



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 8 APRIL 2019

- 1 **Presentation on part 8 planning application for flood defence wall protecting the Martello Tower, Sandymount, Dublin 4.**
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 2 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held 11th March 2019**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held 26th March 2019.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Update on Mountpleasant Traffic Trial.
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on the proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures of the RTE Campus, Stillorgan Road, Dublin 4.
Order: Report withdrawn.
 - ii. Report on the proposed deletion from the Record of Protected Structures of 27a Oakley Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iii. Report on the proposed grant of a licence of part of Drury Street Car Park to Joseph Clarges.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iv. Report on the proposed disposal of site at 24 Harcourt Road and 1 – 2 Richmond Street South to Charledev Properties DAC.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 5 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Update on Yi Garden, Herbert Park.
Order: Noted.

- ii. Parks Improvement Works Programme 2019.
Order: Noted.
- iii. Marian College Swimming Pool Grant 2019.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

6 **South East Area Matters**

- i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.
Order: Noted.

7 **Motions 8th April 2019**

Motion 1 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan (deferred from March meeting).

In view of the presence of the RDS, the Aviva Stadium and the huge increase in office accommodation in Ballsbridge and the consequential very large sums paid in Development Levies for developments in the area this committee requests a report from the Chief Executive on definite proposals to extend the Dublin Bike scheme to Ballsbridge.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests a report from the manager on what measures are in place to clean the central Donnybrook area - particularly Eglinton Terrace / Rampart Lane and Dodder Walk along Herbert Park - following rugby matches in the Donnybrook Stadium and what contribution the Leinster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) or other appropriate rugby authorities make towards the costs of this.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill

“Bus Connects” is a Government project imposed on Dublin and being carried out by the government’s semi state body National Transport Authority (NTA). Dublin City Council’s only role in the planning of this proposal was to provide information on traffic flows. If “Bus Connects” is implemented it will have a devastating impact on the small businesses in our urban villages along the route and we know that many of these small and medium enterprises (SMEs) will not survive such a downturn and would probably go out of business for ever.

This council therefore calls on the Taoiseach to provide a support package to help sustain these businesses during construction and post construction, furthermore that DCC be compensated by the government to allow for a rates remission on these buildings during this period.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

The following motion was agreed at the June 2018 meeting, despite reminders to Traffic Dept. I haven’t managed to get any response. Therefore it is agreed at this meeting again that action be taken on the following:

“That the Traffic Dept. provide stop or yield signs in the Harold’s Cross Cottages area. There have been a number of accidents there recently caused mainly by lack of clarity on who has right of way. This area also needs 30km/h speed signs erected

along with bicycle stands because a lot of bicycles are attached to lamp posts which impedes footpath passageway”.

Furthermore these are small houses and the many cycle owners badly need a place to safely park their bikes.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee agrees that the current situation whereby long-standing sports clubs are having to turn away young people because of the lack of training facilities in Ringsend Park and that the area office, Irishtown Stadium and parks devise a plan which consists of extending the astro training area so there is enough good quality facilities in place for young football teams and that they are not prevented from playing because of letting to corporate teams.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

Given the recent fire at a restaurant within the Crampton Building complex that this committee agrees that a full overall assessment of fire standards and safety procedures evacuation procedures etc. be presented to the South East Area Committee at the earliest possible date. This also to include the general standard and fire procedures for all complexes and social housing within the South East Area.

Order: Moved by Cllr. McGinley. Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of the south east area calls on the Board of Dublin Port Company and its CEO Eamonn O'Reilly not to implement the planned reduction of cruise liners and other such vessels into the Dublin Port. This planned reduction of cruise ships and tourists would have a detrimental effect on the Dublin economy hitting hard many city centre businesses and should be resisted. Further, no consultation took place with the many businesses in the city who would be impacted by these planned reduction measures.

This motion also calls for the CEO Mr. Eamonn O'Reilly, to attend a meeting of the South East Area Committee and give account of the strategy and the reasons for these planned reductions.

In the meantime that DCC carry out an economic assessment of the impact of such measures on the Dublin Economy.

Order: Moved by Cllr. McGinley. Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillors Patrick Costello and Paddy Smyth

In light of the recent announcement by the National Transport Authority (NTA) / Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) not to proceed with MetroLink through Ranelagh which would have resulted in the restriction of pedestrians and cyclists crossing the Cowper Luas Stop, this committee requests that the Traffic Department now proceed with public consultation on the proposed South Dublin Quiet Way.

Order: Report to councillor. The councillors took a vote as to whether they should proceed with the consultation process. The results of the vote were 8 against, 3 for and 1 abstention.

Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area to review and increase the frequency of street cleaning on Grantham Street, Heytesbury Street, Pleasants Street and Synge Street. The area is subject to significant litter daily from the Camden Street area and the residents and local businesses are being left to carry out the cleaning of the area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to re-visit residents' requests to install traffic calming measures such as speed bumps on Lad Lane. There is not sufficient enforcement of the speed limit here, and speeding and rat running is a serious issue here and needs to be addressed urgently.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to please consider secure, communal bin storage facilities in areas where bags are used as a means to reduce litter, rodents and seagulls in the city. This works well in other European cities and it is something that we should introduce for Dublin.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to take whatever action is necessary to secure the protection of the buildings at 15 and 17 Sandymount Avenue, Dublin and their inclusion on the list of protected properties pending a full and detailed assessment and engagement with the owner.

(1) I set out (in the attachment) some details regarding the property.

(2) The reason for submitting this as an emergency motion is that the information about a possible planning application was not to hand at the final time for submitting motions for this meeting and a concern that a planning application or ill-considered intervention works might be carried out to the properties before there is sufficient time to either submit such a motion to the May meeting or to enable the relevant staff to take relevant action.

Order: Agreed.

8 **Questions 8th April 2019**
Order: Noted.

Chairperson
Monday 8 April 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Ruairi McGinley (Chairman)
Chris Andrews
Dermot Lacey
Paddy McCartan
Michael Mullooly

Members:

Sonya Stapleton
Claire Byrne
Kieran Binchy
Paddy Smyth

Members:

Anne Feeney
Claire O'Connor
Mary Freehill
Patrick Costello

Apologies:

Mannix Flynn

Frank Kennedy

Officers

Brian Hanney

Paul McCann

Leah Johnston

Andrew Duff

Michael Noonan

Eileen Martin

Mark Ginnetty

Neil O'Donoghue

Paraic Fallon

Brian Kavanagh

Fiona O'Brien

Rossana Camargo

Helen McNamara

Q.1 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager when the pavements on Casimir Road will be repaired? The pavements at the Lower Kimmage Road end are badly in need of repair.

Reply:

These footpaths will be considered for inclusion in our 2020 Footpath Reconstruction Programme. In the interim, local repairs will be scheduled.

Q.2 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager how often Kenilworth Park is cleaned by the council and is it possible to increase the frequency?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Kenilworth Park cleaned on the 19th March 2019. This residential area is cleaned on a monthly basis. We will certainly monitor litter levels here to see if more frequent cleaning is necessary.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask that Oakland Drive be completely resurfaced. Road has heavy traffic into St Luke's.

Reply:

Oaklands Drive will be considered for inclusion in our 2020 Resurfacing Works Programme.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to install CCTV per Garda request (details supplied).

Reply:

The issue of anti-social behaviour at the location mentioned was raised at the South East Area Joint Policing Subcommittee meeting in December 2018 with a request for considering the installation of CCTV. The matter was again raised at the last meeting on 21st March 2019 and members were informed that the viability of installation is currently under consideration. An Garda Síochána have discussed this issue with Dublin City Council and will meet on this matter again in the near future.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to check on the sewage leak *details supplied.

Reply:

This overflow is on * and falls within the jurisdiction of South Dublin County Council (SDCC). SDCC advise that a choke / obstruction on the public sewer caused this overflow on the date in question. Their crews responded and the incident was resolved within three hours of the initial report. Further details of the incident, if required, can be obtained from SDCC.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manger to take action on litter issue (details supplied).

Reply:

Waste Management Service will assist the South East Area Office, including the provision of a Litter Warden at weekends to patrol and monitor the above locations.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to upgrade public lighting at Clogher Road, Mount Argus Grove.

Reply:

There is no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2019 and there are no current plans for any changes to the lighting on Clogher Road and Mount Argus Grove.

However, Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services is currently undertaking a programme to replace all the existing low pressure sodium lights (i.e. the orange coloured lights) throughout the council area with LED lights (i.e. white light) over the next few years and the existing lighting on Clogher Road and Mount Argus Grove will be included in this replacement programme.

Until such time as the existing lights on Clogher Road and Mount Argus Grove are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will have the footpaths on Nutley Avenue examined for repair and upgrade.

Reply:

These footpaths will be considered for inclusion in our 2020 Footpath Reconstruction Programme. In the interim, local repairs will be scheduled.

Q.9 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to prune trees in Brookfield estate, Kimmage.

Reply:

Some of the trees in Brookfield Estate have been pruned in the recent past. At present the area would not be considered a priority for additional pruning. If there are individual trees causing problems details can be sent on to this office for further examination.

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he would liaise with the Gardaí about the possibility of introducing a one way traffic system on Eglinton Terrace and Rampart Lane on the occasion of match days at the Donnybrook Stadium.

Reply:

The Environment and Transportation Traffic Advisory Group have contacted the Garda with your request in relation to the possibility of a one-way traffic system on Eglinton Terrace and Rampart Lane on the occasions of match days at the Donnybrook Stadium.

The Garda controls traffic management at certain events under Section 21 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994. As a result, the road is taken in charge by the Garda. The purpose of crowd control at public events is to maintain public peace and order and ensure the safety of all who are gathered there. There are laws in place designed to give the Gardaí clear and comprehensive legal powers to deal with crowd control.

This question has been sent to the Garda Síochána for a response.

Q.11 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to carry out minor work at *details supplied.

Reply:

The springs on the playground gates will be replaced as soon as practicable over the coming weeks.

Q.12 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to prune the trees at the top of Mount Tallant Avenue. Lights blocked.

Reply:

The location has been inspected recently and it was noted that there is one street located outside No. 10. The pruning of this tree, a semi mature Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) will be included in our works programme for 2019 and undertaken over the coming months.

Q.13 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if action could be taken at the Sean O'Casey Bridge in relation to the following matters:

Continuous cycling on O'Casey Walkway Bridge

1. Suggest spot checks to inform cyclists possibility of spot checks and fines issued.
2. Also, the signs at both ends are useless - red tape (!) put on "cycling allowed" signs and the tape is ripped off!!

Comment submitted by resident "Please ask to paint on red stripe, or -of course - to put proper signs up".

Reply:

1. Item No.1 is a compliance issue, which is beyond our scope.
2. Installation of permanent signs would have required installation of poles on the bridge, but this was deemed not possible due to the depth of the bridge deck. Permanent signs made of non-destructive material will now be installed.

Q.14 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to take action in respect of two litter bins (details supplied).

Reply:

Waste Management Services have made arrangements to have the litter bin removed from outside details supplied 1, as it has been established that there is no need for a litter bin in this residential area.

We will ensure that the litter bin at details supplied 2 is emptied on a regular basis.

Q.15 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to advise on steps to ensure that former DIT building on corner of Rathmines Road and Williams Park is maintained to an acceptable condition and does not degenerate into an eye sore and a location for anti-social behaviour.

Reply:

This is a matter for the DIT. The councillor's question will be conveyed to them.

Q.16 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to have Rathfarnham Road from the Dodder Bridge to Terenure designated as a 30kph area. While this area is a main route (as are the Liffey Quays with a 30kph speed limit) into Terenure and the city, it is also a road through a residential area and leading into an urban village.

Reply:

Rathfarnham Road is an approved arterial route. Dublin City Council will be reviewing the speed limits on the arterial and other routes and based on the findings from the review will make a decision if changes are required. This will take place after implementation of 30 km/h is fully completed. It is planned to do so by the end of 2020.

The selection process will still be focused on areas where schools are located and areas that have previously had significant engineering interventions introduced. It will also be a priority to ensure that there is a flow from one 30km/h zone to another rather than a stop start approach; this is to ensure that road users are travelling at constant speeds where possible and also not to add any confusion and/or a proliferation of signage in the areas.

Q.17 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to repair two dangerous potholes on *details supplied which have become excessively dangerous for cars.

Reply:

Repairs will be carried out at these locations as soon as possible.

Q.18 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to repair a really deep hole on Lavarna Grove, Terenure, outside number 59. This hole is deep, jagged and really dangerous for cyclists, and has damaged tyres.

Reply:

Repairs will be carried out at these locations as soon as possible.

Q.19 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to get the large tree outside 7 Meadowbank pruned. The tree has large rotten branches which block the street light on this dark section of road and also the branches almost span across to the other side of the road. A request to have this work done has been submitted on three occasions over the last couple of years.

Reply:

This is a mature evergreen oak tree (*Quercus ilex*) and based on a ground level inspection there is no evidence of 'large rotten branches' in the tree crown. There is some evidence of 'dead wood' which is normal for a tree of this age and size.

It is proposed to have the deadwood removed by professional arborists during which a detailed crown inspection will be undertaken and any additional pruning works undertaken as may be required.

Q.20 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange to have Frankfort Avenue cleaned, particularly the kerbsides and to have trees pruned along this road.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Frankfort Avenue cleaned on the 21st March 2019. We cleaned the kerbsides here as best we could as it is a heavily parked on area. This area is cleaned on a monthly basis. If residents arrange to move their cars, a more thorough clean of the road can be carried out. I can be contacted at the email address below to make the necessary arrangements for this cleaning on an agreed date.

The trees at this location comprise of young trees with some older Hawthorn and Sycamores and are not considered to require pruning at this time.

Q.21 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to repair the broken section of road at the junction of Zion Road and Bushy Park Road. A temporary repair job was done some time back, but it is completely broken up again.

Reply:

A permanent repair will be carried out here in the coming months as part of our 2019 Road Repair & Resurfacing Programme.

Q.22 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to complete the road repairs on Ashdale Avenue. The road is in a terrible state and road resurfacing commenced on the first few yards of it, but was never completed. The footpaths also need repair on this road and on Ashdale Road, particularly on the section leading from Terenure Road North to the Crèche and also outside No. 11.

Reply:

Ashdale Avenue will be considered for inclusion in our 2020 Road Resurfacing Programme. Local repairs will be scheduled for the footpaths on Ashdale Avenue and Ashdale Road.

Q.23 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider raising the wall between Mayfield Road in Terenure and Terenure Gate (opens onto Terenure Road West) as the height of the wall presents a safety risk with small children climbing onto it.

Reply:

This is a private development and therefore not a matter for Dublin City Council.

Q.24 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to make Eaton Square and adjoining roads 30kph and put in additional signage or speed ramps to slow down traffic on this busy peak hour residential area with narrow roads and on street parking.

Reply:

Eaton Square has been included in the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h Speed limit introduction. This proposal will be going for public consultation during summer 2019.

Following the adoption, and sealing of the new bye-laws in autumn 2019, works will commence to erect the relevant signage in the new areas in 2020.

The above location has traffic calming measures in place, including speed ramps and entry treatments.

Q.25 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for more public bins to be placed in Rathgar village, particularly along the stretch of pavement outside Supervalu and the Bijou restaurant.

Reply:

The junction of Rathgar Road and Orwell Road, where Supervalu and the Bijou restaurant are located, is very busy traffic wise and there is restricted parking there. It would not be an appropriate location for council vans stopping to empty a bin. Our area inspector is satisfied that there is a sufficient amount of litter bins in this area at this time. However he will monitor litter levels in Rathgar village and keep the matter under review.

Q.26 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he can investigate if reports of a catering business being operated out of (details supplied) can be investigated and ensure that all regulations in relation to same are enforced.

Reply:

This matter will be investigated by the Planning Enforcement Section and appropriate action will be taken if there is a material change of use of the property concerned within the last seven years.

Q.27 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask that additional public lights are installed on Fortfield Terrace, Rathmines.

Reply:

There is no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2019.

We will examine the lighting on Fortfield Terrace and any improvements considered necessary, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on a future lighting improvement project subject to available finances.

We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the January 2019 SEAC I submitted the following question and received the reply which follows it:

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
Email: mark.jones@dublincity.ie

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
Tel.: 222 4237
Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

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 attached 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.



Reply:

The Waste Management department have contacted Waterways Ireland to try to address the issue at hand. At present no definitive solution is at hand that will address the damage caused to the surface by vehicles driving onto the pathway to service the litter bin. As an interim measure to reduce the possibility of further damage to the surface particularly in winter weather conditions the litter bin will be relocated to a point westerly of its current location where it can be serviced without the need to drive onto the pathway. We will continue to seek a more amenable solution to the issue so that if there is a need for additional bins at the location as is traditionally required in the summer months these can be provided.

The councillor's question will be conveyed to Waterways Ireland asking them to reinstate the surface.

Contact:

Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services Division, tel.: 222 4620, email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

Brian Hanney, Area Manager, South East Area Office, tel.: 222 3199, email: brian.hanney@dublincity.ie

Then, on 22 January 2019 I received from the South East Area Office a written reply from Waterways Ireland in response to the Council's approach following my question (PDF of letter from Waterways Ireland attached). In this reply, Waterways Ireland stated:

"I have been advised that our Eastern Regional Office, has been in contact with Dublin City Council about stopping use of this area by their waste vehicle which we believe is causing the most significant damage to the grass area at Portobello.

We have also identified that in wet conditions water has not been getting away since other recent works, and I have been assured that work to resolve this issue will commence on the ground imminently.

I hope this clarifies the situation for Councillor Kennedy.”

Since then, I have been contacted by local residents because this problem has persisted. Specifically, in mid-February “No sign of any chances on the canal. Truck still drives down every morn to empty bins, still looks like a total mess outside.” Then, in mid-March, the following:

*“As per the below photo [**attached**] it seems the solution has been to again drop some stones into some of the holes caused by the Dublin city council van going up and down every morn.*

As I’m sure you’ll agree it still looks pretty awful and I have no doubt in a few weeks’ time we’ll be back to large holes with pools of water.

Ideally the residents would like the grass area back as opposed to making one large gravel path and encouraging cyclists / vans to pass down. It really is such a pity how quickly this area has deteriorated and no one seems to be taking ownership.”

The residents have displayed extraordinary patience here and this problem has persisted. There has been no substantive movement on this issue since mid-January. To ask the Manager:

- a) Will Dublin City Council stop use on this area its waste vehicle which Irish Water have said in writing they believe is causing the most significant damage to the grass area at Portobello? This waste can be collected on a less harmful manner and this is a Council issue;
- b) When is the work which Irish Water advised in January would commence on the ground “imminently” going to begin?

Reply:

I can confirm that Waste Management Section has now moved the bin in question so that it can be serviced without further damaging the grassed area. I have contacted Waterways Ireland and asked them to repair the damaged ground and re-seed as soon as possible.

Q.29 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the March 2019 SEAC I submitted the following question and received the reply which follows it:

Q.50 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to provide a complete list of (a) the names of all separate housing lists (e.g. Transfer, Medical Priority etc.), and (b) the specific areas which fall within each individual housing band on the city council.

Reply:

Banding -

The list of qualified households are categorised into three bands reflecting broad levels of housing need, from very high, to moderate. Within each of the three bands, there are households who have specific accommodation requirements which are identified through the assessment process. Available properties are targeted to the bands in differing proportions through the target allocations policy resulting in faster or slower housing through the band.

Band 1 Housing Lists Priority Cases:

Medical Priority,
Welfare Priority,
Traveller Priority,
Older Medical Priority,
Older Welfare Priority,
Homeless Priority,
Homeless Priority Older persons.
Financial Contribution

Band 2 Housing List; *All overcrowded cases and those with previously awarded medical or welfare points.*

Band 2 Housing
Band 2 Housing Older

Band 3 Housing List; *All remaining qualified households.*

Band 3 Housing list
Band 3 Housing List Older Persons

Total 12

Band 1 Transfer Lists Priority Cases:

Surrendering Larger Priority
Transfer HAP Band 1
Transfer HAP Band1 Older
Transfer Medical Priority
Transfer Medical Priority Older
Transfer Welfare Priority
Transfer Welfare Priority Older

Band 2 Transfer List; *All overcrowded cases and those with previously awarded medical or welfare points.*

Band 2 Transfer
Band 2 Transfer Older

Band 3 Transfer List; *All remaining qualified households.*

Band 3 Transfer
Band 3 Transfer Older

Total 11

Contact:

Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer, Housing Allocations Section, tel.: 222 2061, email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

A constituent has advised me that he is confused by the answer to my question because it conflicts with his own experience dealing with the Council. Specifically, according to the answer which I received, in *Band 1 Housing Lists Priority Cases* there is listed a Homeless Priority and a Homeless Priority Older Persons. However, my constituent was advised at a meeting with the Allocations Section that Homeless Priority does not exist, and further that he was told this also by other housing advisors at the Council. This constituent has himself recently been made homeless and is registered as a homeless person with the Homeless Unit at Parkgate Street. In light

of the confusion and apparently conflicting messages, to ask the manager to provide clarity on the existence of Homeless Priority and the manner in which it operates.

Reply:

Applicants in Band 1, Homeless Priority and Band 1 Homeless Priority Older, are applicants who were awarded Homeless Priority prior to the change in the Scheme of Lettings in May 2018.

The new Scheme removed Homeless as a priority category, and qualified households are now included in the relevant Band appropriate to their needs.

It was agreed at City Council that this change would not be applied retrospectively and those who had been awarded Homeless priority prior to the adoption of the new Scheme would retain this priority.

Q.30 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager whether the council provides either (a) grant funding and / or (b) would undertake the work to renovate a garden on a council residential property occupied by a council tenant, and to do provide such funding and / or repair and rejuvenate the garden at (details supplied), a property where the resident's child has medical needs and would benefit greatly from a garden.

Reply:

There is no grant funding scheme for tenants of the City Council to refurbish their dwellings or gardens.

Maintenance of the garden in City Council dwellings is tenant responsibility. Housing Maintenance are not in a position to take on this responsibility.

Adaptations to dwellings and ramped access to the front or back is provided under our tenant accessibility programme. This programme does not extend to garden rejuvenation.

Tenants can carry out these works to the garden of their dwelling provided drainage issues are taken into account in such works.

Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to provide a report on all development plans and proposals, in respect of works to be carried out by each of (a) the council and (b) any other party for Westmoreland Street, Dublin 2.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has no planned works for Westmoreland Street in 2019. Reactive maintenance works, such as local repairs and reinstatements of the footpath and carriageway, will be carried if and when necessary.

Westmoreland Street was identified as a location which could be enhanced to provide a better pedestrian environment in the 2016 City Centre Public Realm Master Plan. The East side of the Street was upgraded as part of the Luas Cross City Works and the resulting reduction in Traffic movement presents an opportunity to improve the western side with widened paths and upgraded fabric. However, proposals for College Green and the Grafton Street Quarter are being advanced in the first phase and no work is envisaged on Westmoreland Street for the next few years.

Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy

The establishment of the new Educate Together School in Sandymount is extremely positive and welcome for Sandymount. However, unfortunately issues have arisen through the manner in which the site at Roslyn Park is being developed. In particular, serious concerns have been raised by adjacent residents on Seafort Avenue and I have been contacted by the residents of (details supplied) who have advised as follows:

“We wanted to express our utter shock and dismay at the atrocious (temporary) monstrosity that has been erected right beside our home in Sandymount village to house the primary educate together school. As a councillor for our area, we hope you can assist in our endeavours to express our outrage with the planners and developers... But also in the next few months to ensure the plans for the new permanent school structure, which we understand is to be built in the next five years has an aesthetic in keeping with the site and surrounding neighbourhood.

There are obviously a number of impacted parties along Seafort Avenue...

We are very supportive of the arrival of a new school in Sandymount, but we think the complete lack of respect, disregarding of our privacy and utter inappropriateness of the positioning of these prefabs is really outrageous.

We also believe Dept. of Education have a child protection and security issue, as the classrooms can be clearly seen into from our bedroom, our son’s bedroom and our garden. We would not like any child of ours to be on view by strangers throughout their school day.

The Dept. of Education are also the new owners of the house and shop on Seafort Avenue. They have yet no plans to renovate or improve the appearance of this. Could you try and encourage them to at least ensure it is kept clean and tidy? We know the tidy towns committee feel similar. Currently the glass is broken the front yard is littered and overgrown. The house is obviously derelict and uninhabited, why not house a family there or open a community resource centre or a child development centre...

There is so much positivity and promise to this school development for our community, but at the moment we feel gutted and rejected by it.”

It is apparent that a number of serious issues have been raised by the residents in the above e-mail. To ask the manager (a) to provide a full report in response to the issues raised, (b) to liaise with the Department of Education in this regard, and (c) to approach the school management and site developer with a view to facilitating community engagement on this project, especially because I am advised further by constituents that *“The rumour mill is rife with stories of over development, excessive numbers of children and the obvious parking and traffic concerns.”*

Reply:

The issue relating to the provision of temporary structures to house a school at the location concerned will be investigated from a planning enforcement point of view. If there is a breach of the planning code relating to such structures appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

Q.33 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Very serious anti-social behaviour is taking place near Camden Buildings in Camden Street, Dublin 2. Specifically, I have been contacted by residents whose house on

Camden Buildings is located in an alley way and in the last three years they have had to contend with a sharp increase in serious levels of anti-social behaviour in the alley way, including the following:

- Due to the increase in the number of night clubs in the area the alley way is often used as a public toilet, which residents frequently witness;
- The alleyway is being used for people to buy, sell and use drugs with needles left behind. It is not unusual to find someone highly agitated or slumped unconscious in the alley way;
- There are a number of people who are sleeping in the alleyway and in some cases they have been highly agitated and often aggressive. On one occasion a person tried to break down the front door of the house of the residents who contacted me and separately another person recently tried to break in;
- Residents are constantly in contact with An Garda Síochána, in fear, and being woken at night; and
- There has been a noted increase of rats in the alleyway with foodstuffs being left behind.

In light of these gravely serious issues of anti-social behaviour which are having a grossly unfair effect on the quality of life of the residents, to ask the manager to either install or permit the residents to install some control on the gate leading into the alleyway, for their safety.

Reply:

The laneway known as Camden Buildings is “in charge” of Dublin City Council which means that a public right of way exists over it. In order that it may be closed by any means, the public right of way would have to be extinguished. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a statutory procedure. In order to begin the statutory procedure a formal written application is submitted to Dublin City Council by the applicant/s requesting that the City Council consider extinguishing the public right of way at this location. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the elected members of the City Council who shall consider any objections or representations made and not withdrawn. The Fire Officer may stipulate requirements in relation to the design of the gate and Planning Permission may be required should the application be successful.

Staff from the South East Area Office met with a property owner from Camden Buildings on site on the 27th February and outlined the Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way procedure. Property owners met the same evening to discuss the Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way procedure and nominated a property owner to liaise with Dublin City Council.

The South East Area Office cannot proceed until such time as a formal application to extinguish the public right of way at Camden Buildings is received.

Anti-social behaviour (including people making noise at night and urinating in public) is a matter for An Garda Síochána and should be reported to Pearse Street Garda Station, 1 - 6 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 W289, tel.: 666 9000.

The Dublin Region Housing First Team provide outreach services, street level health care and accommodation options to people rough sleeping in the Dublin Region. The manager of the service has confirmed that this particular area is not typically used by rough sleepers and is in fact more frequently used by people begging on the streets and people leaving local establishments.

Waste Management Services will monitor this alley way on a regular basis to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible despite the outlined anti-social behaviour there.

Rats and mice in public areas are the responsibility of the Health Services Executive and should be reported to kieran.carberry@hse.ie

Q.34 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager for a full report on the precise dates on when the sea wall will be raised for flood protection along Sandymount Strand, with the report addressing each section of the wall.

Reply:

Planning permission for works to the existing old sea wall adjacent to the roadside footpath was procured last year. Planning permission for proposed flood alleviation works around the Sandymount Martello Tower is due to go out to Part 8 public consultation next month. Once this is acquired construction works can start within a few weeks, programmed in Q.3 2019.

Following procurement of planning for the Promenade section, procurement of consultants for flood alleviation on the 710m section north of the promenade can start with a target of appointing them in Q.2 2020 and going out to Part 10 public consultation, due to the very large number of environmental factors to be considered, in Q.4 2020. Assuming all planning conditions are met procurement of a contractor can commence with earliest construction date likely to be 2022 - 2023.

Q.35 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the March 2019 SEAC I submitted the following question and received the reply which follows it:

Q.48 Councillor Frank Kennedy

The cycle lane at the corner of Leeson Street and Earlsfort Terrace is extremely dangerous. In effect two lanes suddenly become 1.5 lanes with no warning. This gives rise to the constant risk of collision, especially between cyclists and buses. To ask the manager to remedy this grave health and safety risk immediately by the introduction of an effective solution.

Reply:

This will be examined and a reply issued to Councillor.

Contact:

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

No reply has yet been issued. Due to the extraordinarily dangerous nature of this highly utilised cycle lane, to ask for the outstanding reply immediately.

Reply:

The above reply was accidentally issued in March due to a copying and pasting error.

The following reply is what was actually given by the Traffic Department in March:
The safety of the cycle lane at the above mentioned junction has been improved by the installation of flexible bollards and the orcas.

Q.36 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the February 2019 City Council meeting I asked the following question and received the response which follows it:

Q.124 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

SEA *To ask the Chief Executive in light of the ever increasing problem of double parking in Ranelagh village, especially on the main thoroughfare through the village, to ask the Chief Executive to introduce clear and effective signage which reminds/informs motorists that:*

- *Double parking is illegal.*
- *Identifies the sanctions which follow for these breaches of the law.*
- *Prevails upon the Gardaí and Dublin Street Parking Services to enforce the law in Ranelagh village.*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no signage available to deter double parking. However, this location is subject to ongoing monitoring by Dublin Street Parking Services and enforcement action will be taken when necessary.

Contact Details: Helen McGrath, Staff Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement
Tel: 01 222 2216
Email: helenj.mcgrath@dublincity.ie

With respect, this answer is not logically sustainable. Arising from it, to ask the manager:

- a) How can it be said that “*There is no signage available to deter double parking*”?
- b) If it is correct that “*There is no signage available to deter double parking*”, and it is not understood how it could be, to ask the Manager to generate some signage to deter double parking; and
- c) To explain what is meant by “*when necessary*” in the context of enforcement action, because at present the law is flouted on a constant basis and almost never enforced?

Reply:

All traffic and parking signs installed by Dublin City Council are statutory in nature and must comply with provisions made in the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations and the Traffic Signs Manual published by the Department of Transport. There is no signage in the regulations associated with double parking and therefore no sign of this nature that can be introduced by Dublin City Council.

The nature of the illegal parking at this specific location is typically very short-term while the motorist or a passenger attends local shops. Dublin Street Parking Services do carry out enforcement at this location. However, they are unable to take enforcement action where the driver or a passenger remains in the vehicle or where the driver returns to the vehicle before enforcement action can be completed. Nevertheless, there have been 110 enforcements at the location in the year to date with 22 of these resulting in relocation of the offending vehicle.

Q.37 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the September 2018 City Council meeting I asked the following question and received the response which follows it:

Q.75 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the April 2018 SEAC meeting I asked the manager the following question (Q.55) and received the following response:

“Q.55 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to Baggot Lane and in particular my question no. 120 at the December 2017 City Council meeting:

- a. Despite assurances, this lane has not been cleaned for in excess of three months. To ask the manager that a comprehensive clean be carried out without delay; and
- b. Traffic is increasing and speeding is a great concern to all the residents living in the lane. There are no signs, speed ramps or a stop sign or yield sign at the blind junction of Pembroke Gardens and Baggot Lane. To ask the manager for an update on what steps have been taken since my question no. 120 at the December 2017 City Council meeting.

Reply:

- a. *Waste Management Services had Baggot Lane cleaned on the 3rd April 2018 and it will be put on a monthly cleaning schedule*
- b. *The Area Engineer is waiting for the speed survey at Baggot Lane to be carried out. When the results arrive a recommendation will be made. At the moment due the large volume of demands for speed surveys for the implementation of the extension of the 30k zone in Dublin City, it is expected that there will be a delay for the survey.*

I have been informed by residents of Baggot Lane that (a) it has not been swept for months and (b) the illegal use of Baggot Lane as a link road between Baggot St and Northumberland Road is continuing to increase and speeding up and down the Lane is constantly dangerous and high risk. To ask the Manager to (i) explain how this is so in light of the responses provided to me in April 2018 and (ii) to take appropriate measures to address the problems raised.”

Reply:

- a. Waste Management Services will ensure that the monthly cleaning schedule of Baggot Lane is strictly adhered to and it was last cleaned on the 3rd September 2018.
- b. The area engineer is still assessing the best solution for Pembroke Gardens and Baggot Lane. A report will be sent to the elected representative in due course.

Contact:

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

Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation Section, tel.: 222 2542,
email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

With regard to the traffic issue, I have previously raised this issue by way of question three times dating back almost a year and a half. Still no report has been sent to me, as promised in part (b) of the reply above. To ask the Manager:

- (i) Has the speed survey been conducted?
- (ii) When was it conducted?
- (iii) If not, how many speed surveys have been conducted in the South East Area since December 2017?
- (iv) If the speed survey has not been conducted, how many surveys are scheduled to be conducted ahead of it and where are these to take place?
- (v) If the speed survey has not been conducted, when is it to take place?; and
- (vi) To ask the manager to provide the report to me which is now long overdue.

Reply:

- (i) Has the speed survey been conducted?
Yes speed survey was conducted.
- (ii) When was it conducted?
It was conducted on the 27th June 2018 at Baggot Lane.
- (iii) If not, how many speed surveys have been conducted in the South East Area since December 2017?
Not applicable.
- (iv) If the speed survey has not been conducted, how many surveys are scheduled to be conducted ahead of it and where are these to take place?
Not applicable.
- (v) If the speed survey has not been conducted, when is it to take place?; and
Not applicable.
- (vi) To ask the manager to provide the report to me which is now long overdue.
Please see attached report:

First section of the survey at Baggot Lane



Evaluation time		27 June 2018,07:00 - 27 June 2018,20:00				
Speed limit	50 km/h		Count	Vd[km/h]	Vmax[km/h]	V85 [km/h]
Speed violations	0.00 %	Two Wheelers	107	15	39	28
Average gap time	180.60 s	Car	369	21	48	29
Queue traffic	4.09 %	Van	12	22	30	29
ADT	803	Truck	1	22	22	22
AYT	329595	Bus	1	9	9	9
LGV traffic share	4.50 %					
Evaluation direction	Both directions	Total	489	20	48	28
Adaptationer:						
Comment:						
Location: Baggot Lane						
Arriving vehicles from: Northumberland road						
Departing vehicles to: Same						

The 85th percentile speed is defined as, “the speed at or below which 85 percent of all vehicles are observed to travel under free-flowing conditions past a monitored point.” Another way to consider this is the speed at which only 15% of traffic violate on average.

The resultant 85% percentile speed on Baggot Lane did not exceed the speed limit of 50km/h on the 27th of June 2018. It was found to be 28 km/h and speed violations were 0%.

The Transportation. Road Safety. Policy, Strategy and Innovation have implemented 30 km/h in Baggot Lane in October 2018. It is therefore not recommended to introduce traffic calming measures, as they do not meet the warrant.

Second section of the survey

The traffic counter was mounted on pole outside house no.12 on the Southern kerb.



Evaluation time		27 June 2018,07:00 - 27 June 2018,20:00				
Speed limit	50 km/h		Count	Vd[km/h]	Vmax[km/h]	V85 [km/h]
Speed violations	0.00 %	Two Wheelers	498	11	42	24
Average gap time	89.23 s	Car	270	15	40	23
Queue traffic	9.37 %	Van	49	23	36	29
ADT	1852	Truck	159	22	35	27
AYT	675980	Bus	39	25	36	29
LGV traffic share	25.62 %					
Evaluation direction	Both directions	Total	1093	15	42	26
Adaptationer:						
Comment:						
Location: Baggot Lane						
Arriving vehicles from: Eastmoreland Place						
Departing vehicles to: Same						

The resultant 85% percentile speed did not exceed the speed limit of 50kph it was found to be 26 km/h and speed violations were 0%. The speed limit is 30km/h since October 2018.

It is therefore not recommended to introduce traffic calming measures. Therefore, no further traffic calming measures are required at present.

Q.38 **Councillor Frank Kennedy**

The Dublin Bikes docking station, #34, at Portobello Harbour is a great success. However, a problem is that all the bicycles are gone from this station by c.8.30am every morning and one can observe a queue of disappointed people waiting for other

bicycles to arrive. To ask the manager to deliver additional bicycles every morning around 8.15am to make up for bicycles gone, in light of the clear public demand.

Reply:

The Just Eat dublinbikes scheme is designed to be a subscriber self-regulated scheme. JCDecaux continue to manage the scheme with additional bikes and resources in line with their contract with Dublin City Council and distribution vehicles assist with regulation, however it cannot be guaranteed that any station will be either full or empty at a particular time. This is included in the terms of condition of use provided on joining the scheme (section 2.1).

Unfortunately, at peak times congestion or scarcity of bikes can be expected.

The recommended approach at busy times is to use the official dublinbikes app, 'Just Eat dublinbikes' to plan a journey. If, on a number of occasions a station is nearing capacity or close to empty for a regular planned journey, it may be best to consider another station close by or plan for an alternative transport choice for that journey where this is possible.

Q.39 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will arrange to have the tree outside (details supplied) removed, as it is a cause of pavement damage and damage to the wall of the residents.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Service will schedule a repair to the footpath to be carried out at this location as soon as possible.

The tree at this location, a young Turkish Hazel (*Corylus colurna*) the roots of which is not considered to be responsible for the damage to wall or footpath.

Q.40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a constituent in Fisherman's Wharf, Ringsend and give an update on the Dodder Bridge proposal.

He writes:

I would like to ensure that the plans include high quality public realm landscaping in terms of planted trees, pavements and good quality lighting and does not include any "dead zones" or areas that would encourage anti-social behaviour.

While in favour of these new bridges generally, as I am sure you are aware public bridges (pedestrian or otherwise) in Dublin City heretofore have been a hotbed for anti-social behaviour drug dealing, drug taking, begging and rough sleeping etc. Not to mention that the East Link Bridge area has been the location for two abandoned cars linked to shootings in the city over the past nine months, primarily due to ease of escape.

In addition, as you are probably also aware the area around East Link Bridge becomes a gathering point for drinking (and associated behaviour) around events in the 3 Arena, while also becoming a popular rat run for taxi drop offs.

I am eager that the councillors of the area feed into the design of these bridges at an early stage to mitigate these issues. I am sure there are good quality references in other European cities.

Due to the area being primarily residential there is not the "passive surveillance" that exists throughout the day in mixed-use schemes and therefore design of the public realm will be critically important to the success of these bridges.

Reply:

The bridge will be carefully designed and detailed to be of a human scale, and to be robust and long lasting with the minimum of maintenance being required.

Lighting of the approaches to the bridge, the bridge itself and the area around the boat club will be carefully considered, and designed for safety. It will be bright enough to enable human recognition.

The new bridge will be easy to use for pedestrians, and create a much needed link between the Grand Canal Dock area and Ringsend and beyond. This will generate footfall backwards and forwards across the river, and increase the numbers of passers-by, thereby increasing safety of the whole area.

Dublin City Council has agreed with the National Transport Authority that the bridge will tie into the Tom Clarke Bridge approach road. The Preliminary Design is now progressing with the mechanical and electrical design, hydraulic studies of the rivers and environmental impact assessment studies all proceeding in tandem.

It is hoped to lodge the Environmental Impact Assessment Report with An Bord Pleanála later this year. In advance of that, there will be another public consultation and presentation to the area committee.

Q.41 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

He writes:

"Illegal parking in Clyde Lane, Ballsbridge. There has been an upsurge recently with construction workers parking from early morning until late evening without paying for same, and also restricting the parking spaces available to residents and parking permit holders.

Recently I was unable to find a place to park as there were 15 cars parked without payment. This is now happening every single day.

I have reported the matter to Dublin City Council on five occasions but nothing has happened.

On Monday of this week the clamper van came down the lane and passed by a car parked beside my gate that had not paid for parking. I followed the van down the lane and despite the fact that there were nine other vehicles illegally parked the clampers did nothing.

Now I know what is happening here and as a resident of the lane, paying for two parking permits, I am not prepared to stand by and let this continue."

Reply:

In the year to date there have been 11 specific requests for enforcement at (details supplied) mainly relating to complaints of parking without payment. In addition, this location is also subject to enforcement as part of routine patrol. In the year to date there have been nine enforcements for "No Valid Paid Parking" on the lane.

In a number of cases, when checked, motorists have paid for parking via Parking Tag. As there is no requirement to display any ticket in these cases it is not obvious to a casual observer that parking has been paid. In the region of 52% of all parking is now paid using Parking Tag.

Nevertheless, Dublin Street Parking Services will be instructed to increase monitoring at the location.

Q.42 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Building works have been completed at the end of Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook. Could the manager arrange to have the lane resurfaced?

Reply:

Morehampton Lane will be considered for inclusion in our 2020 Road Resurfacing Programme.

Q.43 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have double yellow lines outside 22 Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook removed as it serves no purpose and there are no double yellow lines at adjoining homes.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group does not recommend the removal of double yellow lines at the above location, because to allow parking may lead to blocking the laneway.

No. 22 also has private parking as per the planning permission.

Regarding the adjoining properties, it is noted that their site layout is not the same as No. 22. Their private boundary walls are recessed to provide private parking primarily on their own private property and hence are not considered comparable to No. 22.

Q.44 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange to have the path resurfaced at the entrance to Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook. There is a small area as indicated in the photo that will then bring the works to completion.

Reply:

A repair will be scheduled at this location as soon as possible.

Q.45 Councillor Paddy McCartan

a) To ask the manager to ensure that the streets around St. Broc's Cottages, Donnybrook are swept and maintained on a regular basis.

b) To have a prohibition sign attached to the railings of the triangle at the entrance to Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook to prevent the disorderly attachment of bicycles to these railings.

Reply:

a) Waste Management Services had the above mentioned area swept on the 28th March 2019. This residential area is inspected on a weekly basis and cleaning is carried out when necessary to do so. We will ensure that every effort is made to keep this area as clean as possible.

- b) Park Services will arrange for an appropriate sign to be attached to the railings at this location to indicate that locking bicycles to the railings is not permitted.

Q.46 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

He writes:

"I'm writing to you about the pedestrian crossing facilities in the Stephen's Green area. As you'll be aware, the area has been significantly upgraded over the last few years and it accommodates a large number of bus services as well as cars and bicycles changing in the process from a simple clockwise directional configuration to a two way system in parts. Unfortunately, it is quite difficult for pedestrians to cross the roads and there is a lack of safety signage for example when crossing from the Leeson Street / Saint Stephen's Green junction to the entrance of Saint Stephen's Green itself, the traffic signal cycle is quite long and pedestrians often cross the road before the signal changes to green for pedestrians often unaware that traffic may be traveling towards them in three directions. Unfortunately there is no signage to warn pedestrians of this danger. On one way streets, the City Council paints "Look Left" or "Look Right" signs at the crossings but there is nothing for more complex crossings.

In addition when using the above crossing there is a reservation in the middle of the road in which pedestrians are usually obliged to wait. There are audible warning devices to assist the visually impaired but due to the fact that there are effectively two crossings there are two of these devices. These are so close to each other that I'm sure that it is possible that visually impaired people could confuse the warnings from the two devices with potentially tragic consequences."

Reply:

The operation of the St. Stephen's Green / Leeson Street signalised junction has been reviewed. This is a nested pelican signalised junction. This junction type facilitates cycle priority movements from St. Stephen's Green South towards Leeson Street. The pedestrian crossing arrangement at this junction facilitates all pedestrians to cross during one phase i.e. pedestrians movements can cross simultaneously between Earlsfort Terrace, Leeson Street, St. Stephen's Green South and St. Stephen's Green East. The benefits of facilitating all pedestrian movements in one phase reduces the wait time for pedestrians to cross the junction. A review of the SCATS History Database has revealed that during a typical weekday the pedestrian phase is demanded and ran during every cycle. The pedestrian crossing time lasts a duration of 23 seconds.

There is an additional pedestrian crossing on a central island at this junction connecting to St. Stephen's Green entrance on the south east corner. In order to improve pedestrian facilities in the area the time allocated to this pedestrian crossing will be increased.

For all pedestrian crossings the audio signal is located on right hand side pole only in order to allow a visually impaired road user confirm their location. For the slip lane ped and the main crossing the audio units are more than 3 metres apart which allows visually impaired users to distinguish the signal location.

Q.47 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent in Sydney Parade Avenue Sandymount:

"Roundals showing 30km/h at the entrance to Sydney Parade Avenue and Strand Road plus Ailesbury Road / Merrion."

"In July of last year we wrote to the council requesting the above. Our correspondence was acknowledged but nothing has happened since. As a lot of cars drive through the road at speed we would like these roundals to be put in place as soon as possible."

Reply:

The area engineer will assess and locate suitable locations for placement of 30km roundals that will act as traffic calming measures and support the 30km/h slow zone signs on Sydney Parade Avenue.

Q.48 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue at Ashfield Avenue, Ranelagh: Works have been completed at the Devlin Hotel and following this it was the understanding of residents that the avenue would be resurfaced.

Reply:

This will be examined and followed up with the developer.

Q.49 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager investigate why the water pressure at (details supplied) is so poor?

Reply:

As this issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water.

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

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

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @IrishWater
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.
Email: localrepsupport@water.ie

Q.50 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the residents of (details supplied) in Ringsend be balloted for disc parking on the roadway outside their homes and can the process and implications for the introduction of disc parking be explained in this reply?

Reply:

Dublin City Council can consider the introduction of a scheme on the road and if recommended arrange for subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road. A request for a Parking Scheme will be

referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours
2. A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents
3. The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

It is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a Scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents on some roads.

Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager convert the unit that is currently not in use and known locally as Jenny's Hair studio in The New Houses in Ringsend into residential accommodation for letting off the social housing list?

Reply:

Plans are currently being drawn up to convert this unit formerly a hair salon to a housing unit. These plans are expected to be complete in the next two weeks. They will then be issued to tender to have the unit converted for Housing stock.

Q.52 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to install double yellow lines (DYLs) on the roadway opposite 46 to 52 Pembroke Cottages in Ringsend as this will join up the existing DYLs which is inexplicable to residents?

Reply:

This request has been added to the existing Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

Q.53 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager erect no dog fouling signs on Pembroke Cottages close to (details supplied) and at the other end of this road as well.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to put in place signage as requested.

Q.54 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide details of any planning conditions for the trees and landscaping in relation to the following planning applications - 3353/79, 3625/80, 419/81 and 3717/82.

Reply:

Please find attached copies of the decision notices issued in relation to application nos.: 3353/79, 3625/80 and 0419/81. There is no electronic record available for application no: 3717/82. A request has issued to storage for its retrieval and a response will issue directly to the Councillor in due course.

Q.55 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to extend the time of the Rathmines cycle lane to include Saturday.

Reply:

The matter has been referred to the area engineer for assessment. A reply will be issued in due course.

Q.56 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the procedures for a one way system of traffic at Stephen's Place, Mount Street? This small street which leads into the senior citizens' complex of Verschoyle Court is fast becoming one of the most dangerous areas for pedestrians and road users alike.

It is a narrow passageway that leads from Mount Street to the Pepper Canister. Traffic is now contraflow here that includes, trucks vans, cars. At either end of this small roadway pedestrians and cyclists are placed in grave danger. Often, traffic simply cannot pass because of the width of the road with many vehicles alighting onto the footpaths. The situation here is urgent and needs measures implemented immediately.

Reply:

The area traffic engineer will assess the area of Stephen's Place, Mount Street.

It must be noted that speeds tend to be higher on one-way streets, and some studies suggest drivers pay less attention on them because there is no conflicting traffic flow, as a result could affect / hinder pedestrians and cyclist in the area.

Q.57 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards all rent arrears for social housing and tenants within the South East Area. Also, can this report break down the economic income and status of each household that is impacted by rent arrears? Many people find themselves in rent arrears because they are spending the little money they have on the upkeep of their family and their families' education. Many families have children with special educational needs and the parents are being forced to spend whatever money they have on the limited services that are available for their children. Many of these families are living in what can only be described as substandard accommodation in dilapidated blocks of flats. Many are subject to constant harassment due to anti-social behaviour and criminal activity and in certain instances racial attacks and abuse.

Reply:

There are **3426** tenancies in the Dublin South East Area. Of these, **1497** are in arrears. The arrears for this area currently amount to **€2,260,705.00**. The accounts range from 1 week to 430 weeks in arrears.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 disclosure of information that is personal to our tenants is not permitted. There can be many permutations in the composition of a household. Some families may be receiving Social Welfare payments only, others may have an income from employment but their children may be receiving payments from Social Welfare. Sometimes the tenants may be on Social Welfare but

the children residing with them are in employment. Sometimes all members of a household may be in employment.

Rents for Dublin City Council tenants are calculated using the differential rent system in accordance with the Dublin City Council Rent Scheme. This is a very fair system because it takes into account the circumstances and income of each of our tenants.

“Calculation of Rents” - Dublin City Council 2019 Rent Scheme

The rent of a dwelling let on differential rent will be calculated as 15% of the principal earner’s weekly assessable income, which exceeds €32.00 in the case of a ‘single person’ principal earner and €64.00 in the case of a ‘couple’ principal earner. Where a spouse / partner is in receipt of any weekly income over €32.00 the couple allowance will not apply.

After the rent payable in respect of the principal earner has been assessed, 15% of the weekly assessable income of each subsidiary earner, which exceeds €32.00 (€64.00 in the case of a “couple” subsidiary earner), will be added to the weekly rent, subject to the following maximum contributions:

The maximum weekly rent contribution that will be assessed on the income of any individual subsidiary earner will be €21.00.

The maximum total weekly rent contribution that will be assessed on the incomes of subsidiary earners in any individual household will be €84.00.

Principal / Subsidiary Earner

The principal earner will be the household member who has the highest assessable income. A subsidiary earner will be a member of the household, other than the principal earner, who has an assessable income.

I would also draw your attention to Section 10 of the Dublin City Council Rent Scheme. As the Officer in Charge of the Rents Section, I engage with the Dublin City Council Social Work Section and the Executive Housing Officers in an effort to alleviate any hardship that some of our tenants may be experiencing.

“10. Hardship”

Where an Officer in Charge of the Rents Section is satisfied that there are exceptional factors adversely affecting the social functioning of a household and contributing to the tenant’s inability to pay the rent assessed in accordance with this Rent Scheme, or where the payment of that rent would give rise to undue hardship, he / she may authorise a reduction in the rent assessed under this Scheme by up to 50% for a period of up to six months in respect of that household.

Dublin City Council has an officer dedicated to dealing with cases of anti-social behaviour and all such cases should be reported to him.

Finally, the South East Area has the lowest arrears figure of the five Dublin administrative areas.

I attach a copy of the DCC Rent Scheme 2019 for your information.

Q.58 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the removal of the two phone boxes that are on Camden Street East? These two phone boxes are a scene of drug taking and anti-social behaviour. They also constitute a health hazard as they are being used a public lavatory.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has contacted An Garda Síochána and has requested that consideration be given to the removal of two phone boxes on Camden Street due to reported anti-social behaviour and that if in agreement that 'Eir' be requested by An Garda Síochána to initiate the process for the removal of the boxes.

Q.59 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager give an update on the recent Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process that was agreed by the South East Area with regards a dilapidated premises (building) on Aungier Street?

Reply:

It is assumed the Councillor is referring to 25 Aungier Street, Dublin 2. The property is not the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order and is currently under investigation by the Derelict Sites Section in accordance with the previous reply to the Councillor in October 2018. A reference of ownership was sought and the owner has been written to regarding the condition of the property and requested to provide refurbishment proposals. The absence of a satisfactory response will result in an escalation of formal action under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The matter is being kept under review and the Councillor will be kept informed of any developments.

Q.60 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager install secure locks on the gates at Camden Buildings? This laneway on Camden Street which is a cul de sac has many residents. They are constantly inundated with attempted burglaries anti-social behaviour and personal threats.

Over the past number of years the residents themselves placed a gate for their own safety. This laneway has a public right of way. Very few members of the public venture into this area. However, it is continuously subject to trespass by those hell bent on using the area as a lavatory or a shooting gallery for drugs. The residents are in constant fear of intimidation and attack here. There is an obligation on DCC to meet these residents and install proper gates and proper locks.

DCC is the owner of this laneway and has a duty of care for public safety and the safety of the residents.

We have carried out similar improvements in many of our other properties and estate throughout the city there is no reason why we can't do it here.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is not the owner of the laneway known as Camden Buildings.

The laneway known as Camden Buildings is "in charge" of Dublin City Council which means that a public right of way exists over it. In order that it may be closed by any means, the public right of way would have to be extinguished. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a statutory procedure. In order to begin the statutory procedure a formal written application is submitted to Dublin City Council by the applicant/s requesting that the City Council consider extinguishing the public right of way at this location. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the elected members of the City Council who shall consider any objections or representations made and not withdrawn. The Fire Officer may stipulate requirements in relation to the design of the gate and planning permission may be required should the application be successful.

Staff from the South East Area Office met with a property owner from Camden Buildings on site on the 27th February and outlined the Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way procedure. Property owners met the same evening to discuss the Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way procedure and nominated a property owner to liaise with Dublin City Council.

The South East Area Office cannot proceed until such time as a formal application to extinguish the public right of way at Camden Buildings is received.

Q.61 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to whether DCC is negotiating with the owners of the Business College in Aungier Street for the purchase of this building for homeless services?

Reply:

The Valuers office are not in negotiations with the owners of the Business College in Aungier Street to acquire this property for homeless services.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive are not negotiating with the owners of the Business College in Aungier Street for the purchase of this building for homeless services.

Q.62 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of removing the Anne Madden work from the Rotunda of the City Hall? Many citizens have complained about the appropriate nature of this particular work in this historic building and also from the many couples who get married here this work forms a backdrop to all their wedding photographs.

It would be far more appropriate to have the forthcoming commission of Caitlín Bean Uí Chléirigh, the first female Lord Mayor of Dublin as an appropriate feature and art work in this building.

Reply:

George Wein presented the "Winged Figure" by Anne Madden to the Hugh Lane Gallery in 2007. His proposal to present the work to the gallery was brought to the board meeting of the 15th November 2007 where it was unanimously agreed to accept it. One of the conditions of the gift is that it remains in City Hall. In a letter to Ms. Madden on the 13th February 2008, the City Manager John Tierney agreed to the conditions of the gift.

The Protocol Committee directed that the Kathleen Clarke portrait hang in the Council Chamber as this places her alongside other prominent Lord Mayors. The location is specified in the brief for artists. The Rotunda is a large space and a portrait of the size suited to the chamber would be too small for such a large space.

Q.63 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a number of temporary repairs on the now seriously dilapidated Anne Street footpaths? This street forms part of the Grafton Quarter upgrade. These works were meant to take place after the Luas works however, absolutely nothing has taken place here and the roadway and the footpaths are simply disintegrating. Many people are tripping and falling here. I recently received a phone call from a person with disability outlining injuries received.

DCC has an obligation to immediately respond to the trip and fall dangers on our footpaths and roadways. Recently in Exchange Street there was a gaping hole in the

footpath that was left there for months. This isn't good enough and the least DCC can do is to have a dedicated team out here that can temporarily fill the holes while we await the refurbishment and resurfacing of the area.

Reply:

Local repairs will be scheduled on South Anne Street as soon as possible.

Q.64 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full entire clean-up of the Grantham Street area? This work to include a full power hosing and clean-up of the JC Decaux bike stand. Also, can the manager supply any information with regards any obligation that JC Decaux has in the cleaning and sweeping of its bike station. These bike station sites were given over the private company JC Decaux in order to run the bike scheme. However, there have been many complaints including the ones from Grantham Street and indeed from cyclists and Dublin Bike Scheme users that these sites are not maintained and can be filthy dirty with cigarette butts, beer cans and other debris.

Reply:

The shop fronts on Grantham Street are cleaned on a daily basis and the residential part of this street is monitored on a weekly basis and cleaned when necessary to do so. The bike stand there is included in this cleaning schedule and arrangements have been made to have it power washed.

JC Decaux are operating Dublin Bikes on behalf of Dublin City Council since 2009. There are 115 bike stations catering for 1600 bikes. JC Decaux are contracted to clean 1,200 stations a year, 100 per month. They clean the footprint of each station, remove and dispose of any rubbish collected. Terminals and equipment are wiped clean by JC Decaux. Waste Management teams incorporate the cleaning of Dublin Bike stations in their daily street cleaning operations.

Q.65 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the bowling green cleaned in Herbert Park, Donnybrook. As the project still awaits grant funding approval from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, it is important that members can enjoy their bowling.

Reply:

Quotations are currently being sought to undertake the cleaning of the bowling green carpet and it is anticipated that work will be undertaken in the next four to six weeks.

Q.66 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Has any progress been made on my question from last month? Namely, can the footpath outside (details supplied) be repaired and can the tree at same location be cut down?

Reply:

Clarification re address sought from councillor. Upon receipt of same the matter will be examined and a reply issued to the councillor.

Q.67 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state who determined the increase in the costs for Ballsbridge over 35s playing in Herbert Park and how was the figure arrived at and is the increase charge being applied to all other clubs across the city or are the Ballsbridge over 35's the only club facing increase in charges?

Reply:

In order to regularise the use of football pavilions in Dublin City Council parks, where no prior agreement is in place, when making their application for pitch lettings for 2019, clubs were requested to indicate if they required the use a room/s in a pavilion (where available) to coincide with their pitch letting for the season. In order to defray to cost of utilities for electricity and gas in these football pavilions, which is currently being borne by Parks Section, clubs have been requested to make a contribution towards these costs i.e. €400 per changing room with showers (using both gas & electricity) and €200 without showers (electricity only). This contribution is considered reasonable for the use of a good facility and does not cover the actual utility costs, which are considerably in excess of this amount.

Q.68 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a public notice board installed in Ringsend village similar to the one in Sandymount?

Reply:

South East Area community development staff members are working with Ringsend and Irishtown Tidy Towns on this and will hopefully have a notice board up for the summer.

Q.69 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can I ask the manager to consider installing exercise machines in Harold's Cross Park as this park is a fantastic amenity and the installation of these facilities would provide an additional benefit to park users?

Reply:

There is no provision in the current estimates to install exercise equipment in Harold's Cross Park. However the suitability of such equipment for a small heritage style park will be considered in the context of future budget allocations.

Q.70 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager the total number of buildings in the south east that are awaiting assessment for addition to the Record of Protected Structures, and to provide whenever possible a full list of these buildings either under assessment or awaiting assessment.

Reply:

The structures awaiting assessment for addition to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) are not on lists relating to the City Council's area committees, as the survey work and resulting data is not collected on that basis. 300 candidate additions for the entire city proposed by elected members and members of the public are awaiting assessment. A list of these will be compiled and forwarded directly to the Councillor.

A further 1,300 candidate additions have been proposed by the Minister as part of the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) survey which is in progress. We await further recommendations from the Minister particularly in relation to the South East Area as the Minister's recommendations only relate to structures of significant special interest in relatively small parts of Dublin 2 and 6.

These can be viewed on the Buildings of Ireland, Historic Environment Viewer at www.buildingsofireland.ie and <http://webgis.buildingsofireland.ie/HistoricEnvironment/index.html>

Q.71 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if there are any plans to replace trees previously cut on St. Brendan's Road.

Reply:

The root base of some of these trees is quite extensive and will take a number of years to breakdown. Therefore it may not be possible to undertake replacement planting at exactly the same location.

However, subject to underground services not being present, it is proposed to undertake tree planting where possible on this road at alternative locations so as to retain a sustainable urban tree canopy.

Q.72 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manger to arrange for pruning of trees on St. Mary's Road.

Reply:

The street trees on St. Mary's Road, mainly consisting of mature Lime with some London Planes, were pruned in January 2016 and when inspected recently are not considered to require additional pruning.

Q.73 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if there are any plans to install floodlighting in Herbert Park pitches, and if not can these can be considered to improve use of the pitches.

Reply:

There are no plans to install floodlighting on either the grass pitches or the small synthetic pitch.

The synthetic pitch was developed to facilitate schools in the area and this pitch is used almost exclusively by them and underage football clubs. It is not considered that floodlights are required on this pitch.

Floodlighting of the grass pitches is not being considered as these pitches are heavily used and would not be able to facilitate additional matches.

Q.74 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the area manager please fix the road surface on Byrne's Lane, in particular the ramp at the entrance as a matter of urgency as the surface has been eroded and is uneven and in need of repair. I witnessed a pedestrian trip and fall here recently and cause themselves significant damage. Can the manager also replace the bollards at the entrance, which are old and rusty, with two new bollards that are in keeping with the design of the others along the street?

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to repair this ramp and replace the bollards.

Q.75 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he will consider extending the 30km per hour speed limit to Fitzwilliam Street.

Reply:

Fitzwilliam Street has been included in the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h Speed Limit introduction. This proposal will be going for public consultation during summer 2019.

Following the adoption, and sealing of the new Bye-Laws in the autumn 2019, works will commence to erect the relevant signage in the new areas in late 2020.

Q.76 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please install a yellow box at the junction of Greenore Terrace and Macken Street as the residents are finding it difficult to access their home due to traffic congestion here?

Reply:

This request has been added to the existing Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the area traffic engineer. The councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

Q.77 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he can please improve the street lighting along Pigeon House Road as a means to deter anti-social behaviour and crime in the area.

Reply:

There is no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2019 and there are no current plans for any changes to the lighting on Pigeon House Road.

However, Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services is currently undertaking a programme to replace all the existing low pressure sodium and high pressure sodium lights (i.e. the orange coloured and yellow coloured lights) throughout the council area with LED lights (i.e. white light) over the next few years and the existing lighting on Pigeon House Road will be included in this replacement programme.

Until such time as the existing lights on Pigeon House Road are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Q.78 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he can please address the issue of illegal dumping in Erne Terrace front and rear. Can the manager install 'No Dumping Signs' here and signs to remind residents, and temporary Airbnb visitors, of the bin collection days and times as measures to address the on-going issue?

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to put in place signage as requested.

Q.79 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he can please address the following issues in Camden Buildings in Camden Street, Dublin 2: anti-social behaviour, people sleeping in the lane, urination, noise pollution, litter, and an increase in rodent presence. The residents here are dealing with a lot and would appreciate some support and assistance.

Reply:

1. Anti-social behaviour (including people making noise at night and urinating in public) is a matter for An Garda Síochána and should be reported to Pearse Street Garda Station, 1 - 6 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 W289, tel.: 666 9000.
2. The Dublin Region Housing First Team provide outreach services, street level health care and accommodation options to people rough sleeping in the Dublin Region. The manager of the service has confirmed that this particular area is not

typically used by rough sleepers and is in fact more frequently used by people begging on the streets and people leaving local establishments.

3. Waste Management Services will monitor this alley way on a regular basis to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible despite the outlined anti-social behaviour there.
4. Rats and mice in public areas are the responsibility of the Health Services Executive and should be reported to kieran.carberry@hse.ie

Q.80 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he could please carry out the following works in Pearse Grove:

- Clear the grass verges and growth in between the flagstones.
- Fix and replace the flagstones outside (details supplied) as they are a trip hazard for the elderly person living here.
- Improve street cleaning.
- Introduce measures to address the issue of illegal dumping.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that Pearse Grove is cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday. Any dumped rubbish there is removed after the litter warden has finished checking for evidence.

Footpath repairs will be scheduled here as soon as possible.

Q.81 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he can please assist this resident of Markievicz House (details supplied).

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List, with an application date of 23rd July, 2009, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bed size	Position
Area H	3 Bed	95
Area M	3 Bed	49
Area N	3 Bed	75

Dublin City Council allocate 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.

Q.82 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can (details supplied) be resurfaced. Some of the residents have fallen due to the bad condition of the roads. The council came out last week and put some tar in the potholes after people complained but it needs proper resurfacing.

Reply:

This will be considered for inclusion in our 2020 Road Resurfacing Programme.

Q.83 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can (details supplied) be given attention to include repairs to potholes and street cleaning?

Reply:

Road repairs will be scheduled here.

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned on the 28th March 2019.

Q.84 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can further information or a progress report be given on my question from last month re residents gaining access to their driveway at (details supplied) and the parking meter being moved?

Reply:

The councillor submitted an e-mail directly to the Parking Enforcement Section regarding this matter and a response issued in March. The request for removal of a section of Pay and Display and Permit Parking bay at the address (details supplied) has been referred to the Council's Traffic Advisory Group for examination and recommendation. There is no Pay and Display Ticket Machine at the location.

Q.85 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a dog run be considered for Herbert Park?

Reply:

This has been considered in the past however due to the high level of park usage for both active and passive recreation it is not possible to allocate an area of the park specifically as a dog run.

Q.86 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpath outside (details supplied) be repaired?

Reply:

A repair will be scheduled at this location.

Q.87 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a permeability and accessibility study be done for Newbridge Avenue in Sandymount? Can an engineer visit the road at 5pm instead of 11am as previously happened to see the full impact of the parked cars.

Reply:

The area engineer will review and visit the site again during evening peak and report back to the public representative on their findings.

Q.88 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the white lines outside (details supplied) be cleaned off in circumstances where they have been replaced by double yellow lines?

Reply:

The area engineer will contact the Environment and Transportation traffic officer for road / line markings to rescind the white line at the location.

Q.89 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpaths in Merlyn Road be repaired? Can the tree opposite (details supplied) be pruned? In addition there is water running into the driveway of this house; can same be investigated?

Reply:

The tree at this location, a large Lime tree (*Tilia* sps.) is considered to require some pruning and will be added to our 2019 tree works programme.

The footpaths will be examined and repairs scheduled as required. The drainage at this location will also be examined.

Q.90 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can this committee write to Iarnród Éireann indicating that residents feel that the gates are not open long enough for the Dart on Sandymount Avenue?

Reply:

The councillor's question will be conveyed to Iarnród Éireann, as requested.

Q.91 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can CCTV be considered for (details supplied) in circumstances where there have been recent burglaries of cars? Can the steps be cleaned at same location?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned steps cleaned on the 29th March 2019.

Clarification was sought from the councillor regarding where the CCTV is being requested. Upon receipt of same, the matter will be examined and a reply issued to the councillor.

Q.92 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a dog poo bin placed on Pine Road close to the entrance of Ringsend Park and the Cambridge Football Club clubhouse?

Reply:

There is a public litter bin in place at Pine Road at the entrance to Ringsend Park. This bin may be used to dispose of all litter including dog litter. It is not considered necessary to install an additional bin specifically for dog litter at this location.

Q.93 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager install a small pathway across the green area leading towards 2 Kerlogue Road as the residents are elderly and use the grass to cross but often it's mucky and has dog poo on it?

Reply:

The location has been visited by a Park's official in recent days and it is considered that due to the presence of tree roots and underground utilities it is deemed that a footpath is not suitable.

Q.94 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if consideration can be given to a transfer for (details supplied) as the tenant has a spinal injury and his having trouble with the stairs.

Reply:

It is noted that the applicant has applied for a medical priority this application was unsuccessful an appeal has recently been submitted this will be reviewed in due course and the applicant informed of the outcome.

Q.95 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if a leak in the bathroom of (details supplied) can be fixed as a matter of urgency?

Reply:

The leak in the bathroom of this dwelling has been repaired.

Q.96 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to check the cold water pressure at details supplied - which has been reported by the tenant to be at a trickle.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance attended to the water pressure in this dwelling in February 2019.

Q.97 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager about the plans of the council for the derelict site at (details supplied) as it has become a dumping ground.

Reply:

The City Council approved the disposal of this site to the Peter McVerry Trust in December 2018. Planning Permission was granted for the development of eight apartments in July 2018. Stage 3 approval for funding, under the Capital Works Management Framework, was approved by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DoHPLG) in March 2019. It is anticipated the tender for the development will be awarded in June 2019, with construction works to begin shortly afterwards.

Terms and conditions for the disposal of the subject site to an approved housing body, Peter McVerry Trust CLG were assented to by the City Council at its meeting held on 3rd December 2018. Peter McVerry Trust CLG has been granted planning permission for the construction of eight residential units (5 x 1-bed and 3 x 2-bed) on the site (planning ref. 2689/18 refers). The disposal of the site is currently with the Law Agent for completion of the legal process.

Access will be arranged to have the site cleaned.

Q.98 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if trees that were removed on details supplied can be re-instated as previously advised to the residents.

Reply:

Parks Services have no records of street tree removal at this location over the past few years.

Q.99 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if consideration can be given to installing a new bathroom in (details supplied) as the existing bathroom is in a very bad state, there is also a leak present in the bathroom.

Reply:

There is no record of a request for replacement bathroom fittings from this tenant prior to this. An inspection will be carried out of the bathroom in this dwelling. Any necessary repairs / replacement of fittings will be carried out. Replacement of fittings / units will only take place where the current fittings are no longer serviceable.

Q.100 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the transfer request of details supplied, this matter is urgent as there is significant impact on the children in the home due to anti-social behaviour in the area.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the housing list with a welfare priority, with an application date of 31st July, 2018 the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bed size	Position
Area E	4 bed	6
Area K	4 bed	4

The applicant should in the first incidence ensure that all incidents of anti-social behaviour are reported to their local Garda station who in turn can liaise with the local Housing office regarding addressing any issues of antisocial behaviour being experienced by the tenant. Please advise the tenant to forward any supporting documentation in respect of these incidents to the local housing office who will in turn investigate the matter.

Q.101 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if the property at (details supplied) at which there was a fire late in 2018 can be urgently addressed and the property looked after / refurbished.

Reply:

This dwelling has extensive damage following a fire earlier this year. Arrangements are being made to refurbish this under the Term Maintenance Framework. As initial assessments indicate that the damage to this property is extensive it is not currently possible to give a timeframe for completion, however the matter will be kept under review.

Q.102 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if traffic calming measure can be considered on (details supplied) as there is a significant issue with both volumes and speed of traffic on the street.

Reply:

Under the 2019 Works Programme a speed table will be installed at the junction of details supplied 1 and 2 and at the junction of 3 and 1. Speed tables are midblock traffic calming devices that raise the entire wheelbase of a vehicle to reduce its traffic speed.

Q.103 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if consideration can be given to installing a downstairs shower at (details supplied) as this was promised late in 2018 and hasn't been done.

Reply:

The installation of a low level access shower has been issued to a contractor in the past few weeks to carry out. Contact will be made director with the tenant to make arrangements for this work.

Q.104 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if the trees at (details supplied) can be trimmed, there is also an issue at this property with tree roots protruding underneath the property concerned and causing damage.

Reply:

The street tree at this location has been listed for pruning over the coming months. Also a visual examination of the tree root activity found no evidence that would suggest that structural damage was been caused to the property.

Q.105 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to consider (details supplied) for a transfer to three bedroom flat, as she is in a two bedroom flat and her two daughters are in tiny box room with small baby.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List, with an application date of 3rd March, 2006, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bed size	Position
Area M	3 Bed	19

The applicant has recently moved into Band 2 of the Transfer Housing List as a result of adding her grandson to the application.

Dublin City Council allocate 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.

Q.106 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to help (details supplied), as his front door needs replacing and he finds it impossible trying to heat his flat as all the heat goes out the door. Window needs repairing as the latches are broken and the toilet needs to be replaced as there is a crack in it.

Reply:

There is no record of the named person residing in this flat or this flat complex. This dwelling was reinstated and re-let in October 2017.

Q.107 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager if we could find funding for (details supplied) for days out for the children and to buy games, learning equipment?

Reply:

Dublin City Council operates a Dublin City Community Grant Scheme which awards small-scale grants to not-for-profit community and voluntary groups to fund activities of benefit to the local community or to particular target groups including children and families. The 2019 scheme is now closed for applications. The 2020 scheme will open in mid-September 2019 and will be advertised via Dublin City Council area offices and website, the Dublin City Public Participation Network and local media.

The Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) also operates grant schemes for community and voluntary groups from time to time. As new grant schemes arise they are advertised via the Dublin City Public Participation Network or the webpage of the LCDC: www.dublincity.ie/lcdc

Q.108 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to put hand rail going up the stairs for elderly people in O'Rahilly House, Block 25 - 56 at the request of residents.

Reply:

There is a handrail along the stairs of this block. If an individual tenant requires additional support on the stairs or for access to their unit this can be examined if details are supplied to Housing Maintenance, 222 2191 or directly to Margaret Kyne in Housing Maintenance.

Q.109 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate and resolve the rising damp issue outside (details supplied) before the issue gets worse. To also ask the manager to replace back door and windows in sitting room of above flat. The flat is freezing cold and has the old windows and door that do not keep the heat in. There is a baby of eight months old living in this flat that was born 1lb and she is susceptible to picking up illness in this cold flat that is also damp.

Reply:

An inspection of this property will be carried out in the next few weeks in relation to the report of possible rising damp. The recommendations of the resulting report on this inspection will then be implemented.

There is no record of a complaint in relation to the back door or window in this dwelling. This has now been logged and they will be inspected in relation to required repairs.

Q.110 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have (details supplied) power hosed.

Reply:

This complex has been included in Housing Maintenance's schedule for power washing.