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MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017

- 1 **Presentation on Leak Reduction Programme**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Update on Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Regulations) 2017**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Presentation on the Dodder Public Transport Bridge**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Presentation on Dublin City Parks Strategy 2017 - 2022**
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting 11th September 2017**
Order: Agreed.
- 6 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 26th September 2017.
Order: Noted.
- 7 **Chief Executive's Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed part 8 works to the Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 8 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Part 8 Works at Merrion Square Park.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on proposed Part 8 Works at Temple Bar Square.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 9 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Planning and Property Department Community Lettings.
Order: Noted.

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South East Area Office Matters

- i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on proposal to extinguish the public right of way at Bracken's Lane, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- iii. Report on proposal to name a development at the former St. Clare's Convent, Harold's Cross Road, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6 as St. Clare's Park.
Order: Agreed.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider a planned approach (either within the area or in conjunction with other area managers) to deal with the proliferation of graffiti / tagging in the area, both on municipal and state property but also on business and residential property with consideration of the following:

- a) Providing practical support to small businesses and residential areas to remove graffiti from their property.
- b) Launch an awareness programme in secondary schools, youth clubs, etc. Similar to the Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána 'Think don't Tag' campaign launched this year for junior school children.
- c) Initiate discussions with an Garda Síochána to increase surveillance and enforcement to highlight that this is not a victimless crime.
- d) Consider a registration system for the purchase of spray can paint
- e) Provide more opportunities for the promotion and proliferation of street art in a planned way.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees that a review of traffic issues on Belmont Avenue be conducted with a view to resolving the chaos that occurs at various times during the day.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to clarify when and how the designation for the area on the northern side of Ashton's Pub running up towards Vergemount Park was changed from "Vergemount" to "Clonskeagh Road".

The committee further requests the manager to clarify if she is aware of the huge difficulty this has caused for residents of "Vergemount", who previously had residential visitor discs for "Vergemount" now having to compete with residents with discs for the much longer Clonskeagh Road and if she will arrange for the previous designation of "Vergemount" to be reinstated to enable the originally agreed parking scheme to be back in place.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Community Department along with the Community Garda examine the problems currently being experienced around the Maxwell Lane area (details

attached) and report on what measure will be taken to alleviate the problems. Maxwell Lane seems to have become a magnet for antisocial behaviour in the past year or so. Fights, rows, drinking, drug selling, attacks on local houses, stealing palettes from local shops, and illegal dumping have all taken place in recent months. One family fled their house to Rathmines Garda station on a Sunday afternoon in August due to a violent argument metres from their kitchen window (topics included: acts committed in prison, drugs, stealing girlfriends (with names said aloud), etc.). Last Saturday night two houses were egged by a gang of about 10 hooded teenagers. As the homeowners were cleaning the debris from their windows and walls, the gang attacked again this time targeting the residents. While relatively minor in isolation these acts have the combined effect of making the laneway a source of concern and at times, genuine fear.

I am not sure of an easy solution, but part of the problem seems to be the fact that the lane can be used as through-way with access on both ends. Also, because it is a secluded lane way, people can act there with relative impunity. Dublin 6 is, of course, full of such lanes and alleys but it seems Maxwell Lane is much more heavily used than others. It is in effect a small roadway. As the Gardaí cannot be stationed there 24 hours a day, it seems some structural solution is required, e.g. blocking off access except to key holders. I am not aware of this type of problem with other local lane ways or solutions that may have been found in other cases? If you can offer any help to improve the situation, it would be much appreciated.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Lacey. Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That bearing in mind the serious and ongoing burning of cars in Portobello - Arnott Street area that this area committee calls on the Gardaí to be given the extra resources that are clearly needed to tackle these serious criminal actions as the Gardaí are already stretched beyond what is needed to deliver reassurance and safety to the local community.

Order: Moved by Councillor Byrne. Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That the South East Area Committee, calls on Dublin City Council and all those concerned with the social redevelopment of Charlemont Street to formally recognise the new residents' group and its representatives, known as "the New Charlemont Group" which has been initiated by local residents within the area of Charlemont Street.

This group has held meetings that were well attended and has elected a spokesperson chairperson. It is important to note that the rejuvenation board intends to stand down once the social housing aspect of the rejuvenation of Charlemont is complete.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That the South East Area Committee, calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) estate management and Housing Department and An Garda Síochána to urgently come up with a plan to tackle the criminality and serious anti social behaviour at Glovers Court and the surrounding area. Recently at this site workers were pelted with rocks and had to take shelter and stop work. On another occasion a dumbbell was dropped from the balcony on top of a resident, narrowly missing him. This could have been fatal.

This particularly incident forms part of an ongoing racism towards a particular resident at the Glovers Court by this well known group of youths. Another incident paper was stuffed into a letterbox of a family home and was set alight. Fortunately the fire didn't take hold. This is just a small sample of what residents businesses and visitors have to go through daily in this area. DCC has a care of

duty to its residents in how it manages its estates and in these instances it has plenty of evidence but is continuing to fail the besieged residents of these blocks. This committee is asked to stand shoulder to shoulder with the residents and help them end this scourge. One way that this can be achieved is by the installation of CCTV cameras another way is to hire private security to patrol the area and assist in gathering evidence.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee calls on An Garda Síochána to put extra patrols and surveillance in and around the Portobello area in order to combat the upsurge in malicious damage and arson attacks in that area. Residents and businesses feel dismayed and isolated at the ongoing issues of malicious damage and arson attacks mainly on parked cars in this area. Many members of the community expressed terror and fear and have demanded extra garda patrols and surveillance and also that Dublin City Council steps up to the mark in terms of the public domain, safety and install CCTV and other modes of protection in this immediate area.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee calls on Dublin City Council's (DCC) Traffic Department to realign the entrance of the car park and bring centre on the Milltown Road from the eastern side which faces onto houses and residents to the south side which will face onto the main road. At the present entrance, cars and trucks are mounting the footpath. On some occasions if there is heavy traffic coming in and out of the car park vehicles are mounting the footpath and blocking people's homes. This situation is very dangerous and needs urgent attention. It has been an ongoing matter for quite some time. The Bring Centre is very busy as is the car park and the impact of this on local residents in terms of noise traffic and danger has reached unacceptable levels. This also takes place throughout the night as people are coming to deposit their glass, cans etc. This motion is on behalf of those residents who are calling on you to assist them in resolving this issue.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees that a dog run facility would be developed in Herbert Park and that the manager would report on what measures can and will be taken to ensure that dog dirt is removed from football pitches in the park as quickly as possible.

Order: Agreed. Report rejected.

Motion 11 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this committee agrees to seek a parking protected cycle lane on St Stephen's Green East.

Order: Agreed. Cllr. McGinley dissented.

Motion 12 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this committee requests a change to the timing of the pedestrian lights at St. Stephen's Green East, crossing from the island to the park entrance so that the pedestrian phase is matched fully to the right turning phase from Leeson Street. Such a change will prioritize pedestrians, and make entering the cycle lane safer for cyclist. Such a change would be in line with local and national policy to promote cycling and walking.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this committee calls on the area manager to increase the frequency of cleaning and litter picking on Grattan Street, Dublin 2. There has been an ongoing issue with litter on this street for some time that is not being addressed.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to provide a report on what is being done to address the issue of public bin abuse in Portobello, and to please consider providing a different type of public bin in the Portobello Area as a means to address the ongoing issue of illegal dumping and litter. The council has removed a number of bins in the area but the problem is persisting, particularly on Lombard Street / Arnott Street which has been raised before. Bins with smaller entry points, such as the mixed waste bins that are currently being trialled in the city centre, may help to address the problem. Can the manager please examine the possibility of this and provide a report?

Order: Agreed. Report rejected.

Motion 15 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

At approximately 9.50am on 25 September 2017, residents in certain neighbourhoods (Canon Mooney Gardens) in the Pembroke South Dock ward received a notification from Dublin City Council stating that Dublin City Council Water Services, on behalf of Irish Water, would shut down the mains supply from 9am on that date for a period of approximately six hours. This committee agrees that this notification (a) was completely inadequate and (b) failed entirely and unacceptably to have regard to the possibility of people, such as people with disabilities, having an urgent need to access water and who need time to plan for sufficient alternatives if the mains supply is to be switched off. Accordingly, this committee resolves to write to both Dublin City Council Water Services and Irish Water to seek the following:

- i. An explanation as to how and why notification came so late;
- ii. What consideration, if any, was given to the position of people with disabilities;
- iii. Is there a policy in place to address the water needs of people with disabilities where the mains supply is to be turned off; and
- iv. An assurance that turning off the mains supply with such inadequate notice will not happen again.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Having regard to the deeply worrying and dangerous pattern of anti-social and criminal behaviour in the Portobello area, including the burning out of 12 cars in the past two months, this committee resolves to write to An Garda Síochána calling on them to take immediate and urgent action to address this behaviour and to request that they provide a report to this committee on the actions which they are undertaking.

Order: Report to councillor.

12 **Questions to Chief Executive 9th October 2017**

Order: Noted.

Attendance:

Members:

Paddy McCartan
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Frank Kennedy
Sonya Stapleton

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Dermot Lacey
Ruairí McGinley

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mannix Flynn
Claire O'Connor

Officers

Mark Ginnetty
Brian Kavanagh
Paul Knight
Paul McCann
Michael Noonan
Dermot Collins

Brian Hanney
Rose Kenny
Karen Kennedy
Mary Conway
Kieran O'Neill
Les Moore

Leah Johnston
Fiona O'Brien
Clive Ahern
Lenzie O'Sullivan
Derek Graydon
Jennifer Wall

Apologies:

Mary Freehill

Paddy Smyth

Non-Members:

Joe Kelly, Rohan O'Donovan
Matt Thompson, Irish Water

Q1. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to organise a plebiscite of the residents of Rostrevor Terrace and Rostrevor Road in Rathgar on the introduction of Pay & Display Parking prior to the completion of the Marianella Apartments on Orwell Road, which will significantly increase the demand for free on street parking in the area?

Reply:

The criteria for the consideration of requests for Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes require that written supporting evidence in favour of parking controls be received from 25% of households before the request is referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination. The full criteria are being forwarded to the councillor.

Q2. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to see that the lane between Villiers Road and Rathmines Road Upper is cleared of rubbish on a regular basis. It is becoming a littering black-spot.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 18th September 2017 and we will have it cleaned on a more regular basis.

Q3. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) to reassess the junction at Leeson Park and Appian Way. There have been complaints of cars queuing through the junction and moving through active pedestrian crossing once traffic ahead moves. Pedestrian sequences are also far too short.

Reply:

With regard to reported issues at the traffic signals at the junction of Leeson Park and Appian Way, upon evaluation, the pedestrian crossing times at this junction were deemed to be within the recommended safety times. However, an intervention has now been made to extend these crossing times to increase pedestrian comfort. A delay on the introduction of the pedestrian crossing has also been implemented to allow vehicles' entering the junction late to clear before the crossing is operational.

The issue of vehicles queuing through the junction is a matter for An Garda Síochána enforcement. To assist this process the installation of a yellow box junction may be suggested and this will be evaluated through the TAG process. If recommended, this request will be added to the programme of works, subject to funding.

Q4. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the Traffic Department to assess the feasibility of moving the cycle lane on St. Stephen's Green East to between the parking spaces and the pavement as per the photo attached.

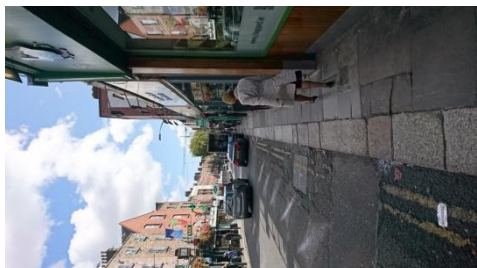
Reply:

The request to assess the feasibility of moving the cycle lanes on St. Stephen's Green East to between the parking spaces and the footpath is considered premature at this time pending the installation and assessment of new cycle lanes on Fitzwilliam Cycle Route from Fitzwilliam Square North to Merrion Square North using this layout. This pilot scheme is due for construction in Q3 / 4 of 2018.

Q5. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if steps will be taken to deal with the appallingly dangerous footpath at Lower Baggot Street, as outlined in the photograph supplied with this question and the accompanying text.

"I'm writing to ask if you could please table a question to have the path widened on Lower Baggot Street, please see attached photo.



I often see people stepping out onto the traffic because the path is too narrow - I have seen two near misses. There is however ample room for the path to be widened and still maintaining room for two lanes of traffic."

Reply:

The Area Engineer will assess the width of the foot path at Lower Baggot Street, and the councillor will be informed in due course.

Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if, further to previous requests, she could confirm who owns the piece of waste and overgrown small site adjacent to 28 Peter's Place and if Dublin City Council could ensure it is cleaned up and also if Dublin City Council would arrange to meet the residents of Peter's Place with a view to assisting them with top soil and plants to enable them improve the look of their area.

Reply:

According to Dublin City Council's property register this site is not in the ownership of the City Council. Information in relation to the current registered owner would be held by the Property Registration Authority of Ireland.

Q7. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she could have the following issues examined in relation to St. Alban's Park, Sandymount and report back:

- The camber outside number 11 St. Alban's Park where the water cannot drain into the drains as it's too high.
- The drains are still very full and I doubt they have emptied in a while.
- The above two could still cause flooding on St. Alban's Park even with the pump so can this please be looked into before that happens.

Reply:

Re point no. 1, a site inspection will be carried out at no. 11 St. Alban's Park to examine if the road level can be adjusted to aid drainage.

There are an estimated 55,000 gullies within the Dublin City Council area which are cleaned on a continual basis by the Surface Water and Flood Management Unit. It typically takes 12 - 18 months to complete one full cycle of cleaning the 55,000 gullies in the city.

The gullies on St. Alban's Park were inspected and cleaned on 27/09/2017. These gullies are in working order.

Q8. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager how many alleged breaches of planning regulations of TV receiver dishes on the front of buildings in the south-east area have been reported to the city council in the first six months (January to June) of 2017? How many have been investigated by the planning inspectors and the owners contacted?

How many have been removed or had action taken to secure their removal?

Reply:

This matter will be looked into and a response sent directly to the councillor.

Q9. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she would have situation at the drain on the lane at the rear of Belmont Villas where it takes a right hand turn further into the lane investigated. The slope on the lane at present means that water flows down the lane but cannot then reach the shore so it congregates at the corner causing significant dampness problems for the houses adjacent to that turn.

Reply:

This issue will be investigated and a reply sent to the councillor.

Q10. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to report back on progress made re issues raised over the last 12 months by Rutland Grove Residents' Association.

Reply:

See attached table for replies.

Request/Comment	Response
<p>A. Traffic volumes and parking chaos at entrance to Rutland Grove arising from traffic at top of Rutland Avenue at entrance to park. Concern that blind spots created by parked cars will lead to accidents. Corner needs to be kept free of parked cars. Illegal parking needs attention.</p> <p>(Completed)</p>	<p>Visits from Parking Enforcement were carried out on the 15th, 22nd and 29th October the 5th November and the 12th November. As per our usual protocols, warning notices were issued on initial visits. Six warning notices were issued on Rutland Avenue on the 15th October with one on Rutland Grove. No illegal parking was noted on the 22nd October. One vehicle was warned on Rutland Avenue on the 29th. No illegal parking noted on the 5th November and one warning issued on Rutland Grove on the 12th November. The initial visit seems to have addressed the main issue. On subsequent visits some local residents objected to enforcement in the area. Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, was previously notified of complaints from residents regarding parking at Rutland Grove and was instructed to monitor the location with increased frequency. The location continues to receive a heightened level of monitoring with multiple visits scheduled each week.</p> <p>Provided vehicles are parked legally, e.g. not within 5 metres of junctions or blocking driveway access, etc. there is no action that can be taken with regard to parking by non-residents.</p>
<p>B. Residents on Rutland Avenue are unable to park at their houses due to parking by park users and would like some designated parking spaces, possibly on large footpath area.</p> <p>(Not recommended)</p>	<p>During a number of site inspections, no adverse problems were observed with vehicles blocking entrances to houses. Parking restrictions are not recommended where restrictions are already covered under the law. The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) g provides: "A vehicle shall not be parked 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". Infringements should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services tel no. 01 6022500 or the Gardaí as they occur.</p>
<p>C. Commitment to reduce footpath size on park side to increased car parking when Lourdes Celtic clubhouse was built has not been followed through on.</p> <p>(Not recommended)</p>	<p>Following examination, reducing the footpath width would narrow access and therefore pose difficulties for the disabled and people pushing prams. It would also hinder safe access for children walking to and from schools. It would also be against Dublin City Council's best design practice standards to reduce footpath widths.</p>

<p>D. Bring centre entrance is a location for dumping - one suggestion is to remove indent - have wall in line with path – bring centre wall was never rendered. (Not recommended)</p>	<p>Parks and Waste Management Services believe that alteration of the entrance would create problems with visibility for vehicles entering and leaving the depot.</p>
<p>E. CCTV cameras needed to deter dumping. (Completed)</p>	<p>The Waste Management Section recently engaged the services of a CCTV company in an effort to reduce illegal dumping at the site. The cameras are mounted on anti-climb poles in an effort to prevent the new cameras from being vandalised.</p>
<p>F. Planting needed to remove very harsh concrete aspect to estate entrance – greening of estate needed on all grey walls. (Partially completed)</p>	<p>Parks: Pine trees have been planted at the entrance to the estate. Once these develop they should make the entrance more attractive. A ‘Tree of Hope’ was also planted on the green. Some trees will be planted in the estate during the planting season (Winter 2017/18) We were unable to include the planting of climbers in our 2017 works programme but will be considered again next year.</p>
<p>G. Footpath repair programme needed within estate - some sections done - much remains to be done.</p>	<p>These repairs have been logged in our Asset Management System and will be carried out as soon as resources permit.</p>
<p>H. Trees in estate need pruning and wires protruding from trees need attention. (Completed)</p>	<p>The trees have been inspected but were not felt to be in need of immediate attention at the time. However, if residents feel that any tree is in particular attention this year (2017) please contact Eamonn Ceannt park depot at 4540799. Public Lighting have examined the public lighting in Rutland Grove and found no overhead public lighting cables protruding through trees.</p>
<p>I. Road surface at estate entrance needs attention as it is breaking up in particular in proximity to bring centre. (Completed)</p>	<p>Potholes filled before 29.06.2016</p>
<p>J. Some trees root systems are causing severe damage to paths and creating hazards for residents many of whom are now elderly – location at 41/42 to be removed – prune 40/39. (Partially completed)</p>	<p>These repairs are on our works list and will be carried out when a crew are available. Both trees were pruned during summer 2016.</p>
<p>K. There is a brown field site to side of bring centre that is detracting from estate appearance and residents wish to know what plans are – site needs to be cleaned up. (Partially completed)</p>	<p>A hedge was planted during Winter 2016/17</p>

<p>L. Residents are very happy for bring centre to remain, once issues with dumping are addressed. (Completed)</p>	<p>The Waste Management Section recently engaged the services of a CCTV company in an effort to reduce illegal dumping at the site. The cameras are mounted on anti-climb poles in an effort to prevent the new cameras from being vandalised.</p>
<p>M. Footpath outside No. 18 needs particular attention – resident using a walking rollator and footpath is not suitable, also 40, 53, 43, 70, 78 (garden being damaged), 112 – note there have been claims in past arising from trips.</p>	<p>These repairs have been logged in our Asset Management System and will be carried out as soon as resources permit.</p>
<p>N. Public light fittings - colour needs to change from yellow to white as estate is dark.</p>	<p>No funding has been made available to date, for a public lighting programme of improvement works. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.</p>
<p>O. Street cleansing needs attention, in particular weeds growing on edge of road. (Completed)</p>	<p>Waste Management Services had a comprehensive clean up carried out on Rutland Avenue and Rutland Grove on the 26th May 2016.</p>
<p>P. Remove railings at top of Mount Argus wall as no longer needed and would visually improve estate. (Not recommended)</p>	<p>The railings on top of the boundary wall were put up and paid for by the residents of Mount Argus and they do not want them removed.</p>
<p>Q. Soft landscaping needed in avenue 57 - 74 – couple of trees, also possible fencing on top of end wall to improve security. (Partially completed.)</p>	<p>Some trees will be planted in suitable areas in the estate during the planting season (Winter 2017/18) We were unable to include the planting of climbers in our 2017 works programme but will be considered again next year.</p>
<p>R. Possibility of mural on one of large walls.</p>	<p>The residents may contact the Area Office to discuss wall treatment. Please note that murals may require planning permission.</p>
<p>S. Footpath needs to be constructed on left hand side route into estate – on visit both elderly and young children noted going onto public road due to lack of footpath with obvious safety issues. (Not recommended)</p>	<p>There is a continuous footpath on the western side of Clogher Road leading onto the southern side of Rutland Grove, which is available for pedestrians and vulnerable road users. There are no plans to construct any additional footpaths in this area at this time.</p>
<p>T. Wall to boundary of Sundrive Park and bring centre is very grey – the area to top of road has greened up nicely, the remaining area could do with similar treatment – area that is at risk from Halloween bonfires needs particular attention.</p>	<p>We were unable to include the planting of climbers in our 2017 works programme but will be considered again next year</p>

Q11. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to advise as to the schedule for household junk collections in Rutland Grove and generally across the South East Area.

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 being 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.

Q12. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to review the adequacy of lighting around the green in Rutland Grove and around the Eamonn Ceannt Park.

Reply:

We will examine the lighting around the green in Rutland Grove and Eamonn Ceannt Park and any improvements that may be considered necessary, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future lighting improvements programme subject to available finances. There is no improvements programme here for 2017 but we will however get any of the existing lights re-lamped if necessary.

Q13. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to ensure that the contractor repair the badly installed footpath between 107 and 117 Terenure Road West before completing the Terenure area contract. Path was laid during very heavy rain and as a result is of a very poor standard. In general the work being done by the contractor in the area is of a high standard.

Reply:

The footpath outside 107 - 117 Terenure Road West has been examined and appears structurally sound and it does not have any trip hazards. Road Maintenance Services Division accepts that its finish is not the same as the rest of the footpath work on Terenure Road West. However, we do not believe it warrants an instruction to the contractor to replace. This will be reviewed again at the end of the maintenance period (12 months) to see if anything changes. Please note that over time the footpaths will weather and they will all become closer in colour.

Q14. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to have a "Big Belly" Solar bin installed in Dartry Park as the bins are regularly overflowing at the weekend. There is a potentially serious health and safety issue, as much of the waste is dog excrement in plastic bags.



Reply:

Park Services will investigate the feasibility of installing a Big Belly solar at this location.

Q15. Councillor Frank Kennedy

I asked the following question and received the following reply at the South East Area Committee meeting in July 2017:

Q.54 Councillor Frank Kennedy

I asked the following question at the South East Area Committee in May 2017:

Q.72 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Reply:

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance will investigate this.

The resident has had no contact from Dublin City Council since this question was asked. To ask the manager to (a) provide a full report on the progress of the investigation to date and (b) to contact the resident as a matter of urgency to arrange a site visit in order to investigate this issue properly.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has called to this dwelling to inspect and determine if/what repairs are required, however access was not gained. Contact details for the tenant have been gained and arrangements will be made with the tenant to carry out an inspection of the dwelling.

To ask the area manager for a full report on the inspection which subsequently took place, the results of the inspection, and what action Dublin City Council has taken since then in circumstances where the resident advises that she was told that she would hear back further from Dublin City Council.

Reply:

Dublin City Council called to this dwelling and carried out a visual inspection of the property. The Area Engineer will arrange for a "tell tale" to be provided at this location. The "Tell Tale" is a device used to monitor cracks. This will be monitored over a period of three months and a report will then be provided.

Q16. Councillor Frank Kennedy

Having regard to the housing crisis, homeless crisis and the lack of housing supply, to ask the area manager:

- a) What powers fall within the remit of Dublin City Council to direct residential properties that are being used on a full time as Airbnb properties to be used instead for residential tenants?; and
- b) To implement the necessary steps to give effect to these powers.

Reply:

The Planning Enforcement Section has received approx 40 complaints relating to the alleged change of use of apartments and houses to Air BnB type accommodation. It should be noted that An Bord Pleanála decision in this matter refers to properties that are apartments only and are primarily in use as full time short term holiday lets with the owner not in occupation. There is an exemption in the planning regulations that allows for without restriction the renting of up to 4 bedrooms in a house. Planning Enforcement Section has initiated enforcement action in respect of a number of properties where we feel we have sufficient evidence to prove our case. The commencement of action has also led to a number of landlords reverting to standard long term leases. We will continue to take action where appropriate pending the findings and recommendations of the working group that the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has set up to look at and try to quantify the situation with a view to determining whether changes in regulations are required.

Q17. Councillor Frank Kennedy

The reorganisation of traffic necessitated by the LUAS Cross City has resulted in the diversion of vehicular traffic from Dawson Street to South Frederick Street, a notably narrow street that includes residential houses. Those properties date back to the mid 18th century and have associated cellars underneath the roadway, one of which (outside No.12 South Frederick Street) collapsed in the past year necessitating significant repair works. The street also includes a restaurant with an outdoor terrace area and a number of art galleries and office buildings. Accordingly, to ask the area manager:

- a) What assessment has been made of the impact of the change on South Frederick Street?
- b) What is the percentage increase in traffic on that street that will be caused by this change?
- c) What consultation was engaged in with residents and businesses on that street before this change was implemented?

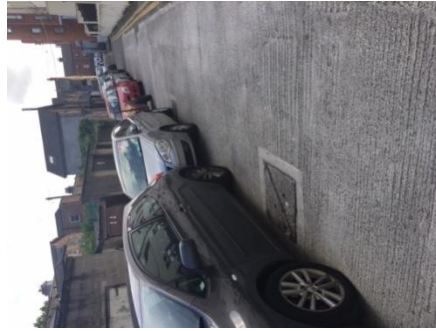
Reply

The Luas Cross City Railway Order restricts Dawson Street from Duke Street to Nassau Street to tram and bus only.

Furthermore, the Railway Order closes the right turn from Dawson Street to Nassau Street / Leinster Street which in effect pushes vehicles other than buses onto Molesworth Street. There are then two choices for drivers; either turn left onto South Fredrick Street or carry on onto Kildare Street. These movements are as a direct consequence of Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII) Railway Order and a response to the councillor's question has been requested from TII which will be forwarded to the councillor upon receipt.

Q18. Councillor Frank Kennedy

The residents of Byrne's Lane, Dublin 2 find it impossible to get access to their houses because of illegal / out of control parking by non-residents. There are double yellow lines on one side but to address access issues there is a need for double yellow lines on the other side. Most of the end of the lane has no double yellow lines on one side. While some residents have car ports they literally cannot get their cars down the lane. Accordingly, to ask the area manager to hold a ballot for the installation of double yellow lines on Byrne's Lane to facilitate residents gaining access to their houses with their cars. **[Please see photos attached]**



Reply:

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for recommendation. The Area Engineer will carry out a full re-assessment of the situation in Byrne's Lane. The councillor will be notified in due course.

Q19. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager to remove graffiti in the lane & to clean the lane which connects Dartry Park & Temple Road (via St. Phillip's Church)?

Reply:

As regards the removal of graffiti in this area, as it involves privately owned property, it is the responsibility of the owners / occupiers to arrange removal.

Waste Management Services Division had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 26th September 2017.

Q20. Councillor Chris Andrews

Given the number of both young and old enjoying Sandymount Green, can the council indicate what happened to the consultation below and can the manager arrange to have a safety audit carried out for the green and the environs in order to make it a safer space for pedestrians

<http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/YourCouncil/LocalAreaServices/SouthEastArea/SouthEastArea/Documents/Sandymount%20Green%20Presentation%20Slides.pdf>

Reply:

The information as per the link formed part of the consultation process for the Conservation & Management Plan for Sandymount Green and this document informs current policy in regard to the management of the 'Green'.

In respect of access and egress to and from Sandymount Green the documents states the following in the Summary and Conclusions section:

“The opening and closing of the gates into the green is a source of local disagreement, with differing concerns about issues of universal access and public safety. Alternative solutions including traffic calming and path widening could be considered, which should improve accessibility to the green for all and improve safety for children.”

Traffic calming measures on the public thoroughfare outside the 'Green' offer the best solution in regard to public safety concerns.

TAG are looking at possible traffic calming interventions such as: pedestrian lights, zebra crossing, location of 10m speed ramps for buses, and placement of Children Crossing signage. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in 3 months.

Q21. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager confirm that Bath Avenue has a 3 ton vehicle limit on it and can Key Waste and Thornton Waste be contacted, as they continually have large waste trucks driving up and down Bath Avenue?

Reply:

There is a 3 tonne restriction on Bath Avenue, but where access is required for the deliveries etc. (to include waste collection) this restriction can be waived. Key Waste and Thorntons Recycling have been contacted in relation to the councillor concerns.

Thorntons Recycling replied as follows:

“We have a small number of household customers in the area and have to use the road to service these. We will also occasionally deliver and collect skips to houses in the area throughout the year. I have informed our Transport Manager to re-iterate to our drivers that the road is only to be used when servicing customers.”

Q22. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager indicate when the replacement windows will be installed in details supplied?

Reply

New windows are scheduled for installation in this dwelling towards the end October this year. The tenant will be contacted prior to installation.

Q23. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager indicate on a map who is owner of the triangle of land in front of the Irishtown House, 60 Irishtown Road, Dublin 4?

Reply:

The plot of ground to the front of The Irishtown House and bounded by Irishtown Road and Pembroke Street is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

The property is not registered in the Land Registry and it is not possible to indicate on a map who the owner is.

Q24. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have speed signage put on Sean Moore Road, as there is none there at present and it is a busy road?

Reply:

The speed limit on all roads in the administrative area of Dublin City Council is deemed to be 50 kilometres per hour unless otherwise signed. Therefore, it is not proposed to erect speed signs on Sean Moore Road as it may lead to the proliferation of such signs in the city.

Q25. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the city manager liaise with the Gardaí in Irishtown and allow a bonfire take place in a safe area, which will allow young people enjoy the event and also mean that Gardaí won't have to get into unnecessary conflict with young people?

Reply:

Over the coming weeks, the city council will be promoting a safe and enjoyable Halloween for all citizens. The holding of bonfires presents a significant health and safety risk which can lead to serious injury and can also cause damage to private and public property. Bonfire material in the south east area is currently being collected and disposed off according as it is reported. The South East Area Office works in conjunction with the Gardaí and the collection of materials will be intensified during the week prior to Halloween.

The South East Area Community Development Section in association with a large number of Ringsend / Irishtown and Docklands groups and Waterways Ireland will present a new Halloween Festival called 'Dockers and Demons' from Friday 21st to Tuesday 31st October. This will include a number of activities, workshops, walks, talks and fun filled events culminating in a new Halloween parade and street festival on Halloween itself. Full details of the programme will follow in the coming week.

Q26. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the area known as the "Pocket Park" on Ailesbury Gardens (along the railway line) to have the grass cut, and the area tidied and cleaned up as previously requested.

Reply:

The work as set out above on Ailesbury Gardens has been completed.

Q27. Councillor Chris Andrews

That given the entrance into and out of the car park in Milltown opposite Wild and Green is so close to a bend in the road and also very close to exits to the car park across the road for existing exit point to the car park, can the manager arrange to have the exit from the car park moved to the other corner of the car park and in doing so make it safer as it will mean its further away from the bend in the road and further away from the entrances opposite, thus making it safer to enter and exit the car park?

Reply:

The provision of an additional access onto the busy Milltown Road close to the existing junction with Strand Terrace and to a pedestrian crossing would not be considered desirable from a safety point of view. It would also require the removal of car parking both on street and within the public car park, which currently serves the activities of the village centre. The provision of a vehicular access would also result in a break in the existing footpath which would be undesirable from a pedestrian and accessibility point of view.

Q28. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager supply me with a map for the section of the Dodder Greenway from Milltown Bridge to O'Shea's Pub?

Reply:

At the time works were suspended on the Dodder Greenway in July 2016 a preferred route for the Dodder Greenway had not been finalised.

It is envisaged that the project will be resumed in 2018 subject to confirmation of funding from the National Transportation Agency. Dublin City Council will be working with the Dodder Steering Committee when the project resumes and will proceed to finalise the route selection process and preliminary design to facilitate the commencement of a statutory planning process. Dublin City Council will be updating the Dodder Steering Committee on 14th December 2017. The South East Area Committee has three representatives on the committee.

Q29. Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please state?

1. When the painting of railings along the avenue at Mount Argus will be completed.
2. That a programme for the regular maintenance of Mount Argus Park is put in place.
3. That the area office deals with the now heavy level of illegal drinking and consequent littering of the park.

Reply:

Painting of the black railings on the Kimmage Road Lower boundary with the park and also on all furniture and bridge railings within the park itself has now been completed.

Parks have commenced work on tidying up the overgrown shrubbery and this work will continue. Other enhancements to the park will also be examined.

The Gardaí have been notified as regards the illegal drinking within the park.

Q30. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager initiate a plebiscite for residents only parking in and around Leinster Square, Rathmines? Many residents are dismayed here and deeply frustrated and find it almost impossible to find parking. This area is constantly used by non residents and utility companies to simply dump their vehicles. This is an extremely stressful situation for families with children and those who are working to come home and find parks of the street dug up, bollards blocking vacant parking spaces etc. The residents would be most grateful and appreciative for Dublin City Council (DCC) to conduct the plebiscite. I will supply DCC with a list of the residents in this area who are seeking this solution. Also, can the manager ascertain whether the utility company that has been working in this area of the past number of months and taking up many parking spaces were charged parking fees by DCC?

Reply:

There is a residential parking scheme in place on Leinster Square with Pay and Display and Permit Parking operational hours 07.00-24.00, Mon.-Sun. These are already the most restrictive operational hours that can be considered. There is no legal basis for the council to consider restricting any public road to 'residents only parking'. Any motorist making use of the Pay and Display parking at Leinster Square is subject to the usual 3 hour maximum parking allowed.

No authorisation has been issued for any utility to make use of the parking spaces at this location.

Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS), has been instructed to monitor the location and will take any enforcement necessary. Resident should also be encouraged to report instances of illegal parking, either directly to DSPS tel. 6022500 or via the Parking Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council tel. 222 2261.

Q31. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report with regards the anti social behaviour and rock throwing incident and other anti social behaviour that are taking place in Glovers Court in the past few weeks?

Reply:

These incidents have been reported to the Project Estate Officer for the area and he has investigated each of them. He has passed the names of a number of people involved in the incidents to the community Gardaí for the area based in Pearse Street Garda Station. This problem is still persisting and anytime complaints are made to the estate management section, the Gardaí in Pearse Street Station are contacted, no matter what time of the day these reports are received.

Arrangements are also being made to interview any of the persons involved who are currently tenants of Dublin City Council or reside in a council dwelling. A request has also been made to An Garda Síochána to increase their patrols in the whole area.

Q32. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager have an extra cleaning rostered for the Georges Street area? Many businesses here are complaining about the dirt of the street and the fact that this is a main thoroughfare that is only washed down on occasion. This is one of the busiest streets in the city for pedestrians, businesses and traffic.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean the Georges Street area on a daily basis. We will monitor the cleaning of this area to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible. We will arrange some extra washing for this area.

Q33. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have a street pole beside the loading bay removed from outside the Green Hen, Exchequer Street? This pole is used constantly for the parking of bicycles blocking up the entire footpath and making it almost impossible for those in wheelchairs and parents with buggies to get by. Most recently an elderly person had a very bad fall here due to the amount of bicycles that were fastened to the pole and that had fallen onto the footpath. The sign itself is defunct and there are plenty of other poles in the given area where signage can be placed.

Reply:

The pole outside the Green Hen, Exchequer Street hosts a loading bay advisory sign. Dublin City Council is obliged to erect such sign in close proximity to where parking restrictions / prohibitions are in place. Moving the pole would most likely lead to the bicycles being displaced to the new location of the pole.

Q34. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report with regards the works taking place at present in the Staircase Guest House, Aungier Street? Also, that this report clarifies any intentions by Dublin City Council or the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to use this National Monument, listed building for Homeless Services or medically supervised injection rooms centre. There are great concerns in the area within the community that this facility is to be turned over for a medically supervised injection centre and people in the area, both business and residents would like a say in this and certainly want clear honest information around this premises.

Reply:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive can confirm that the Aungier Street property referred to is not being considered for use as emergency accommodation for individuals or families experiencing homelessness.

Q35. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager have a plan made and initiated for the improvement and upkeep of the public domain in and around Cathedral View, Cathedral Lane, Clanbrassil Street, and Kevin Street? This small enclave and community have been entirely neglected by Dublin City Council (DCC) over the past number of years. At present there is a large hotel development taking place on the corner of Kevin Street and the beginning of Clanbrassil Street. This development has further impacted negatively on the residents of the area and there are many ongoing issues. A number of these being the noise, dirt and working and delivery schedules to this site. This development has also given DCC substantial monies by way of levies etc. It is time that a plan in collaboration with the local residents is initiated for improvements and amenities within this area. I have supplied a series of photos which show the dilapidation and neglect. The residents would also like a meeting with the relevant DCC officials regarding the above matters at your earliest convenience.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit has 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.

There are no plans at present for public domain enhancements in this immediate area.

Road Maintenance Services Division has no immediate plans to resurface / reconstruct roads / footpaths in this area, but if details of particular defects are supplied arrangements can be made to carry out repairs.

Q36. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report with regards the assembly rooms in South William Street? This report to include the taking over by the Georgian Society of the former Clongowes Boys' Club. This takeover or change was never brought before Dublin City Council (DCC) as a disposal and was not part of the original lease and contract created by DCC and the Georgian society. This report to include all monies that were paid to Clongowes Boys' Club for vacating the premises. All correspondence between DCC, Clongowes Boys' Club and the Georgian Society and all contractual arrangements for the takeover of this basement area and all planning permission and conditions.

Reply:

Clongowes Boys' Club

By way of Indenture of Lease dated 1st November 1956 the basement of No. 58 South William Street, Dublin 2 was demised to the Trustees of Clongowes Union for a term of 31 years from 29th September 1956 subject to a nominal annual rent of £6.

Upon expiry of this lease in 1987 it was proposed to grant a new 35 year lease to the Club at market rent assessed at that time at £6,000 per annum, a sum Clongowes advised that they were unable to afford. Alternatives were explored and while approval was granted for a five year lease subject to an annual rent of £6,000 but abated to £26 per annum this lease was never finalised.

In the following years attempts were made to regularise Clongowes occupation of the basement area of No. 58 South William Street, Dublin 2 and on a number of occasions terms and conditions for the grant of a new 35 year lease were issued to Clongowes but no acceptance was ever received. The council had also sought and offered Clongowes alternative accommodation.

Following a fire in the basement area in 2010 which caused extensive damage a concerted effort was made to regularise the matter and the Law Agent was instructed to open discussions with the Solicitors acting on behalf of Clongowes to see if the impasse could be broken. The outcome was an agreement that in return for the payment to them of €80,000,

the Clongowes Boys Club would vacate the basement of No. 58 South William Street and waive in writing any interest they may have therein. Clongowes Boys' Club vacated the building in August 2012 (copy of Deed of Surrender attached).

The Georgian Foundation

By way of Lease dated 4th February 2011 the former City Assembly Building, No. 58 South William Street, Dublin 2 (excluding basement portion) was demised to the Irish Georgian Foundation for a period of 30 years from 4th February 2011 and subject to an initial annual rent of €87,000 per annum but abated to €1,000 per annum so long as the premises is used for cultural and educational use.

Council Reports 314/2010 and 350/2010 and Orders of the ACM D323 dated 10th September 2010 & D358 dated 7th October 2010 refer (attached).

In October 2012 The Georgian Foundation was granted a short term licence of the basement for the period 15th October 2012 to 14th April 2013.

The Georgian Foundation subsequently requested that the basement area of the building be leased to them and terms and conditions for a variation of the lease granted in 2011 were assented to by the Elected Members of the Council at its meeting held on 5th October 2015 (Section 183 Council Report 293 of 2015, attached, refers).

The variation of the lease was approved by Order of the Executive Manager D384 dated 9th October 2015.

Following approval of the variation of lease the Georgian Foundation made two planning applications, the detail of which is available through the following hyperlinks:

[2433/16](#)

[2964/17](#)

Q37. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a litter bin outside the College of Further Education on Bull Alley Street replaced. A bin was taken away while repairs were being made to the footpath.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the litter bin replaced at the above mentioned location on the 3rd October 2017.

Q38. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to raise the following issue with Covanta. Smells and odours emanating from the trucks leaving the plant have been commented on by many residents in Ringsend. Could a system be put in place so that empty trucks can be hosed and washed down prior to their return journey?

Reply:

The issue will be raised with the waste collection operators and the operator of the Dublin Waste to Energy facility, Dublin City Council will revert to the councillor once we receive replies.

Q39. Councillor Paddy McCartan

One of the main water pipes in Ramleh Park, Milltown was recently replaced and some of the existing double yellow lines on the road were removed as a consequence. To ask the manager to have the lines reinstated and when the lines will be reinstated.

Reply:

Road Maintenance services carried out a permanent reinstatement for Irish Water Service Level Agreement and this has now been referred to Traffic Management and Control for the

road markings to be renewed. The markings will be renewed within the next 14 days, weather permitting.

Q40. Councillor Paddy McCartan

There have been quite a number of houses refurbished in Ramleh Park, Milltown and the construction traffic has caused damage to the footpaths. Could the manager facilitate repairing these paths? Relevant householders may be prepared to make a financial contribution to the works where they have caused damage.

Reply:

Please provided address details so these footpaths can be examined.

Q41. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have repairs made to the footpath opposite Milltown Church (photo attached). This request has already been made by local residents.



Reply:

This is logged in our Asset Management System and will be repaired as soon as resources permit.

Q42. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to refer to the O.P.W. the following issues raised about summer events in the Iveagh Gardens.

The summer programme of events in Iveagh Gardens is now well established in the Dublin live entertainment calendar. No doubt the OPW makes up for some budget shortfalls here and there with revenues from event promoters. But at what cost?

1. The gardens are closed to the public during the month of June apart from a narrow strip at the Hatch Street entrance. The closure is needed to allow time for the construction and de-construction of the now massive 'Taste of Dublin' which runs for just 4 days in the middle of June.
2. About 50% of the gardens are closed to the public during all of July & early August for the live music & comedy events.
3. Large parts of the gardens continue to be out of bounds as of today's date as the (excellent) OPW ground staff implement ongoing recovery/restoration operations.
4. Each year the damage is greater and recovery takes longer.

Essentially, the OPW and the Event Promoters are jointly engaged in an annual project to commercially exploit Iveagh Gardens, a heritage site that the OPW is charged with protecting. :

1. There is no justification for hosting a 4 day event in mid-June that requires the gardens to be closed for the entire month. Furthermore this event (The Taste of Dublin) causes most damage to the grounds due to the heavy machinery deployed all over the grounds as well as the extensive ground coverage with walk ways. This event should be moved to another venue as soon as the current agreement runs out.
2. There are far too many events in July. The number of events has gradually increased each year from an initial 4 or 5 to 14 in 2017!
3. The development of alternative activities at Iveagh Gardens should be encouraged - guided tours / yoga / painting / nature trails for schools...

Live stage events de-construction 31 July - 4th August

Comedy Festival 30 July 2017

Comedy Festival 29 July 2017

Comedy Festival 28 July 2017

Comedy Festival 27 July 2017

[Passenger @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 23 July 2017

[Damien Dempsey @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 21 July 2017

[Belle & Sebastian @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 20 July 2017

[Dropkick Murphy's @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 16 July 2017

[Nathan Carter @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 15 July 2017

[Fleet Foxes @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 14 July 2017

[Fleet Foxes @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 13 July 2017

[Olly Murs @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 8 July 2017

[Aslan @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 7 July 2017

[Future Islands @ Iveagh Gardens](#) - 6 July 2017

Live stage events construction 1-6 July 2017

Taste of Dublin de-construction 19 - 30 June 2017

Taste of Dublin 17 June 2017

Taste of Dublin 16 June 2017

Taste of Dublin 15 June 2017

Taste of Dublin 14 June 2017

Taste of Dublin construction 29 May - 13 June

Below, please find attached (pics 2 & 3) some photos taken on 15 August.

The grounds have since 'recovered' following intense treatment with a special imported mix of grass seed, 'nutrients' and fertiliser. One wonders about this kind of intense treatment by the OPW in their haste to cover up the mess left by the events.

Reply:

This matter will be referred to the OPW as requested.

Q43. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond in detail to the issues raised by concerned parents and residents living on Sandymount Green

As I'm sure you are aware, Sandymount Green is an extremely popular village green. Surrounded by Montessoris, schools, crèches, nursing homes, as well as the commercial and residential public. It is the very busy heart of the village with a continuous flow of many

people including families with young children every day. Every day people have make unsafe crossings and give this example to their children. It's unacceptable and shocking that there are:

No pedestrian lights

No zebra crossing

No speed bumps

No speed limit signs

No safety signs at all (please slow down / children at play etc.)

No safety features on two of the three gates between the green and the very busy roads surrounding the green. (All of the green's internal paths start at the gates – there is a major danger here as children on bikes/scooters can and do continue out onto the road, as well as running straight out after a ball.)

We have been witness to many near accidents and we just cannot understand why there are no safety features in such a busy pedestrian and traffic area which is primarily used by children and families and in the direct path of bus routes and termini.

Recently, on Cross Avenue in Blackrock, a little child ran out from St Philips and St James Primary School onto the road and was knocked down. Afterwards, the council implemented impressive safety pedestrian crossing and signs. Surely it doesn't need for this to happen to implement change?

Every parent and person I speak with locally about this issue is in complete agreement that we need something done immediately about this. It would be easy to raise a petition to this effect however I am hoping by informing you of this extremely serious issue, that it doesn't need for extreme measures.

Plenty of other public parks or squares in Dublin, even in conservation areas, have safety features and speed/warning signs. See Palmerston Park gate pictures attached.

I see from the Dublin City Council application of November 2014, (see here: <http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/YourCouncil/LocalAreaServices/SoutheastArea/SouthEastArea/Documents/Sandymount%20Green%20Presentation%20Slides.pdf>) that there was an impressive proposal to increase the safety of the green itself, along with other features. (Link above and some slide pics attached).

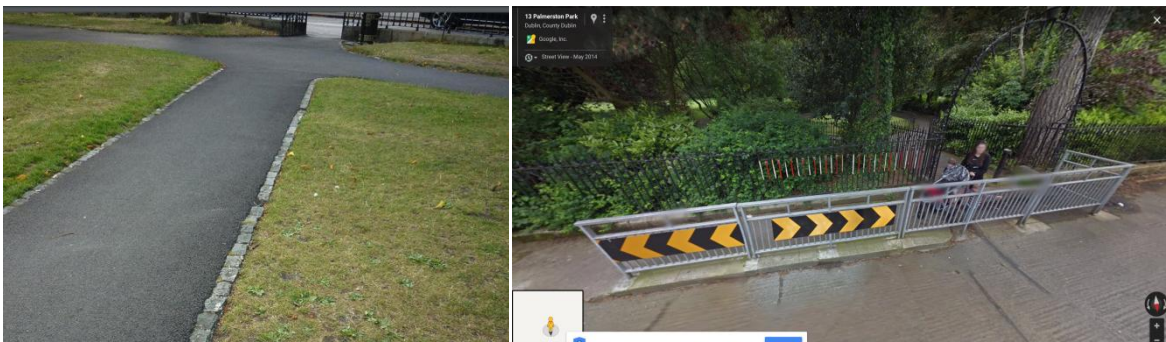
What happened to this proposal and why has nothing been done?

What grounds could there be to refuse ensuring the safety of children and people in an extremely busy and hazardous area?

Surely it is not complicated or time consuming to attach some safety features to this area?

Even a simple zebra crossing along with gate amendments would make all the difference.

Recently Newgrove Avenue was resurfaced and disappointingly, there were no speed bumps added, just a nice smooth road which will no doubt increase the temptation for buses and cars to travel even faster towards the Green, there are absolutely no speed limits or warning/slow down signs to dissuade them. Surely this is an obligation of a City Council?



Reply:

This query requires very comprehensive assessment, a recent speed survey has just been received by the Traffic Engineer, this has to be analysed and assessed. The Traffic Advisory Group will be collaborating with the Parks Section to find if there is opportunity for the implementation of the project.

TAG are looking at possible traffic calming interventions such as: pedestrian lights, zebra crossing, location of 10m speed ramps for buses, and placement of Children Crossing signage. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in 3 months.

In respect of access and egress to and from Sandymount Green the Conservation Management Plan states the following in the **Summary and Conclusions** section:

- *The opening and closing of the gates into the green is a source of local disagreement, with differing concerns about issues of universal access and public safety. Alternative solutions including traffic calming and path widening could be considered, which should improve accessibility to the green for all and improve safety for children.*

Traffic calming measures on the public thoroughfare outside the green offer the best solution in regard to public safety concerns.

Q44. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent *details supplied.

Reply:

There is significant demand for parking throughout the entire area. Aside from motorists seeking to use Pay and Display parking demand for parking by Resident Permit holders on many roads is already close to full capacity and in many cases exceeds the parking space available.

The photographs provided to support the case being made that there is sufficient spare capacity available on the road (Details supplied 1) are not of the road requested. There are 69 parking spaces available on the additional road being sought (Details supplied 1) and 86 permits issued to residents which may be used on the road. The inclusion of an additional road on any Resident Parking Permit is considered strictly on a case by case basis, and residents other than those whose dwelling immediately adjoins the road being sought, will only be considered where the council is satisfied that there is sufficient spare capacity remaining on the road being sought to cater for the additional demand for parking.

There is very limited spare capacity remaining on (Details supplied 2), the road included in the photographs provided. While this location may not fully address the difficulty experienced by the resident this remains the only road in the area with any spare capacity remaining. The resident should contact the Parking Enforcement Section, tel. 222 2261 to discuss this option.

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Traffic calming measures on the public thoroughfare outside the 'Green' offer the best solution in regard to public safety concerns...Traffic calming is a matter for Environment & Traffic Department.

Q45. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to prune the trees on Larkfield Grove, they have grown very tall and are pushing on phone lines.

Reply:

Branches growing near phone lines on the open space at Larkfield Grove can be cut back. This work will be carried out over the next 4 weeks.

Q46. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager *details supplied.

Reply:

The apartments in details supplied are constructed with reinforced concrete. Reinforced concrete walls are very good at reducing noise transfer between walls. Housing Maintenance does not operate a sound proofing programme for dwellings.

Q47. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager *details supplied.

Reply:

The investigation into the cause of fires is the function of the Gardaí.

Q48. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to have the road at Terenure Road East resurfaced given the number of pot holes that are a safety hazard for people using the cycle lane.

Reply:

Terenure Road East will be considered for our 2018 resurfacing programme. In the meantime, arrangements will be made to repairs any potholes.

Q49. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to upgrade the street lighting within Rutland Grove estate.

Reply:

There is no public lighting improvements programme for 2017. We will examine the lighting on Rutland Grove and any improvements that may be considered necessary, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future lighting improvements programme subject to available finances. We will, however, get any of the existing lights here re-lamped, if necessary.

Q50. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to arrange for the used and damaged electricity poles in Rutland Grove to be removed.

Reply:

Clarification has been sought from the councillor and upon receipt of same, the matter will be investigated.

Q51. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to repair the footpaths in Rutland Grove.

Reply:

These repairs have been logged in our Asset Management System and will be carried out as soon as resources permit.

Q52. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to install extra Sheffield hoop bike stands outside the swan centre, the current provision is often full, especially at peak times, and there is space available to install extra.

Reply:

The Area Engineer is aware that there is a demand for additional cycle stands at the Swan Centre. The Area Engineer will assess the possible locations where cycle stands can be installed without adversely affecting business entrances and the bus stop.

Q53. Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Roads Department treat as urgent the incorrect gradient on the footpath at Portobello Bridge, details attached. There have been a number of accidents at this spot.

Reply:

This is will be addressed in consultation with the Traffic Department. The Traffic officer is investigating the options to correct this issue. The councillor will be informed of the solution and implementation time.

Q54. Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager make arrangements with Waterways Ireland to have the walkway along the Grand Canal (Portobello to Leeson Street Bridge) resurfaced? It is now full of holes and very dangerous for walkers

Reply:

The South East Area Office will contact Waterways Ireland, as requested.

Q55. Councillor Chris Andrews

Given the ongoing serious criminal behaviour residents are facing in Glovers Court can the manager have CCTV placed in the flats and also state how much this would cost?

Reply:

The area housing manager has requested a CCTV supplier and contractor to carry out a survey of the complex and to recommend some solutions, as well as cost for the provision and installation of these. These recommendations will then be evaluated for their effectiveness in helping solve the problem and their value for money.

Q56. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager give an update and outline the process for the installation of double yellow lines at the entrance to Rutland Grove as requested by the Rutland Grove Residents' Association?

Reply:

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

Q57. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can Maxwell Lane be blocked off allowing access only to key holders in circumstances where it has become a magnet for antisocial behaviour? Fights, rows, drinking, drug selling, attacks on local houses, stealing palettes from local shops, and illegal dumping have all taken place in recent months.

Reply:

The extinguishment of a public right of way is a statutory procedure. In order to begin the statutory procedure a formal written application is submitted to Dublin City Council by the applicant/s requesting that the city council consider extinguishing the public right of way at

the location in question. Maxwell Lane is “in charge” of Dublin City Council which means that a public right of way exists over it. In order that it may be closed by any means, the public right of way would have to be extinguished.

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

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

- A formal written application must be submitted to the Area Manager by the applicant (in the case of a group of property owners a person acting on behalf of the proposers should be nominated for correspondence purposes) requesting that the City Council consider extinguishing the public right of way at the location in question.
- The names and addresses (not business name) of all property owners (not occupiers) represented by the applicant must be listed in the application. The support of the majority of property owners abutting the laneway is required.
- The manner in which it is planned to block off access to the public in the event that the application is successful e.g. erection of gates etc must be stated. The applicant is requested to provide a drawing/description of the design of the proposed method of closure.
- A site location map must be furnished to this office clearly illustrating where the proposed gates will be located.
- The applicant/s must clearly state the reasons for the application e.g. security reasons, anti-social behaviour in the laneway etc.
- The application must state how continued access will be provided for any Service Provider that requires it in future e.g. copies of keys/codes to be supplied to Emergency Services, Gas Networks Ireland etc.
- Should the application be successful the applicant/s will be responsible for the future maintenance, upkeep, lighting and liability of the area in question.
- The applicants must undertake to set up a Management Company. The Management Company must cover public liability and all other issues may arise on the laneway in respect of all property owners whose property is abutting or has access to Maxwell Lane.
- A commitment to set up such a company if the application is successful must be submitted with the application.
- A statement from the adjoining property owners that they have collectively agreed matters such as future access, maintenance, liability and confirmed amongst each other the private rights of way each will enjoy as a property owner abutting the laneway post the extinguishment process should it be successful must be submitted with the application. This statement must be dated and signed by the individual property owners (not a representative).
- A statement by the owners of properties adjacent to the laneway undertaking liability for any expenses involved in effecting the physical closure of the laneway must also be supplied.

It is likely that planning permission will be required for the gates at the entrances to Maxwell Lane and this permission will need to be applied for if the application to extinguish the public right of way is successful.

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

It should be noted that Maxwell Lane is a substantial laneway and is a through-way.

All incidences of anti-social behaviour in Maxwell Lane should be reported directly to An Garda Síochána. This issue has been forwarded to An Garda Síochána for direct attention and an update has also been requested for October meeting of the South East Area Joint Policing Subcommittee.

We will examine the existing lighting here and will consider replacing the existing orange coloured low pressure sodium lights with LED white lights as part of our future LED replacement programme subject to available finances. The new LEDs are more efficient and will enhance the lighting performance on the street if installed.

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

- Access for the Garda, Fire Brigade and Emergency Services (Ambulance) would be seriously curtailed in gaining access to Maxwell Lane.
- Dublin City Council Service vehicles and waste disposal vehicles will have no access to the lane.

Q58. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the overgrowth in Mount Argus Park be cleared?

Reply:

Work has begun on the cutting back of vegetation in Mount Argus Park.

Q59. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the trees on Mornington Road be pruned?

Reply:

The street trees at this location will be pruned over the coming weeks.

Q60. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Could a safe and fully functioning traffic light & pedestrian system be installed at Rathgar junction? Can the manager confirm if a CCTV camera has been installed at said junction?

Reply:

Clarification has been sought from the councillor. The matter will be investigated on receipt of the clarification sought.

Q61. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can repairs be made to pavements outside entrance to Stratford Haven on Orwell Road?

Reply:

This repair has been logged in our Asset Management System and will be carried out as soon as resources permit.

Q62. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can reasons be given for why a disabled parking bay outside No. 26 Derravaragh Road was refused?

Reply:

I wish to inform you that the Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 22nd August 2017, reported that it is not possible to recommend a disabled parking bay at this location due to the inadequate road width and potential blocking of driveways on the opposite side. In order to facilitate a better access to the driveway at 26 Derravaragh Road, 2 metres of double yellow lines are recommended on both sides of the driveway.

Q63. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please provide a full list of vacant buildings and vacant land in the South East Area, the challenges posed by each site / building, and to please reference whether each site has been identified for potential development and the type of development proposed.

Reply:

Please see attached table detailing vacant land and vacant buildings in the South East Area.

Q64. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what can be done to address the ongoing vandalism of The Icon Walk in Temple Bar and can she please outline the measures the council will take to manage the issue.

Reply:

The "Icon Walk" is located within Adair and Bedford laneways and some nearby streets within the Temple Bar area. The "Icon Walk" is not part of the Love the Lanes initiative. The "Icon Walk" is managed directly by the Icon Factory and the installations span a number of properties in private ownership.

The issue of vandalism of the "Icon Walk" is a matter for the Icon Factory and An Garda Síochána.

Q65. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please arrange for a planning enforcement officer to visit the following site at details supplied.

Reply:

This matter will be investigated. However, specifics relating to any alleged breaches would be helpful.

Q66. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please provide an update on the Sandymount Green Conservation and Management Plan from 2014?

Reply:

Minor works have been undertaken in Sandymount Green since the undertaking of the Conservation & Management Plan in 2014, including tree planting, repairs to perimeter railing, footpath resurfacing and painting of park benches.

However, some of the major recommendations in the plan, i.e., the realignment of footpaths to reflect the historical layout, installation of a children's play area, have not been undertaken due to a lack of agreement amongst the local community in regard to the proposals as set out in the Conservation & Management Plan.

Q67. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she could please consider the following safety measures in and around Sandymount Green to address the traffic issues and to protect the more vulnerable users such as children and elderly people:

- Pedestrian lights
- Zebra crossing
- Speed bumps
- Speed limit signs
- Safety signs such as 'Slow Down' and 'Children at Play'
- Safety features on all of the park gates

Can the manager provide a response to each of the above options?

Reply:

This query requires very comprehensive assessment, a recent speed survey has just been received by the Traffic Engineer, this has to be analysed and assessed. TAG are looking at possible traffic calming interventions such as: pedestrian lights, zebra crossing, location of 10m speed ramps for buses, and placement of Children Crossing signage. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in 3 months.

In respect of safety features on the gates at Sandymount Green the Management & Conservation Plan states the following in the Summary and Conclusions section:

“The opening and closing of the gates into the green is a source of local disagreement, with differing concerns about issues of universal access and public safety. Alternative solutions including traffic calming and path widening could be considered, which should improve accessibility to the green for all and improve safety for children.”

Traffic calming measures on the public thoroughfare outside the 'Green' offer the best solution in regard to public safety concerns.

Q68. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please outline how a car park owner might go about installing electric car charging points in their car park for public use?

Reply:

ESB ecars has ceased rolling out electric car charging points. ESB Ecars has advised that the companies below can install electric car charging points. The ESB is not in a position to estimate the official cost of a charge point per unit. The companies below will give you a more accurate cost projection. This list is to be used from information purposes only and is not an endorsement by the ESB.

An application would have to be made to ESB Networks to connect to the grid or the charging point off an existing electricity supply.

EBG		–		Compleo
Tel:	+49	2306	923	745
Email:				Vertrieb@ebg-compleo.de
Web:	www.ebg-compleo.de/en			

EcoTech		E.U.	(ABL	Sursum)
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Email:				ecotech@ecotech-eu.com
Web:	www.abl-sursum.com/en/			

Garó				
Tel:	+353		1	8665360
Email:				info@garó.ie
Web:	https://www.garó.ie			

Circontrol
Tel: (+34) 937 362 940
Email: circontrol@circontrol.com
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EC Charging
Tel: 01 466 1670
Email: service@eccharging.ie
Web: www.eccharging.ie

NMD Electrical
Nigel M.Daly & Son Electrical
Phone: 051/390606 051/390602
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Q69. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please address the issues for cyclists on the new cycle lane on College Green heading from Dame Street to the junction with Westmoreland Street, around the Bank of Ireland. This cycle lane initially starts off segregated, but then joins / merges with the lane for use when you're heading straight over O'Connell Bridge. However, this causes problems for cyclists wishing to turn down onto Fleet Street as there is a conflict when cyclists and cars merge into the same lane and the priority is unclear here. If a cyclist wants to turn onto Fleet Street from College Green / Dame Street, they need to cross the multiple lanes of traffic, in a very short distance to take this right turn. It's almost impossible as a cyclist to take the lane with the Luas tracks to make this turn easier as this also involves a merge in traffic forcing cyclists to stay left and use the cycle lane. One potential solution would be to introduce a second cycle lane to be used beside the Luas tracks which would then allow cyclists to turn right onto Fleet Street. Can the manager please consider this as an option or outline what other solutions are available?

Reply:

The cycle lane at College Green was required to be constructed prior to the electrification of the overhead Luas lines as it would be difficult to construct in this area afterwards. The layout of Westmoreland Street is currently being examined and this includes the provision for cyclists. There is a new pedestrian crossing at Fleet Street which provides an option for cyclists to cross safely with pedestrians.

Q70. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please provide an update on the progress of the following?

- The completion of the pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street

- The introduction of traffic free areas on Drury Street, South William Street, Exchequer Court, Dame Court and Dame Lane as per MT050 in the City Development Plan
- The completion of the Public Realm Strategy for Chatham Street / Clarendon Street
- The resurfacing of South Anne Street and Duke Street

Reply:

The pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street is one of the projects identified as part of the City Centre Transport Study. It is intended that this will be addressed when the College Green Civic Plaza proposal has been developed in more detail.

Public Realm proposals, under the Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Plan, will be developed in due course for Drury Street, South William Street and the other areas mentioned and the proposals will include improvements to the pedestrian environment.

Contractors are currently carrying out public realm improvement works on the Chatham Street / Harry Street Area Improvement Scheme. The works commenced on Monday, 11th September 2017. Works will be suspended from mid-November until early January 2018 to allow for the Christmas and New Year festive period. The Chatham Street / Harry Street Area Improvement Scheme is scheduled for completion by November 2018.

The report on the Part 8 Planning Application for the Clarendon Street / Clarendon Row Area Improvement Scheme was approved at the October City Council meeting and the project will now be progressed to detailed design stage. Construction works on Clarendon Street / Clarendon Row are planned to commence when the Chatham Street / Harry Street Area Improvement Scheme is complete.

Preliminary design works have commenced for a public realm improvement scheme for the South Anne Street / Duke Street area. A proposal to proceed to planning stage will be brought to the South East Area Committee in due course. In the meantime, Roads Maintenance Division will continue to attend to any repairs that are required on these streets.

Q71. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to outline the process by which a rental tenant can report a landlord and or property agency who is breaching the regulations regarding rent increases and what action can be taken.

Reply:

This is a matter for the Residential Tenancies Board who may be contacted directly at www.rtb.ie.

Q72. Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where flooding in [details supplied 1] under the porch area is now spreading to [details supplied 2] (including through the kitchen wall) and where damage (both structural and cosmetic) is being caused to both properties as a result of this, to ask the area manager (a) to visit both properties to assess this and (b) to resolve the problem.

Reply:

Investigations into the cause of water pooling outside these dwellings were carried out. The water mains supplying both these dwellings were renewed. A further issue was discovered with the water mains further up the line. This issue has now been resolved.