

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th September 2018

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager whether the footpaths in the New Ireland estate, Rialto could be repaired. Residents are not satisfied with the condition they have been left in following the installation of pipes by the local authority.

Reply

As this issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water. The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)

Web: www.water.ie

Twitter: @IrishWater

Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

If you need to raise any issue concerning water supply etc., please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Contact: Ronan O Rourke, A/Executive Manager (Engineering)

Tel: 222 4336

Email: ronan.orourke@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of (*details supplied*). Residents are complaining of a constant sewer blockage at this shore which the tenant will not address.

Reply

The public sewers at (*details supplied*) were inspected on 30th July 2018 last and found to be unobstructed and flowing freely. Any difficulties being experienced are therefore located on the private side which is the collective responsibility of the households served by the private drain. The DCC Drainage Crew inspected the outfall manhole on the private drain in the front garden of No.492 and found it to be clear and unobstructed. Any blockage/breakdown on the combined drain would therefore appear to be to the rear of the property which DCC is not in a position to enter. DCC Drainage Division has notified all households served by this drain of their collective responsibility for its maintenance and of their duties under the Water Services Act 2007 to maintain the free flow of private drains and to avoid causing nuisance or risk to public health or the environment.

Contact: Dominic Molony, Executive Engineer, Drainage Services

Tel: 222 4270

Email: dominic.molony@dublincity.ie

Q3 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of (*details supplied*). The dip in the path has a manhole which continuously scrapes the bottom of the car when driving into the driveway.

Reply

I inspected this location today and note the presence of a manhole within the vehicular dishing. The dishing has been there for some time and is similar to many on that stretch of road. Road Maintenance will investigate if this manhole and cover can be lowered, it may be a case it cannot but this needs to be determined. If it's possible it will be added to our works list for alteration.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer

Tel: 222 2802

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q4 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of the large trees backing onto the houses from (*details supplied 1*) with a view to cutting them to a manageable size to prevent them causing problems for residents on (*details supplied 2*) blocking sunlight and the problems with leaves in the autumn.

Reply

There are a large number of trees along the boundary of the park at the locations described. Parks and Landscape Services can schedule the pruning of some of the larger trees during this winter and in subsequent years. If trees at the rear of a particular house are causing problems then details of the location can be sent on to this office, so that the specific area can be prioritised.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q5 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a clean-up of the green space on (*details supplied*) and the removal of debris left from the original works carried out on the green area.

Reply

This area has been inspected and is in good condition. There is a weekly cleaning and cutting regime in place for this location.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q6 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the securing of the telephone wire at (*details supplied*). This is a danger to children in the area.

Reply

This was reported to Eir on 2nd August 2018. Reference number 14339377.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, A/Area Manager, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5108

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q7 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Area Manager to ask the Traffic Department whether:

- (1) There has been any previous occasion when a resident permit parking ballot has been fast tracked?
- (2) If there has been precedent of fast tracking permit ballots, was there any opposition to the outcome and how was it resolved?

Reply

It is a long standing policy that the Environment and Transportation Department would insist on a petition from residents (25% of households on the road) in order to consider any proposal for a Residential Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme and ballot of residents in that regard. The petition provides some reassurance that there are at least a number of residents in favour of a request for introduction of a scheme and that a ballot may be warranted.

Ballots have been fast tracked in the past where residents have indicated an urgency, or Parking Enforcement are aware of the urgency, where for instance an adjoining street is balloting on a scheme and its introduction will impact on another street.

Regardless of how a ballot of residents comes to pass it is the Council's view that the result of the ballot is the only reliable means to determine the preference of the majority of residents and regardless of the outcome there will be residents that remain in favour and against the proposal.

Contact: Chris Carroll, Administrative officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement

Tel: 222 2501

Email: Christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q8 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask our Maintenance Department to address the following issues at the home of our tenant (*details supplied*):-

- to re-fit the bath in the upstairs bathroom - the bath frame is no longer holding the bath in place, this is causing the bath to come away from the wall and there is now water damage in the living room roof as a result of the leak caused by the bath
- to replace the fences in the back garden (which have been damaged by dogs from other houses)
- to repair doors in the kitchen units (some of these doors were already broken when the tenant moved in and others subsequently reported by the tenant but none have been repaired or replaced to date)
- to repair the sockets in the kitchen
- the radiator in the front upstairs bedroom leaked and caused water damage to come through to the kitchen roof - the tenant has replaced the floors herself but is asking that we repair the water damage to the kitchen roof.

Reply

Dublin City Council staff from Housing Maintenance and the Electrical Services have called on numerous times to this property but have difficulty in gaining access to it. However, we can confirm that the bath has been re-fitted and is now secure. Our Electrical Services Division called to the property and have renewed the electrical sockets in the kitchen. The kitchen press doors will be measured and replacement doors ordered and these will be fitted when they become available. Arrangements

are in place to have the kitchen ceiling painted. The repair/upkeep/maintenance of the garden fence is the responsibility of the tenant.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
Phone: 222 3517
Email frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a replacement window at *(details supplied)* this disabled lady informs me she is waiting 3 years for the window to be replaced, also can we replace her boiler which is in a dangerous condition.

Reply

Windows have been fabricated and will be installed in this property in the next 5/10 working days. A new boiler will be fitted before the end of September.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
Tel: 222 3517
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a clean-up of the cul-de-sac on Clogher Road and removal of weeds.

Reply

I have requested a street sweep of the area. Clogher Road has been sprayed once all ready (Mid-August) for weeds and the 2nd spray is due in October.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned cul-de-sac cleaned and the weeds removed on the 4th September 2018.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 2224240.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the urgent erection of stop signs at *(details supplied1)*. This junction has seen children knocked down and recent car accidents recorded by *(details supplied2)*.

Reply

The request for stop signs at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
Tel: 222 2528
Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to confirm a date for the replacement of a door at (*details supplied*). This has been promised for a long time and I believe it needs urgent replacing.

Reply

A hall door is in the process of being fabricated for this property. Once completed, we will contact the tenant and make arrangements to have it fitted. It is expected to have works completed here by end September.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what follow up has been made/progressed regarding the promises made to Cllr's and local residents that community space would be made available to them in Carman's Hall if needed and that DCC would try and find alternative community space for the local community.

Reply

Carmen's Hall is currently being used to provide emergency accommodation for people experiencing homelessness in the Dublin Region, which is expected to continue into the future. No decisions have been made in relation to the future use of the premises, which is the property of the Diocese of Dublin.

Our Community Development Officer has been in discussion with the local community representatives in supporting them to continue their work.

A mutually suitable premises has not been sourced to date however the DRHE is committed to assisting should such a premises become available.

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, Dublin Region Homeless Executive

Tel: 222 5296

Email: eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager if space/accommodation can be sought to house the growing historical archives relating to the Liberties area. The archives from the heritage group that used Carman's Hall, the 50 Francis Street photographic collection and lots more urgently need a home but also space to exhibit these works.

Reply

The Area Manager and SWIC Community Development Team continue to support local historical and cultural groups in the Liberties Area which continue to grow in popularity with the local community and the increasing numbers of visitors and new residents in the area.

The provision of a suitable premises to house the growing historical archives relevant to the Liberties area would greatly enhance the true significance of this Historical Area, which is acknowledged by the Area Manager, currently there is no suitable space available in the Liberties Area. Only recently it has come to our attention since Carman's Hall was vacated. that there is a significant amount of materials and photographs which have been in storage through arrangements by Dublin Homeless Regional Executive

The Area Manager and Community Development team is currently liaising with the Dublin Homeless Regional Executive with a view to facilitating the heritage group to identify and establish what materials/equipment is to be retained by the Heritage Group and what materials should be disposed of professionally in line with GDPR regulations.

Contact: Mary Noonan, A/Community Development Officer, South Central Area
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Email: mary.noonan@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager if the Council are still carrying out the door to door knocking with the Waste Management Section to ascertain if residents can prove that they are disposing of their waste legally. If not, why?

Reply

The Bye Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial Waste 2013 make provision for Authorised City Council Officers to determine compliance with the Bye Laws in relation to disposal of household waste. A number of methods are employed. Currently spot checks campaigns and canvassing in writing is being used. Door to Door campaigns required additional resources that very often do not yield good returns. The Gardai may be required to attend with authorised officers for H&S reasons. To date Waste Management and Public Domain have worked together sharing resources however some constraints are in place due to GDPR and FOI.

Please see relevant section of the Bye Laws:-

8.h *A holder shall enter into a contract with an authorised waste collector for the collection of their household waste or commercial waste, unless otherwise authorised in writing by an appointed person. A holder can show compliance with this Bye-Law by demonstrating to the satisfaction of an authorised person that they hold a current contract as aforesaid or a current authorisation as aforesaid.*

8.b *holder or an authorised waste collector shall, when requested to do so, provide information in writing to an authorised person in a specified format regarding the measures taken by them to collect, store and dispose of waste*

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange an inspection of (*details supplied*). Windows replaced were never finished. Leak in the kitchen and leak in the bathroom. This causing dampness.

Reply

New windows were fitted here recently, and arrangements are in place to have the reveals plastered in the next 5/10 working days. Both leaks have been repaired but we will check with the resident that there has been no recurrence of same.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
Phone: 222 3517
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager if consideration can be given to improving cyclist safety on Cork Street at Lidl. It is unacceptable that so many motorists park outside the shop in the cycle lane. Can Parking Enforcement pay additional attention to this please?

Reply

Dublin Street Parking Services monitor this location on an on-going basis and have carried out enforcement for a number of different parking offences. In addition, motorists have also driven away when Dublin Street Parking Services have attempted to carry out enforcement. Dublin Street Parking Services will continue to monitor the location and will take enforcement action where possible.

Contact: Christopher Carroll, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement
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Email: christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to take action to stop motorists from parking their cars on the footpath at Cameron Street at Lidl. Motorists are choosing to illegally park rather than use the car park at Lidl.

Reply

Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, will monitor this road and will take any enforcement action necessary.

Contact: Christopher Carroll, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement
Tel: 222 2501
Email: christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager when is the next bulky waste collection in lower Ballyfermot?

Reply

The free city wide household bulky waste collection service is no longer available to any area of the city as it was decided that this free service was contrary to the core principle that the person(s) generating the waste should pay for its disposal, regardless of the type of waste been generated. The associated costs of this service had also become unsustainable and had reached approximately €500,000 per year. The service was therefore discontinued in favour of a more flexible and accessible service which is available on demand all year round and for which households pay a nominal fee which is currently €40.00. This service was introduced in May 2016 and has proved very popular with the public. Average collection time between request and collection taking place is currently 3 – 4 days and unlike the previous service it operates all year round. Full details of the service are available on the City Council website. The waste management department would not be in favour of reinstating the free collection service as it is not considered an efficient use of our resources.

Contact: John Tuohy, Administrative Officer, Waste Management.
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Email: john.tuohy@dublincity.ie

Q20 **Councillor Daithi Doolan**

To ask the Area Manager to ask Roads and Traffic Department to erect a street sign for Clifden Terrace, Dublin 10.

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected this development and has ordered 2 no. nameplates to be manufactured and erected on stands at each end of this development.

Contact: Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

Tel: 222 2689

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q21 **Councillor Daithi Doolan**

To ask the Area Manager to explain why residents on *(details supplied)* were unable to gain access to or leave their homes by car during the recent 'Rock & Roll' half marathon and why these restrictions were not communicated directly to residents in a leaflet drop?

Reply

The "Rock & Roll" Half Marathon is in its fourth year taking place in the City, and has been a very successful and well received event, with no major issues having been reported in previous years. This year, however, the organisers were required to find an alternative route for the event as the Phoenix Park was unavailable for the month of August, due to the Papal visit.

For the safety of all road users it is often necessary to close some roads for an event of this type and scale. While Dublin City Council supports events of this nature, which benefit the City, unfortunately the required road closures can temporarily inconvenience some businesses and residents. As part of the approval process, however, the event organisers are required to make every effort to minimise the impact of the event when road closures are a necessity.

In this instance, the organisers did notify all businesses and residents along the route of the proposed road closures. The organisers met with the residents association COVA (Chapelizod Old Village Residents Association) in relation to the event on 21st June, and follow up calls and meetings took place between 21st June and 2nd July.

Residents of Chapelizod received three leaflets informing them of the event and the closures. On 28th July a general event leaflet was distributed to businesses and residents along the route. On 1st August a specific leaflet for the Chapelizod area was distributed and on 9th August an additional Chapelizod specific leaflet was distributed at the request of a Sergeant in Blanchardstown Garda Station.

In addition, Advance Road Closure Signage was in place prior to the event. A road closure notice appeared in the Independent Newspaper on 3rd August 2018. Electronic Message Boards advising of the event were positioned along the route, AA road watch had information on Road Closures for this event and Dublin City Council's website advised of road closures in place for this event.

On the day of the event, Gardai facilitated pedestrian crossings as long as it was safe to do so for both participants and residents. Event organisers also ensured that a very experienced group of stewards were in place at this location, along with a sector lead in Chapelizod, who has vast experience of events of this nature.

A cut off time of 10.23 a.m. was implemented at Mullingar House, and any athletes who had not passed this point by then were diverted onto the 10K route. At 10.45 a.m. another intermediate cut off at Knockmaroon Gate was implemented to ensure timely reopening of roads. At 11.49 a.m. a full cut off was implemented on the Lower Road in Lucan and all remaining participants were moved onto the footpaths to allow roads to be re-opened. At 12:04 p.m. Chapelizod Village was fully re-opened. This was 4 minutes later than the planned reopening at 12 noon.

Given the level of advance warning that the event organisers were required to undertake, it is unfortunate that some residents appear to have not received any notification. A de-brief meeting will take place shortly with the event organisers, where all of these concerns will be raised, and where there will be an opportunity to look for improvements which can be made for future events.

Contact: Alison King, Administrative Officer, Events Unit

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Email: alison.king@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager in light of the recent drug paraphernalia found in the park at (*details supplied1*), will DCC work with other stakeholders including (*details supplied2*), to install sin bins in the park on a pilot basis similar to those installed in Ballymun and north inner city.

Reply

The scale of paraphernalia found at this location would not justify the installation of this type of bin in the public park however Parks are willing to discuss the issue further with the various stakeholders described.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to install poop bins in Good Counsel, GAA pitch, Davitt Road Dublin12.

Reply

A dog fouling specific bin will be installed in close proximity to the entrance to the pitches in order to address ongoing issues that have been reported with dog fouling.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.

Tel: 222 4237

Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager can DCC contact (*details supplied*), asking that his property is properly maintained? The property is hugely unkempt and is effecting neighbours.

Reply

Arrangements are being made to issue a notice under Section 9 of the Litter Pollution Acts to the owner of the above property requiring that all waste materials are removed from the site.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.
Tel: 222 4243
Email: Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager that when DCC were widening the walkway along (*details supplied1*) they erected a timber fence, but this fence was not continued to facilitate the last three houses including one owned by (*details supplied2*). At the end of the garden there is a large overgrown tree. This will be soon removed. All this leaves him with is a ditch at best. There is also spot flooding at the end of this garden. Is it possible for the council to erect a timber fence to cover the 4 houses? This would be for both flooding and security reasons. It seems unusual that they did not continue with the timber fence for the other 4 houses.

Reply

The provision of fencing to the rear of houses on (*details supplied*) is not a matter for Dublin City Council. This issue is the responsibility of Waterways Ireland who can be contacted directly at Eastern Region, Floor 2, Block C, Ashtowngate, Navan Rd, Dublin 15, D15 Y3EK, or phone number 01 8680148.

Contact: Brian Lyons, A/Administrative Officer, South Central Area
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Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to confirm how much funding was applied for to assist with infrastructure costs for the construction of affordable homes on the (*details supplied*). What works will this money fund? When does DCC expect to hear from the Department? How many affordable homes will be built and will there be a mix of houses and apartments?

Reply

- A. The total cost of infrastructure for (*details supplied*) is €7,645,415. The terms of the Serviced Sites Fund Initiative provides, where a bid is successful, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government will contribute 75% of the overall cost and the local authority provides match funding of 25%. DCC has applied for €5,734,061.25 from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, for Cherry Orchard.
- B. The proposed infrastructure includes diverting an ESB Networks underground service and an Irish Water foul main, to open up the western boundary of the site for development. To provide a new link road and access road with associated new utility infrastructure to the proposed new housing with off street parking to the houses and surface car parking to the apartments buildings. Public open spaces located off the distributor road will allow for pedestrian connectivity to the residential cul-de-sacs.
- C. The deadline for receipt of submissions was Friday 31st August. The Department has indicated that assessments will be carried out without delay.
- D. The proposed number of units proposed (*details supplied*) is 215
- E. The proposal includes 151 houses and 64 apartments

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer
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Q27 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if Planning Enforcement can resolve the issues with Kealy's Bike and Pram shop, Walkinstown Green. There is an unsightly hoarding there and many residents are frustrated with the lack of progress on this issue, which was reported over 6 months ago.

Reply

The Planning and Property Development Department are engaging with the owner of this property with a view to tidying up this property. Progress has recently been made on this matter. We will continue engaging with the owner to ensure that the hoarding is ultimately removed once the development is fully complete.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager

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Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if there are plans for additional security for Bluebell Cemetery in light of the recent attack by vandals.

Reply

A section of new fence has been erected where there was a breach in the boundary wall of the cemetery and the gate has been repaired and reinstated. CCTV has been installed by the business owner at the entrance laneway to the cemetery.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if the Planning and Housing Departments are considering developing cost rental units for the Park-West/Cherry Orchard area and if they can incorporate this into the LAP.

Reply

DCC are considering the inclusion of cost rental units in future developments in locations such as Cherry Orchard and ParkWest. However, as at this point in time, details regarding the operation or implementation of cost rental model have not yet been defined.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services

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Work is continuing on the preparation of the Draft Local Area Plan for Park West – Cherry Orchard. Once this Draft is developed to a sufficient level of detail, and key infrastructural requirements have been determined, a workshop with the members will be held, where all aspects of the Plan can be discussed in detail.

The key focus for the Plan will be providing guidance on land use, form and infrastructural requirements. Analysis of existing household type and tenure will inform the future housing requirements, in order to achieve a sustainable community.

Housing Update for Cherry Orchard

In June this year, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government called for proposals under the Affordable Housing - Services Sites Fund (Department

Circular APH 1/2018). The aim of this initiative is to increase the supply of homes at more affordable price points to support households of low and middle incomes who are facing particular affordability pressures. The scheme which covers enabling infrastructure and services, aims to provide shovel ready low cost sites. Dublin City Council made a submission on 31st August 2018, seeking funding under this initiative for three sites within the City; one in Cherry Orchard and two in Ballymun. The site in Cherry Orchard which is known as the "hospital lands" is zoned Z1 (residential) and is estimated to have the capacity to deliver in the order of 215 housing units.

Contact: *Fiona Cooper, Senior Executive Planner*
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Q30 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if our Parks Department could re-establish a path on the outside of Benmadigan field for pedestrians to walk around.

Reply

The path which runs around Benmadigan open space is over 500 metres long. Parks and Landscape Services will seek quotes to reinstate the path at this location and this work can be considered in next year's work programme. The footpath within the green is only 4 metres away from another footpath, which runs entirely around the green, so another option would be to remove the damaged path and to reinstate with grass. Quotes will also be sought for this option.

Contact: *Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent*
Tel: 222 3435
Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if a quote can be given for the installation of railings along Bunting Road.

Reply

The cost of a new wall and railing along this 370 metre stretch of Bunting Road would cost approximately €140,000. Parks and Landscape Services have previously cut back the existing hedge along this boundary with a view of maintaining and protecting it. The hedge is rejuvenating well here now so there is no reason to remove this important natural habitat in the park and to replace it with a wall and railing.

Contact: *Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent*
Tel: 222 3435
Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager that there has been a lot of confusion around the process and public consultation around the proposal for the development of St. Michael's Estate. Set out in detail the process with anticipated time lines. Set out in detail the nature and extent of the public consultation with time lines.

Reply

At present work is being undertaken by the Kilmainham Inchicore Network, with support from Dublin City Council, to establish the Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum. A leaflet, currently being finalised, will be distributed to

approximately 7,000 local residents in the coming weeks inviting representatives from local community and resident's groups to join the forum. The aim of the Consultative Forum will be to provide an opportunity for the local community to engage in an inclusive, meaningful and genuine way with this proposed plans for the development of this site.

In addition to the consultative forum, it is envisaged that a number of public consultation meetings will be held in October '18. This consultation process is being overseen by Eamon Devoy (Independent Chair of the Kilmainham Inchicore Network) and Aoife Hannan (Project Director).

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Q33 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager that the Poddle River from Poddle Park to Saint Martin's Park is littered with bottles, cans and other material. How often is this short section of the river cleaned of rubbish? Are there other measures which could be implemented to stop illegal dumping here?

Reply

River water stretches are monitored by Dublin City Council for drainage issues. Culverts Bridges and drainage racks are cleared regularly of vegetation, debris and litter by the Drainage Section. The Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme is a partnership approach to address the source of flooding along the banks of the Poddle. The Lead agency is South Dublin County Council

Poddle Park and St Martins Park green spaces are maintained by Dublin City Council Parks Department. Illegal dumping is a problem along many of our waterways. Public Domain works with Waste Management and other agencies and community groups to promote a litter free environment. A survey of the area will be conducted within the next 2 weeks to assess what measures are in place and what can be done to prevent further dumping. It is customary to use signage, CCTV and awareness programmes to reduce the harm to the environment.

*Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
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Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can Dublin City Council / HSE look at the condition of the food establishment at (*details supplied*). One food outlet (*details supplied2*) is operating out of a venue which leaves, I feel, the general public exposed to potential harm. The top portion of this shop is derelict and vermin has come from here into adjoining buildings. The General area is in a poor state. However, food establishments need to operate to the highest standards.

Reply

The Public Domain Officer has contacted the Environmental Health Officer for the area to investigate the Councillor's concerns.

*Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie*

Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can DCC please identify a possible location in the Chapelizod Area for the positioning of a Glass Bottle Bank. Some residents feel they are seriously disadvantaged with re-cycling because of the lack of suitable local facilities.

Reply

The Waste Management Department is committed to recycling and providing the best service we can in a busy, urban environment. We are always open to the possibility of adding new bottle banks in any area.

However, the reality is that finding sites for new bottle banks in the city is very problematic. All possible locations are investigated as to their suitability and where at all possible we will locate new ones. We are restricted in where we can place them under planning regulations (SI 600 of 2001) e.g. “*no such receptacle shall be situated within 50 metres of any house, save the consent in writing of the owner or occupier*”.

Bottle banks are difficult to maintain and despite cleaning by our own staff and contractors, dumping is often an issue for us – which makes them unpopular. Furthermore, our service provider needs to be able to service all sites in a safe manner.

I hope this explains in greater detail the challenges we face in locating bottle banks in Dublin city and I would be happy to visit any suggested locations.

Contact: Fionnghuala Ryan, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer, Waste Management Services.

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Email: fionnghuala.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can DCC look at the serious parking problems in the vicinity of (*details supplied*). Residents have expressed serious annoyance with the large number of staff and visitors who park on the public road, thus depriving residents of parking outside their own homes. Perhaps the operators (*details supplied*) can explain where their staff, visitors park and come to some agreement with local hotels etc. to allow all day parking and reduce the impact on the neighbouring community.

Reply

(*details supplied*) is not in the charge of Dublin City Council. As such, it is not possible for the City Council to consider any traffic management measures in relation to parking on the private roads within the estate.

Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group

Tel: 222 2528

Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that the following housing matter be looked into (*details supplied*). I recently met this family in a very distressed state due to general estate issues and anti-social behaviour. (*Details supplied*) told me her son of 19 and her daughter of 6 years never leave the house as they don't feel safe. I am asking they be given an opportunity to transfer to the Ballyfermot Area and that I have a

meeting with Ballyfermot Civic Centre Housing staff and the above family to discuss the ongoing problems they experience.

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) is on Band 3 of the transfer waiting list for 3 bedroom accommodation with the following position:

- 57 Band 3 for 3 bedroom accommodation in Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Inchicore)

The applicant (*details supplied*) was nominated for a 3 bedroom new build in Cherry Orchard with the Co-Operative Housing in April 2018. The applicant refused the offer.

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. I will contact the Ballyfermot Area Office and ask them to arrange a meeting with you to discuss this case.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can DCC, Water-Ways Ireland and An Garda Síochana look at the serious anti-social behaviour problems currently been experienced by users of the walk-way / cycle path on the banks of the Grand Canal. The problem is particularly difficult at the 6th Lough. Ropes are now being used to restrict users of this great facility. Can an effort be made to confront these serious problems before a serious injury occurs? In the past few weeks 3 people have contacted me. Is the monitoring of CCTV effective at this location and indeed along the full stretch of the grand canal?

Reply

As this is a Garda Síochana matter it will be listed as an item on the agenda for the next JPC meeting scheduled for the 24th September.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5108

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can DCC provide the finances for the purchase of 3 to 4 benches in the courtyard of Ballyfermot Library. This Seating will be in an area to reflect the rich tradition of traditional music in the Ballyfermot area where the Furey's, the Keenan's and the late Liam Weldon originate from.

Reply

Libraries will investigate the provision of the seating and report back.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, City Librarian (acting)

Tel: 01-6744800

Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can DCC please provide a dog waste bin for the Our Lady of Good Counsel Park Grounds at Galtymore Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12. Residents feel the lack of a bin increases the level of dog waste left in the Park after dog users enter the area.

Reply

A dog fouling specific bin will be installed in close proximity to the entrance to the pitches in order to address ongoing issues that have been reported with dog fouling.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.

Tel: 222 4237

Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

Q41 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for our Housing Maintenance Section to carry out the following repairs in our tenant's home (*details supplied*)

- Make a remedial change to the front window in the living room to prevent draughts coming in from the frame and sill.
- Replace the worn bathroom flooring.
- Repair leaking taps in bathroom and kitchen.

Reply

These repair requests have been logged. An inspection of the window and bathroom floor will take place next week to ascertain the nature of the works required.

Following on from this, arrangements will be made to have necessary repairs carried out. A plumber will call to the property in the next number of days to repair leaking taps.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q42 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to expedite the promised Condition Survey at (*details supplied*). See question and report from the Council Meeting of the 2nd July 2018.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive for our Housing Maintenance Section to arrange for a structural survey of our older person's units at (*details supplied*) This small cluster of housing units has no caretaker and as a result tends not to be as well or regularly maintained as other complexes. Residents have immediate issues that need urgent attention. The units need the windows and outdoor areas painted. That report that windows are rotting due to lack of paint. There are extractor vents that steam is rotting the wood. That the grass cutting contractor is not collecting the grass after its cut in the gardens resulting in the grass cutting blowing onto the cobble lock stone. That these units should be fully upgraded to include insulation etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of our ongoing Maintenance Programme, DCC Housing Maintenance will arrange for a Condition Survey to be carried out on all of the units and will then act on these reports.

Contact: Robert Buckle
Tel: 222 3708
Email: Robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Reply

Surveys were completed and returned to the office on 12th September 2019. Following on from these reports, all necessary works will be carried out as required in the coming weeks.

Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Maintenance
Tel: 222 3708
Email: Robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q43 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Roads Maintenance Section to paint additional one way arrows on the roadway at Donard Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12. Motorists often don't realise it's a one-way system.

Reply

The issue will be examined by the Engineer and a reply will issue directly to the Councillor.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer.
Tel: 222 6393
Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q44 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to provide a list of current voids, with bedroom sizes, including acquisitions in Area K showing if they are with the depot or contractors and the expected date for them to be completed and available for allocation. Please ensure that this is a detailed list showing each property and not just a summary.

Reply

There are currently 133 properties being refurbished in the South Central Area. The breakdown of units is as follows:

Houses

2 bed	28
3 bed	16
4 bed	2
Total	46

Apartments

0 bed	5
1 bed	20
2 bed	43
3 bed	2
Total	70

Senior Citizens

0 bed	6
1 bed	11
Total	17

- 129 of these properties are being refurbished by contractors under the Voids Framework.
- 4 of the properties are being refurbished through direct labour.
- 86 properties are due to be completed between now and the end of October.
- 47 properties are due to be completed in November / December this year.

To date this year, 198 properties have been refurbished and ready to let in the South Central Area.

A list of properties currently being refurbished in the South Central Area will follow to Councillor Dunne.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q45 **Councillor Greg Kelly**

To ask the Area Manager to update me on the application for a wet room for constituent (*details supplied*).

Reply

This application has been received. The property has been surveyed and it is suitable for the installation of a wet room. The application awaits to be assessed on medical grounds, and once a judgement has been made we will contact the applicant and advise them of same.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q46 **Councillor Greg Kelly**

To ask the Area Manager to have the rubbish removed from (*details supplied*)

Reply

Waste Enforcement will carry out an investigation of the above premises and report accordingly on their findings and possible actions to be taken in this case.

Contact: Padraic Lalor, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Enforcement Section.

Tel: 222 4344

Email: padraic.lalor@dublincity.ie

Q47 **Councillor Greg Kelly**

To ask the Area Manager to confirm the current Job vacancies in the Dublin South Central area within DCC, and to confirm how long these vacancies have been available.

Reply

Area Office	Current Vacant Post	Vacant from
SWIC Office	Community Development Officer (Grade 7)	February 2017
SWIC Office	Senior Community Officer (Grade 6)	July 2016
SWIC Office	Environmental Liaison Officer (Grade 6)	August 2017
SWIC Office	Project Estate Officer (Grade 6)	July 2018
SWIC Office	Assistant Staff Officer (Grade 4)	January 2017
SWIC Office	Assistant Staff Officer (Grade 4)	February 2018
SWIC Office	Clerical Officer (Grade 3)	June 2018
Ballyfermot Area Office	Staff Officer (Grade 5)	July 2018
Ballyfermot Area Office	Assistant Staff Officer (Grade 4)	September 2017
Ballyfermot Area Office	Assistant Staff Officer (Grade 4)	September 2017
Crumlin Area Office	Staff Officer (Grade 5)	March 2017

Contact: Bruce Phillips, A/Area Manager, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5108

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q48 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the new bins for the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area.

Reply

Solar Compactor Bins have been installed in the following locations as agreed with the South Central Area Department:-

Bus Stop 2637, Opp Heuston Station	St Johns Rd West	South Central
Bus Stop 4413 ,Outside Heuston Station	St Johns Rd West	South Central

Eleanora's Pub, 147 Drimnagh Rd.	Drimnagh	South Central
Centra-Gala, Ballyfermot Rd./Le Fanu Rd.	Ballyfermot Rd	South Central
Errigal Rd at Shops	Drimnagh	South Central
Chapelizod Plaza	Chapelizod	South Central

Solar Compactor Bins are due for installation week beginning 17th September 2018 at the following locations agreed with the South Central Area Department:-

Bus stop 4414, Kylemore Rd	Ballyfermot	South Central
Bus stop 1958 Nass Rd beside Long Mile Rd junction	Naas Rd	South Central
Outside Our Lady's hospital, Drimnagh Rd	Crumlin	South Central
Outside Coombe Hospital, Dolphins Barn St	Dolphins Barn	South Central
Shops at 625 SCR, near Bulfin Rd Junction	Kilmainham	South Central
Patriots Pub , SCR / Kilmainham Lane	Kilmainham	South Central
Corn Market, High St	Christchurch	South Central
Corn Market, High St opp side of street	Christchurch	South Central

There are also 2 additional Solar Compactor bins located at the entrance to Kilmainham Gaol on the South Circular Road.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services

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