

**Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to carry out works at tenancy property details supplied.

**Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to take steps to deal with long standing rubbish in two laneways details supplied.

**Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to install double yellow lines (DYLs) at details supplied.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will arrange for an early pruning of the trees on Bloomfield Avenue, South Circular Road to reduce the impact of leaf falling and consequent demand for cleaning that occurs every year.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will arrange for the very large potholes outside 12 - 15 Bloomfield Park to be repaired as a matter of urgency. They are dangerous.

**Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager issue a report with regards to waste management in the South East Area? This report to include all efforts at Dublin City Council's graffiti removal, Dublin City Council's street cleaning and street washing roster. How many staff are involved in waste management street cleaning in the South East Area? Further, what efforts are Dublin City Council making to recruit in this area in order to meet the demand of keeping the streets clean and washed?

**Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager address the issue of ongoing anti-social behaviour in the York Street Aungier Street area? It has now become a regular occurrence where groups of young people in and around the area have taken to pelting passers-by, cyclists etc. with eggs, potatoes and the like. This is extremely dangerous and criminal assault. There has been a number of serious injuries over the past while which are well documented. A series of photos have been supplied to estate management at York Street. This issue needs to be urgently addressed.

**Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager give an update as to when the phone boxes on Camden Street, Kevin Street and Lord Edward Street will be removed? These phone boxes are continuing to be of great concern to locals and businesses. They are in constant use for drug taking, drug selling and as public lavatories.

**Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager contact the Viking Splash Tours and request that they tone down the volume on board their vehicles as they go about the city and in particular in residential areas? The Viking Splash Tour is a very popular activity but more and more residents and businesses are beginning to complain about shouting, screaming and noise levels which can be very startling particularly for elderly people who are going about their business on the street and most recently where an individual who is recovering from a serious medical condition was woken every 30 minutes as the vehicle passed beneath her window and people on board are encouraged to scream and yell. One suggestion would be that passengers onboard the tour would be issued

with headsets and that they would refrain from screaming, all day long, in and around the streets of Dublin, as it can be construed as anti-social behaviour.

**Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager issue a report with regards planning legislation for the placement of 'bird-scaring kites' on rooftops? The city rooftops and skyline is fast becoming dominated by these devices in order to stop seagulls and other birds from nesting and soiling the roofs of many offices, shops and houses. This can undermine the skyline of the city and cityscape which is protected by planning law.

**Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager investigate breaches of planning with regards out of hours works, noise and dust pollution at the development at Kevin Street Lower and Clanbrassil Street which is the construction of the Maldron Hotel? This hotel is being built directly on top of residents and there have been many complaints of a complete indifference and disrespect for this Dublin City Council housing complex and its residents.

**Q.12 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager to include Morehampton Terrace in the planned resurfacing works in the Herbert Park Road area. The original tarmac top coat has deteriorated considerably over the past number of years and, following sustained traffic and engineering works, including water meter and gas main installation, the surface is now in quite poor condition with large potholes and cracks appearing.

**Q.13 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager to ensure that the building works currently being undertaken to the front of Leinster Park, Harold's Cross comply with the conditions of their planning permission vis-à-vis the commencing of works in the morning. The works regularly commence at 6.45am and are causing considerable disturbance to nearby residents.

**Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Following the successful repainting of green lampposts in the Sandymount and Ballsbridge areas could the manager address a previous request for repainting of the lampposts at Wilfield Park, Sandymount and give a date for same?

**Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to address the traffic issues at Bremen Road and Bremen Avenue Ringsend. When there is an event in Aviva Stadium the area is overrun with parked cars. Could "No Parking" signs be put in place? Vehicles are also speeding in the road and avenue.

**Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager whether the pergola in Herbert Park is going to be reinstated? It was removed due to damage caused by heavy snow about six years ago, in a move that was supposed to be temporary.

**Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the issue of a damaged footpath at bus stop number 855 Sandford Road, Ranelagh. The kerb of the footpath has gradually deteriorated and increasingly poses a challenge for frail and elderly folk disembarking at this stop.

**Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to each of the follow points regarding the complaint of unauthorised development at 31 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2.

- a. Has the owner engaged an expert in conservation to “regularise” the works that are carried out in breach of planning permission
- b. What is the current status of the enforcement proceedings given that the 12 week period following the issue of the Warning Notice has long since elapsed? Will enforcement action be taken and, if not, why not?
- c. What further action has Dublin City Council taken against the owner in relation to the further unauthorised works that took place after the Warning Notice was issued? Have these subsequent works been further investigated and considered for enforcement?
- d. Why has it taken Dublin City Council so long to address complaints in relation to this matter?

**Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with issues that have arisen on Ovoca Road in Dublin 8 over the last month. Three cars and one van have been set on fire. The fire brigade and Gardaí have been called. Residents are seeking an increased effort to stop such events happening again. Could the manager arrange to have a Garda report to the area committee on the situation?

**Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue as outlined by a constituent (photos attached)?

**Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Following the introduction of the 30kph speed limit in Sandymount there is concern that the majority of drivers are not taking any notice of the new limits. The signs are not noticeable. Would it be possible to erect new signs at strategic locations in Sandymount to help with compliance as there is no point in introducing new bye laws if motorists ignoring these new rules?

**Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to have the footpath on Newgrove Avenue, Sandymount opposite St. Catheryn’s Court Apts. examined. Roots are protruding from a copper beech tree pushing up the footpath. As a number of people have tripped at this point could the pavement be levelled?

**Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue at the Grotto at Bremen Avenue, Ringsend. Four trees have been planted in a small space. The roots are protruding and the glass panels of the grotto are cracked. Local residents have a strong spiritual attachment to this site and at this stage would request the removal of the trees and the replacing of the panelling.

**Q.24 Councillor Claire O’Connor**

Can the Manager arrange for the footpaths in Cedar Court to be fixed?

**Q.25 Councillor Claire O’Connor**

Can the potholes outside \*details supplied be repaired?

**Q.26 Councillor Claire O’Connor**

Can the potholes on Ashdale Road be repaired?

**Q.27 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can double yellow lines be painted onto Coulson Avenue in circumstances where cars park across the entire entrance / exit of this access lane way, blocking or at times partially obstructing access / exit by parking rear / front of their vehicle across the lane way. At present there are over ten car owners who use this lane way on a daily basis. This lane way is also a fire lane.

**Q.28 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can a wheelchair spot be made available outside \*details supplied?

**Q.29 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the footpaths be repaired outside \*details supplied?

**Q.30 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can Morehampton Terrace be resurfaced in circumstances where the original tarmac top coat has deteriorated considerably over the past number of years and, following sustained traffic and engineering works, including water meter and gas main installation, the surface is now in quite poor condition with large potholes and cracks appearing?

**Q.31 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can a pedestrian light be installed at junction of Cowper and Palmerstown Road, which would enable a first year student in a wheelchair to turn right onto Cowper and access school?

**Q.32 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can this meeting write to Transdev and ask them to ensure that Luas works do not happen at 3am on Northbrook Road in Ranelagh?

**Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager consider upgrading of the playing surface at the Cabbage patch pitch astro to 3G grade and outline how much this would cost and would the manager consider accepting local funding in order to allow more teams train and use this facility?

**Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews**

I understand that toilets and Bins are sanctioned by management at Aviva events but it seems that they are not always installed and therefore can the manager arrange to have toilets and bins at all Aviva events?

**Q.35 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager have the gate at \*details supplied repaired as it is not opening or closing properly?

**Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager arrange to have the footpath outside \*details supplied repaired as it is a trip hazard?

**Q.37 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager arrange to have under surface pipes installed at it is unreasonable to expect these pipes to be installed on the surface as it is not done in other flats and that it's not the tenant's fault Dublin City Council cannot clear the blockage and the council should have to do the work in a professional way rather than just a patch up?

**Q.38 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager explain why \*details supplied has not had central heating for the last two years and why the blockage has not been fixed and can the manager also say when this work will be carried out to ensure they are not without heat for a third year?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance has attended to a heating issue with one radiator in one bedroom in this dwelling on a number of occasions. The heating system is working. The radiator in one of the bedrooms is not heating correctly. There is a blocked heating circuit pipe in a concrete floor. Recently the system was flushed. However, this did not remove the blockage. The entire heating circuit pipe work needs to be replaced as a surface circuit. This was explained to the tenant and the tenant has refused to allow works to commence. Further contact was made with the tenant who to date has not agreed to allow this work.

**Contact:**

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**Q.38 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager arrange to have the air vents installed in \*details supplied and also have the down pipe causing blackening in bedroom repaired?

**Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Given the ongoing development in the Poolbeg area and the recent infestation of flies in this area which damaged the image of the area I would ask that a designated community group would be set up assuage fears and rumours among local business and community and this group would inspect and monitor compliance with current legislation by the companies.

**Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager say when will the waste interceptor be installed in Ecochem which is on the Poolbeg peninsula and also when will netting be installed on this work site to prevent cement dust as has been previously committed to?

**Q.41 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager to see that the footpath along the Grand Canal on the Charlemont Place side is repaired. The surface of the footpath along the canal on the Charlemont Place side and it is in a very dangerous condition, and a risk to people twisting their ankles. It is only a matter of time before there is a serious injury.

**Q.42 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

How often is Summerville Park, Rathmines inspected by parking enforcement? How many parking spaces are available on the street and how many residential parking permits are currently issued?

**Q.43 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager to see that TAG reviews the current layout between the Aldi entrance and Greenmount Road on Terenure Road East and, if possible, implement the below actions as there are major safety concerns given the recent increase in vehicular traffic.

1. The implementation of traffic wardens during peak school hours, from the beginning of the school year.
2. A survey of pedestrian and traffic movements, especially at peak school times, and resulting action to decrease the danger of the pedestrian crossing.
3. A risk assessment addressing, in particular, traffic speed, bus stop location conflicting traffic movements (Aldi, church car park).
4. The implementation of a level crossing at the Aldi exit / entrance
5. Implementation and enforcement of 30km/h speed limit.
6. Traffic calming signage pertaining to school entrance and crossing.

**Q.44 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager to respond to the correspondence from the Royal Hospital Donnybrook (RHD) outlining safety concerns, if she will outline what options are available and if she will organise a meeting on site to discuss these options.

The CEO has written to Cllr. Frank Kennedy and Cllr. Paddy McCartan directly as they are Dublin City Council appointees to the Board of Management of the RHD. As the hospital is in the Rathgar - Rathmines ward and Councillors Kennedy and McCartan are representatives in the Pembroke-South Dock ward, we are copying this letter to all councillors in both wards asking for your assistance, insofar as you can assist, in bringing the concerns of the hospital board of management in relation to the serious safety issues arising from traffic / parking management on Bloomfield Avenue to the attention of the relevant parties in Dublin City Council.

Any assistance you can give in this matter would be very much appreciated. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Q.45 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to arrange to put up street signage for Olney Crescent, Terenure - lack of signage is an issue for street directions etc.

**Q.46 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager for a full report on the possibility of restoring the pergola in Herbert Park as originally proposed, the costs of same and the whereabouts of the artefacts that made up the previous pergola.

**Q.47 Councillor Mary Freehill**

Would the manager please ensure that the footpath at 5 Ashfield Avenue, Ranelagh is reinstated - see attached background information.

**Q.48 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager say if there has been any work carried out with Irish Rail around the issue of the improving parking spaces for bikes at the various Dart stations and if not, is this something that can be started with a view to having the stations in Pembroke South Dock as a pilot scheme?

**Q.49 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager how can a constituent put their name on the affordable housing list for the IGB Site or other sites for that matter?

**Q.50 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager where \*details supplied is positioned on the housing list and if he is being considered for any over 55 senior accommodation?

**Q.51 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager to investigate reports from residents (details supplied) in O'Carroll Villas flats, of birds caught in the gutter and making their way into the roof top?

**Q.52 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager if \*details supplied can be considered for a flat that has become vacant in 29 St. Andrews Court, Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

**Q.53 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager if \*details supplied can be considered for an inter transfer to a flat that has become available in 6D Cuffe Street, Dublin 2?

**Q.54 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager to investigate and help a man that has been sleeping rough in a car for over a year.

**Q.55 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to look into footpath reinstatement work at \*details supplied.

**Q.56 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to take action regarding the dangerous parking that takes place in the Mount Argus estate due to the lack of yellow lines on the corners of the estate.

There are two issues of danger:

Reduction in visibility going around certain corners due to people parking on corners as they are not lined.

No speed signs or warning signs re children at play.

**Q.57 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask manager to investigate noise complaint at (details supplied).

**Q.58 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager ensure that the small area on the public domain at entrance into Cambridge FC clubhouse is concreted in as the Fire Officer will not give the new works fire certificate until it is?

**Q.59 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager if it would be possible to resurface Morehampton Terrace. Local residents have stated that:

“The original tarmac top coat has deteriorated considerably over the past number of years and, following sustained traffic and engineering works, including water meter and gas main installation, the surface is now in quite poor condition with large potholes and cracks appearing. Dublin City Council has been very responsive in undertaking limited repairs in recent times but a more robust solution is now needed.”

**Q.60 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager to have the road surfaces and footpaths in Gulistan Cottages repaired. They remain in a state of disrepair following installation of water meters and have not been returned to a decent state.

**Q.61 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager to provide painting of the wall joining Rutland Grove and Eamonn Ceannt Park. This wall is in a state of disrepair and is an eye sore. At the recent family fun day numerous residents have asked for it to be painted.

**Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager to provide an update on outstanding concerns raised by the Lower Kimmage Road residents, including a date when the improvements will be completed, in particular - installation of speed cameras / digitized signs. General park upgrades, including new park furniture.

**Q.63 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

When turning left from Carlisle Street onto the South Circular Road (i.e. towards the city centre) there is a single yellow line (which commences approx. at outside no.44 South Circular Road) which continues up to the bus stop. This present situation is very dangerous for cyclists and potentially motorists. To ask the Area Manager to:

- a) explain why this stretch of road is not double yellow lines;
- b) to explain whether local residents have been consulted on the current situation;
- c) for a proper investigation as to the dangers arising from the status quo to be carried out; and
- d) if appropriate on completion of a – c above, to change the single yellow line at this stretch to double yellow.

In light of the real and immediate safety concerns the above steps should be carried out as a matter of urgency.

**Q.64 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager to address the following issues of concern to the residents of Hollybank Avenue Lower:

- a) to provide an update on the upcoming parking ballot; specifically, what precise question(s) will be posed, and when this ballot will take place;
- b) to repair the footpaths on the avenue which in parts are in very poor condition at present and constitute a serious safety risk; and
- c) in light of the fact that the view for motorists turning right at the junction of the Avenue with Sandford Road is dangerously obscured at present by the ESB power box, to ensure that the ESB box is relocated as a matter of urgency to avoid severe accidents occurring.

**Q.65 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager to address the following issues at Sandymount Green:

- A. At present there is no barrier for pedestrians (especially children) who exit the Green from the exit opposite Borza. There is (quite properly) a barrier at the opposite exit, opposite Brownes. The lack of a barrier at the exit opposite Borza is extremely dangerous, especially for children playing in the green. One should be installed as a matter of urgency, and it should also have regard for the need for the width of a wheelchair to pass through; and
- B. Buses travel astonishingly quickly down the stretch of Sandymount Green from Sandymount House to Christchurch Hall. To ask the manager to install traffic calming measures including ramps at this very dangerous stretch.

**Q.66 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

With regard to the initial and then subsequent parking ballots on Durham Road, Sandymount, to ask the Manager:

- a) to provide copies of all correspondence, including maps, which has issued to residents to date on the initial ballot, the nullification of the result of the initial ballot, and the subsequent ballot;



- b) to provide a clear explanation as to why the initial ballot was nullified;
- c) to explain why there is a proposal to reduce so dramatically the number of places in the subsequent ballot on the horseshoe shaped type cul de sac on that stretch of Durham Road, in particular where at least one of the properties on this stretch, being [details supplied] does not have access to off street parking; and
- d) in the event that the ballot proposal is adopted, having regard to the fact that due to ease of access the volume of cars passing through is likely to increase, to introduce traffic calming measures to reduce the speed by which cars pass through (the non cul de sac section of) the road.

**Q.68 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager to address the very dangerous crack on the pavement outside No. 176 Merrion Road as shown in the photo sent by separate e-mail.

**Q.69 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

In light of concerns expressed by local residents as to noise, smell and unhealthy food, to ask the manager to explain why unhealthy fried food is being sold (a) at a festival in Herbert Park and (b) the precise start and end date and licensing rules for this festival.

**Q.70 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a junk collection in the Sandymount and Ringsend area to enable people dispose of a substantial build up of bulky waste and to encourage recycling and waste disposal.

**Q.71 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

The following question was asked and answer received at a recent (full) meeting of Dublin City Council with regard to the problem of bicycles which are illegally parked against railings and posts on Kevin Street and Wexford Street:

"To ask the Chief Executive

- a) to confiscate bicycles which are illegally parked against railings and posts on Kevin Street and Wexford Street where those bicycles cause an obstruction. These are extremely narrow footpaths and bicycles frequently create unlawful obstructions for elderly pedestrians and those with limited or impaired mobility; and
- b) to the extent that such remedial steps do not fall within the remit or power of Dublin City Council, to contact An Garda Síochána to request that they take the necessary action to enforce the law.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The enforcement powers under the Road Traffic Act that allow Dublin City Council to organise for the removal of illegally parked vehicles are restricted to mechanically propelled vehicles and do not include bicycles.

Abandoned bicycles can be removed under the Waste Management Act 1996 and their removal is managed on an area basis by our Public Realm Officers. 88 abandoned bikes, within the South East Area, have been removed so far in 2017. The procedure for the removal of abandoned bicycles, which was adopted by the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting on 10th February 2016, includes tagging them to allow potential owners remove them. The area continues to be monitored the area for such bikes.

In the meantime, the Traffic Planning Section will investigate if some additional stands can be located in the area."

To ask the manager what constitutes 'abandoned' in the above reply. For instance residents have referred to one bicycle in particular parked on the footpath on Kevin Street, which is locked to a pole all day everyday which causes a definite obstruction to walkers.

**Q.72 Councillor Claire Byrne**

Can the area manager please investigate building work that is taking place at \*details supplied, as there have been complaints of builders operating in breach of working hours as per the City Development Plan, even working on a Sunday which is prohibited. There have also been issues with noise, dust and traffic congestion due to the construction vehicles. Can the area manager also confirm whether this building is a legal development?

**Q.73 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager can she please install further road signs indicating the new 30kmph speed limit in the Sandymount area as the current signs are not very visible and therefore the speed limit is not being adhered to? Can the area manager also provide details of how adherence to the new speed limits is being monitored in the South East Area?

**Q.74 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager to please increase the frequency of litter picking and general street cleaning in the Ringsend area, in particular Sean Moore Road and Sean Moore Park as there have been complaints from local residents regarding the level of litter in these areas. Can the area manager also outline when the next intensive cleaning of Ringsend is due to take place?

**Q.75 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager if she can please write to the manager of the Viking Splash Tour to request that they be mindful of local residents when operating the tour and that noise from the host and participants be kept to a minimum when passing through the residential area of Golden Lane, Dublin 8.

**Q.76 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager if she can please include the traffic signalling and electrical boxes in Beggars Bush junction as part of the Dublin Canvass project this year, and that local artist David Uda be selected to design and paint the canvass at the request of the local Beggars Bush D4 business group.

**Q.77 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager how many staff are currently working in the Dublin City Council Planning Enforcement Section, what is the process by which a member of the public can report a breach in building working hours as per the City Development Plan, how many cases of developers / builders operating in breach of working hours have been investigated and dealt with in the Pembroke South Dock Ward since 2014 and what action has been taken in this regard.

**Q.78 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager what laws or bye-laws are currently in place to deal with the issue of commercial and household alarms, what is the process by which a member of the public can report an on-going commercial or household alarm, how

are such reports dealt with and what is the process by which an ongoing alarm can be dealt with.

**Q.79 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager can she please investigate the following issues regarding \*details supplied. According to the City Development Plan, the space in front of this premises is a designated public green space. However the adjacent business is operating a beer garden here and playing loud music that is disturbing the local residents. Can the manager please 1) confirm the status of this space, 2) clarify whether such operations are permitted here and 3) investigate the noise pollution complaints as a matter of urgency.