## Question to the Chief Executive

### South East Area Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Q.1 <u>Councillor Ruairí McGinley</u>

To ask the manager to repair footpath between Park Avenue and Centra on Harold's Cross Road.

#### Q.2 <u>Councillor Ruairí McGinley</u> To ask the manager to cut the grass in Kimmage Grove and to arrange for tree pruning in this estate.

### Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to arrange to have Rathdown Park including cul de sac swept and to have graffiti at Nos. 2 - 6 Rathdown Park removed.

#### Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange to have the fallen branches and debris at the locations listed below to be removed as a matter of urgency.

The last storm we experienced in the city was around the 18th and 19th of September. Since then large branches which fell in that storm have remained on some footpaths and leaves have been allowed to accumulate and rot. This causes obstruction and safety issues. We had bad weather in spring and debris that fell then has never been cleared on the section of Ailesbury Road from Sydney Parade to the Merrion Road. Barriers used for footpath repairs on the junction of Ailesbury Road and Shrewsbury Road were left strewn on the footpath for three weeks.

### Q.5 <u>Councillor Patrick Costello</u>

To ask the manager, in relation to report for Motion 18 of the October meeting which stated, "As part of the planning process, the Department of Education carried out an audit of the wider environment around the proposed school to identify improvements required to facilitate active travel to the school. The Department of Education has undertaken to fund the improvements as part of the school project. It is intended that such improvements will be in place before occupation of the larger school development". What is the time line for the delivery of the identified improvements in the audit?

#### Q.6 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the manager if she could give appropriate advice to this resident who was blocked into his home during a recent football match at the Aviva Stadium (see details supplied) and if she will contact the Dublin Street Parking Services and the gardaí to see what actions and measures they can put in place to deal with same.

### Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to conduct an air quality check on Greenlea Road, Terenure.

#### Q.8 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the manager if, as a matter of urgency, she will arrange to have the gas and electricity at \*details supplied checked and upgraded as it has previously been reported as being dangerous.

## Q.9 Councillor Chris Andrews

Given the high number of flats and the ongoing challenges facing the community in Pearse House / Markievicz House will the city council / South East Area Office fund a community development worker for the community in Pearse House and Markievicz

House and put in place the necessary infrastructure a community development worker would need on site in Pearse House / Markievicz House so that a broad representative group of residents can be developed to engage with the council for future development of the community and housing.

### Q.10 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have bollards or some form of protection placed on the street to prevent the protected structure being damaged again at \*details supplied as the last time it was damaged it was hugely stressful and upsetting for the elderly home owner?

## Q.11 Councillor Chris Andrews

\*Details supplied was told by a housing maintenance inspector that her shower dish needed to be replaced as the inspector said that needed to be done and also can the crack in the ceiling of bathroom be repaired so can these works be carried out?

### Q.12 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager say when the bathroom of \*details supplied which is waiting on being re designed to cater for the disability will be installed?

## Q.13 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the planter at \*details supplied cut back as there must have been a cherry blossom cut down there and now it's overgrown as the root may not have been removed and all the shoots have developed?

#### Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the weeds / trees in rear of \*details supplied 1 and also have the stair wall at \*details supplied 2 repaired, as it is badly cracked and needs repair in \*details supplied 2 as it's a shared rear garden?

#### Q.15 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the dripping / flooding of the gully to the rear of property of \*details supplied repaired?

#### Q.16 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager fund an extra caretaker in Markievicz House as there is only one caretaker at present for 171 flats and it is almost impossible for one person to manage all the work required to keep the place tidy?

#### Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report regarding The Staircase building at 21 Aungier Street? This report to include a full update on all of the works carried out on that building, a full disclosure on the architectural conservation reports. These reports to include what damage was done to the building, what repairs were done to the building and who paid for these repairs?

Also, a full report as to whether Dublin City Council's Homeless Executive are paying any monies towards this building or giving any money to any approved housing body or emergency homeless services towards the upkeep of this particular building or the rent on this building?

### Q.18 <u>Councillor Mannix Flynn</u>

Can the manager ask An Garda Síochána to place the national flag on the exterior of the new Kevin Street Garda HQ?

### Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate an upgrade of the lighting on Sycamore Street and Crane Lane? These streets are now widely used in the late evening and the lighting at present is highly inadequate.

#### Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please give an update as to when the lights on York Street / Mercer Street will be completely fixed? In the meantime can the manager have an auxiliary or a temporary light placed at this location? It is still very dangerous there for children and the elderly.

### Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards a meeting that took place between disability groups and traffic management? This meeting was in relation to the Fitzwilliam Street cycle way.

Can the manager ascertain whether it was agreed at this meeting that emergency vehicles and fire tenders would be unable to get into this street under the present proposals for a cycle way?

## Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a report with regards the increased pedestrians in the south east area, with particular reference to the city centre area? There would appear to be an overwhelming increase in the number of people walking. This has created a huge demand on our footpaths leading to many people having to walk onto the roadways. It is obvious that many of our footpaths are not fit for purpose and are very congested this issue needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. It is becoming a very dangerous place to try and walk with many junctions and traffic light areas becoming impassable and certainly impossible for anybody in a wheelchair or visually impaired, or indeed for the elderly.

## Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue an update with regards the ongoing difficulties that are being incurred by residents at the Milltown Bring Centre and car park? This carpark is now simply out of control and is becoming more and more dangerous for residents and pedestrians. There seems to be no order whatsoever at this carpark. Cars are zooming in and off the main busy road. Some cars are coming to park while others are coming to deposit waste, bottles etc. at all hours of the day and night. There is no signage to alert the motorists that this is a residential area. There is no signage on the main road that this is a carpark exit and entrance. Many cars are mounting the footpath in order to get in and out of the narrow entrance and residents in this area feel that this is a traffic disaster and dangerous accident waiting to happen. This issue has been on the agenda for over four years now. It would appear that the city council are simply burying their head in the sand and nothing is being done here. Can we please respond to this issue once and for all?

## Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue an instruction to the Free Walking Tours management to stop using Bernardo Square as their assembly point? This little square has been commandeered by this commercial company without any permit or license for Dublin City Council (DCC). It has completely eroded any normal use for citizens and city dwellers to just simply sit there and relax and enjoy the city and surrounding area.

The square is crammed with commercial walking tours who encourage large tours to scream and shout for a group photo before the tour begins. This in itself constitutes

an anti-social behaviour and annoyance for the local residents and indeed passersby. These walking tours assemble en masse at this location and have been doing so for a number of years.

This public amenity has become no longer public. From early Sunday morning throughout the entire week these commercial "Free Walking Tours' gather and dominate the space without any consideration for any other users. This would never be allowed to happen in our parks or in any other areas of our amenities and bearing in mind that these tours are commercial entities, DCC has an obligation to manage them correctly and to insist that these companies use elsewhere or pay Dublin City Council some form of a license fee for the use of such a space.

## Q.25 Councillor Frank Kennedy

\*Details supplied and her ten year old daughter are living in her parents' city council apartment with her mother, father and younger brother. She has been on the council Housing List for almost ten years and is awaiting a two bedroom apartment. Her daughter has for several years been the victim of bullying from a group of children in the housing complex. Unfortunately, matters have escalated very seriously in recent months. Her daughter is being severely bullied, including being punched, kicked, having drinks poured on her, jeered and taunted. The bullying has reached a stage where her daughter now does not venture outside of the home. Details supplied works full time and is a single parent. To ask the manager (a) to prioritise this housing application as a matter of urgency on the basis of exceptional social grounds and (b) to identify precisely what, if any documentation needs to be provided in this specific case for this priority to be granted.

### Q.26 <u>Councillor Frank Kennedy</u>

I have raised on a number of occasions the condition and general cleanliness of the area adjacent to and at the railway bridge at Merrion Church. At the October 2016 SEAC I asked the following question and received the following response:

## "Q.12 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the area surrounding the footbridge over the Dart line between the Merrion Gates and Sydney Parade Avenue (which is the bridge from behind Ailesbury Mews and the OSG office building into Merrion Parish Church) to be cleaned as it is currently very dirty. This question refers in particular to the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews.

#### Reply:

Waste Management Services had the parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council cleaned on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Contact will be made with Irish Rail to ensure that they clean up their property at this location.

#### Contact:

*Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services, tel.: 222 4240, email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie"* 

At the January 2017 meeting I proposed the following motion which was passed unanimously:

## "Motion 12 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee thanks larnród Éireann for the clean-up conducted at the area surrounding the footbridge over the Dart line between the Merrion Gates and

Sydney Parade Avenue (which is the bridge from behind Ailesbury Mews and the OSG office building into Merrion Parish Church), and in particular at the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews following the motion passed at the November meeting of the However, notwithstanding the considerable improvement. a SEAC. significant portion of the original rubbish remains, with the area under the footbridge remaining the most acutely affected. Regrettably, the area remains generally dirty and unhygienic and there is still a lot of litter and bottles scattered around and gives the impression of being a dumping ground which cultivates the accumulation of further waste. In circumstances where one further effort will significantly enhance the area and maximise the return on the works which have been carried out to date, this committee requests that larnród Éireann completes this job and resolves to write to larnród Éireann to so request."

Regrettably, the state of cleanliness at this area has recently deteriorated yet again. Furthermore, there seems to be a degree of uncertainty as to which part of this area is the responsibility of Dublin City Council and which part falls within the domain of Irish Rail. A constituent recently received a communication from Dublin City Council in which Waste Management Services stated that area was bridge number OBR65A and a matter for Irish Rail. However, clearly the Irish Rail territory stops at some point and, as stated in the reply to my question in October 2016, there are "parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council". Therefore, to ask the Manager:

- (a) To provide <u>a coloured map</u> of the area surrounding the footbridge over the Dart line between the Merrion Gates and Sydney Parade Avenue (which is the bridge from behind Ailesbury Mews and the OSG office building into Merrion Parish Church), and in particular the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews, <u>which clearly delineates thereon</u> which part of the area is the responsibility of Irish Rail and which part is the responsibility of Dublin City Council;
- (b) To clean the part of the area falling within the remit of Dublin City Council, especially the footpaths on both sides of the bridge; and
- (c) To cut back the growth along the public footpath which leads into the OSG car park.

## Q.27 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to paint the street signs for Richelieu Park, Sandymount. One of these two street signs was recently featured in this article on broadsheet.ie (<u>https://www.broadsheet.ie/2018/10/23/all-for-one-2/</u>) and is in a state of unacceptable disrepair.

#### Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy

On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 a resident of Cranfield Place, Sandymount had to leave his home to get medication from the pharmacy for his sick child. However, notwithstanding that his vehicle was parked in his driveway, a vehicle had unlawfully parked in front of his driveway and he was unable to leave his home by car. He reported the incident to Dublin City Council Clamping & Tow Away on 01 6022 500 at 7.56pm. He was informed that there was no guarantee someone from the service would call to his home. As warned, no-one came to his home to tow the offending vehicle. The driver of the car returned to it at 9.30pm and proceeded to do a U-turn and then drove the wrong way down what is a one-way street. This experience is not uncommon for the resident in question. On the many occasions that he has been

forced to call Clamping & Tow Away, only once has a tow truck or parking monitor attended. To ask the manager:

- (a) When major events are taking place at the Aviva stadium, is there an increase in the numbers of tow trucks and parking monitors on active duty?; and
- (b) If not, to ensure that when events are taking place at the Aviva Stadium, adequate tow trucks and parking monitors are on duty and available in the surrounding area.

#### Q.29 Councillor Frank Kennedy

There has been an ongoing problem for some time with illegal dumping in the parking area on Mulberry Lane, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. The council left a large skip-bag of rubbish in the lane (**see photo attached**) and this has now been there for over three months. It has also appeared to encourage further rubbish dumping near the council yard and, in recent weeks, vagrants set fire to one of these piles of rubbish. Furthermore, the skip bag and rubbish pile are an eyesore. While there are plans to improve the public amenity of the lane and the adjacent council yard with the introduction of a Men's Shed, at present this area is being used as a dumping ground which is unacceptable. Accordingly, to ask the manager to ensure that this lane is given a complete cleaning and monitored thereafter to prevent repeat dumping.



#### Q.30 Councillor Frank Kennedy

I asked the following question at the South East Area Committee meeting in December 2016 and in March 2017 received the response which follows it:

#### "Q.51 <u>Councillor Frank Kennedy</u>

In circumstances where I have been approached by the Chair of the Board of Management of Star of the Sea National School, Sandymount, Dublin 4, to ask the area manager to instigate a full review of the flow of traffic on Leahy's Terrace, Sandymount, Dublin 4 given the ever present and substantive threat of an accident occurring at this location. For many years the situation which entails when children are brought to and collected from school has created serious risks to the welfare of all users of Leahy's Terrace such that the present position requires review. This review should include an observation of the situation on a weekday morning during the school term.

#### <u>Reply:</u>

The parking along Leahy Terrace is already regulated. There are defined Pay & Display parking bays along its entirety. To ensure that the front of the school remains clear, "RRM 010 School Keep Clear Markings" are already installed. In addition, the road is traffic calmed with the provision of 3 no. full width ramps and School Ahead signs are erected.

Unfortunately the majority schools experience congestion during pickup / drop off times. Dublin City Council continues to promote sustainable transport and public transportation above that of the private car.

All physical measures available to the Traffic Department are implemented with appropriate signage, lining and traffic calming in place, as well as defined parking arrangements. Poor driver behaviour / illegal parking is a matter for the Gardaí."

In the intervening twenty months the problem which prompted this question has persisted. It reached critical point in the first week of October 2018 when a 5<sup>th</sup> Form pupil at the school was knocked down. With respect, given the serious safety risks faced by children at the school at present the response provided to me in March 2017 is inadequate and no longer fit for purpose. To ask the manager to revisit my original request and to provide a comprehensive response and implement appropriate solutions as a matter of urgency.

### Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair the large and very dangerous pothole on Elmwood Avenue, Ranelagh, which is located on the section of the road between, on opposite sides, Young's estate agents and Mario's restaurant. It is particularly lethal for cyclists.

### Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Extensive and intrusive water leak repair works have been taking place in Malone Gardens, Dublin 4 and these disrupted the bin collection of \*details supplied. Specifically, the water repair works were due to be completed on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, as per official notice received from Irish Water. However, the work continued long after this and no update was provided by Irish Water or the contractors carrying out the work on its behalf. On the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> October details supplied put his bins out for collection the following morning. However, before the bins were collected the water repair people working in Malone Gardens moved the bin back into the resident's garden. As a result, his bin was not collected. The bin was full at that stage but because of these actions was not collected for two weeks thereafter. This came on top of a week of significant extended disruption to the whole estate, including but not limited to, being unable to access his driveway. The resident then made a complaint to Irish Water. However, while he received an acknowledgement, he did not receive any plan to achieve resolution. Accordingly, to ask the manager to forward this complaint to Irish Water recording that this has been done at my request as a local councillor and noting that I call on Irish Water to provide an adequate response to details supplied] as a matter of urgency.

## Q.33 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she can confirm when a promised new door damaged due to a break in and during the snows earlier this year will be installed at \*details supplied.

### Q.34 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the manager if she will arrange for an immediate active response to the legitimate issues raised in the email submitted with this question in relation to illegal parking along Ranelagh, Sandford and Clonskeagh roads.

I'm a resident of Rathgar / Rathmines and I work in Clonskeagh. I commute to work by bicycle each weekday. Every morning and evening there are cars parked illegally in the bicycle lanes. As you can see from my selection of photographs, it matters not what time of the day it is. Motorists will continue to flout the law and park in a clearway, which clearly states that "Stopping or Parking is Prohibited" in the times shown. I ride my bicycle along this road in the morning at 9-9.30 am and in the evenings between the hours of 5.30 - 6.30pm. Since I began working in the Clonskeagh area, not once have I seen the Gardaí handing out a ticket to the motorists who park illegally, nor have I ever seen even one vehicle clamped on this section of road. Moreover, I cannot remember a single day whereby the bicycle lane was not blocked by a car parked illegally.

## Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent:

"My daily commute by bicycle to and from work in Ringsend Basin takes me via the laneway running from Ashton's Pub to Brookvale Road Donnybrook. I am writing to enquire if additional lighting could be installed in this laneway as there are sections of it that are pitch dark. It is dangerous to cycle through in general. I feel that if it were better lit then more pedestrians and cyclists would use this lane."

## Q.36 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to ascertain from Irish Rail as to why the Dart level crossing gates go up quicker on the north as against when leaving going south at Sandymount Station. What is the official position?

## Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

A constituent writes that it is a great idea to put three pedestrian crossings on Sandymount Green in an attempt to slow down traffic and to make the green more accessible. She believes there may be a possibility that the number 18 bus stop might be reinstated opposite 13 Sandymount Green right beside one of the proposed pedestrian crossings. She would be opposed to this as it would make the green inaccessible and it would slow down the traffic and contribute to noise and grease on the road surface.

## Q.38 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address the following issue on Sandymount Green. Under the new proposals for the improvement of pedestrian facilities of Sandymount Green is it proposed to retain the pedestrian lights at Gilford Road adjacent to the veterinary clinic?

## Q.39 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have dog waste signs placed along the Dodder at the Marian College end.

## Q.40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a vehicle removed from Claremont Road, Sandymount at village end. See photo attached.

## Q.41 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager for extra road sweeping on Sydney Parade Avenue, Sandymount as there are a lot of trees which shed a lot of debris, particularly at this time of the year. This is a very busy thoroughfare that warrants particular attention.

## Q.42 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue. A constituent writes:

"I live in Ballsbridge and walk (a varying) 6 to 8 kilometre circuit every day in the area. In the last six months, I can recall only three occasions that I have seen street sweeping taking place. The last time was last week outside the RDS.

The last storm we experienced in the city was around the 18th and 19th of September. Since then large branches which fell in that storm have remained on some footpaths and leaves have been allowed to accumulate and rot. This causes obstruction and safety issues. We had bad weather in spring and debris that fell then has never been cleared on the section of Ailesbury Road from Sydney Parade to the Merrion Road. Barriers used for footpath repairs on the junction of Ailesbury Road and Shrewsbury Road were left strewn on the footpath for three weeks.

I presume and hope the Pembroke area has an appropriate cleaning schedule which should be implemented. Can you confirm that a schedule is in place and let me know why the streets in our area are not being swept frequently? I would assume each street would have a weekly or bi-weekly cleaning schedule."

### Q.43 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the concerns expressed from a business in Chatham Street re no enforcement of parking laws:

"I am contacting you from \*details supplied, to ask the simple question as to why Dublin Street Parking Services are not enforcing laws on Chatham Street and adjacent streets during certain times?

On Chatham Street for the past 18 months consistently on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings circa 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm cars are parked illegally along the street. The cars involved are part of a soup kitchen that sets up on Grafton Street. The section outside Neary's is supposed to be a pedestrian zone after 11am. In addition there are double yellow lines on the street.

In addition to parking in a pedestrian zone, these cars block our exit and entrance, which raises concerns over fire safety, it is dangerous for pedestrians using the street when cars are parking and particularly when leaving, undertaking a u turn in a confined area. It also is not good for our business as it puts people off walking down a dangerous street.

When the lack of enforcement first started, I phoned your service advising that cars where parking illegally, requesting that something be done about it. On one occasion I observed the clamping van arriving, the staff observed the cars, spoke to car owners and drove off, taking no action. I gave up reporting as no action was taken. If I or another member of the public parked on the street, I have no doubt the cars would be clamped. I would be obliged if you can state why the group involved in consistently parking illegally are not subject to the same enforcement as I would be ?

Subsequently I have been liaising with the Garda in particular our community Garda Michael Hannon, despite his best efforts the problem persists. Why can the Garda not enforce or appear unwilling to enforce the law either?

On a few occasions a staff member here asked for a car to be moved and was verbally abused.

Chatham Street is currently undergoing an upgrade which is most welcome, I want a commitment that the parking laws will be enforced to bring a stop to the above problem I want the parking services and Garda to revert to me setting out how they will address the situation."

### Q.44 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

To have extra road sweeping of leaves on Merlyn Park, Ballsbridge and Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge. Currently this is a major issue as many of these deciduous trees are substantive and mature.

#### Q.45 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to deal with this issue from a constituent,

"Despite several submissions to Dublin City Council over the last number of years we are still waiting to have the lamp standards in Donnybrook Village re-painted. A touch up job was done on the base of only some lamp standards but clearly a lot more work needs to be done. We were reminded by TidyTowns Adjudication Report 2018 of the historic value of some of the lamp standards in the village and they have given added impetus to the need for repainting these. The lamp standards of Morehampton Road / Donnybrook Road need to be addressed.

"The old tram poles along Morehampton Road, now used as light standards, are a lovely reminder of the history of our urban street furniture. However the green paint is looking old, faded and is peeling and needs to be repainted." - National Tidytowns Adjudicator Report for Donnybrook 2018.

#### Q.46 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the manager that the Libraries Department provides a toilet to be available to the public in Terenure Library. Currently there is no facility and it's especially distressing for children visiting there.

#### Q.47 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the manager that the traffic lights at the Rathgar junction be examined to allow better movement of through traffic especially during peak rush hours morning and evening.

"I am one of the number of people using the 15b bus which passes through your constituency and wanted to see if anything can be done to try and help with the ridiculous traffic situations for public transport users in the morning.

For the last number of weeks our 7.20am service has hit the end of Zion Road at any time between 7.45am and 7.50am and we are currently spending anywhere up to between 15 - 20 minutes sitting in traffic just to make it the 500 meters from the Church on the bend of Zion Road to the right turn on Rathgar Road which is a complete joke. I am sure checking with Dublin Bus will confirm this also.

When the filter light at that junction go green there is not enough time being left on the filter signal for a decent amount of traffic to get through and then cars who are trying to go down Highfield Road are blocking the junction meaning buses can't get around as they don't have enough space to manoeuvre around the stopped cars.

The 14 and 15b use this road and with very full morning services at peak there could be about 170 - 180 people between the two buses, every ten to fifteen minutes, and these are subjected to these delays which is not good enough.

I am hoping one of you can direct the complaint to someone to see if some mechanism can be looked as a priority and resolve this as a journey that should take 40 - 45 minutes in the morning is taking over an hour just to get to Camden Street!

There is also the reverse of this in the evening with traffic backed up from Rathmines to the same junction again due to the bad timing on the lights again causing public transport users to be subject to long delays in the area. People are being encouraged to use public transport and it's not a great advertisement for it when people are delayed constantly due to traffic mismanagement."

## Q.48 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the manager for a progress report on the issues raised at the on-site meeting at Mount Argus Park on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, with particular concern about

- 1. Parking on corners which is a serious safety hazard, as these cars cause blind spots and requires double yellow lines.
- 2. Public lighting in the park is very poor and needs to be upgraded.
- 3. General tidying up of the park particularly the back bank, river and pond drainage and tree pruning.
- 4. Litter disposal facilities, possibly a belly bin.

## Q.49 <u>Councillor Sonya Stapleton</u>

To ask the manager to consider \*details supplied for housing transfer. Details supplied resides with her husband and seven children in a two bedroom flat. She has four girls and four boys sleeping in one bedroom with pull out beds, bunk beds and a cot. Their present overcrowding is unbearable for the family. They also have a tiny bathroom and a kitchen with limited storage and no room for table etc.

They all have to eat in the sitting room and are literally sitting on top of each other with a room not suitable for a family of nine people. Two of her children have diabetes and asthma. They have been on the transfer list for 12 years and living in present accommodation for the past 14 years. They would be happy to transfer to suitable accommodation in Dublin 2, 4, or 8 area.

## Q.50 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have carbon monoxide alarm installed at \*details supplied. The resident reports his neighbours have had alarm installed but no one has come to his home to have same installed.

## Q.51 <u>Councillor Sonya Stapleton</u>

To ask the manager to have the following repairs done \*details supplied:

- 1. Vents fitted in all rooms (there are no vents at present in any of the rooms).
- 2. Sitting room fire proof door (present door is not fire proof and has a gap at the top).
- 3. Fix locks on doors in flat.
- 4. New front hall door (present door is not secure and is not draught proof).
- 5. Resident has been having terrible trouble with his boiler that heats the gas. Possible new one needs to be installed or repaired.
- 6. Have a kitchen door installed. Presently there is no kitchen door and the gentleman is having trouble keeping his flat warm.

## Q.52 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have the following repairs done in \*details supplied:

- 1. Replace kitchen window in the lady's flat as she cannot open it, as when she does the window falls in on her.
- 2. Install carbon monoxide alarms in flat.

## Q.53 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate draught in \*details supplied. The lady is in her 90s and says she cannot keep her flat warm as heat is escaping the sitting room window, front door etc. Please take steps to fix this issue for her. Possible draught excluders and ensure windows are double glazed etc.

### Q.54 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate flat at \*details supplied and resolve dampness / mould in bedroom flat, also skirting board falling off due to crumbling wall and dampness (see photo in details supplied).

### Q.55 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager consider measures to curb speeding along Northbrook Avenue? This is an area where a lot of young children reside and it is also a thoroughfare for drivers seeking to access Ranelagh Gardens.

### **Q.56** <u>Councillor Claire O'Connor</u> Can Morehampton Terrace be resurfaced?

### **Q.57** <u>Councillor Claire O'Connor</u> Can the manager confirm the leaf collection schedule for Pembroke Park?

### Q.58 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager confirm the arrangements for leaf collection in Ballsbridge over the winter?

#### **Q.59** <u>Councillor Claire O'Connor</u> Can a non-smoking area near Noshington in Harold's Cross Park be provided?

# Q.60 <u>Councillor Claire O'Connor</u>

Can an update be given in respect of previous motions seeking a pedestrian crossing at Cowper Road / Palmerston Road?

#### Q.61 <u>Councillor Claire O'Connor</u>

Can the manager look into environmental concern re Leo Labs? Industrial lighting is running 24 hours per day (affects residential homes). There is constant noise coming from site.

#### Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to link with local residents' groups to run a dog show in Eaton Square as part of the ongoing education campaign about dog fouling.

### Q.63 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide an update on the issue in Grove Road flats raised by several councillors last month.

### Q.64 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to look at planting ivy on the wall at the end of Mount Argus Close, where there is a large unsightly wall, this planting would help improve the amenity of the area.

## Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to investigate the legality of a commercial kennels being operated from \*details supplied and to enforce the law if it is an unauthorised use of the premises.

## Q.66 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the manager to arrange for a clean-up of the lane at the rear of SuperValu in Rathgar Village and to schedule it for regular clean-ups. A previous clean-up and weed spraying was much appreciated by local residents, but the lane is now in a bad state again and provides an environment for anti-social behaviour.

#### Q.67 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for double yellow lines to be put along both sides of the road on the entrance to Terenure Gate on Terenure Road West. This new development is completely congested and blocked by cars at (Presentation School) drop off and pick-up times and the Gardaí cannot be there every day to manage the traffic problems and illegal parking on the pavement, etc.

## Q.68 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for more street lighting on Oaklands Drive and for a badly broken up section of path outside 14 Oaklands Drive to be repaired. This road leads in to St. Luke's Hospital and has a reasonably heavy pedestrian footfall with hospital visitors and staff and the darkness of the road at night and on winter's evenings is a cause of concern as well as the trip hazards.

## Q.69 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the manager to investigate the possibility of a filter light for traffic coming from Highfield Road and trying to get onto Rathgar Road at Rathgar Village. This can be really difficult at peak traffic times.

### Q.70 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to clear the drains / gullies at the junction of Vernon Road and Templemore Road as they are blocked.

### Q.71 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to address the following traffic light issues with a view to a review of them:

- a) Highfield Road the long wait for pedestrians, particularly children means they often don't wait, but run across this reasonably busy road.
- b) Dartry Road junction with St. Kevin's pedestrian lights too fast for older people to make it safely across the road.
- c) To investigate the possibility of installing pedestrian lights on Upper Rathmines Road at the junction with Cowper Road or else with Highfield Road, for school going children to cross safely on their way to Scoil Bhride.

#### Q.72 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the manager to arrange for the poles along Templemore Road to be painted fully. Recently a council worker half painted some of them, but hadn't a ladder to do the top half!

#### Q.73 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the manager to arrange for grass cutting to be done on Kimmage Grove. It appears that while other estates have been cut more recently, this housing estate of 67 houses has not had grass cut since May.

### Q.74 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for sweeping and leaf collection to be carried out as a matter of urgency in the following areas which have large trees and are pedestrian routes to the Luas line. Due to the bad weather and trees which fell in the recent

storm, the roads need to be swept and the gullies cleared before further heavy rainfall. Roads include: Cowper Road, Merton Road, Temple Gardens, Richmond Avenue South, Richview Park, Palmerston Park, Palmerston Lane, Temple Road, Temple Villas. Also, around Palmerston Park there is a lot of debris which needs to be cleared.

### Q.75 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager to consider a systemic improvement in the quality of the footpaths and crossing points between Lansdowne Road DART Station and the junction of Lansdowne Road and Northumberland Road as this route is used by persons with visual impairments. In particular could improvements in the footpath surface be considered in the vicinity of the many trees on the route such as using 'Flexipave' or other materials, and could the broken footpath surface be attended to.

### Q.76 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager if she can please provide a full list of road resurfacing projects planned for 2018 and 2019 in the Pembroke – South Dock ward.

### Q.77 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager if she would please consider \*details supplied for housing in \*details supplied as she us currently living in an extremely overcrowded situation with her children which is causing distress.

## Q.78 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager can she please explain why details supplied was moved down the housing list rather than up, and if she can please provide assistance in finding this individual a home for her and her child as her current living situation is highly unsuitable for her and her daughter as they are living in an extremely overcrowded situation where her child is also experiencing bullying.

#### Q.79 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager if she could please ensure a litter enforcement officer regularly visits the Bath Avenue area as a means to address the on-going issue of dog fouling in the area.

#### Q.80 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager can she please address the on-going issue of illegal dumping in Mulberry Lane in advance of work being carried out here for the Men's Sheds project?

## Q.81 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager how many unnecessary poles have been removed in the south east area since 2016 in accordance with the Dublin City Development Plan objectives.