



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018

- 1 **Presentation on Innovation District Masterplan from Trinity College**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Part 8 Presentation on housing development at 29 / 30 Fishamble Street.**
Order: Agreed to initiate the part 8 process.
- 3 **Presentation on planning application reference 3047/18**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held 14th May 2018**
Order: Agreed. Cllr. Lacey apologised for his remarks to Alec Dundon.
- 5 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 23rd May 2018.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Trial Mount Pleasant Avenue Traffic Report.
Order: Noted.
- 6 **Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Proposed disposal of lease of 19 Lord Edward Street, Dublin 2 to Coolmine Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Proposed disposal of land at Chatham Court, Chatham Street / Clarendon Row, Dublin 2 to Hines European Core Fund (HECF) One Clarendon Row 2 S.A.R.L.
Order: Postpone pending a report on what HECF One Clarendon Row 2 S.A.R.L. intends to do with the lands disposed, including a photomontage.
 - iii. Proposed disposal of plot of land adjacent to 56 Beech Hill Drive, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 to Ms. Caitríona O'Connor.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

7 **South East Area Matters**

- i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.
Order: Noted.

8 **Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to seek the provision of more bottle banks particularly in the Dublin 2 area.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to investigate road safety issues on Barrow Street and the location of Dublinbike stands (possibly find another location for bike stands). Residents have reported that this area is dangerous for pedestrians due to the traffic chaos on Barrow Street, which has become worse due to the heavy vehicles going in and out of the Boland Mills site.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to have a safety assessment done on speed limits in Shelbourne Park / South Lotts Road area and where necessary include in the 30 km/h speed limit.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to have an overall assessment done on the safety for children at the playground on South Dock Street. Residents have reported a barrier / gate is needed outside the playground to prevent small children from running out onto the street.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to have an overall assessment of the South Lotts area and to implement a plan for street cleaning, hanging baskets, tree planting and general improvements for the residents.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the manager presents a report on the recent EPA report on Sandymount and Merrion Strands and on what action Dublin City Council can and will take to deal with the issues leading to the report.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to examine the following situation and to report back to the committee:

"There have been complaints from pedestrians about one of the traffic lights at the junction of Clonskeagh / Ranelagh Road and Milltown Road (photo attached).

There is one lane of traffic going from Clonskeagh to Ranelagh but during the traffic sequence at times there is a red light for turning left (to Milltown Road) and a green arrow for going straight ahead. The red light for turning left is to enable pedestrians to go across Milltown Road at this point. Unfortunately many drivers ignore the red light for turning (maybe some confusion with the green arrow) and there have been some near collisions with pedestrians (as it is somewhat a "blind corner"). A lot of children use this junction as there are schools nearby. There is also some frustration at other times with drivers who block the road (as they cannot turn right), while others behind them in the queue see the green arrow and want to go ahead.

A very simple solution is to get rid of the red light for turning and just have a normal traffic light. The pedestrian light could be adjusted."

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to consider additional bottle bank locations bearing in mind the email submitted with this motion:

I am a 92 year old widow, who does not drive and who does not have a car - but who does drink wine, use ketchup, jam, mustard and pickles and who finds a large number of glass bottles and jars accumulating each month.

The bin collectors do not accept glass.

The nearest bottle bank to me was at Lansdowne Road. I used to hire a taxi (!) in which to send my grandson to dispose of bottles there. Last time he had to leave the bottles (with others) at the curb where the bins used to be as Lansdowne was closed. Now I hear the nearest bottle bank will be in Milltown.

I do put it to you that it is unfair and unfeeling to allow such a situation to exist. Is it in your power to put this complaint in front of the right people and come up with a solution?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to examine if the water safety measures along the Dodder between Ballsbridge and Ringsend are sufficient or if it would be appropriate to locate some ladders along the course of the river for exit in the event of someone falling in.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department provide stop or yield signs in the Harold's Cross Cottages area. There have been a number of accidents there recently caused mainly by lack of clarity on who has right of way. This area also needs 30 km/h speed signs erected along with bicycle stands because a lot of bicycles are attached to lamp posts which impedes footpath passageway.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Frank Kennedy, taken with motions 18 and 26

Last month the council painted yellow lines in Vavasour Square from No. 15 - 19 (photos attached). The effect of this is that it prevents families from parking outside their homes in a square where parking is already in exceptionally short supply. In light of the major difficulties that this creates, as illustrated in the

attached letter sent by the Residents' Association, which carries with it unanimous support from residents, (and the Residents' Association further advise that the resident who requested this change has now written to the council to request that the yellow lines be removed) this committee calls on the council to reverse its decision and to revert to the pre-existing position.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where the pavements have been savagely damaged and broken up by trees on Nutley Park, this committee calls on the manager to introduce a pilot programme of installing flexible porous pavements which adapt to trees on those sections of the footpath on Nutley Park where there are trees.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee resolves to write to the owners of the Baggot Street Hospital site to request that the two gated areas on either side of the entrance steps (a) be tied and (b) be converted into a pocket park for the benefit of all. At present the gated areas are overgrown and a great opportunity is being missed (see attached photos).

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee resolves to write to the owners of Baggot Plaza / Bank of Ireland to suggest that informative heritage and tourism maps of the area could be erected on the large windows at the front of the building.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council (DCC) calls on the management of DCC and the Office of Public Works to create a Jonathan Swift Centre at the former Garda Station Barracks at Kevin Street. This site houses the 12th century Palace of St. Sepulchre, a 12th century Bishop's palace. It is also in close proximity to Marsh's Library and St. Patrick's Cathedral where Swift was the dean. The literary works of Dean Swift are known globally. This is an ideal opportunity to honour Dublin's literary tradition and one of Dublin's literary greats, while at the same time protecting the heritage of these set of unique buildings where many of the original features are intact.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This area committee agrees to plant a tree in memory of Savita Halappanavar in a park in the south east area.

There had been a previous motion seeking to have a street named for her which did not meet the naming criteria. In the wake of the recent referendum there have once again been calls to create a proper tribute to her. A tree planting would be a simple and straightforward way to do this.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This area committee, following on from motions from myself in 2016 and other councillors both before and after, to take active steps to address the issue of rat running in the wider Mount Tallant area, starting with facilitating a meeting between residents and a traffic engineer.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with motions 11 and 26

That this area committee calls on the area manager to please remove the double yellow lines that were recently installed on the south east corner of Vasavour Square. I understand the residents have been in touch with you in this regard as they were installed without any consultation with the residents. Can the manager please meet with the residents and pay heed to their request?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with motion 25

That this area committee calls on the area manager to liaise with Waterways Ireland and the house boat residents of Grand Canal Dock as a matter of urgency to try to find a solution to the new challenges the residents are facing in terms of recent changes to leasing agreements and berthing fees.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to write to the Minister for Environment asking him to consider introducing legislation that would restrict the use of posters on lampposts for future referendum and election campaigns, and to instead seek alternatives such as allocating designated sites where all campaigners and candidates can display their posters. This would significantly reduce the number of posters being printed and the visual clutter and environmental impact caused by the thousands of posters used on lampposts during such campaigns.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 21 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to install more No Dog Litter signs and dog litter bins in the Nutley estates and surrounding areas.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 22 from Councillor Paddy Smyth

Due to the opposition of local residents associations to the proposed public consultation phase of Quietway running east / west through the constituency, this committee requests that the Environment and Transportation Department seeks expressions of interest from residents and residents' associations who may be interested in having a Quietway running north / south through their street / area i.e. from the Dodder to the Grand Canal.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 23 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Dublin City Council gives leadership and works with the Gardaí to deal with the problem of large crowds assembling and consuming alcohol along the Grand Canal. Signage such as was erected in Temple Bar is needed along the canal.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 24 from Councillor Mary Freehill

At the May meeting we agreed to invite National Transport Authority (NTA) to discuss the need for more peak time buses for Terenure, Kimmage, Rathmines and Rathgar. Assuming that NTA will come along it is agreed that we discuss this motion in their presence requesting that the numbers 140, 14 and 15 buses be returned to St. Stephen's Green.

Order: Deferred to July meeting.

Motion 25 from Councillor Kieran Binchy taken with motion 18

That this committee supports the residents of live-aboard house-boats in the Grand Canal Basin, and values the vital contribution they make to the local area and community, and calls on Waterways Ireland to ensure that sufficient berths are provided for live-aboards to ensure the sustainability of this vibrant part of the local community.

If this motion is passed, the committee furthermore asks the manager to send a letter setting out the above support to the CEO of Waterways Ireland.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 26 from Councillor Kieran Binchy taken with motions 11 and 18

That this committee calls on the manager to remove the double yellow lines recently added in the south east corner of Vavasour Square, Dublin 4, given that they were added without public consultation and in a manner that upsets a decades-long balance achieved by residents, and calls on the manager to consult with local residents before making any changes to the parking regime on the square.

Order: Report to councillor.

9 **Questions to the Chief Executive 11th June 2018**

Order: Noted.

Councillor Paddy McCartan
Chairperson
Monday 11 June 2018

Attendance:

Members:

Paddy McCartan
(Chairperson)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Frank Kennedy
Paddy Smyth

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Sonya Stapleton

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mary Freehill
Ruairí McGinley

Officers

Rossana Camargo
Leah Johnston
Brian Kirk
Jennifer Wall
Helen Smirnova
Gary Loughlin

Mark Ginnetty
Brian Kavanagh
Eileen Martin
Mark Ginnetty
Cian Harte
Eileen Buck

Brian Hanney
Rose Kenny
Fiona O'Brien
Neil O'Donohue
Iseult Kirwan
John O'Hara

Apologies:

Cllr. Anne Feeney

Cllr. Claire O'Connor

Non-Members:

Dr. Diarmuid O'Brien, Trinity
College Dublin (TCD)

Tom Molloy, TCD

Veronica Campbell, TCD

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

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

Reply:

The existing public lighting columns here will be replaced with new decorative columns as part of a future pole replacement contract. The lanterns will also be replaced with LED lights at this time. We anticipate going out to tender for this contract during the summer months.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

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

Reply:

It is planned to resurface Emor Street carriageway in 2018.

Emor Street Footpaths are logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out.

Q.3 Councillor Paddy Smyth

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

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



Reply:

A request to review the layout of double yellow lines in the vicinity of No. 103 Rathdown Park, Terenure, is listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be notified of the recommendation in due course.

Q.4 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Would it be possible to have the offensive graffiti removed in Grosvenor Lane and also to have the lane put on a regular cleansing rota from the Rathmines depot?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Grosvenor Lane cleaned up on the 17th May 2018. We will monitor the cleanliness of this lane on a regular basis and have it cleaned when necessary. The removal of graffiti at this location is being looked after by the South East Area office.

The responsibility for the removal of graffiti on private property is the responsibility of the owner / occupier. This laneway is being inspected and the owners / occupiers will be contacted in this regard.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

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

Reply:

The drains at this address have been unblocked.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

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

Reply:

The attached map shows four numbered plots of ground in the area outlined by the Councillor which are in Dublin City Council ownership:

1. The plot shaded pink comprising Dartry Park and riverside open space is held by DCC under a 999 year lease from 1949.
2. The plot shaded blue at Milltown Road (near the junction with Dodder Walk) is held by DCC in fee simple.
3. The plot shaded green between the Milltown Road and the Dodder River is held by DCC in fee simple.
4. The plot shaded yellow comprising the car park of the Dropping Well pub is held by DCC in fee simple.

The only plot which is the subject of a lease granted by Dublin City Council is plot number 4 the majority part of which was demised for use as a car park for a term of 35 years from 1st April 1982. The Chief Valuer is currently in negotiations with Milltown Inns Ltd. on terms and conditions for a proposed grant of new lease.

The remaining land along the riverside which is not shaded is in private ownership and the land on the south side of the Dodder River is in the administrative area of Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown County Council.



Q.7 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

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

Reply:

The area traffic engineer has reported that it is not possible to alter the layout of the existing pay and display and permit parking scheme at details supplied, due to the limit of the carriageway and footpath. Also, it is not possible for Dublin City Council to consider the cutting back of the footpath due to the limited width and as pedestrian safety is a priority.

Dublin City Council does not provide cameras on individual roads.

Q.8 Councillor Paddy Smyth

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

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



Reply:

These are unauthorised advertising boards on the public footways and have been referred to the enforcement team who will notify the businesses to remove them. If the businesses do not comply, Dublin City Council will remove the advertising boards.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

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

Reply:

This matter will be addressed within the next two weeks.

Q.10 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Q.67 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Reply:

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

Contact:

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

(My underlining added)

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

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

Dear Christopher

My name is **[Details supplied]**

I live at **[Details supplied 1]**, and our car exits the driveway on **[Details supplied 2]**, which is a very narrow one way street.

It has disc parking on both sides of the road.

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

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

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

I give the name and make of the car.

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

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

And the solution is extremely simple.

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

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

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

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

Thank you for reading this email,

Yours sincerely,

[Details supplied]

Reply:

The request for removal of the street parking has been added to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) agenda for examination, recommendation will be made by the area traffic engineer for the next TAG meeting.

Q.11 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Reply:

An adaptation application form has been sent to the tenant at this address. Once this has been completed and returned and an occupational therapists report received, we can then assess the application and have appropriate action taken.

Q.12 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will examine this issue and report back to the South East Area Committee.

Q.13 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Q.80 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Reply:

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

Contact:

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

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

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

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services Division's Asset Management System was interrogated to provide the following data:

- a) Number of repairs recorded outside Margaretholme Sheltered Housing, Claremont Road in time period June 2017 - June 2018: 0
- b) Number of service requests currently outstanding on:
 - Claremont Road: 6
 - Tritonville Road: 6
 - Herbert Road: 4
 - Sandymount Road: 6
- c) Repairs carried out in time period June 2017- June 2018:
 - Claremont Road: 0
 - Tritonville Road: 1
 - Herbert Road: 5
 - Sandymount Road: 2
- d) These service requests will be inspected and repairs scheduled when a crew is available.

Q.14 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Reply:

The request for a pedestrian crossing in the middle of Nutley Lane has been added to the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be notified of the recommendation in due course

Q.15 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Reply:

Vermin in gardens is generally a sign of defective private drains such as missing traps or defective or holes in the pipe. Dublin City Council Drainage Section will however separately carry out a survey to establish if there are any defects on the public side allowing rats to nest within the public sewers or manholes, and will bait if necessary.

Q.16 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

- a) In circumstances where it is very difficult to walk on Upper Baggot Street without encountering obstacles, especially for those who are visually impaired or of limited mobility, to adequately regulate and enforce the use of advertising boards and signage which crowd the pavements in a wholly inconsistent manner throughout the street;
- b) To relocate the bin in the attached photo to an area alongside rather than behind the bus stop (it is a serious impediment to the visually impaired at present);

- c) In circumstances where double parking arising from delivery trucks is a serious problem to the flow of traffic and to the availability of adequate parking, to restrict deliveries to before 10am; and
- d) To plant more trees to create a boulevard effect.

Reply:

- a) Council officers regularly monitor advertising boards, street furniture and other items on the footpaths, including Upper Baggot Street. Section 71 notices may and have been issued to the owners of signs or other items causing an obstruction in the Upper Baggot Street area, these items can be impounded if they continue to cause an obstruction. Some of the premises in the Upper Baggot Street area have wide private landings outside these premises, this department is not authorised to deal with these items.

Dublin City Council is currently reviewing its approach to the issue of advertising boards, an additional four inspectors have recently been appointed with authority to issue removals notices and remove unauthorised advertising boards.

The Assistant Inspectors spoke to the businesses in Upper Baggot Street and asked them to remove any advertising boards that were causing an obstruction. The area will be closely monitored and if any of the businesses do not comply, the boards will be removed. Complaints re advertising boards can be sent to casualtrading@dublincity.ie The Assistant Inspectors respond to all complaints received.

- b) Arrangements have been made to relocate the above mentioned bin as requested.
- c) It is illegal to park in the manner indicated. Dublin Street Parking Services have been instructed to monitor the location and will take enforcement action wherever possible.
- d) Having assessed the location it is considered that it is not appropriate to plant additional street trees in this area due to the proximity of underground and over ground services.

Q.17 Councillor Claire O'Connor

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

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

Reply:

- a) The carriageway width at the south side of Price's Lane is on average 3.9 metres wide. The installation of a footpath at this location is not possible due to the constraints of the carriageway.
- b) Double yellow lines were recommended along the south side of Price's Lane to ensure flow of traffic on Price's Lane. It is not recommended, therefore, to rescind the existing double yellow lines.

- c) Double yellow lines are not recommended on the east side of Price's Lane, as Dublin City Council does not place restrictions where restrictions are already covered under legislation, such as placing double yellow lines across entrances, as this would lead to a proliferation of same. The Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997, Section 36 paragraph (2) states: "A vehicle shall not be parked (g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises". Infringements should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services at 6022 500.

Q.18 Councillor Claire O'Connor

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

Reply:

These footpaths have been logged in our Asset Management System for inspection and repairs will be scheduled when a crew is available.

Q.19 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can *details supplied be balloted for paid parking?

Reply:

There is an existing pay and display and permit parking scheme located at details supplied. A request for an extension of the operational hours was recently submitted by the residents and this will shortly be considered by the Traffic Advisory Group.

Q.20 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can *details supplied 1 be balloted for paid parking?

Reply:

A request was received on 30th April, 2018, from residents of the upper part of details supplied 1, located from the junction with details supplied 2 to the entrance to the high school, for the introduction of a pay and display and permit parking scheme. In order to consider the application further, the Parking Policy and Enforcement Section has requested written confirmation that the residents of the remainder of details supplied 1 have been informed that a parking scheme is being sought on this section of details supplied 1.

On receipt of the written confirmation from the residents concerned, the request for a parking scheme on details supplied 1, from the junction of details supplied 2 to the entrance to the high school, will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report.

Q.21 Councillor Claire O'Connor

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

Reply:

Dublin City Council (DCC) and City of Dublin Education Training Board (CDETb) have held discussions with regard to agreeing a partnership to enhance the sports and recreational facilities in the CDETb lands in Terenure. For this purpose a Memorandum of Understanding will be considered to permit DCC to manage the lands as public open space. Both parties agree that there is potential in the future to develop an all weather pitch for use by local clubs and schools utilising the existing vehicle access from the Terenure Road and car park on the CDETb lands. Any such development would be subject to sports capital grants or other funding sources.

CDETB have stipulated that they will not permit a commercial facility on the lands and that the operation of facilities would be by way of licence agreements to local clubs by DCC.

The existing building on the lands would be conserved as part of any future plans / proposals which DCC may prepare. Any future plans / proposals would be subject to local consultation and would be processed as a Part 8 in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

There is no immediate proposal however for Dublin City Council to take over the maintenance of the lands in question. If and when there is any change to the status quo as set out above the area councillors will be informed and meetings can be arranged with the local community.

Q.22 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

The Environment and Transportation Department has not progressed the Quietway proposal from Herbert Park to Kimmage following the previous South East Area Committee meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018.

At the meeting a presentation was given outlining the next steps for the Quietway proposal. This would be in the form of Public Consultation based on street audits. The Committee members voted not to continue developing the proposal.

Consequently, no amendments to have been made to the proposals previously issued to Councillors.

Notwithstanding the above, it remains the policy of Dublin City Council to continue to promote improved permeability for both cyclists and pedestrians in existing urban areas in line with the National Transport Authority's document 'Permeability – a best practice guide'.

Q.23 Councillor Dermot Lacey

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

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

would be grateful if you could take the time to come to my home in order for you to experience the situation that we are in through no fault of our own.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit has commenced an investigation into the noise complaint at Bath Avenue Gardens, Dublin 4. Sportsco have been informed of the noise issue and are currently addressing the matter. The complainant has been notified of the progress to date.

The Dangerous Buildings Section received a complaint regarding a garden wall collapse to the rear of 12 Bath Avenue Gardens, Dublin 4, as of 25/05/2018.

The dangerous buildings inspector for the area visited the site and made contact with the complainant / owner. He deemed the site 'not dangerous' within the meaning of the Local Government Sanitary Services Act 1964 (amended). He advised the issue was a civil matter and should be resolved with their neighbour Sportsco.

No further action is warranted by the Dangerous Buildings Section.

Q.24 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

Consultants working on behalf of Dublin City Council are currently developing a preferred option for the entire Dodder Greenway in the Dublin City Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown administrative areas. It is intended to conduct a round of non-statutory public consultation on the emerging preferred option in Q3 of 2018 before proceeding to preliminary design and beginning the planning process.

A section of the Dodder Greenway is being advanced separately between Herbert Park and Donnybrook Road. Planning permission for this section was granted in September 2017 and it is expected that construction will start on this section in Q1 of 2019.

Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

The City Arts Office and Dublin Docklands Sections commissioned a report into the interest and capacity of the community groups in the surrounding area of BGET in availing of the 'free nights' for community use. The report noted great interest in the groups in availing of the night, but recommended that a professional company organise and showcase local work as the capacity to organise such a large scale event might be beyond most of these groups.

It is also important to note the costs as being estimated in excess of €25K per night as many of the theatres out of pocket expenses would still apply. Use of the nights then will depend on an available budget.

To date the two free days have not been availed of and there are no plans in place in the short term to draw them down.

The City Arts Office commissioned a feasibility study in 2017 on behalf of the Docklands Office into the use of the Bord Gáis Theatre by Local Community Groups for two nights per year as allowed for in the agreement between the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA) and the Developer of the theatre. The Study was produced by Maria Fleming, Arts Consultant. Ms Fleming interviewed a number of local stakeholders that are involved in the Arts during the course of the study and also explored the logistics of a Community Group utilising the theatre.

The report has raised a number of practical implications to drawing down these “free” days from both a staff and financial resource perspective and it is clear from the report that there are no easy solutions to availing of the two “free” community use days of the theatre in the short term. Further consideration needs to be given to this matter by the Arts Office and Docklands Office before any final decisions are made to draw down these days. All options are likely to involve significant input from Dublin City Council either by way of staff or financial resources and would need to be programmed into the works program and budget of the Docklands & Arts Offices in future years if the option is to be utilised.

Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

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

Reply:

This is not a matter for Dublin City Council. The councillor may contact Dublin Port Company, Port Centre, Alexandra Road, North Dock, Dublin 1.

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

The issue of mooring permits in Grand Canal basin is a matter for Waterways Ireland.

Waterways Ireland manages the letting / leasing of berths for houseboats in the Inner Grand Canal basin. A Section 25 application to the Dublin Docklands Authority for the change of use of twenty five (25) existing boat moorings to twenty (20) was approved in 2013 (ref. no. DD660).

The basin is covered by the zoning objective, Z11 which seeks to protect and improve canal, coastal and river amenities.

Any increase in the number of houseboat berths requires the approval of Waterways Ireland.

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

A request will be made to roads and traffic for the installation of double yellow lines at Digges Street. The location where the councillor states a temporary gate / fence was not a vehicle entrance / exit. This was a pedestrian entrance that was closed off at the request of residents in the complex to reduce anti social behaviour at this location.

Existing markings i.e. double yellow lines will be renewed within 30 working days of the South East Area Committee meeting on the 11/06/18.

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

Dublin Fire Brigade receives approximately 110,000 112/999 calls annually from the public. Calls are assigned a chief complaint code during the call taking process from the information provided by the caller. There is a chief complaint code assigned to overdoses or poisonings. This code includes overdose or poisoning of any nature.

From June 2017 to June 2018 in the southeast area there were approximately 688 incidents coded as overdose or poisoning.

The coding process does not allow for us to discriminate whether the incident occurs in a public place such as a street.

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

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

Reply:

The granite seat referred to was damaged beyond repair on the morning of 31st May 2018 and has now been removed. Gardaí are investigating the matter. There are no plans at present to reinstall a seat in the same location.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

Bollards are not provided on footpaths as a measure to prevent parking as it is illegal to park on a footpath - Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph(2) (i) A vehicle shall not be parked on a foot way, a grass margin or a median strip. The placing of bollards would hinder the movement of pedestrians and reduce the footpath width considerably, impacting on wheelchair users. This would be contrary to the policies of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

Illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, tel.: 6022 500 or to the Gardaí as they occur. The area has been highlighted to Parking Enforcement for increased monitoring.

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

The area housing manager will investigate the matter and will issue report directly back to the councillor.

Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

There are four assistant inspectors in the Licensing Unit and part of their remit is to enforce the Street Performers Bye-Laws 2016. They work a seven day shift between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. On occasion they work up to 12 midnight. There are up to 500 street performers with permits at any given time. The busker mentioned was asked to attend a meeting in the Civic Offices as he was busking without a permit in Temple Bar outside the hours permitted in the bye-laws. There was an interpreter present and the bye-laws were explained to him. He was issued with a permit but unfortunately he continued to break the bye-laws and his permit was revoked. We are aware that he has health issues and can be very aggressive. The inspectors have moved him on several occasions and on one such occasion he accused the Inspector of robbing him. A report on this was filed with An Garda Síochána.

It is coming into the busy season for busking and the inspectors have been proactive and have been talking to the buskers on the streets and giving warning notices where a breach of the bye- laws has occurred. Also a meeting has been requested with the Gardaí in Pease Street so we can work with them over the summer months in particular to ensure the bye-laws are enforced.

Q.34 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

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

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

Reply:

The area engineer checked the currently available Road Safety Authority data between 2005 and 2014, to see if it was an accident at the entrance of the Milltown car park and found there was no injury at this location.

Following a site visit at Milltown Road car park no adverse problems regarding cars parking in this pay & display car park were observed. No clear danger to the public was observed from parking behaviour at this location.

Under the Road Traffic Act "A person shall not drive a vehicle in a public place without due care and attention". Dangerous driving is a matter for the Gardaí for enforcement under the law.

Furthermore, in order to facilitate the exit of the cars at this location, it is recommended to install a yellow box at the junction of Strand Terrace Milltown Road,

The bottle banks at Milltown play an important role in Dublin City Council recycling infrastructure. Waste management will liaise with roads and traffic to look at ingress and egress from the car park.

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

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

Reply:

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

Q.36 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

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

Reply:

This location has been logged in our Asset Management System for inspection and repairs will be scheduled when a crew is available.

Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

Reply:

A bicycle at a location for such a period of time can be deemed abandoned and this bike is currently listed for tagging and removal.

Once a bike is tagged, if it is still there and tagged after a period of over two weeks, it can removed in the next batch of bike removals throughout the South East Area which will take place in the coming weeks.

Q.38 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

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

Reply:

The trees growing to the rear of 38 Bremen Avenue have been inspected over recent days and are relatively young trees which are assessed to be in good condition and which do not require pruning at this time.

Q.39 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

I received this response last December 2017:

"A replacement bench is currently on order for this location and we anticipate delivery over the coming weeks. The bench will be installed as soon as possible thereafter." As this is now June 2018 I would have expected that the bench would be in situ at this stage.

Reply:

Replacement seats have been made and are currently being painted. It is anticipated the seats will be installed over the coming three to four weeks.

Q.40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

Reply:

Background:

Chapter 6 of the Environmental Impact Statement, submitted as part of the planning application for the development of the Dublin Waste to Energy (WtE) Facility, noted the following in respect of the landscape and visual impact mitigation measures:

- At the outset it must be noted that the proposed development will comprise of a major structural element of noted visual prominence which, given its scale and the nature of the site, cannot be visually screened. In such scenario mitigation is best achieved in the consideration of avoidance, reduction, and remediation in the siting and design of the proposed development. Such considerations have informed the basis of the proposed WtE facility and these are reflected in a number of ways.
- The development is to be sited within an area of clearly established ‘hard’ core industrial development where appropriate land use zoning applies. The site itself has a visually degraded appearance and has little or no landscape or visual sensitivity in its own right – albeit as part of the wider peninsula it occupies a central and pivotal landmark setting within Dublin Bay.
- As the development cannot be screened it will undoubtedly be visually prominent from many areas. However, in mitigation the design proposes a main building of significant architectural merit in its own right. In this way the building is clearly a new departure in terms of recent development on the peninsula and in conjunction with the provisions of the Poolbeg Masterplan should set the trend for the rejuvenation of the architectural quality of the industrial elements on the peninsula.
- The state-of-the-art building will utilise the latest technologies in modern materials and will be amongst the forerunner for the latest and most advanced buildings within its field. In particular, the design and layout includes elements which relate to:
 - **Openness** – the building is designed to reveal its function rather than hide it. Visibility and openness create insight into and an understanding of the concept “waste to energy”.
 - **Landmark** – with its sculptural simplicity the building should differ from the other industrial buildings in the area in an original expression – but without appearing monumental within its context. The plant will be visible from large parts of the city of Dublin, but the integrated form will give a positive supplement to the city skyline from many different angles.
 - **The surroundings** – the building has been orientated on the site in such a way that it can take into account any future changes in the Poolbeg area. By creating an attractive strong connection from north to south along the site, the development seeks to define a building line and character.
- In terms of landscape restoration, it is proposed to establish a strong visual evergreen screen along the eastern, southern and western boundaries of the site. This includes for dense hedgerow planting of escallonias (*Escallonia* spp.) and olearias (*Olearia* spp.) backed by pine (*Pinus* spp.) trees in feature locations. While it is proposed to retain openness through the northern Pigeon House Road boundary, four spiralling berms will provide for definition and framing of views towards the glazed northern elevation. In this way the landscaping seeks to visually anchor the development, screening the low-level traffic movements, whilst setting-off the architectural treatment of the building.

- A new line of sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) trees will be established along the line of Shellybanks Road so as to replace those existing trees, which will be lost during the course of construction of the WtE facility.

Implementation of Landscaping Scheme:

The soft landscaping scheme for the site on which the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility is located required the:

- development of an evergreen screen along the eastern boundary of the site – the developer has installed a stone fence along most of the eastern boundary, which is planted with *Jasminum officinale*, *Hedera helix* and *Parthenocissus tricuspidata* to create an evergreen screen,
- development of an evergreen screen along the southern boundary of the site – the developer has created a grass berm, with a mixture of trees and maritime hedge screen planting, which includes *escallonia* and pine trees,
- development of an evergreen screen along the western boundary of the site, to Shellybanks Road – the existing sycamore trees were retained throughout the construction of the facility, with additional trees added following the completion of construction to create a complete tree line along the western boundary,
- development of a number of spiralling mounds at the north of the site, to provide for definition and framing of views towards the glazed northern elevation. The mounds are developed as flower meadows, with the connecting areas set out as lawns.

The planning permission, as granted by An Bord Pleanála required that the landscaping scheme for the site was prepared by a qualified landscape architect, prior to the implementation on site. Cunnán, Startton Reynold as the project architects developed the landscaping scheme in June 2017 and the scheme was displayed in the Ringsend Library, as the public office for the facility development (during the construction phase) in July and August of 2017. The planning permission further required that the landscaping scheme was fully implemented on completion of the construction works. The landscaping scheme was duly implemented during Q3 of 2017.

The facility was developed under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreement, between Dublin City Council (acting on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities) and Dublin Waste to Energy Limited as the PPP company. The PPP company is responsible for the design, build, operation, maintenance and finance of the facility. Dublin City Council does not have a detailed breakdown of the budget associated with the implementation of the landscaping scheme.

Q.41 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

"I strolled around St. Alban's Park last weekend. I am afraid that someone is misleading officialdom, as no sweeping has taken place throughout. The weeds and dirt are still there. If a sweeper had done its job the weeds and dirt would have been swept up by the brushes."

Reply:

Waste Management Services had St. Alban's Park cleaned again and weeded on the 30th May 2018.

Q.42 Councillor Chris Andrews

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



Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have the area in question cleaned up as soon as possible.

Q.43 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

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

Reply:

Sean Moore Road is a designated route for HGV vehicles to pass through the port therefore, it is not recommended to introduce a time restriction from 4 - 6.30. The Area Engineer will review the lining and marking at the roundabout and the introduction of a yellow box will be considered at this location.

Q.44 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

There were new pedestrian crossings installed on Harold's Cross Bridge in 2017. As part of these works trenches needed to be dug to facilitate the ducts for the new pedestrian lights. These trenches were reinstated as part of the works.

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

Once this reinstatement work is complete, DCC will carry out a Road Safety Audit at this junction which will include a risk assessment of pedestrian and cyclist safety arising from new traffic arrangements at Harold's Cross Bridge.

Q.45 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

These trees are located in the central median, and are some distance from residential houses, have been inspected over recent days and are considered not to require pruning work.

Q.46 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

There are no immediate plans to provide cycle parking in the Harold's Cross area. The area will be examined for its suitability to install cycle infrastructure and if deemed appropriate, will be included in a future installation batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Q.47 Councillor Patrick Smyth

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

Reply:

AECOM has recently been appointed to provide 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 the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route. It is intended to make a presentation regarding the Fitzwilliam Cycle route to the South East Area Committee.

Q.48 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

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

Reply:

- A request for a pedestrian crossing at the top of Nutley Lane and Stillorgan Road is listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be notified of the recommendation in due course.

- The request for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Nutley Road / Nutley Lane has been added to the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be notified of the recommendation in due course.
- These footpaths have been logged in our Asset Management System for inspection and repairs will be scheduled when a crew is available.

Q.49 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

Report:

No. 40 Harrington Street does not meet the criteria for entry onto the Vacant Sites Register as it is below the required hectares (0.05).

This site which is a protected structure was inspected by the Derelict Sites Section on 22nd May, 2018. The main issue appears to be illegal dumping. A reference of ownership has been requested and when received the Derelict Sites Section will request the owner to remove all debris in the basement and garden area.

Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services uses a bituminous surfacing around trees to allow for some tree root movement where mature trees are moving the concrete footpath bays. We will do the same in Nutley Road and Nutley Park when we are carrying out the repairs.

Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

Reply:

The works in Drury Street Car Park to expand the cycle parking facilities should be substantially complete by the end of May. It is intended to officially open the facility in mid-June. The South East Area Office will be informed of the opening date as soon as it has been confirmed.

Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

Report:

The area engineer is waiting for Irish Rail to set the time for a meeting between Irish Rail and the Traffic Advisory Group to discuss Sandymount and Sydney Parade Dart Stations. The councillor will be informed of the outcome of the meeting.

Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

Report:

An answer will be prepared and circulated in due course.

Q.54 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Reply:

The removal of graffiti from private property is the responsibility of the owner / occupier. This area will be inspected to ensure that arrangements are made to remove any graffiti that is on public property.

Q.55 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Report:

A derogation on the approved working hours was applied for and was granted by Dublin City Council for a required large concrete pour on the day concerned with work approved on the pour to start at 6am. The trucks concerned were delivering steel supports associated with the pour. The developer has been instructed to ensure better management of any traffic arriving on site before 7am in the future.

Q.56 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Report:

The issue of mooring permits in Grand Canal basin is a matter for Waterways Ireland.

Waterways Ireland manages the letting / leasing of berths for houseboats in the Inner Grand Canal basin. A Section 25 application to the Dublin Docklands Authority for the change of use of twenty five (25) existing boat moorings to twenty (20) was approved in 2013 (ref. no. DD660).

The basin is covered by the zoning objective, Z11 which seeks to protect and improve canal, coastal and river amenities.

Any increase in the number of houseboat berths requires the approval of Waterways Ireland.

Q.57 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Reply:

Bicycle parking will be provided in the remaining two car parks along Sandymount Strand, as part of Batch 8 of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project. It is expected that the stands will be installed by Q3 2018.

Q.58 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Reply:

Requests for double yellow lines on details supplied were received from local councillors, residents, and local hospital who referred to emergency vehicles being delayed due to parking on the road. Following examination, the Traffic Advisory Group recommended rescindment of parking on details supplied and installation of double yellow lines as a health and safety measure. The provision of statutory markings on a public road is not a matter for public consultation.

Q.59 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Reply:

The criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay outside a private residence are being forwarded to the resident concerned.

In summary, the criteria require that the applicant has a disabled parking permit, that there is no off-street parking at the residence and that the driver of the vehicle is a full-time resident at the address. Where there is no car at the address, a copy of the applicant's primary medical certificate will also be requested if the road is deemed to be high demand.

Q.60 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Reply:

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. Ringsend Park was one of four focus areas identified during compilation of the plan. Areas for improvement included boundary treatment, entrances, lighting, footpaths, furniture, ecological garden and links to Irishtown Stadium. The next step would be to carry out further consultation and detailed design / costings prior to submitting a Part 8 planning application. However, proposals for two other focus areas in the plan, Library Square and Cambridge Road, are currently being brought to Part 8 stage during 2018. Further consultation in relation to the park will not take place until works to Library Square and Cambridge Road have commenced, which would mean 2019 at the earliest.

In relation to Irishtown stadium only (not the park) – two five-a-side all weather pitches will be refurbished this year at an approximate cost of €40,000. It is proposed to upgrade / refurbish two changing rooms in the facility in 2019 and there are no costs available for this work yet.

Improvement works completed fully or partially over the last twelve months include the following:

- Dead / diseased / dying trees removed and a programme of new tree planting proposed for 2019.
- New spring flower bulb planting undertaken in the park over recent years will be continued in 2019.
- A programme of grass pitch maintenance was undertaken to improve aeration, develop an improved sward and enhance playability will continue to be undertaken on an annual basis.
- Litter bins, park benches repainted and damaged seating replaced and / or removed.
- Orienteering route installed in the park in conjunction with orienteering Ireland.
- Proposed new outdoor gym equipment units (x4) to be installed in the next 5 to 6 weeks.

Parks and Landscape Services Division will continue to assist in the consultation process to enhance Ringsend Park as prioritised in the Local Environmental Plan for Ringsend / Irishtown.

Q.61 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Report:

The door and its locks have been inspected and are in perfect working order. The door was fitted with both a night latch and a bolt. Dublin City Council does not fit Chubb locks.

Q.62 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will examine this issue and report back to the South East Area Committee.

Q.63 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Report:

Improvement works completed fully or partially over the last twelve months include the following:

- A new extension to the existing children's playground opposite Hive community building was completed.
- Dead / diseased / dying trees removed and a programme of new tree planting commenced.
- A programme of removal of overgrown shrubbery along the pond, which commenced in February 2017, continued this year with replacement planting undertaken.
- New spring flower bulb planting undertaken in linear bed alongside path from Herbert Road gate to Pembroke Cottages.
- Landscape works undertaken and areas planted alongside path to Seomra Tae.
- A programme of work was undertaken on the grass playing pitches to improve aeration, develop an improved sward and enhance playability.
- Boule court resurfaced and is now ready for play.
- A large area of ground at the 'lawn' side of the pond has been cultivated for wildflower meadow planting.
- Beds / under shrubbery mulched using organic compostable by-product from tree maintenance.
- Litter bins, park benches repainted and damaged seating replaced and / or removed.
- New fingerpost signs erected at the main entrances into the park.
- Water feed from the River Dodder to pond now fully operational and a maintenance regime implemented to ensure that debris and organic material is removed.

The South East Area Parks programme will continue in the park as recommended in the Conservation Management Plan for Herbert Park

Q.64 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Report:

It is not possible to erect pedestrian barriers on the footpath outside South Dock Street Park as such a barrier would prevent access to the park for maintenance vehicles.

Parks will investigate the possibility of installing a self closing mechanism to the gate which would reduce the risk of small children running out onto the footpath.