



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017

- 1 **Presentation - Briefing on the Dodder Greenway Part 8 application and overview of the environmental report**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Ringsend Irishtown Local Environmental Improvement Plan**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Presentation on Water Framework Directive - River Basin Management Plan (2018 - 2021) Public Consultation**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Presentation on Proposed Works at Clarendon Street / Clarendon Row**
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 5 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 8th May 2017**
Order: Agreed.
- 6 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 25th May 2017.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on Proposed Works at Cork Hill, Castle Street and Exchange Court. Part 8.
Order: Noted.
- 7 **Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed works at Merrion Square Park, Tearooms, Part 8.
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 8 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Derelict Sites Report.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal of freehold interest in 3 Sundrive Road, Kimmage, Dublin 12 to Richard Hogan and others.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.

- iii. Report on proposed grant of a lease of the Kiosk Unit, Drury Street Car Park, Dublin 2 to Restaurants Ireland Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- iv. Report on proposed grant of a licence of part of the lands adjoining Clonskeagh House, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- v. Report on proposed disposal of plot of land at Hanover Quay to Cairn Homes PLC.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- vi. Report on proposed amendment to North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ location of pedestrian bridge on River Liffey – taken with item 8.viii.
Order: Noted.
- vii. Report on proposed disposal of a lease of Joshua Dawson House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2 to Nuritas Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- viii. Report on proposed variation (17) of Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022: Harold’s Cross Stadium change of zoning to Z15 - To protect and provide for institutional, and community uses – taken with item 8.vi.
Order: Noted.

9 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 proposal to name a development at Clonskeagh Road: The Paper Mill.
Order: Agreed.
- iii. Nomination of one councillor to the South Inner City Drugs Task Force following the resignation of Councillor Claire Byrne.
Order: Cllr. Dermot Lacey nominated and the committee agreed the nomination of Cllr. Sonya Stapleton to the South Inner City Drugs Task Force.

10 Motions

Motion 1 From Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee agrees to request the manager to initiate the procedures for enabling the closure of Cuffe Lane, Dublin 2 for all the reasons set out in the email submitted with this motion."

I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of Cuffe Lane, Dublin 2.

Cuffe Lane comprises of 13 terraced houses on the left, 12 apartments on the right and the rear exit to Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland (RCSI) straight ahead. Cuffe Lane is just that, a lane. This lane does lead to any other lane or street. It is in effect a cul de sac containing no business, retail or otherwise. It is a lane to nowhere.

Due to a very high degree of anti social behaviour which include vandalism, car break ins, burglary, breaking and entering of our homes, urination, defecation, littering, loitering, sexual congress and serious drug use, We feel very vulnerable and the quality of our lives has deteriorated to a huge extent.

The proximity of our homes to the city centre and its associated nightclubs, bars and fast food outlets have all led to this. People are shooting up, tinfoil, syringes, lighters; broken glass, blood soaked clothes etc. are a frequent almost daily discovery. They can be very abusive at times and are very frightening when drunk or high on drugs. They sit right outside our homes, shouting, throwing whatever is at hand. It is not a safe area.

The guards have been called to the lane frequently.

This anti social behaviour has escalated to an intolerable level and indeed at times we are afraid to leave our homes. We really need help to keep our small community safe in our homes. Can you please advise us as a group, the necessary protocols to perhaps gate our small laneway? We have permission from the houses and apartments and indeed the RCSI stated that they will help us lobby also.

I have contacted the superintendent in Pearse Street Garda station to get a report on the anti social behaviour, concerning all the times they have to visit the laneway. Also we are in the process of drafting up a letter to get the 13 houses and 12 apartment signatures in favour of a small gated community. RCSI will also help us in lobbying. I hope to send this email to a few councillors in the hope that you can all unite in helping us in our plight to have a safer home environment.

Many thanks for taking the time to hear our grave concerns, we await in anticipation of a favourable reply in helping us gate our small community.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee discusses the apparent disregard for the planners on Dublin City Council and the local residents along the Grand Canal by Waterways Ireland and resolves to seek to meet with Waterways Ireland to discuss this matter.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager to report on what measures can and will be taken to deal with the issues raised in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report refusing clean water quality status for Merrion Strand.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

As an immediate action, that the pot holes on Greenmount Lane be repaired. This lane is the access for heavy lorries using the Greenmount Industrial Estate and the general state of the lane is in very poor condition. Therefore it is agreed that the lane be urgently listed for resurfacing.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) Planning Department to include a clause in all major planning application with regard to the naming of such buildings and developments. This is to ensure a continuity of place and also to acknowledge the integrity of the built environment and the history of location. At present there are a number of large developments taking place in the historic city

centre core. These developments can cause a risk to the erasure of historic memory and location and the history of place. DCC in their own naming process, have a policy and a criteria yet there doesn't seem to be the same criteria in planning. With the advent of the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone development it is time that we ensure a continuity of naming in keeping with the local landmass and the local history and heritage. Also, placing this as a planning matter will give the public and local communities greater input into this process.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Ruairí McGinley. Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Paddy McCartan

That this Area Committee expresses its concern and alarm at works being carried out at 31 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2 (a protected structure) without planning permission. These works would appear to be in breach of all regulations that apply for a protected structure.

The owners of an adjacent building at 30 Lower Leeson Street;

- (1) were obliged to apply for planning permission
- (2) employed the services of a conservation architect
- (3) were subject to various inspections from Dublin City Council
- (4) had to apply for "Change of use" for the basement

The double standards and inconsistencies whereby one owner is compliant and another shows wilful disregard for the rules would appear grossly unfair to the owners of the protected structure who abide by the law.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to install a solar bin in Pearse Square, to outline the reasons why there is a delay in installing such a bin, and if she could please make the installation of this solar bin for the residents of Pearse Park, who do such a great job of maintaining the park, a priority.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Patrick Costello. Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to arrange a meeting with the residents of Pearse Square, as per the response to my question 59 at the April meeting (see below).

This meeting with the residents has not yet taken place and in the meantime the litter in the park has deteriorated, the bin has been removed and the local residents have been left to clean the park, collecting up to three bags of rubbish.

Can the Area Manager please arrange this meeting as a matter of urgency?

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.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Patrick Costello. Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Rathmines very much lacks community facilities -our Health Services Executive (HSE) health centre is not fit for purpose, there is no assembly / community meeting hall in Rathmines and the council has to use its Irishtown offices to accommodate their staff who work in the Rathmines area.

Therefore when considering possible uses for the Rathmines cleansing yard site in the forthcoming Framework Plan it is essential that we look at the needs of the Rathmines area that consideration be given to the inclusion of the provision of HSE Primary Care Centre.

A public assembly hall that would also lend itself to community uses.

Dublin City Council local offices.

Age friendly apartments (as per my motion of March 2015) suitable for people who want to downsize and provide for both private and social market.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the council agrees to keep the gate at the Town Hall, Rathmines, which leads to the bring centre open on Saturdays. A lot Rathmines dwellers find it difficult to access the bring centre at weekends and leaving this gate open on Saturdays would be a very welcome facility.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill – taken with Motion 15

That Dublin City Council states their policy regarding support for the survival of urban villages, in this instance Harold's Cross, which is very much under threat from the development of Aldi and Lidl and now even more so from over enthusiastic clamping. Please state the council's policy to protect and promote Small to Medium Enterprises and local services in our urban villages.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the council holds a meeting with the Department of Education to try and find ways to discourage parents driving children to school and where necessary that the schools be asked to cooperate and let children be dropped in the school grounds.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to contact Gardaí to find a solution to the ongoing gangs hanging around Harcourt Hall apartments. The residents are stepping over bodies to get out their front door. They have also reported their front door is also being used as a toilet. The gangs also congregate outside Toni's Diner next door.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee requests the manager to report on what action can be taken to improve Herbert Park in line with the submission attached to this motion from the Dublin Radio Model Boat Club.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Frank Kennedy – taken with Motion 11

That this area committee resolves to write to Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) to register its disapproval of the predatory and inappropriate clamping practices taking place outside the Centra Store in Harold's Cross and to call on DSPS to (a) explain this pattern of behaviour and (b) to provide a guarantee that it will be moderated. The attached video footage shows a clamp being applied before either the requisite photograph is taken to prove that the vehicle is unlawfully parked and the notification to this effect has been fixed to the car window.

Order: Agreed.

11 Questions to Chief Executive 12th June 2017

Order: Noted.

Chairperson
Monday 12th June 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Chris Andrews
Anne Feeney
Dermot Lacey
Paddy Smyth

Kieran Binchy
Mary Freehill
Paddy McCartan
Sonya Stapleton

Patrick Costello
Frank Kennedy
Ruairí McGinley

Apologies:

Mannix Flynn

Claire O'Connor

Officers

Mark Ginnetty
Fiona O'Brien
Paul McCann
Brian Hanney
Eileen Martin
Michael Noonan
Rossana Camargo

Brian Hanney
Jennifer Wall
Brian Kirk
Nial Dully
Brian Kavanagh
Gill McGovern
Kilian Skay

Rose Kenny
Gerry O'Connell
Sid Daly
Declan Hayden
Bernard Brady
Neil O'Donoghue
Brian Swan

Non-Officials:

Suzanne Furlong, South Dublin
County Council
Eoin O'Cadhain, South Dublin
County Council

Derek Taylor, South Dublin
County Council
Marc Campbell, Mitchell &
Associates

Ronan Geoghegan, South
Dublin County Council

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to have the safety issues in attached addressed (details supplied).

Reply:

There is very heavy demand for parking throughout the area generally and the majority of residents in the area have been facilitated with a resident parking permit that is valid for use on multiple roads. All resident parking permit holders on details supplied 1 have been provided with a permit that is also valid for use on details supplied 2. It is not intended to extend this further to details supplied 3.

When the pay and display / permit parking was introduced in this area careful consideration was given to access to these streets for emergency services. The Area Engineer has reviewed the current layout / design of the pay and display scheme and is of the opinion that the current measures in place are suitable.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will take the action as requested in the email submitted with this question in relation to possible safety interventions at the Townsend Street to Dowlings Court laneway.

Reply:

Following a recommendation from the Parking Enforcement Section, the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 25th April 2017 recommended installing double yellow lines from the rear corner of property no. 67, extending southwards 13.5 metres then 4.1metres west, and install double yellow lines 4.4metres north. On Dowling's Court on the west side start from the junction of Gloucester Street with Gloucester Street South, install double yellow lines extending 24.7metres southwards at the lane that is named according to Google map as Dowling's Court.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to respond to suggestions for improvements in Mount Argus Park with a Park Improvement Plan - see below:

Painting of the railings around and within Mount Argus Park.

The park has become very neglected in recent years and anti-social behaviour has increased significantly. Currently there are only two diagonal routes across the site. An additional public pedestrian access point permitting access from Lower Kimmage Road at the left hand side of Mount Argus Church entrance, would encourage significantly more general public use, thereby increase passive surveillance and reduce anti-social behaviour.

The park needs a complete overhaul, overgrowth and bushes / trees tamed and dumping ground cleared. It requires new street furniture, new and improved lighting, new dog waste and general bins, new river bank hard surfaces and new footpath treatment, river clearing.

Reply:

Staff from both Parks and Landscapes Services Division and the South East Area have looked at the overall condition of the park and how to improve it. Painting of the railings is scheduled for September. Two additional seats will be provided and the existing seating and bins etc. within the park will also be re-painted. The sloped hard river bank areas immediately either side of the Poddle river will also be looked at with a view to improvement as will the overgrown hedging / shrubbery throughout the park.

When this work is complete, the condition of the park will again be reviewed. However, budget constraints may dictate that additional work may need to be carried forward to next year.

It is hoped, where possible, to begin the raising of the crowns of the trees in the estate, and begin the pruning of the shrubs. If this work is not possible due to bird nesting, the work will be carried out in September.

The bins in the park are emptied twice every week. It is not planned to increase the frequency of this operation.

Q.4 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how much money the DUBLINE project has given to Dublin City Council (DCC) Parks Department for the refurbishment of the Peace Park? This report to include all correspondence between DCC and the Dublin in relation to this project.

Reply:

Under Letter of Offer 2, Fáilte Ireland are contributing funding to Dublin City Council to carry out a number of interpretive, wayfinding, greening and public realm enhancements and improvements along the Dublin, of which Peace Park is one of the projects with assigned funding of €394,000. The table below outlines the other projects in receipt of funding under Letter of Offer 2.

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| 1. | Castle Street Public Realm |
| 2. | Peace Park |
| 3. | St. Audeon's Park |
| 4. | Liberties Environmental and Greening Improvements |
| 5. | Crane street |
| 6. | Love the Lanes |
| 7. | Interpretive Panels Phase 2 |
| 8. | Art Commission/Installation |
| 9. | Extension of Wayfinding |

Q.5 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the Smurfit Dublin City Council (DCC) Parks Department Diaspora Memorial project at Merrion Square Park? Can the manager inform me in writing whether this proposal will be proceeding to build? This report to include all correspondence between DCC Parks Department and Smurfit Famine foundation.

Reply:

The Irish Famine Foundation board have yet to indicate a timescale for when works will commence. When a timescale is given to the city council the South East Area Committee will be informed.

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the process of extinguishing the public right of way on Cuffe Lane? This laneway is mainly residential, apartments and houses over the years they have become a constant site for serious anti social behaviour and crime. The residents' cars here are constantly vandalised and broken into, constant drug dealing in the lane. Every week there is an attempted break-in in the houses. It is also being used as a public lavatory. Now every single resident here wishes for a gate to be placed to give them some protection against on growing lawlessness.

Reply:

To date no formal application to extinguish the public right of way over Cuffe Lane, Dublin 2 has been received by Dublin City Council.

The extinguishment of a public right of way is a statutory procedure. In order to begin the statutory procedure a formal written application is submitted to Dublin City Council by the applicant/s requesting that the city council consider extinguishing the public right of way at the location in question. Cuffe Lane is "in charge" of Dublin City Council which means that a public right of way exists over it. In order that it may be closed by any means, the public right of way would have to be extinguished.

In order to extinguish the right of way public notice of the proposal is placed in one or more newspapers circulating in the city and a notice is placed at each end of the right of way for a period of not less than 14 days. Members of the public are given a month in which to view the plans of the proposed extinguishment and objections or representations in relation to the proposal can then be made within 14 days of the end of that period. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the elected members of the city council who shall consider any objections or representations made and not withdrawn. If the city council agrees to the extinguishment a notice of this decision must be placed in a newspaper.

A fee of €2,000 is payable to cover Dublin City Council's expenses in executing the extinguishment of a public right of way process. In addition to this the applicant is also requested to provide the following;

- A formal written application must be submitted to the Area Manager by the applicant (in the case of a group of property owners a person acting on behalf of the proposers should be nominated for correspondence purposes) requesting that the city council consider extinguishing the public right of way at the location in question.
- The names and addresses (not business name) of all property owners (not occupiers) represented by the applicant must be listed in the application. The support of the majority of property owners abutting the laneway is required.
- The manner in which it is planned to block off access to the public in the event that the application is successful e.g. erection of gates etc must be stated. The applicant is requested to provide a drawing/description of the design of the proposed method of closure.
- A site location map must be furnished to this office clearly illustrating where the proposed gates will be located.
- The applicant/s must clearly state the reasons for the application e.g. security reasons, anti-social behaviour in the laneway etc.
- The application must state how continued access will be provided for any Service Provider that requires it in future e.g. copies of keys/codes to be supplied to Emergency Services, Gas Networks Ireland etc.
- The application must state how continued access will be provided for An Post, Private Waste Collectors, Delivery Companies etc.
- The application must state how the applicants propose to manage members of the public calling to the residents that reside in Cuffe Lane or require access to the Royal College of Surgeons.
- Should the application be successful the applicant/s will be responsible for the future maintenance, upkeep, lighting and liability of the area in question.
- The applicants must undertake to set up a Management Company. The Management Company must cover public liability and all other issues may arise on the laneway in respect of all property owners whose property is abutting or has access to Cuffe Lane.
- A commitment to set up such a company if the application is successful must be submitted with the application.

- A statement from the adjoining property owners that they have collectively agreed matters such as future access, maintenance, liability and confirmed amongst each other the private rights of way each will enjoy as a property owner abutting the laneway post the extinguishment process should it be successful must be submitted with the application. This statement must be dated and signed by the individual property owners (not a representative).
- A statement by the owners of properties adjacent to the laneway undertaking liability for any expenses involved in effecting the physical closure of the laneway must also be supplied.

It is likely that planning permission will be required for a gate at the entrance to Cuffe Lane and this permission will need to be applied for if the application to extinguish the public right of way is successful.

If the public right of way is extinguished Dublin City Council cannot undertake liability for any expenses involved in effecting the physical closure of the laneway.

The Public Domain Officer is available to meet representatives on site to discuss this proposal.

The extinguishment of a right of way is a reserved function. It is handled by the Area Office. If / when the extinguishment is agreed, Dublin City Council will not have responsibility in relation to the area in question.

The areas of concern for the Traffic Advisory Group are:-

- All public and private residents and the owners of private houses, land, businesses and car parks need to be informed and a plebiscite would need to be carried out of all the people concerned.
- Traffic access from Cuffe Street to Cuffe Lane would be seriously curtailed by road closure leading to delays on Cuffe Street. This could also hinder the Luas junction of St Stephen's Green and Cuffe Street.
- Access for the Garda, Fire Brigade and Emergency Services (Ambulance) would be seriously curtailed in gaining access to Cuffe Lane.
- If there is a road closure on Cuffe lane, the Pay & Display / Residential parking scheme on Cuffe's Lane would need to be rescinded, also two disabled bays would also be required to be rescinded.
- The College of Surgeons and the car park of the large office block are accessed via Cuffe Lane
- Service vehicles and waste disposal vehicles will have difficulty accessing the lane.
- If there is anti social behaviour and crime in the area, closure of the Cuffe lane will affect the access by the Gardaí into the lane.
- If there any drainage issue who is going to maintain this service.
- There could be service utilities in Cuffe Lane, how are these vehicles going to maintain access to these utilities?

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address a rat infestation along the Dodder at the Milltown Car-park Bring Centre? It has been recently reported to me that this bring centre and its underground containers are attracting large quantities of rats. I visited the site myself recently and witnessed many rodents at this location.

Reply:

A deep clean of the bottle banks was requested for the end of May 2017. This will ensure that no waste is left in the vicinity of the banks.

The Waste Management Services Maintenance Section is investigating and has engaged the services of a pest control company to lay bait.

We will continue to monitor the area to ensure higher standards are maintained.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a programme of signage for the Milltown area? This is a unique part of Dublin with an ancient and proud history. Indeed, it would be ideal to afford it village status and bring it into line with the likes of Ranelagh, Rathgar, Sandymount, Rathmines etc. At a recent meeting of the community committee and residents, the issue was raised around the lack of identity and signage.

Reply:

The South East Area office is willing to engage with residents and business representatives from Milltown to identify the extent of the village and to see how we can facilitate improving the area in whatever way feasible.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the effectiveness of the new Public Domain Officers and policy with regards removing unlawful sandwich boards and unlawful street furniture within the South East Area? This report to contain how many items have been removed, how many visits to premises, how many fines (if any) have been issued and hours of operations and works. Does the unit work at night-time? Also can we have a direct contact for this unit as it now becoming an impossibility to walk down certain streets as an able bodied person for many with disability it is completely impossible to get down most of our streets?

Reply:

Dublin City Council appointed four inspectors to the Licensing Section in February 2017 and part of their remit is the inspection of advertising / sandwich boards. It is Dublin City Council's policy to approach a business where the structure is a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road/footpath or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road / footpath, or with the maintenance of a public road / footpath.

The Licensing Section respects that businesses need to advertise but the inspectors have to ensure that all advertising / sandwich boards are placed in a secure and safe area for all pedestrians in the public domain. Inspectors adapt a common sense approach when dealing with business shop owners.

Where a business does not remove or move a board when asked, the inspectors may serve a notice and ultimately remove the board / boards under section 70 of the Roads Act 1993.

According to our records to date, in the city centre, there have been 76 premises visited by the inspectors and each premises was asked to remove (or reposition so as not to cause an obstruction) one or more illegal advertising boards from the public domain. These include premises in Temple Bar, Leeson Street, St Stephen's Green, Fishamble Street, Cow's Lane, Westmoreland Street, Dame Street, College Green, Lord Edward Street, Grafton Street and Suffolk Street.

The inspectors also asked for the removal of illegal advertising boards from 7 premises in Rathmines, 4 in Ranelagh, 1 in Rathgar, 1 in Terenure and 1 in Harold's Cross.

Street furniture is not under the remit of the Inspectors and enforcement of this is assigned to Road Maintenance Services, Environment & Transportation Department.

No items have been removed to date or fines issued but the Licensing Section envisages that this will be the next step on completion of visitation of all offending premises.

The Licensing Section Inspectors work 7 days a week between the hours of 10.00am and 9.30pm and on occasions there is a facility to do late nights, if requested. The inspectors may be contacted at 222 2165 during office hours and at two dedicated email addresses in or out of office hours. The email addresses are casualtrading@dublincity.ie and streetperformers@dublincity.ie

The Street Furniture Section of Road Maintenance Services Division has removed unlicensed furniture from outside five premises so far this year.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager have immediate works done to fix the footpaths on:

Duke Street, outside the Duke Lounge which is completely smashed and is historical pavement?

The pavement outside of Fanagan's Undertakers in Aungier Street, where an elderly woman fell and badly injured herself on a loose paving stone.

Also, the pavement outside of the Ivy Bar at Cork hill has a loose slab.

Can you also include a full update of what works have taken place to remedy broken and dangerous pavements within the South East Area and what locations.

Reply:

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

In **2016** Road Maintenance Services carried out reconstruction works by contract at the following locations in the South East Area:

Footway:

Northumberland Road
Mespil Road
Tara Street
Townsend Street
Ailsbury Park
Orwell Park
Kimmage Road Lower (KCR to Sundrive Road)
Kimmage Road Lower (Sundrive Road to Harold's Cross)
Kimmage Grove:

Carriageway:

Anglesea Road (between Simmonscourt Avenue and Stillorgan Road)
Beaver Row
Harold's Cross Road (at the junction with the canal)
Lea Road (between Gilford Avenue and Strand Road)
Oakley Road (between Dunville Avenue and Charleston Road)
Simmonscourt Avenue (between Anglesea Road and the private road).
Shrewsbury Park (between Merrion Road and Estate Entrance Gate)

In 2016 our Direct Labour carried out 1903 no. jobs at various locations in the South East Area, 1390 no. of these were reactive repairs (potholes & other carriageway repairs and footway repairs) and 480 no. of these were utility reinstatements.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the issues regarding a very dangerous gas boiler at *details supplied. This boiler is in great need of upgrading and at present cannot be used. I've spoken with the tenant at this address and they are in fear of their life that this depilated and unfit apparatus will cause catastrophe. It is the only remaining gas boiler that has not been updated and replaced in this entire block. I have further details if necessary.

Reply:

The boiler in this dwelling is not dangerous; it does not meet current 2014 Domestic Gas Installations (Edition 3) and Dublin City Council specifications, I.S. 813.

Housing Maintenance along with a private heating contractor has carried out a number of site visits to this dwelling in relation to replacing the current gas central heating system. Discussions have taken place with the tenant in relation to moving the boiler from the kitchen to the bedroom in order to meet with regulations. These discussions included works which have to be carried out:

- 1) the new boiler needs to be located in the bedroom. The tenant has a custom made bed which has to be dismantled to facilitate the pipe-work, and then re-assembled,
- 2) access to and removal of the original gas boiler is restricted by fitted kitchen units, a glass extractor fan hood and wall tiles which also have to be temporarily removed.

Housing Maintenance is currently awaiting contact from the tenant of this dwelling with a suitable timeframe for this work to be carried out.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have double yellow lines repainted at the rear of Stephen's Lane, Upper Mount Street near the old Dobbins Restaurant? Businesses here are inundated with cars parking at fire exits and other entrances and exits from their premises. This is causing great inconvenience as on occasion people are unable to leave their building as the exit is blocked. I will supply direct information and photographs in relation to this matter.

Reply:

The repainting of the double yellow lines at the rear of Stephen's Lane, Upper Mount Street near the old Dobbins Restaurant is included on the Traffic Officer's programme of works and will be attended to when the work schedule permits.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards Dublintown / BID Company placing of planters on the footpaths throughout the South East Area? The one in George's Street outside the arcade is causing huge inconvenience to pedestrians as it is too large and taking up a substantial area of the footpath. Most of these massive planters are not in keeping with best practice in the public domain and are causing unnecessary clutter. Further, they seem to be just simply used to advertise the BID / Dublintown. Can the manager include in the report the full application processes whereby these planters were allowed on the streets and the full assessment of locations? Many of the businesses in these streets are concerned that such arrangements were made without their informed consent. Was there any health and safety audit done in relation to the placement of these planters? Who maintains them and when?

Reply:

The planters referred to were placed on city centre streets by Dublintown (then Dublin City BID) approximately 10 years ago. Since that time, no complaints or issues have been received by the South East Area office in relation to their location, maintenance or otherwise. The one referred to at George's Street arcade was placed there on a specific request on behalf of the local traders. There is sufficient space allowed for pedestrians to

safely pass by this area. The planters are regularly maintained by a contractor on behalf of Dublincity.

Q.14 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate and repair the leak from a stop-cock outside 21 South Circular Road, Portobello.

Reply:

This matter was referred to Irish Water - localrepsupport@water.ie on the 24th and 30th May 2017.

Irish Water replied that the valve was repaired on the 25th May 2017.

Q.15 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate the state of the road surface at the following location *details supplied and to ensure that the surface is repaired and all pot-holes properly fixed.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs at this location.

Q.16 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the following issue with illegal parking and cars idling, whether directly through clamping, or through the Gardaí, or through liaison with the identified school and hotel premises.

Reply:

The council's parking enforcement contractor though limited in action that can be taken has been instructed to visit the location and to take enforcement action wherever possible. The matter has also been referred to the council's Road Safety Service who will liaise with management of the school highlighting the safety issues arising from parents parking in the area.

The issue should also be brought to the attention of the Community Garda who may take appropriate action and issue fines to those parked illegally where the owner remains present in the vehicle.

Q.17 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the flood protection works on the Liffey Campshires. In addition, not that the works are almost complete, can the manager organise for the building and storage site at Sir John Rogerson's Quay to be scaled back and tidied to open up much of that quay again pending the completion of the final stage of works.

Reply:

The Office of Public Works (OPW) works on the South Campshires are programmed to be completed towards the end of July with demobilisation scheduled for the first two weeks of August. There will be smaller contractors on site for granite facings to the river side of the flood walls, flood gates, etc. until the end of 2017 with smaller requirements for site offices and storage.

Site offices on Sir John Rogerson's Quay are programmed to be scaled down again from August 2017.

Q.18 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate the continued problem of speeding on Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4. While the new digital speed signs are helping address the issue, vans and trucks in particular are speeding up once they pass the first one, and then slamming on their brakes as they approach the roundabout half-way along the Beach

Road, Strand Road stretch. Can supplementary traffic calming measures be introduced to address this?

Reply:

Dublin City Council recently installed 2 no. speed radar signs on both approaches to Strand Road on the 16/12/2015 and 17/12/2015. When cars pass at more than 50 km/h, these signs flash with a red light in order to indicate that the car is causing a speed violation.

The Traffic Area Engineer reviewed the data from the month of May 2017, the initial data showed that the 85 percentile speed has been reduced to 50kph and speed violations are down to below 12%.

Additional traffic calming is not recommended at this time. However, Dublin City Council will continue to monitor the area over the coming months. Speeding violations are a matter for the Gardaí.

Q.19 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager can a "No HGV" sign can be placed at Rathmines end of Mountpleasant Avenue.

Reply:

As per section 5.13.4 of the Traffic Signs Manual "The regulatory sign symbols indicate the point past which prohibited vehicles must not proceed". The installation of a 3.5 tonne weight limit sign is not recommended at Mountpleasant Avenue, It should be noted that in areas such as the road in question, it is not legally possible to restrict weights on vehicles if they are doing so for the purpose of access, be it to a commercial premises or other.

The purpose of weight restrictions such as the 3.5 tonne limit in residential areas is to eliminate through traffic of heavy vehicles only. There are numerous established businesses on this road and therefore delivery vehicles require access. It is therefore not recommended install this restriction in this area.

Q.20 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to install bollards on Greenlea Grove from junction with Greenlea Road to No. 3 Greenlea Grove to avoid mini-coaches parking on road?

Reply:

Bollards are not provided on footpaths or residential roads as a measure to prevent parking as it is illegal to park on a footpath - Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph(2) (i) A vehicle shall not be parked on a foot way, a grass margin or a median strip.

The placing of bollards would hinder the movement of pedestrians and reduce the footpath width considerably, impacting on wheelchair users. This would be contrary to the policies of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

Following consultation with the Traffic Officer, it is not recommended to install bollards on the carriageway. Illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services Ph. 01 6022500 or to the Gardaí as they occur. The area has been highlighted to Parking Enforcement for increased monitoring.

Q.21 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for a number of bicycle parking racks to be located at the entrances to Herbert Park - particularly at the Home Villas end.

Reply:

As part of Dublin City Council Policy cycle stands are not installed in areas of a solely residential nature. Cycle stands in residential areas can create anti-social theft and abandonment issues. Therefore it is not recommended to install cycle stands at the Home Villas end.

Q.22 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for the trees on Emor Street to be pruned.

Reply:

The trees on Emor Street have been listed for pruning during the month of August 2017.

Q.23 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager when the ballot of residents of Hollybank Avenue, Ranelagh will take place to enable an extension of the disc parking times.

Reply:

A proposal for extension of the operational hours of the Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on Hollybank Road is included in the Traffic Advisory Group Minutes for today's area committee meeting. A ballot of residents will commence within the next month.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address the issue of flood protection measures on Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge. What is the plan for the section between Ballsbridge and Zardo Court with reference to conservation issues of the wall, and when will this be resolved?

Reply:

Discussions are ongoing between, Dublin City Council (DCC) Flood Defence Unit, DCC Planning, DCC Conservation Officer, Consultant Conservation Officer and other consultants on the preferred option for reconstructing the RDS portion of this wall which is projected to cost €1m to €2m instead of the original €15k due to the minimal wall foundations. A Part 8 planning procedure will be required for any significant alterations to the wall. Funding may be an issue.

Tenders are currently being sought for construction of the rest of this wall upstream of the Herbert Park Hotel Bridge.

Maintenance works to repair local damaged sections of the wall to prevent interim collapse are planned over the next two months while river flows are low.

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to ascertain from Dublin Bus a date for the installation of a bus shelter and Real Time Information at Glenmalure Square, Milltown Road inbound. The relevant buses are 44 and 61 and residents have been requesting this for the last two years.

Reply:

The issue of the installation of a bus shelter and a Real Time Passenger Information display at Glenmalure Square have been referred to Dublin Bus and the National Transport Authority and a reply will issue to the councillor when a response is received.

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address residents' concerns about excessive speed on Sandymount Road between 8 and 9.30am on weekday mornings for vehicles both entering and exiting the village. Can the manager ask the Gardaí to monitor the road, particularly in light of the recent extension of the 30km/h speed limit to the Sandymount area?

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 23rd August 2016, reported that during a number of site inspections no adverse problems were observed with regards to vehicular speed or behaviour at Sandymount Village. As per the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets the on street parking provided narrows the carriageway, effectively acting as traffic calming. Sandymount Road leading into the village is already traffic calmed with full width ramps.

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

At the rear of Sandford Road, Ranelagh there is a pedestrian laneway that is shared by residents of Cherryfield Avenue and Hollybank Avenue. There is a tree in the garden of a house in Cherryfield that is overhanging the laneway at a very dangerous angle. Is there a mechanism that Dublin City Council (DCC) can write to or call the property owner to highlight the dangerous nature of this tree, or can DCC take their own remedial action?

Reply:

Dublin City Council will deliver a notice to the property owner requesting them to take remedial action.

Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have a cul-de-sac sign erected at the first turn left on entering St Alban's Park Sandymount. As there is no sign to indicate this there is a flow of cars entering the road in error ending up trying to turn in a very restricted area, thus damaging the recently installed pavements.

Reply:

It is recommended to install two Cul-de-sac signs (F350), at the first turn left entrance of St Alban's Park, on both sides of the road facing oncoming traffic.

The installation of these signs has been added to the Traffic Officer's works programme and will be attended to when the schedule permits.

Q.29 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address the following issue on Waterloo Road, Dublin 4. At the Upper Baggot Street end there are two parking meters and at the Leeson Street end there is a similar meter, but for the whole length of the road in between, there is no parking meter. Many people take a risk and pay for the consequences parking in the midpoint of the road (Note; Waterloo Road is the second most clamped road in Dublin).

Reply:

A review of parking meter locations in the city area will be carried out in the next couple of months. The location of parking meters on Waterloo Road will be included in the review.

Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give an update on the derelict house at 7 Chapel Avenue, Irishtown which has become even more of a health and safety issue with pigeons and other vermin congregating.

Reply:

It is assumed the councillor is referring to No. 5 Chapel Avenue which was entered on the Derelict Sites Register on 10th July 2014. Planning permission Ref: 4104/16 has been granted and a Commencement Notice has now been lodged with works to commence on 15th June, 2017. This site will be kept under review.

Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the leak coming out of the stop cock at 21 South Circular Road repaired as it has been discharging water for the last 4 / 5 weeks?

Reply:

This matter was referred to Irish Water – localrepsupport@water.ie on the 24th and 30th May 2017.

Irish Water replied that the valve was repaired on the 25th May 2017.

Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the leak and damage done in *details supplied* repaired and made good following the leak in the shower which is in the bedroom?

Reply:

No repairs will be carried out in this dwelling until such time as arrangements are made by the tenant to remove their dog due to a recent incident with a staff member from our Maintenance Depot. The local area estate manager is making contact with the tenant in relation to this issue.

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager give an update on the application by *details supplied for a disabled parking space outside this house and state why was this refused bearing in mind that other homes like this are granted permission for similar parking spaces in and around the area?

Reply:

Off-street parking is available at the address and therefore it does not comply with the criteria for an on-street disabled bay.

Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager remove the tree outside number 89 and 91 Beech Hill Avenue? The 'new' footpath has lifted and the boundary wall has cracked as a result of the root system. This is causing a danger to both the elderly, of whom there are many, and the young. I also request that you repair or replace the damaged boundary wall.

Reply:

The trees at this location have now been removed.

Q.35 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can double yellow lines be placed behind building number 17 Upper Mount Street?

Reply:

This request has been added to the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be notified of the outcome in due course.

Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state who is responsible for water quality in the Grand Canal Docks and who tests the quality and what measures are taken to improve water quality?

Reply:

Grand Canal Docks are the responsibility of Waterways Ireland – the councillor's question has been referred to them for reply.

Q.37 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state if the restaurant at *details supplied is complying with environmental health regulations, bearing in mind the close proximity to residential area and can they confirm that the air conditioning unit complies with regulations?

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will carry out an investigation of this matter under the Air Pollution Act 1987 in terms of the potential nuisance factor as a result

of an emission. To that end, it is requested that the contact details for the complainant/s be forwarded to the unit so that the investigation can commence.

Q.38 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a sign with "Welcome to Ringsend" installed at entrance to Ringsend, similar to the nice black and gold signs many of the urban villages have e.g. Sandymount and Donnybrook?

Reply:

Work on the preparation of the Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) 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.39 Councillor Chris Andrews

When will the cameras be put in place so they are able to pick up dumping outside of boundary wall at the recycling centre in Ringsend?

Reply:

Temporary CCTV has now been installed and is monitoring the exit gate of the facility – with the aim of issuing fines.

Contractor cameras are also covering both gates on an ongoing basis.

Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a hand cart sent up to Lombard Street East and have the channels swept as the bigger machines can't access this because of parking, particularly outside the birth certificate offices?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the channels on Lombard Street East swept by the road sweeping machine early on the 30th May 2017 and had a clear run doing it before the parked cars arrived. We will monitor the cleaning of this street and will certainly vary methods of cleaning there, if necessary.

Q.41 Councillor Chris Andrews

As part of the Longboat Quay development on Horsefair Road, there are 16 spaces and as part of the agreement made with the fire upgrade works, residents were strongly encouraged into giving nine of these to the receiver... However, the remaining seven were residents - (300 apartment owners). It was agreed residents would keep these as visitors' parking spots. Last week residents got an email from the management company offering residents to apply to go into a raffle to rent one of these at a cost of €100 per month. Is it not the case that residents own them, so why should the management company rent them to residents and furthermore why are there loads of vacant spots under Longboat Quay that residents could use but the management company won't allow it?

Reply:

A reply is awaited and will issue to the councillor.

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the Longfield's development, outlining when the completion date is due and when it will be open for business?

Reply:

Work on the refurbishment of the former Longfield's Hotel is ongoing and it is expected that the facility will be completed and in use before the end of the 4th quarter, 2017.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager, who is responsible for the water quality in Grand Canal Basin, who is responsible for public health and safety in the area, if she is aware of recent cases of Weil's disease in people partaking in water sports in the basin, who should they be reported to and what is being done to address this issue?

Reply:

The Grand Canal Basin is the responsibility of Waterways Ireland – the councillor's question has been referred to them for reply.

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager why Dublin City Council is not taking part in the Kidsmarathon (www.kidsmarathonfoundation.org) this year, whether Dublin City Council might consider taking part in this great initiative again next year.

Reply:

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, Fingal County Council and SSE Airtricity Dublin Marathon, worked together last year on the MarathonKids programme (our two partners had devised the programme the previous year). The programme provides a resource for teachers to facilitate 6th class pupils to accumulate 25.2 miles over an 8 week period with the pupils completing the *Final Mile* at an organised event at the National Sports Campus (NSC). Approximately 2000 children in the Dublin City Council (DCC) administrative area took part in the 8- week schools programme. However, less than 10% of these 2000 pupils completed the final mile in the NSC. Reason for poor attendance at the final mile included:

- The final mile took place in the National Sport Campus, Blanchardstown on a Sunday morning;
- There is no public transport available at this time on a Sunday;
- Many of the parents did not have access to private vehicles;
- When DCC offered to organise buses, feedback received stated the time of the event would still lead to non-attendance.

Our policy in Sport & Wellbeing Partnership is to provide equal opportunities to all partaking in our programmes regardless of background and resources. We felt it was of extreme importance that all participants who had completed the 8-week schools programme had the chance to complete the final mile and receive a t-shirt and medal. The ethos of the programme is that all participants complete the final mile in a mass participation event. Our wish to host local final events to enable all pupils to complete the programme therefore did not marry well with this ethos. Despite this, our partners agreed to us hosting our own final miles in DCC parks in 2016.

MarathonKids is a wonderful programme and we received fantastic feedback from all schools that participated. However, as the programme format specifies mass event for the final mile, we feel that even if this was held on a week day (which was considered), this would continue to be a barrier for many of the schools who do not have access to a bus. Our budget does not extend to offer transportation to all primary schools in Dublin City and therefore we had to withdrawn from the programme in its current format.

The promotion and facilitation of primary schools athletics is prioritised in Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership's new suite of core programmes. As such, as an alternative to the MarathonKids programme, we have partnered with Athletics Ireland to roll out their Fit4Class programme in 2017.

Fit4Class is Athletics Ireland's new 10 week programme that introduces primary school children from junior infants to fourth class to athletics in a fun, engaging and non-competitive environment. It focuses on the use of games to develop fitness whilst enhancing agility, balance and co-ordination, all fundamental to longer term physical athletic development. Fit4Class rewards students for participating and having fun.

Schools will be given a resource pack plus assistance from a DCC Sport Officer and Athletics Ireland to deliver the programme. Primary schools will also have the opportunity to avail of a small equipment pack to assist with the roll out and sustainability of the programme. A full evaluation will be completed on the Dublin City Fit4Class programme to assess impact.

In addition to the Fit4All programme, we are further developing our Dublin City Schools Cross Country Programme. Schools will be supported to deliver a training programme leading into our Citywide Schools Cross Country Events which will take place in DCC parks in Spring 2018.

Further support offered to primary schools by Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership include:

- Assistance to achieve the Active School Flag (we provide advice, links to local clubs, playground markings, workshops for teachers plus support for Active School Week)
- Sport specific programmes and teacher training through our co-funded officers

Q.45 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what can be done to assist *details supplied with regards to used needles being regularly found on the premises, and to outline what emergency accommodation options are available in the neighbourhood to assist people sleeping rough on the premises.

Reply:

The city council has responsibility for the cleaning, collection and removal of needles and other drug paraphernalia from public areas such as streets and laneways but does not remove such materials from within private property or premises. It is the responsibility of the owners of such premises to organise the removal of these materials when they are on their premises.

We advise such businesses to exercise appropriate caution when handling such materials and take all necessary steps to ensure that such materials are disposed of in a safe and secure manner. Sharps boxes are readily available from most pharmacies for a low cost for use with the disposal of sharps materials and if necessary private cleaners with appropriate training and equipment can be engaged to remove actual materials and sharps boxes when the premises has been cleaned.

In relation to those rough sleeping in any area, the most effective course of action is that they are directed and supported to either present to their local authority or contact the Homeless Services Freephone (1800 707 707)

Alternatively, Focus Ireland's Intake Team may be able to link in with them at outreach locations to assist where possible.

All our emergency accommodation is utilised by clients making contact via the above services.

Q.46 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please provide a full list of the lands owned by Dublin City Council on the Poolbeg Peninsula?

Reply:

According to the records on the property register Dublin City Council owns the following:

- Lands at former Poolbeg Power Station including Pigeon House Hotel
- Pigeon House Harbour
- Green strips of land at north & south boundary of main Ringsend Treatment Plant
- Irishtown Nature Reserve
- Dublin Waste to Energy Plant at Shelly Banks Road / Pigeon House Road
- Sean Moore Park

Q.47 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the walkway that is being built along the Dodder outside the Smurfit building, can she confirm the agreed width of this walkway, whether the developer has been compliant with the agreed width, and if she is confident that this walkway will also be able accommodate both a walkway and a cycle way as are outlined in the plans for the Dodder Greenway.

Reply:

This matter has been referred to the Senior Engineer, Road & Traffic Planning for report and a reply will issue to the councillor in due course.

Q.48 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the proposal to place the Poolbeg Chimneys on the Record of Protected Structures.

Reply:

The ESB completed the capping of the two chimneys at Poolbeg Power Station in 2015 as one part of their ten year management plan for the maintenance and management of the chimneys for the foreseeable future. As part of this plan, the ESB has committed to an ongoing, regular review process to ensure the city council is kept up-to-date with maintenance and management of the chimneys and the Planning & Development Department have requested an update from the ESB in this regard.

Given the written commitment of the ESB to this 10-year management and maintenance plan for the two chimneys, it is not recommended to proceed at this time to the initiation process for the addition of the two chimneys at the former Poolbeg Power Station to the Record of Protected Structures. A further report will be brought to the South East Area in due course.

Q.49 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please provide an update on the plans to reconfigure the cycle way on Grand Canal Square, when can we expect to see these plans, and whether the plans will go out for public consultation?

Reply:

Dublin City Council, with the support of the National Transport Authority (NTA) was in the process of developing proposals for safety improvements for all users of Grand Canal Square during 2016. However, funding for the project was suspended in July 2016 before proposals for the square could be finalised and agreed.

Grand Canal Square is not part of the current priority projects for the NTA and no funding has been allocated to this project to date in 2017. It will not be possible to advance proposals for this area until funding is secured.

Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the issues regarding Longboat Quay and whether Dublin City Council is close to a satisfactory agreement with the residents who purchased their homes through the affordable housing scheme.

Reply:

Dublin City Council representatives attended settlement talks with the Longboat Quay Management Company and representatives of the receiver acting for the National Assets Management Agency (NAMA) in September 2016. At these talks an agreement was reached in relation to the level of contribution from each party to the cost of rectifying the fire safety concerns and the defects to the roof of the complex.

This agreement was subsequently ratified by the residents at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 19th December 2016.

The Docklands Office has worked closely with solicitors acting for each party to bring the matter to a satisfactory and speedy conclusion so the required remedial works can be completed since the settlement talks in September 2016.

The city council as part of the settlement agreement ensured that the social and affordable units would be exempt from any levy that may be applied to the owners / residents of apartments in Longboat Quay by the management company as part of the management company contribution to the costs of the remedial works.

The city council has recently transferred its agreed contribution to the settlement to the management company's solicitors and now considers the matter closed.

Q.51 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to install a number of ramps in Greenlea Grove to ensure that traffic exiting rugby club is travelling at a safe speed have regard to the high number of pedestrians using various routes to access Lakelands on this road.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 27th September 2016, reported that Greenlea Grove does not meet the criteria for the installation of speed ramps for a number of reasons. The road is narrow and residential in nature. It is also a cul-de-sac that is short in length and not conducive to speed.

Q.52 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to give a date for footpath renewal on Terenure Road West.

Reply:

The 2017 Footway Contract (encompassing Terenure Road West) is due to go out to tender by the end of June 2017. Tenders are expected back by mid July 2017 and works expected to commence in August/September 2017.

Q.53 Councillor Ruairí Mc Ginley

To ask the manager to reinstate parking spaces which were removed in Gulistan Terrace to cater for waste management vehicles. The space is no longer needed for these vehicles and local residents report a major scarcity of parking for residents which would be alleviated by the reinstatement of parking spaces.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 27th May, 2014, did not recommend the reinstatement of permit parking spaces or the provision of additional permit parking spaces on Gulistan Terrace for the following reasons:

- Parking spaces were removed and clearways introduced to allow for reasonably safe driving for two-way traffic to and from the bring centre and to discourage and prevent vehicles mounting the footpath and causing a danger to pedestrians.
- There is pedestrian access through the bring centre from Gulistan Terrace to Rathmines Road Lower which is regularly used by the public, parents, students and school children in the locality.
- While there has been a decrease in the number of large vehicles using the bring centre, there remains a significant number of large vehicles accessing the bring centre including road sweepers, grab and hook trucks servicing the bring centre and general waste collectors requiring a safe turning location.
- The existing clearways only restrict parking for the peak period and allow free parking from 16.00 until 09.00.

Q.54 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to consider *details supplied 1 for a transfer to *details supplied 2, so that she can be closer to her 80 year mother Vera whom she is caring for. Please see doctor's letter attached. I have spoken with both ladies and strongly believe everything should be done to accommodate these ladies, for both their mental, physical health and safety.

Reply:

1. The above (details supplied 1) has an inter transfer application. The inter transfer application is currently with the local area office awaiting a decision on estate management and maintenance grounds.
2. When the above property (details supplied 2) is refurbished and returned to housing stock, the property (details supplied 2) will be allocated to the next available person most suitable on the housing list.

Q.55 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have graffiti painted over on Mercer Street Upper flats, block facing onto the South Area Youth Services (SAYS) Club on Cuffe Street.

Reply:

This work will be carried out within the next week.

Q.56 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager for a list of housing / flat complex painting jobs that have been done in the past three years and with a list of outstanding jobs to be completed in the South East Area.

Reply:

The following lists flat complexes painted in the South East Area:

2014

Bride Street
15 Lord Edward Street
The Pumphouse

2015

McDonagh House
Ranelagh Close
Pearse House
Whitefriar Gardens

2016

Canon Mooney Gardens

Leo Fitzgerald House
Maxwell Court
Rathmines Avenue
Beechill Villas
Beechill Court
Markievicz House
Mercer House (in Progress)

2017 Draft Programme: It should be noted that this programme can change or painting be delayed or deferred due to weather delays or emergency painting.

Digges Street
Glover Court
O'Carroll Villas
Cuffe Street
York Street
Bishop Street

Q.57 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager when it is expected that the new library on Kevin Street will be completed?

Reply:

The final phase of construction work began on 8th 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. Evaluation of the furniture / fit-out tender was completed on 2nd June. All tenderers will be notified of the result the week starting 5th June. The fit out of the library will commence once the construction work has been completed.

Q.58 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager for a list of purpose built homes for elderly people in the South East Area.

Reply:

Please find below a list of Dublin City Council Senior Citizens complexes in the South East Area.

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|---|--------------------------------------------------|
| M | Beechill Court, Behind C.I.E. Garage, Donnybrook |
| M | Greenore Court, Macken Street |
| M | Rostrevor Court, Macken Street |
| M | Verschoyle Court, Off Mount Street |
| M | Hogan Court, Pearse Street |
| M | Powerscourt, Mount Street |
| M | Beggars Bush Court, Beggars Bush |
| M | Heskin Court, Merrion Road |
| M | Cambridge Court, Ringsend |
| N | Maxwell Court, Oxford Road, Rathmines |
| N | Rathmines Avenue Court, Rathmines Road Upper |
| N | Oxford Grove, Ranelagh |
| N | Woodstock Court, Ranelagh |
| N | Mount Drummond Court, Harold's Cross |
| N | Ranelagh Close, Ranelagh Road |

Q.59 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager when the footpath renewal on Terenure Road West will commence?

Reply:

The 2017 Footway Contract (encompassing Terenure Road West) is due to go out to tender by the end of June 2017. Tenders are expected back by mid July 2017 and works expected to commence in August/September 2017.

Q.60 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if she can give a likely start date for the works on Morehampton Road junction with Herbert Park and Marlborough Road?

Reply:

The possible start date of the works for the pedestrian crossing on Morehampton Road junction with Herbert Park and Marlborough Road would be towards the end of the third quarter of 2017 / beginning of fourth quarter 2017.

Q.61 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for an update on repairs to the footpaths on Mountain View Road, which I have previously requested.

Reply:

These repairs are on our works list and will be completed when there is a crew in the area.

Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for an update in relation to the Harold's Cross greyhound site and any communication with the department of education and if there are any issues arising that councillors should be aware of.

Reply:

It is anticipated that a request will be received from the Department of Education and Skills seeking the rezoning of the lands to zone Z15 in the City Development Plan (institutional / Educational / community purposes) which will entail a public consultation process.

Q.63 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to assess the installation of playground off Orwell road in the grassy area at the back entrance of High School near the kiosk shop.

Reply:

There is currently no proposal to install a playground at the entrance to Orwell Park off Orwell Road as part of the current playground works programme.

There is however a proposal to install a new playground in Herzog Park, Rathgar this year. Consultation with local schools and a design brief for this project is at an advanced stage and it is anticipated that the playground will be completed this year.

It is also proposed to renew the existing playground in Bushy Park and it is anticipated that this work will also be completed this year.

Playground installation and renewal are based on area demographics and child population densities and is reviewed annually. However, it is considered that current proposals will be sufficient to meet existing needs.

Q.64 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager following the recent changes in Sandymount if she can give an indication of when the rest of the 30km zones in Dublin south east will be in place.

Reply:

The Sandymount Area is the only area in the South East that is planned for 30 Km/h in 2017. A comprehensive review will be undertaken in September / October to assess the first two phases and a report will issue based on this review.

Phase three will be commencing in early 2018 looking at the arterial routes, but also possibly examining additional areas for a 30Km/h introduction. This will include areas in the South East as well as other areas around the city.

Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider parking and traffic safety issues for Lavarna Grove and Parkmore Drive (Terenure) at the junction with Terenure Road West. In relation to Parkmore, consideration should be given to extending the double yellow lines from the junction for safer turning from Terenure Road West. In the case of Lavarna Grove, consideration should be given to putting double yellow parking lines on one side of the road from the junction with Terenure Road West up to the first house, as the road is narrow.

Reply:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that it is not recommended to install double yellow lines at the junction of Parkmore Drive / Terenure Road West as this is not current Dublin City Council policy, as it would lead to a proliferation of double yellow lines. During a recent site visit no adverse problems with congestion or traffic flow were observed. Furthermore, parking restrictions are not recommended where restrictions are already covered under current legislation. Under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, Article 36 paragraph (2)c, "A vehicle shall not be parked within 5 metres of a road junction". Infringements should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services at 01 6022500 or to the Gardaí as they occur.

With regard to Lavarna Grove, the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 25th March, 2014 reported that an inspection of Lavarna Grove at the junction of Terenure Road West was carried out on 6th March, 2014 during peak morning traffic. Approximately 15 metres of double yellow lines have already been installed along this section of Lavarna Grove on both sides. A yellow box is in place at the junction to facilitate access onto Terenure Road West. Access from Lavarna Grove onto Terenure Road West was satisfactory during the inspection. The Traffic Advisory Group reported that additional double yellow lines were not warranted and, therefore, were not recommended. The Area Traffic Engineer as at June, 2017, has confirmed that there is no change to this recommendation.

Q.66 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider changing the 'clear way' hours in locations (i.e. Urban Villages - Harold's Cross, Terenure) where small shops / traders are dependent on delivery vans being able to park for a short period to load / unload. Appropriate 'clearway' times for different sides of the road on the main routes into town, to facilitate inbound and outbound traffic and also small businesses.

Reply:

In the specific locations mentioned in the question, clearways are in place for safety reasons - to ensure buses and cyclists inbound and outbound in the morning and evening peak do not immediately come into conflict with other traffic. There is no grace time allowed for parking on a clearway during operational hours.

The hours of operation of clearways are generally in line with peak traffic. However, if the councillor is aware of a specific area that requires a review this will be facilitated and referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration.

Q.67 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to plant new trees in the lane behind Maxwell Road. Trees were felled recently in this lane by Dublin City Council and residents would like them replaced.

Reply:

Replacement trees will be planted at this location as part of our 2018 tree planting programme.

Q.68 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to advise when will the pavements in Terenure Village and on Terenure Road West be repaired / replaced?

Reply:

The 2017 Footway Contract (encompassing Terenure Road West) is due to go out to tender by the end of June 2017. Tenders are expected back by mid July 2017 and works expected to commence in August/September 2017.

Q.69 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to advise when will the pedestrian crossing be finished in Rathgar Village (between 108 Pub and Deli). Considerable construction work has been completed in implementing this as part of the Rathgar Village Plan, but it hasn't been finished.

Reply:

A report will be issued to the councillor.

Q.70 Councillor Mary Freehill

The motion below was tabled at December 2016 meeting and reply states that Kevin O'Sullivan met residents. Please see attached letter from residents and it is clear that many of these issues have not been addressed. As I asked in my December motion would the local area office meet this residents association to discuss their problems in the next few weeks?

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Clareville Road, Shanid Road and Adrian Avenue have recently formed a residents' group. Recently on a walk about with them the following issues were raised.

1. Graffiti needs to be cleared from corner of Clareville Road and Kenilworth Park. The graffiti is mainly on utility services boxes. Also the name plates at either end of Clareville Road are badly disfigured and would benefit from repainting.
2. The state of Clareville Road and Adrian Avenue roads are very unsafe. The area that is tarred is uneven and the concrete part because it has subsided in parts has very dangerous lips measuring a few inches. This is extremely dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians crossing. There is a slight bend on Clareville Road beside Shanid Road which causes vehicles to move to other side of the road at that point, this need to be examined by Traffic Engineers. Traffic moves very fast outside rush hours, to slow it down a "children sign" might help at the school. It is agreed that Clareville Road which is a very busy artery and Adrian Avenue be listed for resurfacing in 2017.
3. Clareville Road is the main artery from Crumlin to Rathmines and is the route of No. 18 and 83 buses. The stop sign on Kenilworth Park turn causes very serious tail backs on this road especially from 8.00 am to 10.00 am on weekdays with Kenilworth Park having priority when they have the least of the through traffic. This needs to be re-examined by the Traffic Department and also to take into account that these two buses are the only west east public transport route, due to hold up at this corner travel time is severely lengthened.

4. ESB and telegraph wires are hanging across the road and they are quite low. In the interest of safety, ESB and Eir need to be contacted to ask them to move them underground.
5. There is a lane running at the rear of 74 - 78 Clareville Road. Because of heavy traffic, residents have to park in their rear garages. There is no public lighting on this lane which makes it very dangerous at night. The residents installed lights over their garages but they have been stolen. Therefore, it is agreed that public lighting be installed on the lane and that the council comment on possibility of "Taking in Charge" of this lane as a whole.
6. Double yellow lines (DYL) were agreed sometime ago for Clareville Road and corner of Adrian Avenue, the DYL were only installed on Clareville and not around the corner in Adrian, the result is that vans regularly park right at the corner making it very difficult for residents to safely egress this road.
7. There are two large junior schools on Clareville Road, parents dropping off their children in the mornings causes major problems for residents, in many instances, the lane mentioned in No. 5 and several drive ways are blocked because parents park and block their way. It is agreed that Dublin City Council engages with the principals of both schools to get them to put it to parents to agree a protocol of consideration for local residents. Furthermore, that we engage with Green School organisers in this regard.
8. That the local area committee agrees to meet the residents' association in January to discuss progress on the above points.

Report:

The South East Area Public Domain Officer, Kevin O'Sullivan met with residents and walked through the estate, discussing these issues. The items have been noted and referred to all the relevant departments for replies, which will be forwarded to the councillor in due course.

Contact:

Rose Kenny, Area Manager, South East Area Office, tel.: 222 2639, email: rose.kenny@dublincity.ie

Reply:

1. Arrangements will be made to replace street nameplates on Clareville Road. There is very little graffiti in this area and any on Dublin City Council property will be removed.
2. Repair works on Clareville Road and Adrian Avenue are on Road Maintenance Services' Works List.

There is already an abundance of existing signage on Clareville Road to highlight the presence of children crossing and the nearby school. The existing signage is as follows;

- 6 no. existing School Warden Crossing signs erected on Clareville Road approaching the school from both directions.
- 3 no. W141 School Ahead signs in the vicinity of the school, one at the junction with Shanid Road, a second before the junction with Priory Road and a third on Larkfield Park / Larkfield Grove junction.
- 3 no. W142 Children Crossing signs on Larkfield Grove approaching the Clareville Road junction.

Due to the volume of existing signage further signage is not warranted. In an urban environment with the large number of informational, directional and warning signs it is important to manage the number of signs erected to help maintain their effectiveness.

Clareville Road is traffic calmed with 6 no. ramps that include one directly in front of the school and two either side in order to reduce vehicular speed. There is also a pedestrian crossing adjacent to the school to assist children crossing the road. Further ramps are not recommended. It is best practice to space vertical deflections as regularly and frequently as practicable. Additional ramps would not comply with current design standards and would encourage harsh braking and consequent heavy acceleration.

3. Dublin Bus stop number 2482, on Clareville Road near the junction with Kenilworth Park was observed between 08.00 am - 10.00 am. This stop was observed on a regular school day with 13 no. buses using the stop during this period, please find enclosed observations. The maximum number of passengers waiting to board during this time was 2 no. people; with the maximum standing time of any bus during this time was 37 seconds. During this two hour period, the use of this bus stop did not impact upon Kenilworth Road and the traffic movements at the junction. It is therefore not recommended to relocate the stop at this location.

Clareville Road - Dublin Bus Stop Number 2482

| Bus No. 18 | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Bus Arrival Time | Number of passengers waiting to board | Standing Time (seconds) | Observation | |
| 08:10 | 0 | 0 | No impact on the junction with Clareville Road and Kenilworth Park | |
| 08:40 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 09:10 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 09:35 | 2 | 37 | | |

| Bus No. 83 | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Bus Arrival Time | Number of passengers waiting to board | Standing Time (seconds) | Observation | |
| 08:00 | 0 | 0 | No impact on the junction with Clareville Road and Kenilworth Park | |
| 08:10 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 08:30 | 1 | 31 | | |
| 08:50 | 2 | 37 | | |
| 09:05 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 09:20 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 09:35 | 1 | 35 | | |
| 09:50 | 1 | 34 | | |
| 10:05 | 0 | 0 | | |

4. The residents' comments will be brought to the attention of the ESB and Eir.
5. It is policy of the Public Lighting Services Section not to provide lighting in laneways which serve as a rear access. As a result of this, we cannot provide public lighting in the lane running at the rear of 74 - 78 Clareville Road.

This lane is not of sufficient public utility and also cannot be brought up to taking in charge standard without incurring substantial expenditure.

6. It is not recommended to install double yellow lines at the corner of Adrian Avenue, as is not the current Dublin City Council policy as it would lead to a proliferation of DYL's. During a site visit no adverse problems with congestion or traffic flow were observed. In addition it is illegal to park within 5m of a junction.

Issues relating to illegal parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services tel. no. 01 6022 500 or the Gardaí as they occur.

7. Having regard to the large number of proposals for new schools and extensions to existing schools, Dublin City Council will seek a meeting with the Department of Education and Skills (DES) in order to emphasize the need for a proactive approach by the new and existing schools to school travel planning, in collaboration with the DES.

Parks Service will arrange to have the location inspected to determine its suitability for tree-planting.

Q.71 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate complaints about dangerous traffic, including trucks ignoring the lollipop lady and reversing dangerously when children are around, and unsupervised gas canisters near the site, and excessive noise during working hours, at the following building site *details supplied.

Reply:

Sarah Middleton from the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit has visited the site and spoken with the site manager. Noise data is to be sent to the unit to determine if there are any breaches of noise limits. The site manager has also confirmed that he has signed up to and will adhere to the Good Practice Guidance for Construction Sites.

If the complainants' details are passed to this unit, Sarah Middleton will undertake noise monitoring to assess levels at the complainants' premises.

Q.72 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to clarify the ownership of the following lane, details supplied, to clarify what uses it is zoned for, and to clarify whether it can be used for private or public paid parking by its owners without an application for planning permission.

Reply:

In the City Development Plan, details supplied is not zoned for any particular land use, i.e. it is "white" land denoting an existing, long standing street or road, irrespective of whether it is public or privately owned. Planning permission is not required to use a longstanding, established street/road/avenue for parking purposes. Any traffic management measures would appear to be a matter for the Environment & Transportation Department.

Q.73 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install yellow zig zag no parking lines in front of the gates (which will be school gates) at the Roslyn Park site, Beach Road Sandymount similar to those outside Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands, Gilford Road, to avoid a situation in which cars park right in front of the school gates and then children step onto or attempt to cross the road invisible to oncoming traffic.

Reply:

The request to install yellow zig zag no parking lines in front of the gates at the Roslyn Park site, Beach Road has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.74 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install a pedestrian crossing on Leahy's Terrace at the location shown in the attached photographs. This is an essential addition to the traffic management in this area in circumstances where it would be the *only* point at which children coming from Sandymount Village to St. Matthew's National School and children coming from Ringsend / Irishtown / Bath Avenue to Star of the Sea National School would be able to cross safely from one side of Leahy's Terrace to the other.

Reply:

The request to install a pedestrian crossing on Leahy's Terrace has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.75 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to provide an update from the Derelict Sites Section in respect of the property at *details supplied in circumstances where Derelict Sites communicated to local residents on 5 May 2017 that "*Derelict Sites Section will carry out an inspection of the property and will revert to you following an assessment of its condition*". This building is in dangerous and disgraceful condition:

- It is boarded up at the door;
- The front window is wide open;
- The railings are broken and the front garden is full of bags of rubbish;
- The chimney stack and part of the return to rear of No. 19 has collapsed into the rear garden, adjacent to the boundary wall with Synge Street school;
- The house continues to deteriorate and attract anti-social behaviour; and
- It is a fire hazard waiting to happen given that there is easy access.

(Please see photos attached).

Reply:

Details supplied was inspected by a member of the Conservation Team due to complaints received to the Enforcement Section regarding its demise. Further to that inspection it was entered onto the BAR Register (Buildings At Risk) and on 13/12/16 it was recommended that a Section 59 Endangerment Notice was issued in respect of the property to the owners. The Endangerment Notice required 5 specific items of works to be undertaken on the building in order to make it safe and secure. The works were to be completed by the end of March 2017. To date there has been no communication between the owners and the Conservation Section regarding commencing the repair works. It is decided that court proceedings will now be issued on the owners for non-compliance with the Endangerment Notice.

Q.76 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager without further delay to arrange for the installation of a disabled parking bay for *details supplied outside her home at *details supplied in circumstances where she has made the necessary application and has confirmed to Dublin City Council, on request, that (a) her property does not have off-street parking and (b) she is a full-time resident at this address.

Reply:

A request for a disabled parking bay was received from the resident who indicated in correspondence that there is off-street parking available at the property. However, if there is no off-street parking at the property, it will be necessary to receive written confirmation from the resident to this effect. On receipt of same, the request for a disabled parking bay will be considered further.

Q.77 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install signs to inform motorists of the 30km speed limit on the roads subject to this restriction surrounding the South Circular Road (e.g. St. Alban's Road).

Reply:

The necessary statutory signage has been erected where required resulting from Phases 1 & 2 of the recent speed bye-law rollout. Additional further information is available on the website, www.dublincity.ie

Q.78 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where the cycle lane on the N11 between Donnybrook and UCD, particularly the small stretch between RTÉ and UCD is in a disgraceful state and very dangerous, to ask the manager to ensure that it is repaved as a matter of urgency. Residents and road users have reported a number of falls due to pot holes and badly poured concrete on this stretch.

Reply:

This will be considered for 2018 resurfacing programme. Arrangements will be made to carry out local repairs in the meantime.

Q.79 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to paint the old green lampposts in Donnybrook Village in circumstances where they are in poor condition at present? Please see photo attached.

Reply:

The public lighting columns here will be investigated, and if any painting is required we will add them to our list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to finances made available.

Q.80 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair, as a matter of urgency, the footpaths outside Margaretholme Sheltered Housing, Claremont Road, Dublin 4. The footpaths are in a dreadful state and the residents of Margaretholme are elderly, vulnerable and in many cases are of limited mobility.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs at this location.

Q.81 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager for an update on the status on the Housing List of *details supplied.

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is registered on the Dublin City Council Housing List. The applicant is currently in Band 3 of the Housing List for a one bedroom property. The positions are: 126 for Area K, 184 for Area L and 188 for Area N.

Dublin City Council is allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are a number of applicants on the housing list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant as the number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting.