

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017

- 1 **Presentation by Office of Public Works on Plans for the Iveagh Gardens**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation: Traffic Advisory Group Update**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 13th November 2017**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Traffic Advisory Group minutes of meeting held on 28th November 2017.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal of fee simple in a plot of land at rear 1 Eglinton Road to Martaban DAC.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 **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 naming and numbering proposal for a development at Mount Tallant Avenue.
Order: Agreed.
 - iii. Report on naming and numbering proposal for a development and associated plaza at Dame Street (former Central Bank).
Order: Agreed.
- 7 **Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillor Claire Byrne

(Carried from the November South East Area Committee meeting).

That this area committee agrees that the Pigeon House site and adjacent buildings and land owned by Dublin City Council will be used only for community, cultural, creative and artistic purposes, and that Dublin City Council will actively pursue the development the Pigeon House site as a community, creative and artistic cluster and will work in collaboration with suitable partner (s) and in consultation with the Arts Office, Arts and Culture Recreation SPC and the area committee and Dublin City Council and that the area committee will not support

any development proposals that do not adhere to the above.

Order: Deferred pending receipt of sales brief.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to prepare a plan to repair and restore the heritage lighting on the bridge at Ballsbridge perhaps in conjunction with the final flood relief works at that location.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillors Mary Freehill, Ruairí McGinley, Anne Feeney, Claire O'Connor, Paddy Smyth and Patrick Costello

Following a very well attended meeting of residents from Upper and Lower Mount Pleasant Avenue along with Bessborough Parade, Richmond Hill & Place and Gulistan; the residents very clearly pointed out that the volume of traffic now moving through Upper and Lower Mount Pleasant Avenue is unsustainable and is severely interfering with the ability of people to live there. This is a very narrow road that was never intended to cater for this volume of traffic; it's now dangerous for residents and especially children. We as elected councillors for the area collectively propose that a "traffic calming study" be urgently carried out for Lower & Upper Mount Pleasant Avenue to deal with the pressing issue of heavy volume of traffic.

- (a) As a first step that a 3 ton truck limit be imposed on this route
- (b) That Mount Pleasant Ave Lower. and Upper be listed for byelaw amendment to make this area a 30 kmph speed limit

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee asks the manager to initiate the inclusion of St. Mary's (former home and convent), Pembroke Park, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 on the list of protected structures.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to contact Eircom (or whatever it is called now) to remove the unwanted and no longer in use for their intended purposes phone boxes at the corner of Richmond Street South and Harrington Street. Picture below of phone boxes outside AIB bank corner of Richmond Street South and Harrington Street. Anyway, these phone boxes aren't used as phone boxes much at all anymore. They've developed into an eyesore and are now dangerous if addicts are using them to inject.



Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to have a gate installed at the entrance to O'Carroll Villas flats car park.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to have a playground installed in Mercer House flats.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to install a pedestrian crossing at the junction across Bishop Street and at the junction of Kevin Street and Bride Street. Crossing here is very difficult and dangerous for pedestrians and the new Garda Headquarters' building is making it even more challenging.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to clean and refurbish both the Patrick Kavanagh seat and the Percy French seat along the Grand Canal, and to consider relocating the bin beside the Patrick Kavanagh seat.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee requests the Office of Public Works (OPW) make a presentation to area committee regarding the future plans for the Iveagh Gardens as previously requested.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) to rename Hume Street in honour of Mr. John Hume for his outstanding contribution to Irish political life and in particular his unique contribution to the peace process of Northern Ireland. This is a very simple process and can be initiated by DCC by way of plebiscite.

The street was named after the family of surgeon Sir Gustavus Hume. The street is undergoing many changes at the moment with the skin care hospital moving to St. Vincent's in 2006. There are hardly any residents in the street, it is mainly offices and head quarters. It would be appropriate to give the street a new lease of life in honour of John Hume. Sir Gustavus Hume: <https://theirishaesthete.com/2016/08/22/a-glimpse-of-the-past/>

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council to treat the Proclamation of 1916 with respect and dignity that it deserves and afford it a permanent fixed position within the Rotunda of the City Hall.

Further, that a proper copy of the proclamation be commissioned perhaps by an artist as opposed to the ad hoc plastic stand alone lit-box that is being used in the Rotunda of the City Hall at the moment. At present the proclamation lit-box is thrown around the Rotunda depending on what event is happening. Last night it was dispensed with behind a load of catering and the light turned off. This is happening on a regular basis and it is unacceptable.

It is now time that the proclamation be given a permanent position on the walls of the Rotunda and that a proper copy of the proclamation be made. There was a motion passed at this committee last year that would see the removal of the Anne Madden triptych and the installation of the proclamation in that prominent place. The Anne Madden work has been in the Rotunda in City Hall for many years now and it could well do with being removed as there are many complaints about this work and the appropriateness of this work in this historic building.

Order: Refer to Protocol Committee.

Motion 13 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of the South East Area agrees that no portraits or symbols other than the national flag and the flag of Dublin city should be permitted in the Council Chamber and that all portraits be removed as is best practice in other democracies. The Council Chamber should always be free of undue influences and at present the Council Chamber has many portraits, all male. This in itself is an act of inequality. These portraits should be removed perhaps to the Rotunda or be returned to the Hugh Lane Gallery where they would be much appropriate. A neutral chamber should always be our aim and our best practice.

Order: Refer to Protocol Committee.

8 **Questions to the Chief Executive 11th December 2017**

Order: Noted.

Chairperson
Cllr. Paddy McCartan
Monday 11 December 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Paddy McCartan (Chairperson)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Frank Kennedy
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Paddy Smyth

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mary Freehill
Ruairi McGinley
Sonya Stapleton

Officers

Rossana Camargo
Leah Johnston
Brian Kirk
Neil O'Donoghue

Mark Ginnetty
Brian Kavanagh
Eileen Martin
Jennifer Wall

Brian Hanney
Rose Kenny
Fiona O'Brien
Andy Walsh

Apologies:

Anne Feeney

Non-Members:

Ciaran O'Connor, Office of
Public Works

Q1. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager what is the current situation with regard to bus routes which service the South East Area and previously routed around St. Stephen's Green before the work on the extended Green Line Luas commenced e.g. the 15, 15A, 15B, 140 and other routes. Will they continue on the routes they currently travel or revert to the routes they used to take around St. Stephen's Green and down Dawson Street?

Reply:

The issue of bus routes and where they are regulated to operate is a matter for the National Transport Authority who by letter dated 24th November 2017 have confirmed that, "Further changes to the bus routes that were impacted by the Luas Cross City works are linked to both the College Green plaza proposals and the overall BusConnects network review.

It is currently intended that the existing traffic arrangements in College Green will remain in place until the New Year. This will help facilitate "Operation Open City" which aims to keep public transport moving during the run up to Christmas. Arising from this, the bus services which were diverted away from College Green during the Luas works will continue to use their current routes until the New Year when they will begin to change to using Lower Grafton Street.

In addition, the BusConnects network review which will be published for consultation next year, will inform the final bus routings through the City Centre".

Q2. Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to examine the concerns of a resident in O'Connell Gardens, Bath Avenue, Dublin 4, relating to a tree that is blocking most of the day light coming into her home. This old established tree outside her home needs to be pruned back and when she reported this to the Dublin City Council some time back she was told that this work would be done in autumn time.

Reply:

This tree pruning request will be added to our tree pruning programme for the area. It is anticipated that the work will be undertaken over the coming four to six weeks.

Q3. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to increase the frequency of street cleaning on Temple Road, Dartry. Due to the high footfall to and from the Luas as well as the large amount of student accommodation in the area, the road is becoming increasingly littered.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had an extra clean up carried out on Temple Road on the 16th November 2017. We will ensure that this road is cleaned on a more regular basis to cater for the high footfall there.

Q4. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide an update on the provision of CCTV for Maxwell Lane to prevent dumping and anti social behaviour. This was requested at the October meeting and the manager agreed to examine this possibility.

Reply:

The Litter Warden has inspected this laneway on several occasions and has arranged for the laneway to be cleaned. There is no proposal to install a CCTV camera at this stage.

Q5. Councillor Dermot Lacey

Given that according to residents that their road has not been swept for years (never mind the promised every 12 weeks) that the manager would arrange for an immediate thorough cleaning of Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Morehampton Lane cleaned on the 21st November 2017.

Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the existing confusing "Cul de Sac" sign at the entrance to Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook be relocated so that it clearly refers to that lane.

Reply:

The traffic officer has reviewed this sign and is satisfied that the current location of the cul-de-sac signs is correct. He reports that there is no alternative site to install another pole.

Q7. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she would arrange for the road sweeping as requested in the email submitted with this question to be carried out as soon as possible. As the manager should note the representative of the residents has agreed to liaise with other residents to arrange to have cars moved to make the job easier to carry out.

Reply:

The green area at the entrance to details supplied 2 will be cleared of litter over the coming week.

Waste Management Services had details supplied 2 and details supplied 3 cleaned and cleared of leaves on the 28th November 2017. Contact will be made with details supplied 1 to have the road cleared of parked cars to aid future cleaning there.

Q8. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager request that Dublin Bus move the bus stop from directly outside *details supplied as the stop is right outside this person's front sitting room window and it means the resident is unable to open the window because of noise and pollution from the bus and she has a heart complaint so it is having a negative impact on her health.

Reply:

Upon inspection of the site at details supplied, it is not viable to move the position of the bus stop. No other stops are available along the route. This stop has been in place for a number of years and is a licensed stop that benefits the local community. It is not therefore proposed to remove this stop.

Q9. Councillor Paddy McCartan

Despite repeated requests to deal with the very uneven and dangerous road surface on Milltown Road at the pedestrian crossing adjacent to the church and Phelan's pharmacy there has been no action to have the matter rectified. Elderly people have stumbled and fallen trying to cross. The area needs resurfacing, not a patchwork job.

Can the manager give a date for resolution of this issue which was first reported almost two years ago?

Reply:

This section of Milltown Road is on our proposed 2018 Major Works Programme for carriageway resurfacing to be carried out.

Q10. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange for a replacement bench to be installed along the causeway at the entrance to Irishtown nature park. The original bench was vandalised then set alight and destroyed in October.

Reply:

A replacement bench is currently on order for this location and we anticipate delivery over the coming weeks. The bench will be installed as soon as possible thereafter.

Q11. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent who has written the following to me:

"Over the last 12 months I have sighted single rats scurrying across the tarmac path in broad daylight on many mornings circa 10 to noon. This would have become a common sight. Now the rats are out in pairs not far from being tame, eating whatever it is they find on the actual path!

The area worst affected from my encounters is the path around the Martello tower car park (middle car park). I am very concerned at how tame these now very plump rodents have become, they would be easy prey to a toddler or a buggy with any food. The numbers in recent weeks have increased greatly, maybe Ophelia disturbed some nests. Please get something done about this problem ASAP. They seem to be breeding like wildfire, may even be being fed by well intentioned ill informed members of the public. I have tried DCC directed to HSE, redirected to Dublin City Council... Parks Dept. listened to concern at use of poison on the wildlife in the area.

As for the health threat to any homeless person taking refuge here day or night!"

Reply:

Poison has been laid at this location and the problem will continue to be monitored.

Q12. Councillor Paddy McCartan

On the 50th anniversary of the death of Patrick Kavanagh could his seat on the Grand Canal be cleaned and refurbished? Also the Percy French seat on the opposite side of the lock needs similar attention.

Reply:

The public art manager arranged for the statue of Patrick Kavanagh to be cleaned and polished by bronze experts in time for the 50th anniversary of Patrick Kavanagh's death. This work was undertaken on the 15th of November. The seats / benches are in the care of Waterways Ireland.

Q13. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to place two big belly bins at Fitzwilliam Quay, Ringsend and along the Dodder walk way towards London Bridge, as this area has a direct connection with Aviva Stadium. There has been a huge growth in pedestrian traffic with the consequences of litter and nowhere to dispose of it.

Reply:

Consideration will be given to installing bins at this location. Waste Management Services Division in conjunction with the South East Area office will assess the requirement for bins and install appropriate units, as required to manage litter in the area.

Q14. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange for the replacement of two litter bins that were removed about a year ago. They were located at the dart station at Sydney Parade and adjacent bus stop on Ailesbury Road.

Reply:

Our area inspector has monitored litter levels in this area and he will arrange to have a litter bin installed at or near the bus stop close to the DART station.

Q15. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the various concerns of a constituent as set out below.

"I'm a resident of Pigeon House Road. I'm concerned about the proposed traffic route to service the new housing development planned for the old Glass Bottle site. The reason for my concern is that for no's [1-51 Pigeon House Road](#) already face onto 2 roads: the Pigeon House Road itself which is narrow and accommodates 2 lanes of traffic, and on the other side of the wall the toll bridge road with another two lanes of traffic.

Last year we heard that Dublin City Council are planning a public transport bridge 'Poolbeg Bridge' over the River Dodder at the end of the Pigeon House Road which will have a dedicated public transport route (2 bus lanes and 1 cycle). The designs as yet have not extended into the wider road network.

I understand there is also the possibility of a LUAS extension from the Point Depot to the Irish Glass Bottle site running alongside the toll bridge road. Potentially this could lead to us moving from the current situation of 4 lanes of traffic to 8!

Let me add this is not a case of nimby-ism. I am delighted the glass bottle site is being developed given the housing shortage in Dublin. It will be a brilliant addition to the area. It should be noted though that the residents of Pigeon House Road have accommodated an incinerator, a large sewage plant, the Ecocem plant and a scrap metal recycling plant at the opposite end of Pigeon House Road with the attendant heavy goods traffic down Sean Moore Road so we put up with a fair bit already!

I would be grateful if you could take my concerns on board and advise me if there is any mechanism whereby my concerns and those of my neighbours about the risk of 4 x car lanes 2 x bus lanes 1 x LUAS and 1 cycle lane all within 25 feet of our houses can be avoided. If there is a process by which a formal objection can be lodged I would be grateful if you could let me know."

Reply:

Dublin City Council recognises that residents of Pigeon House Road will see significant change in the coming years – particularly arising from the provision of a new public transport bridge nearby, and the anticipated rollout of Poolbeg West planning scheme and its integration into the transport network.

As part of the preparation work for this scheme, relevant policy of the National Transport Authority and TII has been taken into consideration in addition to Dublin City Development Plan policy for roads and public transport. Because of the relatively limited roads infrastructure in the vicinity, this area has been the subject of a detailed transport assessment by the National Transport Authority (NTA), which fed into the development of policy in the planning scheme and its related phasing.

Regarding the vehicular traffic route(s) to service the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone (SDZ), the following improvements are requirements set out in the Poolbeg West SDZ, which is currently the subject of appeal (and therefore possibly subject to change);

- Works in the immediate vicinity of the SDZ; new junctions at Sean Moore Road / South Bank Road roundabout and also at Beach Road / Sean Moore Road junction. Sean Moore Road to be upgraded in the first of two phases for the residential lands to improve the pedestrian/cycling environment. Options are currently being considered and a preferred option will be subject to public consultation.

- The Point Roundabout upgrade was subject to a Part 8 procedure and its implementation is under review as it will be dependent on the scheduling of other projects.
- Protection of the route of the Eastern Bypass / Southern Port Access, and as an interim arrangement to provide a separate access to the south port area. The Eastern bypass is a long term objective of the National Transport Authority which extends to 2035.
- As part of the 'short term' phase (see SDZ p49), to complete acoustic protection at Pigeon House Road, open HGV route to Block B1 via Pigeon House Road (with landscaping strip) and extend Pigeon House Road directly into the Port.
- Dodder Bridge (see below)

The Dodder Public Transport Opening Bridge and associated Core Bus Corridor are the key infrastructure elements of the public transport, cycling and walking strategy for Poolbeg development. The bridge ties into the toll plaza and existing R131 (East Link approach road). The bridge is currently at preliminary design and environmental impact assessment stage and it is anticipated that a planning application will be lodged in the summer of 2018. In advance of this a non statutory public consultation will be conducted in order to ascertain the views of residents and local representatives. (Note also that it has been an objective to provide this bridge in successive development plans)

Possible Luas extension to the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone
Completion of the LUAS extension to Poolbeg West is a long term objective of the SDZ (p50). This is on foot of the National Transport Authority Strategy to the year 2035. The extension will not be delivered in the short nor medium term and the route has not been determined to date.

The avenues through which *and* the timeframes within which concerned local residents can make submissions are as follows:

- a) Vehicular traffic route(s) to service the Poolbeg SDZ.
These will be subject to standard procedure and public consultation processes.
- b) Dodder Bridge; planning and public consultation stages are scheduled for 2018.
- c) Possible Luas extension to the Poolbeg SDZ; public consultation will be carried out in the longer term by the National Transport Authority in accordance with established procedures.

Q16. Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Reply:

1. Housing Maintenance will assess whether an alternative location for the bins can be identified.
2. The general area is cleaned on a daily basis. Dog owners who are allowing their dogs to foul the communal areas will receive a reminder in relation to dog faeces and further breaches of tenancies will be dealt with by our Estate Management Section.
3. The area is swept several times on a daily basis by Housing Maintenance caretaking staff.
4. Housing Maintenance will consider screening for bin storage area.
5. It is hoped to introduce green recycling bins early in the New Year.
6. It is an offence for a resident's dog to foul the environs and a reminder will be sent to all residents. Dog faeces are cleaned up on a daily basis.

Q17. Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please state what action is being taken to repair the turn right filter from Harold's Cross Road to Grove Road? The filter has only been working on an inconstant

basis. On many occasions even when a car is in the box the filter light doesn't work. This is causing major tail backs on Harold's Cross Road and I have reported on numerous occasions over the past year.

Reply:

The operation of the filter light at Harold's Cross road onto Grove Road has been checked and found to be operational, the filter light is triggered by a detection zone located beyond the stop line which if activated during the full green signal both into and out of town the signal will operate along with the full green on the into town direction while stopping the full green signal on the out of town direction. The time allocated to this signal is based on overall traffic volumes at the junction.

In order to improve the frequency of operation of the filter light, road marking will be put in place in order to mark out the location of the detection zone. If possible this road marking will be in place before Christmas, but may have to be delayed to the New Year due to "Operation free-flow" restrictions.

Q18. Councillor Mary Freehill

When can the residents of O'Hara Avenue expect to receive extension of parking times? They made application earlier this year.

Reply:

Residents have submitted a number of issues to be considered and addressed as part of their request for extension of the operational hours. A recommendation regarding the request from the residents is expected to be made shortly. In the event that it is proposed to ballot residents, this can be expected to commence in early January 2018.

Q19. Councillor Mary Freehill

What steps have been taken to prepare the traffic calming scheme for Corrib Road and Mount Tallant Avenue area that was unanimously agreed by the area committee on two occasions over the past year?

Reply:

At the 22nd November, 2017, Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting, a report was presented on a new Neighbourhood Traffic Scheme Prioritisation Approach.

A workshop to introduce the new criteria to all councillors will be held in January / February 2018. After this, the Traffic Advisory Group will assess requests for Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes under the new criteria created.

The area traffic engineer will examine the area in question and identify if a scheme qualifies for the study. In case the request does not qualify for a study, the Traffic Advisory Group will continue to address all the traffic and parking issues individually as they arise through the TAG process.

Q20. Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager when ground work is to commence on the court yard at the front of O'Carroll Villas flats?

Reply:

The South East Area Office has asked the Parks Division to arrange for a design and costing for the landscaping of the courtyard at O'Carroll Villas with a view to completing this work in 2018.

Q21. Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to examine the concerns of a resident in O'Connell Gardens, Bath Avenue, Dublin 4, relating to a tree that is blocking most of the day light coming into her home.

Reply:

The tree pruning request at details supplied will be added to our tree pruning programme for the area. It is anticipated that the work will be undertaken over the coming four to six weeks.

Q22. Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to indicate how often York Street flats court yard is swept and cleaned with detergent. Residents have reported that the flat complex is filthy.

Reply:

The courtyard of this complex is swept on a daily basis. The courtyard was washed this week. Power washing with detergent is not advised on this surface as the pebbles loosen on the tarmac. If required, specific areas of the courtyard are washed.

Q23. Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to get some indication from contractors that are doing the work on void *details supplied as to when works will be completed. This flat has been vacant for at least seven months now. I have been told the contractor collected keys a couple of months ago. However, I also had reports that there has been no one on site in weeks. The lady that is to move into property is waiting and very unsettled as she has no indication of when this will happen.

Reply:

Dublin City Council allocated work on *details supplied to a contractor from its established framework on 13th October 2017. The property is a two bedroom apartment. Housing Maintenance received regular updates on completion dates from its framework contractors and expects the property to be finished on 18th December 2017. Housing Maintenance will keep this matter under review.

Q24. Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have the area on Montague Lane foot path cleaned up (debris from a fire) also the car park adjacent to it at the back of O'Carroll Villas flats.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Montague Lane and the area outside the car park cleaned on the 1st December 2017.

The car park to the rear of this complex was cleaned by Housing Maintenance on 5th December 2017.

Q25. Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager what the cost was to the council to have O'Carroll Villas flats car park patrolled by the NCPS in 2016 / 2017.

Reply:

The area housing manager reports that the cost of providing this service to O'Carroll Villas is €929.29 inc. VAT per annum.

Q26. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please consider giving an on street parking permit to *details supplied.

Reply:

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws regulate with regard to all pay and display and permit parking schemes, including eligibility and entitlement to resident parking permits. Specifically: "where the building consists of more than four housing units and is located on a heavy demand road, residents shall not be eligible for residents' parking permits". It is therefore not permissible to issue a resident parking permit to a resident at the building (details supplied).

Q27. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can you please provide an update on the following housing developments:

- Longfields Homeless Accommodation
- Moss Street Development

Reply:

Longfields Homeless Accommodation:

The property at Longfields, 10 / 11 Fitzwilliam Street Lower is currently undergoing conversion and will be used to accommodate up to 30 single adults and or couples who may be at risk of rough sleeping. Longfields will provide Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) with specialist on-site support services.

Dublin City Council has provided the funding and will have oversight of the service. The facility will be operated by Dublin Simon Community who will have responsibility for onsite operation and day to day management of the service.

Longfields will open at the end of December 2017 with a phased opening to ensure smooth delivery of the service, which will then become fully operational over the first seven days. All referrals will be made through the Dublin Region Central Placement Service and self referral will not be permitted. No unauthorised access will be permitted.

Moss Street:

Dublin City Council proposes to dispose of a site located at Gloucester Street South / Moss Street to Brigante Investments Limited and in return the City Council will receive 20 turn-key units at no cost and 1 unit at market value which will be used for social housing purposes.

Q28. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please provide the following lists?

- The number of void dwellings refurbished and reallocated in the South East Area in 2017
- The locations of the void dwellings refurbished and reallocated in the South East Area in 2017
- The number of void dwellings currently awaiting refurbishment and reallocation in the South East Area and the location of these

Reply:

To date in 2017, 133 properties have been refurbished and re-let in the South East Area. This comprises of 80 apartments, 8 houses and 45 senior citizens units. The locations of these properties are below.

A further 8 properties are refurbished and being re-allocated at the time of completing this response (4th December, 2017).

A further 105 properties are currently being refurbished in the South East Area. This is comprised of 45 apartments, 4 houses and 56 senior citizens units.

Location	Bedrooms	Date Allocated
APARTMENTS		
PEARSE HOUSE	2	16/01/2017
SMOCK ALLEY COURT	2	30/01/2017
MERCER HOUSE	2	06/02/2017
NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD	1	06/02/2017
RATHMINES AVENUE	2	13/02/2017
BRIDE STREET	2	20/02/2017
RATHMINES AVENUE	1	27/02/2017
GROVE ROAD	0	06/03/2017
CHARLEMONT COURT	1	13/03/2017
MARKIEVICZ HOUSE	1	13/03/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	2	20/03/2017
O RAHILLY HOUSE	1	27/03/2017
ALEXANDER WALK	1	03/04/2017
MERCER HOUSE	2	03/04/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	1	03/04/2017
BEECH HILL VILLAS	2	04/04/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	1	10/04/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	1	10/04/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	2	10/04/2017
ALEXANDER WALK	1	01/05/2017
CANON MOONEY GARDENS	1	01/05/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	2	01/05/2017
CANON MOONEY GARDENS	3	08/05/2017
MACKEN VILLAS	3	08/05/2017
MARKIEVICZ HOUSE	1	08/05/2017
WHELAN HOUSE	1	08/05/2017
CUMBERLAND STREET SOUTH	2	15/05/2017
GLOVERS COURT	2	15/05/2017
MARKIEVICZ HOUSE	2	15/05/2017
HESKIN COURT	1	22/05/2017
MERCER STREET	2	05/06/2017
BRIDE STREET	2	12/06/2017
MACKEN VILLAS	0	12/06/2017
ROSS ROAD	1	12/06/2017
WHELAN HOUSE	1	12/06/2017
O RAHILLY HOUSE	2	19/06/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	0	19/06/2017
WHELAN HOUSE	2	19/06/2017
20 CHRISTCHURCH PLACE	1	26/06/2017
MARKIEVICZ HOUSE	1	03/07/2017
MERCER HOUSE	1	03/07/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	0	03/07/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	1	10/07/2017
SMOCK ALLEY COURT	2	10/07/2017

MERCER HOUSE	2	17/07/2017
ROSS ROAD	1	24/07/2017
O RAHILLY HOUSE	1	31/07/2017
SAINT ANDREWS COURT	2	31/07/2017
CRAMPTON BUILDINGS	2	07/08/2017
HESKIN COURT	1	07/08/2017
LEO FITZGERALD HOUSE	3	14/08/2017
O RAHILLY HOUSE	1	14/08/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	0	14/08/2017
MARKIEVICZ HOUSE	1	21/08/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	0	21/08/2017
15/17LORD EDWARD STREET	0	28/08/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	0	28/08/2017
ROSS ROAD	1	04/09/2017
15/17 LORD EDWARD STREET	0	11/09/2017
LORD EDWARD STREET	0	11/09/2017
BEECH HILL VILLAS	1	25/09/2017
MARKIEVICZ HOUSE	2	25/09/2017
SAINT VINCENTS STREET SOUTH	0	25/09/2017
SAINT VINCENTS STREET SOUTH	3	25/09/2017
GLOVERS COURT	3	02/10/2017
O RAHILLY HOUSE	2	02/10/2017
O RAHILLY HOUSE	1	06/10/2017
BEECH HILL VILLAS	1	16/10/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	0	16/10/2017
MERCER HOUSE	1	23/10/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	2	30/10/2017
PEARSE HOUSE	0	30/10/2017
MCDONAGH HOUSE	1	30/10/2017
PUMPHOUSE	2	06/11/2017
YORK STREET	1	06/11/2017
NICHOLAS STREET	1	06/11/2017
GOLDEN LANE	1	
WHELAN HOUSE	2	02/11/2017
O RAHILLY HOUSE	2	02/11/2017
HOUSES		
RATHMINES SQUARE	1	20/11/2017
CLANBRASSIL ST LOWER	3	20/02/2017
CATHEDRAL VIEW WALK	3	05/06/2017
BRIDE STREET	2	03/07/2017
RINGSEND PARK	1	28/08/2017
LONG LANE	3	04/09/2017
RUTLAND GROVE	3	04/09/2017
NEW STREET	3	20/11/2017
GULISTAN COTTAGES	2	27/11/2017

SENIOR CITIZENS		
WOODSTOCK COURT	0	23/01/2017
CHARLEMONT COURT	1	30/01/2017
HESKIN COURT	1	30/01/2017
MAXWELL COURT	2	30/01/2017
CHARLEMONT COURT	1	06/03/2017
POWERS COURT	1	06/03/2017
WOODSTOCK COURT	0	06/03/2017
CHARLEMONT COURT	1	13/03/2017
MAXWELL COURT	0	27/03/2017
WOODSTOCK COURT	1	27/03/2017
CHARLEMONT COURT	1	03/04/2017
HESKIN COURT	1	03/04/2017
LONG LANE	1	03/04/2017
STEPHENS PLACE	1	03/04/2017
BEECH HILL COURT	0	10/04/2017
CAMBRIDGE COURT	1	10/04/2017
MOUNT DRUMMOND COURT	1	10/04/2017
OXFORD GROVE	1	10/04/2017
BEECH HILL COURT	0	01/05/2017
BEECH HILL COURT	1	01/05/2017
ROSTREVOR COURT	0	01/05/2017
RANELAGH CLOSE	1	08/05/2017
CHARLEMONT COURT	1	22/05/2017
HESKIN COURT	1	19/06/2017
BEGGARS BUSH COURT	1	03/07/2017
WOODSTOCK COURT	1	03/07/2017
CAMBRIDGE COURT	0	10/07/2017
CAMBRIDGE COURT	0	31/07/2017
WOODSTOCK COURT	0	31/07/2017
WOODSTOCK COURT	1	31/07/2017
WOODSTOCK COURT	0	07/08/2017
RATHMINES AVE COURT	1	14/08/2017
ROSTREVOR COURT	0	14/08/2017
OXFORD GROVE	1	21/08/2017
MAXWELL COURT	0	28/08/2017
BEECH HILL COURT	0	11/09/2017
CAMBRIDGE COURT	0	18/09/2017
POWERS COURT	0	18/09/2017
CAMBRIDGE COURT	1	25/09/2017
VERSCHOYLE COURT	2	16/10/2017
ROSTREVOR COURT	0	16/10/2017
CHARLEMONT COURT	1	30/10/2017
WOODSTOCK COURT	0	06/11/2017
HESKIN COURT	1	20/11/2017
SHELBOURNE PARK APARTMENTS	1	20/11/2017

Q29. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for the number of social houses and apartments built in the South East Area in 2017 and to provide a list of the locations of such homes.

Reply:

Focus Housing Association delivered 10 apartments in 2017 at Greenmount Close, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6, under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility. These units form part of a 28 apartment complex at this location with 18 of the units delivered in 2015.

Q30. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please address the following issues affecting the residents of details supplied.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will investigate the issues concerning noise and odours. In order for the investigation to be carried out the names and contact details of the residents affected will be required.

The issues raised by the councillor are under investigation. A warning letter was issued to the developer outlining the content of the complaint and a site inspection has been carried out. There is only one of the grills that we would consider as an offending extract unit. The developer is examining his options regarding relocation of same. The complainant will be notified in due course when the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of Dublin City Council.

The Roadworks Control section is not aware of a specific agreement regarding delivery times at weekends. Illegal parking should be referred to An Garda Síochána or the council's Parking Enforcement section.

Q31. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the plans to improve conditions for cyclists at the junction of Nicholas Street, High Street, Winetavern Street and Christchurch Place.

Reply:

There are no immediate plans for cyclist improvements at this junction, the design and layout of this junction will depend on outcomes from Bus Connects. Improvements for pedestrians have been implemented at this junction

Q32. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what options are available or what assistance can be provided for houses in areas identified as a flood risk for those who are experiencing difficulty in obtaining house insurance, despite flood works having been put in place.

Reply:

Residents can ask for a letter of flooding comfort, which outlines the estimated current flood risk of their house; from the Regional Projects and Flood Advisory Office of Dublin City Council.

Shopping around to other insurance companies has also been successful for some residents seeking insurance from flood risk.

A resident whose house has not been flooded for a significant number of years should state this to their insurance company.

Q33. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the progress of the completion of the Grand Canal Cycle way and to please outline the latest challenges to completing this vital cycle route for the city.

Reply:

The proposed Grand Canal Cycleway from Blackhorse to Portobello was put on hold in 2016 due to staff and funding constraints. At present, the National Transportation Authority and Dublin City Council have agreed that further analysis is required in the vicinity of Harold's Cross Bridge to identify a design solution that meets various competing transport demands and provides a holistic design solution for pedestrians, cyclists and buses, given current and upcoming transport proposals.

Arrangements are currently being made to appoint a consultant to undertake this study. It is expected that a consultant will be appointed at the beginning of 2018 and it is estimated that the study will take about 3 months. On completion, the recommendations of the study will be subsumed into the preliminary design proposal and the scheme will progress to Part VIII – planning.

Q34. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what can be done to improve the condition of the trees on St Mary's Road, Dublin 4. These trees were pruned last year. However, they are still very dense and one tree was lost during the recent storm and another large branch also fell.

Reply:

Parks Services will keep the trees on St. Mary's Road closely monitored.

Q35. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have a presentation by planners of the application for a new hotel on Portobello Harbour before a decision is made?

Reply:

The planning application reg. ref. 4349/17 is due for decision on 18th January 2018. There is no planner on the team available to give a presentation at the December Area Committee meeting but this could be facilitated at the January meeting. This would however be outside the 5-week public consultation period.

Q36. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager be lenient with the residents at details supplied?

Reply:

This is relating to a large mobile home that has been placed to the rear of a terraced house for residential accommodation which is a clear breach of planning. The Planning Enforcement Section served an enforcement notice on the 17th of October with a compliance date of the 23rd of February 2018. The time for compliance with the terms of the notice is four months from the date it was issued was lenient given the breach of planning concerned.

Q37. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the tree cut back as previously agreed in St. Andrew's Court which is overhanging the playground?

Reply:

The tree has been examined by Housing Maintenance mobile crew and deemed to be healthy. It will be pruned in the next two weeks.

Q38. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have bait laid to tackle the increase in rats in details supplied?

Reply:

This complex was baited on the 30th November and Housing Maintenance will continue to monitor. A reminder will issue from the area office regarding feeding the pigeons.

Q39. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair the badly damaged footpath on Brendan Road, Donnybrook, especially outside No. 2. Please see photo attached.

Reply:

This has been logged for repair in our Asset Management System.

Q40. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to remove all sandbags which have been left by the council alongside and near the banks of the River Dodder opposite the Fitzwilliam Quay development.

Reply:

The sand bags have been removed.

Q41. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to address the following issues in respect of Arranmore Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4:

- (a) To prune the trees on Arranmore Road. At present residents have to walk on the road as the low lying trees at the top and bottom of the road are whipping their faces and blocking the path;
- (b) To install double yellow lines at the end of Arranmore Road at the junction with Herbert Park because cars park at this junction, unaware that it is impermissible, and the turn has become extremely hazardous as a result due to reduced space and visibility;
- (c) To remove the fallen leaves on Arranmore Road as a matter of urgency in circumstances where they have created a hazard on the road given the volume.

Reply:

- (a) The trees on Arranmore Road are scheduled for pruning within the next 6-8 weeks.
- (b) The request for double yellow lines on Arranmore Road junction with Herbert Park will be added to the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.
- (c) Waste Management Services had the leaves removed from Arranmore Road on the 2nd December 2017.

Q42. Councillor Frank Kennedy

Re DCC ref. *details supplied, to set out comprehensively what steps are required to be taken in order for the portion of Bushfield Avenue referred to in this correspondence to be taken in charge by Dublin City Council. If appropriate this question should be referred to Planning Department, Financial Contributions/Taking in Charge Section.

Reply:

The taking in charge of a road or section of road is governed by the Road Act 1993 Section 11; sections 1 and 2 of which are reproduced below.

11(a) A road authority may, by order, declare any road over which a public right of way exists to be a public road, and every such road shall be deemed to be a public road and responsibility for its maintenance shall lie on the road authority.

- (b) Where a road authority proposes to declare a road to be a public road it shall—
 - (i) satisfy itself that the road is of general public utility,
 - (ii) consider the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration,

- (iii) publish in one or more newspapers circulating in the area where the road which it is proposed to declare to be a public road is located a notice indicating the times at which, the period (which shall be not less than one month) during which and the place where a map showing such road may be inspected and stating that objections or representations may be made in writing to the road authority in relation to such declaration before a specified date (which shall be not less than two weeks after the end of the period for inspection),
- (iv) consider any objections or representations made to it under paragraph (iii) and not withdrawn.

Subject to a public right of way existing and the land owner of the section of road under consideration confirming agreement in writing with the proposal, the applicant should write to Dublin City Council, Road Maintenance Services, Block 2 Floor 4, Civic Offices outlining the section of road they wish to be taken in charge. An area engineer will inspect the section of road and make an assessment of the condition of the road and prepare an estimate of the cost of any works that maybe required to bring the section of road up to taking in charge standard. The applicant will be advised of these costs.

If the applicant wishes to proceed they should confirm in writing that they will pay costs of bringing road up to taking in charge standard or alternatively arrange for works to be carried out and also lodge €2,000 to cover advertising costs for publication of notice as required by Roads Act.

The area committee will be advised of the application and a notice will then be published in one newspaper circulating in the area. A report on any objections or representations received will then be prepared and presented to the area committee for consideration. Following presentation to area committee a report will be prepared and forwarded to the monthly city council meeting for a decision. Prior to the proposal being sent to city council for a decision the applicant will be required to lodge a payment with Road Maintenance Services to cover the costs of bringing the road up to taking in charge standard. This money will be refunded if the city council does not approve the taking in charge.

Q43. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to address the apparent breach of planning conditions as set out in this email to me *details supplied.

Reply:

Issue has been resolved following contact between the developers and Dublin City Council Planning Enforcement Officer for the area. There is now a mains connection and a generator no longer operates at this location.

Q44. Councillor Frank Kennedy

The residents of Pigeon House Road have accommodated an incinerator, a large sewage plant, the Ecocem plant and a scrap metal recycling plant at the opposite end of Pigeon House Road with the attendant heavy goods traffic down Sean Moore Road. There are serious concerns arising in respect of the following three infrastructural projects:

- (a) The proposed vehicular traffic route(s) to service the Poolbeg SDZ;
- (b) The proposed public transport bridge 'Poolbeg Bridge' over the River Dodder at the end of the Pigeon House Road; and
- (c) The possible Luas extension to the Poolbeg SDZ; and

It appears that there is a risk that residents may be asked to endure 4 x car lanes 2 x bus lanes 1 x LUAS and 1 Cycle lane all within 25 feet of their homes. As a result of this possibility, which is clearly unfair and unacceptable, to ask the Area Manager, in respect of each of these infrastructural proposals, the following:

- (i) What is the current state of each of these projects insofar as the planning process is concerned?; and
- (ii) What is to the precise avenue through which *and* the timeframe within which concerned local residents and elected representatives can make submissions on what is proposed?

Reply:

Dublin City Council recognises that residents of Pigeon House Road and other residents will see significant change in the coming years – particularly arising from the provision of a new public transport bridge nearby, and the anticipated rollout of Poolbeg West planning scheme and its integration into the transport network.

As part of the preparation work for this scheme, relevant policy of the National Transport Authority and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has been taken into consideration in addition to Development Plan policy for roads and public transport. Because of the relatively limited roads infrastructure in the vicinity, this area has been the subject of a detailed transport assessment by the National Transport Authority (NTA), which fed into the development of policy in the planning scheme and its related phasing.

(i) Current planning status of each project

(a) Vehicular traffic route(s) to service the Poolbeg SDZ

The following improvements are requirements set out in the Poolbeg West Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) Planning Scheme, approved by city council and which is currently the subject of appeal (& therefore possibly subject to change);

- Works in the immediate vicinity of the SDZ; New junctions at Sean Moore Road / South Bank Road roundabout and also at Beach Road / Sean Moore Road junction. Sean Moore Road to be upgraded in the first of two phases for the residential lands, to improve the pedestrian/cycling environment. Options are currently being considered and a preferred option will also be subject to public consultation.

The Point Roundabout upgrade was subject to a Part 8 procedure and its implementation is under review as it will be dependent on the scheduling of other projects.

- Protection of the route of the Eastern / bypass Southern Port Access route, and as an interim arrangement to provide a separate access to the south port area. The eastern bypass is a long term objective of the National Transport Authority – i.e. within the lifetime of the strategy, which extends to 2035.
- As part of the ‘short term’ phase (see SDZ p49), to complete acoustic protection at Pigeon House Road, open HGV route to Block B1 via Pigeon House Rd (with landscaping strip), and extend Pigeon House Road directly into the Port.
- Dodder Bridge (see below)

(b) The proposed public transport bridge over the River Dodder at the end of the Pigeon House Road;

The Dodder Public Transport Opening Bridge and associated Core Bus Corridor are the key infrastructure elements of the public transport, cycling and walking strategy for Poolbeg development. The bridge ties into the toll plaza and existing R131 (East Link approach road). The bridge is currently at preliminary design and environmental impact assessment stage and it is anticipated that a planning application will be lodged in the

summer of 2018. In advance of this a non statutory public consultation will be conducted in order to ascertain the views of residents and local representatives.

(c) Possible Luas extension to the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone
Completion of the LUAS extension to Poolbeg West is a Long Term Objective of the SDZ (p50). This is on foot of the National Transport Authority strategy to the year 2035, as the extension will not be delivered in the short nor medium term and the route has not been determined to date. The LUAS extension is not currently deemed necessary for the delivery of the Poolbeg West new neighbourhood.

(d) Avenue through which *and* the timeframe within which concerned local residents and elected representatives can make submissions on what is proposed

- a) Vehicular traffic route(s) to service the Poolbeg SDZ.
These will be subject to standard procedure and public consultation processes.
- b) Dodder Bridge; Planning and public consultation stages are scheduled for 2018.
- c) Possible Luas extension to the Poolbeg SDZ; Public consultation will be carried out in the longer term by the National Transport Authority in accordance with its established procedures.

Q45. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to relocate the bin beside the Patrick Kavanagh bench on the canal and to clean and refurbish both the Kavanagh and the Percy French commemorative seats. This is sorely needed in the case of both locations.

Reply:

The Public Art Manager arranged for the statue of Patrick Kavanagh to be cleaned and polished by bronze experts in time for the 50th Anniversary of Patrick Kavanagh's death which occurred on the 30th November, 2017. This work was undertaken on the 15th of November. The seats / benches and banks along the Grand Canal are in the care of Waterways Ireland.

Q46. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager to produce a report on the quality of street lighting on Richelieu Park, which is very poor and in effect not fit for purpose at present, and to improve the volume and quality of lighting on this road.

Reply:

We will investigate the existing lighting, and any necessary improvements will be added to a list for inclusion in a future public lighting programme of improvements, subject to finances made available. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Q47. Councillor Frank Kennedy

Repairs have recently been undertaken on Oaklands Drive, Sandymount. The effect of this is that the repair area has substantially subsided to the point that vehicles using the road are at serious risk of becoming damaged. There is surface water in the area. To ask the manager to rectify this as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

This issue will be examined and a repair re-scheduled if necessary.

Q48. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager to hold a ballot of residents on Brendan Road, Donnybrook, to extend the restricted parking hours from Monday-Friday to include Saturday in

circumstances where the road is completely overtaken by parking on Saturday to the effect that residents cannot find a space.

Reply:

The council's Traffic Advisory Group can consider an extension of the operational hours at Brendan Road and ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of the proposal, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road.

Any change to the operational hours would be subject to a majority of residents in favour of the proposal at ballot.

Any change to the operational hours on Brendan Road would likely result in displacement of parking to adjoining roads, e.g. Arranmore Road and Argyle Road. The council would therefore advise that should the residents submit a request that they also notify adjoining roads so that they can also consider submitting a similar request at the same time.

Q49. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager to provide a report on the current status of and future plans for the pond at Herbert Park.

Reply:

The pond in Herbert Park was cleaned out and is now full of water from the River Dodder. There are no future plans at the moment, but Parks Services will maintain the pond in good condition.

Q50. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager say why funding was refused for Dublin City Community Cooperative?

Reply:

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 – 2022 was subject to a national public procurement process, with a deadline of 6th October 2017 for submission of tenders. The Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) ratified the outcome of that process at its meeting on 9th November and notification letters were subsequently issued to tenderers for each of the five Dublin City 'Lots' on 24th November. The Dublin Inner City Community Co-operative Society's tender submission was not successful, as it failed to achieve the marks required under the published award criteria. The details of the outcome of the process remain confidential to the LCDC, who are the contracting authority for the programme.

The Dublin Inner City Community Co-operative Society has been informed of the outcome of the public procurement process for SICAP 2018 – 2022 for Lot 2.5 Inner City and of the LCDC proposal to enter into a negotiated procedure. Pending the response of the Dublin Inner City Community Co-operative Society to that proposal by 08 December 2017, it has been confirmed to them that current SICAP funding can be extended up to 31st March 2018 in order to facilitate a negotiated procedure and to ensure that there is no disruption to services while the process is brought to a conclusion.

Q51. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager consider transferring *details supplied 1 to the vacant flat in number *details supplied 2 as his health is particularly bad and the transfer would make a big difference to the quality of their lives?

Reply:

Councillor Andrews has been contacted directly by Pamela Buckley, Housing Advisor who has dealt with the query. Pamela Buckley on 222 2061 will follow up directly with Councillor Andrews if there are any further queries.

Q52. Councillor Chris Andrews

I would be grateful if the manager can advise residents if there is any mechanism whereby residents concerns about the risk of 4 x car lanes, 2 x bus lanes, 1 x LUAS and 1 cycle lane along the Pigeon House Road can be avoided. If there is a process by which a formal objection can be lodged I would be grateful if you could let me know and also what measure will be taken during construction phase and after to reduce the negative impact that huge increase in traffic will have on residents on Pigeon House Road, Cambridge Avenue and Poolbeg Quay?

Reply:

Dublin City Council recognises that residents of Pigeon House Road will see significant change in the coming years – particularly arising from the provision of a new public transport bridge nearby, and the anticipated rollout of Poolbeg West planning scheme and its integration into the transport network.

As part of the preparation work for this scheme, relevant policy of the National Transport Authority and TII has been taken into consideration in addition to Dublin City Development Plan policy for roads and public transport. Because of the relatively limited roads infrastructure in the vicinity, this area has been the subject of a detailed transport assessment by the National Transport Authority (NTA), which fed into the development of policy in the planning scheme and its related phasing.

Regarding the vehicular traffic route(s) to service the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone (SDZ), the following improvements are requirements set out in the Poolbeg West SDZ, which is currently the subject of appeal (and therefore possibly subject to change);

- Works in the immediate vicinity of the SDZ; new junctions at Sean Moore Road / South Bank Road roundabout and also at Beach Road / Sean Moore Road junction. Sean Moore Road to be upgraded in the first of two phases for the residential lands to improve the pedestrian/cycling environment. Options are currently being considered and a preferred option will be subject to public consultation.
- The Point Roundabout upgrade was subject to a Part 8 procedure and its implementation is under review as it will be dependent on the scheduling of other projects.
- Protection of the route of the Eastern Bypass / Southern Port Access, and as an interim arrangement to provide a separate access to the south port area. The Eastern bypass is a long term objective of the National Transport Authority which extends to 2035.
- As part of the 'short term' phase (see SDZ p49), to complete acoustic protection at Pigeon House Road, open HGV route to Block B1 via Pigeon House Road (with landscaping strip) and extend Pigeon House Road directly into the Port.
- Dodder Bridge (see below)

The Dodder Public Transport Opening Bridge and associated Core Bus Corridor are the key infrastructure elements of the public transport, cycling and walking strategy for Poolbeg development. The bridge ties into the toll plaza and existing R131 (East Link approach road). The bridge is currently at preliminary design and environmental impact assessment stage and it is anticipated that a planning application will be lodged in the summer of 2018. In advance of this a non statutory public consultation will be conducted in order to ascertain the views of residents and local representatives. (Note also that it has been an objective to provide this bridge in successive development plans)

Possible Luas extension to the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone
Completion of the LUAS extension to Poolbeg West is a long term objective of the SDZ (p50). This is on foot of the National Transport Authority Strategy to the year 2035. The extension will not be delivered in the short nor medium term and the route has not been determined to date.

The avenues through which *and* the timeframes within which concerned local residents can make submissions are as follows:

- d) Vehicular traffic route(s) to service the Poolbeg SDZ.
These will be subject to standard procedure and public consultation processes.
- e) Dodder Bridge; planning and public consultation stages are scheduled for 2018.
- f) Possible Luas extension to the Poolbeg SDZ; public consultation will be carried out in the longer term by the National Transport Authority in accordance with established procedures.

Q53. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager arrange for a "Welcome to Rathgar" sign to be erected?

Reply:

The South East Area Office will consult with Rathgar Businesses' Association and Rathgar Residents' Association in 2018 in relation to provision of a "Welcome to Rathgar" sign. Location and appropriate style of sign to be agreed subject to finance.

Q54. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the contract for tree cutting be extended to leaves collection?

Reply:

Tree surgery is carried out by specialist contractors. Leaf collection is a cleansing operation carried out by Waste Management Services Division.

Q55. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpaths on Hazelbrook Road be repaired and the street be cleaned?

Reply:

Waste Management Services Division had Hazelbrook Road cleaned on the 4th December 2017.

These footpaths have been logged for repairs in our Asset Management System.

Q56. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the sequencing of lights on Terenure Road West leading into Terenure Village be reviewed?

Reply:

The traffic lights at Terenure Place are operated under the control of Dublin City Councils traffic signal management system. These lights are linked to the junction at Terenure Cross and to the bus gate on Templeogue Road to optimise traffic flow and public transport for Templeogue Road Terenure Road East and Rathfarnham Road.

Due to the close proximity and number of public transport services which transverse the area the junctions are set up to optimise traffic flow with particular attention given to public transport. The junctions are linked together and are operating as designed. It is not, therefore, proposed to change the sequencing at this location.

Q57. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a review of the parking on Oaklands Terrace be considered given that the parking on two sides is causing difficulty for pedestrians?

Reply:

This request has been added to 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.

Q58. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager arrange for double yellow lines to be put down some of the way on both sides of the entrance to Meadowlands, Terenure in circumstances where people are causing a danger by parking just inside the corner? Additionally, with the parking so close to the corners it could create difficulties for a fire brigade or ambulance.

Reply:

There are double yellow lines on both sides of the entrance of Meadowbank, it is not recommended to extend the existing double yellow lines as the road width is wide enough for emergency vehicles to pass.

Q59. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a railing or bars be placed at the junction of Belgrave Square and Mount Pleasant in order to protect children waiting to cross? Alternatively, could speed ramps be installed to reduce the speed of motorists just before the lights?

Reply:

The placing of railings at the junction of Belgrave Square and Mount Pleasant is not recommended as it would affect pedestrians' movement and the mobility impaired, by the narrowing of the footpath at this location. Also, placing barriers would further reduce the available widths and be contrary to the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. Guardrails may be counterproductive for the follow reasons:

- It may increase vehicle speeds and aggressive behaviour.
- Create a false sense of safety for both drivers and pedestrians.
- Block inter-visibility between drivers and children.
- 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 road users.

In relation to the request for the installation of speed ramps just before the lights at the junction of Belgrave Square and Mount Pleasant, the Area Traffic Engineer reviewed the junction. There is a ramp on Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper 33 metres north of the junction with Belgrave Square North. There is a ramp on Belgrave Square East 33 metres south of the junction approaching Belgrave Square North.

It is not recommended to introduce ramps at Belgrave Square North, as it is a bus route and it would impact on the bus service.

Q60. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the trees in Lavarna be trimmed?

Reply:

The trees in Lavarna Road and Lavarna Grove are in good condition and would not be considered a priority for pruning at the moment. If particular trees are causing problems to residents, details of specific locations can be forwarded on to Parks for further inspection.

Q61. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the reasoning underpinning the placing of double yellow lines outside *details supplied be outlined and additionally any plans in place to remove them as they appear to have been put down without any explanation or consideration by this meeting?

Reply:

Following a request for double yellow lines by the Law Department, double yellow lines were recommended by the Traffic Advisory Group on a temporary pending permanent statutory basis to cover all sides of the laneway adjacent to details supplied. The double yellow lines are now in place. The process to recommend the double yellow lines on a permanent basis will commence with a recommendation to the next meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group on 19th December, 2017.

Q62. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the branch on the tree across from the bus stop outside the synagogue in Rathgar be trimmed? And as you go towards Fergus Road from this location there is a tree lifting a footpath by three inches; can this be repaired?

Reply:

This tree trip has been logged for repair in our Asset Management System.

The tree branch across from the bus stop outside the synagogue in Rathgar will be trimmed within the next 4 weeks.

Q63. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the removal of phone boxes from the South East Area (SEA)? This report to include all phone boxes that have been removed from the SEA in the last year and the reasons why. And a list of all phone boxes that are to be removed in the future.

Reply:

EIR payphones have been removed from the following locations in the South East Area over the last two years on foot of requests from Dublin City Council (DCC) and An Garda Síochána vis-a-vis anti social behaviour mainly.

Aston Quay (Westmoreland Street) (X2)
Westmoreland Street (X2)
Stephen's Green North (X2)
Dame Street (No. 52)
Dawson Street (Opposite Trailfinders)
Lord Edward Street (HSE)
Rathmines Road Lower (McDonald's)
South Great George's Street (Dunnes Stores)
South Great George's Street (Good World)
Stephen's Green West (TGI Fridays)
Wellington Quay (No. 50 House of Colour)
Westmoreland Street (Moore Island)
Harold's Cross Road
Harrington Street
Kimmage Road Lower
Earlsfort Terrace (Palmer McCormack's)
Foster Place
George's Quay
Grafton Street (James Fox near College Green)
Westmoreland Street (No. 28 Cassidy's)
Baggot Street Lower (No. 27 – 33)
Rathmines Upper (Post Office)

Eir's contractor is currently removing twenty one payphones in the South East Area -see below list of locations:

Baggot Street Lower (near Pembroke Row)
Cuffe Street (outside Cuffe Street flats)
Donnybrook Road (beside Fanagan's)
Haddington Road (on the side of Northumberland Road)
Bride Street New (outside of apartments on 35 New Bride Street)
Ranelagh Road (outside Hobart's Café and Blackbird Restaurant)
Rathmines Road Lower (outside of Irish Cancer Society and Permanent TSB)
Sandford Road (outside Tesco Express)
St. Stephen's Green West (on 122 St. Stephen's Green West, near Cuffe Street)
Camden Street Upper (outside Jack Carvill & Sons)
Charlemont Street (72 Charlemont Street)
Mount Street Lower (30 Merrion Square)
Nassau Street (outside Celtic Note and Irish Music Store)
Burgh Quay
Merrion Square North (30 Merrion Square North)
Hatch Street Lower (76 Leeson Street Lower)
Adelaide Road (near National Concert Hall)
Baggot Street Upper (outside Spar)

Q64. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report with regards the removal of all of the old JCDecaux advertisement boards within the South East Area? An agreement was reached with JCDecaux with regards the dublinbikes scheme and their new advertisement structures some years back. Part of that agreement was the removal of these ugly advertisement boards. There still remains a good few of these unsightly advertising boards attached to buildings such as Aungier Street see photos attached. It is time now for a full progress report in relation to this.

Reply:

In 2006 following a competitive tender competition, JCDecaux entered into a concessionary contract with Dublin City Council for the delivery of a package of public amenities in return for the erection of outdoor advertising on the city's streets. The package of public amenities to be delivered in exchange for outdoor advertising included;

- The dublinbikes scheme
- A Civic Communications Network
- A Way finding System

It was a condition of the planning permissions / contract for the new outdoor advertising allowed that 100 existing JCDecaux 48-sheet equivalent billboards be removed within 1 year of the grant of planning permissions.

By the 6th June 2008, JCDecaux had removed 50 x 48 sheet equivalent billboards. By the 27th February 2009, JCDecaux had removed 50 x 48 sheet equivalent billboards.

The requirement to remove 100 x 48 sheet equivalent billboards as result of the 2006 concessionary contract and associated planning applications was therefore satisfied in 2009. The billboard referred to at Aungier Street did not come under the remit of the concessionary contract and associated planning applications.

Q65. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager request Waterways Ireland to remove the unsightly bin and the rubbish around it that is beside the Patrick Kavanagh seat on the Grand Canal at Baggot Street and relocate it to a much more appropriate setting. This part of the canal is also used

for a fast food market and on many occasions this beauty spot and amenity is turned into a mess with the grass banks of the canal being eroded, noisy polluting generators, rubbish and all sorts of vehicles parked up onto the grass verge. It is unacceptable to allow such a unique public amenity to be degraded and overused in this way. It is badly managed and very dangerous as there is very little protection from the water. It also erodes access across the canal at this point for pedestrians.

Can a full report be supplied as to how this area can be better managed for the enjoyment of all?

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned litter bin moved to an alternative location.

In relation to the ongoing weekly market at Mespil Road, this market is licensed by Waterways Ireland under planning permission Reg. Ref. WEB 1020/17 (PL 29S.248284) which was granted permission for a further three year period by An Bord Pleanála on 30th August 2017. Compliance is required by Waterways Ireland in relation to conditions attached requiring a traffic management plan and control of litter in the vicinity of the market.

Q66. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager investigate the possibility of two marked disabled parking spots to be designated for all social housing complexes within the south east area? A great many people who now reside in our housing complexes have varying degrees of disability. Some use cars of their own while many use taxis or are transported by relatives. It is almost impossible for people to find parking for loading, unloading and pick up. It is time now that Dublin City Council brought this whole issue up to standard and best practice and initiate a full examination of a possible roll out for such parking facilities. This is about inclusion, and equality.

Reply:

The South East Area Office will investigate the possibility of providing disabled parking spaces in housing complexes in the area, as requested, where appropriate. Two or more disabled bays are currently provided in a number of complexes at present, i.e. Pearse House, Whelan / O'Rahilly House, Canon Mooney Gardens, George Reynolds House. Where designated parking is provided, 5 % of the spaces or at least 1 is used as a guideline for the provision of disabled parking bays. In complexes where there are no designated spaces, tenants can contact the area office and spaces may be provided on an ad hoc basis in locations within the complex which are convenient to relevant tenants.

Q67. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager bring a full report to the South East Area Committee with regard to Tangier Lane which is adjacent to Grafton Street and exits up near Clarendon market? The Grafton Street end is blocked off by an unlawful gate and needs to be removed while the far end of the laneway which was in contention with regard to an extinguishing of right of way is now getting an entire new build. This report to include information on any change of use or ownership of lands at the laneway, the progress of the extinguishing of the right of way on that laneway, and Dublin City Council's responsibility for the management of this public area and laneway.

Reply:

Tangier Lane is a lane which runs at the rear of South King Street and Chatham Street. Tangier Lane in its totality comprises of the portion of laneway up to the gate at the Gaiety Theatre stage door and the portion of the lane (originally "L" shaped) that has been absorbed into the original Telecom site. Tangier Lane is not a through way and does not

exit near Clarendon Market. The extent of Tangier Lane is indicated on attached Drawing R.M. No: 26272B.

Dublin City Council does not own the laneway and Dublin City Council does not hold the record of landownership in relation to Tangier Lane. Tangier Lane is under the charge of Dublin City Council which means a public right of way exists over it. Road Maintenance recently carried out work on the surface of the laneway. To date no formal application to extinguish the public right of way has been lodged with Dublin City Council. The current land ownership of the laneway will remain unchanged if the public right of way is extinguished at this location.

The work currently ongoing at Chatham Court is governed by planning permission (ref. 4436/16) which was granted on appeal in September 2017 as follows:

Permission for development at this site, Chatham Court, Chatham Street, Dublin 2 bounded to the north by Chatham Street, to the south by the rear of The Gaiety Centre, King Street South, to the west by Clarendon Row and to the east by 6 Chatham Street and the Gaiety Theatre (Protected Structure). The proposed development will consist of the redevelopment of Chatham Court entailing the demolition of the existing three storey building on the site (retail and restaurant uses at ground floor and 9 no. apartments at first and second floors) and the construction of a 6,350 sq.m. (gross) five storey over double basement mixed use building comprising: a 993 sq.m. (gross) lower basement containing 14 no. car parking spaces (12 no. new and 2 no. relocated), plant areas, shower rooms, 48 no. cycle parking spaces and storage areas; 993 sq.m. (gross) of retail floor space in the upper basement; a total of 528 sq.m. (gross) of retail floor space in two units (378 sq.m and 150 sq.m) and a total of 160 sq.m of food and beverage floor space in three units (50, 52 and 58 sq.m.) on ground floor; a total of 1,145 sq.m. (gross) of office floor space on first floor; 1,010 sq.m. (gross) of office floor space on second floor with an external terrace on the northern elevation; 831 sq.m. (gross) of office floor space on third floor with an external terrace on the northern and western elevations; and 6 no. residential units (3 no. one bedroom and 3 no. two bedroom) with external terraces on the northern and western elevations and a plant room on fourth floor.

The matter of the gate will be investigated and a report will be issued to the councillor as soon as possible.

Q68. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager also address the issue of fly tipping at entrance in Mount Angus at the bin at the entrance to the estate and that the bin is moved in further into the estate?

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to have a litter warden investigate the issue of fly tipping at the litter bin at the entrance to Mount Argus. We have also arranged to have the litter bin moved a bit further into the estate.

Q69. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report and updates on the progress of the refurbishment of Verschoyle Court, Mount Street, Dublin 2? This report to include what estate management is in operation here, the hours of the opening and operations of the community centre and how many welfare visits have taken place to the tenants at this location?

Many of these dwellings are badly dilapidated and in poor condition. Many of our senior citizens and elderly are still living in these conditions, some without heating and other amenities. I was in the area recently visiting and I was shocked by the conditions of some of these dwellings. This is unacceptable in this day and age.

Reply:

The 2 into 1 Programme in Block 1 is due to be completed shortly. A programme to refurbish the existing voids in the remaining blocks in Verschoyle Court has also commenced. The Housing Section in the South East Area Office carries out regular inspections and conducts interviews with tenants on foot of estate management complaints as required. A weekly coffee morning is held for all residents in the Community Centre every Thursday. Art & pottery classes are also held every Monday. Exhibitions are regularly held, along with talks by experts in various fields. Visits are organised with the Community Gardaí to the local supermarket every fortnight. During the summer months, other outings are organised to places of interest to the residents.

Housing Maintenance has completed six two-into-one amalgamations at Verschoyle Court in 2017 and a further 4 were completed in 2016. Housing Maintenance currently has 33 task orders completed for works at Verschoyle Court with an expected completion date of mid 2018.

The Welfare Section provides a confidential professional Social Work service to any tenants in Verschoyle Court who either self-refer or have been referred by other agencies or sections of Dublin City Council. There is also a weekly walk-in area clinic held in the Civic Offices on Thursday morning between 10.00 and 12.00 that they can attend. It is not possible to quantify the number of visits made by social workers from the Welfare Section to tenants in this complex.

Housing Management is currently carrying out a general review of Dublin City Council housing complexes across the city. This review will be completed over the next few months and will form the basis of any general refurbishment programme that may be established regarding the regeneration of such complexes.

Q70. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give us a fixed launch date for the Crampton Buildings apartment complex? This launch is long overdue and unacceptable and many tenants are pretty frustrated at the lack of any progress on this important issue for them.

Reply:

There have being no enquiries to the South East Area Office from tenants in Crampton regarding a launch date for Crampton Buildings. However, this matter will indeed be considered early in the New Year.

Q71. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the street furniture section and the planning enforcement section visit a number of premises on Montague Street? This street and its footpaths are impassable with the amount of street furniture now fixed to the footpaths and walkways. This street is partly pedestrianised with traffic moving through it on a constant basis. Pedestrians and wheelchair users are constantly placed in danger as they have to move off the pedestrian area into oncoming traffic due to the fact that restaurants and cafés have commandeered the footpaths without any planning permission or street furniture licence. Equally the place is overrun with sandwich boards making this once fine street, a mess. Also many premises here are selling alcohol and it is not clear whether they are licensed to sell alcohol as there does not appear to be any license displayed.

Reply:

Montague Street connects Camden Street Lower and Harcourt Street. The pavement and roadway are on the same level here and the roadway is treated as a pedestrian route by most people using this street. A number of small independent coffee / sandwich shops have opened along this street and have placed advertising boards outside to attract business.

Removal Notices regarding these boards have been issued to *The Green Bench Café*, *Joe's Coffee Shop*, *Café Bliss*, and *Gerry's Coffee Shop*.

One premises, *The Wishbone Café*, has been issued with a Notice regarding tables and chairs outside.

I cannot comment on the sale of alcohol as it is not a matter for this department.

Q72. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have double yellow lines on the first bend as you enter the Mount Argus View that leads onto Mount Argus Close as a number of people drive from outside the area and leave their cars there while they head into the city for the day?

Reply:

A request for double yellow lines on Mount Argus View and Mount Argus Close is listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be notified of the recommendation in due course.