

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
17th October 2018

Q1 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the filling of a hole at (*details supplied1*). This is a large hole and is a danger to the public. Also repair to footpath at (*details supplied2*).

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected the two locations and note the following:

(*Details supplied1*) footpath repair, has been added to our works list for repair.

(*Details supplied2*) is a subsided fire hydrant and therefore falls under the remit of Irish Water.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange an inspection at (*details supplied*). This lady still has to wait for water to heat up to have a shower, and the toilet needs replacing.

Reply

A new shower was installed in this property recently. It has a built in anti-scald guard, as is required, and the tenant has been advised of this. We will arrange for someone to call to this property and again instruct the resident on its' usage. The defective toilet will be inspected and appropriate action will be taken to repair same.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the bushes and shed at (*details supplied*) to be removed. Locals informed me these tenants are using the bushes and shed to hide drugs. The premises have been raided many times by the police and residents tell me they are concerned.

Reply

Dublin City Council's Tenancy Agreement does not exclude tenants from having bushes or hedges. It requires tenants to "maintain the gardens of the dwelling in a neat and tidy fashion" and excludes them from planting "any trees or shrubs which shall become injurious to the premises or to adjacent property". The garden of this property appears to be kept in a relatively good condition so DCC is not in a position instruct the tenants to remove bushes. Dublin City Council do not provide garden sheds for tenants. Accordingly, the shed is the property of the tenant and cannot be removed by Dublin City Council.

Contact: Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office

Tel: 222 5512

Email: chris.butler@dublincity.ie

Q4 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for Children at Play signs to be installed at (*details supplied*). Signs similar to the signs erected at Rutland Grove.

Reply

The engineer will look into this issue and get back to you with their findings in due course.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Traffic Engineer

Tel: 222 6393

Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q5 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for replacement windows and hall door for (*details supplied*). This lady applied 5 years ago and after 10 visits from council staff was informed that the replacements would take place Jan/Feb 2018. Council workers placed screws in the windows to keep the glass in. Can we address this issue as a matter of urgency?

Reply

Windows and doors have been fabricated and fitted in this property.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcu@dublincity.ie

Q6 **Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**

To ask the Area Manager as part of the implementation of Pay and Display in Herberton Park that the double yellow lines are not put in.

Reply

It is not recommended to introduce a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme without double yellow lines. They are needed to create some order in the area and to allow the smooth flow of traffic in a safe manner and stop people parking at dangerous locations. Double yellow lines are a hugely important aspect of any Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Traffic Engineer

Tel: 222 6393

Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q7 **Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**

To ask the Area Manager to reinstall the bollards in Herberton Park which were taken down as part of the construction.

Reply

The bollards were removed as part of the Fold Ireland, housing development located immediately south of DCC's Dolphin Park senior citizens complex.

As part of the new development, the existing vehicular access point into Dolphin Park, accessed from Herberton Park, was to be changed to a new access road on the south side of the new development albeit, still accessed through Herberton Park. This required the existing bollards to be removed and re-instated south of the new

access road. The proposed new bollard location would stop through traffic from Dolphin House flats complex to Herberton Park, but retain access to Dolphin Park and provide access to the new Fold Ireland scheme.

The proposed new bollards have not yet been installed as access to the construction site is required from the Dolphin House side. The construction traffic management plan for the area had Fold Ireland's contractor MDY Construction operating a temporary access system allowing construction traffic access to the site from the Dolphin House side, but keeping the road closed to through traffic.

MDY Construction has recently gone into examinership and as such does not have a presence onsite to manage the temporary access system. The access point was left in a "closed to through traffic" condition, but this has since been altered. Fold Ireland are in the process of arranging a significant temporary barrier, which would close off through traffic and would not be easily altered.

The hope at present from Fold Ireland is to engage with the examiner and have the construction works, including the installation of the relocated bollards, completed by another contractor as soon as possible.

Contact: *Brian Curran, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation*
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Email: brian.curran@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to confirm when (*details supplied*) will be housed, she informs me she was promised one of the new houses in Ballyfermot, but she has not been allocated one.

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) was offered accommodation by Co-Operative Housing Ireland. The applicant is in the 2nd phase for accommodation in Ballyfermot.

Contact: *Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations*
Tel: 222 2061
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager, with the new layout of traffic lights at the junction of Windmill Road/Crumlin Village, can preference be given to traffic coming from St. Agnes' Church turning onto Windmill Road, if this is not done traffic will be blocked up with only a single lane, by motorists wanting to turn onto Windmill Road.

Reply

The traffic signals at this junction were switched on and connected to our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System on 27/09/18 and are subject to ongoing monitoring by the Intelligent Transportation Systems section. Please note that CCTV is due to be installed at this junction imminently which will facilitate traffic monitoring at this junction. Following this, a review of the operation of the traffic signals will be carried out and a follow up response issued once this review is completed.

Contact: *Liam O'Brien, ITS Officer, Environment & Transport*
Tel: 222 3836
Email: liam.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to contact the HSE regarding the condition of the Quaker Burial Ground on Cork Street. It badly needs some TLC and maybe in time this green oasis could be considered for public us.

Reply

This issue has been brought to the attention of the Manager of the former James Weir Home for Nurses building in Cork Street.

Contact: Brian Lyons, A/Administrative Officer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5245

Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

At last month's Area Committee meeting the Manager reported that the promised tree's for Rialto would be planted by the end of the year. Could he please outline for me the time frame step by step?

Reply

A budget of €40,000 for the Reuben Street/ Haroldville Avenue greening strategy was set out in the 2018 discretionary fund. This is a very complicated and time consuming project as it involves many internal DCC departments, outside contractors and stakeholders.

- The first step in the project was to engage Dermot Foley, Landscape architects to draw up preliminary designs which was done.
- We then sought quotes for a GPR survey of the area, which is proving to take up a substantial portion of the budget. Moves are currently being made to mitigate this expense without jeopardising the quality of survey required.
- Permission from our roads design, parking and parks sections will be required. So meetings with the various sections are going to be set up to discuss.
- A preliminary meeting with the parks section has been conducted about choosing a contractor from the DCC procurement framework to quote for the required work. However, it is envisaged that the cost of the plan will exceed double the current budget so further funding will be sought from the 2019 discretionary fund to facilitate this.
- The Residents will also be consulted about the plans to ensure full buy in from the area affected.

Contact: John Paul McCabe, A/Administrative Officer, South Central Area

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Email: Johnpaul.mccabe@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to organise a meeting with the allotment holders of Weaver Street site and local councillors to discuss how we are going to move forward now that no more licences will be issued at the end of this year. We need to urgently find alternative site for them that is both suitable and convenient.

Reply

Allotment holders in Weaver Square were recently informed that the Housing Department has confirmed that the development of housing on the site is due to

commence in 2019 and that licences will not be renewed when they expire at the end of this year. The allotment holders were aware that the provision of allotments was temporary and were informed earlier this year that this was likely to be the final year of such use. We appreciate that a lot of energy has gone into cultivating the allotments over the years and the obvious disappointment with which this news was received.

There are no alternative allotment sites available at present but the Area Office will continue to investigate possible alternative locations in the area. If such a site is identified contact will be made with the present allotment holders in Weaver Square.

Contact: Brian Lyons, A/Administrative Officer, South Central Area

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Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why it is taking so long to allocate the voids in Pimlico? This is a high demand area and it's frustrating for those on your housing lists to see empty flats. (*details supplied*) is no 2 on the list has been enquiring about being selected for one of the void flats there.

Reply

There are three vacant properties in Pimlico at present, all of which are being refurbished. Two of these units are expected to become available for letting in late October and the remaining unit should become available for letting in early December.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankq.darcy@dublincity.ie

The applicant (*details supplied*) is currently on Band 1 of the housing waiting list with an Overall Welfare Priority for two bedroom accommodation with the following positions:

- 2 Band 1 for two bedroom accommodation in Area L (Clanbrassil, Pimlico, James St., Coombe/Maryland, Rialto, Dolphin's Barn)
- 4 Band 1 for two bedroom accommodation in Area N (Ranelagh, Terenure, Rathmines)

The Council has noted the applicant's interest in Pimlico flats.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to report on the works that were carried out in Ceannt Fort, McDowell Avenue, last week. I did try and find out who was responsible for the works (photo's attached) but Council were not aware of who carried out the works.

Residents are angry and frustrated that they were not notified of the works, access to their homes was difficult and dangerous especially for those with mobile difficulties.

Surely anyone intending to carry out works on our roads and footpaths must seek permission?

Reply

I have now been told by the Road Maintenance Engineer in the South Central Area that the works were not carried out in McDowell Avenue, Ceannt Fort by his section. It should be noted that Road Maintenance use blue traffic barriers and that the red barriers in your photograph do not belong to Road Maintenance.

As the work is now complete and the barriers removed I am unable to investigate this matter further. I would be grateful however if similar works in the area are brought to our attention in the future.

Contact: Brian Lyons, A/Administrative Officer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5245

Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Road Maintenance has checked their records and confirms that there have been no crews working in Ceannt Fort during this time period. Road Maintenance would issue a letter to residents prior to carrying out maintenance works as normal practice. Roadworks Control would issue a T2 permit to anyone who applies to open the public footpath or carriageway. Roadworks Control can be contacted on 222 2446 or roadworks.control@dublincity.ie

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager with regard to DCC tenant (*details supplied 1*) was a safety audit of his bedsit carried out and found to be non-compliant? He is desperate to be moved to more suitable accommodation in the complex. There are suitable voids at (*details supplied 2*). Can he please be considered for one of them?

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) is currently on Band 2 of the transfer waiting list for one-bedroom accommodation with the following positions:

- 44 Band 2 for one-bedroom accommodation in Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage)
- 79 Band 2 for one-bedroom accommodation in Area L (James St., Clanbrassil, Coombe/Maryland, Rialto, Dolphin's Barn)
- 65 Band 2 for one-bedroom accommodation in Area N (Ranelagh, Terenure, Rathmines)

2. The applicant (*details supplied*) interest in 17D, 32D, 1F and 11F is noted.

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.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Since the introduction of the Standards of Rented Houses in July of 2017, Housing Maintenance are carrying out conditional surveys of all of our units. Currently we have surveyed over 11,000 units with the remainder to be completed in 2019. Each unit is assessed and following on from this assessment some works may need to be carried on the unit.

Minor works are required at this property, which will take approximately 3 hours to complete, and arrangements will be made with the tenant to have these works carried out. These remedial works will be of minimal inconvenience to the tenant and they do not warrant a transfer to another unit.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Parks Section to act upon the commitment given last year (see question below) to prune and remove trees on (*details supplied*)?

Q62 Councillor Pat Dunne -20th September 2017

Can the Area Manager ask both our Parks and Street Lighting Sections to liaise together with a view to improving the street lighting on (*details supplied*)? Residents complain about inadequate street lighting as a result of the distances between the lights and the presence of clusters of trees, some of these trees are blocking light.

Reply

Pruning can take place this year and will be scheduled over the winter. If there is a particular problem with an individual tree, details of the address can be submitted to the email below to allow further inspection.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide a report on the current opening/closing hours for Crumlin Swimming pool?

Reply

The current opening hours for Crumlin Pool are Thursdays 1-2pm which caters for the senior citizen's swim and Saturdays 10am-5.45pm which caters for public swimming. This provision will continue until works commence in the coming weeks. A contractor has been assigned to complete the refurbishment and is currently working on a schedule of works. We envisage that the duration of works will take us early into next year, approximately 12-14 weeks of work.

Contact: Ger Carty, Senior Sports Development Officer & Water Safety Officer, Sports and Recreation Services.

Tel: 222 7858.

Email: gerard.carty@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager request the relevant section to arrange to remove an old electricity/street lighting pole which is no longer in use but dangerously rusted from (*details supplied*).

Reply

This is a ventilation pipe on the public foul sewer on (*details supplied*). Drainage Division will examine the vent in the coming days and, if no longer required, will arrange for its removal.

Contact: Dominic Molony, Executive Engineer, Drainage Services

Tel: 222 4270

Email: dominic.molony@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Parks Section to replace the young tree which was vandalised and removed from (*details supplied*)?

Reply

A replacement tree will be planted here before the end of March 2019.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Development Section to report on the progress in developing Older Persons Accommodation on the site at (*details supplied*)?

Reply

Dublin City Council is currently preparing a brief for the development of this site for older person's accommodation. When the brief is finalised we will then select an AHB, via the Protocol for Approved Housing Bodies, to carry out and oversee the development.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, SEO, Housing Development

Tel: 222 6114

Email: dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager 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 83 properties assigned to contractors in the south central area. Of those 83 properties, 80 are assigned to contractors and three are being refurbished by direct labour. It is expected that all these units will be completed and available for allocation before Christmas.

A further 46 properties have been refurbished and await allocation.

A detailed list of all properties will be forwarded to the councillor.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Traffic Enforcement Section if the private car rental company who operate "Go Cars" are required to pay parking fees when parked in a disc parking zone.

Reply

GoCar pay for a yearly parking permit for each vehicle parked on-street in pay and display locations.

Contact: Christopher Carroll, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement

Tel: 222 2501

Email: christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council work with the OPW to stop the practice of all day parking which is currently taking place at the access road for John of God's Special School / Gael Scoile, Inchicore, off South Circular Road. The current situation has become intolerable for families dropping off / collecting children from the above schools. The double yellow lines / disabled spots are a free for all. The current construction on the Clancy Barracks Site / Kennedy Wilson has brought this issue to a head. Can we contact the developers and ask that staff refrain from parking on the access road / double yellow lines?

Reply

A copy of the Councillor's request has been forwarded to the OPW for its attention.

Contact: Brian Lyons, A/Administrative Officer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5245

Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that the Housing Department look at the enclosed case (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on this matter was sent to the Councillor.

Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can I be given an update on the following (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on this matter was sent to the Councillor.

Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that the following case be urgently looked at (*details supplied*)

Reply

A report on this matter was sent to the Councillor.

Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that the broken tree be removed from the Cloiginn Road Open space in Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, and a series of clustered trees be planted in this open space in the upcoming planting season.

Reply

The broken tree at this location has now been removed. New trees will be planted on the space before the end of March 2019.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that DCC Parks Department give serious consideration from De La Salle GAA club for the allocation / utilisation of the former Drumfinn Celtic Football Pitch on Rossmore Road / Californian Hills Park. This allocation would bring a lot of passive security to this end of the park, where much anti-social behaviour has taken place.

Reply

Clubs can contact Parks and Landscape Services at parks@dublincity.ie to show their interest in suitable locations and to detail requirements.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that I be given an update on the transfer application of (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on this matter was sent to the Councillor

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that the following works be completed as a matter of urgency. (*details supplied*) applied for a drive-way dishing approx. 18 months ago. He got all the paper-work required from a solicitor stating the current drive in to the garden is in location approx. 30 to 40 years ago. However, he cannot seem to get the dishing completed. He is well aware he has to pay for this work, can I ask this work be completed as a matter of urgency.

Reply

Road Maintenance inspected this location in December 2016 and noted that there was a clash between a tree (*details supplied*) and the proposed dishing. This matter was referred to the Parks Section who advised that a request should be made to remove the tree by the applicant to the Parks Department back in October 2017. My Inspector passed this information onto (*details supplied*). This is currently a matter for the Parks Department to advise on.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer.

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Parks and Landscape Services have contacted the resident to facilitate the removal of the tree so that the dishing can take place.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435 Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can I ask that the following case be looked at (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on this matter was sent to the Councillor

Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that I be given an update on the following housing transfer application (*details supplied*). (*details supplied*) who is awaiting a transfer to an older person's unit for the past 18 months be considered for the next available unit in the Bluebell Area.

Reply

The applicant applied for the Financial Contribution Scheme in 2017. The applicant's interest has been noted in the Bluebell Area. At present there are other home owners who applied before the applicant and who are also interested in being housed under the terms of the Financial Contribution Scheme in the same area as the applicant.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that the large concrete section barrier on Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, next to the bridge on Kylemore Road be replaced as a matter of urgency before some falls down to the Grand Canal Flood plain. This concrete section has steel protruding onto the public footpath.

Reply

Road maintenance visited the site yesterday, removed the steel cable and repositioned the concrete barrier into position.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & SC Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager if public lighting can be improved at (*details supplied*). I have been informed that the area is a hot spot for anti-social behaviour and illegal drug dealing.

Reply

We have examined (*details supplied*) and the lighting levels are to standard. However, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Contact: Dale Donnelly, Graduate Engineer, Public Lighting

Tel: 222 4682

Email: dale.donnelly@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Michael Molloly

To ask the Area Manager that I am seeking a detailed report on Dublin City Council's engagement with St. Patrick's Athletics' proposal for the development of St. Michael's

Estate, the extent to which that proposal was examined and considered as well as setting out why the current proposal for the development of St. Michael's estate was favoured.

Reply

The redevelopment of St Michael's Estate was part of the City Council's Housing Land Initiative that was approved by the elected members of the Council in January 2017 and included two other schemes at O'Devaney Gardens, Dublin 7 and at Oscar Traynor Road in Coolock. The planned housing mix for each scheme was 50% Private Housing, 30% Social Housing and 20% Affordable Housing and they were to be developed by way of a public/private partnership arrangement. The two other schemes have been significantly progressed but the St Michael's scheme was delayed mainly because there were unresolved property ownership issues on the Emmet Road side of the site. During this period the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) discussed the possibility of a different development model and there were also discussions with the Department of Housing and Planning about the possibility of a revised Housing Mix to include the Cost Rental Model of housing which is a common concept in other European countries and cities.

In June 2018 the Feasibility Study was further considered to re-examine the residential component of the St Michael's scheme having regard to the newly published Guidelines for Planning Authorities on apartment standards. Dublin City Council, in consultation with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, has identified the land at Inchicore as an option for a cost-rental project. The development is now being considered for a revised tenure mix of 30% Social Housing and 70% Cost Rental with a possible 10% of this 70% being reserved for Affordable Purchase. The Minister for Housing and Planning confirmed the Cost Rental approach and for Dublin City Council to directly arrange for the overall development of this land in July when he visited the site and made the announcement. Since then the Housing Strategic Policy Committee and the full City Council have strongly endorsed this proposal.

A proposal from the St Patrick's Athletic Football was submitted to Dublin City Council earlier this year and they understood that a separate proposal had already been approved by the Council for the land at St Michael's. A preliminary assessment was carried out by our Planning Department. It was assessed in terms of the specific policies and objectives of the City Development Plan including the land use zoning and the guiding principles set down for SDRA 9, as well as relevant Government Planning Guidelines:

The site of the proposed development is zoned Z14: 'to seek the social, economic and physical development and/or rejuvenation of an area of mixed use, of which residential and 'Z6' would be the predominant uses'. The site is also included within the lands identified as Strategic Development and Regeneration Area 9, St Michael's Estate, in the City Development Plan. Since, the St Michael's Estate lands comprise an important public housing regeneration site, any redevelopment proposal must be assessed in context of the Z14 zoning objective for the lands, the guiding principles for the SDRA, as well as all other relevant policies and objectives in the Development Plan.

The Z14 zoning objective seeks mixed-use development on the site in particular residential and enterprise/employment generating uses. A range of uses are permitted or open for consideration on Z14 lands, subject to the proposed uses being consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. A stadium does not fit into any of the identified land use categories and therefore would

need to be assessed on its own merits, to determine if it was in accordance with the overall policies and objectives of the Development Plan and otherwise consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. However, it was noted by the Planning Department that the stadium would not promote the particular classes of the use identified for the land use zones and therefore it is considered that it would not be consistent with the overall intent of the Z14 zoning objective.

It is considered that the significant scale of retail proposed by St Patrick's Athletics (in excess of 8,000m³) would constitute a material contravention of the Z14 zoning objective and hence the Development Plan as the zoning only permits a limited amount of retail, i.e. 'a neighbourhood shop'. Furthermore, it is considered that the scale and location of the retail development as proposed would undermine the established retail core centred on Inchicore Village and diminish the likelihood of attracting inward investment to the village. Therefore, the retail component of the development would be in contrary to the retail strategy for Dublin City. In addition, the absence of any uses that would support and generate enterprise, innovation, creativity, research and development would be contrary to and in conflict with the Z14 zoning objectives.

It is important to note that if such a proposal was to be given further consideration it would mean abandoning the current approved proposal for the site and setting out on a totally new direction including a complex Public Procurement process which would likely delay the development of the site for several more years.

Contact: Sandra McAleer, Project Manager, Housing & Community Dept
Tel: 222 5153
Email: sandra.mcaleer@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Michael Mollooly

To ask the Area Manager to set out the number of litter wardens for the South Central Area, the number of littering and illegal dumping prosecutions for the area for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018. Set out the result of those prosecutions which have been concluded and the number of ongoing prosecutions.

Reply

Two Litter Wardens are assigned to the South Central Area from Monday to Friday. Additional Litter Wardens are assigned to the South Central Area at weekends to deal with dumping in known litter blackspot locations. All illegally dumped bags are removed and each bag is searched for evidence in order to issue fines. Extra staff are also available to deal with specific issues relating to litter in the South Central Area.

Year	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Cancelled on appeal	Prosecutions initiated	Convictions obtained	Out of court settlements	Notices issued under Section 9
2016	269	106	48	92	13	6	6
2017	317	130	49	63	22	8	1
2018 To end Aug.	159	69	19	19	3	1	0

Legal proceedings are progressing in the case of 52 unpaid fines.

Contact: *Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.*

Tel: 222 4243

Email: *Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie*

Q37 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager for a full report of the power washing at the Ballyfermot shops, this should include upper and lower Ballyfermot shops and Decies Road shops. Can the Manager confirm when the power washing took place, when the next one is due and if the job is carried out by DCC staff or contractors?

Reply

A full intensive wash was carried out by an approved contractor between late April and early May at the following locations:

- Ballyfermot Road Shopping precinct from, Father Le Mass Court to the end of the strip.
- Le Fanu Road Shopping Precinct to Grange Cross and Ballyfermot Road (The 79)
- Claddagh Green Shopping Precinct

Discretionary Funds were used to the value of €22,722.70

Contact: *Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area*

Tel: 222 5117

Email: *anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie*

Q38 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to provide an education programme for the schools in the proximity of the new Belly Bins that have been installed.

Reply

An integral part of the Green Schools programme, rolled out in just under 300 schools in the Dublin City Council administrative area, is the Litter and Waste theme. While working on this theme the school will discuss and identify problems relating to litter within their school as well as the wider community.

Before the school achieves Green Flag status they are visited by the Green Schools Officer. During this visit litter management and waste prevention is discussed with the students. Going forward, these visits will also include information about the new Belly Bins.

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Q39 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager the cost of the old bulk waste collection for the Dublin South Central Area in the past when DCC offered the service, and also the cost around the build-up for Halloween and the aftermath of the Halloween period.

Reply

The old free city wide household bulky waste collection service generally operated for approximately 8 months of the year with the entire city area being covered once every three years. It was not available to certain residents such as apartment block

tenants or residents of private estates etc. This free service was discontinued as the associated costs had become unsustainable and had reached approximately €500,000.00 per year. In addition, it was considered that its provision 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 free service was replaced by 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 and is available to all household residents.

The cost of the free bulky waste service cannot be broken down by any specific area but as stated it was estimated that each year cost €500,000.00 with a complete cycle costing €1.5m over the three-year period.

The cost of providing services from the Waste Management Dept. in relation to the removal of bonfire materials in 2017 was in the region of €5,000 for the provision of on call staff operating in 2 teams based north and south of the city from 6am – 10pm for 10 days in the lead up to Halloween night.

The cost of waste disposal for stockpiled materials recovered was borne by the Waste Management Dept. at a total cost of approximately €26,000 for the disposal of 450 tonnes of a variety of materials recovered including hazardous materials such as tyres.

As the services to manage the Halloween period are provided from a variety of departments including Parks and Landscape Services, Housing and Area departments there are additional costs incurred by these departments for the direct provision of services and other Halloween related costs such as the organisation of diversionary events.

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Q40 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to confirm if a power washer was purchased using the Discretionary Fund allocated by Ballyfermot/Drimnagh councillors in 2017 and how many times has it been used and what area's it is used in?

Reply

€40,000 was made available to the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area for Shopping Precinct and Village Wash Schemes from the Cllrs Discretionary Fund in 2017. This was allocated accordingly using the expertise of an approved contractor. The question of purchasing a power wash vehicle for the South Central area was discussed at length and it was deemed to be more prudent to spend the allocation on a contract intensive clean. There was no commitment at any stage from the area to purchase or contribute to the funding of a wash vehicle due to resourcing and IR issues.

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Q41 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to confirm if Dog Litter Wardens (or Litter Wardens) are operating in the Drimnagh area. If not is it due to funding for staff?

Reply

Litter Wardens patrol the Drimnagh area on a daily basis, Monday to Friday. Additional Litter Wardens are assigned at weekends to deal with littering.

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Dog Wardens are not assigned to specific areas. There are 5 Dog Wardens who enforce the Control of Dogs Act for all of the Council's administrative area.

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Q42 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to get the drain repaired on the (*details supplied*). This is an issue for the residents as the noise from cars and trucks driving over it.

Reply

The manhole covers in question do not belong to Dublin City Council and have been referred to the utility owner for investigation and repair.

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Q43 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the removal of the bike stands at Benbulbin shops in Drimnagh, as they are causing anti-social problems.

Reply

It would be the preference of the Environment and Transportation Department to retain the cycle parking. We would recommend that this matter is referred to the Area Office for monitoring and should the concerns persist the matter should be referred to the Joint Policing Committee with the intention of establishing ways of deterring this behaviour.

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Q44 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager give an update on the issue of Knot Weed on the Rafters Lane site?

Reply

The development by WALK at Rafter's Lane has now commenced. As part of the development, the removal of knotweed was the first element to be addressed on the work programme. The knotweed has now been removed in accordance with the

appropriate regulation and method statement prepared. The treatment area has been de-mobilised and the site handed back to WALK to continue the construction programme.

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Q45 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to ask will DCC consider relocating the bicycle racks on Benbulbin Road as they are attracting anti-social behaviour?

Reply

It would be the preference of the Environment and Transportation Department to retain the cycle parking. We would recommend that this matter is referred to the Area Office for monitoring and should the concerns persist the matter should be referred to the Joint Policing Committee with the intention of establishing ways of deterring this behaviour.

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Q46 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed CCTV for Drimnagh?

Reply

As part of the 2018 Discretionary Funding the Councillors agreed to allocate €4,000 towards the provision of CCTV at Benbulbin Road and €10,000 for a CCTV system at Lissadel Road.

The Benbulbin Road project was initially delayed due to the introduction of new General Data Protection Regulations, which requires more in depth consultation with stakeholders and greater evidential support for the installation of such systems. Work on this aspect of the project has continued and is almost completed at this stage.

The original estimate received indicated that the allocated €4000 would substantially cover the costs. However, DCC's Electrical Services department have since advised that they will no longer allow CCTV to be mounted on Public Lighting poles or to use the supply to these poles to power CCTV systems. The engineer has stated that they are forbidden from acting as Third Party Electricity suppliers under their contract terms with ESB Networks. They also believe that installing CCTV on Public Lighting poles results in these poles becoming targets for vandals.

The original estimate had to be revised to include installation of a separate CCTV pole and associated Civil Works. Our CCTV contractor is also trying to get clarification from the ESB as to where he can connect into a power supply. As of yet, the ESB has failed to respond to his queries. Depending on the direction received from the ESB further cost may be applicable. Costs have now substantially increased for the provision of this system and we are currently exploring ways of meeting the shortfall in funding. Provided we can overcome the technical issues and can secure the extra funding required, we hope to have the CCTV installed shortly.

The installation of CCTV at Lissadel Road has not progressed as a result of similar issues to those occurring with the Benbulbin Road project. Furthermore, the Ard Scoil Eanna site development and the proposed redevelopment of the Lissadel Road maisonettes raise questions in relation to the appropriateness of the location and scope of the CCTV system. Accordingly, this project is unlikely to proceed this year and will need to be reviewed when proposals for the immediate area are forthcoming.

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Q47 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager has there been any response to DCC's application to the Department of Housing for funding to assist with the development of affordable housing in Cherry Orchard?

Reply

The City Council has submitted a funding application to the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government for development of Affordable Housing in Cherry Orchard and Ballymun and we are awaiting a response on funding to this submission. We are also awaiting guidelines and regulations to issue regarding the implementation of an Affordable Housing Scheme.

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Q48 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager what progress has been made in accessing a new builder to complete (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report has been sent to the Councillor.

Q49 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for a date when the windows in (*details supplied1*) will be replaced? The tenant (*details supplied2*) was informed it would be earlier this year but unfortunately there has been no progress on the matter.

Reply

This property is one of 64 houses assigned to a contractor for window replacement and is scheduled for installation in early December 2018 under this contract.

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Q50 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager how many times in 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018, have the DCC in Dublin South Central requested the Gardaí accompany them to rescue horses in the DSC area?

Reply

Dublin City Council does not request assistance from the Gardaí to rescue horses. However, at the discretion of our contractor assistance is requested for seizure of horse's operations from time to time.

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