

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to advise on results of Rathdown estate Terenure traffic survey.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to reinstate bins in the Dodder Park between Dartry and the Ely Arch.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to advise on provision of safe school crossing for Rathgar Junior school.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for this drain *details supplied to be unblocked before Christmas and obviously before this question is reached for reply.

For the past few months there have been renovations going on next door to us. There has been a lot of mud and dirt spilling out onto the footpath and into the drain. Some of my neighbours and I have been unable to park in front of our houses because of the mud and when it rains because of the flooding. Last week I had to go out and move my car to ensure the water wouldn't damage it. I had to wear a pair of crocs and shorts so I could actually get into the car as the water was that high. A few days ago the builders put up a new wall and there was wet cement out on the road and the drain is now looking even more blocked. I went out with a shovel myself to clear what I could off the road as the builders are disinterested but the drain needs to be unblocked as it's the only one down the whole left side of the estate. Parking is already a huge issue because of the school and this isn't helping.

Q.5 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the paving repaired on the south side of Kevin Street as the slabs are very loose in many places and are a trip hazard, particularly for the elderly and people with disabilities?

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager clarify whether individuals attending the recent seminar on street art at the Mansion House wore balaclavas and covered their faces up and made derogatory statements about Dublin City Council at this event?

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ensure that all residents and households within in the Cabbage Patch area, Kevin Street flats, Cathedral Lane, Cathedral View, Long Lane, New Street and Clanbrassil Street and all the businesses within the area are invited to be participants in the refurbishment and improvement project for the Cabbage Patch grounds in Kevin Street from the very outset. This process needs to be inclusive and transparent and must be led from the ground up.

Of primary importance here is how we are going to deal with the issue of criminality and anti-social behaviour by a certain group of individuals who have undermined the area.

This process must take place first before we initiate any plans or consultation process to improve the area. We have to rid the city once and for all of this kind of behaviour and execute zero tolerance on any individual or any group that thinks they can terrorise

a neighbourhood to the extent that has happened at the Cabbage Patch. There is simply no point in clearing this behaviour in this area for it to simply take hold in other areas by the same group.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager install doorways and gateways on the stairwells at Glovers Court? The residents in this block of flats have suffered greatly over the past number of years. There are issues of intimidation, wholesale drug use and drug selling within the stairwells and complex. People are regularly assaulted including passers-by and tourists. They are pelted with eggs or potatoes or balloons filled with water. On other occasions they are simply assaulted and robbed.

The residents in Glovers Court are at their wits end. Most recently thousands of euros worth of criminal damage was caused to the new hotel at Bow Lane when a number of their windows were smashed by ball bearings and air rifles. This is further intimidation of the workers on the building site here who are basically in fear of their lives and their personal safety. We have an obligation to manage our estates in an orderly fashion and not allow anti-social behaviour and criminality rule the day.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the delays on the precinct improvements for the Temple Bar area with particular reference to Temple Bar Square? The square is now in such a serious state of dilapidation that it would constitute a danger to the public and warrant listing on the dangerous structures within the city.

This is an appalling state of affairs given the amount of international tourists that visit this area.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the oversized Christmas tree and base that was placed by Dublin Town on South King Street? Many businesses in the area contacted me regarding this tree and its size and the fact that it was blocking the street and blocking their premises from view. Also the fact that they were not informed that this oversized tree was to be erected on the street. They felt that this was duplication and a great waste of their hard earned money.

There was also concerns around emergency vehicle access to this area. There were also complaints around people urinating and using the base of the tree as a public convenience.

Further, a lot of residents in this area were concerned because it blocked the view on the street and gave rise to anti-social behaviour, criminality and fear for one's personal safety.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of placing bollards at the edge of the footpaths on the Ross Road North facing side? This footpath is being used for parking vehicles day and night. Some evenings it is impossible for wheelchair users to use this side of the street. In the day time it is also being used and the street becomes blocked. It is right beside the children's playground and it becomes a danger as motorists driving on the road cannot see if a small child will walk out from behind a car that is parked on the footpath.

There are already many cars parking legally on Ross Road which is a very small space. Also, there is a private carpark with a gate on Ross Road and many of the residents in this complex are finding it very difficult to enter and exit this carpark as a result of cars and large jeeps parking close to the gates and on the footpath outside.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Given the issues that are constantly being brought up by residents and businesses within the Temple Bar area regarding noise from legal and illegal busking and given the fact that Temple Bar area is predominantly a residential area with over 3,000 residents, can the manager initiate a plebiscite on the issue of continuing to designate the Temple Bar area as a busking zone?

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager investigate the illegal parking of cars in Digges Street flats that are associated with the builders constructing an office block in Cuffe Street? Many residents in Digges Street flats are complaining that the flats are full of cars that are illegal and they cannot park their own cars.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager install a children's play area within the Bishop Street flats complex? This complex is without any facility for young children to play in and many residents and families feel this is a great inequality and great disadvantage considering that Ross Road got one and Mercer House also received one. It is time to roll out a children's play area within Bishop Street flats. Can the manager initiate a feasibility study?

Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he can clarify when the repairs to the footpaths referred to in Question 10 of the December 2018 meeting will be carried out.

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will request the relevant council staff to undertake a review as to what, if any damage was done to the footpaths in the vicinity of Mornington Road, Ranelagh and the new hotel and any other building projects in that area and to ensure that all necessary repairs are carried out and paid for by any developer who has been responsible for same.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services do not sanction the release of the Planning & Development bond to any developer unless we are satisfied that any damage caused to roads or footpaths as the result of the development have been repaired at the developer's cost.

Contact:

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

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent about the traffic coming from Sydney Parade Train Station up Ailesbury Road to the lights at Merrion Road. The traffic lights from the DART station onto Merrion Road only last ten seconds. It takes five changes of lights to get traffic through which is now backing up onto the DART gates. His advice is to increase the timing to 30 seconds. His second suggestion is the filter lights going onto Merrion Road are being jammed up by buses and trucks thus holding up traffic behind them. This exit should be widened by up to three or four feet to ease that pressure.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have an extra seat placed in Sandymount Green at the rounded intersection opposite Sandymount House Pub. There is an existing seat there facing inwards towards the green but a second seat facing outwards through the railings towards the village would prove very popular. This would give a lovely recreational view of the comings and goings of the village. See attached photo,



Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent on Temple Road Dublin 6. He writes:

"We have an awful lot of old trees on the road that are not well maintained and we face regular flooding on the road because the dead leaves are not swept up properly by the council. There is paid parking until 1pm every day after which it is free parking and once 1pm comes a lot of cars are parked on the road for free as people drive to the area to get the LUAS with free parking. Recently the council had a road sweeper attempt to clean the leaves on the road. However, as it did not begin work until after 1pm it could not clean the leaves near the top of the road beside the LUAS. Surely the council should sweep the road in the morning when it is possible for the road sweeper to do its work. Unless the council come out and clean the leaves we will face another three months of flooding until the next road sweep is scheduled."

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

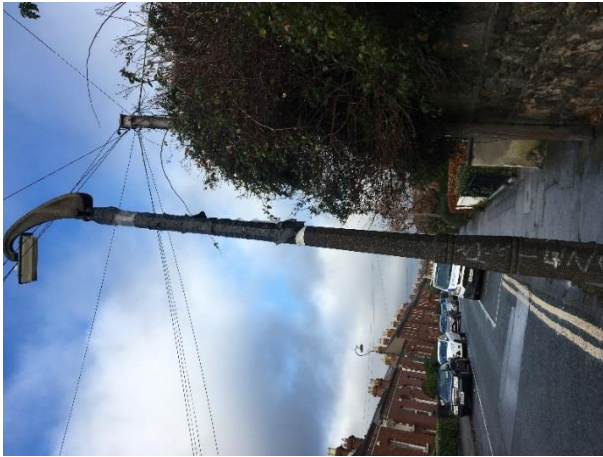
To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a Ranelagh constituent. He writes:

"The issue that I want to bring to your attention is the state of the streets and roads as the Dublin City Council seem to have given up on clearing the leaves from the gutters and shore in the roads. Many of the drains around us are totally blocked from the fallen leaves and yesterday even after a short sharp shower most of the roads had large puddles of water, in most cases at the corners where the leaves totally blocked the drains. Mountain View Road at the junction of Beechwood Road is a constant problem as is the junction of Merton Drive and the main Sandford Road. So why is this simple task not undertaken? I cycle to work and from that point of view these large puddles are very dangerous as you cannot see if there is a pothole under the water or some other obstruction. Cars have to drive around these puddles and people walking past are likely to get drenched from some uncaring drivers who go too fast. All over the city I see examples of the leaf problem, quite a simple one, just clear them up. Leeson Park is a good example also, loads of leaves and blocked drains at junctions. It's not a new happening so why is it not dealt with? I would like to advise that my wife has filled over 20 bags of leaves from the road beside our house, which were collected

by the council but what about the areas where this does not happen. And why does the council opt out of this problem."

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on Lower Beechwood Avenue Ranelagh. The lampposts are in a terrible condition and some have plastic wrapping on them. There are 7 or 8 of them all in the same state. Can the manager give a time frame for replacing these old lamp standards with new ones as clearly these poles have come to the end of their natural life span? (Pic to follow.)



Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issues related to Dartmouth Square Park in Ranelagh.

- A. When will the railing be repainted and extra seating be provided for the community?
- B. Is extra planting being considered for the park?
- C. When will the pathway around the park be redone?

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue regarding drainage on the road adjacent to the AIB bank in Sandymount.

He writes:

"As you can see the water feature courtesy of Dublin City Council (DCC) and SIAC still remains at AIB Sandymount despite assurances (July 2017) via yourself from hydraulic expert in DCC to tell staff that water doesn't go uphill and fix it. I know big bodies move slowly but.

I'm in communication with RSA in Ballina about the complete dog's dinner DCC made of this job with end result of transforming a reasonably safe crossing with good visibility to both pedestrians and motorists into a nil visibility death trap just because some in DCC never asked Dublin Bus how much space was needed for one of their buses to get around Sandymount Road onto Seafort Avenue. It needs fixing before the emergency services are scraping some unfortunate off the road and given DCC metered parking situation at Ryans side it'll be probably be a child in a buggy or wheelchair user." (Pic to follow.)

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have graffiti removed from the road sign on the entrance to Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give a time frame for the replacement of the all- weather carpet for the Bowling Club in Herbert Park. They have applied for the sports grant and it is vital for the future of the club that the necessary works are undertaken as soon as possible.

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent living in Cullenswood Park, Ranelagh. He writes:

“Cullenswood Park is a terrace of 12 houses (built c1938) in a cul-de-sac off the main road through Ranelagh village and faces the back of the Royal Hospital Donnybrook. The sewerage system for the houses is under a lane at the rear of the houses. The concrete surface of the lane must be at least 50 years old and is disintegrating, probably due to the volume and weight of traffic (cars on a daily basis, vans frequently and trucks occasionally) for which it was neither designed or constructed. In the last few years there have been several blockages in the sewerage system, where gravel is the main culprit probably due to cracked pipes.

When we've tried to discuss the problem with DCC, they say the lane is private. There is no folio for the lane area as it's not registered, so we cannot find out who the owner is. We believe the problem is that, while the council have provided the sewerage system under the lane (and manholes and lighting on the lane), the lane has never legally been 'taken in charge' by the council. We would be interested in finding out if the houses on Sandford Road which back onto the same lane use the same sewerage system. Hence the request for the plan.

Q.26 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he can ask the Traffic Department to check if the new solid fencing around the property as you exit Peter Place does not create a visual barrier and a danger for motorists exiting.

Q.27 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the surface of the playground in Macken Villas repaired or replaced as residents feel it is unsafe and a trip hazard.

Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the increased number of rats in St. Andrews Court treated and put in place an ongoing plan to deter rats from the courtyard where the kids are playing?

Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the trees which roots are breaking up the footpaths replaced with smaller trees on Bishop Street as two elderly people have tripped there recently, and have railings similar to the rest of the railings around Bishop Street installed at the corner at pedestrian crossing on Kevin Street?

Q.30 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager confirm that checks are being carried out so that disc parking permits are not being abused in Bishop Street, Digges Street and Cuffe Street as the parking is tight enough and should be only for residents or visitors to residents short term?

Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager have a new door installed at details supplied?

Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager treat the rats in Cuffe Street and Digges Street flats treated and clear out the old shoots and either knock them or allow residents use them for storage and arrange to have the bin storage area improved as they appear to be just thrown in the corner and are encouraging rats?

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

That the manager increases the height of the railings around Cuffe Street and Digges Street flats as the existing low railings are allowing and facilitating significant anti-social behaviour from people using the huge amount of pubs and restaurants across the road on Aungier Street and Camden Street which is getting busier and making things worse for residents and that CCTV would be considered for these four block of flats.

Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please address the issue of speeding and rat running on Curzon Street, Portobello. A number of car mirrors and car doors have been damaged by cars speeding through this narrow street at peak times.

Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please take further action to address the ongoing issue of illegal dumping in Portobello Harbour? I raised this issue a year ago and some action was taken, but the problem has arisen again.

Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please provide a full list of streets in the Pembroke South Dock area that have received replacement LED public lighting to date, and can he provide a list of streets that will receive replacement bulbs in 2019.

Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for a full list of development levies paid in the Pembroke South Dock area in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Can the list include what developments the levies came from, how much the levies were, and what this money funded?

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the area manager please provide an update on the redevelopment of the following vacant sites?

- Site on the junction of Luke Street and Townsend Street
- Site at the top of Clanbrassil Street (adjacent to Vincent Street South Flats and Leonards Corner, disposed of in 2016 / 2017)
- Site on Moss Street

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the area manager please outline what discussions and consultations have taken place between Dublin City Council and the NTA with regards to the plans to demolish Markievicz Leisure Complex to facilitate Metro Link? Can he outline what alternative arrangements are in place to relocate the leisure centre should this proceed? Can the manager also confirm whether there are council tenants residing in the College Gate apartment complex and if so what are the plans for re-housing these tenants should the project proceed? Can the manager also confirm if alternative site have been considered to facilitate Metro Link in this area?

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the following cycle routes:

- Clonskeagh to City Centre cycle route
- Completion of the Grand Canal Cycle Route

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the below motions and questions:

April 2018:

Q36. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please provide an update on the progress of the following motion that was agreed on April 10th 2017. Since the motion was agreed, aside from one phone call from the planning office in June 2017, there has been no follow up correspondence regarding this motion and the process and action taken to make such a variation to the Docklands Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to initiate the process by which a variation to Docklands SDZ can be made in order to provide for the long term protection of the Graving Docks in Grand Canal Dock.

Reply:

The Planning Department emailed Councillor Byrne with an update on 8th August 2017 to advise that a meeting had been held with the CEO of Waterways Ireland to discuss their plans for Plot 19 including the graving docks in the context of the SDZ Scheme and the conservation of the docks.

Waterways Ireland subsequently appointed a conservation consultant to carry out a full conservation assessment of the graving docks. This assessment is being supplemented by an archaeological test trending report.

It is understood that these reports are currently being finalised, and will provide for the retention of all 3 graving docks in situ as part of the sensitive redevelopment of Plot 19 incorporating public realm, community and other uses. A representative from Waterways Ireland will be enlisted to make a presentation to the next South East Area Meeting.

Contact:

John O Hara, A/Dublin City Planner, Planning & Property Development Department, tel.: 222 3813, email: john.ohara@dublincity.ie

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he could please address the following issues in Shelbourne Park / Ringsend Road Area:

- Litter and lack of street cleaning – can the manager provide the cleaning schedule for this area
- Provision of litter bins – in particular near the Dublin Bikes stands on South Dock Road next to Arup and Barrow Street.
- Noise pollution from the Shelbourne Park Race Track and bin collection trucks and how can such incidents be reported

- The provision of dog litter bins in the area in particular at the grassed area in front of the gas transfer station on South Lotts and on South Dock Road near to the river / canal basin.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the plans for addressing the traffic issues in Lansdowne Park, in particular the below queries:

223 90047831 SP_36687 LANSDOWNE PARK (SE) Traffic Calming on the road. 24/02/2017 11:2

224 90047832 SP_36688 LANSDOWNE ROAD (SE) No Right Turn (Rescind) Rescind the No Right Turn from Pembroke Road onto Lansdowne Road to reduce the through traffic on Lansdowne Park.

307 90051230 SP_40132 LANSDOWNE PARK (SE) Double Yellow Lines DYLS opposite 69 Lansdowne park 07/09/2017 12:09

Q.44 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the area manager if she can please provide a full list of road resurfacing projects planned for 2018 and 2019 in the south east area.

Q.45 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for an update on the extension of the Grand Canal cycle way, a summary of the issues delaying the work, and a date when the work will be completed by.

Q.46 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for details of the dog poo only bins inside parks in the south east area.

Q.47 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to install a contra-flow bike lane on Werburgh Street to support cycling in the city centre.

Q.48 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to respond to the issue raised in the email below

<https://www.google.ie/maps/@53.329974,-6.2633349,3a,75y,169h,84.88t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1silq2wuz5DhtjLZGfV-p4qQ!2e0!7i16384!8i8192>

I wonder if this junction could be revised. While there is a pedestrian refuge, the total width of Mountpleasant Avenue Lower at this point is approximately 25 metres.

I use the location about once per week and vehicular traffic tends to enter / exit Mountpleasant Avenue Lower at speeds that are intimidating to pedestrians.

Q.49 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for an update on the two motions relating to a bus gate at Rathmines Road.

Q.50 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide an update on motion 6 from the meeting on December 10th.

Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange for new windows to be installed at details supplied as they are not opening and closing as they should be and are a fire hazard?

Q.52 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to request the Traffic engineers to conduct a detailed review of safety for school children in the vicinity of Rathgar Junior School.

Q.53 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for footpath repairs on Greenlea Road, Greenlea Avenue, Greenlea Park and Greenlea Drive.

Q.54 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for weed removal and street cleaning of Templemore Avenue together with repair of potholes from course of speed ramps.

Q.55 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to itemise 2019 works programme for footpath reinstatement and road improvement.

Q.56 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can refuse be removed from Dartry and Dodder parks?

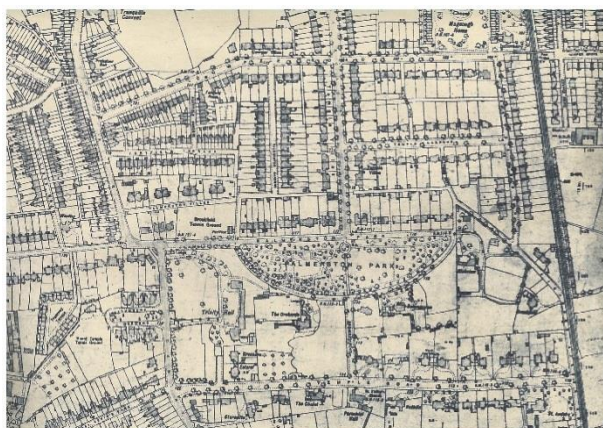
Q.57 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the council provide any information on the Health Services Executive moving out of the Ranelagh Medical Centre and if they have any role in same?

Q.58 Councillor Claire O'Connor

This motion seeks additional funding beyond the current annual expenditure for Palmerston Park in connection with the Conservation and Management Plan 2013 prepared by Howley Hayes Architects.

See Dublin City Council Palmerston Park <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture-dublin-city-parks-visit-park/palmerston-park>



Ordnance Survey MAP of Palmerston Park

By 1909 the park appears largely as it is today. Designed by William Sheppard who also designed the park at St. Stephen's Green.

Since 2013 the pond and park shelter have been restored to great effect.

There are concerns about the trees, particularly in light of storm damage in recent years.

Page 14 of the Howley Hayes Report states that the arborist's list of trees *included 37 species of trees and 12 shrub types.*

The report also refers to the following articles which are contained within the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Florence Charter (published 21 May 1981) and they address the conservation of gardens:

*“Art 1: An historic garden is an architectural and **horticultural composition** of interest to the public from the historical or artistic point of view. As such, it is to be considered as **a monument.***

*Art 2: The historic garden is an architectural composition whose constituents are **primarily vegetal** and therefore living, which means that they are perishable and renewable.*

Art 4: The architectural composition of the historic garden includes:

- Its plan and topography*
- Its vegetation, including its species, proportions, colour schemes, spacing and respective heights.*
- Its structural and decorative features. • Its water, running or still, reflecting the sky.*

*Art 10: **In any work of maintenance, conservation, restoration or reconstruction of an historic garden, or any part of it, all its constituent features must be dealt with simultaneously. To isolate the various operations would damage the unity of the whole.***

*Art 11: **Continuous maintenance** of historic gardens is of paramount importance.*

*Since the principal material is vegetal, the preservation of the garden in an unchanged condition requires **both prompt replacements when required and a long-term programme of periodic renewal (clear felling and replanting with mature specimens).***

Art 21: The work of maintenance and conservation, the timing of which is determined by season, and brief operations which serve to restore the garden's authenticity, must always take precedence over the requirements of public use.

Palmerston Park is a centrepiece of one of the finest and most intact examples of Late-Victorian urban design in the city.

CONDITION & USE

*Overall, the park is a well-preserved and intact example of a Victorian park, however its structures and **planting would benefit from immediate intervention to conserve them into the future...** Trees and shrubs planted in the late nineteenth century, alongside those planted at later dates and that have self-seeded, have been found to be putting the historic park structures at risk. A programme of removal that would be in addition to those trees identified in the recent arborist's report would not adversely affect the overall character of the park, while helping to extend the longevity of the built heritage”.*

Current condition of Trees

Many trees have broken branches and crossing branches at high level which require maintenance by a sensitive tree surgeon.

The trees on the central path between Palmerston and Orchard Roads need attention. One has been partially cut down. Some trees were pollarded at some time but then allowed to grow to a considerable height. The branches which grew from the pollarded level are thus weak. New mature trees should be planted here.

The area of the park at the north east corner has fallen trees and needs to be replanted. While we understand that fallen trees can be a habitat for insects, this area looks unsightly and needs to be replanted.

It is vital that the existing trees are maintained properly (Article 10) and a careful programme of planting semi-mature trees is put in place and that this be done simultaneously (Article 11) to maintain this horticultural composition (Article 1).

Q.59 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To have radiators fixed in hallway and bedroom of *details supplied. Someone called out from the council to fix them, but they just bled them and the problem returned a few day later. Possible new radiators needed or blockage in the pipes. Please can you follow this up and have radiators fix properly. The lady's flat is freezing cold.

Q.60 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to help *details supplied. She is badly in need of a small area to store her flowers in the evenings. I have some suggestions if you can contact me to discuss. She presently stores the flowers in David Marshall's hair salon door entrance which is about 4 foot by 3 foot, but she is getting older and is not able to work the long hours she used to, but David Marshal close late and she has to wait until they lock up before she can finish.

Q.61 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate why *details supplied does not seem to be moving on the Transfer List? She is situated as of last week at 162 for area L and on the list 10 years?

Q.62 Councillor Chris Andrews

In 2007 Dublin City Council presented plans to residents of Conway Court for the redevelopment of the site and the delivery of new apartments for residents. Bearing in mind the work and support residents in Conway Court had at the time for the project will the manager revisit these plans and state if they could be reactivated and redevelop this site so that residents have modern accommodation?

Q.63 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager put a plan in place and take action against the growing number of council tenants who are selling drugs and facilitating addicts hanging around Ross Road / Bride Road / Bride Street and can the manager state how many flats are idle in this area while tenants are serving time in prison?

Q.64 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Recently while [details supplied] was in hospital the fire brigade broke down her front door. This was because her home help did not know that she was in hospital and was concerned that something was wrong. The council has since installed a new door. However, this is an inside door which is unsuitable as a front door and presents serious security concerns. The resident is concerned for her safety because she does not feel

that the new door is sufficiently secure. She is also concerned that the new door is too small for the frame and lets in the cold. To ask the manager to install a suitably appropriate new front door to this property as a matter of urgency.

Q.65 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the November 2018 SEAC meeting I asked the following question and received the following answer:

“Q.26 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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 27th 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 Iarnród 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 SEAC. However, notwithstanding the considerable improvement, a 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 Iarnród Éireann completes this job and resolves to write to Iarnród 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 a coloured map 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, which clearly delineates thereon 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.

Reply:

- a) Maps indicating those areas named above within the remit of Dublin City Council will be provided by our Roads Technician. Maps indicating those areas within the remit of Irish Rail were requested from Irish Rail on 6th November 2018. Their reply indicates that the points from A to B on the map below are in the ownership of CIE.



- b) Waste Management Services have made arrangements to have the parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council cleaned.
- c) The public footpath is not under the maintenance of Parks Services.

Contact:

- a) Ronnie Hamilton, Senior Executive Technician, Roads Division, tel.: 222 2546, email: ronnie.hamilton@dublincity.ie
- b) Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services Division, tel.: 222 4240, email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

- c) *Michael Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks and Landscaping Services, tel.: 222 3434, email: parks@dublincity.ie*

However, despite the reply received I cannot see any delineation from A to B on the Irish Rail map and separately I have not received any maps indicating those areas within the remit of Dublin City Council either from the Roads Technician or otherwise. Therefore, to ask the manager:

- (i) Please provide the Irish Rail map with the delineation from A to B marked clearly on it;
- (ii) Please provided the maps indicating those areas named within the remit of Dublin City Council which were to have been provided by the Roads Technician;
- (iii) If the public footpath is not under the maintenance of Parks Services, please identify the department with Dublin City Council which does have responsibility for it;
- (iv) If the answer to (iii) above is that no department within Dublin City Council has responsibility for it, then who does?

Q.66 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the April 2018 Dublin City Council meeting I submitted the following question and received the reply which follows it:

Q.111 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

E&T *To ask the Chief Executive regarding my previous Council question 65 for March which I received the response below:*

Q.65 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to take all necessary remedial measures to address the problems from the grass area which runs alongside the Grand Canal, parallel to The Moorings apartment complex, Portobello which is in an appalling condition. As evidenced by the attached photograph, it creates a serious risk of falls for pedestrians. It is also dangerous for cyclists (who use this path despite the fact that such usage is prohibited) and an eyesore. To ask the Chief Executive to address this problem and to provide a report to the Council as to what these measures constitute.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area is not within the remit of Dublin City Council. It is the responsibility of Waterways Ireland who may be contacted directly at Eastern Region, Floor 2, Block C, Ashtowngate, Navan Rd, Dublin 15, D15 Y3EK or phone number 8680148.

Contact: Mark Jones, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3701
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However, the problem is caused by Dublin City Council because the reason why the grass area is in such bad condition (see photo attached) is because every morning council officials drive along this path to empty bins – these vehicles create the tracks evident in the photos. Of course it is quite proper that the bins must be emptied but I formally ask the Chief Executive to work with Waterways Ireland to bring about an appropriate solution (which may include provision of a gravel path, or an alternative method to emptying the bins

in this area). Simply outsourcing the issue to Waterways Ireland is not acceptable when the Council has a major causative role in the problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Waste Management Division will work with Waterways Ireland to identify and implement a workable solution to this issue to ensure that damage to the grass area caused by bin servicing is minimised or eliminated while continuing to provide the service.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Division
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The resident who first raised this issue has now recently reverted as follows:

- *The green margin continues to be eroded by cyclists and the council van which has continued to drive long this path in the mornings despite the previous note which suggested this would be addressed;*
- *Instead of addressing the actual issue some gravel was thrown where the grass was which looked terrible but has predictably disappeared as the cyclists and vans continue; and*
- *the problem has been further compounded by additional soil which was added between the jetty and the path (I have no idea why this was added). But it has helped flood the path consistently as the rain now have nowhere to go, which means the path is no longer fit for its intended purpose and pedestrians now also walk on the green margin. The condition is now so bad people walk along the apartments using my balcony as a hand rail.*

Please see relevant photos below, which illustrate the situation. The situation is unacceptable at present with Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland each taking no effective action. To ask the Manager to address this situation urgently and to implement a long-term solution without delay.



Q.67 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the issues raised by a resident of the Christchurch area on behalf of a local group in respect of proposed injection centres in the area:

"I represent a group in the Christchurch area who are concerned about the proposed injection centres in the area.

As you know there is already a high crime level in the area, and anti-social activity every day including on street drug dealing.

We strongly object to the Merchants Quay injection centres proposal being debated by Dublin City Council at the moment.

The "kitchen table" group agreed to bring all the following points to you, with the hope that you will write to Dublin City Council and object to this proposal.

Specifics:

- We feel that the community has not been consulted.*
- We feel that the concentration of facilities in this area already attracts high levels of drug dealing and anti-social activities.*
- We suggest that a hospital is more appropriate as they have security on the street, and a buffer area of a car park and large entrances. Injection centres next door to residential areas means heroin users getting high and passing out in our doorways etc.*
- We have very serious concerns about the Gardaí's ability to enforce the law in the neighbourhood in the event of an injection centre being opened in Christchurch. There would potentially be a "non-enforcement zone" surrounding the injection centre. This is standard in other countries apparently, where drug users are not searched going into or out of the area. However, in other countries, there are no residential areas inside these "non-enforcement zones". We are HUGE supporters of the Gardaí and we are really grateful for their occasional patrols. We understand that they are underfunded in the area.*
- Tourism is already negatively affected by the anti-social element. Dublin Castle, Christchurch Cathedral, St. Patrick's, St. Werburgh's Church, St. Auden's Church, Old Dublin Wall, and other attractions are in the area and are not compatible with legalising drug injection centres.*
- Injection centres do not solve the problem of how drug users obtain money for heroin.*
- Injection centres do not solve the problem of crystal meth, crack cocaine and others which are increasingly a problem in the area (as all Gardaí in the area already know).*
- We strongly believe that while the intentions are good, this will increase crime in the area rather than decrease crime in the area."*

Q.68 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of street noise on Ringsend Road, emanating especially from Shelbourne Park stadium:

"There is an ongoing issue with noise from the customers of the Shelbourne Park Dog Track. Customers spill out of the venue and to the surrounding streets, and are really loud. This is all happening at 11 / 11.30 / 12 / 12.30 at night. There are sometimes coaches parked up outside people's houses (and not very far from their front doors, given the housing style), with engines running, waiting to collect people. There is also a littering issue associated with the people leaving the dog track - programmes, plastic glasses, bottles, fast food and glasses. I know that this is not a new issue and that the dog track management work with the residents' committee, including giving free tickets to events at the venue. However, nothing seems to be improving. I haven't seen any signs near the exit asking clients to respect residents, or any litter picking by the dog track employees. I'm quite tolerant, but this should be the

bare minimum to help address thoughtless drunks being really noisy at night and littering the area. It's also an issue from other places like Basil Pizza, but not on such a regular basis.

What can I do when the noise is unacceptable (level of noise, lateness of noise)? Should I contact the Gardaí? Environmental Noise department in Dublin City Council? Can the company operating Shelbourne Park Dog Track be encouraged to contribute to clearing up the litter that their business generates? Do they have any penalties for noise issues, and how are the noise issues measured? How about other businesses in the area?"

Q.69 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of commercial refuse collections and noise on Ringsend Road:

"The commercial refuse collectors are collecting rubbish in the middle of the night from local commercial premises, including 2am, 4am. This includes parking up on residential streets and waiting with the engine running, lifting skips, bottle bins. It's really noisy.

Is there any regulation governing acceptable timings on these collections, seeing as they are in what is also a residential area?"

Q.70 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of pedestrian / cyclist safety at and near Ringsend Bridge:

"I was in touch with Dublin City Council and some of the councillors about the pathway on Ringsend Bridge. The issue I raised is that it's really, really unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. A few days ago I saw a man almost get hit extremely hard in the head by a bus wing mirror as I crossed the bridge behind him. I've previously been in touch with councillors and Dublin City Council and given examples of this type of thing, and dangers to cyclists (I've almost been irreparably harmed twice and see others in risky situations). I suggested that separate footbridges should be constructed on the outside of the existing bridge, and that the current footpath area should be turned into a cycle track.

Could you update me on that please?"

Q.71 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of general litter in the vicinity of Ringsend Road:

There are insufficient litter bins in the area, and there are no dog mess bins. It's also a bit of a wind-tunnel area, and there doesn't seem to be much street cleaning. I helped out on the last Shelbourne community street clean, and it looked great after. That was on a Saturday morning and by the next day it looked like we'd done nothing - a combination of dog track customer / other litter, and a windy weekend. It was a bit demoralising. Specific locations in my immediate vicinity that more bins are needed are:

- 1. Next to the Dublin Bikes stands on South Dock Road next to Arup (and probably on Barrow Street also) - there always seems to be litter there and it suddenly occurred to me that people are dropping bikes off with rubbish in the baskets, and that the next users are just emptying the litter on the ground.*

2. *South Lotts and Ringsend Road - there need to be more bins for litter. I have many short walks from A to B in the area, and I often pick up dropped litter when walking along - it makes me realise how far between bins it is. A dog poo bin is definitely needed next to the grassed area in front of the gas transfer station on South Lotts. There should also be one on South Dock Road near to the river / canal basin - it's an area where lots of people walk their dogs. I'm sure there are other areas too - I don't own dogs so local residents / dog owners should be consulted on this.*

Could we get more bins (litter and dog mess) and could we aim a little bit higher than currently and get some of the solar bins that all of the other Dublin district councils seem to have?

Also, can you tell me the current street cleaning schedule? Can the frequency of street litter cleaning be increased?"

Q.72 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of the Ringsend local area plan:

"Please could you update me on the Ringsend Village LAP? I go to the village regularly and it strikes me that it could be improved an awful lot by just maintaining what is there. It does need improvements and plans etc. However, a lot could be achieved by cleaning up litter sufficiently regularly, washing the pavements, particularly outside the pubs / shops. I worry that a lot of money will be spent on works in the area, and that it will go the way of the upgrades that were undertaken about 10 years ago."