and to provide a safe cycle route in the park to facilitate this.

Reply:

As set out under section 4.6 (a) Prohibited Acts it is in breach of the Parks and Open Space Bye-Laws 2002 to cycle a bicycle in a public park except for exceptions as set under 4.6 (e) (1) (2) of the Bye-Laws.

However, as this is a difficult bye law to enforce and it is city policy to promote cycling in the city, 'responsible cycling' is accepted in public parks so long as the cyclists travel at a reasonable speed and give priority to other park users when cycling through the park.

Over a period of months a number of complaints were received by Park Services from members of the public complaining that cyclists were travelling at excessive speeds through Herbert Park without due regard to the safety of other park users, thus putting young children, parents, the elderly, dog walkers and park staff in danger of being knocked over.

These complaints were investigated and observations made over a number of weeks. The complaint was upheld, as it was observed that cyclists were travelling at what appeared to be excessive speed through the park, often overtaking other park users at high speed.

As the problem primarily affected a stretch of park from Pembroke Cottages to the Herbert Park Hotel / Ballsbridge entrance, it was decided, in the interest of public safety, to put a 'no cycling' logo on this stretch of park pathway. This has now been in place for a number of weeks and appears to be having the desired effect in keeping the park safer for park users.

It is important to note that there is a designated cycle way located some metres away from the route used by cyclists in Herbert Park. This cycleway was installed with the agreement of Park Services and the Environment & Transport Department when they installed the flood defence wall and has lighting, is the required width and runs parallel to Herbert Park between Donnybrook and Ballsbridge.

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager who is the new tenant of The Pigeon House Hotel, if the existing tenants were entitled to stay there as part of this new lease agreement, and to provide all details of the terms of conditions of the leasing agreement.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has not granted any new lease in respect of this premises. The existing tenants remain in occupation in line with the terms and conditions of their existing tenure.

Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she will please address the following issues on Pearse Street:

- To carry out a traffic study for the traffic levels and flows in Pearse Street & with a view to improving the traffic management system in place, with effective consultation with the local residents
- To install safe cycle lanes the length of Pearse Street to Tara Street
- To install an air quality monitoring point at the junction of Pearse Street and Macken Street to monitor the environmental impact of increased traffic levels in the area
- Since the parking spaces in upper Pearse Street have been removed, delivery/commercial vehicles are being parking illegally, posing a serious risk other vehicles and pedestrians
- To review the signalling periods on the Beckett Bridge to ensure they are relative to the traffic levels on the North Quays and Macken Street and to help reduce traffic queues here.

Reply:

The traffic lights sequencing at the Samuel Beckett Bridge is currently being reviewed by a Traffic Engineer with a view to optimising traffic flows. A reply will issue to the councillor when this review is completed.

Pearse Street / Tara Street is designated in the Cycle Network Plan as a secondary radial cycle route linking the Dodder Greenway and National Cycle Route 5 (to the east) and the city centre (to the west). Pearse Street extends from Grand Canal Bridge (to the east) to Tara Street /College Street (to the west) Part of Pearse Street from Sandwith Street Upper/Lower to Westland Row already contains an inbound cycle lane.

From a preliminary inspection, it appears that the cross-sectional area of Pearse Street from Grand Canal Bridge to Sandwith Street is suitable for the installation of cycle lanes, although parking areas may be affected in some areas while wide footpaths may be narrowed in other areas. The inbound one-way section of Pearse Street from Westland Row to Tara Street is also suitable for the construction of an inbound cycle lane. Segregation of cycle lanes is advised in these areas due to high traffic volumes.

While the cycle network plan sets out proposals in respect of individual links between primary cycle routes, these proposal have only been developed at a strategic level. Accordingly, individual link proposals are subject to possible refinement and amendment as part of the planning and development process.

At present, there is no proposal to provide additional cycle lanes on Pearse Street.

The Traffic Advisory Group section does not have the necessary resources or allocated funding to undertake traffic studies of large areas that incorporate multiple roads. However, if there remains an ongoing concern at a specific location, details should be provided.

The Traffic Advisory Group will continue to address all the traffic and parking issues individually as they arise through the TAG process.

This includes the required statutory procedure for recommended traffic measures to be introduced. Therefore, studies of this nature are not recommended by the Traffic Advisory Group.

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is carrying out diffusion tube monitoring at 26 candidate sites throughout the city to determine the most appropriate locations for extending the current ambient air monitoring network, in the context of the expansion of the national network. Some of these candidate sites are on Pearse Street.

It is envisaged that this monitoring will continue for the rest of 2017 and will give a good overall picture of seasonal variation and other influences that change over time such as emerging traffic patterns. This level of information is required before setting up a monitoring station that meets EU macro and micro siting criteria.

Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services has been instructed to monitor the location and to take enforcement action if necessary.

Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to please address complaints from local residents in Sandymount and Ringsend areas regarding the smell of burning paint which appears to be arising from the Poolbeg Incinerator.

Reply:

It is noted that the Dublin Waste to Energy facility has not commenced the thermal treatment of waste and there is no waste on site. The facility is currently undertaking phase 1 of its commissioning programme, which requires the use of temporary diesel oil burners on site. The operator has been informed of the complaint and has stated that they have not detected any odours associated with the use of the temporary diesel oil burners to date.

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she will please attend to the northern end of Pearse Square as it is extremely overgrown and needs professional attention, and can this work be carried out before the summer months so that the residents and general public can use the park.

Reply:

Parks and Landscape Services have recently set up new parks districts and the new Central District now has responsibility for Pearse Square Park. Following a recent site visit, a number of maintenance and improvement works were noted for the park and included the northern end of the square. However, before the proposed works commences, the Parks & Landscape Services Division will arrange a meeting with the residents to discuss same.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she will please ensure that the concerns outlined in submissions by the residents of Christchurch View apartment complex are considered when decisions are being made about the final design of the Peace Park.

Reply:

The concerns of the residents of Christchurch have been considered both before and during the Part 8 process. A report will issue to the area committee addressing the concerns raised in the Part 8 process.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can ensure that the gate in Ringsend Park near details supplied is closed when the park is closed, and can she clarify who is responsible for the opening and closing of this gate.

Reply:

The lock on the park gate at this location is being constantly vandalised and has been replaced on a number of occasions over the last twelve months. I will arrange for the lock to be replaced once more but it will not be possible to have locks replaced indefinitely.

Q.62 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have hot tap in bathroom sink repaired in *details supplied.

Reply:

There is no record of this repair request on our computer system prior to this. It has now been logged. The Area Maintenance Foreman is making arrangements to have this request checked.

Q.63 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager for an update on how talks are progressing between public, Tusla, Dublin City council and the Carmelite community centre in finding a solution to keeping the community crèche open. Ref: Motion from January 2017.

Reply:

Sallywags Crèche has engaged with the Dublin City Childcare Committee as advised by myself. In February 2017 Ms. Ciara Aylward, Business Support Officer of the committee met with Ms. Margaret Gallagher, General Manager and reviewed all business activity and procedures of the crèche. Ms. Aylward has forwarded a report on her findings to Childcare Committees Ireland and is currently awaiting a response from them. She has informed me that there is no guarantee of any funding being made available. Officials from Dublin City Council Housing & Community Services will meet with Ms. Margaret Gallagher and the Prior of the Carmelite Order on Wednesday 5th April 2017 in Aungier Street to progress matters.

Q.64 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have the hole filled in outside *details supplied.

Reply:

This matter is being investigated. If Irish Water is responsible for carrying out the repair they will be advised of this. If Road Maintenance Services is responsible for carrying out the repair arrangements will be made to do so as soon as possible.

Q.65 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate *details supplied.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance choke car will check the drains at this location.

Q.66 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have light repaired outside *details supplied.

Reply:

Our Electrical Services Section will attend to this light.

Q.67 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can Grosvenor Road be cleaned?

Reply:

Waste Management Services have Grosvenor Road cleaned on a weekly basis.

Q.68 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager insert a swing gate into Airfield Road to prevent children running into the alley way behind?

Reply:

Dublin City Council is committed to access for all and universal design in any new works it carries out. Design engineers are obliged to give due consideration to access for all persons in their design of roads, footpaths, access gates etc. The width of the laneway in the location mentioned is not sufficient to allow such a gate and also cater for wheelchair access.

Q.69 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager have the footpaths on Casmir Avenue repaired?

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs on Casmir Avenue footpaths.

Q.70 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the cycle lane between Terenure and Rathgar be resurfaced?

Reply:

There are no plans to resurface this cycle lane at present due to budgetary constraints. Arrangements will be made to carry out local repairs where necessary.

Q.71 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager arrange for the removal of the crude and offensive graffiti, which has been sprayed on the red brick wall that joins Parnell Avenue with Parnell Court? This wall is in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

Reply:

This wall is not owned by Dublin City Council. There was no graffiti on the wall when it was inspected on 5th April 2017.

Q.72 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager arrange for the replacement of the speed ramps on Windsor Road in circumstances where the angular design is damaging to cars without being more effective in reducing speed?

Reply:

As these ramps are in serviceable condition there are no plans to replace them at present.

Q.73 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the yellow lines on Lower Rathmines Road from the junction at Parker Hill to lane at Rathmines Town Hall be removed? The yellow lines make it difficult for the elderly community to use the centre, particularly on Sundays when previously parking was unrestricted all day.

Reply:

Following a request from Dublin Bus for parking restrictions at this location, the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 22nd March, 2016, recommended the extension of the double yellow lines on the east side of Rathmines Road Lower from the existing double yellow lines at the junction of Rathmines Road Lower/Parker Hill, Southwards for approximately 70 metres.

The South City Executive Engineer, Traffic Management and Control, has confirmed that Dublin City Council does not propose to consider the removal of the lines concerned.

Q.74 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the graffiti on the buildings between the Harold's Cross Bridge and the hospice be removed?

Reply:

There is a small amount of graffiti on one side of the bridge and it will be listed for removal. The responsibility for removal of graffiti from private property rests with the owners / occupiers.

Q.75 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can Grosvenor Square be resurfaced?

Reply:

There are no plans to resurface Grosvenor Square at present. Arrangements will be made to carry out local repairs.

Q.76 Councillor Claire O'Connor

At the South East Area Committee in March I was informed that I would be contacted in respect of a meeting at Price's Lane in Ranelagh; can I get confirmation of a time for this meeting?

Reply:

The traffic advisory group is currently studying possible solutions for the relocation of the 7 parking spaces located at the west side of Price's Lane, when we have an official answer we will inform the councillor of our decision.

For the moment there is no reason for a meeting on site as the Traffic Advisory Group is still looking into this service request.

In cases where the Traffic Advisory Group section cannot sort the issue over the phone or through email and something is unclear for us or for residents, a meeting can be arranged through area office.

Could the councillor please provide information about the specific location for Installation of double yellow lines on the east Side of Prices Lane, because question 68 at the South East Area Committee on 13 February 2017 is unclear?

There are existing double yellow lines along both the north and south sides of the carriageway at the eastern end of Price's Lane. If the councillor can send the information through traffic@dublincity.ie, this issue can be addressed.

Q.77 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a plan put in place that will make the Cabbage Patch secure and reduce extreme anti-social behaviour residents are facing daily?

Reply:

The park area is currently been maintained to a satisfactory condition and is not considered to be the source of antisocial behaviour. However, Dublin City Council and the Gardaí are monitoring the situation.

Q.78 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager make the pedestrian crossing in Donnybrook Spar safer and install cantilever pedestrian lights so drivers are aware of the lights from further away?

Reply:

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Engineer for assessment and a reply will issue to the councillor when this is completed

Q.79 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the manager that the footpath outside a gate to Harold's Cross Park and opposite McGowan's pub be repaired. I wrote about this quite a few months ago but nothing was done. Sadly since I wrote quite a few people have slipped on this spot. The area around the man hole is depressed which becomes a lodging place for leaves which makes it even more dangerous. The path either side of this spot is badly broken up so it all needs to be urgently repaired.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out a repair at this location.