



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

- 1 **Presentation and Report on Proposed Part 8 Works Flood Defence Sandymount Strand and Environs.**
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 2 **Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 10 July 2017.**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 22nd August 2017.
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal of three year licence for tearoom at St. Patrick's Park to Mange Tout Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 5 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed naming of a development on Sandymount Avenue, Deerfield Lodge, 1 – 9.
Order: Agreed.
 - iii. Proposed grant of lease of residential units at Crampton Buildings by Irish Property Value Fund Public Ltd. to Dublin City Council.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 6 **Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillor Gaye Fagan
That this committee agrees to undertake a health & safety audit of the current operation given recent accident and emissions at the incinerator.
Order: Falls.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey
Recognizing the intensive use and damage to the two roads (Rampart Lane and

Eglinton Terrace, Donnybrook) arising from the building works along the Dodder and the former AIB Building - Donnybrook House, this committee requests the manager to provide for a full upgrade to both roads following the completion of both sets of works - probably by beginning of quarter 2 2018.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests that Herbert Park (Road) be included in the next works programme for upgrade.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to arrange a meeting between councillors, the RDS, the Traffic Department, the temporary parking providers and local residents to discuss how to improve traffic and parking arrangements during such events as the Dublin Horse Show to improve this for future years.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee requests that the Minister of Transport, Sport and Tourism secure funding for the progression of the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route to ensure that it can be completed prior to the city hosting the Velo-City Conference in June 2019.

The feasibility study for the project, which aims to provide 'parking protected cycle lanes' from Fitzwilliam Place to Merrion Square, was recently endorsed by the council's traffic engineers at the Transport Strategic Policy Committee and perfectly encapsulates the conference's theme for that year: "Cycling for the Ages".

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee supports the book market at Temple Bar Square and supports the retention of this amenity and facility.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee supports the residents and residents groups in and around the Charlemont Street area in their efforts to contain the excessive noise, dust and dirt and out of hours working that is negatively impacting on their lives and the enjoyment of their homes. There are now a number of development sites in this immediate area and the residents here have been treated appallingly by developers and the builders who conduct out of hours working with complete disregard for local residents. In future, it is important that all local residents are informed of all applications for out of hours works. Recently, at Charlemont Mall, a concrete pour lasted until 2.30am, completely and absolutely illegal. This activity caused great distress to the local residents in Charlemont Mall and the immediate facility.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of South East Area calls on Dublin City Council to investigate all noise and music nuisance emanating from premises in the Harcourt Street area. This investigation to be carried out alongside planning enforcement. It would appear that there are a number of premises in the Harcourt Street, Camden Street area, which are using the backs of their premises both as a smoking are and as a music venue. Crystals in Harcourt Street is one of the main perpetrators of loud noise coming from their premises. This is a huge impact on residents in

Camden Street, O Carroll Villas and York Street Apartments as well as Digges Street etc. Children are woken up as the noise carries and can be heard very clearly up to 2 and 3 in the morning.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council calls on the Events Department of Dublin City Council to refrain from issuing a licence to We Are Dublin Town / BID for any event in the South East Area until such time as Dublintown/BID have informed all of the local businesses of such an event and have got the informed consent of such businesses. There has been controversy recently over an event planned by Dublintown in the South William Street Area. I have attached information in relation to this. Given the fact that a vast amount of businesses in this district and area voted "No" to the BID Renewal, it is high time that we listened to these traders and that the criteria for issuing licence for marketing events of this nature be changed to involve the local businesses and their say.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee call on Dublin City Council's Traffic Department to address the issues of illegal parking of deliveries at Temple Bar West / Charlotte Row / Cows Lane. The situation at this location has become extremely dangerous for pedestrians. It is almost impossible to use the footpath on the South side of this street at the entrance to Cows Lane. It is also causing fire exit obstructions and is forcing those who are in wheelchairs and visually impaired onto the inappropriate cobbled road. There is also the issue of blind spots in that traffic travelling down Charlotte Row cannot see people who have to step onto the road because of parked vans/trucks/ delivery vans at the entrance of Cows Lane. We need to create a proper loading bay in this area maybe at Fishamble Street? At present in early morning it is simply chaotic in this area. Many traders in the area have made complaints that their doors and windows are blocked and indeed their outside seating is blocked by parked delivery vehicles. I have supplied photos already but can supply more.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillors Paddy McCartan and Frank Kennedy

That this area committee supports the following proposal for the resolution of serious safety issues arising from traffic / parking management and the hazards of legally and illegally parked vehicles being encountered at present on Bloomfield Avenue-the public vehicular access to the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook.

The hospital requires 24/7 access for ambulances and fire tenders in case of emergencies. Recently, there has been a significant increase in on-street parking on Bloomfield Avenue. When on-street parking is fully utilised, only one vehicle can use the avenue at any one time as there is insufficient space for two vehicles to pass on the remaining roadway.

In addition; since construction work began at Bloomfield House; there have been numerous occasions when large commercial / construction vehicles completely blocked access to and from the hospital. The hospital management notified the Gardaí when illegal parking took place and liaised on a regular basis with the site manager of the construction company to ensure the roadway was kept clear. Notwithstanding these efforts, there continues to be blockages regularly. The hospital is also conscious that construction work is likely to commence in the near future on the St. Mary's, Donnybrook site also on Bloomfield Avenue.

The Royal Hospital requests that Bloomfield Avenue be designated as a no parking zone on the left hand side of the avenue from Morehampton Road to the entrance of the hospital. This is particularly important to ensure that emergency vehicles can access the hospital expeditiously, which, if met by oncoming traffic is impossible at present.

Order: Deferred to November meeting.

Motion 12 from Councillor Chris Andrews

Given the number of dogs in the DSPCA and Dogs Trust that the manager consider setting up a pilot scheme where dog owners in the Dublin Bay South Area would not get a dog licence unless they undertake a certain number of dog training classes.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to contact Viking Splash to resolve an issue some residents in Golden Lane, Castle Way, Whitefriar Gardens, McDonough House and the Iveagh Trust Complex, are having with the Viking Splash Tour.

Presently, as the Viking Splash Tour approaches the end of the street just before St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the area is residential, the tour guides instruct the tour to scream in unison. This begins at 9.45 in the morning, including on weekends outside people's homes, and continues through the day.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Following last November's public meeting in Terenure Library regarding the community's future library needs; quite a few suggestions were made and it was recognised that the confined space in this library is its main drawback. There is a solution to the problem. This library backs on Terenure Enterprise Centre which is also a community facility.

This meeting therefore agrees that the council's Architects Department discuss a plan to share both buildings. This would maximise the functioning of both the library and enterprise centre which could better serve the area. It is therefore agreed that LAC will receive a report within six months.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Dermot Lacey

GB Shaw family Home in Synge Street was in the ownership of Dublin Tourism but following this organisation's merger with Fáilte Ireland in 2012, this building was transferred to the Office of Public Works (OPW). Concerned that this building was left unused, the Arts Strategic Policy Committee agreed that Dublin City Council acquire GB Shaw from the OPW in June 2016. To try and accelerate the process it is therefore agreed this issue become an item on DSE LAC monthly agenda until the process is completed."

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this committee agrees that the manager provides the councillors with a report on road opening licences granted in the south east area since 1st January 2015, and inspections carried out relating to reinstatement of footpaths and roads, with special attention to Irish Water and installation of water meters.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Mary Freehill

In the interest of maximising good design and utmost consultation in regard to the

Dublin City Council's four acre prime urban site in the Rathmines cleansing yard and also the adjacent ESB building, which is located between the Town Hall and Gulistan, that DCC commission a design review ideally with help of RIAI:

- To explore the site's constraints and opportunities.
- To integrate planning, architectural and engineering assessment of the site.
- In relation to uses on the site, this LAC has already agreed to involve HSE in the location of a Primary Care Centre and to the provision of senior citizen private and public housing.

This review will also be an opportunity to explore other opportunities and needs for the area. This is a key site and will impact on the quality of life of residents and the commercial life of Rathmines for generations to come, so it's important that we get it right.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 18 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Welcome to Harold's Cross Village signs be changed to

"WELCOME TO HAROLD'S CROSS VILLAGE

All-Island PRIDE OF PLACE WINNERS 2013"

at - Le Vere Terrace / Harold's' Cross Road approaching from the city centre
- Mount Tallant Avenue / Harold's Cross Road approaching from Terenure
and
- Mount Argus View / Kimmage Road Lower (approaching from Kimmage)

Because there is nothing on the signs to indicate or acknowledge the fact that Harold's Cross Village won the prestigious "Cities Category of the 2013 / 2014 All-Island Pride of Place Competition. In order to ensure that this particular award is remembered in perpetuity and to act as a reminder to residents and indeed to those who are traversing the village.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 19 from Councillors Claire Byrne and Dermot Lacey

That this area committee calls on the area manager to actively explore the possibility of installing safe, secure bike parking facilities in the Dart Stations within Dublin Bay South, in particular Sandymount Avenue and Sydney Parade Dart Stations, where there is a shortage of bike parking facilities close to the stations. This would greatly help commuters, visitors and local residents who wish to cycle.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to reinstate the on street bike parking on Drury Street that was recently removed as a matter of urgency. While the additional off street parking in Drury Street Car Park is most welcome, this should not be at the expense of on street parking of which there is a shortage of in the city centre. Can the manager also outline the reasons why these bike racks were removed in the first place?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 21 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to address the following crime related and anti-social behaviour issues in the South East Area as a matter of urgency:

- Cars being burnt out in Portobello.
- Residential break-ins in the Donnybrook area.

- Bonfires in Ringsend, Sean Moore Park.

Order: Agreed.

7 **Questions to the Chief Executive 11 September 2017**

Order: Noted.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson

Monday 11 September 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Paddy McCartan (Chairperson)

Chris Andrews

Patrick Costello

Mary Freehill

Paddy Smyth

Members:

Kieran Binchy

Anne Feeney

Frank Kennedy

Ruairí McGinley

Members:

Claire Byrne

Mannix Flynn

Dermot Lacey

Sonya Stapleton

Officers

Mark Ginnetty

Fiona O'Brien

Rossana Camargo

Eileen Martin

Brian Hanney

Jennifer Wall

Gerry O'Connell

Brian Kavanagh

Rose Kenny

Neil O'Donoghue

Barry Knowles

Leah Johnston

Apologies:

Claire O'Connor

Non-Members:

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

- Electrical Services have attended this dwelling in relation to the fuse board and carried out necessary works.
- This dwelling was cavity wall insulated in the past 2 years. The tenant declined vents at that time. The dwelling has been inspected and there is no evidence of dampness.
- The repairs to the plinth have been carried out.

Reply:

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- This dwelling was cavity wall insulated in the past 2 years. The tenant declined vents at that time. The dwelling has been inspected and there is no evidence of dampness.
- The repairs to the plinth have been carried out.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

The area around the ESB substation and in the laneway has been cleared of all rubbish.

One of the walled off areas referred to is in the charge of our tenant and appears to be clear; the second is the responsibility of the private owner. The Project Estate Officer for the area will arrange to call to the Dublin City Council tenant and inspect the location in the photograph.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

The Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed that it is not proposed to introduce parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under existing legislation, such as placing yellow lines outside individual entrances. It is illegal under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations to park so as to obstruct an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises. Instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, the City Council's parking enforcement contractor (tel.: 602 2500), or to the local Gardaí, as it is a matter for enforcement under the Road Traffic Regulations.

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.

Reply:

The street trees on Bloomfield Avenue have been listed for pruning in the autumn 2017.

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.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs here.

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?

Reply:

The South East area arranges for removal of graffiti from Dublin City Council property, including street furniture. It also contacts private owners as regards graffiti on their premises.

Dublin City Council carried out waste management operations from 2 locations in the South East Area; Rathmines Depot and Bow Lane Depot.

Rathmines Depot provides services outside the Central Commercial District with a complement of 30 staff. Services are provided from 6am – 2pm daily and this is supplemented with services provided between 1pm and 9pm by the Public Domain shift which operates 23 staff providing services to the South East and South Central Areas. Services provided include daily street-sweeping by large road sweepers, bin emptying, and street sweeping / litter picking

A wash crew operates from this depot also from 6am to 2pm providing power washing services to the South East Area that includes village areas, neighbourhood shopping locations, recycling facilities and other specific locations on a weekly and monthly basis.

Bow Lane Depot provides services to the Central Commercial District on a 7 day basis with 77 staff operating over 3 shift rosters with an early shift from 6am – 2pm and a late shift from 2pm – 10pm.

The services provided include routes based cleaning by compactor sweeper, manelec, handvac, handcart and large road sweepers.

There are also dedicated bin emptying routes operated throughout each shift on rotation.

A night shift operates 6 nights per week between 10pm and 6am providing cleaning, mechanical sweeping, bin emptying and washing services and covers areas such as Temple Bar, Dame Street, Grafton Street, Westmoreland Street, D'Olier Street and the south quays. There are 25 staff in total on 2 night shift rosters operating across the north and south city.

Graffiti removal is carried out both by direct service provision from the Waste Management Department and by corporate contract to all administrative areas.

Specific chewing gum removal services are also delivered on a scheduled basis throughout the Central Commercial District within the South East Area

The Waste Management Department has recently increased its workforce by 52 operatives to enhance service delivery across its various operations locations.

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.

Reply:

This matter is currently under investigation by the Project Estate Officer for the area however, he is having difficulty identifying the individuals in the supplied photos. If the councillor could assist with details of these individuals that he is aware of then it would allow Dublin City Council to progress these investigations further and take the relevant action against the perpetrators.

Contact has been made with An Garda Síochána and a copy of the photos given to them to enable them to carry out a criminal investigation in the York Street area and its surrounds regarding this anti-social behaviour. A request has also been made to An Garda Síochána to increase their patrols in the whole area.

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.

Reply:

The phone boxes on Lord Edward Street have already been removed. Eir were requested by the Gardaí to remove the units on both Camden Street Upper and Lower and a reminder will be issued to Eir as regards these units, particularly due to the ongoing anti-social behaviour they are attracting. There are no existing units on Kevin Street. However, there is a double unit nearby on Bride Street outside the Iveagh Trust property which is on the Eir list of kiosks for removal.

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.

Reply:

The tour company will be contacted as requested.

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.

Reply:

The Planning Acts / Regulations make no specific reference to 'bird scaring kites, either in terms of exemption or otherwise. Therefore, similar to all structures which are not specified in the legislation, and which come to our attention, each case will be dealt with on its own merits to determine whether or not such a feature would "*materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the main structure or neighbouring structures*"

Since, they would appear to be a recent innovation, with which we are unfamiliar; I would request that any evidence demonstrating their proliferation should be submitted for consideration.

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.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit have not received any complaints from residents regarding noise or dust from the construction of this development. If the contact details of those affected are passed to this unit I will undertake monitoring.

The issues raised by the councillor will be investigated and appropriate enforcement action will be taken, if required.

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.

Reply:

This carriageway will be considered for inclusion in next year's works programme.

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 considerably disturbance to nearby residence.

Reply:

The standard hours of work attaching to permissions allow for "works to commence at 7am". All sites in the city have workers / vehicles arriving from 6.30 onwards. This is not a breach of the condition provided works do not commence until circa 7.00am.

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?

Reply:

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

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.

Reply:

There are no parking restrictions on Bremen Avenue / Bremen Road.

Provided vehicles are parked legally, e.g. not on the double yellow lines, within 5 metres of junctions or blocking driveway access there is no action that can be taken with regard to parking by non-residents.

Dublin City Council can proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme and subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a scheme. This may take the form of a number of written requests or a signed petition from the residents of the road.

A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report.

On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

The request for pay traffic calming measures on Bremen Road and Bremen Avenue will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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.

Reply:

Partial collapse of the pergola occurred on the 29th November 2010, due to heavy snow fall with further collapse of the structure occurring over the following weeks.

At the time of the pergola collapse no commitment to restoring the pergola, which itself was completed in 1913, was given by the Parks & Landscapes Services Division.

In September 2015 a Conservation & Management Plan was undertaken by Grade 1 Conservation Architect on Herbert Park, which informs current work in the park. The report does not recommend the re-instatement of the pergola but to relocate the bandstand to this area, thus providing a new focus for the terraced area overlooking the pond.

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.

Reply:

This will put on our works list and arrangement will be made to carry out a repair here.

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?

Reply:

- a. The owner has engaged an expert conservation architect with a view to regularising the works.
- b. Enforcement action is ongoing in this matter and we are continuing to engage with the owner’s conservation architect. Enforcement action has already commenced and a file will remain open until the matter is resolved to our satisfaction.
- c. All works carried out to date have been fully investigated and the owner has been made aware of the works that are required to be regularised.
- d. This matter has been dealt with in the appropriate manner given the circumstances pertaining to the case and there have been no undue delays in the investigation to date.

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?

Reply:

This is a matter for the Gardaí at Kevin Street.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

Reply:

The area from Sean Moore Road to the entrance to the ESB station will be examined with a view to getting the pathway cleared. The area from the entrance to Irishtown Nature Park to Poolbeg Lighthouse is under the control of the ESB and they will be requested to follow up in that location.

The property owners will be issued with notices to cut back foliage.

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?

Reply:

There are speed limit signs posted at the points of entry and exit to the 30 Km/h zone in the Sandymount area. It is Dublin City Council's policy not to erect repeater signs as this will lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city. If the councillor can indicate specific signage locations where the sign(s) are obscured or unnoticeable, these will be examined and rectified if necessary.

If there is a problem with excessive speeding or non-compliance with the speed limit in the area it should be referred to An Garda Síochána as this is an enforcement issue.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the footpath on Newgrove Avenue, Sandymount opposite St. Catheryn's Court apartments 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?

Reply:

This will be put on our works list and arrangements will be made to carry out a repair here.

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.

Reply:

The area has been inspected and the trees at this location (*Acer sps.*) were considered to be in good condition with no visible damage to the immediate surface. Therefore, it is not proposed to have the trees felled as requested. However, we will arrange for the lower tree branches to be removed over the coming weeks.

Replacement of the glass panels is not a matter for Parks & Landscape Services Division.

Q.24 Councillor Claire O'Connor

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

Reply:

This will be put on our works list and arrangements will be made to carry out repairs here.

Q.25 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the potholes outside *details supplied be repaired?

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs here.

Q.26 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the potholes on Ashdale Road be repaired?

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs here.

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.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 23rd May, 2017, reported that under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, Section 36, paragraph (2) "A vehicle shall not be parked – (g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises". It is not recommended to introduce parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under existing legislation.

The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend double yellow lines at the laneway on Coulson Avenue.

Instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services at 602 2500 or to the local Gardaí as they occur, for enforcement under the Regulations.

Q.28 Councillor Claire O'Connor

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

Reply:

The criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay outside a private residence will be forwarded to the resident.

Q.29 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpaths be repaired outside *details supplied?

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs here.

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?

Reply:

This carriageway will be considered for inclusion in next year's works programme.

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?

Reply:

A request is listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for a pedestrian phase at the existing traffic lights at the junction of Cowper Road and Palmerston Road. The Area Traffic Engineer has indicated that it is expected that the request will be assessed the week of Monday, 18th September to Friday 22nd September, 2017, when the schools have re-opened. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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?

Reply:

The councillor's question will be conveyed to the Railway Procurement Agency.

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 would this would cost and would the manager consider accepting local funding in order to allow more teams train and use this facility?

Reply:

The existing all weather pitch at the Cabbage Patch is fit for purpose and is currently the only item in the park that is not mistreated or vandalised. Any proposed upgrade should involve the entire park with the community buying in.

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?

Reply:

Arrangements are currently in place to provide toilets on Londonbridge Road, South Bank Road and Sean Moore Road for all major sporting and entertainment events which take place in the Aviva Stadium. These toilets are provided by Extra Space Solutions. Additional bins are also provided at these locations by Waste Management Services Division.

Q.35 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Reply:

This gate will be inspected and any necessary repairs carried out within the next few weeks.

Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Reply:

This will put on our works list and arrangement will be made to carry out repair here.

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.8 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.

Reply:

The gas boiler and central heating system was installed in this property in the late 1990s. The pipe-work system was installed by cutting ducting into the concrete subfloor and placing copper heating pipe-work into the ducting underneath a semi permanent timber flooring nailed directly to the concrete subfloor. The depth of the original ducting cut into the concrete floor would not allow for replacement pipe work to include pipe insulation as required to comply with current regulations. The ducting in question cannot be cut any deeper to accommodate the pipe work including insulation as this would compromise the integrity of the structure. As a consequence, the only practical solution available is to install the pipe work on the surface. However, Dublin City Council makes every effort to install the surface pipe work as neatly as possible and all pipe work will be boxed in with timber boxing and painted sympathetically to match existing colours. This is deemed to be the least intrusive solution to this issue.

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?

Reply:

Vents have been ordered for the kitchen, bathroom and bedrooms and will be installed over the next few weeks. The bedroom with the stains will be painted subsequently.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has established a Community Gain Liaison Committee in accordance with the statutory approvals obtained for the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility. The committee acts as a liaison between Dublin City Council and the local community in relation to ongoing monitoring of the facility operations.

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?

Reply:

Ecochem advised Dublin City Council Pollution Control staff in June that they had appointed consultants to carry out a detailed design for drainage on the site. They expected to be in a position to commence the tendering process for the award of the construction contract by mid September. Ecochem have recently confirmed that there has been no change to this schedule. Therefore, we are not in a position to advise a timeline for the

installation of the interceptor or any other construction activity until a construction programme has been provided by the appointed contractor.

Ecochem has confirmed they have received pricing for the works for the netting to be installed on this work site to prevent cement dust. The next stage they have to undertake involves commissioning a safety assessment of the existing site perimeter boundary structure to address safety issues during and following installation.

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.

Reply:

This will put on our works list and arrangements will be made to carry out repairs here.

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?

Reply:

There are 29 parking spaces available with 22 residential permits valid for Summerville Park issued. Inspections are carried out on foot of complaints and on regular patrols. Six vehicles were clamped on Summerville Park in the last 12 months with the most recent on 18/8/17. Dublin City Council does not keep records on how many individual inspections are carried out by crews on particular streets.

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.

Reply:

The request for school wardens (1) and signage (6) has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendations in due course.

In relation to (2), (3) and (4), the Area Traffic Engineer has noted that there is a pedestrian crossing on Terenure Road East at Aldi, located approximately 85 metres from the junction with Greenmount Road. At the junction of Terenure Road East / Terenure Road North / Rathfarnham Road, pedestrian crossings have been recommended across Rathfarnham Road and across Terenure Road East - these pedestrian crossings will be listed on the 2018 Works Programme for implementation subject to the availability of funding and resources.

The location between Greenmount Road and Aldi will be monitored by the Traffic Control Room to identify issues.

Terenure Road East is an arterial route and has a speed limit of 50Km/h. It is proposed to review the arterial routes as part of Phase 3 of the 30Km/h implementation. This is due to commence in early 2018.

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 Cllrs. 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.

Reply:

A request has been received to rescind the Pay and Display and Permit Parking on the south side of Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin 4. The request has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made for new signage if deemed necessary.

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.

Reply:

Partial collapse of the pergola occurred on the 29th November 2010, due to heavy snow fall with further collapse of the structure occurring over the following weeks. The natural black stone which was used to construct the piers is stored in Ringsend and the concrete cross beams were sent to landfill as they were considered not to be fit for purpose.

At the time of the pergola collapse no commitment to restoring the pergola, which itself was completed in 1913, was given by Dublin City Council's Parks & Landscape Services Division.

In September 2015 a Conservation & Management Plan was undertaken by Grade 1 Conservation Architect on Herbert Park which informs current work in the park. The report does not recommended the re-instatement of the pergola but to relocate the bandstand to this area, thus providing a new focus for the terraced area overlooking the pond.

Q.47 Councillor Mary Freehill

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

Reply:

The Temporary reinstatement was carried out by Kendra Ireland working on behalf of ESB. T4-4122 & T2 E.S.B8031-1 (7 Nov 2016 to 3 Dec 2016). The opening has not been returned to Dublin City Council and is still the responsibility of the ESB.

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?

Reply:

In order to facilitate cycle stands at the Dart stations at Tara Street, Pearse and Grand Canal Dock, the area engineer will assess it and the councillor will be informed in due course.

There are proposals for 5 no. stands to accommodate 10 bicycles adjacent to Lansdowne Road Dart Station for On-Street Cycle Parking.

Cycle stands are not recommended at the train station of Sandymount and Sydney Parade as the width of the footpaths adjacent to the area is insufficient to accommodate the bike stands. In addition, the National Cycle Manual indicates that lighting is important for cycle parking to allow for bicycle locking, for checking the bicycle equipment etc. It is also very important from the point of view of both personal security and bicycle security.

Holyrood Park and Ailesbury Gardens are the roads nearest the Dart Stations that could facilitate on-street parking for bicycles. Unfortunately, the public lighting is not adequate in these areas. It is therefore not recommended to place cycle stands at these locations.

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?

Reply:

In June 2011, the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government announced the standing down of all Affordable Housing Schemes. As part of the Housing Policy Statement of 2011, Affordable Housing is no longer available and Dublin City Council has not been notified by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government of any plans to introduce a new scheme.

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?

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is on Band 2 of the Older Person Housing list for one bedroom accommodation with the following position

- 43 for Area M (City Quay / Ringsend / Irishtown / Donnybrook / Mount Street / Pearse Street)
- 49 for Area N (Ranelagh / Harold's Cross / Rathmines / Terenure)

- 29 for Area P (Church Street / Ormond Quay / North King Street / O'Devaney Gardens / Chancery Street)

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

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?

Reply:

The gutters of this complex were inspected 5th September. There was some debris, leaves etc., in the gutters which has now been removed. The roofs were inspected; no evidence of any birds caught in the gutters or in the roofs was found.

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.

Reply:

In relation to the applicant's (details supplied) request to be considered for 29 St. Andrew's Court, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, the property is no longer available.

The applicant (details supplied) is on Dublin City Council's housing list since 06/3/2012.

The applicant is currently in Band 2 on the housing list for 2 bedroom accommodation and has the following positions on the list:

- 173 for Area H (Ballybough / Phibsborough / Dorset Street / Dominick / East Wall / Sherrif Street)
- 117 for Area L (York Street / Rialto / Coombe / Portobello)
- 102 for Area M (Ringsend / Irishtown / Ballsbridge)

Dublin City Council allocates 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. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

An applicant's position on the housing list may be subject to change as applicants may move within bands as their circumstances change.

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?

Reply:

The property 6D Cuffe Street is currently occupied by a tenant of Dublin City Council.

(Details supplied) will need to make an application for an inter-transfer with the tenant of 6D Cuffe Street. If it is suitable to their needs, a request will be made to the local area office for a decision on estate management and maintenance grounds.

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.

Reply:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), on behalf of Dublin City Council and the three other Dublin local authorities, funds the Housing First Service (operated by Peter McVerry Trust and Focus Ireland) to engage with people who are rough sleeping in the Dublin region, and to support them to access temporary accommodation and other support services. The Housing First Team members have professional competencies including psychiatry, substance use / addiction, and nursing.

DRHE has requested the Housing First Team to visit this area in order to engage with the man in *details supplied to provide supports to him, and offer temporary accommodation which he may require.

If any member of the public would like to make Dublin's Housing First Service aware of a person who may be sleeping rough in the Dublin region, who is in need of assistance, please contact DRHE & Housing First at this weblink <http://www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper> which provides an interactive map to support the Housing First team in quickly locating persons who may be vulnerable. The Housing First Team can also be contacted at 086 8139015.

Q.55 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to look into footpath reinstatement work at (details supplied).

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services contacted the ESB Medium & Low Voltage faults Department who has investigated the issue. The ESB has instructed their contractor Kendra Civil Engineering Ltd. to escalate both reinstatements for completion. Kendra Civil Engineering Ltd. will notify Dublin City Council upon completion.

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.

Reply:

Requests for double yellow lines in Mount Argus Close and Mount Argus Court are listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The councillor will be informed of the decision in due course.

Speed limit signs are provided only at the points of entry to a speed limit zone and at the points of change from one speed limit to another. The general speed limit of 50 km/h applies unless otherwise specified by the signage indicating a higher or lower speed limit. A request for the introduction of a 30km/h speed limit in the estate will be referred for consideration as part of the next review of the Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws.

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

is already traffic calmed with the provision of speed ramps spaced appropriately and in accordance with the design specifications of the Traffic Management Guidelines. Introducing additional ramps would not comply with current design standards and would encourage harsh braking and consequent heavy acceleration.

A “Children crossing” sign was recommended on the 25th November, 2016 at the junction of Mount Argus with Kimmage Road Lower, which leads onto Mount Argus Park. The sign has since been erected.

Q.57 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will initiate an investigation in relation to the noise complaints but will require the contact details of those residents making these complaints to ensure the matter can be expedited.

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?

Reply:

The Cambridge Boys’ Football Club should make their application to have the emergency exit / entrance path-way widened formally through the planning process. Upon receiving approval they can apply to Road Maintenance Services Division for a quote to carry out the work.

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.”

Reply:

This carriageway will be considered for inclusion in next year’s works programme.

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.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made for permanent reinstatements to be carried out here.

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.

Reply:

Representatives of the Rutland Grove Residents' Association now attend the regular Friends of Eamonn Ceannt Park meetings. The next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 21st September 2017 and possible solutions can be discussed at that stage.

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.

Reply:

The speed cameras / digitized signs refer to the radar signs. These 2 No. radar signs have been ordered and will be installed / operational by the end of September 2017.

Painters are currently on site working on the railings and street furniture. Two new benches will be installed and work on cutting back of vegetation will continue over the wintertime.

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.

Reply:

The request to rescind the single yellow line at the above location and replace with double yellow lines has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course. (Residents are not normally consulted on road markings required for traffic management purposes).

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.

Reply:

A) Hollybank Avenue Upper and Lower are currently out to ballot with a request from 25% of residents for a change of operational hours from the current Mon-Fri 0700-1900H to

Mon-Sun 0700-2400H. The closing date for receipt of ballots is the 15th September 2017. Copy letter to residents and ballot paper attached.

- B) This will be put on our works list and arrangements will be made to carry out repairs here when a crew is available.
- C) The Area Engineer assessed the location of the ESB power box and deemed that it does not obscure motorists' view and it is not recommended to have it relocated

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 Browne's. 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.

Reply:

- a) The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that during a site inspection it was noted that the footpath located at the exit of Sandymount Green is narrow in sections. Placing barriers would further reduce the available widths and be contrary to the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. Guardrails may be counterproductive:
 - Create a false sense of safety for both drivers and pedestrians
 - Can result in pedestrians being trapped on the outside of the guardrail.
 - Reduce the width of footpaths
 - Create a collision hazard for cyclists.

It would also pose difficulties for wheelchair users, buggies and vulnerable pedestrians. It is therefore not recommended to place a barrier at this location.

Dublin City Council's Parks & Landscape Services Division has in the past, proposed to install self closing gates at the entrances to the "green" and this is still this division's preferred option because of its low intervention and impact on the historic integrity of the gates and railings. Unfortunately these proposals did not meet with local support at the time. This solution of a self closing gate mechanism has been recently introduced to one of the gates in Mountpleasant Square Park and appears to be working well with no complaints thus far.

- b) 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. Sandymount Green is lightly trafficked and does not meet the warrant for traffic calming. The criteria for the provision of traffic calming measures are as follows:

- The road should have a straight run of approximately 200 metres.
- The 85th percentile speed (speed exceeded by 15% of vehicles) should exceed 50km/h.

- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.
- There should be genuine road safety concerns based on accident statistics or observed road safety patterns or a written report from an Inspector in the Garda Traffic Division, Dublin Castle, relating to an issue of safety.

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.

Reply:

- a) Copies attached - covering letter and map sent on 9/3/17 – covering letter and map dated 6/6/17 together with letter explaining the reason for the re-ballot.
- b) A number of residents complained about the poor quality of the map that issued on the 9/3/17. Several residents objected to these complaints on the basis that the map was clear and that complaints about same were a stalling tactic to delay the implementation of any proposed scheme. In light of this it was deemed prudent to re-ballot with a clearer map.
- c) There is no change to the proposed parking layout from the initial ballot.
- d) Should the proposal be passed the request for traffic calming will be passed to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination.

Q.67 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In light of the serious and dangerous problems with footpaths (including overgrown vegetation) as comprehensively set out in the e-mail forwarded separately (including attached photos), to ask the manager to address these problems as a matter of urgency in the two identified areas, being Part A from Sean Moore Road to the entrance to the ESB station / Poolbeg Chimneys / Stacks and Part B from the entrance of Irishtown Nature Park to Poolbeg Lighthouse.

Reply:

The area from Sean Moore Road to the entrance to the ESB station will be examined with a view to getting the pathway cleared. The area from the entrance to Irishtown Nature Park to Poolbeg Lighthouse is under the control of the ESB and they will be requested to follow up in that location.

The property owners will be issued with notices to cut back foliage.

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.

Reply:

This will be added to our works list and arrangements will be made to carry out a repair here.

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.

Reply:

The permission granted for this event did not stipulate what type of food could be sold, however, it was subject to the organisers compliance with all Health and Safety Legislation, the Safety, Health and Welfare at work Act 2005, Health and Welfare at work Act (Construction) 2013, Health and Welfare at Work Act (General) 2007, Fire Services Act 1981, along with and all other relevant legislation, regulations and approved Codes of Practice, to ensure the safe running of the event. A full list of the terms of conditions applied to this event can be made available if required.

The event was permitted to open to the public between the following times:

17th August 2017 - 12.30 pm to 10 pm

18th August 2017 - 12.30 pm to 10 pm

19th August 2017 - 12.30 pm to 10 pm

20th August 2017 - 12.30 pm to 9 pm

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.

Reply:

The free city wide household bulky waste collection service is no longer available to any area of the city as it was decided that this free service was contrary to the core principle that the person(s) generating the waste should pay for its disposal, regardless of the type of waste been generated. The associated costs of this service had also become unsustainable and had reached approximately €500,000.00 per year. The service was therefore discontinued in favour of a more flexible and accessible service which is available on demand all year round and for which households pay a nominal fee which is currently €40.00. This service was introduced in May 2016 and has proved very popular with the public. Average collection time between request and collection taking place is currently 3 – 4 days and unlike the previous service it operates all year round. Full details of the service are available on the City Council website. The waste management department would not be in favour of reinstating the free collection service as it is not considered an efficient use of our resources.

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.

Reply:

Abandoned bicycles are usually identified by their condition. Flat tyres on both front and back wheels, buckled or missing wheels, damaged frames or heavily rusted chains and sprockets are taken as indications that the bicycle has been abandoned. Otherwise, an abandoned bicycle is defined as a bicycle located on a public street or in a public car park that would appear to have been in the same location unmoved for a period of more than two weeks. However, caution needs to be exercised in determining that a bicycle is actually abandoned. The bicycle mentioned above will be identified and, once determined as abandoned, an Abandoned Bicycle Tag will be placed on the bicycle, which will state a date after which the bicycle will be removed.

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?

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will initiate an investigation in relation to the noise complaints but will require the contact details of those residents making these complaints to ensure the matter can be expedited.

The issues raised by the councillor will be investigated and appropriate enforcement action will be taken, if required.

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?

Reply:

There are speed limit signs posted at the points of entry and exit to the 30 Km/h Zone in the Sandymount area. It is Dublin City Council's policy not to erect repeater signs as this will lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city. If the councillor can indicate specific

signage locations where the signs visibility is inadequate these will be examined and rectified if necessary.

Dublin City Council regularly through its various communication outlets, VMS signs, Twitter handle and radio station promote and keep awareness of the 30Km/h initiative and encourage motorists to comply with the limit in the areas where it applies. There are also frequent collaborations with the Road Safety Authority on speed and accident campaigns which again promote the 30km/h speed limit as well as speed limits in general.

Dublin City Council actively engages with An Garda Síochána both directly and through working groups on issues such as speed limit and statutory measure enforcement. A review of Phases 1 & 2 will be commencing over the coming weeks and if speeds in the 30Km/h zones are not showing a reduction then Dublin City Council may introduce soft engineering measures to assist speed reduction.

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?

Reply:

Ringsend Village is cleaned on a daily basis. Residential streets in the Ringsend area are cleaned on a twelve week cycle. The next intense cleaning of Ringsend is during the first week of September 2017. There is a sweeping machine and van assigned to Sean Moore Road twice a week for cleaning.

Sean Moore Park will be litter picked on a weekly schedule.

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.

Reply:

The South East Area Office will convey your concerns to Viking Splash Tours, RGI House, 18 Mill Street, 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.

Reply:

Art work for Dublin City Council traffic light boxes throughout the South East Area for 2017 has already been selected. However, community and public domain staff are looking at options for painting these boxes in conjunction with the local business group in this location.

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.

Reply:

There are 16 staff currently working in the Planning Enforcement Section. All complaints can be made through the dedicated enforcement email planningenforcement@dublincity.ie

Regarding the specific numbers of complaints relating to working hours in Pembroke South Dock Ward it is not possible to give numbers of such complaints as the complaints are site specific on the system, as opposed to complaint type. It is estimated that there has been in excess of 50 such complaints in that area since 2014. Inspections are carried out following receipt of complaints and the site managers are spoken to in an effort to improve any issues that are brought to our attention causing annoyance to area residents.

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.

Reply:

There are no specific laws or bye-laws dealing with noise from security alarms. Where there is an ongoing issue with reoccurring alarms this unit will use the general noise control provisions under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 to endeavour to resolve the matter with the occupier of the premises. The current legal provisions under this act do not allow for any local authority to force entry onto premises to deactivate an alarm system.

In other legislation, The Private Security Authority in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Private Security Services Act 2004 operates the Private Security (Licensing and Standards) Regulations 2012. These Regulations require that installers of such equipment are licensed, and carry out that their work to a designated national standard.

Further information on this can be found at:

<https://www.psa.gov.ie/en/PSA/Pages/enforcement>

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.

Reply:

There is no record of planning permission being granted for use of this space as a beer garden. The triangular plot of land adjoining *details supplied is zoned Z9: To preserve, provide and improve recreational amenity and open space and green networks.

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will initiate an investigation in relation to the noise complaints but will require the contact details of those residents making these complaints to ensure the matter can be expedited.