



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2018

- 1 **Presentation on Green Schools**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Sandymount Promenade Flood Alleviation Works**
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 8th January 2018**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 30th January 2018.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Traffic South East Area Works Programme 2018.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Road Maintenance South East Area Works Programme 2018.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Housing, Community and Emergency Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Community Grants Scheme 2018.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 6 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: lease of a kiosk on Orwell Road to IJOS Limited.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 7 **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 a proposal to rename Hume Street as John Hume Street.
Order: Referred to city council. Cllr Lacey proposed, Cllr. Freehill

seconded the proposal and the committee agreed: that the order include that: "Following discussion at the South East Area Committee, that the South East Area Committee believes that John Hume should be honoured in an appropriate manner by Dublin City Council but believes that this particular proposal is insufficient."

- iii. Report on a proposal to name and number a development at 37 – 47 Merrion Road, Fibonacci Square.

Order: Agreed.

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Motions to South East Area Committee meeting 12th February 2018

Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees that an appropriate plaque or similar to mark the famous Phil Lynott "Old Town" video shot at Herbert Park be erected in the vicinity of the band stand there.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager for an update on the repeated requests from (nearly) all councillors for a traffic plan for Sandymount Green.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Ruairí McGinley

That this council, in expressing our sympathy with the families who have died on our roads, notes with grave concern a number of deaths of cyclists on the roads of Dublin city. We call on the Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport to allocate a substantially increased amount for cycling nationally. We note the need to improve cycling infrastructure and overall safety in Dublin city and as councillors we commit ourselves to providing, as far as is practicable and within our competency, funding, better planning, monitoring, and maintenance of cycling infrastructure.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the litter bins removed while footpath work was carried out recently on Terenure Road West be reinstated. The location of the bins is listed in accompanying email. Litter is a problem locally and the Litter Warden needs to deal with it, especially through schools as during term time the problem is worse. Furthermore he/she need to contact fast food outlets in the area to make sure that they comply. The other issue locally is the location of a doughnut van parked at the Kimmage Cross Roads. Perhaps the Traffic Department or the Gardaí could suggest a safer positioning of the van.

"The residents' association has asked me to write regarding two matters:

1 Following the installation of the new footpaths we have noticed that a number of bus stop bins have not been reinstated. There was one at the stop (townward direction) at the corner of Terenure Road West and Hazelbrook. There was also one outbound at The Lovely Food Co. I also think there was one at the corner of Greenlea Road and Terenure Road West. This matter would have been raised a few months ago but there was a misunderstanding regarding who would raise it. Litter generated from local fast food outlets and coffee shops is increasingly becoming a nuisance in our neighbourhood and having the bins reinstated might help in addressing this. During school time the litter problem is even worse. 2 Since before Christmas there has been a doughnut van operating from the car

park at the Londis shop at the Kimmage Cross Roads. Its positioning is awkward and causes problems with parking and access. The committee is of the opinion that it could be relocated to a different part of the car park.”

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillors Dermot Lacey, Paddy McCartan

This committee, recognizing the huge impact of events with substantial public attendance, in venues such as Croke Park, the RDS and the Aviva Stadium, seeks the introduction of "Residents Only Parking Zones" and requests the manager and the city council Law Officer to explore ways as to how this might be introduced even on a trial basis. In that respect we also propose that the area covered by the existing Anglesea Road Disc Parking Scheme be considered as the area suitable for such a trial scheme.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a yellow box be marked at the junction of Airfield Road and Rathgar Avenue. Due to the tail back of traffic on Rathgar Avenue it is now extremely difficult for residents of Airfield Road to egress. See details below:

“Regarding the ‘yellow box’ line markings (for the junction along with renewed ‘yellow box’ line markings at the Highfield Road junction) that are planned , is it possible to request a similar 'yellow box' at the junction of Airfield Road and Rathgar Avenue as this should also assist with vehicles blocking our exit and reduce delays. Currently it is proving very difficult to exit Airfield Road onto Rathgar Avenue, either turning left or right.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan

This committee agrees to request the manager as a matter of urgency if she will ensure the upgrade of the sides of the road (both sides) to infill dangerous potholing along cyclist space on Shelbourne Road.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That funding is allocated to resurface Greenmount Avenue and Greenmount Lane, Harold’s Cross. Because of the heavy trucks accessing the Greenmount Industrial Estate the state of these roads are particularly bad and dangerous for the residents who live there.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Chris Andrews

This area committee supports the placement of a fitting memorial to the four masters of Cullenswood House, Ranelagh, executed for their part in the rising, be located on the village Triangle in Ranelagh and to mark their ultimate sacrifice in the cause of Ireland’s freedom.

Order: Motion withdrawn.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Dublin City Council examines the possibility of installing an “Alleviation Tank” on the Rathmines cleansing yard site. This could be done during site construction. Because of the precarious state of our Rathmines and Pembroke drainage system and the number of flooding events especially along the underground Swan River; such a holding tank would alleviate flooding during high rainfall events. Currently there is such a tank under the Aviva Rugby Stadium and many cities in Europe use this system to alleviate flooding.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to install bike parking at the start of the South Bull Wall.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager calls to re-open the bin on Fitzwilliam Quay along the Dodder, which has been bagged up for some weeks. Can the manager also explain why the bin has been bagged and what the plans are, as this is the only bin on a 2k stretch along the river and dog litter and other waste is now overflowing here on the path? Can the area manager outline how she plans to address this.



Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to please investigate the issue of illegal parking along the canal at Harcourt Terrace. This junction is a vital route for cyclists and pedestrians accessing the canal from Adelaide Road yet cars and vans are frequently blocking the passageway. Can the area manager please outline how she plans to address this?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to stop removing trees from Merrion Square.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee of Dublin City Council (DCC) calls on the executive to initiate a full order of protected structure for the entire building including unique roof structure of Pearse Station. This unique structure is in grave danger of being entirely demolished by Irish Rail and a meeting was held recently to discuss this.

Full details on the roof and its structure:

The roof of Pearse Station is the only barrel-vaulted typology of the three principal, former and current, railway termini in Dublin city. It is an excellent example of the dynamic application of iron, constructed c.1880-1884 to the designs of William Turner, the son of the famous iron founder Richard Turner, and is based on the ambitious roof design for Lime Street station in Liverpool, England (by Richard Turner). The principal iron members in Pearse Station, including its arched girders, were made in Chepstow, Wales, while the Dublin foundry of Courtney, Stephens and Bailey supplied the remaining ironwork. The main roof is 155m (510ft) long and spans nearly 27m (90ft); the smaller bay to the south-west is 73m (240ft) long and has a span of almost 20m (65ft). The shed-like design of the roof reflects the fact that the station (originally titled Westland Row station) served as the terminus of the Dublin-Kingstown railway prior to its remodelling as a through-station following the construction of the Loop Line Bridge in 1891.

Pearse Station is presently not listed on Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures other than its front façade and the attendant Westland Row railway bridge. Effectively, the entire station, including its roof structure, platforms, vaults and handsome red brick side walls with pilasters and pedimented window frames (designed by Victorian architects, T.N. Deane & Son) are all statutorily unprotected.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That an on-site meeting is held to discuss the proposed school route to the Harold's Cross Greyhound Track site which will be a new school.

Order: Report to councillor.

- 9 **Questions to Chief Executive South East Area Committee meeting 12th February 2018**
Order: Noted.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson

Monday 12 February 2018

Attendance:

Members:

Paddy McCartan (Chairperson)

Chris Andrews

Anne Feeney

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

Edel Kelly

Leah Johnston

Eileen Martin

Helen Smirnova

Mark Ginnetty

Gerry O'Connell

Brian Kavanagh

Fiona O'Brien

Jennifer Wall

Brian Hanney

Barry Knowles

Rose Kenny

Neil O'Donoghue

Paul McCann

Apologies:

Cllr. Patrick Costello

Non-Members:

Jane Hackett, An Taisce

Q1. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will examine the installation of a public light along the lane way to the rear of Belmont Avenue leading to St. Mary's Tennis Club, Donnybrook.

Reply:

This laneway serves as rear access to houses only and it is our policy not to light such laneways.

Q2. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to ensure that the below rescinding of a parking bay on Oakley Road is completed by:

1. Removing the white lines delineating the parking bay.
2. Removing the parking notice sign attached to the post beside the bay.

TAG August 23rd 2016

Rescind Pay and Display and Permit Parking on Oakley Road, east side, at lamp standard No. 9, from the existing double yellow lines 2.5 metres south of the lamp standard, northwards for 5 metres to the existing double yellow lines 2.5 metres north of the lamp standard, and replace with double yellow lines.

Reply:

The pay and display signage was moved on 18th January, 2018. The Traffic Officer confirmed on 30th January, 2018, that the road markings concerned have also been removed.

Q3. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to instruct the TAG to assess Rostrevor Terrace, Rathgar.

Reasons

- a) The terrace is fully parked at present almost 100% of the time
- b) Cars are parked all day and these cars are parked tightly to the gates of homes and this precludes cars from turning safely (entering/exiting their homes)
- c) Orwell Road at the front of the terrace is soon to become a clearway - this will displace further cars to the terrace
- d) The Marianella development is nearing completion - whilst it has some car park provision, extra cars and especially visitor cars, will add to the congestion along the terrace

Reply:

The initial supporting evidence in favour of the introduction of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on Rostrevor Terrace was received on 23rd January, 2018, from the requisite number of households of the road. The request, therefore, for the introduction of a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q4. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to review the current residential parking permits on Summerville Park, Dublin 6 with particular regard to the number of permits granted to the multi-unit buildings on Rathmines Road Upper to ensure that the number of permits granted to these buildings is in line with current parking bye-laws.

Reply:

There are 29 parking spaces located on Summerville Park and 22 Resident Parking Permits issued that are valid for use on the road, including seven permits that have been

issued to three dwellings located on Rathmines Road Upper which either immediately adjoin or have direct access to Summerville Park.

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2014 do make provision for residents to be facilitated with permits that are valid for use on adjoining roads. Having reviewed these permits the council is satisfied that they have been issued in accordance with the provisions in the bye-laws.

Q5. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to extend the double yellow lines (both sides) at the eastern entrance of Fairfield Park, Rathgar, to allow better access for the park warden to the double gates and emergency vehicles to house Nos. 1 - 7. Cars parking close to the entrance are blocking same.



Reply:

The request to extend the double yellow lines at the eastern entrance of Fairfield Park has been added to the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be notified of the recommendation in due course.

Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey

In relation to Heskin Court to ask the manager if she could outline:

- 1) The staffing arrangements for liaison with residents.
- 2) Plans to upgrade and paint the common areas including the concrete, windows and doors and car park.
- 3) Who's responsible for closing the car park gates
- 4) Request by residents to have the fence at boundary wall increased
- 5) New buzzer for gate at set down area
- 6) Details of the precise responsibilities and roles of the management company
- 7) Any other plans Dublin City Council has in relation to the complex for the coming year.

Reply:

- 1) A replace Liaison Officer has been assigned to this complex since May 2017.
- 2) The Computer room and the internals of the common areas where all painted in July 2017. There are no plans to paint the exterior of the complex at this time but it is something that we could look at with a view to doing it later in the year or in 2019.
- 3) The car park gates are maintained by the management company. Arrangements have been made to have the necessary repairs carried out to these gates. A contractor had examined the gates and is currently waiting on parts to arrive to carry out the repairs.
- 4) There are currently no plans to raise the height of any of the boundaries at this complex.

- 5) There are currently no plans to install new buzzers at this gate as this would involve quite a substantial amount of civil works to connect unit in the complex.
- 6) Details of the precise responsibilities and roles of the management company are being drawn up at present.
- 7) There are currently no plans to carry out works other than routine maintenance at this complex.

Q7. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she could have the tree outside 13 Sandymount Road checked for possible removal or severe pruning. The tree is leaning dangerously out onto the road and, in addition, it is blocking the growth and life of the hedging at the same address.

Reply:

The street tree at this location has been inspected in recent days. It is an early mature London Plan (*Platanus x hispanica*) which is considered to be in good condition with some crown pruning having been undertaken in recent years as recommended in a tree survey undertaken in 2015. The tree while leaning towards the roadway is not considered to be doing so 'dangerously' and will continue to be monitored in the future.

This street tree is not thought to be 'blocking the growth and life of the hedging' as it is considered that the large growing trees in the front garden have a far greater impact on the condition of the hedge than an early mature street tree which is growing outside the property.

It was noted during the site visit that there was a large broken branch 'hanging' in one of the trees growing in the front garden and which has the potential to land on the footpath with the possibility of injuring members of the public. It is therefore recommended that this branch is removed by the householder as soon as possible to avoid injury.

The cracking and damage to the footpath at the base of the tree will be forwarded to Roads Maintenance Division for their appraisal and the councillor will be updated in due course.

Q8. Councillor Chris Andrews

To outline, in detail, the disposal process used by Dublin City Council regarding the recent sale of the Button Factory, Temple Bar.

Reply:

The lease-holder of the Button Factory formally approached Temple Bar Cultural Trust (TBCT) in May 2016 to purchase the Button Factory, by way of a first refusal option. This request followed the first refusal option offered to the west end commercial tenants in September 2015.

TBCT considered this approach and sought the City Valuer's Office advice and subsequently began a formal process. This process included engaging professional advice from DTZ Sherry Fitzgerald in terms of a commercial valuation and proposed methodology for the proposed sale, including 'Heads of Terms' to be issued.

The Chief Valuer's Office issued 'Head of Terms' to TBCT, which were subsequently endorsed to sell this building (music centre / theatre licence) by way of a 500 year lease. This methodology is in keeping with the standard method used by Temple Bar Properties / TBCT for sales of its properties and also with its cultural objectives / remit for the area.

Contracts were signed (lease for disposal) in August 2017 and the sale closed in late September 2017. All outstanding obligations with regard to the tenancy were resolved before the closing of the sale.

Q9. Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee supports the moving of the Countess Markievicz statue from its current position to a more prominent position such as O'Connell Street or Stephen's Green in order to reflect her significant role in Irish History.

Reply:

The statue of Countess Markievicz by Elizabeth McLaughlin (1998) was commissioned for the specific site on Townsend Street to mark the fact that Dublin Corporation (now Dublin City Council) had developed a municipal swimming pool there, named after the Irish patriot and suffragette. The scale and style of the artwork are appropriate to the site.

Transferring this statue to O'Connell Street poses challenges. Firstly, one of the few other statues in the city sculpted by a woman artist is the statue of Fr. Mathew by Mary Redmond. This statue was located on O'Connell Street since the 19th Century and was removed to accommodate the Luas Cross City development. It is proving challenging to find adequate and suitable space to reinstate it on O'Connell Street. Secondly, the scale and style of the statue of Countess Markievicz is not necessarily suited to location on the major scale set piece which is O'Connell Street, with its line of very large scale statues which are all elevated on stone plinths. There is a danger that if the statue of Countess Markievicz was relocated on O'Connell Street it would be dwarfed by the other statues therefore unintentionally diminishing the status of Countess Markievicz. Plans to locate the statue to St Stephen's Green would have to be negotiated with the Office of Public Works as they are owners of the park and pavement which surrounds it.

Q10. Councillor Chris Andrews

Could the signs in Mount Argus Park be updated to show "keep dogs on leads" and "bin the poo" the old signs be removed?

Reply:

Parks and Landscape Services are currently introducing new "welcome" signs in parks. The message on the signs is generic, with the exception of the park name. The wording emphasises that the park is provided for use by the community and requests that all users behave responsibly, in order to assist the council to keep the park clean and safe for all to use. There is a contact number and an email address on the sign if anyone needs to contact us regarding any comments or issues in relation to the park. New park signage will be installed in Mount Argus Park over the next 6 weeks. As new signage is rolled out old signage will be removed. If there is a significant problem in a park in relation to dog fouling or dogs off leads etc., arrangements can be made to place temporary (for a limited period of time) signage in the park in relation to such matters. This temporary signage can be installed at the park entrance with the new signs.

Q11. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager say how many in the lettings were made in area N and M and were on the list between number 1 and 10 on their band and also how many were allocated flats from a position between 20 and 30 on their band and how many allocations were made for people on their band between 20 and 30 on the housing list?

Reply:

The number of lettings made on the Housing List that was allocated in Area M and N from Jan - December 2017 within that position range was as follows:

On the Housing List from a position between 1 and 10, there were 27 lettings in Area M and 26 Lettings in Area N.

On the Housing List with a position between 10 and 20, there were 8 lettings in Area M and 4 lettings in Area N.

On the Housing List with a position between 20 and 30, there were 5 lettings in Area M and 0 Lettings in Area N.

Q12. Councillor Chris Andrews

In the interest of safety could slow signs and children at play signs be put up in Mount Argus Avenue, between no 2 Mount Argus Way and no [1 Mount Argus Crescent](#)?

Reply:

Children crossing signs are only considered at the entrance to housing estates from main traffic routes. Signage is not recommended within residential estate roads, as this would lead to a proliferation of signs throughout the city. In addition Dublin City Council does not erect such signs on roads that are already traffic-calmed or cul-de-sacs. Mount Argus Road is already traffic-calmed with the provision of speed ramps spaced appropriately and in accordance with the design specifications of the Traffic Management Guidelines. Introducing additional speed ramps would not comply with current design standards and would encourage harsh braking and consequent heavy acceleration.

A Children Crossing sign was recommended in November 2016, at the junction of Mount Argus with Kimmage Road Lower, which leads onto Mount Argus Park. The sign has since been erected.

Q13. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager, in conjunction with Iveagh Celtic and the Iveagh Trust, organise a late night soccer tournament in The Cabbage Patch similar to the one in Ringsend?

Reply:

The Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Section will be asked to organise a late night soccer tournament in the Cabbage Patch similar to the one in Ringsend.

The late night soccer leagues are delivered in Dublin City by the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) with support from Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership. The partnership manager will forward the request to the FAI.

Q14. Councillor Chris Andrews

Residents of Aikenhead Terrace and Fitzwilliam Quay along the walk-way at Stella Gardens and Dodder River request the removal of the old taped up bin and the replacement of same with a new bin with a smaller slot. The bin was taped off by Dublin City Council due to household rubbish being dumped. A new bin with a smaller slot would stop this and the occurrences of littering because of the absence of the same bin.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned bin reopened and we will do all we can to counter the problem there of people stuffing domestic waste bags into this bin. We will look at putting a bar in the middle of the bin's opening to counter this problem.

Q15. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state who owns details supplied and is it on the derelict sites list and, if not, why not, and can it be put on the derelict sites list?

Reply:

This site was declared to be a derelict site within the meaning of Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. A Notice under Section 8(2) of the act i.e. a notice of Intention to enter the site on the Derelict Sites Register was served on the owner on 4th December 2017. Representations have been received from the owner's solicitors where they state an interest in selling the property to the council under the Buy & Renew Scheme. The Housing & Residential Services Department is making arrangements for the commencement of negotiations to acquire the property by agreement. The situation will be kept under review.

Q16. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the windows replaced at *details supplied as they are original windows and are in a bad state of repair?

Reply:

The windows in this dwelling were inspected. They are deemed to be in reasonable condition and not in need of replacement.

Q17. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will write to the coach companies (details supplied) warning them that Shelbourne Road has a 3 tonne limit and that action will be taken against them if not honoured.

Reply:

All operators will be contacted in the coming days with a formal letter from Dublin City Council regarding the load limit on the Shelbourne Road. If they continue to operate on Shelbourne Road after the issue date their licence may be rescinded.

Q18. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager to have improvements and repairs to the footpaths along Shelbourne Road put onto the works programme.

Reply:

These locations have been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q19. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will request Dublin City Council or Iarnród Éireann (whichever is responsible) to clean up the absolutely filthy laneway along the railway line from the Dodder Bridge at Marian College to Lansdowne Road.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 2nd February 2018.

Q20. Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask Road Maintenance to fix the road subsidence and the growing crater in Rathgar Village outside the Bijou?

Reply:

This has been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q21. Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager state when will the Led lights be erected on Grove and Parnell Roads, Dublin 6? They were promised for the last quarter of 2017 and when this was not done the next promise was 1st quarter of 2018. Would the manager give a precise indication of when these lights will be changed? The urgency of this is that these are very dark road and spaces, especially along the army barracks walls are very dark for people walking alone at night.

Reply:

The lighting on Grove Road and Parnell Road will be changed to LED by the end of Quarter 1, 2018.

Q22. Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please state the number of times illegal parking on the footpath outside No. 51 Mount Pleasant Avenue was reported to Dublin City Council parking services over the last six months and also state what action was taken by the clamping service?

Reply:

Since June 2017 there have been three requests for enforcement in the vicinity of 51 Mountpleasant Avenue Upper and Alma Terrace for parking on the footpath or double yellow lines.

There have been 11 enforcements carried out on Mountpleasant Avenue Upper during the same period, two of which were for parking on the footpath and a further two for parking on double yellow lines.

Q23. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for a clean-up of the lane behind *details supplied. A lot of drinking is occurring in the lane.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 30th January 2018.

Q24. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider putting double yellow lines on both sides of *details supplied, as the lane is very narrow.

Reply:

There are current requests for double yellow lines on details supplied listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q25. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider extending parking permits for the full week (including weekends) because of the heavy parking at *details supplied at the weekends, restricting parking for residents.

Reply:

Dublin City Council can consider an extension of the operational hours of the Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes on the residential roads in the vicinity of (details supplied) and if proposed by the Traffic Advisory Group subsequently ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of the request, i.e. 25% of households in favour. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of each of the roads concerned (details supplied).

Q26. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to have the footpaths in Rathgar village repaired as soon as possible, as a number of people have tripped on them, particularly in front of the shops on Orwell Road.

Reply:

This location has been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q27. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to remove the modern lamp post which recently replaced a damaged ornate lamp post on Palmerston Road and replace it with the repaired lamp post. The new lamp post is completely out of keeping with the very ornate and historic lamp posts in the

area, which are due to be repaired and painted as part of the South East Area programme of works in 2018.

Reply:

The original column was damaged beyond repair in a traffic collision. The column currently installed in its place is a temporary column, installed to maintain the lighting to the affected area while we try to source a replacement heritage column. When we have obtained a suitable replacement column, the temporary column will be removed.

Q28. Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to repair a large pot hole in the cycle / bus lane on Rathgar Road outside *details supplied, as it is likely there will be an accident at this point, particularly during the hours of darkness.

Reply:

This location has been logged in our Asset Management System for a repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q29. Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the footpath close to number 1 and 82a Spencer Street repaired as a matter of urgency as it is a dangerous trip hazard.

Reply:

This has been logged in our Asset Management System for repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q30. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on Elgin Road, Ballsbridge.

- A. The road surface on Elgin road between the church and the roundabout on Raglan Road has become uneven and broken in places. Can remedial works be done to improve the road surface?
- B. New street lighting has already been installed on adjacent Wellington Road. When will LED lighting be extended to Elgin Road?

Reply:

- A. This location has been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.
- B. Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services is currently undertaking a programme to replace all the existing low pressure sodium lights (i.e. the orange coloured lights) throughout the council area with LED lights (i.e. white light) over the next few years and the existing lighting on Elgin Road will be included in this replacement programme.

Until such time as the existing lights on Elgin Road are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Q31. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issues as they affect the Anchorage Project, 10a York Road Ringsend:

Currently they are facing extreme difficulty due to an inability to secure any parking outside these premises. Their efforts have been thwarted by motorists completely disregarding their requirements. They have written the following to me.

"Each morning we will see parents struggling with little babies in their arms while also trying to bring their preschool child into our playschool or collect them from our playschool. When these parents cannot find any parking close to our premises especially in bad weather then the situation becomes intolerable for the families concerned.

Every week we provide a banquet for local people who live alone or struggle to put food on their table. Some of these people are wheelchair bound or have restricted mobility. Often they will depend upon a family member or friend to give them a lift down to our premises so that they can enjoy a 4 course meal and socialise with some old neighbours and friends. Whenever there is an event at the 3 arena nearby we find that motorists will move the traffic cones that we put outside our premises so that they can avail of free parking.

Each week local community groups choose us as the venue for special community events and meeting. As with the examples mentioned above we find that the lack of parking outside of our premises will always seriously restrict the accessibility for the local community to participate at these events.

As well as these examples we also have serious difficulties with delivery of goods and materials that we need to ensure the successful operation of our project.

The street front boundary of our premises measures 94 feet in length 28.65 metres and we have been approached by various groups in our local community parents of pre-school children especially to see if we could apply for a "Set Down" area to be marked out along the 94 foot span of the front of our premises."

Reply:

There is no legal provision for private parking or a set down area on a public road. The council will consider an option to provide a disabled parking bay at this location if a specific request is made.

Q32. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the issue raised in the following email from a constituent pertaining to the property at 31 Lower Leeson Street:

"I refer to your email of the 14th November 2017 in which it was confirmed by Dublin County Council that the owner of the above property had engaged a Conservation Architect and a planning application was to be made in relation to the unauthorised development that took place in 2017.

I am extremely surprised that there have been no further developments and despite the concerns which I raised throughout the 2017 construction period with the local authority that they have taken no further action to have the owner of the building reinstate the protected structure.

I would appreciate it you could immediately consult with the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council and let me know what action they intend to take to deal with this matter."

Reply:

The architect on behalf of the owner has given an indication that a planning application will be lodged within the next four weeks to regularise this matter. Failure to lodge an application to deal with this issue within this timeframe will lead to the initiation of legal proceedings in respect of the unauthorised elements of the development concerned.

Q33. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the intersection on Gilford Road leading on to Park Avenue, Sandymount examined as a safety issue. Residents of adjoining Bethany House are

requesting either a pedestrian crossing or a zebra crossing on Gilford Road to allow a safe passage to Sandymount village.

Reply:

The request for a pedestrian crossing on Gilford Road / Park Avenue, Sandymount, will be added to the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report (the City Council does not provide Zebra Crossings). The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q34. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager for a report from the Parks Department on the drastic cutback and felling of trees around the perimeter of Merrion Square. Residents in the area have expressed their shock at the scale of the operation by the contractors towards the latter end of January.

Reply:

The Parks Service of Dublin City Council (DCC) has been carrying out a phased improvement of Merrion Square Park in recent years which has involved restoring the original perimeter path, the installation of bespoke communal seating and the thinning out and removal of excessive tree and shrub growth. The removal of some self-seeded trees and undergrowth is important to permit the re-planting of the park and to open up views to make the park feel safer for the public. In 2013 DCC commissioned a study to assess and evaluate the historical integrity of the park and this plan is the blueprint which guides the interventions which DCC is making to ensure the park provides for the diverse needs of the local community and visitors to the city.

When the current vegetation removal schedule is completed, new tree, shrub and perennial planting will be undertaken over the coming months that will enhance the character of the park as one of the finest in the city.

Q35. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the laneway behind Whitton Road and Alexandra Terrace be cleaned?

Reply:

Waste Management Services have scheduled the above mentioned laneway to be cleaned by the middle of February 2018.

Q36. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the pothole on right hand side entering Whitton Road from Terenure be filled?

Reply:

These streets are not part of our 2018 Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme. We will log these locations in our Asset Management System for local repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q37. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a yellow box be considered for the top of Heathfield Road to facilitate access to Terenure Road East?

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 30th January, 2018, did not recommend a yellow box on Terenure Road East at the junction of Heathfield Road as the warrant a yellow box requires that traffic flows should be significant and the side road should serve a minimum of fifty houses or a major traffic generating facility. This guideline is in place to avoid a proliferation of yellow boxes in the city.

Q38. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the road be resurfaced between 32 and 33 Whitton Road?

Reply:

This location has been logged in our Asset Management System for a repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q39. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can measures be taken to correct the slant outside 9-10 Brighton Gardens which causes flooding to these houses?

Reply:

This will be examined and repairs will be planned if appropriate.

Q40. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can measures be taken to rectify the significantly raised manhole outside Number 11 Alexandra Terrace; when this is hit even at a slow speed it causes damage to cars?

Reply:

Dublin City Council was unable to locate the significantly raised manhole. Please be advised that clarification is sought on the precise location and address of the manhole in order to investigate the query.

Q41. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the pothole in the middle of Greenmount Road be repaired?

Reply:

This has been logged in our Asset Management System for a repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q42. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the yellow lines on Rathdown Park be extended as far as number 103?

Reply:

The request for extension of double yellow lines on Rathdown Park will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be notified of the recommendation in due course.

Q43. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can consideration be given to introducing a pedestrian light to facilitate children from Rathdown Park accessing Our Lady's School, Templeogue Road?

Reply:

A reply will issue to the councillor within the next two weeks.

Q44. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the sequencing of lights at Appian Way and Leeson Park be reconsidered in circumstances where there is a lengthy wait time for pedestrians?

Reply:

The junction sequencing has been modified to provide reduced wait time for pedestrians.

Q45. Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager confirm the following?

- a. The current leaf collection arrangements in the Rathgar area.
- b. The current road sweeping and gully maintenance arrangements in the area.

Reply:

- a. Waste Management Services operated a leaves removal programme city wide during the autumn and winter months. Main thoroughfares and arterial routes into the city were

cleared on an ongoing basis. Priority was also given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. Also we assisted residents who organised leaf clearing on their roads, by providing them with equipment and bags and removing the collected leaves for them. The Rathgar area was included as often as possible during the course of this leaves removal programme and most of the leaves should have been removed by now. We will have the area checked and have any remaining leaves cleaned up.

- b. The main routes and shop fronts in the Rathgar area are swept on a daily basis. The side turns and residential areas in the Rathgar area are swept on a weekly basis.

Rathgar is one of eight areas of the city that is included in the rotational gully cleaning list within the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan. Therefore, the target is to clean the gullies in this area up to three times per year.

Q46. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please arrange for graffiti on *details supplied to be removed as a matter of urgency. I understand repeated requests have been made to address this but no action has been taken.

Reply:

The South East Area would advise that where graffiti is on private property Dublin City Council is not in a position to arrange for removal; the legal position is that the owner / occupier is responsible for the removal of graffiti from their own premises. The South East Area Office has contacted the owner / occupier and has requested the owner / occupier to arrange for the removal of the graffiti.

Q47. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she could please assist *details supplied in finding a home through Homeless Assistance Payments (HAP). This individual is living with her son in her parent's home in a very overcrowded and unsuitable situation. She is in a position to pay HAP rent but is having difficulty finding a property owner who will accept it.

Reply:

The above (details supplied) has not been assessed as homeless, and should therefore make contact with Dublin City Council's HAP office at 222 6400 or email at hap@dublincity.ie. The HAP team will be happy to assist in the sourcing of accommodation.

Q48. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the proposed redesign of the shared cycle and pedestrian space along Grand Canal Quay on Grand Canal Dock. Can she also confirm when the 'cyclist dismount' sign was erected here, did Dublin City Council (DCC) install this sign, whether any monitoring of the impact of this sign is taking place, and can she please provide a report on this.

Reply:

A preliminary design for how to reduce conflict between pedestrians and cyclists on Grand Canal Square has been developed by Dublin City Council (DCC). Subject to funding being available in 2018, DCC would intend on developing this design further with a view to going to construction later this year.

The square is not in charge to DCC and is managed privately. DCC has not installed any cyclist dismount signs in the area nor are they monitoring the impact of any such signage.

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Q49. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to investigate waste management processes by the restaurants on Richmond Street South that back onto Richmond Place South. The waste here is not managed properly, with bags of food and other waste frequently left outside the bins. This is attracting vermin to the street and is impacting on the wellbeing of the people living in these houses. Can the Manager please provide a report on this?

Reply:

Our Waste Enforcement Section will investigate the waste management processes by the restaurants on Richmond Street South with the view to ceasing the practice of having bags of food and other waste being left outside the bins.

Q50. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please fix the man hole cover where Mulberry Lane joins Donnybrook Road. This man hole has been left with a very uneven surface for some time and is a serious hazard to cyclists who use this route for both commuting and leisure cycling.

Reply:

Please be advised that Virgin Media have been notified to investigate and repair the cover and frame including the surround where Mulberry Lane joins Donnybrook Road.

Q51. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please outline the who is responsible for litter management on the grounds outside commercial buildings, whether there are specific bye laws relating to commercial premises managing their own litter, and can she investigate the activities of commercial buildings on Burlington Road, whose outside spaces are frequently littered with coffee cups, cigarette butts and empty bottles left there by their staff.

Reply:

The occupiers of commercial premises are responsible under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 for the management of litter outside their buildings. This is particularly relevant where the litter is as a direct result of the activity of the staff or operations of a particular premises. Certain types of premises are additionally obliged to provide litter bins, cleaning schedules and to display compliance notices under the Dublin City Council Bye Laws for Prevention and Control of Litter.

It will be arranged for the relevant premises to be inspected and reminded of their obligations. Where there is no improvement in the situation enforcement action will be taken. The Waste Management department will make contact with the South East Area Public Domain and Environmental Liaison Officers to progress the matter.

Q52. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please clean the gullies on Burlington Road as a matter of urgency, and to increase the frequency of gully cleaning and street cleaning on this street as there is a real problem with leaves and litter here.

Reply:

The gullies on Burlington Road were inspected and cleaned on 01/02/2018 in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan. However, three gullies could not be cleaned: two gullies could not be accessed due to skips being positioned over the gully grid; and the other gully grid could not be opened in order to clean it and the required repair has been referred to the appropriate section for their attention.

Q53. Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to set out footpath improvements done in 2017 in Rathgar Rathmines area and to advise of footpath improvements programme for 2018.

Reply:

Orwell Park, Rathgar was part of our Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme in 2016 and Maxwell Road, Rathgar in 2017.

We also carried out various local repairs in Rathmines and Rathgar area in 2016 and 2017.

Q54. Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to outline street cleansing arrangements in Rathgar and Rathmines areas.

Reply:

The main routes and shop fronts in the Rathgar and Rathmines areas are swept on a daily basis. The side streets and residential areas are swept on a weekly basis.

Q55. Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to outline the procedures that apply when people report issues online to Dublin City Council and the response times that people should expect.

Reply:

When a customer uses Dublin City Council's online system for reporting an issue, the issue is routed directly to the department that will deal with it. The staff within the relevant department receive the request and assign the work, which is expected to be completed within the timelines and schedules set within the Dublin City Council Service Delivery Plan 2018, for the specified service delivery schedules. The response times will vary dependant on service requested, resource availability and priorities as described in the Annual Service Plan. A reference number is generated and provided for all i-support services requested online. Customers can get a basic status on their reports if they check online. The reference number can be used by the customer to contact Dublin City Council to get more specific updates on their request.

Q56. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report regarding the ongoing works at Merrion Square Park? This to include what trees have been felled. How much of the park has been cleared out of bush and shrubs? What wild life has remained and is documented in the park? What numbers are now using the park? This to include a breakdown of children and families. I have received a number of complaints over the past while that this once enclosed and charming park is being butchered and being turned into a glorified roundabout and its green space is simply being eroded. I will supply the area manager with emails I have received to this regard.

Reply:

The Parks Service of Dublin City Council (DCC) has been carrying out a phased improvement of Merrion Square Park in recent years which has involved restoring the original perimeter path, the installation of bespoke communal seating and the thinning out and removal of excessive tree and shrub growth. The removal of some self-seeded trees and undergrowth is important to permit the re-planting of the park and to open up views to make the park feel safer for the public. In 2013 DCC commissioned a study to assess and evaluate the historical integrity of the park and this plan is the blueprint which guides the interventions which DCC is making to ensure the park provides for the diverse needs of the local community and visitors to the city.

When the current vegetation removal schedule is completed, new tree, shrub and perennial planting will be undertaken over the coming months that will enhance the character of the park as one of the finest in the city.

Q57. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager instruct Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance Section as a matter of urgency and in the interest of health and safety and protection of an elderly resident to replace the front door of number 3 Powerscourt, Mount Street, Dublin? This tenant has been trying to have this door fixed for the past number of years. I visited this tenant and I was shocked to see the dilapidated state of the front door. This is unacceptable and an absolute insult to this tenant who is a senior citizen paying a rent of €75 per week.

Reply:

This door was inspected in the past week. The door is in reasonable condition. The tenant reported draughts. A draught excluder will be fitted this week.

Q58. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager place waste bins at Richmond Place for the remaining Dublin City Council tenants in that area. Also, can the area manager ensure that this area and also the back area are thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis?

Reply:

Richmond Place is a designated bag collection area. A notice was delivered to all residents on 16/01/2018 advising of the process to register for domestic bag collection and how to purchase bags once registered. A request was submitted to have lane cleaned at the end of January. The lane is cleared on a quarterly basis.

Q59. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ensure that all residents in Cathedral Lane, Cathedral View, New Street, Cathedral Walk are included as stakeholders in the proposed walk about regarding the Cabbage Patch and the general anti-social behaviour and dilapidation in this area, and the various tenants who represent the area are invited on this walk?

Reply:

A meeting took place before Christmas with a number of stakeholders who are concerned about anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Cabbage Patch, Dublin 8. Following that meeting, we were asked to facilitate an onsite meeting between Parks and the Gardaí and that has been arranged for 11am on Thursday 15th February at the Cabbage Patch and the various tenants who represent the area are welcome to attend. Representatives of both our housing and community teams will also be there. This meeting will allow the local residents to highlight issues of concern with both the Gardaí and the city council and then the area office will assist in formulating a response to address those concerns.

Q60. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager have the traffic department and parking division examine the way cars are parked on Hume Street? In many instances the cars and their bonnets can take up a large section of the footpath while the wheels are on the roadway, making this footpath impassable for wheelchair users and parents with buggies. There needs to be some measure of a barrier placed here to protect the footpath and the footpath users.

Reply:

It is not recommended to place a guard rail / barrier along the footpath edge as this would not conform to the DMURS Urban Roads & Streets design manual objectives from the pedestrian perspective; would block intervisibility between drivers and children and can result in pedestrians being trapped outside the guard rail. It would also hinder wheelchair users and pushchairs. Therefore barriers are not recommended.

During a site inspection on Friday 02/02/2018, it was found that the length of the bays at Hume Street is 4.5m which is less than the minimum required. Therefore, it is recommended to increase the length of the bays at Hume Street to 5m in order to avoid the rear of the cars overhanging part of the footpath.

Q61. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager examine the data protection implications whereby certain approved housing bodies and charities are taking it upon themselves to list vacant buildings and they are also engaged in writing to the owners of these buildings with the view to buying them for use for accommodation?

Many buildings which look unoccupied but actually are occupied in the south east area have been listed on an online map and database as either being vacant or unoccupied.

Some of the owners of these buildings have been approached by certain charitable trusts and were gravely alarmed at the assertion that they had merely abandoned their buildings or that their buildings were not in use. They were further alarmed to find their property listed on an online map.

These housing charities are associated with Dublin City Council housing executive and this is a reckless approach without any regard to data protection. The fear here is that this is an incentive for people to occupy buildings or can be used as a map to encourage break ins. Dublin City Council needs to step up to the mark here because we are implicated in it as the local authority we are the only ones who should be in possession of such information. See link below:

<https://reusingdublin.ie/>

Reply:

A response is being prepared to query and will issue directly to the councillor within two weeks of the meeting.

Q62. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report with regards residents parking permits in Pleasant Street and Lower Synge Street? I have been contacted here by a household who have been refused an on street parking permit for no apparent reason. I will supply manager with details.

Reply:

An application for a Resident Parking Permit from a resident was previously rejected on the basis that the dwelling was considered ineligible under the 2014 Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws. The application and the grounds upon which it was rejected have been reviewed and it is evident that in this instance the bye-laws were misinterpreted and application incorrectly rejected.

The resident's application has been referred to Dublin City Council's Customer Services Centre to be processed and a Resident Parking Permit will issue shortly.

Q63. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager initiate the process for tour bus parking in Harcourt Street, Hatch Street area? This is an area which has a serious amount of hotels, guest houses etc., there is zero parking for coaches to load and off load in this area. There is ample opportunity here for such a facility at the top of Harcourt Street, Hatch Street area.

Reply:

It is not feasible to install tour bus parking along Harcourt Street due to health and safety issues.

Hatch Street Upper coach drop off point can facilitate up to two coaches at any single time. Other coach parking bays in the vicinity area are: Wilton Terrace, Herbert Road and Camden Street.

At the moment Dublin City Council is assessing all coach parking in the city as there is a new coach park opened up on Sherriff Street Upper which will reduce the volume of coaches on the streets of Dublin.

Q64. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager initiate the procedure to repair the entire footpath at Aungier Street Digges Street corner, which has been allowed to become totally dilapidated over the past number of years? Now with the heavy bus traffic it has become more and more eroded. Also, can the area manager initiate a full repair and renew at Suffolk Street on the entrance of Trinity Street right up to the door of the Old Stand pub. There have been a number of very serious trips and falls here and the flag stones are smashed and broken and are a great danger to pedestrians in all weathers. I have sent on photos in the past and I will supply some photos with this report.

Reply:

These streets are not part of our 2018 Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme. We will log these locations in our Asset Management System for local repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q65. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with the intended rapid build multi apartment flat complex at the vacant site at Fishamble Street? This report to include whether the local residents have been informed of this, what feasibility studies have been taken? What facilities are in place? Is it proposed that this rapid build will form part of Smock Alley or will it have its own stand alone community facilities etc.?

Reply:

It is proposed the development at Fishamble Street will consist of a flat complex featuring 5 apartments. Public consultation and a Part 8 process are due to commence shortly in respect of this proposal and the specific details of the development will be outlined during this process.

Q66. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager what is the process for car sharing services to seek more parking spots for their services and if the services can be supported in this.

Reply:

There are currently two car clubs licensed by Dublin City Council to operate in the city. Locations for cars are considered on a case by case basis having regard to the number of

parking spaces available and the number of existing Resident Parking Permit holders. While the actual location of car club cars is largely a commercial consideration for each operator they do liaise with the council on an on-going basis when considering suitable locations for placement of cars or when seeking approval for installation of dedicated car club bays.

Any new car club operator seeking to operate in Dublin city would have to be licensed by Dublin City Council and they should contact the Parking Enforcement Section directly in this regard. If either of the existing operators wishes to seek additional dedicated car club only bays they should be encouraged to liaise with the Parking Enforcement Section so that these can be considered.

Q67. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to if the foot path on Orwell Road at Orwell Bridge and around the kiosk shop can be repaired as it is in a state of serious disrepair.

Reply:

This location has been logged in our Asset Management System for local repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q68. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide a detailed report on leaf collection arrangements, current road sweeping arrangements and gully management in the Rathgar area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services operated a leaves removal programme city wide during the autumn and winter months. Main thoroughfares and arterial routes into the city were cleared on an ongoing basis. Priority was also given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. Also we assisted residents who organised leaf clearing on their roads, by providing them with equipment and bags and removing the collected leaves for them. The Rathgar area was included as often as possible during the course of this leaves removal programme.

The main routes and shop fronts in the Rathgar area are swept on a daily basis. The side turns and residential areas are swept on a weekly basis.

With regards gully cleaning, Rathgar is one of eight areas of the city that is included in the rotational gully cleaning list within the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan. Therefore, the target is to clean the gullies in this area up to three times per year.

The Road Drainage Maintenance Unit are currently working through the Rathgar area as the gullies on Rathgar Road were last inspected and cleaned on 07/02/2018. The Road Drainage Maintenance Unit expects to revisit the Rathgar area approximately four months after the completion of the current work schedule, depending on staff resources.

Q69. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide a detailed report on what happens to information submitted to the Dublin City Council website by local residents.

Reply:

Where a customer uses Dublin City Council's website for reporting an issue, it is routed directly to the department that will deal with it. The staff within the relevant department receive the reports and assign the work accordingly, to the relevant people within the department / section. A reference number is generated and provided for all i-support services requested online. The customer can get a basic status on the issue if they check online. The reference number can be used by the customer to contact Dublin City Council to get more specific updates on the requests.

Q70. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide a report on the new crossing at Rathgar, its impact on traffic wait times and if anything can be done to improve traffic flow without diminishing pedestrian priority.

Reply:

A reply will issue to the councillor within two weeks.

Q71. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to when the cycle parking that was removed on Harold's Cross near the St. Clare's site will be replaced.

Reply:

The cycle stands have been re-installed across from the St Clare's site in Harold's Cross by the Environment & Transportation Department.

Q72. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager *details supplied.

Reply:

Councillor Costello has been contacted directly by Housing Allocations to deal with the query. They are currently on the transfer list with the following positions:

- Three bedroom Band 3 Area K Position 47
- Three bedroom Band 3 Area N Position 18

Q73. Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide an update on the proposed works for the Peace Park, Christchurch.

Reply:

A plan in 2017 by the Parks Service to remove the plinth wall and railings to the Peace Garden, Christchurch to create an open public space generated a lot of concern with local residents and it has subsequently been decided to re-landscape the existing garden, leaving the plinth wall and railing in place. However, the central sunken area will be raised so as to make the garden fully accessible and some of the dense tree and shrub planting will be removed to alleviate unnecessary shade in the garden. A number of the elements from Dublin City Councils 2017 Silver Gilt 'Bloom' garden will be used in the Peace Garden including a fountain, granite paving and solid oak benches.

The work will include the restoration of cast bronzes which were originally placed in the garden for the Millennium celebrations in 1988 when the garden was first opened. These casts are of a symbol of a tree, together with verses from Patrick Kavanagh, WB Yeates and a biblical proverb which express the theme of peace.

There is also an offer from the Government of Flanders to partner with Dublin City on a memorial to the 50,000 Irishmen who died in the Flanders fields "to bring people together in reflection about war and peace, about sacrifice and suffering, about tolerance and hope, about forgiveness and reconciliation". The memorial involves bringing soil collected by local children in Flanders to a landscape feature in Dublin. This memorial (also incorporating Irish soil) could be incorporated into the Peace Garden and it is proposed to invite the representatives from the Flanders Regional Government to meet with the South East Area Councillors at the end of February to consider this proposal. The commemorations sub-committee were briefed on this proposal at their January 2018 meeting and wished to have acknowledged that 4 of their committee would be opposed to the Flanders Memorial.

It is proposed in March to bring an updated report and presentation to the SEAC meeting and the Protocol meeting following which a consultation will be held with local residents. As

the work involves the re-landscaping of an existing garden there will not be a Part 8 planning consultation.

Q74. Councillor Frank Kennedy

For three months that van *details supplied has been located in exactly the same place on Wellington Place. Please remove it as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

The vehicle was inspected on the 1st February 2018. It has a tax disc expiring 3/18 and an insurance disc expiring 07/18. It was, therefore, not deemed abandoned.

Dublin City Council is, however, aware of a number of complaints regarding the van being parked at the location and Dublin Street Parking Services have taken enforcement action whenever possible. It is necessary that enforcement crew attend the location and determine at that time what, if any, offence is being committed.

The van has been immobilised or removed to the pound on a number of occasions since early December for non payment for parking. On other occasions Dublin Street Parking Services have visited Wellington Place without taking any further action as the vehicle was parked legally. Dublin Street Parking Services are fully aware of the complaints of some residents and have been instructed to continue to monitor Wellington Place and to take any enforcement action, including removal, if necessary.

Q75. Councillor Frank Kennedy

The trees on Shrewsbury Park, Dublin 4 are enormously and dangerously overgrown. A request was made for them to be reduced in height two years ago, which was rejected. The trees are now higher still and we have seen a pattern of severe storms hitting Dublin in recent years. To ask that these trees be cut down substantially in height for the safety of persons and property.

Reply:

Works on the trees in Shrewsbury Park have been included in the street tree works programme for 2018. The works which will include crown reduction of 17 no. lime trees (*Tilia sps*) and also the felling of trees outside nos. 2 & 6 Shrewsbury Park.

It is anticipated that the work will be undertaken over the coming months and prior to the trees coming into leaf.