

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to have recent cyclist safety issue raised in correspondence below urgently examined.

Every day I cycle to and from work, using the already limited cycling lanes, however a couple of weeks ago on the Sandford Road in Ranelagh, heading in the direction of the city centre, car parking spaces have now been painted over the cycle lane, specifically between Birchalls pub and Cinnamon restaurant, making my daily commute along with hundreds of others increasingly dangerous. We are being forced to veer into traffic to overtake parked cars in our lane, leaving us even more vulnerable than we already are as cyclists.

The Sandford Road was for me the only time in which I benefited from a cycle lane for an extended period of my commute. Now however, following a close call in which a speeding taxi nearly hit me as I had to exit the cycle lane due to a parked car in it, I think it's time I ask my local councillor: what you are doing about this situation?

Do you think it's fair for the most vulnerable road users to have their lane taken over by parked cars making their daily commute increasingly dangerous?

Does a cyclist have to die on that very road for my concern to be taken seriously?

The car parking spaces need to be removed and the cycle lane restored for its intended purpose - bikes only.

This is a matter of urgency to which I hope you will use your position in the community along with I hope a sense of empathy to us cyclists to take on.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to engage with residents on solution to traffic issues at details supplied:

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Can the manager explain why the grass cutting contract for the "Pocket Park" on Ailesbury Gardens, Dublin 4, which saw the area cut several times a year up to 2016, seems to have been discontinued and if she could also provide details of the "Maintenance Programme" referred to in question number 13 to the Chief Executive at the July meeting of the city council.

Q.4 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue *details supplied.

Q.5 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange to have the following road sign replaced. Whilst indicating the direction to the Grafton Street area the arrow is directed towards Ballsbridge. This has proved very frustrating for tourists and motorists alike. In effect sending them in opposite direction to Grafton Street [picture to follow].

Q.6 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email received from a constituent regarding a cycle path along the road that begins at Grand Canal Quay and ends at Clanwilliam Terrace, North of Grand Canal Basin. The road is used daily by a large number of cyclists but is unfit for purpose as it is paved with cobblestones. The

cobblestones cause unnecessary wear on bikes and tyres and often cyclists cycle on the footpaths go avoid them. I would be grateful if you could find out if there is a plan to review the road surface with a view to installing a useable cycle path. While it looks pretty, it is not appropriate for the purpose for which most people use it - particularly on a wet day.

Q.7 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to notify Dublin Bus about the incorrect spelling of Eglinton Road on routes serving the Donnybrook area 39a, 46a,145,etc and also the public intercom system which mispronounced the word of Eglinton Road as Eglington Road.

Q.8 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have the telephone kiosk adjacent to the junction of Morehampton Road and Herbert Park Road Donnybrook removed. The two phones serve no useful purpose at this stage and currently one is not working.

Q.9 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on Brendan Road, Dublin 4. Replacement of kerb / broken curb (health & safety issue) - outside Brendan House Apartments, also tree and tree bases to be pruned on Brendan Road, Dublin 4.

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she can clarify who is responsible for clearing the gullies on the road parallel to Ballsbridge Avenue, Dublin 4, leading to the Sweepstakes Apartments. If it is Dublin City Council, to have the cleared and cleaned as a matter of urgency and if it is the responsibility of the management of the Sweepstakes complex to communicate that to them as soon as possible.

Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if the weeds and dirt at the traffic island at the junction of Ballsbridge Avenue and Merrion Road could be cleared and cleaned and if the dirty rotting carpet that seems to be at the hedge adjacent for years could be removed.

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager to respond to the issues contained in the email submitted and circulated with this motion regarding the need for better standards by contractors undertaking council works on the public road and footpath.

I'm requesting that you investigate what is described below and insist that contractors working for Dublin City Council (DCC) clean up after carrying out work.

Earlier this year there was extensive water pipe renewal work carried out where I live on Durham Road in Sandymount. Afterwards some sections of double yellow lines were repainted but within a few weeks most had de-bonded to leave a mess of yellow fragments (see photo 13 May).

This week the lines were repainted again but the contractor left the mess from the earlier botched job. I asked one of operatives what about cleaning up the mess but was told DCC do that, that's not our job. The operative didn't seem to know who was he working for (no name on truck) but did concede the lines were for DCC.

I attach photographs of contractor's truck and the mess. I'm sure you'll be able to find out whose truck it is and if they were there on behalf of DCC. In this area we have a very active voluntary tidy towns group doing their best (in cooperation with DCC) to

keep area looking smart and clean. Contractors such as these line painters make it difficult to maintain enthusiasm by volunteers to clean up.

Perhaps you'd ensure that all contractors working for DCC clean up their own mess and if they refuse, fine them for littering.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the issue of the atrocious noise that is impacting on the residents of Bishop Street flats and the surrounding residents at Digges Street etc? This noise is coming from the building site redevelopment at Bishop Square. The past couple of months have seen out of hour's works, sometimes starting very early in the morning and working late into the night, steel fixing and drilling. The residents at Bishop Street have made numerous complaints to no avail. Can Dublin City Council estate management please call to the residents in Bishop Street flats and record their complaints in line with good estate management?

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the Dublin project? This report to include what monies have been spent to date. What monies are left in the budget? What works programmes are still to be initiated? Overall expenditure to date. List of all meetings that the Dublin team have had since their inception.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager investigate the appalling noise, dust and dirt impact that the development and building site in Chatham Street is having on surrounding businesses and residents? This development at the corner of Chatham Street and Clarendon Street which is a very congested area for pedestrians and also for vehicles, has negatively impacted on the residents and the businesses in this small area. To add to that there is also the Grafton Street Quarter improvements taking place. Having examined this area recently it would appear that the area is atrociously managed, if at all in terms of health and safety and access. The businesses in the area, along with residents are constantly onto me about the impact this is having on the quality of the neighbourhood and indeed on their own welfare. This is an urgent matter as it is resulting in a drastic downturn in the businesses and the footfall of this area.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to how many new developments in the South East Area have been successfully connected to the main water and sewage of the city? It would appear that many developments are suffering an undue delay in being connected up for water and also sewage. This is having a follow on impact in delaying the development and has a negative impact on jobs and on communities who have to put up with these delays and indeed these developments for long periods of time. Can the manager include all successful applications for road opening for such connections that have been completed and those that are pending on the list?

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report around the planning bye-laws that govern security shutters on premises as to whether planning permission is needed for shutters that are inside a premises?

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a report regarding camper vans parking in certain areas of the city? What laws govern these vans, how long are they allowed stay and park?

What legislation and policy we have in place? What facilities do we have for camper vans and overnight or short stay facilities in the south east area city centre?

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the wheelchair access situation at Verschoyle Court senior citizen complex? There are a number of residents in this complex who are having difficulty accessing their homes while using their wheelchairs and mobility scooters. There is also an issue in terms of storage for these mobility vehicles. A recent visit to one flat there in my opinion was extremely unsafe with all exits being blocked by a mobility scooter that was in a one roomed apartment.

This is a major health and safety issue and serious fire hazard and needs urgent attention. Dublin City Council needs to consider widening the entrances of the walls outside of the apartments both back and front and making proper ramps for these residents to access their homes safely. I will supply a series of photos on this matter.

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report as to how many vacant apartments there are in the south east area that are under the control of approved housing bodies etc.? This report also to include how long these apartments are vacant and their location.

Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the recent rat infestation in certain flat complexes within the south east area? This report to include what measures were taken to alleviate the situation. What is the cause of this infestation? What methods are used to control these pests? And what measures have been taken to ensure that this is not going to be happening on a regular basis? These infestations seem to be taking place while there are open containers of mixed waste in Dublin City Council's flat complexes.

Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the process to have an ATM machine placed in the foyer at Civic Offices? Recently all of the electronic payment system i.e. credit card system went down. There was no facility in the building to withdraw cash to pay for instance for services like Planning observations. Individuals couldn't pay their rent and the system could only take cash but there was no cash dispenser. In this day and age it is not appropriate that the customers and clients of Dublin City Council would be left in such position in the future.

Q.23 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if there are plans to resurface the following roads, and if not, can she please consider resurfacing them as they are in poor condition:

- Drury Street
- Bride Street
- Arnott Street
- Mount Street Upper and Lower

Q.24 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please outline what bye laws are in place to govern the long stay parking of camper vans public car parks, and can the manager please investigate the situation in Strasburg Terrace, Irishtown, where long stay parking of camper vans has been a regular occurrence this summer causing some disturbance to the local residents, and can she provide a report on this.

Q.25 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to install signage at College Green indicating that bicycles are allowed to use College Green at all times, even during the bus corridor operational hours.

Q.26 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please confirm whether the cobblestones on Clanwilliam Terrace are original cobblestones, whether there is a conservation order on them, and if there are any plans to extend the Grand Canal cycle route and install a cycle path along Clanwilliam Terrace to facilitate cyclists.

Q.27 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please investigate the situation on Aungier Street where there is a temporary cover (metal and tarmac) outside the e-cigarette shop - opposite the White Friar Church causing an obstruction on the footpath? The public have to negotiate the uneven surface, a large sandwich board and a bus shelter to get past. Can the manager please report back on this with a solution?

Q.28 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the following for Portobello:

- The provision of planters on Lennox Street as a traffic calming measure
- A Christmas celebration event for Portobello Harbour as agreed in September 2017

Q.29 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please ensure that the following issues on Brendan Road, Donnybrook are addressed as a matter of urgency:

- Replacement of the broken kerb outside Brendan House Apartments
- Pruning of the trees

Q.30 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask to check and report on the footpath reinstatement along both sides of the road on the Main Street in Rathmines which have and continue to be dug up for what looks like utility works. When a section of the works is completed the quality of the refill / finish looks completely inadequate - original paving not replaced, lumps of asphalt left behind, uneven surfaces etc.

Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the bees nest outside the front door of 32E Pearse house treated and removed as this problem has been reported a number of times over a number of weeks and yet still not dealt with and outline why there is such a delay.

Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have bicycle parking placed close to or in Harold's Cross Cottages and also at the entrance to Harty Place, as the number of bicycles is increasing rapidly and the houses have limited access to storage space?

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager examine the crossing at the junction of Grand Canal Street Upper and Grand Canal Street Lower and Clanwilliam Place, as numerous residents who bring children to school in Haddington Road have said there is regular conflict with cyclists who are not adhering to the traffic signalling or else the signalling is not set right to allow safe crossing for parents and children.

Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager give assurances to residents that the council will write to Gardaí and ask for a plan to be put in place to prevent the mayhem that occurs in the Cabbage patch this Halloween and also that Dublin City Council will be proactive in dealing with issues that arise at Halloween in the Cabbage Patch.

Q.35 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the tree in Greenore Court cut back from overhanging the neighbours as this was previously agreed to be done but still remains undone and outline why there is such a delay?

Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews

The following is an email I received recently in relation to the playground in Ringsend
Can the manager address the issues raised?

The complaints are as follows:

1. Hard plastic trimmings around the facilities which are loose and the children / adults are constantly tripping over.
2. There are also concrete trimmings which are also raised in some areas which are causing the same problem.
On my own inspections I also found that the soft cushion flooring is very thin in areas and in some areas it's has come away and has exposed the ground underneath. I measured the depth of the cushion materials in different areas and the depth ranges from 20mm to 35mm
3. Has this playground been completed to the original design specifications and signed off by DCC?
4. What was the initial depth of soft material installed into the playground?
5. Was the correct thickness installed in this playground which should be determined by the height of the play equipment (climbing Frame height) installed?
6. Is the surfacing compliant with European Standards BS EN1177?
7. The underlay which is under the bark is also coming up and lose in areas and also causing trip hazards, can this also be looked into too.

Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have weeds and creepers around the stone of the Seaman's Memorial at the entrance to Sean Moore Road removed and the general area tidied up.

Q.38 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager confirm at what time it was noted that 'no congestion problems were observed at the junction of Mount Tallant Avenue and Harold's Cross Road'?

Q.39 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Could the manager consider putting speed ramps on Castlewood Park in Rathmines? The opening of Fallon & Byrne and the Stella Cinema has had a huge impact on traffic there.

Q.40 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Could Glenayr Road be swept before 8am? Glenayr Road is a non-resident public car park by day, mostly with commuters for getting a bus into town on Bushy Park

Road, or else working in Rathgar, so attempting to sweep after 8am weekdays will have limited effect.

Q.41 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager give an update in respect of the footpath repairs to Hazelbrook Road and Drive? Has the council proposed a tentative start date for the essential footpath work?

Q.42 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Could the following repairs be carried out at *details supplied?

Q.43 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide an update on Rathmines Road, the footpaths along both sides of the road on the Main Street in Rathmines have been and continue to be dug up for what looks like utility works. When a section of the works is completed the quality of the refill / finish looks completely inadequate - original paving not replaced, lumps of asphalt left behind, uneven surface. Can the manager confirm if this is just a temporary finish until the works are completed and confirm when the original quality of the footpaths will be restored?

Q.44 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager following the light falling from a lamp standard in Ranelagh village if the problem that led to the accident has been identified and if other similar lamp standards in the area have been checked, or will be checked.

Q.45 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager when repair of the footpath damaged by trucks turning at the canal bridge at Ranelagh road will be completed?

Q.46 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager the number of planning complaints relating to AirBnB style short term lets without proper permission in the south east area, and to provide an outcome for each complaint.

Q.47 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager why an electric car charging point was installed on *details supplied given the narrowness of the road and the impact on neighbours who already have very restricted parking options.

Q.48 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to refresh the double yellow lines between 26 and 28 Rathdown Avenue, Terenure.

Q.49 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to reverse the decision to put car parking spaces over the cycle lanes between Birchalls Pub and Cinnamon Restaurant in Ranelagh, given the danger it presents for cyclists who have to swerve out into traffic to get around the car parking spaces on this busy cycling and traffic artery into the city.

Q.50 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider installing a zebra crossing / similar at Rutland Grove, given the erratic parking at the entrance to this estate which presents a real safety issue for people trying to cross the road, particularly when there are a number of football matches and other activities taking place in Eamonn Ceannt Park.

Q.51 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager what road and path resurfacing and planned repair work is planned in the Rathgar, Harold's Cross, Mount Argus, Palmerston, Terenure, Rathmines, Ranelagh and Kimmage area for (a) the remainder of 2018 and (b) 2019.

Q.52 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to review Rathgar Avenue (section approaching Rathgar Village) from a safety perspective (i.e. proximity of cars to pedestrians), given the very narrow paths and heavy traffic using this busy road.

Q.53 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to review the cleaning and waste management schedule for Rathmines and Portobello, which is wholly inadequate given the number of fast food outlets and the business of the area.

Q.54 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for Parks and Landscapes to address the following issues which are neglected in Bushy Park:

- Replacement of portions of missing handrail leading down steps to the lake from the east end as this is dangerous, particularly for older people and it also looks unsightly.
- To put mulch on footpaths through the woods, instead of in heaps behind trees. The mulch would provide a less slippery surface for those out walking and running and cover over protruding roots which present a trip hazard.
- To tidy up the area around the lake which looks very neglected with weeds along the footpath and edges and overhanging briars and creepers, making it difficult for people to use the seating.
- Perimeter hedge (inside park) has a creeper taking over the hedge and there are a great deal of nettles and thistles throughout the park which is not ideal where there are a lot of young children playing and potentially is engulfing the hedgerow.

I appreciate that the park has a Green Flag award, but these issues could be addressed to enhance the park without jeopardising the environmental goals for the park.

Q.55 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to review the health of trees on Northbrook Road and Dartmouth Square given autumn approaching and the potential danger from some of these large trees to people and property as was evidenced last year when damage was done by a large falling tree.

Q.56 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to extend vented pipe outside *details supplied.

Q.57 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to consider *details supplied for a transfer to one of the age friendly apartments in Portobello? The lady said she heard that four of them are free to be let soon.

Q.58 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate rat infestation in Mercer Street flats.

Q.59 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager for an update from pest control on the rat infestation in O'Carroll Villas.

Q.60 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager if the back balconies will be painted in O'Carroll Villas flats.

Q.61 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager outline who was carrying out the surveys to the apartments on The New York Street and state if there was a problem found with some or any of the balconies and have contractors warned tenants not to use balconies or keep kids off them as they are hazardous and what will be done to protect residents?

Q.62 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager outline / indicate on a map which department is responsible for the maintenance of the green raised area to the rear of 4 Lombard Street and who is responsible for the tarmac covered area around it also to the rear of this address and who is responsible for the lane that leads into this area from Townsend Street and also for Dowlings Court at the other entrance?

Q.63 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the gable end of the senior citizen house on *details supplied painted as the tenant is over 80 and unable to do it and it needs to be done as it looks bad and the residents are doing a lot of environmental clean ups and it is in a prominent position.?

Q.64 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager say who owns the property *details supplied and if it is the council's will they allow the Ringsend and Irishtown TidyTowns to store brushes and cleaning materials?

Q.65 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager ensure that the cycle path around the new pedestrian crossing on Harold's Cross Road beside the bridge is repaired? This is dangerous as the condition of the surface has deteriorated and is dangerous for cyclists.

Q.66 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager for an update on the status on the Housing List of *details supplied.

Q.67 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the SEAC in June 2018 (Q. 14) I asked that the manager install a pedestrian crossing in the middle of Nutley Lane as it is not possible for persons to cross safely at present. I received a query from Caroline Kearns for further detail on the location. The precise location for this request is on Nutley Lane, either at the location just east of the Nutley Park junction and before one reaches the Nutley Road junction where there was previously a pedestrian crossing, or at an appropriate alternative location between the Nutley Road and Nutley Park junctions on Nutley Lane. In light of this, to ask the manager:

- (a) To confirm that the TAG request will be updated to include this precise location;
- (b) To provide the reference number for the TAG request; and
- (c) In circumstances where in the past there was a pedestrian crossing at this precise location (the access to the footpath for buggies and wheelchairs are still there and in perfect condition), to explain why it was removed?

Q.68 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to Brendan Road in Donnybrook, to ask the manager:

- (a) To cut back the trees on Brendan Road to the base in circumstances where the tree bases have become completely overgrown (see attached photos). The bases of the trees on the adjoining Argyle Road have been filled in with tarmac which keeps the bases of the trees neat and tidy and they don't have the same issue as a result; and
- (b) To repair/replace the broken curb outside Brendan House Apartments (see attached photo).

Q.69 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In light of the persistent problem of the excessive volume of trucks and buses breaking the 3 tonne limit on Londonbridge Road (and also bin trucks using the road on non-collection days), to ask the manager:

- (a) To advise who is monitoring this;
- (b) To advise what steps the council is taking to ensure compliance; and
- (c) To take all actions within the council's power to prevent these breaches of the law which lead to a level of noise and vehicular volume on such a narrow road that is completely unacceptable.

Q.70 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the SEAC meeting in September 2017 I asked the following question (Q.67) and received the following response:

Q.67 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In light of the serious and dangerous problems with footpaths (including overgrown vegetation) as comprehensively set out in the e-mail forwarded separately (including attached photos), to ask the manager to address these problems as a matter of urgency in the two identified areas, being Part A from Sean Moore Road to the entrance to the ESB station / Poolbeg chimneys / Stacks and Part B from the entrance of Irishtown Nature Park to Poolbeg Lighthouse.

Reply:

The area from Sean Moore Road to the entrance to the ESB station will be examined with a view to getting the pathway cleared. The area from the entrance to Irishtown Nature Park to Poolbeg Lighthouse is under the control of the ESB and they will be requested to follow up in that location.

The property owners will be issued with notices to cut back foliage.

Twelve months have now passed and no major works have been carried out in the Sean Moore Road / Poolbeg area to fix the issues previously outlined. It is a disgrace that the roads have been left unattended for so long and it is now impossible to get a buggy to Poolbeg. To ask the Manager to:

- a) To clear and repair the pathway area from Sean Moore Road to the entrance to the ESB station;
- b) To request the ESB to follow up the area from the entrance to Irishtown Nature Park to Poolbeg Lighthouse and to explain why no action has been taken in twelve months; and
- c) To provide copies of the notices to the property owners to cut back foliage;
- d) To state what response(s) were received; and
- e) To issue fresh notices and, in the face of continued inaction, take steps for enforcement.

Q.71 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Certain sports clubs in the area have no access to any Dublin City Council sports pitch. One club has reported to me that it has been making enquiries for a long time with the council about gaining access to a suitable pitch but has received unsatisfactory responses from parks and the sports division of the council and have been largely fobbed off by one section to the other and vice versa. In light of the very grave perception to some that access at present is something of a closed shop, to ask the manager to identify the precise steps that a local sports club must follow to secure access to pitches suitable for cricket, rugby and soccer.

Q.72 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Where the bases of trees are covered with tarmac and other substances, to ask the manager to explain how access to sufficient levels of water is guaranteed for the trees?

Q.73 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to provide a response to the issues raised in the following extract from an e-mail sent to me by a constituent:

“We the residents of Strasburg Terrace, Irishtown are contacting you in the hope that you can help us deal with issues which have arisen recently.

Over the past two months the public car park in front of our houses has been adopted as a free campsite by increasing numbers of camper vans either owned or rented.

We have counted over 80-100 in the last two months. Some, of them have told us that a number of similar locations where free overnight parking is possible are highlighted by apps catering for camper vans.

One recurring example seems to be [Details supplied]. Just to give you an idea on Sunday 5th August 6 camper vans were parked.

We have been in touch with Irishtown Garda Station who can really only get involved if public order issues arise. We have also spoken to the parks division in Dublin City Council who seem to have no responsibility within this matter...

We have a number of issues with this developing situation

- we do not think that the use of a public car park as a campsite in a residential area is appropriate.

- a number of the campers have brought large dogs with them which could become a matter of safety and concern for kids in the area.

- whilst most of the campers are mature and do act responsibly there have been a number of public order issues with younger campers, mainly at night. These include drinking, raucous behaviour, littering, having a BBQ at 3 am, playing loud music and on one occasion publicly urinating in front of number 5. We do not consider as residents that this is appropriate nor should it be allowed to continue.

Ideally a total ban on overnight camping is a preferred option”

Q74. At the November 2017 council meeting I asked the CEO the following question (Q.84) and received the following response:

Q.84 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

SEA To ask the Chief Executive given the large, and growing, numbers of cyclists commuting into/out of the city from Sandymount and the outer suburbs beyond such as Booterstown and Blackrock, the wholly inadequate provision of cycling tracks and cycling paths in the South Inner City Area from Sandymount to the City Centre has

now reached crisis point and it is only a matter of time before there will be a death or serious injury on this stretch.

Strand Road and Beach Road are unsuitable for bicycles as matters stand as they are very narrow and there is insufficient space for cyclists. The Ringsend Bridge is extremely narrow by any standards, indeed there is barely room for two cars passing each other in the opposite direction. There is no space on this bridge for a cyclist when two cars are travelling in opposite directions. In addition, to make a bad situation worse, there are very heavy commercial and business traffic in this area, including cement mixers from the cement facility and lorries carrying waste to and from the incinerator.

By contrast on the north side of the city, from Clontarf to the City Centre, there is a dedicated cycle track along the promenade at Clontarf, a designated cycle path through the Fairview Park and the much wider Newcomen Bridge at the North Strand has a newly-opened separate Newcomen Bridge Cycle Bridge project, followed by a marked cycling path into the city.

To ask the Chief Executive to address the gross under-provision of cycling paths in the coastal parts of the south of the City when compared with the north of the City, and to make provision for adequate cycling tracks and cycling paths in the South Inner City Area from Sandymount to the City Centre as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment and Transportation Department is currently in discussions with the National Transport Authority on the capital programme for 2018. A more detailed response will issue after the conclusion of these discussions, most likely in January 2018.

As I heard nothing further, notwithstanding the reference to a "more detailed response", I asked the following question (Q.33) and received the following response at the March 2018 SEAC meeting:

Q.33 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager to request from the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council the "more detailed response" referred to in his answer to my question (no. 84) (attached) at the November meeting of Dublin City Council which was to issue "most likely in January 2018" concerning the gross under-provision of cycling paths in the coastal parts of the south of the city (notably on Strand Road / Beach Road and on Ringsend Bridge) when compared with the north of the city and the need to make provision for adequate cycling tracks and cycling paths in the south inner city area from Sandymount to the city centre as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is awaiting a recommendation from the NTA on the feasibility of the East Coast Trail and Blackrock to City Centre Cycle Route. Funding has not been made available for development of this route in 2018. Dublin City Council is also aware that the NTA is working on the Busconnects Project. This may further inform the cycling infrastructure provision along the corridor.

The improvement for pedestrian and cycling facilities at Ringsend Bridge have been under consideration as part of the Dodder Greenway. This project has been on hold since 2016. We have received funding for the scheme. The project is now scheduled to resume in May 2018. The first task will be to finalise the Route Selection and Option Selection Report.

As nearly ten months have now passed, including all of the time periods stated in the two replies, to ask the manager could I now please receive a comprehensive response to my questions?

Q.75 At the April 2018 SEAC meeting I asked the manager the following question (Q.55) and received the following response:

Q.55 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to Baggot Lane, and in particular my question no. 120 at the December 2017 City Council meeting:

- a. Despite assurances, this lane has not been cleaned for in excess of three months. To ask the manager that a comprehensive clean be carried out without delay; and
- b. Traffic is increasing and speeding is a great concern to all the residents living in the lane. There are no signs, speed ramps or a stop sign or yield sign at the blind junction of Pembroke Gardens and Baggot Lane. To ask the manager for an update on what steps have been taken since my question no. 120 at the December 2017 City Council meeting.

Reply:

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

I have been informed by residents of Baggot Lane that (a) it has not been swept for months and (b) the illegal use of Baggot Lane as a link road between Baggot Street and Northumberland Road is continuing to increase and speeding up and down the lane is constantly dangerous and high risk. To ask the manager to (i) explain how this is so in light of the responses provided to me in April 2018 and (ii) to take appropriate measures to address the problems raised.