

**Question to the Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee**  
**Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Q.1 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager to install an additional gully outside St Philip's Church, Temple Road where there is recurrent flooding taking place throughout the year. Photo attached.

**Q.2 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**

To ask the manager to have road reinstatement looked at \*details supplied.

**Q.3 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager to extend the double yellow lines (DYLs) from the corner of St. Clare's Avenue to outside No. 100 Harold's Cross Road. Customers are regularly parking on the kerb outside the row of shops blocking both the path to pedestrians / wheelchairs and the advisory cycle lane.

**Q.4 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager to have the materials and vehicles which regularly block the footpath outside 96 - 98 Harold's Cross Road removed under Section 71(ii) of the Roads Act 1993.

**Q.5 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**

To ask the manager to outline the timing on residents applications for pay & display scheme \*details supplied.

**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will arrange for a litter bin to be placed towards the beginning of the walk way for the Great South Wall at Poolbeg, perhaps in the vicinity of the new coffee vendor and in co-operation with Dublin Port?

**Q.7 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**

To ask the manager if revised traffic arrangements are due to be made on Orwell Road when Marianella housing scheme is fully opened?

**Q.8 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**

To ask the manager to arrange for proper road reinstatement works at corner of South Great George's Street and Stephen Street to deal with a hazard for cyclists.

**Q.9 Councillor Chris Andrews**

The residents at details supplied got Dyno rod out to check the drainage and they said the water from the shower was going into the ground and not into any drain and as a result can the council investigate this and issue a report on it.  
The drainage has not been touched in the 11 years since they moved in.

**Q.10 Councillor Chris Andrews**

I got this reply at the last council meeting and to clarify that the resident is not looking for the railings or gates be removed they are looking for the stones and peoples to be replaced with an even surface so his wheelchair will be as far away as possible in the event of a fire in his home.

**Q.11 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager ensure that the lighting on floodlights is increased as the recent change in bulbs has reduced the brightness and that the brightness is the same as in

the Astro in Ringsend Park as it is currently a lot less on Digges Street / Aungier Celtic Astro lights or possibly put in double head lights?

**Q.12 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager increase the emptying of bins in City Quay area and restore the hand cart that operated this area until withdrawn last November?

**Q.13 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager ensure that Pearse House has its own power washer and that the stairwells would be power hosed on a regular basis?

**Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager have the trees to rear of details supplied attended to?

**Q.15 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Could the manager attend to details supplied?

**Q.16 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager have the hot water installed in the bathroom at details supplied as he only has cold water in the bathroom?

**Q.17 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager investigate and report back to me the reason why the draught comes in under the window frames in details supplied and repair the fault?

**Q.18 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager arrange to have the interior window ledge in details supplied replaced and also repair the damage done to the plaster around windows?

**Q.19 Councillor Mary Freehill**

The Luas Stop crossing from Cowper Road to Cowper Gardens is currently very dangerous for disabled and older people crossing from Cowper Gardens to access the Luas stop to the city. They have to use the same space as cyclists coming in a different direction. The rise is very steep and the gradient does not comply with the standard requirements for wheelchair movement.

Is the manager satisfied that there would be sufficient Health and Safety Standards compliance with this already dangerous crossing in the "Quiet Way" design which is intended to provide for greater cycling traffic at this point? What safety standards have been applied to protect disabled and people who walk with difficulty also people in wheelchairs who have to use the ramp to allow them access the Luas stop to the city as they come from Cowper Gardens while competing with cyclists coming in a different direction in the same space? It seems to me that citizens' safety would be at risk and am interested in the manager's opinion on this.

**Q.20 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will arrange for the drains in Cherryfield Avenue Upper to be cleared and cleaned. Residents' Association will arrange for cars to be moved if given notice.

**Q.21 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will ensure action is taken in relation to the damaged road surfaces on Belmont Avenue and Mount Eden Roads, Donnybrook as detailed in the email submitted with this question.

**Q.22 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager to provide an answer to Question 50 from the meeting of March 12th, namely - to ask the manager the number of properties in the area where complaints have been made in relation to short term lettings without appropriate planning permission.

**Q.23 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager what steps will now be taken in relation to enforcement notice E1364/17.

**Q.24 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager if a welcome sign in stone can be provided for the Rutland Grove estate.

**Q.25 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manger to upgrade the lighting in Rutland Grove, and to state when this can be done.

**Q.26 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager if an assessment of the paths in Rutland Grove has been carried out, and when the paths can be repaired as residents are unhappy with the broken state of the footpaths and disappointed to be left waiting so long.

**Q.27 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager when weeding was last done in Rutland Grove and if weeding can be done again soon.

**Q.28 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manger to provide an update on the motion relating to works in Rutland Grove as the residents feel that little of the issues raised in previous motion have been addressed.

**Q.29 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager to install pedestrian crossing on Rathfarnham Road and Terenure Road East which are currently without safe pedestrian crossings, and to examine the possibility of an exclusive pedestrian interval linking all the pedestrian crossings?

**Q.30 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager if she can please provide the following information for each of the vacant spaces and buildings listed below: their current status, whether they are listed on the Vacant Sites Register or The Derelict Sites Register, who owns them, and what action has been taken to develop these buildings and lands:

- Vacant red brick building on South Great George's Street, at the junction of Stephen's Street (see image attached).
- Vacant land on Stephen Street Upper (see map)  
<https://www.google.ie/maps/place/Stephen+Street+Lower,+Dublin/@53.3411248,-6.2669302,209m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x48670e9dc9f3201b:0x39f3b6969983d7b6!8m2!3d53.3412832!4d-6.2643247?hl=en&authuser=0>

- Vacant building on Adelaide Road –  
<https://www.google.ie/maps/@53.3327965,-6.2602345,3a,60y,184.27h,97.58t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sNmaVOKBthj2i8aeiBmxl8A!2e0!7i113312!8i6656?hl=en&authuser=0>
- Vacant land on the corner of Richmond Street and South Circular Road (see map)  
<https://www.google.ie/maps/@53.3325571,-6.2643629,3a,90y,135.8h,84.78t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sk7ZxK7XmNVaBarWlqwy2fg!2e0!7i113312!8i6656?hl=en&authuser=0>

**Q.31 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager if she can confirm whether an assessment of the street furniture outside details supplied to assess whether it is being used and whether it is causing an obstruction to pedestrians on the footpath, and can the area manager provide a report on this.

**Q.32 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager if she can please investigate breaches of waste collection times in the South Core Georgian. Residents have reported frequent collections outside the agreed times.

**Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager why the trees in Stella Gardens / Rosary Terrace are scheduled for felling and replacement, how many trees will be felled, on what grounds are they being felled, what species will they be replaced with, will the replacements be young trees or will they be more mature, and when will the replacements take place? The felling of these trees should only take place if absolutely necessary as this will completely change the streetscape of the neighbourhood.

**Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager if she could please provide a public bin on Ely Place outside the RHA.

**Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager if she could please clarify the following for the residents of the South Georgian Core area:

- what waste collection services are available to them
- which companies are permitted to operate in the area
- the waste collection times
- which streets are allowed bags or bins and to provide a list

**Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager to please provide an update on the progress of the following motion that was agreed on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. Since the motion was agreed, aside from one phone call from the planning office in June 2017, there has been no follow up correspondence regarding this motion and the process and action taken to make such a variation to the Docklands Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).

**Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to initiate the process by which a variation to Docklands SDZ can be made in order to provide for the long term protection of the Graving Docks in Grand Canal Dock.

**Q.37 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager the total budget spent on each park in the South East Area in 2017.

**Q.38 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the yellow lines on Lower Rathmines Road from the junction at Parker Hill to lane at Rathmines Town Hall be removed? These lines were laid last June / July. They were purportedly put down because they blocked free flow traffic. However, the road is the same width as further up at the Swan Centre where there are no yellow lines.

Before the yellow lines there was daily parking between 10am - 12 noon. On Tuesday / Thursday there are classes for the elderly. Also on Sundays the leisure centre is used by families. The yellow lines make it difficult for the community to use the centre, particularly on Sundays when previously parking was unrestricted all day.

**Q.39 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can an intervention be put in place to allay concerns about the north gate at Harold's Cross Park? Whereas the gate beside Noshington and opposite Mount Jerome Cemetery has a barrier on the pavement immediately outside to prevent children running from the park onto the road, and the main gate to the south is set back from the road, there is no such feature on or in front of the north gate (opposite St. Clare's Avenue). Are there any features that could be erected here, for example, either a barrier similar to that opposite Mount Jerome or a modification to the gate itself so that it automatically swings shut?

**Q.40 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can this committee write to the Department of Transport in respect of plans for the Metro North? Halting the Luas at Charlemont and grabbing the line south for Metro unnecessarily disrupts existing transport arrangements around Beechwood in Ranelagh.

The current proposal poses difficulties for the Beechwood / Dunville Terrace junction. Using the Metro terminology, the 'required segregation' firstly closes off pedestrian and vehicle traffic, effectively slicing the community in two.

The proposal suggests pedestrian access at the far end of the Beechwood stop. Is this going to be for pedestrians to walk over the line (with trains every two minutes) or will this be facilitated by a pedestrian bridge? If so, that is not in the drawings (and would require elevators to meet the needs of the disabled and elderly).

There is no gain to be had extending the Metro line south when there is an existing and recently upgraded Luas line in place. What's more it will involve huge disruption during construction.

**Q.41 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can this committee agree to write to the Planning Enforcement Section to ensure compliance with planning permission in respect of the Devlin Hotel? Difficulties encountered by residents on Mornington Road include parking, noise and cracked pavements due to heavy trucks (photographs attached).

**Q.42 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can Rutland Grove be given attention particularly in respect of the following?

- Paths they are in a state.
- Dumping is still continuing can you find out if any final notices have been given out.
- Lighting in the estate the yellow is too dark
- Removal of old duvet dumped along the park wall
- Sweeping the estate
- Erecting a Welcome to Rutland Sign
- Weeding the estate

**Q.43 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can urgent consideration be given to a request for a pay and display and residents' permit parking scheme that was submitted to Dublin City Council (ref.: 7001434) on 23<sup>rd</sup> January last. It was accompanied by a signed petition from just over 50% of the households on Clareville Road requesting that a scheme be put in place for our road from Monday to Friday 7am – midnight.

**Q.44 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the manager confirm that ambulance access could be gained to Rathmines Park?

**Q.45 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the large pothole on Frankfurt Avenue be repaired?

**Q.46 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the high trees in front of 25 Rathmines Avenue be pruned?

**Q.47 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can the pot hole on the right hand side on entering Whitton Road from Terenure Road North be repaired?

**Q.48 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue.

For many years, residents of Sandford Road, Ranelagh, complained about the very high speed of traffic on the road, particularly between peak times, and the consequent problems resulting from it. The road, apart from being residential, is also a busy thoroughfare for many pedestrians, cyclists and school children.

The complaints eventually led to traffic speed surveys being carried out in early 2016 as a result of which Speed Radar Signs were installed later in 2016. These are designed to show drivers the speed they are doing, with a view to reducing the number of those who exceed the speed limit and promoting safer speeds.

The situation is still not satisfactory. For the signs to be effective, they must be clearly visible, well in advance, to oncoming drivers. The sign, which monitors traffic coming in to Ranelagh from the Clonskeagh area, is well located. It can be seen from way back and can prompt drivers to slow down if they are over the limit. The problem is with the sign coming out of Ranelagh. It is not well located – it is obscured by a cycle track sign and then by some poles and trees. It is not obvious enough to drivers to prompt them to react.

Sandford Road is one of the main routes out of the city heading south. At times, as some drivers clear the Marlborough Road junction, the foot goes down and very high speeds are reached without seeing the radar sign. That sign should have been positioned where the above mentioned Cycle Sign is, opposite Hollybank Avenue. It is manifestly the optimum spot from where a sign can be readily seen at the required distance. The problem has been notified to the powers-that-be but, as yet, nothing has been done about it. We are seeking your help, please, to try and expedite matters. There are already six cycle signs on that side of Sandford Road: losing one of these should not be a problem.

**Q.49 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to address the following issue:

There is a major pothole in the middle of the road at the junction of Eastmoreland Place and Pembroke Road that needs to be dealt with.

**Q.50 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager when 2 Big Belly Bins will be installed in Sandymount Green.

**Q.51 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager for an update on the Fitzwilliam Cycleway (parking protected cycle lanes) project.

**Q.52 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the manager for an update on when the Traffic Department plans to perform 'street audits' as part of the public consultation for the QuietWay project as discussed at the Dublin Flow meeting in January.

**Q.53 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

The road surface on Cathedral View Lane is in a very poor condition. This affects not only cars but, especially, elderly and limited mobility pedestrians, who may be carrying heavy shopping bags, or using a wheelchair. As the attached photos show there is a severe risk of falling and suffering injury. To ask the manager to resurface this terrain as a matter of the utmost urgency.

**Q.54 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

The quality of street lighting on Ailesbury Road for both pedestrians and motorists is extremely poor *and* deteriorating. To ask the manager to examine carefully the lighting on the road and to improve it, especially at the four / five areas on the road where there is in effect no lighting.

**Q.55 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

With regard to Baggot Lane and in particular my question no. 120 at the December 2017 City Council meeting:

- a) Despite assurances, this lane has not been cleaned for in excess of three months. To ask the manager that a comprehensive clean be carried out without delay; and
- b) Traffic is increasing and speeding is a great concern to all the residents living in the lane. There are no signs, speed ramps or a stop sign or yield sign at the blind junction of Pembroke Gardens and Baggot Lane. To ask the manager for an update on what steps have been taken since my question no. 120 at the December 2017 City Council meeting.

**Q.56 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to repair the road surface on Ailesbury Gardens.

**Q.57 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

In recent storms trees have fallen on both Leeson Park and on Northbrook Road (see three photos attached). The trees were removed but no space was left for replacement trees. To ask the manager to arrange for the planting of appropriate trees at these locations.

**Q.58 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to install bike stands on Erne Street Upper, Dublin 2.

**Q.59 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

The problem of scrambler bikes and racing bikes being used in the Cabbage Patch continues to persist. This is a cause of major anti-social activity and disruption to residents. To ask the manager to present a solution to this persistent problem.

**Q.60 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to take appropriate action having regard to the contents of this email from the Camden Village Residents' & Business Association:

**Re: Planning Ref: 2198/18 Opium Super pub**

Dear Councillors,

As expected we have received unprecedented complaints from residents about the noise from the Opium nightclub as a result of the illegal opening glass roof to the rear at Liberty Lane, and the also illegal roof smoking area to the front on Wexford Street.

This development was carried out by the US funded Mercantile Group without proper planning. It cannot be exempt as it does affect the neighbouring residences particularly badly.

People cannot get a night's sleep as the Crowd Noise from these open areas inside this venue can be heard very often until 2.30am or later!

The council issued an enforcement order, but this was not taken seriously by the developers.

Please note: The local Ryan Family from Ryan's Pub on Camden Street did everything correctly on their application for a much smaller extension and were refused at Bord Pleanála level. So why should this US backed conglomerate be allowed retention when they have behaved so badly.

We would urge all Councillors to lobby against this Super pub / Nightclub illegal development, and ensure their retention application is refused.

**A refusal is the only way now to set an example for these and other developers who show no respect for residents or the planning process.**

Kind regards,

Secretary,

Camden Village Residents & Business Association.



**Q.61 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to allocate a lollypop person from September 2018 to the Shellybanks Educate Together National School at its new site at Roslyn Park, Strand Road.

**Q.62 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to arrange for double yellow lines to be put in place on the left hand side of the entrance to Mount Argus View. The road entrance here (which is at a junction with a main arterial route to the city centre) is generally blocked by parked cars (commuters into the city) presenting a real danger and safety risk.

**Q.63 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to please replace the trees that fell or had to be felled on Northbrook Road and Leeson Park as a result of Storm Ophelia and to advise when this will be done.

**Q.64 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to ask the Traffic Section to review extension of double yellow lines on Dartry Park and the possibility of Pay and Display parking on the road. Currently the road is being heavily used during the day for parking by commuters and non-residents working in the area.

**Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for a clean-up of the lane between Ashdale Road and Eaton Square which is used quite frequently by pedestrians and cyclists.

**Q.66 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for a clean-up of leaves and litter on Mount Argus Grove and surrounding area. While the council have in the past blown the leaves from the footpath onto the grass verge, unless the leaves and debris are collected, they just blow back onto the footpath again, presenting a danger of slipping for pedestrians.

**Q.67 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to arrange for the mountain of leaves and winter debris along the paths around Bushy Park to be removed immediately. This build up on the paths (which extends halfway out the paths in some places) is unsightly and also presents a real risk of slipping on.