



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 MAY 2018

- 1 **Presentation on the Quietway**
Order: Noted.
The councillors took a vote as to whether they should proceed with the consultation process by way of street audits. The results of the vote were 8 against, 5 for and 1 abstention.
- 2 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 9th April 2018**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Sandymount Green Traffic.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 24th April 2018.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Outdoor drinking and littering alongside the Grand Canal - taken with Motion 18.
Order: It was agreed that the South East Area Office staff would liaise with the relevant agencies to ensure that the Gardaí, Waste Management Services Division and Waterways Ireland manage this issue.
- 4 **Planning and Property Management Department**
 - i. Report on proposed grant to Marian College, Swimming Pool.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal of lease of Drury Street Carpark to Parkrite.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
 - iii. Report on Proposed Brief for the Pigeon House Precinct.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department Matters**
 - i. Proposed disposal of 53 residential units at Block A, Shelbourne Plaza, Dublin 4, to Tuath Housing Association (a company limited by guarantee).
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.

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South East Area Matters

- i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on proposed taking in charge of Purser Gardens.
Order: Agreed to initiate the procedure.
- iii. Proposal to name a development Sandford Grove, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed.
- iv. Proposal to name a development Shrewsbury Gardens, Shrewsbury Road, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to provide the inclusion of road resurfacing of Havelock Square in the next relevant works programme.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to include Havelock Square in the next round of the LED Public Lighting installation programme.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where Irish Rail is planning to expand the frequency of Dart services at rush hours, this committee resolves to write to Irish Rail to request some more Dart services to Grand Canal Dock in the mornings. Currently there are only a few early morning options when taking this route and, as crèches in the area don't allow entry before a certain hour, there is a need for this route to have a train scheduled for around 7:50am and 8am each weekday. The earlier routes are packed way over capacity and so there is a need for another later service than the current 7:28am service.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests a presentation on the following application:

Area: Area 1 - South East
Application No.: 2588/18
Application Type: Permission
Applicant: Uniball Bar Limited
Location: Clonskeagh House, 68 Clonskeagh Road, Dublin 6
Proposal: The development will consist of demolition of the existing bar known as Clonskeagh House and the development of 39 no. bedroom guesthouse across basement to 4th floor. Fit out works to include the provision of a kitchen, services, staff facilities and ancillary storage at basement level; receptions, bar, restaurant, toilets and ancillary storage at ground floor level; and guest bedrooms and laundry storage at first, second, third and fourth floor levels. All with associated signage, lighting, site works and development works.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill – taken with Motion 12.

That Dublin Bus and the National Transport Authority (NTA) be invited to attend our June LAC to discuss the shortage of buses on the Terenure, Rathgar and Kimmage Road Lower routes. A recent reply from Dublin Bus said:

“100 new buses are being introduced into the Dublin Bus fleet this year in conjunction with the National Transport Authority. These are being added on a phased basis to meet with the increase in demand and to further enhance the comfort and reliability of our service for customers who use our services in the Greater Dublin Area”.

Access to public transport in the above inner suburbs has now become unavailable from 7.30am on week mornings as all the buses are full when they reach Terenure and Kimmage. Therefore this meeting resolves that this area meeting impress upon this June meeting the urgent need to have empty buses start from Terenure village and the Kimmage Cross Roads (KCR) to provide a service for the inner suburbs.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department provides a mechanical pedestrian crossing on Palmerston Road at the Cowper Road junction. There are young people in wheelchairs who use this route to Gonzaga School from Terenure and find this crossing extremely dangerous. This area also has a high elderly population who also need to be afforded safety when crossing Palmerston Road.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to arrange a meeting between councillors, representatives of the Upper Leeson Street Area Residents' Association and relevant Dublin City Council officials to discuss ongoing problems with Dartmouth Square Park.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

In view of the increasing number of serious accidents involving cyclists this committee requests the manager, as a matter of urgency, to conduct a citywide safety audit of all cycle routes with a view to substantially upgrading the safety of all, and requests the Road Safety Authority, the Department of Transport and whatever other state agency can contribute to dealing with this major problem facing our city and citizens and to report back to the council within two months of a plan to deal with this.

I am asking that this committee agrees this motion and forwards immediately to the Chief Executive for action.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillors Mary Freehill, Ruairí McGinley, Patrick Costello, Anne Feeney and Claire O'Connor – taken with Motion 17.

That this committee agrees to the implementation of a Village Improvement Plan for Ranelagh.

In the interim period that the local area committee embarks on achievable goals and looks at the following along with the Traffic and Community Departments by engaging with the local community and traders through Ranelagh Village Improvement Group to get opinion on:

Design and use of the Triangle - in consultation with Ranelagh Village Improvement Group and do a listening exercise through the Community Department with the local community

That the Traffic Department examines:

- Traffic movement on Ranelagh Road and Chelmsford Road junction and recommends greater safety for pedestrians, public transport, cycling and private motorists.
- Try to find ways of minimising public notice signs that festoon Ranelagh Road and Mount Pleasant Square.

That Waste Management enforces the waste management bye-laws in relation to:

- Bins left on footpaths outside the collection days
- That private waste management companies comply with regulations in relation to dates and times of collection from the commercial sector in Ranelagh.

That this local area committee receives a six monthly progress report on the above.

Order: Report to councillors.

Motion 10 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this local area committee calls on the manager to provide full pedestrian crossing at the junction of Chelmsford Road and Ranelagh Road, particularly on Chelmsford Road, which has lots of pedestrians trying to cross the road in dangerous circumstances.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

With regard to the Quiet Way Report, before a plebiscite is carried of residents along the route that an adequate number of presentations arranged by Dublin City Council be made to allow residents become aware of the proposals in this report.

Order: Falls.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill – taken with Motion 5.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has promised to restore the St. Stephen's Green route for nos. 15, 14 and 140 buses when the College Green hearing is complete. We have now been told that the findings will be delayed until the autumn. Because of the distress caused to many people by not having a public transport service to Stephen's Green this committee ardently asks NTA to restore the service immediately? By doing so it would take considerable traffic away from Georges Street.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Patrick Costello

Following the recent death of yet another cyclist on our roads this committee calls on Minister for Transport Shane Ross to allocate 20% of the transport budget for cycling and to meet with Dublin City Councillors to discuss cycling projects in the city and further agrees to formally write to the minister seeking these actions.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have porta loos installed at Portobello Harbour as the residents are plagued with people urinating against their walls when the

outside drinking spikes with good weather and also that Dublin City Council would power hose the area first thing the following morning each time there is sunshine and outdoor drinking.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this committee requests that the manager must install a street cleaning handcart member of staff in the City Quay area as there is increasing number of tourists in the area and consequently more rubbish.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask this committee to request a change in practice in relation to dealing with fly tipping. The current practice of placing a warning label on dumped rubbish bags and leaving the bags in situ for a number of days should cease. This practice only results in the bags being torn apart, littering lanes, roads, etc. The 'warning' label has no positive effect. We call upon the council's Waste Management Section to remove the illegally dumped rubbish immediately and start an investigation to ascertain the culprits with a view to issuing a fine or legal proceedings.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire O'Connor – taken with Motion 9.

Can this committee agree to promote the design of a public realm space for the Ranelagh Triangle in order to preserve the architectural, historical, social, cultural and communal aspects of Ranelagh as an urban village? 'The soul of Ranelagh is being lost as it becomes a thoroughfare for commuters; the Triangle needs to retain its role as the heart of the village' says Cllr. Claire O'Connor. Less than 35% of residents in Ranelagh commute to work by car but residents of Ranelagh still suffer effects of commuters passing through [statistic courtesy of Ranelagh Village Improvement Group].

Ranelagh is not included on a list of areas for which local environmental improvement plans will be prepared under the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne – taken with item 3.iii.

That in light of the very serious amount of litter and waste that was left along the Grand Canal and other parts of the South East Area during the good weather earlier this month, this area committee calls on the area manager to explore ways of improving the litter and waste management systems during the good weather, such as increasing the number of large bins available, and investing in an awareness campaign to encourage personable responsibility so people clean up after themselves, bring their waste home, and leave no trace.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 19 from Councillors Claire Byrne and Patrick Costello

That this area committee is outraged by the decision by Dublin City Council to cancel 'The Question of the Eighth' as part of the upcoming International Literature Festival, which was to feature an anthology by Irish Times writer Una Mullally and feel that this is an attempt to censor debate on the upcoming referendum and to suppress creativity and artistic activism.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee commends the great work carried out by The Canals Action Group, Waterways Ireland and Dublin City Council and all the volunteers who kindly gave up their Saturday for the Team Dublin / Canals Action Day on 21st April.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 21 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee welcomes the expansion of the 30km per hour zones within the city as a traffic calming and safety measure, but calls on the area manager to outline what enforcement systems are in place to ensure compliance as there have been many reports from residents in areas where the limit has been introduced but is not being adhered to.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 22 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

The advertising sign at Dublin Bus stop number 885 (Hollybank Avenue, the stop itself is on Sandford Road) is simply too large for the footpath at this location. It is quite dangerous because pedestrians often will encounter joggers head on when using the sliver of available footpath to get around the bus stop ad hoarding. This frequently results in collision because the parties do not see each other in advance due to the ad sign. In circumstances where there are many such instances at this site on a daily basis this committee resolves (a) to write to Dublin Bus calling on it to remove this sign, but to keep the shelter element of the bus stop and (b) insofar as it is within the council's power, calls upon the council to revoke the permission or sanction of the advertising sign at this site.

Order: Motion amended to add "This council will also examine the possibility of relocating the bin to the opposite end of the bus shelter" and agreed.

8 **Questions to the Chief Executive 14th May 2018**

Order: Noted.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson

Monday 14 May 2018

Attendance:

Members:

Paddy McCartan (Chairperson)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Mary Freehill
Ruairí McGinley
Sonya Stapleton

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Frank Kennedy
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Paddy Smyth

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Rossana Camargo
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Eileen Martin
Jennifer Wall
Helen McNamara

Mark Ginnetty
Rose Kenny
Fiona O'Brien
Chris Adamson
Dymphna Farrell

Brian Hanney
Brian Kirk
Helen Smirnova
Alec Dundon
Tony Flynn

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.

Reply:

The request for a pedestrian crossing on Rathmines Road at Church Avenue near the entrance to Rathmines Park has been referred for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) was recently made aware of illegal parking at Wesley Road and has increased the level of enforcement monitoring on the road. Seven vehicles were immobilised at the location in April of this year. DSPS will continue to monitor the location. Residents should also be encouraged to continue to report illegal parking directly to DSPS so that timely enforcement can be arranged.

Residents should be aware that almost 50% of all parking is paid via Parking Tag which does not require display of a ticket and it will not be obvious to residents or casual observer that the owner of the vehicle has paid for parking.

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.

Reply:

These defects will be inspected and logged for repair in our Asset Management System.

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 highlighted this issue or indeed resident owners beside the kerb as highlighted.

Reply:

The gullies will need to be checked to see are they working correctly.

The area may benefit from another gully to be installed at the junction. Once the gullies are checked, we will check if this is necessary.

On 9th April 2018, gullies outside No. 6 and No. 8 Hogan Place were inspected and cleaned in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan. These gullies are in normal working order.

The ponding between these gullies may be due to a fall in the road surface. This may be an issue for Road Maintenance while the litter, mentioned in the query, would be an issue for Waste Management Services.

Road Maintenance Services will liaise with the Drainage Division to resolve this issue.

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned area cleaned on a weekly basis. We also remove dumped rubbish from this area when necessary.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the manager to arrange footpath repairs *details supplied

Reply:

This footpath will be inspected and defects logged for repair in our Asset Management System.

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.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services currently has a contractor carrying out these repairs.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí 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.

Reply:

Apart from general park maintenance and tree works there is a proposal to undertake additional park upgrading work in Dartmouth Square Park in 2018. Parks Department and South East Area Office will be liaising with Tidy Towns Group to discuss works for implementation in 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.

Reply:

The tenders received for the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route are now being assessed.

The contract 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 will be awarded in May 2018.

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.

Reply:

The first internal inspection of these premises by the planning enforcement officer for the area was on 10.01.2018.

The inspection revealed the premises is a 2 storey over basement house in 3 existing self-contained flat units. At the time of inspection the premises were vacant and contractors were on site carrying out the following works:

- Treating floors for wood louse infestation.
- Re-wiring for a new fire alarm system.
- Treating the basement area for damp.

In a subsequent phone conversation the owner stated he had recently purchased the premises as an investment property. He stated he intended to carry out certain works including re-decoration, re-wiring for a new fire alarm and damp proof works to the basement.

The second inspection on 29.03.2018 accompanied by the owner revealed the premises to be occupied. Each unit had been re-decorated and re-carpeted and new furnishings were in place. The owner stated he had made no changes to room layout and that he had re-used all sanitary ware.

Historic Thoms Directories dating to 1941 indicate these premises to be in multiple units.

We cannot say when the current room arrangement (including bathrooms) was put in place as we can only give evidence from when we first gained access to the premises. Having regard to and considered the file on this matter the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area recommended in his final report of 29.03.2018 that,

1. The premises is historically in multiple units.
2. The stair window to the rear facade has been replaced with a like-for-like wood replacement window.
3. The damp proofing works at basement level are minor and are required to make the living unit habitable.

Accordingly he recommended that the file on the matter be closed. As current acting planning enforcement manager, as with all reports and recommendations I considered the report and file content and agreed and endorsed this recommendation.

As the councillor is aware there have been further recent e-mails exchanged on this matter and the acting planning enforcement manager is happy to discuss these directly with you.

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.

Reply:

1. Road Maintenance Services has ordered nameplates with the correct translation to replace the incorrect ones.
2. This footpath has been logged for repair in our Asset Management System.
3. Details supplied should be resurfaced in 2018 if funding is made available by South East Area Manager.
4. Our Infrastructure Management Unit will liaise with the ESB on this issue.
5. The public light fittings here are mounted on ESB Networks poles. I will request painting of these poles by ESB.
6. It is the responsibility of the owner / occupier to remove graffiti from private property and the South East Area Office will make contact with them as regards this issue.

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.

Reply:

Traffic will carry out an inspection of the location. Where existing lines have faded, Traffic will endeavour to renew all markings at the location within 30 days of the SEAC Meeting; 14/05/18.

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?

Reply:

This footpath will be inspected and defects will be logged for repair in our Asset Management System.

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.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services currently has a contractor carrying out these repairs.

Q.14 Councillor Patrick Costello

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

Reply:

Legal proceedings have been initiated in respect of the alleged unauthorised security lights on site. We are currently awaiting a date in the District Court for the hearing of the case concerned.

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.

Reply:

| Details of Derelict Sites inspections in the South East Area in 2017 | | | | |
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| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
| No. of Inspections: Five Outcomes: Three sites were not considered derelict and the files were closed. One site was entered on the Vacant Sites Register. A Commencement Notice for redevelopment works was lodged for another site. | No. of Inspections: Sixteen Outcomes: Four sites were not considered derelict and the files were closed Twelve sites are being kept under review – owners have plans to redevelop. | No. of Inspections: Eight Outcomes: Six sites were not considered derelict and the files were closed. One site is being acquired by agreement under the Buy and Renew Scheme. One file is active under the Derelict Sites Act and the sites is under ongoing review | No. of Inspections: Twelve Outcomes: Three sites were not considered derelict and the files were closed Nine files are active under the Derelict Sites Act and the sites are under ongoing review. | Forty One |

Q.16 Councillor Patrick Costello

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

Reply:

This matter will be examined further in the context of our ongoing responsibilities in terms of street furniture and the public realm.

Q.17 Councillor Patrick Costello

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

Reply:

Parks and Landscape Services Division is currently looking at restoring the two water features in St. Patrick's Park, the central fountain and the decommissioned public drinking fountain with a proposed completion date of 2019. On completion of the work the usage of the restored public drinking fountain can be monitored and if found successful, consideration can be given to extending the service to other suitable locations.

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.

Reply:

As part of the planning application process the applicant undertook several audits and assessments relating to mobility associated with the proposed temporary school and longer term school campus. All of this documentation is available on the public file including the Further Information submission which addresses questions regarding access to the school from surrounding streets.

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.

Reply:

This matter will be examined by the Area Engineer and report will issue to the Councillor in due course.

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?

Reply:

1. Lansdowne Park is included in the current proposal for inclusion in the 30Km/h speed limit bye-law review. It is hoped that the work to install poles and signs will commence in late August / early September 2018.
Shelbourne Road is an arterial route and no change from the 50 Km/h speed limit is recommended at this stage.
2. Shelbourne Road is a 3.5t & 5 Axle Banned Road. This signage is placed at the boundary of HGV banned areas (Sandymount area) and is in situ at Pembroke Road. The council does not erect repeater signs.
3. All operators were informed by phone call. Under the Road Traffic Act 1961 coaches may use the road in question if they are loading or unloading in the area. Some of the coaches in question drop customers to hotels in the area. Alternatively, if they are not dropping off customers in the area operators should be using a different route. This is a matter of enforcement for An Garda Síochána.

Q.21 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

This has been referred to Housing First outreach who will call out and engage with individuals.

Q.22 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.

Reply:

As previously stated to several other public representatives, 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.23 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Reply:

It wouldn't be practical to send a hand cart man from our Rathmines Waste Depot to the Synge Street area due to the travel involved. We have this area checked and cleaned by the driver of a small dyna van every day, Monday to Friday, particularly around the school.

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?

Reply:

These works are part of the South Campshires Flood Projection Project which runs from George's Quay to Sir John Rogerson's Quay and involves the installation of a new flood defence system, utilities, upgrade to civic spaces, new two way cycle track and road / traffic improvements. The flood defence works, utilities and civic space works are substantially complete.

The current works relate to the construction of the cycle track from Matt Talbot Bridge to the Samuel Beckett Bridge. The two way cycle track is temporarily open from the Matt Talbot Bridge to Lombard Street and closed from Lombard Street to approximately Creighton Street / Windmill Lane due to visible ongoing works at the junction of City Quay and Lombard Street. It is programmed that the Lombard Street junction construction works will be completed in May 2018 which will allow the cycle track to be surfaced in June 2018, and opened.

The fencing remains in place over the entire length of the cycle track as a precautionary measure to ensure pedestrians/cyclists do not come into contact with adjacent vehicular traffic whilst the cycle track surface is incomplete.

There are further works to be carried out to complete this Flood Protection scheme later this year and early next year but these will have a negligible effect on the new cycle track.

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?

Reply:

Dublin City Council is the owner of the site at 26 New Street South, Dublin 8, which is currently a vacant site at the corner of New Street South and New Street Gardens. The Peter McVerry Trust CLG lodged a planning application on the 6th April, 2018, for the construction of a four storey residential building for social housing to provide 8 number apartments consisting of 5 x one bed apartments and 3 x 2 bed apartments. The project will be funded under the Capital Assistance Scheme and a Stage 2 approval has issued from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government. If a decision to grant permission for this development issues from the Planning Authority, The Peter McVerry Trust CLG can discuss any issues of concern to local residents, if necessary. The disposal of the lands to the Peter McVerry Trust CLG is also subject to the city council assenting to the disposal.

The current planning application on the site at the junction of New Street South and New Street Gardens, adjacent to Atkinson House, a protected structure, is file reference number 2689/18. The decision is due by 31st May. .

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?

Reply:

The Markievicz House pitch has been closed due to vandalism around the goalposts. The protective padding has been torn leaving the metal posts exposed and a hazard. A contractor has been asked to repair same after which time the pitch will be open during the previously agreed opening hours.

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.

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?

Reply:

I have spoken to the Environmental Manager at Ecocem and have been informed that several contractors have expressed interest in the drainage works at Ringsend and one has been chosen by the company. There are still a few technical details to be worked out and it is hoped to appoint this contractor with a start date in June and expected duration of work of 6 - 8 weeks.

Ecocem have not been required to provide netting over their stockpiles as maintaining the moisture content of the product to a sufficient level is an effective measure for minimising blow off. The site was inspected most recently by the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit on 8th May 2018 and was found to be in a satisfactory condition.

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?

Reply:

This has been logged in our Asset Management System for a permanent concrete repair to be carried out.

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?

Reply:

No record of this repair request was received by Housing Maintenance heretofore. It has now been logged on our repair request system and it will be inspected and appropriate action taken.

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?

Reply:

The area engineer will review this location and notify the councillor of any recommendations when this is complete.

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?

Reply:

The Cul de sac sign is in place at St. Alban's Park.

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.

Reply:

EIR have the responsibility for the provision and maintenance of pay phones throughout the country. EIR has a programme for removal of derelict or unnecessary pay phone kiosks. The payphone on Bath Avenue is not identified for removal.

In accordance with the removal criteria set out in *Section 4.1 of Provision of Public Payphones Universal Service: Scope and Designation (ComReg 14/69) July 2014*, Dublin City Council may submit a request to EIR to remove payphone kiosks. The criterion for requesting Eir to remove a kiosk is usually evidence of antisocial behaviour. In response to this question the payphone kiosk on Bath Avenue was inspected and anti social was not evident. Dublin City Council will continue to monitor this kiosk.

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.

Reply:

There is no legal basis for Dublin City Council to restrict parking on a public road to residents only and therefore the Council does not provide designated bays for residents.

Dublin City Council can proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on the road and subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road (details supplied). A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

It is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a Scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents.

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws regulate with regard to entitlement and eligibility to Resident Parking Permits. The availability of a driveway does not prevent any resident from obtaining a Resident Parking Permit valid for use on the road on which they reside.

This area is being monitored to ensure that bins are not left out on public areas other than for collection purposes. Fines will be issued and / or bins taken away in cases of non-compliance.

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue. There has been 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 been caused by the users of the park!

Reply:

This is a matter for the Office of Public Works and will be referred to that office for direct reply.

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.

Reply:

This area is adequately serviced by existing litter bins for the majority of the year and is provided with supplementary beach barrel bins during summer months to cater for increased demand within the Nature Park. There are no current plans to install a big belly bin at this location. The location has not been included in current installation plans for big belly bins in the South East Area that includes Temple Bar, The Grand Canal between Mespil Road and Portobello and some village locations identified by the South East Area Office that include Sandymount.

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.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 24th March 2011 reported that yellow boxes are not provided outside private entrances. Instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor at 602 2500, or to the local Gardaí, as it is a matter for enforcement under the Road Traffic Regulations. The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend a yellow box at this location.

The area traffic engineer has confirmed as at May 2018 that there is no change to the above recommendation.

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.

Reply:

The Traffic Department will carry out an inspection of the location. Where existing markings have faded, Traffic will endeavour to renew these markings at the location within 30 days of the South East Area Committee meeting; 14/05/18.

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.

Reply:

Part 8 documents for the RDS flood wall are current being compiled. The programme, assuming no delays with the twelve procedural steps, is to present this to the city council meeting in September 2018 with six months of construction to follow as soon as possible after this. Construction is likely to be completed in 2019.

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 there 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 run 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 me in this matter, (as a local small business) facilitated with an electrical supply.

Reply:

The Docklands Office is aware that a casual trader operating in the Docklands has been seeking a mains electricity supply at their current pitch. The licensee has been advised that the council does not provide electricity to designated trading pitches and that we supply only a specific area for someone to trade from. Dublin City Council’s (DCC) Casual Trading Bye Laws advise as to the use of generators if power is required. As per the Chief Fire Officer, only diesel generators or batteries are permitted to supply power at casual trading pitches.

Regarding the request that DCC discharges the undertaking transferred to it by the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA), the DDDA issued a new Casual Trading Licence to this trader for a period of 3 years commencing on 01.02.2016 prior to the dissolution of the authority. This licence did not include the provision of mains electrical power and therefore no undertaking exists from the DDDA that committed DCC to providing this casual trader with mains power in the future.

It is stated in each of the casual trading agreements that have been issued in the Docklands that “The Licensee at its own expense shall be responsible for the provision of electrical power to the licensed area and shall pay for all electricity consumed at the licence area.”

Docklands Office does not install power connections (electrical or diesel) at casual trading pitches and it is not obliged to provide same as part of the licensing agreement. It is my understanding that the casual trader who is the subject of this question was previously able to source power while operating beside the warehouses on Sir John Rogerson’s Quay (West of the Samuel Beckett Bridge) via an agreement between that trader and the owner / operator of that building. This supply was not facilitated in any way by Dublin City Council or its predecessor with responsibility for the area the Dublin Docklands Development Authority.

Due to flood defence works on the South Campshires the casual trading pitch which is the subject of this council question was relocated after consultation and agreement with the licensee and at no point was it agreed to install a permanent power supply as part of this relocation.

The city council cannot agree to install a power supply at this location as to do so would create a precedent for the supply of mains power at other sites throughout the city. A casual trading licence is temporary by its nature and is subject to renewal and possible relocation as deemed necessary by Dublin City Council. While a further relocation is not being considered at present it may be necessary at some point in the future to move this license to another location in the area and this is a further reason why permanent mains power is not installed for casual trading pitches.

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).

Reply:

The bollard is located between two build-outs on the west side of the junction with Aikenhead Terrace, on both sides of the build-outs there are the following signage: No Straight Ahead (RUS 011), with the supplementary plate detailing the exception of this restriction which is (except cyclist).

Violations of the No Straight Ahead are matter for enforcement by the Gardaí. This matter will be highlighted to the Gardaí at the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting.

We will arrange for two additional bollards at this location.

Q.42 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned up on the 2nd May 2018.

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?

Reply:

A full video survey and analysis of all Traffic in College Green is being undertaken in the next numbers of weeks. This will then allow us to compare it with the situation in January 2018 and ascertain the exact numbers of vehicles diverted.

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.

Reply:

The Protocol Committee of Dublin City Council is currently considering the appropriate location for a Peace Memorial from the Flanders Government. Pending the outcome of that meeting a report will go to the relevant Area Committee for consideration by the elected representatives.

Formal consultation with residents will happen subsequent to deliberations of the Area Committee.

The re-design of the Peace Garden is on hold pending the completion of the above.

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.

Reply:

There are two current enforcement files relating to vents and a newspaper drop box at the Spar Shop at 1 - 4 Windmill Lane, 1 - 3 Hanover Street East and 19 - 20 Creighton Street, Dublin 2. An Enforcement Notice has been served requiring the removal of the vents and a Warning Letter has been served in respect of the alleged unauthorised drop box. We will continue action on these two matters as appropriate.

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.

Reply:

The operational hours of the Loading Bay referred to are 07.00 - 19.00, Mon. - Sat. during which time only commercial vehicles may stop to load/unload for up to 30 minutes only. No other use is permitted during these operational hours. Outside of the operational hours there is no parking restriction regarding the use of the bay.

On recent inspections there has been no evidence of the Loading Bay being used by any radio station. Nevertheless, Dublin Street Parking Services will continue to monitor this location as part of their routine patrols of the area.

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.

Reply:

The councillor's question refers to a Dockland Community Forum; the Docklands office does not facilitate or assist a body referred to as the Dockland Community Forum but does assist and maintain records for the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF).

The following response is in relation to the DOCF. The Dublin Docklands Development Authority was dissolved on 1 March 2016 by Ministerial Order in accordance with the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Act 2015. The act provides for the establishment, by resolution of the Council, of a Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum which will be independent in the performance of its functions.

The role of the forum, as set out in the act, is to consider and advise the council and the strategic policy committees of the council in relation to the formulation, development, monitoring and review of the council's policy relating to the performance of the functions of the council insofar as they relate to the Dublin Docklands Area and in particular in relation to the following:

- a) enterprise and employment;
- b) education;

- c) housing;
- d) planning;
- e) the environment, including the natural and built environment, and the amenities of the area and;
- f) the interaction of communities

The act also provides that the forum may consider and advise the council and the strategic policy committees of the council in relation to:

- (a) initiatives of communities in the Dublin Docklands Area which in the opinion of the forum will benefit such communities, including initiatives in relation to the provision of amenity, recreational, cultural or heritage facilities, the protection or enhancement of the environment and programmes to promote social inclusion and community development and
- (b) communications of the council to the public in relation to the performance of the functions of the council insofar as they relate to the Dublin Docklands Area.

The forum may, and if requested by the council shall, consider and advise the council and the strategic policy committees of the council in relation to any of its functions.

Dublin City Council at the Monthly Meeting held on 9th May 2016, having considered Report No.129/2016 adopted the following resolution:

“That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 129/2016 and *hereby establishes a Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum as provided for in the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Act 2015 and that four Members of the City Council be appointed to that Forum, and that these four Members will be convened by the Chief Executive or his nominee to be consulted in relation to various issues related to the selection of persons for appointment to the Forum as and when required*”. The motion was put and carried.

Following a vote, the following members were declared to be appointed to the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum: Councillors Christy Burke, Gaye Fagan, Dermot Lacey and Claire Byrne.

As per Section 39 (1) of the act, the DOCF consists of 21 ordinary members, plus an Independent Chair. The members are as follows:

| Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum Membership 2017-2020 | | |
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| Chairperson | Mr Michael Stubbs | |
| Dublin City Council | Nominated Representative | Position in Organisation |
| | Mr Owen P. Keegan | Chief Executive |
| Community | Nominated Representatives | Position in Organisation |
| Co-operative Housing Ireland (Society Ltd.) | Ms Catherine O'Brien | Head of Customer Services |
| Grand Canal Dock Residents' Association | Mr Michael Ingle | President |
| H.O.P.E Hands Peer Education Ltd | Ms Irene Crawley | Senior Manager |
| St. Andrew's Resource Centre | Ms Dolores Wilson | Treasurer |
| North Wall Community | Mr Gerry Fay | Chairperson |

| Association | | |
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| Business | Nominated Representatives | Position in Organisation |
| Docklands SME & Start-up Partnership | Mr Owen Reilly | Chairperson |
| Docklands Hospitality & Entertainment Venue Association | Mr Charlie Sheil | Chairperson |
| Docklands Business Forum | Mr Alan Robinson | Chief Executive |
| Trinity College Dublin | Dr Mary Lee Rhodes | Co-Director of the Centre for Social Engagement |
| Dublin Docklands Cultural Forum | Mr Vincent McCabe | Creative Director |
| Education | Nominated Representatives | Position in Organisation |
| National College of Ireland | Ms Gina Quinn | President |
| Public Bodies | Nominated Representatives | Position in Organisation |
| Dublin Port Company | Mr Eamonn O'Reilly | Chief Executive |
| CIE | Mr Frank Masterson | Assistant Group Property Manager |
| Central Bank Of Ireland | Mr Paul Molumby | Director of Currency and Corporate Services |
| Dept. of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs | Mr Martin Colreavy | Principal Officer, Principal Advisor in Built Heritage and Architectural Policy |
| Waterways Ireland | Ms Terre Duffy | Dublin Docklands Development Manager |

The first meeting of the DOCF convened on the 13th of March 2017. It meets on a bi-monthly basis and has sat seven times since it was established. Its next meeting is scheduled for 14th of May 2018.

The approved minutes of the DOCF meetings will be provided to the councillor as requested. It can be seen from the minutes that the forum has discussed a wide range of areas, including Housing, Community, Education and Heritage. It has been presented to by a number of groups including NAMA, Dublin Port Company, the Dublin Bay Studios group, the Docklands Community Trust to name a few and receives regular infrastructure and planning updates in relation to the Strategic Development Zone and greater Docklands Area.

The DOCF at its November 2017 meeting established 3 sub-groups under the headings of Housing, Community and Communications with a brief of developing a strategy for the DOCF in tackling issues that have been raised by members in these areas. The 3 Sub-groups made preliminary presentations on their work to date at the March 2018 meeting with a view to submitting final reports to the DOCF in the coming months.

The DOCF is obliged as per Section 49 of the Dissolution Act to present no later than 30th of June each year an annual report to council in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submitted. The final reports of the 3 sub-groups will form a significant portion of this report.

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.

Reply:

It is considered that any banner "materially effects the character" of the Ha'penny Bridge which is protected structure and it is not proposed therefore to place any banner on the bridge in the future.

The Ha'penny Bridge is monitored and has a regular system of inspection and maintenance, including for the presence of locks attached to it. These locks are regularly removed and will again be removed shortly.

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.

Reply:

The city council provides a comprehensive waste collection service at its 195 flat and older persons' complexes. An estimated 200 tonnes of waste per week is collected from the complexes. Based on an average occupancy rate of 2.5 – 3 persons this represents a population of approximately 27,000 – 30,000 residents citywide.

Of the 195 flat complexes 50 are located in the South East Area. All have grey bins for residual waste materials. Green bins for recycling materials have been installed in 26 complexes which represents 52% in this area committee area. Grey bins are collected on average twice a week. The green bins are 1100L bins and are collected every 2 weeks.

Plans are being progressed to provide the green bin installation and collection system at all locations on a citywide basis. It is proposed to incrementally roll out the green recycling bins to other complexes in conjunction with the residents and Area Housing Offices.

The tender for repairs to and the acquisition of green bins was completed in March 2018. Currently repairs, including lid replacement to all existing bins, are being carried out. Commencement of repairs and lid replacement to bins for the South East Area is scheduled in the next 4 - 5 weeks. This will commence in the York Street and Mercer House complexes. The provision of the required additional green bins to cater for this area and all city council flat complexes is included in this tender.

The chipping of bins to allow weighing of waste has been completed. Dublin City Council is now proceeding with a new tender for waste collection. This process will run to the 3rd quarter of this year. There will be a requirement on the successful tenderer to embark on an Education and Awareness Programme for tenants of city council flat complexes which will include leaflet drops, newspaper advertisement, customer helpline and procedures for dealing with rejected or contaminated materials to assist with recycling. In order to effectively rollout a programme of recycling refuse, the city council recognises that linking in with community / residents' associations and getting buy-in is a vital factor. Housing Maintenance along with area staff and the successful tenderer will all be required to work towards achieving this goal.

Currently 5% (2 tonnes) of waste collected from flat complexes (citywide) is green waste. It is anticipated that the rollout of recycling bins combined with a new waste tender will result in an increase to 20%.

The rollout of brown bins for organic materials will be examined over the coming months. Brown bins have been located successfully in one older persons' complex which is located in the South East area. They have been piloted in a number of other locations.

The options and most effective practice for rolling out the brown bins will be examined as will the provision / availability of suitable storage bins / bags for individual households.

Education and awareness of the benefits is pivotal to the success of any recycling initiative.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's Community Development Grant Scheme requires of all organisations under their Terms & Conditions, *"If the proposed activity included young people under 18, each group / org must have in place a child protection policy including a vetting procedure"* and Section 3 states in relation to the purpose of the grant, *"If the activity is for under 18s is a child protection policy including Garda vetting in place?"* The Community Section only accepts grant applications from those groups that have these policies in place and section 5 requires all applicants to sign a declaration to this effect.

In relation to grants under the Aviva Stadium Community Fund, all applications for grant assistance are independently assessed and each applicant is expected to confirm that there are good governance arrangements in place before any grants are awarded.

With regard to any scouting organisations that are in receipt of grant funding under the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme we have initiated an evaluation to ensure that these organisations have child protection policies, child protection guidelines and Garda vetting procedures in place and where appropriate that all relevant staff in such organisations are Tusla-approved in relation to staffing level guidelines around young people and vulnerable adults.

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.

Reply:

The improvement works commenced in September 2017 and there has been very good liaison with directly affected businesses as works have progressed. Local businesses were informed in advance of the works by means of a letter drop. A further two letter drops have been carried out updating businesses on progress of works and on traffic management arrangements. Contained within these letters is a web link which gives scheme details and contact details for site personnel. A new letter will be issued shortly giving a progress update and an outline of future arrangements for footpath works on Balfe Street and the road closure of Chatham Lane. Site personnel will call businesses if further information is required.

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.

Reply:

Two commissions have been specifically initiated in the South East Area under the Per Cent for Art Scheme. These have been the commission with the OPW relating to the Flood Defence Works on the Dodder and the commission for Kevin's Street Library. There are no other new commissions being undertaken under the Per Cent for Art Scheme in the city at present as impacts of the economic downturn in 2008 had a direct impact on the funding available for the Per Cent for Art Scheme in Dublin City.

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.

Reply:

Under the current Street Performers Bye-Laws Acoustic busking is permitted at 17 Temple Bar (Rory's Fishing Tackle shop). The Prohibited Place for Street Performance at Crampton Buildings is highlighted in the map below. The placing of this outside the Eir building opposite Crampton Buildings has resulted in an improvement in noise levels and a considerable reduction in complaints for the area.

It is expected that the current Bye-Laws will be reviewed next year allowing for the possibility of the Prohibited Place being extended.



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.

Reply:

As the councillor will be aware this legislation has been in place since late 2015. A total of 215 sites were initially inspected between 2016 and 2017 in the South East Area. Several sites have since been re-inspected a second and sometimes third time due to submissions of further information, evidence of sites going under construction or sites changing ownership and other such issues. Of the original 215 sites inspected, the following is a breakdown of inspections held in 2017:

- 12 sites were initially surveyed - 8 in Q1, 1 in Q2, 3 in Q3,
- 35 sites were surveyed a second time - 17 in Q1, 12 in Q2, 1 in Q3 and 5 in Q4 and
- 4 sites were surveyed a third time - 1 in Q3 and 3 in Q4.

Of those initial 215 sites, 78 were deemed vacant initially as they met the requirements of the legislation. Once an initial survey has been undertaken and the site is deemed to be possibly suitable for inclusion on the register, full ownership details need to be ascertained. In some instances this information may result in a site no longer being suitable for inclusion on the register, as a single large site may in fact be several separately owned, separately registered sites which fall under the required 0.05ha size threshold for a viable site for the register.

Of these 78 sites, 36 were under the required 0.05ha, 42 are considered vacant and suitable for inclusion on the register.

Of the 42 considered vacant and suitable for inclusion on the register:

- 9 sites have been placed on the register in 2017,
- Of the remaining 33 sites:
 - (a) We are still awaiting full ownership details on 17 of these sites.
 - (b) 10 site owners to be served with a Notice of Proposed Entry to the register shortly
 - (c) 6 are being monitored as the required 12 month vacancy period has not adequately been proven at this date.

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.

Reply:

- a) Northbrook Lane has been logged in our Asset Management System for pothole repair and local repairs as required.
- b) The tree located outside No. 11 Northbrook Road appears to be slow in coming into leaf in comparison to similar roadside tree species in the area. This may be an indicator that

the tree is under stress and therefore it is proposed to monitor over the summer months to assess its condition.

- c) The tree strategy for these locations is as set out in the Dublin City Tree Strategy 2016-2020 for the whole city. Regular inspections are undertaken of the mature street tree stock and tree works implemented on a priority basis. The mature tree works for the current year in the South East Area is as per my report to the March area committee meeting.

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?

Reply:

- a) Dartmouth Square Park does not have a specific budget but is funded through the general South East Area Parks Budget.
- b) The park is visited regularly by park staff during the summer months, usually on a weekly basis, and less frequently during the winter months.
- c) Management of the park is the responsibility of Parks & Landscape Services Division, Dublin City Council.
- d) South East Area provided €20,000 for works in Dartmouth Square and is liaising with Parks Section and residents' group to plan works for implementation in 2018.

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.

Reply:

Double yellow lines on both sides of the road from Mount Argus View to Mount Argus Close are not recommended as this could lead to an increase in speed on the road.

If commuters are parking on the road Monday to Friday, the consideration of a Pay and Display and Residents' Permit Parking Scheme by the residents is recommended.

The purpose of a Pay and Display and Residents' Permit Parking Scheme is to eliminate long term commuter/business parking in residential areas. Dublin City Council may proceed with the preparation of a Parking Scheme where it is first established that there is a demonstrable and clear desire for a Scheme. On receipt initially of written supporting evidence from 25% of households of the roads concerned, the request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The full criteria for the introduction of a Parking Scheme will be forwarded to the Councillor on request.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that this area is kept as clean as possible and that every effort is made to ensure that no rubbish blows out from the recycling centre. We had Gulistan Place and adjoining roads cleaned on the 3rd May 2018.

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.

Reply:

These potholes have been logged for repair in our Asset Management System.

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.

Reply:

The current strategy for dealing with the issue of dog fouling includes the following actions:

- Use of signage installed citywide to inform dog walkers of their responsibilities
- Promotion of Any Bin Will Do campaign
- Installation of additional dog fouling specific bins
- Promotion of the Green Dog Walkers programme
- Provision of free dog litter bags through area offices
- Dog fouling enforcement patrols

Best practice approaches in other jurisdictions will be investigated to assess whether there are additional effective actions that may be taken to combat the issue.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has appointed consultants to design a new opening bridge across the Dodder linking Sir John Rogerson's Quay and the East Link Road. Currently the design is at a Preliminary Stage and as yet the new road alignment has not yet been prepared. Separate to the bridge proposal the National Transport Authority (NTA) are preparing a Core Bus Corridor scheme to link Ringsend / Irishtown to the city centre via the new opening Dodder Bridge. Details of this route are at concept stage and have not been published by the NTA.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council appointed consultants Roughan & O'Donovan (in joint Venture with Michel Virogeux Consultant Eurl) to design a new public transport opening bridge across

the Dodder linking Sir John Rogerson's Quay and the East Link Road.. The design is at a preliminary stage and extensive stakeholder consultations are ongoing. A non statutory public consultation was held in February 2018, details are available at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/dodder-public-transportation-opening-bridge-public/> A recently tendered ground investigation contract is expected to commence in the summer 2018.

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?

Reply:

These works are part of the South Campshires Flood Projection Project which runs from George's Quay to Sir John Rogerson's Quay and involves the installation of a new flood defence system, utilities, upgrade to civic spaces, new two way cycle track and road / traffic improvements. The flood defence works, utilities and civic space works are substantially complete.

The current works relate to the construction of the cycle track from Matt Talbot Bridge to the Samuel Beckett Bridge. The two way cycle track is temporarily open from the Matt Talbot Bridge to Lombard Street and closed from Lombard Street to approximately Creighton Street / Windmill Lane due to visible ongoing works at the junction of City Quay and Lombard Street. It is programmed that the Lombard Street junction construction works will be completed in May 2018 which will allow the cycle track to be surfaced in June 2018, and opened.

The fencing remains in place over the entire length of the cycle track as a precautionary measure to ensure pedestrians / cyclists do not come into contact with adjacent vehicular traffic whilst the cycle track surface is incomplete.

There are further works to be carried out to complete this Flood Protection scheme later this year and early next year but these will have a negligible effect on the new cycle track.

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.

Reply:

This area is not in the ownership or charge of Dublin City Council and no application to take it in-charge has been received.

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.

Reply:

There are limited circumstances only where a non-resident may be issued with a Resident Parking Permit for an adjoining road.

Four Resident Parking Permits have been issued to two dwellings located on details supplied 2. Three of these have been issued on the basis that the residents reside in a dwelling that immediately adjoins (details supplied 1) and is located on the corner of details supplied 2 and (details supplied 1).

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws regulate with regard to entitlement and eligibility to parking permits, including where residents may be considered for permits for schemes located on adjoining roads;

“A resident’s parking permit may be issued by the Council to an applicant in respect of one vehicle where the Council are satisfied, following production of acceptable evidence, that the applicant’s normal dwelling place is at a building situated on a road which is adjacent to a residential parking permit road and to which the permit will relate and where the parking of vehicles on the applicant’s road is significantly restricted by parking controls”.

The presence of a cycle track on details supplied 2 prevents some residents from parking on the road at that location and the remaining Resident Parking Permit has been issued in accordance with this bye-law as a result.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 3rd May 2018. We will monitor this location on a regular basis and have it cleaned when necessary.

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.

Q.68 Councillor Claire O’Connor

Can the potholes on Mornington Road be filled?

Reply:

These potholes have been logged for repair in our Asset Management System.

Q.69 Councillor Claire O’Connor

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

Reply:

This has been referred to our Infrastructure Management Unit for investigation.

Q.70 Councillor Claire O’Connor

Can the lanes behind Ashdale Road be cleaned?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lanes cleaned on the 3rd May 2018.

Q.71 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the lanes behind Alexandra Terrace be cleaned?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lanes cleaned on the 27th April 2018.

Q.72 Councillor Claire O'Connor

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

Reply:

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

Q.73 Councillor Claire O'Connor

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

Reply:

This has been logged in our Asset Management System for a permanent concrete repair to be carried out.

Q.74 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpaths outside Bijou in Rathgar be repaired?

Reply:

This footpath been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out.

Q.75 Councillor Claire O'Connor

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

Reply:

The area traffic engineer has confirmed that a contractor has been appointed to carry out a series of works including a pedestrian crossing at Bushy Park. It is anticipated that the contractor will reach this project in approximately two months.

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?

Reply:

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

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:

Reply:

A request is still listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for pedestrian phases on details supplied 4 and 2 arms of the above junction. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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.

Reply:

In order to upgrade the existing lights to LEDs, additional works are required on the public lighting poles. As these roads have a high traffic impact, a stop-go system will be required to carry out the works. A traffic management plan is being prepared and will be submitted for approval. Upon receipt of approval we are proposing to complete the works during the weekends in the month of June.

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.

Reply:

The free city wide household bulky waste collection service is no longer available to any area of the city as it was decided that this free service was contrary to the core principle that the person(s) generating the waste should pay for its disposal, regardless of the type of waste been generated. The associated costs of this service had also become unsustainable and had reached approximately €500,000.00 per year. The service was therefore discontinued in favour of a more flexible and accessible service which is available on demand all year round and for which households pay a nominal fee which is currently €40.00. This service was introduced in May 2016 and has proved very popular with the public. Average collection time between request and collection taking place is currently 3 – 4 days and unlike the previous service it operates all year round. Full details of the service are available on the City Council website. The waste management department would not be in favour of reinstating the free collection service as it is not considered an efficient use of our resources.

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.

Reply:

This area is being monitored to ensure that bins are not left out on public areas other than for collection purposes. Fines will be issued and / or bins taken away in cases of non-compliance.

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.

Reply:

There is no legal basis for Dublin City Council to restrict parking on a public road to residents only and therefore the Council does not provide designated bays for residents.

Dublin City Council can proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on the road and subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road (details supplied). A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

It is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a Scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents.

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?

Reply:

Dublin City Council Roadworks Control Unit contacted the project management company responsible for Central Plaza development and advised of complaints regarding construction traffic management. The project manager reported that the hoarding line on Fownes Street Upper was adjusted in February to improve pedestrian safety and also sight lines for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. He also advised that the Health & Safety Authority visited the site in recent weeks and noted their satisfaction. Furthermore, a new main contractor has recently been appointed and he has submitted a new Traffic Management & Logistics Plan and applied for a new hoarding licence. Roadworks Control Unit will assess the latest submissions to ensure that safety concerns are satisfactorily addressed.

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?

Reply:

The measures available to combat rat running include, turn bans, no entry, one way systems and cul-de-sacs.

These restrictions are non-discriminative and can cause greater inconvenience to residents of affected roads.

It is also difficult for Gardaí to enforce traffic restrictions that apply only for short periods of time i.e. 7am to 10am, 4pm to 7pm or shorter periods.

To prevent rat running through this road it would be necessary to introduce left turn bans on nearby roads. Due to the inconvenience this would create and difficulties in enforcing these measures no action is recommended at this time.

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.

Reply:

The South East Area litter warden has inspected this address on numerous occasions. All of the Euro Bins at this address are properly presented and have not been overflowing. The litter warden will continue to monitor this address.

Q.85 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

Reply:

By details supplied 2, planning permission was granted for the demolition of details supplied 3 and the construction of a 2 storey over basement museum building incorporating café and reinstated synagogue. While this permission does not expire until January 2019, the development of 2 residential units at details supplied 4 as recently granted permission by details supplied 5 will necessitate a new planning application for the redevelopment of details supplied 6 as a Jewish museum.

The two residential units were granted permission by details supplied 5. This permission provided for the demolition of details supplied 4 and the construction of 2 no two-storey terraced dwellings similar in form, appearance and character to existing dwellings together with the provision of private open space to the rear of each dwelling and the demolition of existing garage to rear of details supplied 7.

By details supplied 8, planning permission was refused for minor alterations to the previously approved 2 residential units under details supplied 5. This application was refused permission on 9th April 2018 and is still open to appeal.

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?

Reply:

Burlington Road is not on our 2018 Works Resurfacing or Footpath Reconstruction Programmes but it will be considered for inclusion on next year programmes.

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.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made for a clean-up of the area in question.

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.

Reply:

The trees to the rear of the New Houses and at the front of Sean Moore Road provide an important buffer to noise and pollutants from this busy road, as well as shelter from prevailing winds.

The trees have been pruned almost on an annual basis over recent years, including the removal of a number of trees approximately three years ago.

Based on a recent inspection, additional tree works are not required at this location.

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.

Reply:

- a) There will be a speed survey undertaken on Sandymount Avenue and other selected roads in the area. Dublin City Council does not have the resources to survey all the 30km/h roads in the Sandymount Area as to do so would cause surveys and investigations being delayed in other areas.
- b) It is the policy of Dublin City Council not to provide repeater signage as to do so would lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city. The TAG Engineers have been requested to install painted 30km/h roundels in strategic locations in the areas as a means of complimenting the existing 30km/h signage. A request has been sent to the South East Engineer to examine the Sandymount area as a matter of priority.
- c) An Garda Síochána at Dublin Castle has been made aware of areas where excessive speeds are being experienced. It may also be beneficial for residents and local councillors, experiencing excessive speeding, to make representations to the local Garda station to reaffirm the need for enforcement.

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.

Reply:

- a) There is no legal basis for Dublin City Council to restrict parking on a public road to residents only and therefore the Council does not provide designated bays for residents.

Dublin City Council can proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on the road and subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road (details supplied). A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

It is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a Scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents.

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws regulate with regard to entitlement and eligibility to Resident Parking Permits. The availability of a driveway does not prevent any resident from obtaining a Resident Parking Permit valid for use on the road on which they reside.

- b) This area is being monitored to ensure that bins are not left out on public areas other than for collection purposes. Fines will be issued and / or bins taken away in cases of non-compliance.
- c) Ringsend Public Park is regularly included for patrol along with Dog wardens to ensure that dog walkers are compliant as regards their responsibilities when out walking their dogs. A leaflet outlining these responsibilities will also be dropped in to every house on Ringsend Park itself. Dog Wardens will also visit this street to carry out a dog license check.

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.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will examine this cycle track and report back on this matter.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will place additional waste barrels in this area to cater for the extra litter which will be generated there over the coming months. Extra cleaning and power washing will also be carried out there. This area will be closely monitored by our cleaning crews and litter wardens. Every effort will be made to keep this area as clean as possible, particularly over the coming months

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).

Reply:

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

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.

Reply:

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