

Question to the Chief Executive

**South East Area Committee
Meeting 11th June 2018**

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if it is intended to upgrade the public lighting along Upper Baggot Street and if not included in the current programme if she will ensure it is included in the next programme.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will report on what action will be taken to repair the lengths of loose kerbing and upgrade the footpaths on Emor Street and also when the part resurfacing of the road carriageway on Emor Street will be finished.

Q.3 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to review the layout of double yellow lines (DYLs) in Rathdown Park, Terenure, with particular attention to the area around No. 103.

The current layout is encouraging on street parking which makes egress from certain driveways impossible due to turning angles. See photo attached.



Q.4 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to see that Grosvenor Lane, which is used regularly by local children playing for Ranelagh Gaels, is cleaned of hazardous waste and the offensive graffiti is removed.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to arrange to clear drains at *details supplied.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she could this councillor with a detailed map showing the ownership of the riverside land adjacent to the Dropping Well public house going up towards the small waterfall at Dartry and outlining if there are any agreements regarding leasing or any other use of the area by any company or individuals.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to investigate issue *details supplied and advise on remedial action.

Q.8 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to ensure that signage at the following locations is not placed in the middle of the path and / or obstructing wheelchair users and prams.

- a) Outside Bombay Grill, 14 Rathgar Road (see photo).
- b) South Richmond Street on the west side near Lennox Street.
- c) South Lotts Road on the north side of the street immediately west of the railway bridge.



Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager what steps have been taken and will be taken to deal with the ongoing dampness problem faced by *details supplied.

Q.10 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Last month (May 2018 SEAC) I asked the following question and received the response below it as follows:

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.

Reply:

While removal vehicles were operating on the day in the city these were unfortunately assigned on a priority basis to An Garda Síochána at the time in order to carry out relocations to address crowd safety issues in the area surrounding the Aviva Stadium on the date in question. The call centre staff member, not being aware of the exact nature or extent of the issue to be dealt with provided a conservative timeframe estimate for availability to the resident.

Contact:

Christopher Carroll, Acting Administrative officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement Section, tel.: 222 2501, email: christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

(my underlining added)

As is apparent from the above response, the second (and substantive) part of my response was not addressed. I make no criticism of this because I should have phrased the question more clearly. Accordingly, to ask for the implementation of the solution to the problem as identified by the resident. The address of the resident in question is [**Details supplied: name and address, including, crucially, point of access to property**] and the solution required is set out in this e-mail from the resident to DCC:

Date: 24 May 2018 16:02
Subject: [**Details supplied**]
To: <christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie>
Cc:

Dear Christopher
My name is [**Details supplied**]
I live at [**Details supplied 1**], and our car exits the driveway on

[Details supplied 2], which is a very narrow one way street.

It has disc parking on both sides of the road.

Cars constantly park carelessly and almost every week the council have problems getting bins collected.

My particular problem is that the lines on the disc parking are too near the gate, and on a DAILY basis, we have problems getting out of the driveway.

On countless occasions I have called the clampers to have the offending car removed so we can get out of our driveway.

I give the name and make of the car.

When the clampers EVENTUALLY arrive, that car has moved off and ANOTHER car has taken its place.

And that's what has been going on for months now.

And the solution is extremely simple.

Moving the white lines bordering the 3 car spaces outside my driveway down just ONE metre away from the gate would solve it.

Also, there is an enormous pothole which cars try to avoid IN the parking bay which compounds the problem.

PLEASE PLEASE send someone to assess the situation. It's very bad and a disgrace to the traffic / parking body.

I am a nurse and i need to be able to get out of the house.

Thank you for reading this email,

Yours sincerely,

[Details supplied]

Q.11 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Details supplied has a blocked valve in her heart and had a brain haemorrhage some years ago. To ask the manager to install a shower in her apartment in lieu of a bath, as while she can get into the bath, she cannot readily get out of it.

Q.12 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to replace the missing capping bricks on the small wall at the green area in Ramleh Close (see photos attached). The wall used to be covered by a climbing plant which the Parks Department kindly removed.

Q.13 Councillor Frank Kennedy

I asked the following question, and received the response which follows it, at the June 2017 SEAC:

Q.80 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair, as a matter of urgency, the footpaths outside Margaretholme Sheltered Housing, Claremont Road, Dublin 4. The footpaths are in a dreadful state and the residents of Margaretholme are elderly, vulnerable and in many cases are of limited mobility.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs at this location.

Contact:

Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services Division, tel.: 222 2722, email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

The residents of Margaretholme advise that the footpaths on Claremont Road, Tritonville Road, Herbert Road, and Sandymount Road remain in poor condition. To ask the manager the following:

- a) To state what repairs have been carried out outside Margaretholme Sheltered Housing, Claremont Road, Dublin 4 in the period since June 2017;
- b) To identify the total number of repairs which are currently logged as required to be carried out to the footpaths on Claremont Road, Tritonville Road, Herbert Road, and Sandymount Road on Road Maintenance's records;
- c) To state what repairs have been carried on Claremont Road, Tritonville Road, Herbert Road, and Sandymount Road since June 2017; and
- d) To carry out repairs to the footpaths on these roads, and especially outside Margaretholme, as a matter of urgency.

Q.14 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install a pedestrian crossing in the middle of Nutley Lane as it is not possible for persons to cross safely at present.

Q.15 Councillor Frank Kennedy

There is currently a rodent / vermin problem on Nutley Park with frequent sightings of rodents, especially in gardens. To ask the manager to rectify this as soon as possible.

Q.16 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to Upper Baggot Street, to ask the manager:

- a) In circumstances where it is very difficult to walk on Upper Baggot Street without encountering obstacles, especially for those who are visually impaired or of limited mobility, to adequately regulate and enforce the use of advertising boards and signage which crowd the pavements in a wholly inconsistent manner throughout the street;
- b) To relocate the bin in the attached photo to an area alongside rather than behind the bus stop (it is a serious impediment to the visually impaired at present);
- c) In circumstances where double parking arising from delivery trucks is a serious problem to the flow of traffic and to the availability of adequate parking, to restrict deliveries to before 10am; and
- d) To plant more trees to create a boulevard effect.

Q.17 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Re Price's Lane in Ranelagh can the following measures be taken to support mews residents and business owners against the use of the lane as a rat run and main artery to Rathmines:

- a) Installation of a waling pathway on South Side of Prices Lane.
- b) Removal of double yellow lines on South Side of Prices Lane.
- c) Installation of double yellow lines on East Side of Prices Lane.

Q.18 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpaths on Hazelbrook Road and Hazelbrook Drive be repaired?

Q.19 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can *details supplied be balloted for paid parking?

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Q.21 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can an update be given in respect of the use of the VEC grounds for sports clubs?

Q.22 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to outline how the Quietway proposal has been developed, its current status, whether any changes have been made to proposal and to issue a copy of current proposals to all members of South East Area Committee.

Q.23 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will request the relevant Dublin City Council staff to make contact with Sportsco to see what action can and will be taken to deal with the problems outlined in the email submitted with this question relating to planning enforcement and noise abatement.

I am writing to you as we have a desperate problem with noise nuisance in our home. We back onto four all weather pitches of Sportsco, South Lotts Road. We live in Bath Avenue Gardens. Sportsco have not replaced the padding on their pitches and we are plagued with the terrible noise of the balls crashing at the surroundings. We also no longer have a wall as a noise barrier as Sportsco's perimeter wall has collapsed into our gardens. Sportsco have a 'noise abatement policy', which clearly is not overseen. We have lost the use of our back gardens as we were told by their structural engineer to honour a six foot exclusion zone in our garden. Living here in 12 Bath Avenue Gardens is turning into a nightmare and we feel we have no control of the situation we have found ourselves in. As DCC gave planning permission for these all weather pitches I feel they should take some interest in how they are being managed especially as they are causing us such noise nuisance. I would be grateful if you could take the time to come to my home in order for you to experience the situation that we are in through no fault of our own.

Q.24 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager when work will commence on Dublin City Council portion of Dodder Greenway?

Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to any activities that took place during the allowed free days that are given over to community activities at the Bord Gáis Theatre as part of the community gain process?

Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report on the dumping and dredging that is taking place in Dublin Bay at present? The dumping relates to work carried out by the Dublin Port Company and the dredging is an ongoing issue. Both sets of activities are now causing damage to the eco systems in Dublin Bay. Many divers report poor visibility and damage in the water as a result of dumping in the water of materials by Dublin Port.

We need a full environmental impact study here and an immediate assessment of the damage before we lose this unique world heritage site, Dublin Bay.

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards the amount of house boats that are now using the canal and the canal basin? This report to include those who have permanent status as a home and those who have temporary residencies and moorings. This report also to include a full list of the occupants of these house boats. Also, this report to include how many owners of barges and boats are in dispute with Waterways Ireland and the waterways management company with regards their residencies on board their boats in the canal area and the canal basin area. And

how many barge owners and residents have been evicted or are threatened with eviction.

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ensure that double yellow lines and emergency exit signs are placed on the entrances of Digges Street housing estate on the Mercer Street side just at the entrance to Cuffe Street? The double yellow lines are broken and cars constantly park here impeding any emergency vehicles that need to get into this complex. There is a temporary gate erected to stop anti-social behaviour but this is in fact an emergency exit from the estate. I will supply photos.

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report from Dublin City Council's Fire Brigade and emergency services on the numbers of call outs relating to overdose of drugs on our streets in the past year within the South East area?

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of relocating the public seat at the South William Street entrance to Powerscourt Townhouse to a more appropriate area in the vicinity? This seating area is fast becoming awash with anti-social behaviour, drug taking, drug selling and general drunkenness and aggressive begging are the order of the day.

Many shops and business as well as residents in the area are concerned about the escalation especially late into the evening and the early hours of the morning.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager examine the possibility of placing flexible bollards on the footpath at Camden Place outside the residents' dwellings? This is a very narrow street and more and more delivery trucks are entering and parking on the footpath even though there are double yellow lines. The basements of these areas are beginning to collapse with the weight of these trucks. People cannot walk the footpath and residents cannot get out of their homes including the elderly. They are pleading with Dublin City Council at this point to at least put flexi-posts / bollards on the footpath. They have a right to be protected in their homes and the pedestrians have a right to be protected on the footpath. This situation has now gone on for years, which is unacceptable and this situation simply cannot continue.

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report and investigate the damage that was done to residents' homes in Haskin Court? Recently the walkway was power hosed; the residents allege they were not informed of when these works were taking place and when they arrived home their curtains were damaged, their windows were filthy and their flooring left filthy dirty. I attach photos of one of the residents' homes. Can we address this issue please and also the issue of the management of this estate?

Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager as a matter of urgency address the issue of illegal buskers and bongo players in the Temple Bar area? Please see enclosed details of this issue.

Q.34 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Could the manager please give me an update with regards the ongoing issues at Milton Road car park and bring centre? This issue has been on the agenda for a number of years now and there isn't a week that goes by without residents ringing

me regarding the issues here of traffic management and the entrance and exit onto the main road.

The car park over flows, there is no order as to who comes in and out. There is no indication on the road that there is a car park and a concealed entrance. Pedestrians and local residents are placed in grave danger. While many public use this as a free car park others use it to drive in to the bring centre. It is probably one of the busiest places on this main, very busy, fast moving road.

I ask as a matter of urgency that this be addressed and placed at the top of our traffic agenda.

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

To fix the footpath on Palmerston Grove, Milltown outside house number 12 and 2a.

Q.36 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

To repair the road surface adjacent to Fortlands, Herbert Avenue, Dublin 4.

Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

A bike has been locked to the bicycle rack outside 12 Thorncastle Street, Ringsend. There is no saddle on the bike and it is there for the last three months. Please make arrangements to have it removed.

Q.38 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

To cut back the trees on Bremen Avenue, Ringsend that are blocking the light of number 38 and houses on either side. Residents say that only one tree was cut back and the rest were left undone.

Q.39 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue in Irishtown Nature Park.

I received this response last December 2017:

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

As this is now June 2018 I would have expected that the bench would be in situ at this stage.

Q.40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager why do Covanta not have a landscaping plan in place for the Ringsend Incinerator; and why do the mock-ups of the building have soft furnishings included without having said plan in place. Was planning approval conditional on having a landscaping plan and how much of the project's budget has been set aside for landscaping and; at what stage will landscaping begin?

Q.41 Councillor Paddy McCartan

I recently requested road and path cleaning in St Alban's Park and was assured that the work had being completed but I have received the following email from a resident:

"I strolled around St Alban's Park last weekend. I am afraid that someone is misleading officialdom as no sweeping has taken place throughout. The weeds and

dirt are still there. If a sweeper had done its job the weeds and dirt would have been swept up by the brushes."

Q.42 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have this green area cleared of dumped bags and cut back? It's at the entrance to Dowlings Court, off Lombard Street.



Q.43 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager address the issue of trucks on the roundabout at end of Sean Moore Road with 20 or more trucks coming out of the container yard at the roundabout and heading to the East Link Bridge? One after another they take over the roundabout and refuse to let cars access Sean Moore Road from Pigeon House Road this also causes the back up on Sean Moore Road back to Sandymount and into Ringsend particularly Pigeon House Road.

Given the disruption the heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) are causing for traffic and the fact that they appear to be an accident waiting to happen at this roundabout, can the manager limit the times HGVs coming from local industry can access the roundabout? If they were not allowed to access it from 4 - 6.30 I imagine there would be a bit of an improvement?

Q.44 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to arrange for a risk assessment of pedestrian and cyclist safety arising from new traffic arrangements at Harold's Cross Bridge and to make recommendations.

Q.45 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to schedule tree pruning in Mount Drummond Avenue, Harold's Cross.

Q.46 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to install additional cycle parking stands in Harold's Cross area including at street level.

Q.47 Councillor Patrick Smyth

To ask the manager for an update on the recent tendering process for the design phase of the Fitzwilliam Cycleway Project.

Q.48 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the progress of the following:

- The delivery of a pedestrian crossing at the top of Nutley Lane and Stillorgan Road.

- The delivery of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Nutley Road and Nutley Lane.
- Fixing of footpaths on Nutley Road and Nutley Lane.

Q.49 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please ensure that the outside of No. 40 Harrington Street is cleaned up, and can she confirm whether this building is indeed vacant and whether it is listed on the vacant or derelict buildings registers?

Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she would consider trialling 'flexi pavement surfaces around the base of trees along Nutley Road and Nutley Park as a means to fix the broken pavements due to the exposure of the roots of the trees on these streets.

Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if the plans to increase the capacity of the Drury Street Car Park secure bike parking facilities are complete, and if not when will the works be completed, and can she provide details.

Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please provide an update on plans to install bike parking facilities at Sandymount and Sydney Parade Dart Stations.

Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager whether she has written to the Minister for Environment or the Minister for Housing in relation to the external insulation plan for Glovers Court that was developed by the Government in 2010 / 2011 as requested previously and can she provide an update on the progress of this.

Q.54 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the huge amount of graffiti / tagging that has been carried out on the walls of the houses on Lennox Street, Warren Street, Martin Street, and Lennox Place removed, as it is important to get rid of this as soon as possible?

Q.55 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate the following breach of planning (details supplied):

Q.56 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager the current planning status of houseboat berths in the inner Grand Canal Basin, the relevant planning permission reference number under which permanent live-aboard house boats are moored here, the zoning of the basin under the City Development Plan and the Docklands Strategic Development Zone, and whether it would be a permissible use to increase the number of live-aboard berths.

Q.57 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to install bicycle parking at Sandymount Strand at each of the car parks on the strand.

Q.58 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for a report on the addition of double yellow lines at the following location (details supplied), including who requested them, and what level of public consultation occurred.

Q.59 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager outline the process that details supplied needs to take to get a disabled parking bay outside her home? She already has an up to date parking permit for people with a disability.

Q.60 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager outline what are the planned upgrading of facilities in Ringsend Park and Irishtown stadium in 2018 and 2019 and what will the cost be?

Q.61 Councillor Chris Andrews

Details supplied got a new wooden door installed recently and it is worse than the old door. The council person installing the door said that a chubb lock won't work on it and the lock that may work on it is 140 euro. There are other defects to the door. Can an inspector investigate this and have a second lock put on as it is unsafe in its current state?

Q.62 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager give an update as to when vehicular parking will be stopped to the rear of details supplied as it is used by children to play and previously was an area with restricted vehicle access as children used this green area until someone knocked down the bollard preventing vehicles entering this area?

Q.63 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager outline what improvements have been made to Herbert Park in the last year and what improvements are planned in the next year and also outline what measures have been taken to clean the pond in the park over the last year and what measure will be taken over the coming year to improve the water quality?

Q.64 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager look at preventive barriers outside the swings playground on South Dock Street to prevent small children from running out on to the street itself (they were there for years and removed about 10 years ago for some reason) and the number of children has increased?