



## MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018

The committee expressed its sympathy to Councillor Lacey and family on the death of Mrs. Nora Lacey. A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

- 1 **Report on the Kevin Street Library Per Cent for Art Commission**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 12th March 2018**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Culture, Recreation and Emergency Services Department Matters**
  - i. South East Area Park Improvement Works Programme 2018.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Tree removal Belleville Avenue.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 **South East Area Matters**
  - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 6 **Motions**

### **Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee notes the following Planning application:

Area:	Area 1 - South East
Application Number:	2505/18
Application Type:	Permission
Applicant:	St. Mark's Church
Location:	St. Mark's Church Hall, 42A, Pearse Street, Dublin 2.
Proposal:	PROTECTED STRUCTURE; conversion of the attic space

and general remodelling works. The development comprises;

1. The conversion of the attic space for use as youth meeting areas. Conservation type roof lights are proposed to south facing Pearse Street and north facing Marks Lane.
2. The provision of a lift and staircase from ground floor to attic space.
3. The reduction of the existing kitchen on ground floor to increase the hall space
4. The reallocation of the existing crèche
5. The reallocation of the male & female toilets
6. The provision of an ambulant disabled toilet at the existing stair hall
7. Widening of the existing staircase leading up to the attic space.

Registration Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests the manager to arrange for the installation of a yellow box junction on the Stillorgan Road at the main gate to the Sacred Heart Church, Donnybrook.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests the manager to arrange for the cuttings and shrubbery cut down by Dublin City Council in the green spaces at Peter Place to be now removed and that the raised planting area be rotovated so that residents can plant flowers there.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Motions 5 and 14.**

Following the Mount Argus Residents' AGM I wish to make the following proposals:

1. That the public lighting on Poddle Park be upgraded. Currently it has yellow poor quality lighting; it needs to be brighter to allow for greater safety for walkers. If the work cannot be carried out in the current budget that it be included in 2019 budget.
2. The traffic access to Mount Argus Road at the Mount Jerome junction continues to be very challenging for residents to exit to Harold's Cross Road:
  - a) Flower sellers yet again need to move back to the footpath, encroachment on the public road is dangerous.
  - b) DYL are needed at the mouth of Mount Argus Road, parking at the corner impedes egress.
  - c) An on-site meeting is required with the Traffic Engineer (this road is a cul de sac and residents often have to deal with tail backs, especially when there are funerals) to find better solutions to this crossing.
3. Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the park and needs enforcement

action.

4. Residents would like to have a 30kmph speed limit in the Mount Argus Estate.
5. That the NTA be requested to erect a real time sign on the bus stop on Harold's Cross Road beside Mount Jerome cemetery and opposite Noshingtons.
6. That an onsite meeting takes place with the Mount Argus Residents' Association committee with the Parks Department to discuss the management of the park along the Poddle.
7. That Dublin Bus is asked to make Kimmage Road a priority to provide extra No.9 and 54A buses in the morning times, these buses are full between 6.30 and 9.0a.m. in the morning times when they arrive at Mount Argus church.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Patrick Costello taken with Motions 4 and 14.**

That this committee calls on the manager to examine the traffic management and road layout at Mount Jerome Cemetery, as there has been significant difficulties for people living in Mount Argus Road area getting in and out of their homes.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 6 from Councillors Patrick Costello and Anne Feeney**

That this committee calls on the manager to set up a park users group for Mount Argus Park similar to those that exist for other parks in the area.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to install a living wall in the new park at the junction of George's Street and Dame Lane as part of the "Greening the City" initiative.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to increase the frequency of street cleaning in the South Core Georgian area and to outline what measures can be implemented to address the ongoing issue of illegal dumping in this important part of the city.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to work with Irish Water to arrange for the damage carried out by water mains repair works on Oaklands Drive, Dublin 4, in 2016, to be repaired as a matter of urgency. Temporary repairs were made to both the footpath and the road but they were never properly repaired. There is now a large pothole, which is very dangerous to motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee requests the area manager to put in place a contra-flow cycleway on Lombard Street East to provide a safe route for cyclists travelling northwards.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

This meeting notes in relation to the Rathmines Cleansing Yard Site that:

- There are 1,405 applicants on the Housing List for area N (Rathmines, Ranelagh, Rathgar and Terenure) and 270 on the transfer list.
- That Rathmines has a population of 40,000; it has no community facilities or Health Service Executive primary care centre.
- Acknowledges the huge housing shortage in public and private housing for families, single and older people.

Because of these facts Section 183(1) of the 2001 Act does not appropriately apply, as this site is not surplus to requirements.

This committee therefore resolves that the site not be disposed of and that the council embark on a public sector community sector partnership and a path towards further regeneration of Rathmines. Furthermore that a public consultation process commences regarding the development and design Rathmines cleansing yard site.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Frank Kennedy**

In circumstances where Panda collected bins on Marlborough Road on 20 March at just after 5am and just before 5am on 6 March, both times in breach of the waste collection bye laws, this area committee shall write to Panda calling on it (a) to comply with the bye laws and (b) to insist on an explanation for these flagrant breaches. [For context please see below question 118 which I asked at Dublin City Council (DCC) Council meeting December 2017]

**Q.118      COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

**SEA**

To ask the Chief Executive (i) to take measures to prevent bin collection companies from collecting on Marlborough Road, Dublin 4 at 5am in the morning, which occurs frequently and which is in flagrant breach of the relevant bye-laws, and (ii) to explain what mechanisms are in place to both deter and punish this unlawful conduct?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services Division will issue correspondence to all authorised providers of household kerbside collections notifying them of complaints regarding collections occurring outside of the designated hours, that collections may take place in this specific location and reminding them of their obligations to collect within the designated times at all times or enforcement action will be taken.

The hours that collections may take place are specifically outlined within the Dublin City Council Bye Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial Waste 2013.

Section 7 (c)

An authorised waste collector shall only collect household waste or commercial waste outside the Central Commercial District on the designated collection day between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm Monday to Friday, and 8.00am to 8.00pm on Saturdays,

Sundays and Bank Holidays, unless otherwise approved in writing by an appointed person.

Where the City Council is made aware that breaches of these bye laws are occurring fines or prosecutions may be issued under the bye laws.

If there are specific incidents that can be reported to Dublin City Council the Litter Management Office will investigate and carry out enforcement as appropriate.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services Division

Tel: 222 4237

Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Frank Kennedy**

During the recent adverse weather events (Beast from the East & Storm Emma) a great many services (emergency services, NGOS including in particular homeless services, and of course local authority staff, foremost amongst them those in Dublin City Council) worked long hours in exceptionally difficult conditions and at risk to their own safety. They all did an excellent job. This area committee calls on the area manager to convene a meeting of each of the area managers and the Chief Executive to discuss and agree an appropriate mechanism to recognise these service providers and to show the appreciation of the people of Dublin to them for all that they did during this challenging episode.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 14 from Councillors Anne Feeney and Ruairí McGinley taken with Motions 4 and 5.**

That this committee requests that the manager asks the Traffic Section to review the traffic flows and parking at the entrance to Mount Jerome Cemetery and Crematorium. The significant increase in cremations and the number of funerals with a large attendance in Mount Jerome has resulted in an increase in traffic and parked cars with a very negative and unacceptable impact for residents in the area. It can often take 20 - 45 minutes to access or enter Mount Argus Road. A workable solution (in consultation with the Mount Argus and Church Park Residents' Association) needs to be found for both local residents and those attending Mount Jerome.

**Order: Agreed.**

7 **Questions to the Chief Executive 9th April 2018**

**Order: Noted.**

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**Councillor Paddy McCartan  
Chairperson  
Monday 9 April 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Paddy McCartan (Chairperson)  
Chris Andrews  
Patrick Costello  
Mary Freehill  
Ruairi McGinley

**Members:**

Kieran Binchy  
Anne Feeney  
Frank Kennedy  
Claire O'Connor

**Members:**

Claire Byrne  
Mannix Flynn  
Dermot Lacey  
Sonya Stapleton

**Officers:**

Brian Hanney  
Brian Kavanagh  
Mark Ginnetty  
Rossana Camargo

**Officers:**

Ruairi O'Cuiv  
Paul McCann  
Helen Smirnova  
Michael Noonan

**Officers:**

Declan Hayden  
Leah Johnston  
Neil O'Donohue  
Jennifer Wall

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**

**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 – see photo.



**Reply:**

Flooding at this location will be examined and installation of new gully at this location will be considered as a solution.

**Q.2 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**

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

**Reply:**

New pedestrian crossings were installed on details supplied. As part of these works, trenches needed to be dug to facilitate the ducts for the new pedestrian lights. These trenches were reinstated as part of the works.

Dublin City Council (DCC) is aware that this reinstatement work has failed and has been in contact with the contractor to rectify it as soon as possible. This type of reinstatement work is not acceptable to DCC. There are many reasons for the reinstatement works failing, including the weather being too cold to lay the tar, or it was simply a bad batch of tar that was used. This is not common in DCC as DCC insists on very high standards for all works carried out in the DCC area.

The contractor responsible for this reinstatement is to carry out a repair here. DCC has a Roadworks Control System whereby contractors have to obtain a permit to carry out road works. Under this system, substandard reinstatements can be identified and returned to the contractor responsible for repair.

**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.

**Reply:**

The request to extend the double yellow lines from the corner of St. Clare's Avenue to outside No. 100 Harold's Cross Road will be added to the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report the councillor will be notified of the recommendation in due course.

**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.

**Reply:**

There is a significant section of private landing at this location over which Dublin City Council does not have any authority and cannot therefore carry out any enforcement action. There is some element of illegal parking on the public footpath. In most cases the driver or passenger remains in the vehicle or the driver returns before enforcement action can be completed. Nevertheless, Dublin Street Parking Services are aware of the issues at this location and will continue to monitor there and take enforcement action wherever possible.

This premises was inspected on March 21<sup>st</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the public footpath was clear of goods on each occasion. The Street Furniture Unit is not authorised to deal with goods placed on the private property (private landing) outside this premises.

Road Maintenance Services will take appropriate action here.

This matter is under investigation by the Planning Enforcement Section. However, it should be noted that goods have been stored at this location every day for many years. The likelihood is that we would be statute barred from any enforcement action at this point in time given that the location of the good appears to be on a private landing.

**Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

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

**Reply:**

Confirmation of a proposal to ballot residents is included in the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) minutes listed on the current month's South East Area Committee Meeting Agenda and I anticipate that a ballot will be carried out at the end of April or early May.

It is difficult to provide a definitive timeframe for introduction of any Residential Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme as there are a number of separate processes and prior notification, both statutory and non-statutory, that must be completed and coordinated as part of the TAG process. Dublin City Council expedites requests of this type as much as possible.

Assuming that residents are in favour of the proposal it is hoped that a scheme could be in place by October at the latest.

**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?

**Reply:**

This area is under the control of Dublin Port Company, who may be contacted at Port Centre, Alexandra Road, North Dock, Dublin 1, tel.: 887 6000.

**Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

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

**Reply:**

The area engineer is working with the line marking team of Dublin City Council to identify what changes need to be made to cater for the additional demands resulting from the Marianella development.

**Q.8 Councillor Ruairí 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.

**Reply:**

This has been logged in our Asset Management System for repair works to be carried out when a crew is available.

**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.

**Reply:**

The tenant at this property has been advised that as they installed the shower themselves they are responsible for any maintenance works associated with same.

**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.

**Reply:**

This dwelling has wheelchair access to the front of the dwelling. All rooms in this dwelling lead onto level access to the front of the dwelling for day to day and emergency access / exit. The area to the back of the dwelling is a veranda type space installed by the city council to give access to this outdoor space for the tenant in warm weather. This complex is enclosed to the rear with railings and gates for security reasons for the residents. There are no plans to remove the railings or gates.

**Reply:**

As previously stated all rooms in this dwelling lead onto a level access to the front of this dwelling for day to day and emergency access / exit.

The veranda space at the rear of the dwelling is not for emergency access or exit. The railings will not be removed and there are no future plans to have the pebbles removed or tar macadam / paving installed in this space.

**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?

**Reply:**

A request has been made to Electrical Services Division to examine the lighting at this location and a report has been requested on the issue. The councillor will be update on this matter when this report is received.

**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?

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have the litter bins in the City Quay area emptied at least three times a day on a daily basis. Sometimes domestic refuse is stuffed into these bins which gives the impression that they haven't been emptied for some time. We will monitor litter levels to see if it is necessary to have a hand cart man working in this area. At present it is cleaned regularly by the driver of a small dyna van and also by a road sweeping machine.

**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?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance has a Citywide Washing Crew Service who work with our local caretakers in all areas to carry out power washing of stairwells etc as identified and required. There is no requirement for a power washer for each housing complex. The stairwells in this complex will be power washed in the next two weeks.

**Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews**

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

**Reply:**

The trees at this location have been inspected in recent weeks by an official from Park Services and it was noted that they comprise of a selection of mixed species evergreen and deciduous trees on which the following work is recommended:

One evergreen tree, *Leylandii species*, is in poor condition and is recommended for removal.

The remaining evergreen trees are recommended to be pruned, which will involve the removal of the lower branches.

It is recommended that the deciduous trees will also be pruned, to remove lower branches and to reduce the height of the tree.

It is anticipated that this work will be undertaken over the coming four to six weeks.

**Q.15 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Could the manager attend to details supplied?

**Reply:**

An inspection has been carried out at this property and a replacement door and frame have been ordered and will be manufactured by our Joinery Workshop.

**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?

**Reply:**

This repair request has been logged on the Repair Request System. This has been given to a contractor and they will resolve the hot water issue. A plumber will call to this property and will investigate and resolve same.

**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?

**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to have the window board resealed and a glazier will check the windows will carry out any repairs necessary.

**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?

**Reply:**

This repair request has been logged on our Repair Request System. A contractor has been engaged to reseal and plaster around the windows at this property.

**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.

**Reply:**

The Environment and Transportation Department has not committed to the detailed design of the proposed Quietway. Please see separate report being distributed at this meeting. Traffic Department staff will be available at the South East Area Committee meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018, when this item will be listed on the agenda for discussion.

The scheme was initiated by the South East Area Committee. While the Environment and Transportation Department is committed to, supportive of the intent and delivery of the Quietway, it will be a matter for the committee to decide whether the project should be developed further. In the event that the scheme is progressed, items of concern relating to pinch points, including Cowper Gardens and other relevant matters will be identified and appropriate measures designed were possible in order to meet the objectives of the project and to mitigate against any potential negative impacts.

**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.

**Reply:**

The gullies on Cherryfield Avenue Upper were inspected and cleaned on the 29/03/2018 in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan.

**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.

**Reply:**

These locations have been logged in our Asset Management System and repairs will be carried out when a crew is available.

**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.

**Reply:**

There were approx forty complaints made in 2017 relating to short term holiday style lettings. The majority of these were in the Central and South East Area areas and were evenly distributed across the two areas.

**Q.23 Councillor Patrick Costello**

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

**Reply:**

The period for compliance with Planning Enforcement Notice E1364/17 ended 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. An inspection will now be carried out to ensure compliance with the steps specified therein.

**Q.24 Councillor Patrick Costello**

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

**Reply:**

These signs are normally provided for urban villages. Rutland is an estate so a welcome to sign would not be appropriate.

**Q.25 Councillor Patrick Costello**

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

**Reply:**

There is no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2018. The existing lighting here has been examined and is to an acceptable standard. We will however, arrange to re-lamp the existing lights where required.

**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.

**Reply:**

These footpaths have been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out when a crew is available.

**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.

**Reply:**

Weeding in this area was carried out on two separate occasions in 2017 – in May and again in August. Plans for weed-spraying in 2018 throughout the area have not yet been agreed, but councillors will be notified in due course.

**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.

**Reply:**

See attached table for replies.

<b>Request / Comment</b>	<b>Response to Q28 April SEAC meeting</b>
<p>A. Traffic volumes and parking chaos at entrance to Rutland Grove arising from traffic at top of Rutland Avenue at entrance to park. Concern that blind spots created by parked cars will lead to accidents. Corner needs to be kept free of parked cars. Illegal parking needs attention. (Completed)</p>	<p>Visits from Parking Enforcement were carried out on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October the 5<sup>th</sup> November and the 12<sup>th</sup> November. As per our usual protocols, warning notices were issued on initial visits. Six warning notices were issued on Rutland Avenue on the 15<sup>th</sup> October with one on Rutland Grove. No illegal parking was noted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. One vehicle was warned on Rutland Avenue on the 29<sup>th</sup>. No illegal parking noted on the 5<sup>th</sup> November and one warning issued on Rutland Grove on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. The initial visit seems to have addressed the main issue. On subsequent visits some local residents objected to enforcement in the area.</p> <p>Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, was previously notified of complaints from residents regarding parking at Rutland Grove and was instructed to monitor the location with increased frequency. The location continues to receive a heightened level of monitoring with multiple visits scheduled each week.</p> <p>Provided vehicles are parked legally, e.g. not within 5 metres of junctions or blocking driveway access, etc. there is no action that can be taken with regard to parking by non-residents.</p>
<p>B. Residents on Rutland Avenue are unable to park at their houses due to parking by park users and would like some designated parking spaces, possibly on large footpath area. (Not recommended)</p>	<p>During a number of site inspections, no adverse problems were observed with vehicles blocking entrances to houses. Parking restrictions are not recommended where restrictions are already covered under the law. The Road Traffic (Traffic &amp; Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) g provides: "A vehicle shall not be parked in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises" Infringements should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services tel no. 01 6022500 or the Gardaí as they occur.</p>

<p>C. Commitment to reduce footpath size on park side to increased car parking when Lourdes Celtic clubhouse was built has not been followed through on. (Not recommended)</p>	<p>Following examination, reducing the footpath width would narrow access and therefore pose difficulties for the disabled and people pushing prams. It would also hinder safe access for children walking to and from schools. It would also be against Dublin City Council's best design practice standards to reduce footpath widths.</p>
<p>D. Bring centre entrance is a location for dumping - one suggestion is to remove indent - have wall in line with path – bring centre wall was never rendered. (Not recommended)</p>	<p>Parks and Waste Management Services believe that alteration of the entrance would create problems with visibility for vehicles entering and leaving the depot.</p>
<p>E. CCTV cameras needed to deter dumping. (Partially completed)</p>	<p>The Waste Management Section recently engaged the services of a CCTV company in an effort to reduce illegal dumping at the site. The cameras will be mounted on anti-climb poles in an effort to prevent the new cameras from being vandalised. The cameras are up and running and fines will be issued to anyone caught dumping there.</p>
<p>F. Planting needed to remove very harsh concrete aspect to estate entrance – greening of estate needed on all grey walls. (Partially completed)</p>	<p>Parks: Pine trees have been planted at the entrance to the estate. Once these develop they should make the entrance more attractive. A 'Tree of Hope' was also planted on the green. Some trees will be planted in the estate during the planting season (Winter 2017/18).</p> <p>We were unable to include the planting of climbers in our 2017 works programme but will be considered again next year.</p> <p>Climbers will be planted at the base of the bare walls within the estate over the next four weeks.</p>
<p>G. Footpath repair programme needed within estate - some sections done - much remains to be done.</p>	<p>These footpaths have been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out when a crew is available.</p>
<p>H. Trees in estate need pruning and wires protruding from trees need attention. (Completed)</p>	<p>The trees have been inspected but were not felt to be in need of immediate attention at the time, however if residents feel that any tree is in particular attention this year (2017) please contact Eamonn Ceannt park depot at 454 0799. Public Lighting Section has examined the public lighting in Rutland Grove and found no overhead public lighting cables protruding through trees.</p>

<p>I. Road surface at estate entrance needs attention as it is breaking up in particular in proximity to bring centre. (Completed)</p>	<p>Potholes filled before 29.06.2016</p>
<p>J. Some trees root systems are causing severe damage to paths and creating hazards for residents many of whom are now elderly – location at 41/42 to be removed – prune 40/39. (Partially completed)</p>	<p>These footpaths have been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out when a crew is available.  Both trees were pruned during summer 2016.</p>
<p>K. There is a brown field site to side of bring centre that is detracting from estate appearance and residents wish to know what plans are – site needs to be cleaned up. (Partially completed)</p>	<p>A hedge was planted during Winter 2016/17</p>
<p>L. Residents are very happy for bring centre to remain, once issues with dumping are addressed. (Partially completed)</p>	<p>The Waste Management Section recently engaged the services of a CCTV company in an effort to reduce illegal dumping at the site. The cameras will be mounted on anti-climb poles in an effort to prevent the new cameras from being vandalised. The cameras are up and running and fines will be issued to anyone caught dumping there.</p>
<p>M. Footpath outside No. 18 needs particular attention – resident using a walking rollator and footpath is not suitable, also 40, 53, 43, 70, 78 (garden being damaged), 112 – note there have been claims in past arising from trips.</p>	<p>These footpaths have been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out when a crew is available.</p>
<p>N. Public light fittings - colour needs to change from yellow to white as estate is dark. (Not recommended)</p>	<p>There is no Public Lighting minor works improvements programme for 2018. The existing lighting here has been examined and is to an acceptable standard. We will however, arrange to re-lamp the existing lights where required.</p>
<p>O. Street cleansing needs attention, in particular weeds growing on edge of road. (Completed)</p>	<p>Weeding in this area was carried out on two separate occasions in 2017 – in May and again in August. Plans for weed-spraying in 2018 throughout the area have not yet been agreed, but councillors will be notified in due course.  Waste Management Services monitors this location on a regular basis and cleansing is carried out as required.</p>
<p>P. Remove railings at top of Mount Argus wall as no longer needed and would visually improve estate. (Not recommended)</p>	<p>The railings on top of the boundary wall were put up and paid for by the residents of Mount Argus and they do not want them removed.</p>

<p>Q. Soft landscaping needed in avenue 57 - 74 – couple of trees, also possible fencing on top of end wall to improve security. (Partially completed)</p>	<p>Some trees will be planted in suitable areas in the estate during the planting season (winter 2017/18).</p> <p>Climbers will be planted at the base of the bare walls within the estate over the next four weeks.</p>
<p>R. Possibility of mural on one of large walls.</p>	<p>The residents may contact the Area Office to discuss wall treatment. Please note that murals may require planning permission.</p>
<p>S. Footpath needs to be constructed on left hand side route into estate – on visit both elderly and young children noted going onto public road due to lack of footpath with obvious safety issues. (Not recommended)</p>	<p>There is a continuous footpath on the western side of Clogher Road leading onto the southern side of Rutland Grove, which is available for pedestrians and vulnerable road users. There are no plans to construct any additional footpaths in this area at this time.</p>
<p>T. Wall to boundary of Sundrive Park and bring centre is very grey – the area to top of road has greened up nicely, the remaining area could do with similar treatment – area that is at risk from Halloween bonfires needs particular attention.</p>	<p>Climbers will be planted at the base of the bare walls within the estate over the next four weeks.</p>

**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?

**Reply:**

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 recommended a pedestrian crossing on Terenure Road East at its junction with Terenure Road North and Rathfarnham Road. This measure is included on the 2018 Works Programme.

**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!7i13312!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!7i13312!8i6656?hl=en&authuser=0>

**Reply:**

**7 Adelaide Road**

The site is currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register. A planning application for the redevelopment of the site was submitted in October, 2017 which is at additional information stage. A decision is due on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

Ownership details: MCG Developments Ltd.  
33 Windsor Road  
Rathmines  
Dublin 6

**Vacant red brick building on South Great Georges Street, at the junction of Stephen's Street**

The site known as 41 - 46 South Great George's Street, Dublin 2 entered the Vacant Sites Register on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The owner(s) of this site will be levied, based on 3% of the market value, in January 2019.

Ownership details: Grosam Properties Limited  
39 Northumberland Road  
Ballsbridge  
Dublin 4

Clarification was sought from the councillor regarding the other sites mentioned. The matter will be investigated on receipt of the clarification sought.

**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.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council regularly monitors street furniture for compliance purpose however it does not monitor premises with street furniture licences to assess whether the furniture is being used.

The Roads and Traffic Planning Division reported that the footpath at this location is approximately 5.1m wide. Given the width of the footpath available to pedestrians in this area it reported that street furniture at this location would not cause an obstruction to pedestrians.

The Planning Department reported that the limited area proposed would not impact on the ease of flow of pedestrians on this footpath given its existing width.

The application was approved by Senior Engineer Ronan O'Dea and the Manager's Order was signed by Acting City Engineer John Flanagan.

The Planning Department reported that a recent application to extend this area by .3m to accommodate planters (used to stabilise the screens) would not impact on the ease of flow of pedestrians on the street and recommended that the extension be granted, this application has however been withdrawn, and the area licensed remains 3mL x 2mW.

**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.

**Reply:**

The Waste Management Division will investigate all reports of collections taking place outside of the prescribed hours. Reports can be made to the Litter Management Office for investigation and action. Where collections are taking place outside the prescribed hours, enforcement action can be taken under the Dublin City Council Bye Laws for Storage, Presentation and Collection of Waste 2013

**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.

**Reply:**

Four large trees that have been selected for removal at these locations as they are deemed to be over mature for the location, in excess of 45ft in height, and are not in scale with the surrounding dwellings. The trees are of mixed species including Limes (*Tilia* species) and Plane tree (*Platanus acerifolia*).

In time it is anticipated that the trees will be replaced with smaller growing more suitable street trees e.g. Turkish Hazel (*Corylus colorna*) or flowering crab apple (*Malus triloba*). Replacement will be undertaken subject to a street survey for services and tree roots prior to the next planting season.

**Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne**

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

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at this location to see if there is any merit in having a litter bin there.

**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?

**Reply:**

Waste collection services are available to residents of the south Georgian Core on the same basis as any other resident within the Central Commercial District. That is that any provider who is providing domestic waste services on a street must provide the same frequency of service as is offered to their commercial customers. In practice this means that domestic waste customers depending on their service provider and location may be able to avail of waste collection on more than a single collection per week. Domestic waste customers may use bins or bags depending on the service provided to them and whether their address is derogated for bag collections to take place.

All companies who are authorised to carry out household kerbside collections of domestic waste in the Dublin City area are permitted to operate in the area. In practice the options available to domestic customers may be limited to fewer operators.

The standard waste collection times within the Central Commercial District are from 7pm – midnight. Derogations exist for collections to take place until 4am in certain areas where there is significant night time business activity.

The attachments to this reply contain a map of the derogations and a list of all areas designated as suitable for bag collections sorted in alphabetical order by post code for reference. These attachments will be sent electronically with the replies, due to size.

**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.

**Reply:**

The Planning Department emailed Councillor Byrne with an update on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 to advise that a meeting had been held with the CEO of Waterways Ireland to discuss their plans for Plot 19 including the graving docks in the context of the SDZ Scheme and the conservation of the docks.

Waterways Ireland subsequently appointed a conservation consultant to carry out a full conservation assessment of the graving docks. This assessment is being supplemented by an archaeological test trending report.

It is understood that these reports are currently being finalised, and will provide for the retention of all 3 graving docks in situ as part of the sensitive redevelopment of Plot 19 incorporating public realm, community and other uses. A representative from Waterways Ireland will be enlisted to make a presentation to the next South East Area Meeting.

**Q.37 Councillor Patrick Costello**

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

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office spent the following amounts on parks during 2017:-

Mount Argus Park	€13,563
Ranelagh Gardens Park	€35,789

The budgets for parks districts and other operational programmes of expenditure do not enable us to supply the information the councillor is requesting on a park for park basis. If there is a particular maintenance issue the councillor has in mind it will be addressed if the councillor contacts the head of Parks Service and / or the area parks superintendent.

**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.

**Reply:**

The area traffic engineer has confirmed that there are no proposals to remove the double yellow lines at this location. The double yellow lines were provided to prevent Dublin Bus drivers having to cross the white line in the middle of Rathmines Road Lower to avoid badly parked vehicles.

**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?

**Reply:**

There isn't sufficient space to erect a safety barrier on the pavement outside the north entrance to Harold's Cross Park. Park Services are presently investigating a self-closing mechanism that can be installed to modify the gate and allay concerns.

It is not recommended to place a railing at Harold's Cross Park as during a site inspection, it was noted that the footpath located at the exit of Harold's Cross Park located at the north side of Harold's Cross Road is narrow in sections.

Placing barriers would further reduce the available widths and be contrary to the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

Guardrails may be counterproductive:

- It may increase vehicle speeds & aggressive behaviour create a false sense of safety for both drivers and pedestrians.
- Block intervisibility between drivers and children.
- Can result in pedestrians being trapped on the outside of the guardrail.
- Reduce the width of footpaths.
- Create a collision hazard for cyclists. It would also pose difficulties for wheelchair users, buggies and other vulnerable road users.

There is an existing railing placed south side of entrance of Harold's Cross Park. However, the footpath at this location is wider than at the north side entrance.

Placing a railing at the main entrance of the park, located at the South East of Harold's Cross Park will cause obstructions for the parks maintenance vehicles. It is therefore not recommended to place barriers at this location.

**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.

**Reply:**

This matter has been forwarded to the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the Department of Transport and reply will issue to the councillor when a response is received.

All documentation in relation to the project to include a public consultation document is available on [www.metrolink.ie](http://www.metrolink.ie) Public Consultation is ongoing and submissions can be made to [consultation@metrolink.ie](mailto:consultation@metrolink.ie) or alternatively by post to Metrolink Consultations, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8 before 5.00pm on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The NTA & Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) will be invited to present to the city council at a future monthly meeting where any questions / queries councillors may have will be addressed.

**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).

**Reply:**

The matter is the subject of a current Planning Enforcement investigation.

**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

**Reply:**

1. Paths they are in a state:  
These footpaths have been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out when a crew is available.
2. Dumping is still continuing can you find out if any final notices have been given out:  
No evidence was found in the dumped material for any litter fines to be issued, however new CCTV was installed in 2017.
3. Lighting in the estate the yellow is too dark:  
There is no Public Lighting minor works improvements programme for 2018. The existing lighting here has been examined and is to an acceptable standard. The existing lighting here has been upgraded from SOX to SON lanterns in recent years. The lighting designs were checked and meet current standards. We will however, ensure to clean the lenses and re-lamp the existing lights where required.
4. Removal of old duvet dumped along the park wall:  
This was removed on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Any illegal dumping should be reported to [southeast@dublincity.ie](mailto:southeast@dublincity.ie) and Waste Management Section will remove.
5. Sweeping the estate:  
Waste Management Services had Rutland Grove swept on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
6. Erecting a Welcome to Rutland Sign:  
These signs are normally provided for urban villages. Rutland is an estate so a welcome to sign would not be appropriate.
7. Weeding the estate:  
Plans for weed-spraying in 2018 throughout the area have not yet been agreed, but councillors will be notified in due course.  
A Tidy Towns group should be set up for the area. The South East Area Office will be happy to work with them and supply materials, flowers etc. The Team Dublin Clean up

is happening again this year on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April and all communities are being asked to come together on that day to help clean their neighbourhoods. To get involved simply contact your local area office who will arrange for you to receive equipment and make sure that all litter and rubbish collected by your group is removed on the day.

The office may be contacted, tel.: **222 2362** email: **southeast@dublincity.ie**

**Q43. 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.

**Reply:**

Confirmation of a proposal to ballot residents is included in the Traffic Advisory Group minutes listed on the current South East Area Committee Meeting Agenda and I anticipate that a ballot will be carried out at the end of April or early May.

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

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

**Reply:**

A number of visits were made to Rathmines Park to check access. On each occasion while access was tight in places it was still adequate. Dublin Fire Brigade will of course continue to routinely monitor access.

There is a Pay and Display & Permit Parking Scheme in operation at this location which allows parking on one side of the street with further parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines on the other. It is deemed that the measures in place at this location are adequate for emergency services to gain access.

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

Can the large pothole on Frankfurt Avenue be repaired?

**Reply:**

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

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

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

**Reply:**

The trees at this location will be inspected in the next two weeks to determine if pruning is required.

**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?

**Reply:**

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

**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.

**Reply:**

A site inspection was carried out on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2108. There is no problem with visibility regarding the existing location of the speed radar sign.

The speed radar sign is situated in the most appropriate location which provides the optimum visibility for vehicles approaching the sign.

It is not recommended to rescind the existing cycle track sign near 96 Sandford Road as the sign indicates the presence of a cycle track. This does not interfere with the speed radar sign.

Following the inspection, the supplier of the sign was requested to replace the battery in the unit to improve the sign luminosity which will be carried out in the near future.

**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.

**Reply:**

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

**Q.50 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

**Reply:**

Installation of a limited number of additional solar compactor bins is due to begin shortly. Consideration will be given to Sandymount Village at Sandymount Green as an appropriate location for this type of bin in the completed installation plan.

**Q.51 Councillor Paddy Smyth**

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

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council Environment and Transportation Department has invited consultants on the 'Framework Agreement for Consultancy Services to provide Design, Construction Management and Other Services for Transport Projects Funded by the National Transport Authority' to tender for engineering consultancy services for the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route scheme (Ref DCC 17 0008).

This invitation was sent out on 22/03/2018 and will close on 12/4/2018.

The tender competition is for the provision of consultancy services for feasibility design review, document review, preliminary design, statutory planning process, detailed design, tender action, evaluation and award, role of designer and project supervisor design process, monitoring and close-out for Fitzwilliam Cycle Route.

**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.

**Reply:**

Please see separate report being distributed at this meeting. Traffic Department staff will be available at the South East Area Committee meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018, when this item will be listed on the agenda for discussion

**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.

**Reply:**

This road is not part of our 2018 Resurfacing Programme but will be considered for next year's programme.

**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.

**Reply:**

We have examined the lighting on Ailesbury Road and we will consider replacing the existing orange coloured low pressure sodium lights with LED white lights as part of our future LED replacement programme subject to available finances. Lighting poles 1-10 have already been upgraded to LED. However, we will aim to add the rest of the existing poles to our LED Replacement Programme for 2018. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

**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.

**Reply:**

- a) Waste Management Services had Baggot Lane cleaned on the 3rd April 2018 and it will be put on a monthly cleaning schedule
- b) The Area Engineer is waiting for the speed survey at Baggot Lane to be carried out. When the results arrive a recommendation will be made. At the moment due the large volume of demands for speed surveys for the implementation of the extension of the 30k zone in Dublin City, it is expected that there will be a delay for the survey.

**Q.56 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

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

**Reply:**

This road is not part of our 2018 Resurfacing Programme but will be considered for next year's programme.

**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.

**Reply:**

The trees at these locations will be replaced as per section 3.8.1 Replacement Planting as set out in the Dublin City Tree Strategy 2016 - 2020.

In the case of large trees it is not always possible to undertake replacement planting immediately after the trees have been removed or in the exact location due the large volume of root associated with such trees.

**Q.58 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

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

**Reply:**

The area engineer will assess the request for installation of cycle stands on Erne Street Upper and the councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

**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.

**Reply:**

The problem of scrambler bikes and racing bikes being used in the Cabbage Patch has been referred to the Gardaí for their attention.

The open space at the Cabbage Patch is cleaned and maintained a number of times each week, is locked at night time.

Parks staff have recently been involved in meetings with stakeholders. However, the problems which arise in the Cabbage Patch can only be resolved by a combination of Dublin City Council, the residents and the Gardaí working together to deal with the small number of individuals who are causing the 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

**Reply:**

Planning register reference 2198/18 was refused retention permission on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Planning Enforcement has also advised that: "There is a live file on Opium, 26 Wexford Street. A Section 154 Notice was served on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 requiring the removal of the steel structure and glazed roof and the reinstatement of the curved bitumen covered roof by 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The Notice was not complied with and the matter is now the subject of legal proceedings."

**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.

**Reply:**

Once the school moves to its new location, the Road Safety Unit will carry out pedestrian counts to establish if it meets the warrant for a School Warden at this location. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course

**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.

**Reply:**

The area traffic engineer has confirmed that there are existing double yellow lines at the entrance to Mount Argus View. There is also an existing single yellow line on the east side of the entrance road. The area traffic engineer has confirmed that it is not proposed to extend the existing double yellow lines on the west side of Mount Argus as it is not current policy to install double yellow lines outside private entrances.

**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.

**Reply:**

The trees at these locations will be replaced as per section 3.8.1 Replacement Planting as set out in the Dublin City Tree Strategy 2016 - 2020.

In the case of large trees it is not always possible to undertake replacement planting immediately after the trees have been removed or in the exact location due the large volume of root associated with such trees. Therefore it is not possible to advise as to when the planting will be undertaken until a site assessment is undertaken in the spring of 2019.

**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.

**Reply:**

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

The criteria for the introduction of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking scheme will be forwarded to the councillor. The criteria require the submission of initial supporting evidence from 25% of the households of the road in favour of the introduction of a parking scheme.

**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.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**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.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the leaves and litter removed from the above mentioned area on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**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.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the leaves and debris removed from the paths around Bushy Park on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.