



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 8 MAY 2017**

- 1 Presentation on George's Quay Local Area Plan  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 10th April 2017  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 3 Environment and Transportation Department Matters
  - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters
  - i. Report on proposed part 8 works at Peace Park, Christchurch, Dublin 8.  
**Order: Meeting to be arranged with businesses and residents prior to Part 8 being presented to the City Council.**
- 5 Planning and Property Development Department Matters
  - i. Update on Poolbeg West SDZ.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Reports on proposed additions to the Record of Protected Structures:
    - Former Central Bank Building and Public Plaza, Dame Street, Dublin 2.  
**Order: Deferred.**
    - 190A Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6.  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**
    - Fumbally Exchange, 5 Dame Lane, Dublin 2.  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**
    - Morrison's Chambers, Corner of Nassau Street & Dawson Street, Dublin 2.  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**
    - Richview House, Palmerston Park, Dublin 6.  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**
    - St. Mary's College, Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin 4. Various structures.  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**

Stella Cinema, 207 – 209 Rathmines Road Lower, Rathmines, Dublin 6.  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**

- iii. Report on proposed disposal of fee simple in a site at Ffrench Mullen House, Charlemont Street to ESB.  
**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 naming and numbering proposal for a development at South Lotts Road: 21 South Lotts Road, 1 – 9 The Ropery.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- iii. Nomination of one councillor to the Aviva Project Monitoring Committee.  
**Order: Cllr. Flynn nominated to serve from 08<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**
- iv. Update on Discretionary Fund.  
**Order: Noted.**

7 Motions

**Motion 1 from Councillors Patrick Costello, Paddy Smyth and Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests the manager to liaise with the OPW / contractor working on the flood relief works along the Dodder and the private developers working along same - particularly at the stretch between Ashton's Pub and Clonskeagh Bridge, to use the time and resources while they are effectively "on site" to develop the delivery of a walkway / cycleway along those sections of the Dodder.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests the manager to report on what progress can be made on the following issues in Portobello area:

1. Bad street potholes - Emor Street needs to be resurfaced, remarked. This also applies to Arnott Street at the side of the Meath hospital where lumps of tarmac, sq. metres of tarmac are missing and the street like Emor Street, is a road hazard, I would say. And speaking as a daily cyclist who has witnessed other cyclists on Emor Street, fall off their bikes because of the bad potholes.
2. The road signs for many of Portobello streets are worn away, Emor Street's road signs at both ends are worn away and the Emor Street name is no longer visible.
3. All the grey ESB lighting lamp posts on Emor Street need to be repainted and the same seems to apply to the Portobello area.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 3 from Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to consider the value of placing fixed games tables (i.e. for chess, dominoes, etc.) in our parks and other suitable public realm spaces, primarily for the use of retired and older people to socialise. This would complement the other facilities in many of our parks, which are primarily geared toward play and socialisation for younger people.

**Order: Moved by Cllr. Smyth. Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager have the bins at City Quay prioritised as it has high tourist footfall and a lot of businesses in this area and it reflects poorly on the City and the local residents who are not responsible for this rubbish?

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) and An Garda Síochána to initiate a new program to tackle the many issues plaguing our housing estates in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour. That this initiative be piloted in and around the Glovers Court, York Street, Mercer Street area which is fast becoming a black spot for anti-social behaviour. Recent issues here involved muggings, break-ins, malicious damage and the setting on fire of motor cars in the flat complex itself. There have been threats and attacks on residents, local businesses, passers-by and visitors. Recently, TESCO's withdrew its staff from deliveries here and many other delivery services in the area are contemplating the same. This is unacceptable in any estate. Dublin City Council is failing entirely in its duty here by simply passing the buck on to An Garda Síochána. Our estate management is failing and our anti-social behaviour policy is totally ineffective, the result being that many tenants and people who frequent our estates are left terrified, isolated and alone to deal with gangs of youths and others. It is time now that DCC deploys private security firms to protect our tenants, our residents and our citizens. Over the bank holiday weekend there was very little service, private security can be used 24 hours a day and should be deployed immediately.

**Order: Moved by Cllr. Stapleton. Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

That this council calls on the manager to have a health and safety officer and architect to do an assessment of the safety in both block of flats at O Carroll Villas, Dublin 2. There have been reports that a political group had an independent assessment done on the bridges that join the block and tower. The results that were reported is that there is a danger of the bridge collapsing. Residents have reported to me that they are very concerned for their safety.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

This council calls on the manager to help fund the cost of running Green Ember play in Liberty Hall. It is not being sought by the Richard O Carroll group but the Green Ember group. It is a reconstruction of the original Richard O Carroll play. The event will take place in Liberty Hall Theatre, May 3 & 4, 2017. Unfortunately Green Ember is in need of €3,000 for this to go ahead successfully. Do you think Dublin City Council would be in a position to help fund this event?

Please also see attached flyer of the event.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on Minister Coveney to introduce legislation as a matter of urgency to allow for an increase in social and affordable housing on the Poolbeg West Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Frank Kennedy**

This area committee resolves to write to An Post calling on them to explain the closure of the Montague Street Post Office and the steps they are taking to ensure that it reopens as a matter of urgency.

**Order: Moved by Cllr. O'Connor. Agreed.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Frank Kennedy**

This area committee resolves that there should be staged gateways along the Grand Canal walkway in Portobello to enforce the fact that this is a path for pedestrians and shall write to Waterways Ireland to request that they take action to erect such gateways. The gateways should not impede runners but should require cyclists to dismount.

**Order: Moved by Cllr. O'Connor. Agreed.**

8 Questions to the Chief Executive 8th May 2017

**Order: Noted.**

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**Cllr. McCartan**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 8 May 2017**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Chris Andrews  
Patrick Costello  
Mary Freehill  
Paddy McCartan  
Paddy Smyth

**Members:**

Kieran Binchy  
Anne Feeny  
Frank Kennedy  
Ruairi McGinley  
Sonya Stapleton

**Members:**

Claire Byrne  
Mannix Flynn  
Dermot Lacey  
Claire O'Connor

**Officers**

Mark Ginnetty  
Eileen Martin  
Peter Leonard  
Fiona Cooper  
Pauric Fallon

Brian Hanney  
Rossana Camargo  
Helen Smirnova  
Neil O'Donoghue

Fiona O'Brien  
Les Moore  
Paul McCann  
Myles Farrell

**Question to Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee**  
**Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Q.1 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**

To ask the manager to deal with a pest control issue in a tenancy property details supplied.

**Reply:**

Pest Control, HSE are currently treating this dwelling in relation to a report of rats in the dwelling and will monitor over the next few weeks.

**Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to arrange for ControlPlus parking control to address severe weekend parking issue at details supplied.

**Reply:**

Parking restrictions are in place at details supplied with Pay and Display and Permit Parking in operation from Monday to Sunday between 07.00 and 24.00. These measures are supplemented with double yellow lines installed on sections of Rathdown Avenue.

Dublin Street Parking Services have been monitoring this area on instruction from Dublin City Council. 9 vehicles were clamped on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 4 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and no illegal parking noted on the 30<sup>th</sup> April. The location will continue to be monitored closely.

**Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to make emergency repairs to lockup used by local football clubs in Bushy Park that was burnt by an arson attack.

**Reply:**

Emergency repairs have been made to make this small dressing room building safe and to restrict access for the moment. Parks Services are currently investigating the options in repairing or removing the building and re-housing users to another facility in the park.

**Q.4 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to advise on plans to bring disused high demand tennis courts in Bushy Park back into use for forthcoming summer season.

**Reply:**

Contractors are now on site working on the refurbishment of the tennis courts. Work is scheduled to be completed by August 2017.

**Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to renew baffle walls at skate-board park in Bushy Park - baffles not working for last ten months with resulting noise to residents adjoining.

**Reply:**

Parks Services are currently seeking costs on the replacement of the sound barrier panels at the skate-park in Bushy Park. Repair or replacement of the wall will be carried out before the end of the summer.

**Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to review the rationale for the elimination of a traffic lane at the junction of McGowans at Harold's Cross Park due to a footpath extension, with a view to reverting to previous status. Local residents, who were not consulted, are not in favour of this change and see no reason to what has been done by Dublin City Council.

**Reply:**

The matter is being investigated and a report will issue to the councillor in due course.

**Q.7 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the traffic manager to assess the feasibility of cul-de-sac-ing Belmont Avenue (with bollards at either the Sanford or Donnybrook end) as it is becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists due to the increasing number of rat-running cars using the road during rush hour and mounting the kerbs to pass each other.

**Reply:**

Belmont Avenue is a road that serves as a connection route between Sanford Road and Donnybrook. It is not recommended to make Belmont Avenue a cul de sac for the following reasons:

It can result in increased volumes of traffic on other local streets as traffic is displaced.

It can cause difficulties for larger vehicles including refuse trucks which would be unable to do a u-turn in the space provided. The current road layout of Belmont Avenue does not allow for the provision of the required turning circle at either end of the street.

There would be a substantial cost involved in providing a vehicle turning area with an associated loss in parking for residents, as parking spaces would have to be rescinded.

Implementation of the cul de sac would also hinder emergency services access, Garda operations and other service vehicles on these roads.

Both the major arterial routes of Donnybrook Road and Sandyford Road have right turning lanes marked to enter Belmont Avenue to use it as a link road.

Therefore it is not recommended to introduce this measure.

**Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if it might be possible to adjust the green space outside \*details supplied to enable the elderly resident easier access to his car.

**Reply:**

The Road Design and Construction Division is a project based division and as such does not have a budget for works other than for projects assigned to it under the Capital Programme. It can provide comment on design/construction issues.

There is a green space directly in front of details supplied. There is communal on street parking on this small enclave. The parking is not divided into bays by the use of line marking.

It is not clear how the green space in front of no. 5 could be adjusted to assist the resident unless the green space is reduced in size to provide additional parking space. If this were provided, the space would not be reserved for the resident unless he / she is entitled to a disabled parking permit and such a space was provided. It is noted that a public lighting pole in the green space would have to be relocated.

Taking into account that the parking is on street the Road Design and Construction Division would not recommend any reduction in the green space as it is a valuable asset.

It is a roadside margin; Parks would have no objection to adjustments.

The Traffic Department is of the view that there is adequate parking available for the residents of details supplied and would therefore not recommend any alteration to the adjacent green space.

**Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will give a detailed reply to the letter submitted by the residents of Glovers Court on April 6th/7th containing their "Top issues" and also to respond individually to the more detailed individual tenant issues submitted at the meeting held on the 6th April directly to the Dublin City Council officials.

**Reply:**

The Area Maintenance Officer reports the following in relation to the issues raised:

1. There is gas central heating in each flat in this complex which is serviced and maintained by Housing Maintenance.
2. Windows are double-glazed units.
3. Housing Maintenance Engineering Unit will inspect the stairwells in relation to the surface and what options are feasible.
4. These flats were built to the required standard and regulations at time of build.
- 5/6.. The shores have been cleared by our choke car and the gullies have been cleared out by the area Maintenance Depot.
7. The water tanks are located in the roof over the bedroom. If water is used during the night it is normal in dwellings for the water tank to refill and therefore cause noise.
8. The water pressure was checked and found to be in order.

**Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Further to my previous question in relation to natural habitat along the Dodder (attached) to ask the manager if she will examine the ideas submitted below with this question and seek the assistance of the OPW and the contractor currently working on the Dodder to have some of these ideas implemented.

This weekend I spent some time observing the newly walled in section of the Dodder (see attached photo). The only perching locations for birds (wagtails, gulls, ducks, herons) at this stretch of the river, is on top of the walls, but unfortunately the birds get regularly disturbed by passers-by once they land on the walls.

To assist the birds and occasional otter, can I suggest that concrete shelves be placed low down along these river walls at various heights (as the river is tidal) to provide a refuge at this fast flowing part of the river; also God forbid, if someone fell in at this stretch of river, they too would have something to cling to, rather than the sheer drop as can be seen for this photo. I'm suggesting this now while the contractors are on site, it will be much more expensive to do this at a later stage.

**Reply:**

Wagtails, seagulls, herons, and ducks all require low water for their activities. Ducks don't perch very well and require vegetative material to feed on which there was and is none at this location. Wagtails (normally yellow beside rivers) feed in mud flats, there were / are none at this location due to fast moving river waters. The reconstruction of this area involves small stones which accommodate, salmon and

trout fry so the fewer birds at this location the better for these species. A heron is normally located downstream of the bridge looking for medium to large fish between two arches and it scares off all other birds from its fishing location. Otters are strong swimmers and normally drag their catches to secluded locations which we have provided for them further downstream. All of the re-instatement works are being carried out following lengthy consultations with National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) and Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) so that existing areas such as this one are maintained, with a few enhancements at other locations; all with required statutory licences and permissions.

Form a flooding point of view installing concrete shelves (to take river impacts) would involve removing the existing 150mm - 200mm stone cladding and drilling into the existing reinforced concrete walls and extending them probably 300mm out into the river. This would require a check in the wall design and an increase in the required flood height which may involve removing the entire wall capping over a length of 60m (25m either side of concrete shelves) on Beatty's Avenue and a similar 60m stretch on the opposite side of the river, if these alterations are feasible at all. If there is a glass viewing area nearby this would have to be structurally reassessed. Works at this location are completed and there are environmental difficulties with disturbing it again. The Office of Public Works (OPW) programme finishing up in Beatty's Avenue in two weeks time and have other locations planned for this work force. These proposed alterations would not form part of our agreement with them and if approved by NPWS and IFI would have to be carried out by another contractor and paid for by Dublin City Council (DCC). The old wall just downstream of the bridge on Beatty's Avenue is a protected structure so any concrete shelves would have to be on the new wall. The total cost for four shelves in two rows 2m long with 1m between them I would estimate at €60k - €120k with about 10% for design and environmental feasibility.

**Q.11 Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the South East Area office set as a priority, funding in next year's budget for maintenance and repair of the cycleway from Kimmage to Aungier Street. As an immediate priority, that the pot holes in Harold's Cross and Aungier Street, as per photographs provided, be put on the current high priority list. They are dangerous and should be repaired before a cyclist is injured.

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs at these locations as soon as possible.

**Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager for a positive response to the email regarding Heskin Court submitted with this question.

**Reply:**

Every tenant living in Heskin Court has been issued with an access swipe card for entrance to the above complex. Any additional swipe cards would be supplied to medical personnel or carers on application to the Liaison Officer subject to receipt of satisfactory medical evidence. Security in the complex is the responsibility of the management company.

**Q.13 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask manager to explain the delay in opening the padel courts in Bushy Park.

**Reply:**



Following a competition an operator has been selected and is in occupation of the building. Some minor remedial works are required and these are being addressed in conjunction with Dublin City Council staff.

**Q.14 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager to prioritise the resurfacing Orwell Road between Rathgar Village and Zion Road. This surface, particularly the area on the west side of the road outside Stratford College, is particularly dangerous as cyclists can join traffic at speed after the yield sign and then have to suddenly swerve to avoid last pot holes. It is only a matter of time until this is the cause of a serious accident.

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to carry out these repairs as part of the 2017 Works Programme.

**Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will have the issues referred to in the email (details supplied) re parking on Mespil Road responded to and if she will agree with me that the people involved should have their payment refunded and that the signage should be made clearer.

**Reply:**

The signage in question was realigned on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in order to ensure that oncoming traffic can see that a clearway is in operation and the times that it is in force. The sign in place at this location indicates that the clearway is in operation from Monday to Saturday between 07.00 and 10.00 and between 16.00 and 19.00.

There is also a Pay and Display / Permit Parking sign advising the hours of operation are Monday – Saturday from 10.00 – 16.00. In addition this information is provided on the parking meter which is also programmed not to accept payment during Clearway operational hours.

Should any individual wish to appeal a clamping Dublin City Council operates a two stage appeals process. In the first instance appeals should be made, in writing to Dublin Street Parking Services, P.O. Box 9965, Dublin 2. If not satisfied with their determination a second stage appeal can be made to the Independent Parking Appeals Officer.

**Q.16 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager to resurface Orwell Road leading out to Zion Road; there are significant potholes here and the road has been in a poor state for many years. These potholes are a danger to cyclists and will cause a serious accident if not addressed.

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to carry out these repairs as soon as possible.

**Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to have a new street nameplate installed on Boyne Street at its junction with Erne Street Upper. Currently the lettering is totally obliterated.

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to replace this nameplate.

**Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to have solar compact bins installed at the following locations:

- a) Where Sean Moore Park meets Sandymount Strand.
- b) Along the causeway to the Irishtown Nature Park up to and including the beginning of the Great South Wall.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has recently completed a tender process for the establishment of a single party framework agreement for the supply of this type of bin. The Waste Management Division is currently developing proposals to avail of this framework. When a contract is completed with the successful tenderer, a plan for the roll out of solar compactor bins will be implemented on the basis of providing additional capacity where it is most needed and maximising the efficiencies of the product.

There are bins already in the parks at the locations in question. The number and type of bins are always under consideration and these locations will be reviewed when bins are next being distributed.

**Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a resident at Beach Avenue, Sandymount: A laneway at the back of the houses (situated between Star of the Sea Church and the back gardens of a number of houses on Beach Avenue) is being used to dump / store all manner of wood, furniture and general building materials which is an eyesore. Dublin City Council (DCC) has advised that this laneway is private and not in their charge. Is there any mechanism available whereby this laneway can be taken into charge by DCC or an order made to cease current activities?

**Reply:**

The Waste Enforcement Officer visited the area and asked a builder to remove waste he had deposited in the lane. He agreed to so do. A direction letter has also been issued. Monitoring will be carried out.

We have requested a title search from the Law Department regarding the laneway.

As the laneway is not in charge Road Maintenance Services does not have any maintenance responsibilities in this case. Road Maintenance Services would not recommend taking this laneway in charge as it cannot be brought up to taking in charge standard without incurring substantial expenditure and the laneway is not of sufficient public utility.

**Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the issue of displacement of the pavement edging by a tree on Nutley Ave opposite to the entrance to St. Michael's School. The photos enclosed indicate a potentially dangerous situation (photos attached).

**Reply:**

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

**Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on Mespil Road, off Baggot Street Upper. Currently signage for motorists parking on Mespil Road outside Beshoff Brothers chip shop is unclear, giving rise to many vehicles being clamped. As shown in the attached photo, the "clearway start" sign is side-on, so you don't see it as you approach, unlike the "clearway end" sign, which is face-on. For some

motorists this gives the impression you can park unmetered after 4pm. Could this issue of signage be dealt with to clear up any confusion (see sign photo attached).

**Reply:**

The signage in question was realigned on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in order to ensure that oncoming traffic can see that a clearway is in operation and the times that it is in force. The sign in place at this location indicates that the clearway is in operation from Monday to Saturday between 07.00 and 10.00 and between 16.00 and 19.00.

There is also a Pay and Display / Permit Parking sign advising the hours of operation are Monday – Saturday from 10.00 – 16.00. In addition this information is provided on the parking meter which is also programmed not to accept payment during Clearway operational hours.

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**Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to have the following roads and pavements in Sandymount inspected and to give an assessment of repairs that will be carried out over the next year:

- a) Durham Road
- b) St. John's Road
- c) Newgrove Avenue
- d) Gilford Road
- e) Gilford Avenue

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to carry out inspections of these locations.

**Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to have installed two new gullies at the bottom of Ailesbury Road (on the Spanish Embassy side) before Merlyn Park, to prevent flooding, and to install a non-return valve in the sewer at Merlyn Park.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council (DCC) Drainage Division installed a number of gullies at the junction of Merlyn Park and Ailesbury Road back in 2012. I'll check during the next rainfall event, are more gullies needed. DCC does not generally install non-return valves on public sewers due to maintenance issues and the risk of blockages.

**Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with issues raised by residents on Ailesbury Road, as they affect the traffic flow at the Merrion Road and Ailesbury Road junction (at the DART end).

The lights from Ailesbury Road (DART side) only show green for 10 seconds. The lights on Merrion Road show green for 120 seconds. Traffic coming up Ailesbury Road from the DART side cannot get through the lights at 3 - 4 attempts. Buses turning left towards the Merrion Road to Blackrock are usually blocked by somebody not giving way to traffic. When the traffic goes left on the Blackrock Road, the next

set of lights on the pedestrian crossing opposite Tesco needs to extend its green light for another 12 seconds. Suggestions from residents are as follows:

- Increase the green light from Ailesbury Road from 10 seconds to 24.
- Widen the lane from Ailesbury Road onto the Blackrock Road by about three feet so that traffic and buses can get through more easily.
- Have a left arrow placed on the road indicating a left turn only at this point.
- Adjust the red light by another 10 - 12 seconds at the pedestrian crossing, leaving it on red.
- Increase the filter light (going towards St. Vincent's Hospital) by 10 seconds.

**Reply:**

- Widen the lane from Ailesbury Road onto the Blackrock Road by about three feet so that traffic and buses can get through more easily.

There are not any plans to widen the lane on Ailesbury Road, as this will involve the reduction of the footpath. In accordance with the National Transport Authority Strategy, a hierarchy of transport users is supported, with pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users at the top of this hierarchy, having their needs considered first in the planning of transport provision by prioritising transport, walking and cycling and to give increased levels of priority for pedestrians, cyclist and public transport. The Design Manual for Road and Streets also support this strategy.

It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to widen the road and reduce footpath width as it required for pedestrian commuters to the Dart station.

The main public transport route is the Blackrock Road which has a higher priority as it has more bus routes on it compared to Ailesbury Road.

- Have a left arrow placed on the road indicating a left turn only at this point.

There is a traffic island with the corresponding signing RUS 003, indicated that vehicular traffic may pass the sign on either side. No further markings are recommended.

A review of the traffic signal operation at the junction of Merrion Road/ Ailesbury Road will be carried out. Changes to the signal timings will be made if deemed appropriate.

**Q.25 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to reinstate the right hand turning lane at the Sundrive Road / Kimmage Road junction (coming from Sundrive Road). Following resurfacing, the road markings disappeared, with cars now from the two lanes sometimes going straight with the danger of near collisions.

**Reply:**

The reinstatement of road markings at Sundrive Road / Kimmage Road junction is included on the Traffic Officer's programme of works and will be attended to when the schedule permits.

**Q.26 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to consider putting a filter light for turning right onto Kenilworth Square North at the Harold's Cross Road junction. At morning rush hour, only one or two cars can make the right hand turn, before the lights turn red again and this is causing a tailback on Harold's Cross Road.

**Reply:**

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016, reported that the Intelligent Traffic Signals Section has reviewed traffic flows at this junction and examined the current sequence and operation of the signals and it is considered that a right turn filter signal from Harold's Cross road to Rathgar Avenue and Kenilworth Square cannot currently be accommodated within the sequence of the signals.

At this junction, priority is given to Harold's Cross Road as it carries the greatest volume of traffic, and caters to a number of bus services. During the peak hours, both the inbound and outbound directions carry significant traffic flows. The introduction of a right turn filter signal on the inbound direction would require an additional phase within the sequence of the signals in order to allow the right turn while traffic on the outbound approach is stopped. This would reduce the time available for outbound traffic, leading to additional congestion and longer delays for both bus users and general traffic, and it would also negatively impact on the overall efficiency of the junction.

The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend a right turn filter signal at this location.

**Q.27 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to consider prioritising some of the new proposed seating at Ranelagh Triangle for the elderly and those with disabilities.

**Reply:**

Discussions have taken place with the family of the late Deirdre Kelly to replace the memorial at the Ranelagh Triangle with a new memorial encompassing 3 stone benches surrounding an inscription in memory of Deirdre. The stone, which will be the centrepiece of the inscription, has been ordered and it is anticipated that the new seating which will be very welcome in the Area will be in place early this summer.

**Q.28 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to carry out a comprehensive and regular clean-up of graffiti across the area, but in particular to address the increasing levels of graffiti in the Harold's Cross area between the village and the bridge (lamp posts, junction boxes, bus stops, etc.)

**Reply:**

The area mentioned will be inspected and any graffiti on Dublin City Council's street furniture will be listed for removal.

**Q.29 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to provide a schedule of maintenance works planned for Q2 and Q3 in the South East Area, particularly in relation to the following:

- Pavement repairs and replacements
- Street cleaning
- Graffiti removal

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will operate a street sweeping schedule which requires that main thorough fares and shop fronts are cleaned on a daily basis while residential suburban streets are cleaned on a twelve week cycle, effectively once

every three months. In reality most suburban streets will be cleaned more often with resources permitting. This schedule will apply to all areas in the South East Area.

Graffiti is being removed from Dublin City Council's (DCC) street furniture and other DCC property on an ongoing basis. Occupiers / owners have responsibility for removing graffiti from their own private property.

A copy of the Road Maintenance South East Area 2017 Works Programme, distributed earlier this year will be sent to the councillor.

Beaver Row works have been completed. It is estimated that the rest of the works listed on the programme will be carried out in Q2 and Q3. It is not possible to give a breakdown within these quarters as the contractor has not been formally appointed and no programme for the works has been received to date.

**Q.30 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to provide the local councillors with an update in relation to the issues recently raised by LOKRA and the Mount Argus and Church Park residents - see email attached (details supplied).

**Reply:**

Residential areas like Mount Argus and Church Park are cleaned on a twelve week cycle.

Children crossing signs are only considered at the entrance to housing estates from main traffic routes. Signage is not recommended within residential estate roads, as this would lead to a proliferation of signs throughout the city. In addition Dublin City Council does not erect such signs on roads that are already traffic calmed or cul de sacs. Church Park is traffic calmed and is a cul de sac.

A W142 Children crossing sign was recommended on the 25/11/2016 at the junction of Mount Argus View, which leads onto Mount Argus Park. The sign has since been erected.

A review of the traffic signal timings at the junction of Kimmage Road Lower / Mount Argus Road was carried out. The priority at this junction is given to Kimmage Road Lower. As such, the duration of the green-time for the Mount Argus Road approach is shorter if there is congestion on Kimmage Road Lower. Overall, the timings are considered appropriate and no changes are recommended at this time.

Staff from both Parks and Landscapes Services Division and from the South East Area Office have looked at the overall condition of the park and how to improve it. Painting of the railings is scheduled to take place in early September. Two additional seats will be provided and the existing seating and bins etc. within the park will also be re-painted. Other improvements will consist of improving the hard river bank areas immediately either side of the Poddle River and clearing of overgrown hedging / shrubbery throughout the park.

The trees along the river banks are in the charge of Main Drainage Division. The crowns of the trees in the estate will be raised on a phased basis, beginning in the next few months. If there are any areas of specific immediate concern in this regard please contact District Parks Officer, Eamonn Dunne at the number below.

**Q.31 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to provide designated marked parking spaces for the residents of the terrace of houses on Sundrive Road which adjoins Eamonn Ceannt Park. Currently there is a very wide pavement in front of the houses which is used for parking by residents, but also by shoppers to the nearby shops. Also, to consider lengthening the double yellow lines on the road in front of the pavement parking, to ensure residents have easy (with greater visibility) access onto Sundrive Road.

**Reply:**

The location in question is a private landing and therefore Dublin City Council has no jurisdiction. Driving across the footpath to access this area is illegal and the council cannot encourage such illegal traffic movement. Therefore it is not recommended to install double yellow lines at this location.

**Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager indicate if they will research the idea of having "Buzz Shelters" across the city which allows for the development of bee friendly shelters in sites that were effectively dead, such as the one being pioneered by Donnybrook Tidy Towns in the heart of Donnybrook village?

**Reply:**

Parks service may be prepared to consider specific proposals for the placing of apiaries in public parks on a case by case basis. Such proposals would have to be accompanied by detailed and sustainable management plans.

Parks Service is happy to meet with the Donnybrook Tidy Towns group should they wish to make such a proposal.

**Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the implementation of previous proposals to have CCTV aimed at the outside of the Bring Centre in Ringsend be fast tracked as the dumping is continuing and if anything is getting worse which may be because of the change in opening hours

**Reply:**

Waste Management is currently working with site managers, Greenstar, to ensure that CCTV aimed at the outside of the Bring Centre is installed as a matter of urgency. It is expected that the CCTV will be installed in the coming days.

**Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager arrange to have the front garden wall of \*details supplied repaired after it was knocked down before Christmas by joy-riders and still has not been repaired?

**Reply:**

The Area Maintenance Officer confirms that this wall will be rebuilt.

**Q.35 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager contact <http://www.dollyskiphire.ie/contactus.php> and ask them not to leave his skip loader and full skips in Rutland Grove while they collect skips in other areas of Dublin?

**Reply:**

On investigation of Rutland Grove no skips or skip trucks were evident at the time of inspection or on any of the surrounding streets. There are no parking restrictions on Rutland Grove so vehicles can park freely there. However the parking of a lorry at

this location will be referred to the Dublin City Council Parking Enforcement Section for investigation by Dublin Street Parking Services for enforcing the 3 tonne Parking Restriction that is in place city wide.

The Waste Enforcement Unit has been requested to investigate whether any infringement of waste collection permits is taking place as a result of this activity.

Waste Management Services has been in contact with Dolly's Skip Hire in relation to the concerns raised. The manager at Dolly's Skip Hire has advised that he was unaware of their drivers parking at this location and will circulate all the drivers that this practice is to cease.

**Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager clarify who decided to put disc parking on Mount Drummond Square even though they were not balloted on the square and why it was decided to do so and also is it the case that just four houses on Mount Drummond Avenue were balloted on Mount Drummond Avenue if they wanted disc parking on a segment of Mount Drummond Avenue and is this an exception and if so, why is this the case?

**Reply:**

Residents of Mount Drummond Square / Avenue were balloted on a partial scheme (26 spaces) in 2014. This was rejected by a majority of residents. Subsequently, residents of St. Clare's Terrace, Mount Drummond Avenue requested a partial scheme outside St. Clare's Terrace. Residents voted overwhelmingly in favour and this partial scheme was introduced in 2015. Following a request from residents of nos. 38-41 Mount Drummond Avenue for a partial scheme, residents were balloted on a proposed scheme immediately south of the green triangular area fronting nos. 38 to 41. Residents voted overwhelmingly in favour of this scheme which is approx. 8 spaces. Partial schemes are recommended by the city council in situations where there is a clear delineation in the area of the scheme or in instances where residents experience difficulty in parking adjacent their dwellings. The ballot on the scheme was authorised by the undersigned on the basis that other residents had been informed of the application for a partial scheme.

**Q.37 Councillor Chris Andrews**

When will Heskin Court have a liaison officer again in place?

**Reply:**

A Tenant Liaison Officer will be appointed by the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**Q.38 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Who is responsible for management of Heskin Court external grounds - Is it Dublin City Council and if not who is responsible?

**Reply:**

The management company is responsible for the maintenance of the common areas and the grounds. They work in conjunction with our community development section on greening projects on an annual basis.

**Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager arrange to have the wall plastered in \*details supplied as it was damaged from flooding in the flat overhead?



**Reply:**

This work has been issued to a contractor to complete over the next few weeks.

**Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager address the issues contained in the attached email (details supplied)?

**Reply:**

In relation to Q. 6 & 9 - A new Liaison Officer is to take up duties on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The issue of lights has been brought to the attention of the Management Company, they advised these lights are now repaired.

Gates to car park are operating normally. The request for designated car parking is not feasible; this would allow tenants a feeling of ownership of the parking space which would not be in accordance with DCC's parking policy within flat complexes.

An Audit by Housing Maintenance of bin requirements is to be carried out in all housing complexes beginning on 8<sup>th</sup> May, this will include Heskin Court.

The cleaning of the stairwells and communal areas is the responsibility of the Management Company. They have an ongoing cleaning schedule for the Heskin Court complex.

I was speaking with Manager of the Alzheimer's Group, who are based in Heskin Court she has indicated they would like to use the baths for environmental purposes. It was also indicated they would carry out some cleaning of the gardens in Heskin Court.

In relation to Q8. The Management Company is responsible for the grounds within Heskin Court, Our Community Section, in co-operation with Residents also do some environmental work (flower planting etc.).

**Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the repair work to the staircase guesthouse on Aungier Street? This report to include all conservation assessments of the damage, and all actions to date with regards the 'making right' of this building. Further, that the report also includes all correspondence regarding this matter that took place between Peter McVerry Trust, Dublin City Council, and the Staircase Guesthouse.

**Reply:**

The Peter McVerry Trust is currently in negotiations with the relevant section of the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht affairs in relation to ensuring that the appropriate works are carried out on the property at 21 Aungier Street. As this process is ongoing a report is not available at the present time.

Planning Conservation and Planning Enforcement staff attended a joint site inspection with the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) and the National Monuments Service (NMS) on 21st April and found that:

- The front façade and ground floor fenestration were not touched.
- The ground floor café / canteen was cleared of furniture.

- The brick fire place was covered over with plywood for protection and chimney breast which had large cracks visible was covered in also.
- Timber ceiling beams visible but not affected by works.
- The floorboards were covered over in part but these are not original.
- Ground floor hall all timber plywood on floors.
- A portion of the stair handrail, and balusters were all boxed in with plywood for protection, no works to be carried out on them.
- Informed that the treads and risers had been replaced over time – no indication of when or by whom.
- Early wall beams evident in some rooms – these are not affected.
- No new stud partitions, but all new sanitary-ware in en-suites are being replaced.
- Windows have been replaced over time, no works are being carried out on the windows.
- Roof had been replaced recently with natural slating.
- There are no original flooring, skirting boards, doors, or architraves.
- The historic floor plan was retained, stud partitions had been erected to provide for en-suite shower rooms.
- The works being carried out (which had now ceased) were replacing the ensuite sanitary-ware, sealing the floors to the ablution areas, new floor finishes, re-wiring, upgrading the fire system with a wireless system, and re-decoration.
- The works being carried out have minimal intervention on the protected structure.
- The works are reversible and are a necessary requirement to ensure that the building can be habitable and suitable for the proposed use.
- An Endangerment Notice was not served at this time, as the works are considered to be exempted development.

**Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report on how many community organisations and others are in the South East Area, Whitefriar Street, Aungier Street, Digges Street Area are in receipt of Dublin City Council funding or financial supports? Also, what property if any, for community purposes to be licensed out in the area?

**Reply:**

In relation to South East Community related funding the following groups receive funding in streets listed:

Charlemont Community Resource Centre
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Charlemont Street
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Circle of Friends Women's Group	Charlemont Street
City of Dublin YMCA	Dublin 2
Iveagh Trust Residents' Committee	Dublin 8
Ross Road Community Group	Dublin 8
The Iveagh Trust	Kevin Street
Whitefriar Strings Project - St Enda's Deis School	Whitefriar Street
D8 Community Education Centre	Dublin 8
Beginners' Gardening for City Dwellers - Friends of Green Spaces	Aungier Street
Carmelite Community Centre	Dublin 2

The South East Area Office Community Team uses Dublin City Council's own property for core community based work and is not aware of any property we licence out for community purposes.

A list of all Dublin City Council properties which are the subject of leases/licences for community use in the South East Area is attached. There are currently no vacant properties in the Whitefriar Street, Aungier Street, Digges Street area which could potentially be used for community purposes.

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Property Name</b>	<b>Customer Name</b>
South East Area	A23-7291	Beech Hill Road (Beech Hill AFC)	Trustees of Beech Hill AFC
South East Area	A54-9447	Bushy Park (Sportsworld Premises)	Sportsworld Running Club
South East Area	A01-8747	City Assembly Building (The IGF)	The Irish Georgian Society
South East Area	A23-7126	Clarendon Row (No. 6)	Dublin Institute of Technology
South East Area	A54-11647	Emor Street (No. 5)	Depaul Ireland
South East Area	A25-6520	Hogan Place (No. 46)	St. Andrew's Resource Centre
South East Area	A23-7143	Kimmage Road Lower (Site)	Trustees of Larkview Boys' FC
South East Area	A23-7481	Lord Edward Street (No. 19 Rere)	Coolmine Ltd.
South East Area	A23-7242	Lord Edward Street (No. 19)	Trustees of Coolmine House
South East Area	A54-10087	Neagh Road (Mount Tallant Boxing Club)	Mount Tallant Amateur Boxing Club
South East Area	A23-7186	Pigeon House Road (Dublin Sea Scouts)	Scouting Ireland CSI
South East Area	A23-7282	Pigeon House Road (Poolbeg Yacht Club)	Trustees of Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club
South East Area	A54-11287	Pigeon House Road (Ringsend Fishermen Site)	Ringsend Registered Fishermen & Private Boatowners' Association
South East Area	A23-7302	Pigeon House Road (Ringsend Reg Fishermen)	Ringsend Registered Fishermen & Private Boatowners' Association
South East Area	A54-11307	Pigeon House Road (Stella Maris Site)	Trustees of Stella Maris Rowing Club
South East Area	A23-7283	Pigeon House Road (Stella Maris)	Trustees of Stella Maris Rowing Club
South East Area	A23-5800	Pine Road (Cambridge Boys FC)	Trustees of Cambridge Boys' FC
South East Area	A11-0667	Rathmines Road (Town Hall 1)	City of Dublin Education & Training Board
South East Area	A11-0668	Rathmines Road (Town Hall 2)	City of Dublin Education & Training Board
South East Area	A45-4861	Rathmines Road Lower (No. 190A Fire Station)	MART
South East Area	A23-7367	Sallymount Avenue (No. 17A)	Sonas Domestic Violence Charity Ltd.
South East Area	A54-9007	St. Stephen's Green (No. 15 Little Museum)	The Little Museum of Dublin Ltd.
South East Area	A23-7284	Thorncastle Street (York Road)	Trustees of St. Patrick's Rowing Club
South East Area	A23-7378	Windsor Road (Rere 10 - 22)	Cowper Care Centre Ltd.

**Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue an update on the Kevin Street library?

**Reply:**

The final phase of construction work began on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and is continuing. The appointed main contractor, Townlink Construction, will complete the programme and handover to Dublin City Council in Q3. Fit-out and moving in will commence immediately thereafter with the library opening before the end of the year. The furniture / fit-out tender has been published with a deadline of 29<sup>th</sup> May so that there will be no delay in fitting out the library once the construction work has been completed.

**Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate a traffic study that would see the proposed bus route for Parliament Street use Wine Tavern Street as an alternative?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is not the public transport regulator. This is the role of the National Transport Authority (NTA) The bus re routings as a result of College Green were provided by the NTA based on their assessment of bus flows. It is our understanding that providing a contra flow bus lane on Winetavern Street was assessed but the option of using Parliament Street was deemed the more suitable option.

**Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards to how much money has been spent to date over the years repairing the Ha'penny Bridge from damage caused by love-locks? Also can the manager have removed any remaining locks that are on the bridge and do this on a weekly basis rather than waiting for the locks to build up and create a health and safety hazard and damage to the bridge?

**Reply:**

The following is a summary of maintenance costs for the Ha'penny from 2014 to 2106 (total of €50,000.00).

Year	Lock Removal	Cleaning	Paint Repairs
2014	€2256.80	€3519.40	€22,780.00
2015	€1063.30	€3000.00	-----
2016	€600.00	€3927.10	€12,350.00

We will examine the proposal to have locks removed on a weekly basis.

**Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate the process for the placing of a plaque at the gates of Dublin Castle to commemorate the death of the RIC policeman who was shot at this spot Easter week 1916 - Constable James O'Brien, born in Kilfergus, Co Limerick, in 1868, had 21 years' service at the time?

**Reply:**

The erection of commemorative plaques is governed by the Council's policy on Commemorative Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments, Memorials and Plaques, approved by the council at its meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012.

Applications for the erection of commemorative plaques are considered by the Commemorative Naming Committee and must be made on the official form, available at <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture/commemorative-naming>.

**Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue an update regarding the licensing letting for the tea rooms in St. Patricks Park? These tea rooms have been idle for quite some time and it is not acceptable having spent thousands of euros refurbishing them that they would be left to no use.

**Reply:**

As a result of a recent competition a tenderer has been selected to operate the tea rooms in St. Patrick's Park. Pending formal approval of the full licence, a temporary licence has been issued and it is hoped that the tearooms will re-open in the next three to four weeks.

**Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager issue a full report and update with regards the Dublin City Council South East Area Committee motion to support the Whitefriar Street community crèche. This crèche was in danger of closing leaving children and families with no alternative amenity. Dublin City Council agreed to enter talks to find ways to sustain the continuation of this service.

**Reply:**

A report is being prepared and will issue to the councillor in due course.

**Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the situation at George Bernard Shaw's house at Synge Street?

**Reply:**

The potential for use of the Shaw House as a cultural resource for Dublin city has been receiving attention in recent months following discussions with Fáilte Ireland and discussion at the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) for Arts, Culture and Recreation.

Fáilte Ireland is currently responsible for the care and maintenance of the house. They have facilitated a number of site visits to the house by Dublin City Council (DCC) staff and city councillors. City council staff members in this case have been led by Declan Wallace, Acting Assistant Chief Executive, Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department. Staff members from City Libraries, City of Literature Office, Arts Office, Heritage Office etc. are assisting with this phase of investigation and in consideration of potential future uses and programmes. SPC Chair, Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan and members including Cllr. Mary Freehill are engaged with this investigative stage.

Consideration of the potential transfer of ownership of the house to DCC requires further investigation of the terms and conditions of the lease of the building together with a detailed building survey. Both of these requirements are receiving attention at present.

**Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full breakdown of rents that are applied to tenants of Dublin City Council who are housed by approved housing bodies? Particularly rent criteria and examples that are charged by the Iveagh Trust. Many tenants here are confused about rent increases and extra charges on their weekly rent bill. This is an area that needs clarity for many.

**Reply:**

Approved Housing Bodies apply the following rent criteria under the terms of the funding streams for Approved Housing Bodies:

Capital Assistance Scheme – the AHB can charge an economic rent (rent terms to be submitted with funding application)

Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme and Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SHCEP) funding (Capital Advance Leasing Fund [CALF] & Leasing) – differential rent based on Dublin City Councils differential rent scheme

Any additional charges to tenants must be agreed and approved by Dublin City Council. In some developments different rents are chargeable as units were funded under different funding streams. These terms apply to all approved housing bodies.

**Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Will the manager arrange to have the flats on Ross Road and Nicholas Street and New Bride Street audited for fire safety by calling to residents who have raised concerns and were told previously by Dublin City Council that someone would call to check fire safety?

**Reply:**

The flat complexes in question were built in 1900 and accordingly pre-date the 1963 planning regulations. In order to meet the Building Regulations introduced in 1992, the flats were refurbished in three phases over the period 1995 - 2000, and as part of the refurbishment were upgraded in consultation with Dublin City Council Fire Prevention Department to conform with the relevant provisions of Building Regulations and the Codes of Practice normally relied on for compliance with these regulations. The scope of the upgrading works have been assessed and comply with the relevant provisions and with the recommendations of Fire Prevention given at the time of the completion of the design / specification of the works. In addition, since 2002 additional measures have been incorporated into the units in question to further improve the robustness of the fire safety provisions, i.e., the installation of self closing fire doors, the installation of fire alarms and the installation of balconies to act as a place of safety in the event of a fire. The local Project Estate Officer and the local Area Housing Manager are in regular communication with the residents and are happy to engage with any concerns the residents may have with regards to these complexes.

If the councillor wishes to identify a specific unit where the tenant has concerns this will be investigated.

**Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the South East Area Manager to investigate allegations that number 40 Music Hall, Cow's Lane, Dublin 8 is being rented out on an overnight basis in contravention of the residential use of the premises, including investigating the availability of the premises on [www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com) and other sites, and to initiate planning enforcement proceedings, and to make a statement on the matter.

**Reply:**

Under the provisions of Planning and Development Regulations, planning permission is not required to provide up to four rooms in a house (with up to four people in each room) as guest accommodation. Note should also be had to the Department of the Environment's Circular Letter reference PL 12/2016 APH 6/2016, which states in general that, properties which are:

- let only for a part of the year, or
- properties where the owner remains in residence and lets a portion of the property

should *not* be considered development. It is up to the property holder providing the accommodation to advertise it how he wishes, whether that is a B+B sign in the front garden or on a website.

It is the responsibility of each property holder providing guest accommodation to ensure that he is planning compliant. There is no obligation on the agency advertising the service to ensure the use is exempt or enjoys planning permission.

The council has received complaints that a number of units within apartment complexes are made available for short-term letting. However, inspections of residential properties must be arranged in advance – particularly apartments within a private, locked compound. Invariably, when access has been arranged, no evidence of short-term use is evident.

A complaint concerning the specific apartment mentioned was received in September 2016 and this allegation is under investigation. The councillor will be informed of the outcome of the investigation upon its completion.

**Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what is the status of Oakfield House, Oakfield Street, Portobello.

**Reply:**

Oakfield House is a two storey house on the east side of Oakfield Street, Dublin 8. It is not on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) nor is it within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA).

Consideration of any special interest of the building will await the survey and appraisal of the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), under a national, rating system. The NIAH is currently undertaking a comprehensive survey of Dublin City, which informs the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, in the making recommendations to the City Council for the addition of structures to the City's Record of Protected Structures. No recommendations have been received to date for this area of the city. It is considered both prudent and good practice to await any recommendation regarding proposed additions to the RPS, including Oakfield House, Oakfield Street, to be made by the NIAH, including the formal recommendation to be made by the Minister.

**Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the progress of development on the land on New Street, Dublin 8 and whether this it is still proposed to provide older persons' accommodation on this site?

**Reply:**

The Peter Mc Verry Trust submitted a proposal, under the Capital Assistance Scheme, for the provision of 6 units for single persons, single parent families and couples experiencing homelessness on this vacant site which is at the junction of New Street and New Street Gardens (26 New St, Dublin 8). Queries raised regarding the proposal are currently being addressed by the trust with a view to submitting a revised design and cost plan before the end of May.

**Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what is the status of the public toilets building at the junction of Kevin Street and Patrick Street, who owns this building and if there are plans to renovate the building.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is the owner of the freehold title in the public toilets building at Kevin Street / New Street. The building has been disused for many years and requires extensive renovation.



The council will publicly advertise in the near future for architectural and rental proposals from interested parties with a view to bringing the building back into use.

**Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on progress to install a pedestrian crossing at the top of Nutley Lane and the junction of N11 as per my question submitted in May 2016.

**Reply:**

This request is still listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on progress for a design campaign for the sand storage units on Sandymount Strand.

**Reply:**

It is expected that artists and designs will be selected for these units before the end of May 2017 and that the work will be carried out as soon as possible.

**Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if she can provide most up to date and full list of vacant sites in the South East Area.

**Reply:**

At present there are 3 sites within the South East Area on the Vacant Site Register (see table below). Work on the Vacant Site Register is ongoing and more sites will be added as information is finalised.

<b>VS Ref</b>	<b>Site Location</b>	<b>Folio. No.</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
VS-0072	Chancery Lane, Dublin 8	Unregistered	Luxor Investments Limited	Wolfe Tone House, Fr. Griffin Road, Galway, H91 PW72	€10.7million
VS-0109	Tara Street (site adjacent to Apollo House)	Unregistered	Cuprum Properties Limited	C/O Tom O'Brien and Simon Coyle, Mazars, Block 3, Harcourt Centre, Harcourt Road, Dublin 2	€1.2 million
VS-0114	At the junction of Lennox Street and South Richmond Street	Unregistered	Crekav Trading GP Limited	4 Inver Mews, Old Chapel Ground, Arklow, Co. Wicklow	€4 million

**Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if she can review the parking signage outside Beshoff Brothers on Mespil Road. The freeway start sign is side on as side that makes it difficult to see when approaching, unlike the freeway end sign which is face on which means all you notice is the pay and display signage which gives the impression that you can park un-metered after 4pm. Can the manager also clarify whether this is grounds for a clamping refund?

**Reply:**

The signage in question was realigned on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in order to ensure that oncoming traffic can see that a clearway is in operation and the times that it is in force. The sign in place at this location indicates that the clearway is in operation from Monday to Saturday between 07.00 and 10.00 and between 16.00 and 19.00.

There is also and Pay and Display / Permit Parking sign advising the hours of operation are Monday – Saturday from 10.00 – 16.00. In addition this information is provided on the parking meter which is also programmed not to accept payment during Clearway operational hours.

Should any individual wish to appeal a clamping Dublin City Council operates a two stage appeals process. In the first instance appeals should be made, in writing to Dublin Street Parking Services, P.O. Box 9965, Dublin 2. If not satisfied with their determination a second stage appeal can be made to the Independent Parking Appeals Officer.

**Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on a request to introduce traffic calming on Ovoca Road, Dublin 8.

**Reply:**

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, reported that traffic calming in the form of a junction table at the junction of Ovoca Road and Curzon Street had been implemented in March, 2015. The Traffic Advisory Group reported also that the area will remain under review for additional traffic calming measures as necessary.

The acting Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Management and Control, has reported, as at May, 2017, that a request for additional traffic calming measures on Ovoca Road is listed for consideration for inclusion on the 2018 Capital Works Programme.

**Q.61 Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager to address the lack of clear markings of the clearway at the following point:

**Reply:**

The signage in question was realigned on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in order to ensure that oncoming traffic can see that a clearway is in operation and the times that it is in force. The sign in place at this location indicates that the clearway is in operation from Monday to Saturday between 07.00 and 10.00 and between 16.00 and 19.00.

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**Q.62 Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager for an update regarding the traffic plan for Sandymount Green. Are there any current proposals regarding reducing speed of traffic, making it safer for pedestrians? Is the pedestrian crossing being installed?

**Reply:**

During a site inspection by the Area Engineer, no adverse problems regarding speed were observed on Sandymount Green. The carriageway is physically narrowed with on street parking which reduces forward visibility and which reduces vehicular speed.

The Yield sign RUS 026 and associated yield road markings RRM 018, are installed on all 4 arms of Sandymount Green.

In the next four weeks, the speed limit on Sandymount Green should be reduced to 30 km/h as part of phase 2 of the Dublin City Council Speed Limit Review 2016.

An uncontrolled pedestrian crossing is being installed at the junction of Sandymount Green with Seafort Avenue as part of our Works Programme 2016.

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. If there is an issue of poor driver behaviour / illegal parking, then this is an enforcement matter for the Gardaí.

**Q.63 Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager to have the graffiti on the old swimming pool wall on Sandymount Strand cleaned off.

**Reply:**

The graffiti will be removed from the walls of the pool that are visible from Sandymount Promenade.

**Q64 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

The path outside and near 17 Bremen Grove is sinking. To ask the manager to repair this.

**Reply:**

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

**Q.65 Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager for an update on the yellow lines on Strand Road, from Merrion Hall to Sydney Parade - are these coming and when will they be completed?

**Reply:**

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 23rd August, 2016, recommended double yellow lines on Strand Road as follows:

On Strand Road (west side) from immediately north of the pedestrian crossing 20 metres north of the junction with St. Albans Park, continuing northerly to join the existing double yellow lines outside property No. 137 Strand Road, and from immediately north of the junction with St. John's Road to immediately south of the entrance to Martello Woods Apartments (excluding all entrances and opposite existing continuous white lines - except for the first 15 metres of continuous white lines north of the pedestrian lights).

The Traffic Officer has confirmed as at May, 2017, that all of the above markings are now in place.

**Q.66 Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager to address the following issue in Pearse Square \*details supplied:

**Reply:**

Pruning work to the northern end of the park has commenced and shall continue over the coming weeks until completed.

**Q.67 Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager to investigate and remedy the following issue \*details supplied:

**Reply:**

This job has not been completed. We are aware of the drainage and flooding problems on this corner, this will be rectified in due course.

The junction was analysed using auto tracker software and the buses were not able to make the turn if there was a pedestrian island in the middle of Seafort Avenue.

This exercise was also performed on site during the construction phase by marking on the ground a traffic island. It was clear that buses were not able to make the turn if there was a pedestrian island in the middle of Seafort Avenue. These markings will disappear with time.

**Q.68 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a skip for local residents of City Quay along the row of houses encompassing 44 - 46 City Quay to get rid of their heavy rubbish? The council did this approximately two years ago and it is now required again as the residents do not have the same disposal facilities as at Pearse House.

**Reply:**

I am informed by Housing Maintenance that we do not provide skips for bulky waste collections. Please contact Waste Management Section who provide for a bulky household waste collection. Details of the service are available at the following site:

<http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-water-waste-and-environment-waste-and-recycling/bulky-household-waste-collection>

**Q.69 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

In light of the very welcome development that Shellybanks Educate Together National School will be permanently located in due course at the former Roslyn Park site in Sandymount, to ask the manager in preparation for this move (hopefully complete in September 2018) to put in place all necessary traffic safety measures including increased safety signage, flashing lights, pedestrian crossings at the entrances to the site on both Beach Road and Newgrove Avenue and any other entrances.

**Reply:**

The planning application of Shellybanks Educate Together National School has not been lodged yet with Dublin City Council's Planning Department. When the application is lodged the Traffic Advisory Group will work at the early stages with the developer for the implementation of traffic safety measures necessary at this location.

**Q.70 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

Attractive village signs have recently been installed in, for example, Sandymount, Donnybrook and Ranelagh. As yet no signs have been installed for Ringsend and Irishtown. To ask the manager to install these signs as a matter of urgency and to provide a report on the plans in this respect, including intended locations. Having regard to differing views as to where is the border between Ringsend and Irishtown, one idea which has attracted some local support is signage as follows:

- Coming onto Ringsend Bridge into Ringsend – “Ringsend and Irishtown”
- Outside St. Mathew's Church / opposite Irishtown Garda Station coming from Tritonville Road – “Irishtown and Ringsend”
- Coming off the Sean Moore Roundabout onto Sean Moore Road – “Ringsend and Irishtown”

**Reply:**

Work on the preparation of the Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) I is nearing completion. Following adoption of the plan work will commence on further detailed consultations to deliver the main elements of the plan under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). It is proposed that location and wording of appropriate village signs be agreed at that stage as part of these detailed consultations. Once this has been agreed the signs can be installed.

**Q.71 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager with regard to Ringsend Park:

1. How many staff currently work in Ringsend Park?
2. How many staff worked there in 2007?
3. How many bins are in Ringsend Park?
4. How many bins were there in 2007?
5. Is it correct that at present the bins are only collected before 10am on Mondays and Fridays?
6. To increase the collection of bins as they are often bulging and overflowing?
7. To install dog waste bins in Ringsend Park such as those on Sandymount Strand promenade?

**Reply:**

The current staff in Ringsend Park is 4.

Staff in 2007 was 7 but several staff would have been involved in grass cutting in flats and open spaces outside of Ringsend Park (which is now carried out by contract).

There are 8 bins in Ringsend Park the same as 2007. The bins are emptied daily. However, they are being used for the disposal of domestic waste. It is felt that the existing bins are sufficient for the use of dog owners who use the park.

**Q.72 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask Dublin City Council to visit and repair the structural damage to the house of \*details supplied in circumstances where serious damage has been caused by truck vibrations.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance will investigate this.

**Q.73 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

Details supplied has been on the Dublin City Council Housing List but moved onto the Transfer List. Her circumstances are such that she is now transferring back to the Housing List. To ask that she returns to her former position on the Housing List and to ask for an update on her current situation.

**Reply:**

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on Band 3 of the Transfer List for two bedroom accommodation with the following position:

207<sup>th</sup> for Area M (Pearse Street / Ringsend / Donnybrook)

This is the current position of the applicant (details supplied). If the applicant (details supplied) has had a change in circumstances they must make contact with this office to update their details. At that stage Dublin City Council will reassess the application and provide the applicant (details supplied) with their new position.

**Q.74 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

Details supplied is a council tenant in a two bedroom apartment. She wants to downsize and has arthritis. She was 6<sup>th</sup> on the transfer list last year but is still 6<sup>th</sup>. To ask for an

update on her current position and why she has not moved. Facilitating her transfer would make an extra room available to the council.

**Reply:**

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on Band 1 of the Transfer Surrendering Larger Priority waiting list for a one bedroom accommodation with the following position:

6<sup>th</sup> - Area M (Ringsend, Donnybrook & Pearse Street)

The applicant moved on to the Transfer Surrendering Larger in March of 2017.

Dublin City Council is allocating properties based on time on the list. Applicants of longer standing will be contacted initially. Currently there are a number of applicants on the Transfer List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise.

**Q.75 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

With regard to Bridge Street, Ringsend, to ask the manager:

- i. To repair the broken footpath outside John Clarke's and the Oarsman; and
- ii. To remove the old green lamppost near the bus stop, which has now been replaced by a newer lamppost.

**Reply:**

- i. Arrangements will be made to carry out a repair at this location.
- ii. The redundant public lighting column here cannot be removed until the underground ESB service connected to it, is transferred to the new column. This requires a Public Lighting Civil Crew and ESB Networks Crew to both visit the site at the same time to complete the works. We will contact ESB to co-ordinate a visit to site to carry out the transfers as soon as possible, and will remove the redundant column following these works.