

Q.1 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to install a pedestrian crossing on Rathmines Road at Church Avenue, near the entrance to Rathmines Park, to improve safety and connectivity for pedestrians from the west side of Rathmines Road Upper to the Beechwood Luas Stop, the primary schools on Oakley Road and Kildare Place, as well as Bumbles Montessori.

Q.2 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to ensure that disc parking inspections are increased substantially on Wesley Road, Rathgar. Residents report multiple cars regularly parked without pay and display for lengthy periods without being clamped.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for the sunken road surface in the vicinity of 29 Havelock Square to be filled in and resurfaced and the broken footpath in the area of 27 - 28 Havelock Square to be repaired.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for the issues regarding drainage at Grand Canal Street / Hogan Place detailed in the email submitted with this Question are resolved before this question is reached for reply.

I'm writing because of a problem which is ongoing for many years now.

On this area of Grand Canal Street / Hogan Place the drainage on the kerb is very bad. As you can appreciate lots of commercial businesses are coming into this area in recent times and it looks awful and it's not just during significant rainfall. Even with medium rain falls one cannot cross the road. The litter, which I mention frequently, is also a problem. I attach a photo to show you.

I'm hoping perhaps you can collectively try work on this and focus the minds of Dublin City Council into planning some drainage works here at some stage some time. I appreciate it's not a fast fix issue but it should be on an agenda. I'm surprised local businesses haven't hi-lighted this issue or indeed resident owners beside the kerb as highlighted.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the manager to arrange footpath repairs *details supplied.

Q.6 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager state what action has been taken to get Irish Water to reinstate footpaths and roads in Gulistan that we opened to install water meters. This area was left in a very poor state and need to be reinstated.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the manager to indicate park works to be completed in Dartmouth Square Park in next number of weeks and in remainder of 2018.

Q.8 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager for an update on the tendering process below and when the contract is due to be awarded.

Q.51 Councillor Paddy Smyth. 9/4/18
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.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she could arrange for a detailed response to the points raised regarding planning enforcement at (details supplied) and outlined in the text submitted with this question.

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she could give me an update on these issues that were the subject of previous questions to the manager.

Q.11 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager examine the area around Church Gardens, Rathmines that leads to Doran's Barbers? The double yellow lines need to be reinstated there as it very difficult for cyclists and pedestrians to pass at the bollards with the amount of car parking at this point.

Q.12 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to repair the foot path on Albany Road, which is in a serious state of disrepair?

Q.13 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to resurface the roads and pavements at Gulistan Cottages and Gulistan Place, they are in a state of disrepair and cannot wait until the bring centre is redeveloped to be repaired.

Q.14 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for a further update on enforcement notice E1364/17.

Q.15 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for each quarter of 2017 the number of houses and site in the South East Area that have been referred to the Derelict Sites Office, the number inspected, the outcomes of those inspections.

Q.16 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to install drinking water fountains in public squares across the south east area.

Q.17 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the city manager to install public drinking water fountains in the parks in the south east area.

Q.18 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please state what traffic safety audit was carried out as part of the planning application to provide access to Educate Together School at Harold's Cross Dog Track accessing from lane to rear of the site? And further request a copy of this report please.

Q.19 Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department prepares and issues to the councillor a report on the safety issues of Lidl deliveries on Rathmines Road on a daily basis. This has serious safety implications for passing pedestrians.

Q.20 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she can give me an answer to each of the following issues pertaining to Shelbourne Road - all of which have been the subject of previous motions and questions:

1. When will Lansdowne Park and Shelbourne Road get the 30 km/hr speed signs?
2. When will the sign stating there is a 3 tonne limit on Shelbourne Road be placed at the junction of Lansdowne Road coming down from Ballsbridge and at Lansdowne Road?
3. Has there been any response to the letter from the council regarding buses travelling along Shelbourne Road?

Q21. Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to improve conditions at *details supplied.

Q22. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager to arrange a meeting to be attended by a "decision maker", this councillor, any other interested councillor and the resident of *details supplied to once and for all agree a programme of works that will ensure safe access and egress for the resident by removing obstacles and provide a safe passageway for the resident in his wheelchair independently propelled by the resident in the event of an emergency.

Q.23 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a hand cart up to clear the litter on Synge Street and surrounding streets?

Q.24 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager outline when the barriers / fencing along south quays at City Quay will be removed and why are they there so long?

Q.25 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager outline who is developing the site at entrance to New Street Gardens and who and how many will be housed there when complete and have residents been consulted in relation to this development?

Q.26 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Marko pitch ensure that the small Astro pitch is consistently maintained and not allowed remain closed for long periods of time as it has been closed for much of the last year?

Q.27 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state when the three trees Stella Gardens will be cut down as stated in the question below from last month?

Q.54 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager arrange to have the huge trees at 159 & 160 Rosary cut down or topped as this tree is huge next to small terrace of houses and also has broken the footpath and made it a trip hazard?

Reply:

When the tree is removed by Parks Division Road Maintenance Services will repair the footpath here.

As per the tree works programme for 2018 there are 4 trees located at Stella Gardens / Rosary Terrace which are scheduled for removal and replacement with more suitable species.

It is anticipated that this work will be undertaken over the calendar year.

Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager say what is the status of the interceptor Ecocem committed to installing for environmental reasons it hasn't been installed yet and also state why given the dry windy weather that the same company do not have netting over their sand and cement supply storage areas?

Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have section of cement carriageway that has the dangerous pot hole outside 63 The Cloisters Road repaired using the materials the same as surrounding material?

Q.30 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the door of *details supplied replaced as a matter of urgency as the locksmith was out recently and said he could not put a new lock on as the door was too bad?

Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state why there are no directional road markings at the top of Harcourt Street going out of town on the way to South Circular Road and Ranelagh?

Q.32 Councillor Paddy McCartan

On the 17th of June 2017 I requested a cul-de-sac sign for St. Alban's Park, Sandymount. The reply to my question 28 was in the affirmative. Can the manager address this issue almost 11 months later?

Q.33 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange for the removal of a redundant telephone kiosk adjacent to 59 Bath Avenue, Sandymount.

Q.34 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

Parking on Ringsend Park has become difficult and stressful over the last couple of years.

Despite a note from a local councillor about designated bays for residents over a year ago, no progress has been made on this issue. The street has become a parking lot and is over-congested with cars and vans parked on both sides of the street at all times of night and day. In addition, staff from local businesses are using the street as a car park and recently residents have begun using cones to demarcate their parking bays outside their houses so that local workers do not take these spots. This, in turn has provoked arguments between residents on the use of cones with some agreeing with it and others not.

Several houses with off-street driveways (on the right hand side of the road as you drive down) also park on the road, despite having room for 3-4 cars in each driveway, further contributing to congestion, both on the road, and also on the footpaths as cars on the right hand side typically park with one side on the kerb.

In addition to this, multiple commercial vans park on the road in the evenings and weekends making it dangerous for children and pedestrians to be seen on pathways. Many of these vans are driven by people who live in houses on the right hand side of the road which have driveways but are not used to park their vans.

One house even runs its commercial cleaning business from the street with 2-3 large vans parked on the street most evenings and weekends and uses cones to prevent other vehicles parking there. Is there no regulation against this or does this business not need to pay rates or extra property charges as a result of conducting business on a residential street?

2. Congestion of pathways on Ringsend Park

In addition to the parking issues, there is also congestion on the footpaths, especially on the left hand side where the smaller, rebrick cottages are built. Some residents on this side (approximately 5 or 6) now leave 2 or 3 wheelie bins outside their houses 24/7 which are not only unsightly and detract from the architectural heritage / scenic amenity of the terraced cottages, but also obstruct pedestrians and residents with prams and luggage and also wheelchair users. All residents on the cottage-side use bags for rubbish collection so I don't know why some have introduced wheelie bins recently (or why they are being left outside all the time). All Cottages on the street have a backyard with ample storage for bins. While the recent addition of permanent benches and flowerpots outside some cottages make the street look better, some are treating the pavement as an extension of their homes, storing all sorts of bikes, prams and other obstacles. I can understand that planters and benches can ameliorate the recreational aspect of the street but my question is where does this start and stop and who is managing the street as an amenity?

3. Dogs allowed roam free

Residents of the street allow their dogs to roam on the street without a leash during the day and at night. On several occasions I have seen these dogs 'leaving their business' on the path and near people's doorways and I myself have stood in dog

faeces on several occasions getting out of my car and walking into my house. As a keen dog walker, I know that it's illegal to have a dog off the leash and wonder where are the dog catchers or council employees to police this. Surely the fines for breaking these laws would pay for their wages?

So the question that arises from the above issues is who is policing the by-laws of our city? It seems to me, nobody is. So are the residents supposed to regulate the road themselves? Is it every man for himself? If so, this is a worrying trend for our city and the people who were voted in who are supposed to look after it. While it is great that the economy is doing so well and unfortunate that there is a major homelessness issue in the city, the above issues have had a knock-on effect on the enjoyment of the street by its residents and I believe needs addressing.

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue: There has being no response to my October question number 42 on Iveagh Gardens and in addition to that to address the current issues raised in the following email.

I enclose two photos (to follow in another email) which I took today and which illustrate the long term damage to the grounds resulting from those events. It's hard to believe but it's already April, and a large part of the grounds usually used for leisure and sport are still out of bounds! Other parts of the gardens are not out of bounds but the grass surface is so fragile it's impossible to walk on safely. What is also somewhat galling is that a rumour is being put out (by who I don't know, but I can guess) that the damage has being caused by the users of the park!

Q.36 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to place a big belly bin at the entrance to Irishtown Nature Park opposite the entrance to Marine Drive.

Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue: Cars are continuously blocking the access to the underground car park at the Bottle Works Irishtown Road / Fitzwilliam Street. A yellow box in front of the entrance would ensure that the area is kept clear at all times. Residents exiting and entering the apartments on occasions have had to leave their vehicles outside.

Q.38 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have markings repainted in the loading bay adjacent to Tesco express supermarket Fitzwilliam Street Irishtown Road. Cars are now parking on a permanent basis in the loading bay. This is causing disruption for suppliers and shoppers.

Q.39 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with residents concerns on the flood alleviation works at Anglesea Road. They recently received the following response from Gerard O'Connell.

An agreement was reached with conservation architects last year on the strengthening of this wall opposite the RDS entrance on Anglesea Road but this proved too costly. Following numerous meetings between planners, conservation architects and ourselves a compromise solution has been agreed and documents for a new Part 8 are being compiled.

Prior to this vegetation on the existing wall has been removed, pointing of masonry approved by various archaeological consultants has been carried out, existing voids and stone loss has been replaced and underpinning and further strengthening of the existing wall is ongoing.

This wall has survived Hurricane Charlie in 1986 and the flood event of October 2011 both classed as at least 100 year flood events as well as many previous major flood events on the Dodder. The proposed raising of the wall is by 100mm which is in the freeboard or safety margin of the flood defence height.

The Part 8 as a matter of planning procedure will be presented in draft to the South East Area Committee and I will inform you of progress on it.

What is the time frame for the part 8? At this stage residents need certainty for the conclusion of this phase of the works to Donnybrook Bridge.

Q.40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following letter re a casual traders licence.

I had a casual traders licence with electricity provided by Dublin Docklands Development Authority, since March 2006, for my coffee business Barista Angel / The Art of Coffee.

In 2015 I was transfer to Dublin City Council my current landlord.

I was originally located on the Liffey quay, Sir. John Rogerson's Quay, (east site of the BJ Marine building) from March 2006 until June 2007, because construction of Samuel Beckett Bridge started in June 2007, Barista Angel was relocated to the West site of the BJ. Marine building (opposite to Anchorage building) and I was having electricity connection to run the coffee cart provide by Dublin Docklands Development Authority until Friday 5th June 2015.

I operated my business their successfully for over 9 years, with electricity.

Over 2 years ago I was asked to move to make way for the development of a quayside warehouse and flood defence wall.

On Monday 8th June 2015 (for a third time) Barista Angel was relocated on the west of the Samuel Beckett Bridge (opposite to the Ferryman Pub)... this time no electricity was available.

As the new location does not have an electrical supply I was offered a temporary generator until I will have electricity.

I am over a two years in this situation with the hassle and time-consuming task of moving the generator to and from overnight storage. As a sole trader, the sole breadwinner in my household and a single father raising my two girls I am committed to making a success of my business.

I understand that I have a "**casual trading licence**" but this licence was issued with the electricity included, from Dublin Docklands Development Authority, as well as "Coffee Angel" who roan two coffee units on North site of the Liffey, with electricity.

I have worked here for over 11 (eleven) years and feel that the Council should support my in this matter, (as a Local Small Business) facilitated with an electrical supply.

Q.41 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address the issue of motorists using Dermot O’Hurley Avenue Irishtown and Fitzwilliam Quay as a rat run. At present there is one bollard located in the middle of the road but this is not sufficient to deter motorist manoeuvring between the bollard and footpath (see pics enclosed).

Q.42 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have St Alban’s Park, Sandymount swept and cleared as debris has been left lying on the road beside the kerb throughout the small enclave.

Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full traffic assessment and count of all traffic diverted from in and around College Green?

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager deliver a full update on the ongoing changes and realignment at the Peace Garden? This report to include what consultation processes took place with local residents on the proposed installation of the Flanders memorial.

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Would the manager issue a full report with regards the ongoing issues in relation to office and other developments on Creighton Street? This report to include all impacts and all complaints that residents have made to DCC regarding the impact of these developments on their lives and on their property.

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager contact 98 FM radio station and request them not to park their massive radio truck on the East side of Camden Street during broadcast. This oversized truck is causing great interference to the local stall holders. This truck is parking in a loading bay area and is depriving local businesses and shoppers of the opportunity to park in the bay while they shop.

Also, there is a health and safety issue here given the huge size of this truck and the issue of noise.

Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards to the activities of the Docklands Community Forum? This report to include minutes of all meetings that the forum has had since its inception.

Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have all the locks removed from the Ha’penny Bridge immediately? Also that this bridge is monitored regularly and all objects that are illegally placed on it removed.

Also, that the manager ensures that no banners of any nature be allowed cover this unique structure of national importance.

Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give me an update please on what proposals if any have been made or are being worked on regarding a pilot scheme to deal with the manner in which we dispose of general waste within our social housing complexes in the South East Area? At present all waste is simply dumped into a series of steel wheelie bins which are not covered which give rise to disease and vermin as well as other public health concerns.

Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full evaluation of all grant schemes in the South East Area that are given to any scouting organisations and to ensure that these organisations that are in receipt of these grants are in full compliance with good governance, child protection policies, child protection guidelines and Garda vetting. Also, that all relevant staff in such organisations are Tusla approved in relation to staffing level guidelines around young people and vulnerable adults.

Given the recent controversy around Scouting Ireland it is important that this local authority, DCC, execute their duty of care in this instance.

It would also be wise that a full audit with regards child protection governance is carried out across the whole community sector and voluntary groups, particularly where children and vulnerable adults are concerned.

Q.51 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the ongoing improvement works that are taking place Clarendon Street, Harry Street area? Many traders here are concerned about the fall off in their business as a result of these ongoing works.

Further, can the manager ensure that there is a regular update delivered to all the businesses in the area in relation to these works and their progress? And that a regular report is brought to the SEA committee.

Q.52 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full evaluation of the Art PerCent scheme in the South East Area? This report to include all works that have been initiated under this scheme in the last three years and what monies and opportunities are available at present under this scheme and a full appraisal of how this scheme is administrated and operated.

Q.53 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a process to reevaluate the busking pitch beside Rory's Fishing Tackle shop at 17 Temple Bar? The busking here is having a negative impact on the residents of Crampton buildings. It is too close to a residential area and I have received many complaints in relation to noise levels and also in relation to the amplification.

Many residents have asked that the pitch be relocated to a less residential area.

Q.54 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for each quarter of 2017 the number of sites referred as vacant sites in the South East Area, the number inspected, the outcomes of those inspections.

Q.55 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to:

- a) Repair potholes on Northbrook Lane and to schedule the lane and adjoining roads for footpath, road and kerb repairs.
- b) Examine the tree in front of 11 Northbrook Road, as like with some other trees in the area it appears to be in a dangerous state.
- c) Provide an outline of the tree strategy plans for the Northbrook, Dartmouth, Leeson Park and adjoining roads for the next 12 months, as many of the trees are too high and top heavy and in a precarious position.

Q.56 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to provide information in relation to Dartmouth Square Park.

- a) What budget is provided for maintenance and landscaping of the Park in 2018?
- b) How often is the Park tended to by Parks and Landscapes?
- c) Who is responsible for managing the Park, both in terms of landscaping and event management?

Q.57 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to install double yellow lines on both sides of the road and extending around the bend from Mount Argus View to Mount Argus Close as the road is often clogged with commuters' parked cars from Monday to Friday, resulting in a narrowing of access for local cars, emergency vehicles, etc.

Q.58 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager of the Rathmines recycling depot to ensure that rubbish from the depot does not continue to blow down Gulistan Place and adjoining roads.

Q.59 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for potholes in the following areas to be repaired as soon as possible:

- a) On Bushy Park Road, at the ramp heading towards Rathfarnham Road, near junction with Wasdale Road.
- b) On Garville Avenue Upper, both sides of the junction with Brighton Road.
- c) In the middle of the road on the Harold's Cross side of the junction at Harold's Cross Bridge.

Q.60 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to outline the current strategy for dealing with dog fouling on our streets and to advise if 'best practice' in other jurisdictions has been considered with a view to combating this ongoing problem.

Q.61 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to report on the current status of proposals for a new road system at York Road, Pigeonhouse Road and the East Link Road in Ringsend.

Q.62 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to report on the current status of the proposals for a bridge over the Dodder from Britain Quay to Ringsend.

Q.63 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the completion of the new cycle lane from Beckett Bridge to Matt Talbot Bridge, and an explanation why it has been cordoned off since Christmas with metal railings without any work being done on it?

Q.64 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager the status of the green at the following location details supplied, including whether it is in public or private ownership, and whether there are any proposals for it to be taken in charge by the council.

Q.65 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to clarify if any non-residents of the following road details supplied have been provided with parking permits for the road, and if so, why.

Q.66 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to clean the following lane details supplied and to ensure that it remains clean, by clearing litter and cleaning it on a regular basis to allow it to become a pleasant place for pedestrians.

Q.67 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to ensure that the resident in question receives a comprehensive and effective response to the below email sent to the council on 21st April 2018 as well as a solution to the problem identified. The email is as follows: (details supplied). Please also see photo attached.

Q.68 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the potholes on Mornington Road be filled?

Q.69 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manhole and tarmac outside 10 Alexandra Terrace be remedied given that it is damaging cars?

Q.70 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the lanes behind Ashdale Road be cleaned?

Q.71 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the lanes behind Alexandra Terrace be cleaned?

Q.72 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the pothole on Whitton Road be repaired properly rather than temporarily?

Q.73 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the pothole outside 62 the Cloisters be repaired properly rather than temporarily?

Q.74 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpaths outside Bijou in Rathgar be repaired?

Q.75 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can consideration be given to a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Rathfarnham Road and Bushy Park Road?

Q.76 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Since the snow there is a really big pothole on the speed bump at Bushy Park Road at Wasdale Park. It invariably catches the right wheel unless you take evasive action and swerve. Can this be remedied?

Q.77 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on proposals for a further pedestrian crossing at the following location details supplied:

Q.78 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager state when precisely the LED lights will be installed on Grove and Parnell Roads? They were promised for last quarter of 2017 and then 1st quarter of 2018. This is a dark area along the canal and dangerous for pedestrians at night.

Q.79 Councillor Mary Freehill

Now that the Department of Environment's 2018 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) has been approved which as the following:

The scope of the projects include:

- Clean-up operations - removing illegal waste from across the country
- Household bulky waste initiatives – mattress/couch amnesties
- Awareness campaigns – social media campaigns & radio
- Preventative measures – installation of signage and fencing
- Surveillance operations – CCTV, drone and trail surveillance
- SMART enforcement equipment and resources for waste enforcement officers.

Can we take it that the household bulky waste initiative for Dublin South East will be restored? Furthermore that residents will get due notice of such collections.

Q.80 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she could please investigate the issue of wheelie bins being left on the out on the street on days that are not bin collection days on *details supplied and to outline what action will be taken to address this.

Q.81 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please provide an update on measures to control parking on (Ringsend Park). I understand measures were introduced last year to try to resolve this problem such as designated parking bays for the residents, but this is not being enforced. Can the area manager please review the situation and provide some solutions for the residents as the area has become very congested with non residential parking and also with vehicles parking on the kerb which is causing an obstruction on the footpaths making it difficult for people with prams and wheelchair users to use the pathways safely.

Q.82 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please ensure that the developers of Central Bank Building in Temple Bar erect warning signs to let pedestrians and cyclists know that there is construction taking place and that there are heavy vehicles in the vicinity. Local residents have complained that they have witnessed and experienced some serious near misses with pedestrians, cyclists and these vehicles as their line of sight is obstructed by the hoarding. Can the manager provide an update on the progress of this at the June meeting?

Q.83 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please investigate the issue of rat running through Wellington Lane as a matter of urgency. Cars, large vans and trucks are frequently using this narrow road to access Waterloo Road and Heytesbury Lane. Can the area manager please outline what measures could be put in place to address this issue?

Q.84 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please investigate once more the situation with bins being left outside the following address *details supplied. Please see photos attached. Can the area manager outline what action has already been taken at this address and can she please take further action to ensure the landlord provides the correct bins and storage to facilitate the residents at this multi unit building as they are obliged to do.

Q.85 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please provide details of the development on *details supplied.

Q.86 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please provide an update on the progress of improving the road and footpath surfaces on Burlington Road?

Q.87 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to remove the enormous amount of rubbish on Sandymount Strand near the Merrion Gates. Local residents attempted to collect the rubbish and gathered two sack loads of plastic, ropes and petrol containers but there is at least a truck load of rubbish remaining. This is unsightly and a health and safety risk.

Q.88 Councillor Frank Kennedy

The trees beside and within the New Houses in Ringsend along the Sean Moore Road have not been pruned for a very long time. To ask the manager (a) when these trees were last pruned, and (b) to ensure that they are pruned as a matter of urgency.

Q.89 Councillor Frank Kennedy

While recent media reports suggest that the 30 km/h speed limit has been successful in changing driver behaviour unfortunately this is not consistent with the experience of residents of Sandymount. In fact, throughout the village, and in particular on Sandymount Avenue, cars drive grossly in excess of the limit, and on Sandymount Avenue it is often as high as double the limit. Sandymount Avenue is a road which has an especially high number of vulnerable pedestrians given the children walking to schools in the locality and the location of Enable Ireland on this road. To ask the manager:

- a) To conduct an assessment of the speed which drivers are travelling at on Sandymount Avenue and other 30km/h roads in Sandymount;
- b) To improve the signage denoting that these roads are subject to the 30 km/h limit; and
- c) To implore the Gardaí to enforce these speed limits.

Q.90 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to address the following issues on Ringsend Park (the residential road as opposed to the park itself) (**and please see photos attached**):

- a) Parking on Ringsend Park: Parking on Ringsend Park has become difficult and stressful over the last couple of years. While reference was made to residents about designated bays for residents over a year ago, no progress has been made on this issue. The street has become a parking lot and is over-congested with cars and vans parked on both sides of the street at all times of night and day. In addition, staff from local businesses are using the street as a car park and recently residents have begun using cones to demarcate their parking bays outside their houses so that local workers do not take these spots. This, in turn has provoked arguments between residents on the use of cones with some agreeing with it and others not. In addition to this, multiple commercial vans park on the road in the evenings and weekends making it dangerous for children and pedestrians to be seen on pathways. To ask the manager to address this by have designated parking bays for residents noting in particular the lack of options available to those residents without off-street parking.
- b) Congestion of pathways on Ringsend Park: There is congestion on the footpaths, especially on the left hand side where the smaller, redbrick cottages are built. Some residents' wheelie bins outside their houses other than on collection days. The problem is that this obstructs pedestrians and residents, especially

vulnerable pedestrians such as those with prams and wheelchair users. To ask the manager to ensure that all residents are notified of the legal position regarding wheelie bins and other bins on the footpath other than on collection days.

- c) Controls of dogs and dog fouling: Unfortunately, some people walk dogs on Ringsend Park without a leash, and dog fouling is also a problem. To ask the manager (i) to ensure that the council officials implement the bye laws under the Control of Dogs Act and other relevant legislation and (ii) bring about an awareness campaign on the road as to the legal responsibilities of dog owners.

Q.91 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Within the past year, at the June 2017 SEAC meeting, I asked the following question (Q.78) and received the following response regarding the cycle lane on the N11 between Donnybrook and UCD, particularly the small stretch between RTÉ and UCD:

Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where the cycle lane on the N11 between Donnybrook and UCD, particularly the small stretch between RTÉ and UCD is in a disgraceful state and very dangerous, to ask the manager to ensure that it is repaved as a matter of urgency. Residents and road users have reported a number of falls due to pot holes and badly poured concrete on this stretch.

Reply:

This will be considered for 2018 resurfacing programme. Arrangements will be made to carry out local repairs in the meantime.

This was subsequent to a question I had submitted almost three years prior to that, at the September 2014 SEAC (Q.33). On that occasion the question asked and answer received were as follows:

Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager if the condition of the cycle lanes, particularly the road surface, on the N11 between Donnybrook Church and UCD, can be addressed as a matter of urgency, and when cycle lanes will be installed on Merrion Road between Merrion Gates and Rock Road?

Reply:

The cycle track along the N11 between Donnybrook and UCD is not in a dangerous condition. While we accept that some of the surface dressing has worn away, the height differentials here are not sufficient to present any danger to cyclists. Dublin City Council Road Maintenance Division has no plans to resurface these cycle paths as they are in a safe and serviceable condition.

With regard to the installation of a cycle track on Merrion Road, please refer this matter to Traffic Department.

Last month this stretch of cycle lane was the location of a tragic fatality. This must never be repeated. To ask the manager in the first instance to address the appalling condition of this cycle lane with comprehensive repairs immediately. Then, to ask the manager to prevail upon the relevant department of the council to introduce segregated cycle lanes with proper traffic lights etc. on both sides of the N11 on this route.

Q.92 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install more litter bins along the Grand Canal and in the general area of The Barge public house to prevent the proliferation of litter at this site.

Q.93 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair the large pothole on Sydney Parade Avenue on the road outside the block of apartments at No. 49 Sydney Parade Avenue (please see photo attached).

Q.94 Councillor Frank Kennedy

There are several and one in particular enormous potholes on Nutley Road at the point where it merges onto Seaview Terrace. To ask the manager to ensure that these are repaired immediately? One pothole is so large that it is now very dangerous.