

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th February 2019

Q1 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for dog poo bins at the entrances to (*details supplied*). Dog owners leaving the park are placing bags of dog poo at the wall as they leave. Dog poo bins would address this problem.

Reply

The Waste Management Department does not recommend the installation of further dog fouling bins in any locations and recommends the use of standard litter bins for the disposal of dog litter and general litter. It is not recommended to install bins at the suggested location as the area is entirely residential and the policy of the Waste Management Department is not to install litter bins in residential areas. Main thoroughfares surrounding the suggested location have an adequate number of bins for dog walkers and the public generally to avail of.

It is the responsibility of dog owners to both remove and dispose of their dog waste appropriately and it may be disposed of either in the nearest available public litter bin or in their domestic bin.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management

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Q2 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the tree stump outside (*details supplied*) be removed, and the tree beside the stump is examined with the possibility of cutting it back.

Reply

The tree stump at this location has been removed. The tree nearby has been inspected regarding the request to cut it back, however pruning would not be deemed a priority at the present time.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

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Q3 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to remove the double yellow lines along the railings at St. James Walk where it meets Rialto Street.

Reply

A request for the removal of double yellow lines at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group

Tel: 222 2523

Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q4 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager who authorised the obtrusive gas installation on the new street beside Aloft Hotel Dublin 8? Does it require planning permission or any form of consent from Dublin City Council? There is a growing fear that these can now pop up anywhere on our city streets. Can these be made less obtrusive, see attached photo:



Reply

The Planning Enforcement Section will open a file on this matter and investigate the issue raised and respond directly to the Councillor shortly.

Contact: John Downey, Administrative Officer, Planning Department.

Tel: 222 3465

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Q5 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to report on all listed derelict sites in Dublin 8. How many are on the derelict sites register and what sites if any are pending to be added?

Reply

A Derelict Sites Report is listed on the Agenda for this month's Area Committee Meeting under the following headings: -

1. Sites under investigation / subject to formal action / kept under review.
2. Sites entered on the Derelict Sites Register

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, Building Control Division, Planning & Property Development Department.

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Q6 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q7 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager if a report can be carried out on (*details supplied*). That a report be carried out as to the future of this complex. That full demolition, part demolition/part refurbishment be considered. The front 2 blocks in particular (at the pitch) are magnets for serious anti-social behaviour and although attempts have been made to physically improve the complex there are still huge issues with dampness and other maintenance issues.

Reply

Dublin City Council are currently completing a city wide audit of all our flat complexes. This is being carried out with a view to prioritising future development of our sites. The review includes certain criteria, including current condition, development potential, energy rating, Planning zone & Maintenance History. All Complexes are being ranked with a view to future development. The *(details supplied)* complex is part of this review which is due to be completed in March 2019.

Contact: Treacy Byrne, Administrative Officer, Housing, Community & Emergency Services

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Q8 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why, *(details supplied)* has a different fob mechanism to open their gates than the other blocks across the way. Tenants can only open the gates if they go out to the gate and use their fob to open it. The fob does not work from inside their flat. In one case a tenant who needed an ambulance could not let them in as she could not go to the gate.

Reply

Tenants at *(details supplied)* have fobs to open the gates. It was recently brought to our attention by one of the tenants living in *(details supplied)* that there is a problem with opening the gates with the intercom system from inside their homes. The problem was reported to our Electrical Services Section whereby they requested a contractor to investigate the issue. The fault has now been rectified and the tenants in *(details supplied)* can now operate the gates.

Contact: Fiona O Shea, Project Estate Officer, South Central Area

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Q9 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to ask the Housing Maintenance Section do a condition survey of (*details supplied*). This tenant recently moved into this unit, which was refurbished by a contractor, but informs me that the following maintenance issues need to be addressed:

- The boiler does not work properly.
- The walls are wet and tenant reports that the rain is actually coming through the walls.
- The hall door does not lock properly and she feels very vulnerable because of this.

Reply

A contractor has called to this dwelling and reports the following:

- Arrangements have been made for a heating contractor to inspect the boiler and carry out ant repairs deemed necessary.
- Housing Maintenance Engineer will carry out damp testing on the walls of this dwelling.
- The door has been inspected and is in good working order with the lock also in good working order.

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

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Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q10 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to report on the length of time it is taking to address the serious dampness issues at (*details supplied*). The tenant has also reported that it is almost impossible to heat the flat up. Can the heating system be inspected please?

Reply

There is no record to date on our system of a complaint of dampness in this dwelling. This has now been logged and Housing Maintenance will investigate. The heating system has been inspected and a new boiler is required. This is scheduled for completion of works within the next week.

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

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Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q11 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to address the increasing volume of abandoned cars at (*details supplied 1*). Residents have reported that it was always a problem but has got worse of late. Rubbish is now being dumped there. Also there are problems with erratic parking in and around this area (*details supplied 2*). Can this also be followed up on?

Reply

The locations (*details supplied*) were inspected for illegal dumping and abandoned vehicles. All illegally dumped materials will be removed and disposed of. Appropriate signage will be displayed in the vicinity. All the vehicles parked there had valid tax and insurances discs. Parking Enforcement have been notified and DPS on request will survey the area for illegal parking.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
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Waste Management Services had dumped rubbish removed from this location on the 12th February 2019. Also our Abandoned Vehicles Officer will investigate the issue of abandoned cars at this location.

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

Dublin Street Parking Services have been requested to monitor this location for illegal parking and to take enforcement action if necessary.

Contact: Helen McGrath, Staff Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement Section
Environment & Transportation Dept
Telephone: 01 222 2216
Email: helenj.mcgrath@dublincity.ie

Q 12 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager for an update on (*details supplied*). The roof was insulated in September but the job was not finished. When will the job be completed and when can she expect windows fixed?

Reply

Housing Maintenance Energy Liaison Officer confirms that this dwelling is included on our Phase 2 list for external wall insulation works, however it is not scheduled for completion in 2019.

A request for an inspection of the windows has been logged and will be carried out in the next few weeks.

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

Q 13 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager for an update on (*details supplied*). There is damp in one of the bedrooms in this house. It was inspected by a contractor and he said it needs work as the house is insulated and the damp should not occur. Can DCC inspect and fix the issues causing the damp.

Reply

Housing Maintenance Energy Liaison Officer called to this dwelling 8th February by appointment. He reports: This dwelling was insulated in 2015. The tenant states she likes heat and keeps the house quite warm. Our Officer tested for dampness with the damp meter however there were no readings of same. There is a little mould in the upstairs rooms. He has made arrangements to have a filter less fan installed on the landing to assist with this issue.

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

Q 14 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to ensure a proper clean-up of (*details supplied*).

Reply

Waste Management Services had the road and footpaths at the above mentioned location cleaned on the 7th February 2019.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

Tel: 222 4240.

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie.

Q 15 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to urgently fix the paths on (*details supplied*). There was work carried out last year but only part of the road was completed

Reply

Upon inspection of the footpath on (*details supplied*) the majority of the pavement was reconstructed on one side of the carriageway while the other is still in its original condition. These works have not been selected for our 2019 minor works contract. The original footpath, although older, is in a reasonable condition and the only defects I could log were on the footpath located past the roundabout. These have been added to our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer

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Q 16 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to update me on the housing case for (*details supplied*).

Reply

The above named applicant is on the Transfer list with an application date of July 2016 and holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bed – size	position
K	3	286
N	3	162

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Homeless Allocations

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Q 17 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to replace the bins at (*details supplied*).

Reply

The Waste Management Division have no current plans to provide for a further installation of Solar Compactor Bins at these locations.

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

Tel: 222 4237.

Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

Q 18 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager who is responsible for installing Electric Car Charging Points throughout Dublin South Central? Have DCC any plans to install any in the next 12 months for Dublin South Central?

Reply

Initially EV chargers were installed throughout the City by ESB E-cars. The ESB as statutory undertakers did not have to seek permission for the installation of the chargers. Due to funding issues the ESB ceased rolling out EV chargers and now only maintain/upgrade the existing EV chargers.

The Department of Transport established a Low Emission Vehicles (LEV) Taskforce Working Group in 2017. The working group is led by the Department's Climate Change Unit and comprises members from the Department and members from the Department of Communications Climate Action and the Environment, the Department of Housing Planning Community & Local Government, the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform, the Department of Finance, the CCMA, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the ESB.

The objective of the working group is to present a range of 2020-2025 vehicle growth scenarios, recommend a revised national LEV target for 2020, accompanied by a roadmap and to link these growth rates to a range of stimulus options and public leadership measures. The working group surveyed parking operators, both private and local authority and sought parking operator's views regarding the installation of charging infrastructure in their facilities and potential incentives to encourage more widespread deployment.

The Council as co-chair of the Smart Docklands Energy Action Group agreed in 2018 to investigate the feasibility of installing EV chargers and undertook to undertake a trial installation on Sir John Rogerson's Quay. It is expected that this EV charger will be commissioned in Q2 2019 and this experience will inform the Council's policy on the possible further roll out of EV chargers.

Contact: Kevin Meade, Senior Executive Officer, Environment & Transportation Department

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Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please give an up to date report on the efforts to secure the future of the Bluebell Cemetery, Dublin 12, from further vandalism? What efforts have been taken to date to repair the damage caused? Efforts to try and prevent re-occurrence of this damage to a space which right thinking persons should never interfere with.

Reply

Following the vandalism at Bluebell Cemetery a fence was erected at a breach in the boundary on the west side, where it is likely the perpetrators entered the site. The pillar at the main entrance was also repaired and the gate re-hung. A company was engaged to repair and replace the damaged headstones. Over 30 headstones were damaged altogether in the attack and a company was engaged to carry out repair. There are 2 remaining headstones to be repaired and 2 more that will need to be replaced entirely. Pruning has been carried out to help decrease the likelihood of further anti-social behaviour. A private company installed CCTV next to the laneway and this should also help the situation.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

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Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please arrange that the badly broken footpaths / road surface outside (*details supplied*) be repaired, the residents along here have said the water is ponding in the badly worn surface.

Reply

I have inspected the footpath and carriageway at this location, there is slight ponding present at the kerb side of the footpath but this is within concrete tolerances. There is a pothole at this address and this has been added to our works list for a temporary repair. This road is starting to degrade and I will put forward this section of carriageway for possible inclusion in our 2020 Resurfacing programme. This is dependent on available budget.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to please seek from senior management / An Garda Siochana a large CCTV camera be positioned in the top section of Californian Hills Park, Rossmore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, similar to the new cameras in Cherry Orchard, to deter anti-social behaviour in this beautiful park. The capacity to police the area is greatly reduced due to Garda numbers. A camera will act as a serious deterrent in stopping anti-social behaviour in both Californian Hills Park and Glenaulin Park a SDCC park which borders the city administrative boundary.

Reply

Dublin City Council will discuss with An Garda Siochana the feasibility of installing pole mounted CCTV at Rossmore Road to see if it would enhance the security of the area by supplementing the existing CCTV. Costs for the installation of a standalone pole and CCTV may be prohibitive but an upgrade of the existing CCTV might be an option for consideration. All installations are now subject to the GDPR legislation.

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Q22 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please report to me on the following housing issue (*details supplied*)?

Reply

The above named applicant is on the Housing list with an application date of December 2007, and holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bed size	position
J	3	33
J	4	12

Dublin City Council acknowledge that there is a significant over-crowding issue in this property. And the family are residing in difficult circumstances. As this family require four bed-room accommodation which is in short supply across all areas of the city it

may be some time before they are reached for an offer of a social housing tenancy. We have noted the applicants interest in housing in the Cherry Orchard area.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

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Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

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

Reply

The above named applicant is on the transfer list with an application date of June 2008, and holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedroom size	Position
J	3	80
J	4	16
J	5	3
Area	Bedroom size	Position
E	3	105
E	4	19
E	5	6
Area	Bedroom size	Position
B	3	77
B	4	17
B	5	5

Dublin City Council acknowledge that there is a significant over-crowding issue at this tenancy and the family are residing in difficult circumstances. As this family require four or five bed-room accommodation which is in short supply across all areas of the city it may be some time before they are reached for transfer to larger accommodation. It is not possible to improve this household's positions on the transfer list as all tenants ahead of this household are also in need of larger accommodation.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

Tel: 222 2062

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson

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

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) is on Band 1 of the Housing list since 16th of June 2015 with the following positions

- 97 for Area B (Kilbarrack/Darndale)
- 47 for Area J (Ballyfermot/Bluebell)
- 115 for Area L (James Street/Newmarket/Coombe)

Homeless Allocations will get a member of the Homeless Action Team to link in with the applicant (*details supplied*) this week to discuss all housing options. They will also discuss the options around a more suitable placement through Central Placement Services and will advise on all available supports around medical issues.

It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer of accommodation for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

I can confirm that the household is also eligible for the "Household Assistance Payment" (HAP) scheme which would greatly assist them in accessing the private rental market. This means that the household is eligible to be considered for one month's advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council.

Access to/further information on HAP is available from the HAP unit on placefinders@dublincity.ie or 222 6955

The applicant can contact the Homeless Allocations Section on 222 2205 at any time to discuss their application.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

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Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

I contacted the Area Manager in relation to the following case a few weeks ago (*details supplied*). Can they transfer?

Reply

The Allocations Section will follow up with the local area office in relation to addressing the anti-social issues in this estate. The household are currently not on a transfer list as they have not been in residence for the required two years. Please advise the above named tenants to make contact with the Allocations Section to discuss their options regarding transfer options.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

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Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

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

Reply

The above named applicant is on the Housing list with an application date of April 2009, and holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bed size	position
J	2	36
H	2	29
K	2	43

Should this applicant wish to be considered for a Medical Priority she should submit written medical evidence from a Medical Doctor or a Medical Consultant to the Allocations Section for review, along with the completed Medical Priority Application Form.

In addition, the applicant may also submit explanatory and background material from Public Health Nurses, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and other Health Professionals this may accompany the application but will not form the basis of the decision which must be based on a report from a Medical Doctor or Consultant. Priority status may be awarded for conditions, which cause major problems where the management of the course of the illness will be helped by a change in housing. The housing support offered may be HAP/RAS/AHB/Leasing/Social Housing stock depending on the suitability of the accommodation to meeting the needs Applications forms for Medical Priority are available on the Dublin City Council website or from any local Area Housing office.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

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Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please indicate if and when the 3 tonne vehicle limit on Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, was lifted / removed? Residents tell me the situation has become intolerable over the past few months with the volume of heavy traffic. I am asking that this decision be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Reply

The above matter is under investigation by the Area Traffic Engineer. The Councillor will be informed in due course.

Contact: Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group

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Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager to ask Waste Management to set out the criteria and policy for providing and locating ordinary waste bins, smart bins and dog fouling bins within the South Central Area and if different policies and criteria apply in other areas.

Reply

It is the policy of Dublin City Council to maintain the stock of 3,000 plus litter bins and to ensure that bins are located at the most effective locations to cater for the needs of the city population. The policy is to ensure that bins are located in close proximity to significant litter generators and in areas of high pedestrian footfall. Significant litter generators and areas of high footfall include:

- Neighbourhood shops
- Schools / Educational Facilities
- Shopping centres
- Leisure areas
- Community centres / Facilities
- Major bus stops / Transport hubs
- Main thoroughfares / Arterial routes
- Car Parks

It is not the policy of the Waste Management Department to install bins in residential areas. In order to ensure that bins are located in the most appropriate locations to cater for levels of demand and to ensure that bins are adequately serviced and maintained Dublin City Council is using technology to assist in managing this aspect

of the service through QR code reporting, asset mapping and the use of smart bin technology. In 2017 /2018 as part of the objectives of the Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2018 over 120 dog fouling specific litter bins were installed in the 5 areas in conjunction with the area Public Domain teams. There are no further plans for the installation of such bins as these bins have had limited success in tackling dog fouling and have a low capacity. The criteria used for siting these bins at the time were:

- Areas of high footfall dog walking
- Proximity to Parks
- Proximity to open green spaces

In 2018 the roll out of a number of smart bins took place following a successful trial of these units. The installation of these units has been concentrated in confined city centre areas on service route basis as this is the optimum way in which to benefit from the technology. As part of the installation 50 units were located throughout the 5 areas again in areas agreed with local Public Domain teams to assess whether the locations identified would benefit from the increased capacity of the units. 4 additional units were installed in the South Central Area following receipt of funding for these units from the area department.

A further installation of these units in the North Inner City was undertaken by the North East Inner City Task Force and a recent installation in Dublin Docklands has been undertaken by Smart Dublin / Dublin Docklands office. Both of these installations have been carried out with the agreement of the Waste Management Department in respect of the locating and servicing of the units.

There is no variation in the application of the criteria or policy in relation to the locating or supply of litter bins between the 5 areas.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services

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Q29 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager to ask Parks Department to set out the criteria and policy for locating ordinary waste bins, smart bins and dog fouling bins in parks in the South Central Area.

Reply

The placing of bins in parks is decided on an as-needed basis. Standard bins take all forms of litter including dog waste. Parks and Landscape Services will begin to trial Smart bins in a number of its parks in 2019 in locations where weekend use is particularly high.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

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Q30 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager what cycling facilities have been provided in the South Central Area in 2017/2018 and what maintenance and repairs have been carried out to existing cycling facilities in that period.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services 2017 and 2018 South Central Area Works Programmes included carriageway resurfacing which would have incorporated some cycle lane resurfacing as part of these works. Records of every repair that Road Maintenance Services carried out do not differentiate between cycle lane and road carriageway.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer

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257 Cycle Parking Stands (catering for 514 bicycles) were installed throughout the South Central Area during 2017/2018.

A toucan crossing at Conyngham Road/Parkgate Street at the entrance to the Phoenix Park was also constructed in 2017.

Contact: Alec Dundon, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Management & Control

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