



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 8 JUNE 2020

- 1 Presentation on Strategic Housing Development SHD0008/20 36,38, 40 Herbert Park & 10 Pembroke Place, Dublin 4 Residential Development / Construction of 105 Apartments and associated site works. (The proposed development also includes 10 no. Aparthotel bedroom suites at 10 Pembroke Place)**
Order: Noted.
- 2 Presentation on Planning Application Reference 2682/20 Kevin Street Former DIT site**
Order: Noted.
Cllr. Geoghegan asked that the record include his comments that the meeting to discuss the Strategic Housing Development was not consistent with the relevant legislation because there was not a quorum of members present and standing orders of Dublin City Council had not yet been amended to allow for quora in the case of meetings held remotely.
- 3 Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 11th May 2020**
Order: Amended to include the names of councillors attending remotely and Agreed.
- 4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**

 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 25th May 2020.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on social distancing arrangements in Sandymount Village.
Order: Noted.
Taken with item 8 motions 4 and 7.
- 5 Culture, Recreation and Emergency Services Department Matters**

 - i. Report on Sculpture Dublin.
Order: Noted.
- 6 Planning and Property Development Matters**

- i. Report on proposed disposal: Fee simple interest in 12 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2 to Polyfoto Limited.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

7 South East Area Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Taken with Item 8 emergency motion.

Order: Noted. The meeting then adjourned until a special meeting held on 22nd June 2020. The remaining items were taken at the special Meeting in the Round Room of the Mansion House on the 22nd June.

- ii. Naming and numbering proposal for a development at Chatham Street, Dublin 2: Cúirt Chatham/ Chatham Court.

Order: Agreed.

8 Motions

Emergency Motion from Councillor Pat Dunne taken with Item 7.i

In light of and in the context of the serious public health pandemic posed by the coronavirus, questions raised about the heightened risk posed by communal living for the transmission of pathogens and disease, that the Minister for Housing will suspend the 2018 Planning Guidelines until such time as the impact of the public health crisis on this form of housing is fully understood.

Order: Noted.

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That in order to provide a safe walking route while also acknowledging the need to encourage and facilitate safe cycling that the Manager would explore developing a new cycling route to the rear of the Irishtown Nature Park and to prohibit cycling on the existing walking route and to report back to this committee on these matters. In the meantime if the manager would confirm by signage that cycling is currently forbidden on this walkway.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to make contact with the owner of the Martello Tower in Sandymount to see if they might facilitate a visit to same by the committee and representatives of the Sandymount and Merrion Residents' Association to assist in developing an approach to the future of the building.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees that a working group comprising representatives from the City Architects Office, the Heritage Section and any other section recommended by the Manager as well as two councillors from the Pembroke area and two councillors from the Kimmage -Rathmines areas be established to work with the CDET B on a plan for the future of the magnificent but unused hall in the Rathmines Town Hall which reverts to the council in approximately 10 years.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Item 3

This committee agrees that a schedule of meetings between Dublin City Council management, Waterways Ireland and Dublin City Councillors be arranged for June 2020, September 2020 and December 2020 to follow-up on actions committed to;

to keep lines of communication open re maintenance issues of the City's canals and Grand Canal dock and to discuss developments. These meetings can be held using Microsoft Teams/Zoom if not in person given government guidelines re Covid 19.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Anne Feeney

This committee asks the Director of Services to provide a status report on progress made or actions imminent in relation to questions raised by councillors in the South East Area since January 2019.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Anne Feeney

This committee requests Waste Management to pilot in the Terenure, Harold's Cross and Kimmage area an adaption of the public bins, whereby the aperture would be reduced to address the ongoing problem of plastic bags of domestic waste being packed in illegally, thereby reducing the capacity of the bins for passing pedestrians to dispose of small items of rubbish and also causing overflows of rubbish onto our streets and in our parks.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with item 3.

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to please install bike parking facilities on St Stephen's Green, opposite the new MOLI museum. These could be placed either on the island or in one of the parking bays on the park side.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this South East Area Committee calls on the present government to initiate a full statutory public inquiry into the now well-documented, horrendous sexual abuse and criminality perpetrated against children in the Scouting Ireland organisation. Notwithstanding the organised cover up of those in long term positions of power and responsibility it would be highly inappropriate and wrong for this government to solely rely on the recent report initiate by Scouting Ireland by Ian Elliot.

Cllr. Lacey declared membership of the board of Scouting Ireland. Order: Falls.

Motion 9 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee notes that once again the growth of kerbside weeds has become a problem in the Dublin 12 area. We call on the various sections of the council to come together with a detailed plan for their prompt removal. We acknowledge the labour intensity of this job and suggest that where possible that the work could be planned with community engagement with local residents and environmental groups on a street- by- street basis. Groups such as the Crumlin Community Clean Up have expressed an interest in a cooperative approach.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Tara Deacy

While I am aware the Dublin Bike Scheme be is not the direct responsibility of Dublin City Council, can I ask that this committee supports me in requesting that the Chief executive formally write to the company responsible and request that they reconsider the Kimmage/ Rathmines area as one of its designated depots. This would be hugely beneficial to the community, particularly during Covid and would be important for many in terms of getting back to work over the coming weeks and months.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Kevin Donoghue

That the taskforce set up to tackle pollution at Merrion Strand develop an action plan for return to status as a safe bathing location as soon as possible and consult with councillors in the area on same.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor James Geoghegan moved by Cllr. Lacey.

That the South East Area Committee receives a presentation from the Joint Task Force of Dublin City Council established at the end of December 2019 to deal with bathing waters at the next area meeting in respect of the output of their work to date.

Order: Report to Councillor.

9 Questions to the Chief Executive 8th June 2020

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 8 June 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan
Danny Byrne

Officers

Brian Hanney
Neil O'Donoghue
Ruairi O Cuiv
Kieran Sweeney

Brian Kirk
Mary Taylor
Paul McCann

John MacEivilly
Jennifer Wall
Elaine O' Sullivan

Apologies:

Non-Members:

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can give me an update on plans to improve footpath and cycling access at Ringsend Bridge.

Reply:

Ringsend Bridge carriageway is due to be resurfaced as part of Road Maintenance Services' 2020 Carriageway Resurfacing Works Programme.

There are plans, as part of the Dodder Greenway Scheme, to install cantilevered boardwalks on both sides of Ringsend Bridge.

All tasks associated with the options selection stage have been completed. The NTA now intends to take over the preliminary design of the scheme. Once the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted it is proposed to have a meeting between DCC, our design consultants, the NTA and the NTA's Cycle Design Office(CDO) at which the preliminary design of the project will be handed over to the CDO.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to clarify the current "Protected" status of the Tramway Building on Gilford Road and the adjoining Gilford Terrace, Sandymount and if necessary if he will confirm that they will be proposed for Protected listing in the next City Development Plan.

Reply:

As confirmed previously in the response to Motion 3 from Councillor Lacey, South East Area Committee Meeting on the 10th September 2018, the former Dublin United Tramways depot buildings and yard on Gilford Road and Guilford Terrace are not on the Record of Protected Structures, Volume 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. Therefore, the buildings are not 'protected structures' under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

The former tramway depot buildings are zoned Objective 'Z2' "to protect and/or improve the amenities of residential conservation areas" in the City Development Plan and are, therefore, afforded conservation and protection under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 11.1.5.4 Architectural Conservation Areas and Conservation Areas of the 2016-2022 Development Plan, including Policy CH4, "*To protect the special interest and character of all Dublin's Conservation Areas. Development within or affecting a conservation area must contribute positively to its character and distinctiveness, and take opportunities to protect and enhance the character and appearance of the area and its setting, wherever possible*".

The Z2 'Residential Conservation Area' Zoning Objective is considered by the Conservation Section to provide adequate conservation protection for the former tram depot for the present.

In relation to the forthcoming review of the Record of Protected Structures, as part of the Development Plan Review, the main priority being considered is to address the statutory recommendations for additions of structures to the City's RPS from the Minister for Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht (and the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH)), in accordance with Section 53 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The Ministerial Recommendations received

since 2014 to date do not include the former tram depot at Guildford Road/Avenue, as the area has not yet been surveyed by the NIAH.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Chief Executive if he will provide a full report on the development of the additional Waste Water Treatment Plant on the northside of Dublin and when its development is likely to have beneficial impact on the same at Poolbeg.

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.

Q.4 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Could the Manager arrange for the monitoring and cleaning of Palmerston Park?

Reply:

The park is cleaned and the bins emptied at regular intervals. During recent site visits, the park was found to be litter free.

Q.5 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for CCTV (temporary or permanently) to be put in place at Poddle Park/St. Martins to address the ongoing issue of dumping, litter and dog fouling. CCTV could be installed on this stretch without impacting on the privacy of houses either on Poddle Park or St. Martins and would hopefully deter those offending.

Reply:

I have discussed this issue with the Public Domain Officer for the area and have been informed that the area has been inspected on a number of occasions in recent times by himself, the Area Manager, District Officer, Parks & Landscapes Department and the Litter Warden. No evidence of medium to high levels of domestic dumping was seen on any occasion. There was evidence of what appeared to be a small amount of wind-blown litter. There was also no evidence of anti-social activity. Records on the Customer Relations Management system (CRM) show 5 requests since 2015.

Due to GDPR, CCTV cameras are not installed to capture evidence of dog fouling.

The installation of CCTV cameras would not add any value at this location at this time.

Dublin City Council work very closely with the local community and provide equipment for clean-ups and remove the bags afterwards.

Q.6 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for signage for Lower Rathmines Road to promote more positive social distancing from pedestrians by joggers, on this busy thoroughfare. It has been raised as an issue by a number of older people in the area that are anxious about the number, speed and proximity of joggers and the danger of having to step onto the road to ensure social distancing.

Reply:

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all our lives and the way in which we work, socialise and communicate. As the restrictions are eased and as workplaces, schools and shops re-open, the numbers of people travelling and moving around the city will start to increase again. More space is going to need to be allocated to social distancing and to supporting shops and businesses operating in this new environment.

Dublin City Council (DCC) ensures safe access within Dublin City for all our citizens young and old. Outdoor recreation plays an important role in supporting the physical wellbeing of society. People are encouraged to enjoy the outdoors while adhering to Government protocols and public health guidelines.

Dublin City Council support the HSE's two metre social distancing measures which is available on Dublincity.ie website at <https://youtu.be/1jZoWIWsEU8>

Dublin City Council considered signage but this would lead to a proliferation of signs on the streets of Dublin. As a result, Dublin City Council reviewed the councillor's question and found that the best way to promote more positive social distancing is by using social media. Post will be made via DCC main social media platforms and will encourage social distancing by all. Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership will also post with specific reference to joggers (to be shared by DCC main platform).

The links are included below

<https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeingPartnership/>

<https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec>

<https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing/>

A small number of temporary posters were attached to poles on the Rathmines Rd last week. The posters feature Brendan O'Carroll as Mrs Brown. The poster's theme is more of a "stay back" & "gimme space" message rather than specifically directed at joggers.

Q.7 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for more frequent emptying of bins on streets and parks as they are regularly overflowing, particularly at weekends.

Reply:

There has been an increase in the practice of people stuffing bags of domestic refuse into the openings of our litterbins. This gives the impression that bins have been left overflowing for an undue period of time. In fact, these bins might only be quarter full. To offset this problem, Waste Management Services will continue to prioritise the emptying of our bins as frequently as possible. Our Parks Division are experiencing the same problem

The extended period of fine weather and COVID restrictions have resulted in large numbers visiting parks in the area over recent weeks. Staff are spending a large portion of their working day collecting waste. We estimate conservatively that we are

collecting two to three times the normal volume of waste we would be normally expect to in our parks.

How we manage the collection and disposal of waste in the park is reviewed regularly, and additional Big Belly Bins will be installed over the coming weeks

Q.8 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review the following areas for appropriate traffic management, social distancing solutions for the following areas.

1. Rathgar Village, Terenure Village and other urban village junctions - reduction of speed limits to 30kph to facilitate increase in number of pedestrians (stepping out onto the road), cyclists and to address a growing speeding issue on quieter roads.
3. Upper Rathmines Road, Harold's Cross Road and Lower Rathmines Road - consider appropriate interventions e.g. widen pavements, reduce parking spaces, etc. to facilitate safe social distancing, particularly in areas where pavements are narrow, shops have queues outside and pedestrians are unable to step onto the road due to parking i.e. Upper Rathmines Road.
4. Rathmines College - College entrance opens onto a busy Lower Rathmines Road, narrow and congested footpath and a cycle path. Need to review for September/October.
5. Review of the footpath, parking and road conditions outside all local schools and crèches with a view to proposing and implementing positive interventions (with the schools) to facilitate safe social distancing and dissuade congregating.

I have input some of these requests to the online DCC address provided www.dublincity.ie/traffic service. However, this channel is inadequate, restrictive and not facilitative of Councillors 'role in representing the public interest where a review of a range of factors is needed by the Council, rather than the adoption of a specific suggested solution.

Reply:

"Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City", addresses the new and urgent needs which have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. The programme initially priorities key radial routes into the city, the city core and a number of interventions in urban villages but is very much a "live" programme and a citywide approach is being taken. Work is underway on assessing feasible locations for interventions across the city and it is intended to include a school-focussed program to assist mobility when schools re-open. We have set up a dedicated portal for specific requests, [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#). We will add the requests for the specific locations noted above to this database and these locations will be assessed by the area engineer.

A dedicated webpage (www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme) has been developed to provide information on all aspects of the programme and will include all updates on implementation. In addition, Councillors will be provided with regular updates directly via email.

In relation to introducing reduction of speed limits to 30kph at Rathgar Village, Terenure Village and other urban village junctions, Dublin City Council is constantly working for and with the people of Dublin to improve road safety on all streets of the City. Therefore, traffic speed reduction for all vehicles plays a crucial role in improving road safety on City Streets. At the June 2020 Transportation Strategic Policy

Committee Meeting, Dublin City Council is presenting a proposal for speed reduction to 30 km/h in the city. If this proposal is noted at SPC and if formal public consultation outcome is positive, speeds in Rathgar Village, Terenure Village and other urban villages will be reduced to 30 km/h before the end of 2020.

Q.9 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange for the following issues to be dealt with as a matter of urgency (details below)? The tree at details supplied has grown up and out in a dangerous manner into the power lines, and the tree its self is leaning. Apart from the safety concerns I have for this, since they changed the bulbs on the street lights on the area, there are only 2 lights on the street which are shared with a total of 16 houses (at the start of the entry to the street drive between houses 1 - 9 and 75 to 82 on opposite side of street). These are new low wattage bulbs, which makes the street very dark and very poor visibility with parts of the street having no streetlight on it. Due to the poor visibility and the fact that my mother has cataracts, she has had some nasty bangs and falls both outside the garden and inside. The street is so dark, the outside of the garden has no street lighting and is a health and safety issue for trips and falls and you cannot see the edges of footpaths. My mother is now afraid to complete simple tasks like putting out the bin, as the garden, and the street outside the house is in complete darkness. If you can kindly treat this as a matter of urgency and either ask council to action report back as soon as possible, as to date, none of my queries have been addressed after my phone calls to them.

Reply:

The lighting on Derry Drive was upgraded to LED in 2017. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here. We will, however, request for any trees to be pruned that may be affecting the light levels.

Q.10 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager have the following issue dealt with as a matter of urgency? There have been two incidences, recently of elderly people tripping on the footpath outside the shops on Benbulbin Road, Drimnagh. We have reported this to the road/path maintenance department of Dublin City Council and to be fair they have responded and fixed the path with a temporary fix. It now needs a permanent solution and upgrade. As this road is located on the border of two wards, it seems to be falling through the cracks (pardon the pun) , This path has not had an upgrade in a quite number of years, The committee of the Drimnagh Resident Community Group would be grateful if you could make this a priority.

Reply:

Road Maintenance visited this location and following an inspection have added two defects outside this shopping area to our works list for repair. I will also note the shop front section for possible inclusion in our 2021 Footpath Works Programme depending on available budget.

Q.11 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager report on the following matters relating to street trees in the Kimmage/Crumlin Area? I noticed that Sharon Byrne at Coillte is gathering consultations, [until the 29th of May](#), for their 2021-2025 forestry plans. As the Dublin Mountains are visible from much of the ward it would be great to see if the local schools could be involved with Coillte and Dublin Mountains Partnership plans to restore the mountains to native forests.

If this is successful then it may provide an opportunity to use national tree day and week in local schools to identify sites for trees with tree guards.

One thing that I have noticed through the last storm is that there are a lot of telephone wires strung up. I image that it is costly to have a repair technician out after every storm that snaps a few cables; costs that the consumer bears. Are there plans for the city to require or lease shared ducting for all utility providers? It is just that I have often seen them installed or upgraded throughout old city centres while on holidays in Europe.

Reply:

Parks have budgeted for additional tree planting in both the Kimmage and Crumlin area this year. The tree-planting season will commence again in the autumn. Parks already engage schools in tree planting events for tree week and tree day and will continue to do so.

Dublin City Council engages with these utilities on an ongoing basis and new services of this type are installed in underground ducting. Sharing of underground ducting does take place between the telecommunications operators, in the Dublin City Council administrative area. The services referred to in your question are legacy infrastructure. A request has been submitted to EIR to investigate whether it is feasible to underground these services.

Q.12 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager if 'dangerous overgrown trees/interior light quality' on Derry Drive Crumlin, in particular the one outside details supplied has grown up through the power lines.

The local residents require serious pruning of trees and improved streetlamps and brighter lighting, as the elderly with cataracts are in difficulty on footpaths.

In that regard, parks, road maintenance and lighting departments are required to address this question.

Reply:

The trees mentioned at the above location are small and positioned well away from all street lighting on the street. Parks do not have plans to prune these trees at this time, and do not consider there is a conflict with overhead power lines.

The lighting on Derry Drive was upgraded to LED in 2017. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here. We will, however, request for any trees to be pruned that may be affecting the light levels.

Q.13 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager why no site notice or local resident association notification was displayed for the Mount Argus family hub, which several residents are in stressful contact about. Initially emergency accommodation for 70 families, rising to 90 homeless families. I appreciate the needs for supporting homeless families, but please provide a system of advising the local residents in response to these emails, including an online meeting with city council managers and the local community group:

Example of concerns in emails:

There are specific concerns we wish to raise and request that as our local representative they be presented and addressed with/by appropriate developers, government institutions and representatives associated with the development.

- Has there been any consideration for a balanced development of the site (as was previously planned) with affordable permanent accommodation alongside the support emergency accommodation
- Is there plans for additional facilities / school places for the area to accommodate the additional families – we have a two-month-old daughter and were unable to register at local schools who informed us they are already oversubscribed. As new families are entering / exiting the centre – will their children have priority in accessing school placements over local residents if places are limited? Or will a certain number of places be reserved for the residents?
- The overall size of the facility with 70 homeless families initially is excessive and far larger than others in the surrounding areas. For the community – a balance is needed. The expansion to 90 homeless families is unreasonable given concerns expressed above.
 - o With respect to the expansion of the North Block – the conversion of the roof/attic to accommodation will overlook houses – ours is on Mount Argus Crescent. Already the lighting from construction floods the back of our house and into the back rooms and is left on throughout the night. With the proposed conversion of the roof in the north block – the facility will look directly into our homes and back gardens impacting our privacy.
- The proposed entrance on Mount Argus Avenue - this doesn't appear safe / suitable given the current road layout (for children / or traffic) - should those who purchased the site / sold site not be required to use existing access through church grounds which would be much safer? From the plans it appears that the supported emergency accommodation will have a large canteen / kitchens, and there will be requirement for supplies (in terms of kitchen and for the overall support/running of the facility) leading to a large amount of commercial traffic coming into the site. The proposed entrance simply isn't a suitable location.
- The area, and Mount Argus Park in particular, has made significant efforts to reduce the occurrence of anti-social behaviour. With such a large development, is there any plans to ensure there is no return or increase anti-social behaviour?
- There is no information on the planning to secure the site – we live directly at the back of the proposed site. There is only a 5'6 footwall separating the site from the side access to the gardens in Mount Argus Crescent – we can see no evidence of plans to safely secure the site akin to other facilities or developments that are placed back-to-back.

Again, to say we are disappointed there was no consultation with residents in advance would be an understatement. We await your response and feedback regarding the above concerns and how you plan to represent these concerns with the appropriate developers, government institutions and representatives associated with the development.

Reply:

Phase 2 of the development of the Mount Argus Family Hub is the subject of a planning application (planning reference no: 25559/20) with the Planning Section of Dublin City

Council (DCC). The planning process, including a part VII submission will activate the standard arrangements for public consultation with the local community and area councillors.

Q.14 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager to arrange for repair of damaged footpaths outside the shops on Benbulbin Road, Drimnagh. According to local resident group, temporary repair has taken place, but permanent upgrade is required for safety.

Reply:

Road Maintenance visited this location and following an inspection have added two defects outside this shopping area to our works list for repair. I will also note the shop front section for possible inclusion in our 2021 Footpath Works Programme depending on available budget.

Q.15 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange to have the goalposts outside 25 Vincent Street Flats relocated or moved sideways?

Reply:

The goal posts in Vincent Street Flats is a solid metal structure and fixed into the concrete foundation. The goal posts are situated on the right side of the play area in a specified location. The goal posts cannot be relocated or moved sideways.

Q.16 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on what steps the council are taking to source alternative accommodation for a person (details supplied) who is living in severely overcrowded accommodation.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 31/08/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area K	2	107
Area L	2	45
Area M	2	55

The applicant's interest in the Iveagh Trust and Bishop Street have been noted on her file, however, based on the applicant's current position for each area of choice, it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. She will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants 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.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the

HAP scheme, she should present to the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.17 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to please intervene in the case of (details supplied) and grant this individual succession of tenancy.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 28/07/2015, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area L	1	522
Area M	1	473
Area N	1	808

There is no record of the applicant's daughter on her application; the applicant should forward a copy of her daughter's birth certificate to have her added to the application.

With regard to an application for succession of tenancy the applicant can apply for succession through the Allocations and Transfer section, supporting documentation can be submitted by email to housingallocations@dublincity.ie or posted to Allocations and Transfers Section, Block 2, Floor 2, Civic Offices, Wood Quay Dublin 8.

Q.18 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange to have a wet room installed in the home of (details supplied) as she is an elderly woman with poor mobility?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has informed this tenant on a number of occasions that wet rooms can only be installed on ground level apartments. Wet Rooms are not feasible on 2nd/3rd floors due to the possibility of leaks which would ultimately affect apartments below them.

Q.19 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for a new street name sign be erected on Bremen Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have a new nameplate erected on Bremen Road.

Q.20 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update as to when gates will be erected in the housing lanes off Bremen Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4.

Reply:

The South East Area Office has engaged a contractor to measure for double gates to the rear of 37 and 28 Bremen Road, this area branches off from the main laneway. We have to ensure the gate complies with fire safety regulations. Once Dublin Fire

Brigade passes the gate, the South East Area Office will request the contractor to fit the gate at this site on a six-month trial basis.

Q.21 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the manager can he arrange to have the gardens at (details supplied) cleared and instruct the current tenants to maintain their gardens to avoid them falling into such disrepair again in the future.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have these gardens inspected. As none of these tenants are OAPs, we will speak with the Project Estate Officer for the area and ask him or her to liaise with the tenants to address this issue.

Q.22 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange to have more benches installed along the nature trail in Sandymount.

Reply:

There are currently approximately 10 number benches along this stretch of the walkway to the nature trail. In the past, certain locations where benches were installed became congregating points for anti-social activity and were vandalised or had to be removed.

However, if there is a particular location where you consider appropriate, please advise the undersigned and we will investigate the possibility of installing an additional bench

Q.23 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the manager to arrange for the dog waste bin at the top of Cambridge Avenue in Ringsend be relocated to the entrance of Ringsend Park as per the wishes of the residents of Cambridge Avenue.

Reply:

We had this issue investigated and the location of this dog poo bin at this park entrance is the ideal position to cater for the many dog walkers in this area. It is difficult to find a more suitable location here and we are reluctant to remove this bin altogether. Our Area Inspector will keep this matter under review, monitor usage of this bin and ensure that it is emptied regularly.

Q.24 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the resurfacing of Cathedral Court, Dublin 8 along with the removal of all weeds and for it to be placed on a regular cleaning schedule.

Reply:

Cathedral View Court will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Works Programme.

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to remove weeds from the road network is in progress. Due to a switch over from herbicide to a more environmentally friendly way of treating weeds, not all our roads will be treated this year. But it is planned to treat all roads in due course.

Waste Management Services have residential streets like Cathedral View Court inspected on a weekly basis and cleaned when necessary to do so. It was inspected on the 27th May 2020 and was virtually litter free. The few casual litter items were removed then.

Q.25 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for a disabled persons parking bay at (details supplied).

Reply:

Our records show that the initial request received was for one Disabled Parking Bay outside number 14. The criteria for applying for a Disabled Parking Bay can be sent out to the resident at number 5 and an application can be made via the link below:-

<https://www.dublincity.ie/trafficservice>

Q.26 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he would consider installing stop/ go lights at Ringsend Bridge, similar to the Dodder Bridge on Bath Avenue / Londonbridge Road to improve accessibility at this location and to make it safer

Reply:

The Dodder Bridge is a narrow bridge that is unable to facilitate cars passing in the opposite direction which necessitates the need for this bridge to have a stop-go operation in place.

Ringsend Bridge serves as one of the main links to Ringsend and Irishtown. There are currently no plans to introduce signals at this location. Dublin Bus operates services across Ringsend Bridge and the introduction of a stop go operation would result in a reduction to bus journey times.

The Local Area Engineer undertook a site visit and review of Ringsend Bridge on Wednesday May 27th, 2020 in response to a similar question by Cllr. Lacey. The Local Area Engineer's response is attached separately in pdf form. The recommendation from the site visit is that pedestrians will need to adopt a common sense approach to social distancing on Ringsend Bridge.

Q.27 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if the public domain office might work with the residents of Portobello to paint a mural on the hoarding around the hotel development on Portobello Harbour.

Reply:

We are in contact with the architects for the developer here and are confident that we can work with them and residents to create a mural on the hoarding of this site.

Q.28 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many of the 50 trees to be replanted in Merrion Square have been planted to date. Can the Area Manager please also provide an update on the building of tearooms in Merrion Square?

Reply:

To date Parks Services have planted a total of 69 replacement tree in Merrion Square Park, with additional tree planting scheduled as part of the 2020/2021 Tree Planting Programme of Works.

Tenders have been received in relation to the construction of the tearooms at Merrion Square Park; however, progress has been stalled because of the Covid -19 event. A further update on capital projects including the Merrion Square tearooms and public toilets will be given to the council meeting.

Q.29 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many former Airbnb properties in the South East Inner City have been either purchased or leased by Dublin City Council for housing since the Covid 19 crisis began and is it possible to provide a list.

Reply:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has worked in close partnership with the Health Services Executive (HSE) to provide additional accommodation during this COVID19 period. The exact number of beds assigned to each category is fluid according to presenting needs, but in excess of 1,000 additional beds were sourced during the Covid-19 period to date throughout Dublin.

The DRHE does not source properties through Airbnb. Many of the properties we have sourced during the COVID 19 period are indeed on a short-term lease and have been used primarily for cocooning, self-isolation and to facilitate social distancing. We have been able to decant people from the larger homeless facilities in the city. Given the significant adjustment in the Dublin property market over the last number of weeks this has given the DRHE a welcome opportunity to source additional and better emergency accommodation facilities.

While this availability of temporary facilities is indeed welcome, we are obviously very keen to maximise the number of long term Housing Units that may become available for Dublin City Council to acquire or to lease over 20/25 years. Then we can be in a position to offer permanent/long term housing to more families and singles currently in emergency accommodation.

The Dublin City Council Acquisitions Section is open for business and is seeking out opportunities to purchase, as is our Long Term Leasing Section who are currently negotiating a significant number of leasing possibilities.

There is also an opportunity to further increase the number of Homeless HAP tenancies. During 2020, we are sourcing an average 200 Homeless Hap tenancies per month

Dublin City Council is not aware of any Airbnb properties being acquired under the Housing Acquisitions Programme.

Q.30 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many hotels in the South East Inner City have been leased by Dublin City Council for housing, homeless services or isolation purposes since the Covid 19 crisis began and can he please provide a list.

Reply:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has worked in close partnership with the Health Services Executive (HSE) to provide additional accommodation during this COVID19 period. The exact number of beds assigned to each category is fluid according to presenting needs, but in excess of 1,000 additional beds were sourced during the Covid-19 period to date throughout Dublin. Of these additional beds, 670 are for cocooning and isolation purposes and 450 extra beds are in place to facilitate social distancing and to facilitate decanting from existing larger hostels in the city. This means that several of the existing facilities in the city have significantly reduced their full capacity in order to facilitate social distancing and a safer environment during the Covid-19 crisis.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) does not provide the street locations of hotels and B&Bs on the basis that we wish to protect the privacy of residents and

that disclosure into the public domain could lead to the loss of accommodation for those experiencing homelessness.

As requested, in the South East Area, in total there has been the following allocation of accommodation:

Capacity	Covid-19 Positive	Self-Isolation	Cocooning	Decanting/ Additional Capacity
43 Apartments		✓	✓	
113 Apartments	✓	✓	✓	
99 Rooms			✓	
63 Ensuite rooms			✓	
32 Ensuite rooms		✓		
14 Units			✓	
68 Single bed spaces				✓
26 Rooms (couples & singles)				✓
100 Rooms		✓		

Q.31 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the proposed family hub on Aungier Street in the former Avondale hostel.

Reply:

The Peter McVerry Trust has taken a lease of this property for use as a Family Hub. So far, four families have taken up occupation there. Ultimately, there will be 25-30 families.

Currently there are ongoing High Court proceedings in relation to the use of the property.

Q.32 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if the bike parking facilities at South Bull Wall have been removed, and if that is the case, can please explain the rationale behind this decision and have them reinstated as soon as possible.

Reply:

The Environment and Transportation Department is not aware of any cycle parking stands having been removed from The South Bull Wall. Further details have been sought from the councillor. The matter will be investigated on receipt of the details requested.

Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what is the purposed of the building container on Kingsland Parade which has been there for months. There does not appear to be any road works

going on in the area and it is frequently used as a public toilet. Can the container be removed if it is not serving a specific purpose?

Reply:

The Roadworks Control Unit does not authorise the use of containers in the public domain in connection with road works or any other type of works. In an effort to determine who was responsible for the placement of the container one of the Roadworks Control Inspectors checked the area on the 28th May and was unable to locate any container in situ at Kingsland Parade.

Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on all the pedestrian / cycling / social distancing measures being implemented in the South East Inner City.

Reply:

For a complete update on the measures being implemented across Dublin City Council please see the recently published Covid Mobility Programme which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme>

If you would like to raise any specific request for intervention, please feel free to log them at the following location: [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#)

Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for dangerously overgrown trees to be removed from Derry Drive (some are growing over power lines) and for additional lighting to be installed on the road. Currently there is insufficient lights on the street (2 for 16 houses) and with the low wattage bulbs, lighting is very poor.

Reply:

The trees mentioned at the above location are small and positioned well away from all street lighting on the street. Parks do not have plans to prune these trees at this time, and do not consider there is a conflict with overhead power lines.

The lighting on Derry Drive was upgraded to LED in 2017. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here. We will, however, request for any trees to be pruned that may be affecting the light levels.

Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to consider traffic calming measures on Clareville Road and Larkfield Park. Speeding traffic has now become an issue on these and other roads as a result of the reduced number of cars since the Covid 19 lockdown began.

Reply:

Larkfield Park and Clareville Road is provided with bus routes (18 & 83) with two primary schools on the south side of Clareville Road. Clareville Road has speed ramps located approximately 50m apart.

The present speed ramps are built to engineering standards to allow for traffic calming while also allowing for comfort of those travelling by bus. They are designed to ensure that motorists travel at a consistent speed, rather than promoting excessive acceleration and braking.

Before the primary schools inbound and outbound new speed radar signs have been erected to warn drivers they are approaching a school area. The signs have a flashing 30km/h sign.

The Area Engineer has spoken to the DCC's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Control Team who are giving as much green time to pedestrians as possible. The ITS Control Team are monitoring the city's pedestrian crossings and responding to changes in traffic and pedestrian conditions as they arise. Traffic Signals have been adjusted: the green time allocated to each phase has been reduced to allow the pedestrian signals to run more frequently and reduce wait times and bunching at crossings. This monitoring is ongoing and will continue while the unprecedented times DCC are dealing with continues.

DCC have brought it to the attention of the Gardaí for enforcement and monitoring.

A speed survey has been ordered for Clareville Road. The area engineer will assess the current traffic calming measures in operation on Larkfield Park and Clareville Road. Based on the speed survey results Councillor Feeney will be notified of the survey results and of any traffic calming initiatives the area engineer deems appropriate for these locations. These roads are also being monitored as part of the neighbourhood scheme.

Q.37 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to carry out a permanent fix to the path on Benbulbin Road, Drimnagh. A temporary fix was carried out some time ago, but this is still causing problems in terms of people tripping on it.

Reply:

Road Maintenance visited this location and following an inspection have added two defects outside this shopping area to our works list for repair. I will also note the shop front section for possible inclusion in our 2021 Footpath Works Programme depending on available budget.

Q.38 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update on the proposed pedestrianisation of Crane Lane and Sycamore Street?

Reply:

The council is exploring the potential of increasing a number of pedestrianised areas in the city core as part of the Covid Mobility Programme for Dublin City. A number of locations are being assessed and will be prioritised for implementation. Crane Lane and Sycamore Street have been added to the programme for assessment. If you have any further requests, please enter via the [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#) and we will process accordingly.

A dedicated webpage (www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme) has been developed to provide information on all aspects of the programme and will include all updates on implementation. In addition, councillors will be provided with regular updates directly via email.

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full appraisal and evaluation of the York Street Apartment complex? Many residents here have complained of shortage of water, doors breaking and not locking, and cladding from the roof falling off onto the street and onto balconies.

This is unacceptable for this award winning new build architecturally designed accommodation.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance contacted the company who looks after the water 2 weeks ago and they have carried out the necessary repairs. The situation with the doors is ongoing as our contractor has problems getting new parts for the locking system. The Builder who constructed these buildings went into liquidation and we have no knowledge of any safety files or instructions where we can source replacement parts as many of these parts were from overseas. However, we will endeavor to address this issue with the locking system.

The cladding was ordered prior to COVID-19 and should be replaced in the next 4 weeks.

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full plebiscite and questionnaire for all residents in the Portobello / St. Kevin's area with regards traffic management within the area?

Reply:

The Portobello area has been assessed by the Neighbourhood Engineer under the Neighbourhood Transport Schemes and ranked against all other areas for consideration in the South East Area. The Portobello area ranked 3rd overall in the South East. This was documented in the Phase 2 report sent to all councillors in the South East Area. Work will commence to provide interventions to Portobello once the areas ranked ahead of it are addressed.

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager request EIR to remove the derelict dilapidated phone boxes on Camden Street East side and also on St. Stephen's Green West? These phone boxes are being used as public toilet, the glass is broken. They are absolutely a disgrace. They are an eye sore and a public health hazard.

Reply:

This question has been referred to Eir for action and response. Eir are responsible for the maintenance and/or removal of their assets.

The following response was received from Eir:

“As you are probably aware, ComReg has designated eir with provision of payphones under a Universal Service Obligation (USO), as they feel there is still a payphone need for the socially disadvantaged. The USO expires Dec 20 and Eir has just provided Comreg with 21 months of payphone data to determine whether the USO should be extended.

Payphones in Dublin city centre are used frequently by the Homeless to access DCC's Central Placement Services (CPS) to avail of a bed each evening.

In late 2017, Eir and DCC entered into a complete review of calls to CPS from public payphones. On foot of the review, some payphones were earmarked for recovery, some were selected for replacement with a new digital kiosk and some were selected for retention. The two kiosks you requested for removal formed part of the latter. Eir therefore have no current plans for payphones apart from the replacement of some with digital kiosks.

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager carry out an assessment through various agencies as to the level of domestic abuse incidents within social housing estates and emergency homeless services in the Southeast area?

Reply:

Dublin City Council may become aware of domestic violence in social housing settings in a number of ways:

- Information given as a part of an application for housing, transfer or emergency accommodation.
- As part of a complaint about noise or disturbance to an area offices.
- Tenants seeking support from the Social Work section.

All sections are trained in their responsibilities to children and in the support; they may offer tenants having reference to the Department of Housing '**Policy and Procedural Guidance for Housing Authorities in Relation to Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence with Emergency and Long-term Accommodation Needs**'.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) follows the Department of Housing, Community and Local Government Policy and Procedural Guidance for Housing Authorities in Relation to Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence with Emergency and Long-Term Needs.

https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/guidance_for_housing_authorities_in_relation_to_assisting_victims_of_domestic_violence.pdf

Responsibility for the development and provision of services to support victims of domestic violence rests with the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and the delivery of such services is managed through the Child and Family Agency, Tusla. Housing authorities do not provide or oversee services specifically designed for victims of domestic violence. Previously housing authorities had provided funding to some refuges, however following the establishment of Tusla this element of funding transferred with full effect from 1 January 2015. Tusla is the principal State agency in relation to domestic violence services

Where a victim of domestic violence presents to the DRHE they are referred to a specialist domestic violence service so that any particular care needs can be considered and addressed. Victims may have particular needs beyond what can be provided via the DRHE by way of emergency accommodation, e.g. specialist legal or medical assistance may be required.

Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have bollards placed on the wide footpath on the south side of Heytesbury Street directly outside the entrance of the Meath Hospital beside Long Lane? Many cars are parking on the footpaths here creating a huge danger for pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities and who are visually impaired. It is also creating a blind spot for those who are exiting the hospital in a car, as they cannot see oncoming traffic on their right hand side.

Reply:

The area engineer attended a site visit on the south side of Heytesbury Street outside the entrance of Meath Hospital. In order to facilitate the entrance and egress of pedestrians, and those availing of the services provided by Meath Hospital the area engineer recommends the location of high visibility tall bollards (900mm in height) to

be placed at the entrance of the hospital on the south side of Long Lane leaving the dished pavement free. The line of bollards will continue south on Heytesbury Street curtailling at the existing solid black bollard on the west side of Heytesbury Street.

Due to the current measures DCC are employing to promote social distancing on many of the busy streets/roads in the southeast area of Dublin City it may take a number of weeks for this recommendation to be completed.

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager request that housing maintenance repair the broken shower at details supplied Boyne Street? This house has a special needs child and the broken shower is causing great inconvenience.

Reply:

Our plumber visited this property. The shower is fully operational. The tenant installed the shower themselves. The shower door is faulty and this would be the tenant's responsibility. Our plumber informed tenant of same.

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager request Waterways Ireland liaise with the Homeless Services - Dublin Regional Homeless Executive and the various homeless charities to remove the tents that are along the full length of the canal? Also, to begin the process of discouraging individuals from setting up tents throughout the city. There is a lot of concern around the behaviour that is happening within these tents including video and photographic footage that is now circulating in public. Many children and families use the canal and the sort of behaviour simply cannot be tolerated.

Reply:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) strongly believes that there is no need for any individual who experiences homelessness to live in a tent, nor does the DRHE provide funding to services that distribute tents to people who are homeless. Tents do not necessarily provide more protection for people who are homeless and prevent people from engaging with the support services that can assist them to move to accommodation.

The DRHE, through their Outreach Team, provided by Dublin Simon, funded by the DRHE, are actively engaging with individuals who are sleeping rough in tents to encourage them to accept available emergency accommodation in homeless services. The Outreach Team works with our Central Placement Service and the HSE funded SafetyNet service to provide outreach services, street level healthcare and accommodation options to people rough sleeping in the Dublin region. Our Outreach Team have been targeting the Grand Canal Area, from Portobello Bridge to Grand Canal Bridge on a consistent basis.

Tents are observed in this area on a regular basis. Not all tents are occupied; some are used to store belongings. The team have established contact with rough sleepers and have offered them supports. The intake team offered beds; some rough sleepers have taken offers of accommodation, however sometimes people do not wish to take up the offer of a bed. The team are continuing to target this area and will be there most evenings this week again to monitor and seek to engage with any person sleeping rough in the area.

We have also requested the assistance of the Dublin City Council Public Domain Office and Waterways Ireland who are actively working with us in the area.

We have a facility for the public to report rough sleeping. If you see anyone sleeping rough in the Dublin Region, please report it to www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full update and report as to the progress with regards a CPO order that was agreed by motion in the SEA some time back with regards to No 25 Aungier Street a listed protected structure?

Reply:

The property is not the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order. The Derelict Sites Unit has an active file on this property and there is ongoing engagement with the owner regarding proposed refurbishment works and prior to the introduction of the Covid 19 restrictions the owner's architect was due to consult with the council's conservation officer prior to the submission of a planning application to redevelop the property.

The matter is being kept under review and the councillor will be kept informed of any developments.

Q.47 Councillor Tara Deacy

The tree at details supplied has grown up and out in a dangerous manner into the power lines, and the tree itself is leaning. There are only 2 lights on the street which is shared with a total of 16 houses (at the start of the entry to Derry Drive between houses 1 - 9 and 75 to 82 on opposite side of street). These are new low wattage bulbs, which makes the street very dark and very poor visibility with parts of the street having no streetlight on it. The street is dark, the outside of the garden has no street lighting and is a health and safety issue for trips and falls and residents cannot see the edges of footpaths. Now, that the trees on the street have become overgrown, they are now blocking any light from sections of the street and completely obstructing the street lamps and blocking the light from a lot of the homes on the street.

Can we trim the overgrown trees, and look at the possibility of better lighting on the street or if possible an additional lamp?

Reply:

The trees mentioned at the above location are small and positioned well away from all street lighting on the street. Parks do not have plans to prune these trees at this time, and do not consider there is a conflict with overhead power lines.

The lighting on Derry Drive was upgraded to LED in 2017. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here. We will, however, request for any trees to be pruned that may be affecting the light levels.

Q.48 Councillor Tara Deacy

Through the last, storm a lot of telephone wires strung up across the Kimmage/Rathmines area. I imagine that it is costly to have a repair technician out after every storm that snaps a few cables. Costs that the consumer bears. Are there plans for the city to require or lease shared ducting for all utility providers, as happens in other European cities?

Reply:

Dublin City Council engages with these utilities on an ongoing basis and new services of this type are installed in underground ducting. Sharing of underground ducting does take place between the telecommunications operators, in the Dublin City Council

administrative area. The services referred to in your question are legacy infrastructure. A request has been submitted to EIR to investigate whether it is feasible to underground these services.

Q.49 Councillor Tara Deacy

A number of small businesses have been in touch seeking clarification about the reopening schedule around Covid. One private fitness facility training for example in the sport of CrossFit. They only have local members, small membership number and train as a team / group which is again in small numbers and can be socially distanced.

They are seeking clarification and the possibility of phase 3 being open to them since they are a small group, local club members & CrossFit Teams only training for CrossFit in their facility it is non-contact and low risk.

Could we look favourably on those type of business in very uncertain times for them?

Reply:

The phase during which any business type including gyms may re-open and conditions to be met in order to re-open are determined by central government and is not within the remit of Dublin City Council.

Q.50 Councillor Tara Deacy

Richmond Hill is a very densely populated part of Rathmines but there are few parks close by. Mount Pleasant Square was greatly reduced in size in the last century. There is however, a car park adjacent to the church and behind the community centres, which doesn't get a lot of use. In the 19th century, this area was a park, which separated Bessborough Parade and Richmond Hill, effectively creating a grand square. Considering that, there are new car parks in the Swan Centre and that the direction of Dublin is to try to reduce cars in the city, particularly as a result of Covid 19 would we be able to look at restoring this car park to the people of Rathmines as a park? I know it would be hugely welcomed by those living there.

Reply:

The carpark referred to in the question is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

Q.51 Councillor Tara Deacy

Clareville/Larkfield Road - Speed detection is non-existent on this road and the temporary 30kph sign only comes on at certain times so it's no deterrent. The speed ramps on the road are easy for cars to skip over. In other areas (that are also on bus routes), better speed ramps are in place and residents cannot understand why the ones on Larkfield/Clareville are so low.

Can you advise if there are speed reduction plans for this area?

Reply:

The speed limit at Larkfield Park is **fifty** kilometres per hour. Clareville Road has a Special Periodic Speed Limit of 30 km/h in the vicinity of the school, during the times specified (**Monday to Friday** between hours 08.15 to 9.30 and 12.45 to 16.15). At all other times, the speed limit on this road shall revert to **fifty** kilometres per hour. The thirty kilometres per hour special periodic speed limit will apply during the official term time that schools are convened.

Dublin City Council is constantly working for and with the people of Dublin to improve road safety on all streets of the city. Therefore, traffic speed reduction for all vehicles plays a crucial role in improving road safety on city streets. At the June 2020 Traffic

and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting, Dublin City Council is presenting a proposal for speed reduction to 30 km/h in the city. If this proposal is noted at SPC and if formal public consultation outcome is positive, speeds at Clareville Road and Larkfield Park will be reduced to 30 km/h.

Q.52 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can we look at segregated cycling routes along the roads highlighted below? These routes would allow for segregation and would be hugely beneficial for the community concerned. Can they be included in the database being created at present for consideration also?

Route	Width of road	Comment
St Agnes Park	23 m	No bus lanes. Route 17, 18
Armagh Road	24m	No bus lanes. Route 17, 18, 83
2 open parks and Eamonn Ceannt Park	Unlimited	Open spaces
Clonmacnoise Road	23m	No bus routes
Clogher Road	18m	No bus lane. Route 150
Donor Avenue	17m	Link with Grand Canal (future cycle greenway)
South Circular Road	14m	Bus lane on North side of road

Reply:

“Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City”, addresses the new and urgent needs which have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency.

The programme initially priorities key radial routes into the city, the city core and a number of interventions in urban villages but is very much a “live” programme and a citywide approach is being taken. Work is underway on assessing feasible locations for interventions across the city and we have set up a dedicated portal for specific requests, [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#).

We will add the requests above to this database. If you have any further requests, please enter via the [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#) and we will process accordingly.

Q.53 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for an update regarding the development of the hotel at Portobello Harbour and if the council knows when construction might resume at the location.

Reply:

The architects for the developers has indicated that there are delays on this project and works are unlikely to commence before July 2020. They will provide a revised works timeline as soon as it becomes available.

Q.54 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if something can be done to tackle anti-social behaviour at Portobello Harbour. Residents have reported been threatened by people using the area. There are concerns about social distancing and residents are also concerned about noise late at night.

Reply:

The matters of anti-social behaviour and residents being threatened should be referred to the gardaí in Kevin Street. This office has been in touch with Kevin Street gardaí to ask that this area be given priority with regards to the on-street drinking and associated behaviours.

There is adequate signage in Portobello Harbour to advertise the fact that public drinking, skateboarding and public urination are prohibited. Local gardaí are authorised to enforce the legislation associated with the signage.

Q.55 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager what is being done to tackle the issue of pollution on Merrion Strand that recently led to the declassification of the strand as a bathing area by the EPA.

Reply:

In 2019, the bathing water quality at Merrion Strand had been designated "Poor" (bathing prohibited there) for four years running. It was almost certain that it would be designated "Poor" for a fifth year meaning it would become the first beach in Ireland to be permanently delisted as a bathing water. The bathing water quality at the more popular Sandymount Strand had been designated "Poor" (bathing prohibited there) for two years running. There was a strong risk that this trend would continue leading to an eventual delisting.

Potential sources of pollution include misconconnections, leaks, overflows, surface water runoff, urban wastewater discharges & dog and bird fouling. Two streams coming in from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown were identified as a significant source of pollution. Dublin City Council (DCC) set up a Task Force including representatives from Irish Water, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLRCC). The Task Force meets on a monthly basis and is working to improve water quality on the two beaches and to address other issues. The council also hosts high- level meetings with EPA, HSE and DHPLG on this issue.

The council is working closely with UCD Acclimatize, a research project which aims to identify the main sources of pollution in Dublin Bay Area, including at Merrion Strand.

We are also consulting with several other councils, Inland Fisheries Ireland, DCU and Local Authority Waters Programme Regional Office (LAWPRO).

Both local authorities, along with UCD, are carrying out an enhanced programme of grab sampling in the two streams. 240 separate samples have been collected and analysed over an extended period and autosamplers, which take samples over a 24-hour period, have been deployed at targeted locations. Results have been analysed by UCD Acclimatize and the local authorities with LAWPRO assistance. This programme has identified a number of key locations where pollution is entering the streams.

The UCD Acclimatize project is studying pollution sources on the streams and the bathing waters. Their studies include Morphology; Dog Fouling; Impact of Birds; Tracer study; Dublin Bay model; bacteria from sediments. Their studies have shown dog fouling to be an issue, though not the predominant issue, at the beaches.

Irish Water are carrying out surveys in connection with two major drainage studies for this area. These should identify works to the drainage system which will improve water quality in the two streams and the bathing waters but it will be some time before these

studies are completed. We are working with Irish Water to see if some works can be carried out before the detailed studies are completed. In particular, Irish Water have agreed to remove a poorly performing sewer overflow before next year's bathing season. This has been identified as a significant source of pollution on the Elm Park stream. They are also carrying out a feasibility study on diverting an overflow pumping station.

Misconnections occur where sewerage from a building is wrongly connected to the surface water system (and ultimately the streams) rather than the foul sewerage system. DCC has commenced a misconnection survey of all properties in this catchment (in DCC area) but this has been affected by Covid 19. A number of minor misconnections on the Elm Park and two significant ones on the Nutley stream have been identified and will be followed up over the next few months as the Covid 19 restrictions are relaxed.

DLR have been seeking resources for the DHPLG to carry out a similar survey in their area. In the meantime, they have had some success with a more limited, targeted survey and are aware of locations where significant pollution is occurring. One such source has already been removed but this survey has also been affected by Covid 19.

Dog fouling is a problem at both beaches with a single incident contributing 3 x 10E9 (3,000,000,000) E.coli bacteria to the environment. 1,000 E.coli in a 100ml sample is enough to close the beach. We are working with other sections within DCC to see if management of this issue can be improved. Large numbers of birds contribute E.coli to the environment here, but as this is both an SAC and an SPA and part of the Dublin Biosphere, this is something we have to accept.

The alternative to trying to prevent all pollutants from entering the streams is to provide some form of treatment to remove pollution from the streams. A number of options were considered including UV treatment, Chlorine dosing or construction of long sea outfalls. All of these could remove bacteria from the bathing waters but were ruled out on the basis that they would cause significant environmental or morphological damage. A better treatment option, which is still under consideration, is the use of Integrated Constructed Wetlands. However, this would require a significant land take in a relatively built up area.

DCC is committed to improving water quality at Merrion Strand. We have identified key problem areas and physical measures needed to improve the bathing water quality. Covid 19 restrictions meant that many of these measures could not be implemented in time for the current bathing season and this year's results will decide next year's classification. Water quality will continued to be monitored and results posted in hardcopy format in the information cabinet at the bathing water and online at www.dublincity.ie/bathingwater.

Q.56 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager the number of construction sites seeking derogation from normal planning permission working hours in the area.

Reply:

At date of reply (4.06.20) there are seven requests to extend the permitted working hours for development in the South East Area.

Q.57 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Chief Executive if he will repair a manhole cover. It is positioned directly in front of the entrance to the car park beside (details supplied). The noise caused by

vehicles hitting the manhole is very disruptive to people who are living and working in the area. Pictures can be provided if required.

Reply:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services had to contact each utility individually as there were no identification markings indicating which utility was responsible for the maintenance of the cover and frame.

Magnet Networks after a number of unanswered queries from Road Maintenance Services claimed ownership in May 2020 and have programmed the replacement of the manhole cover and frame to be repaired at the address specified.

Q.58 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide an updated and full report on the current status of the development of the Family Hub at Mount Argus?

Reply:

DRHE have entered into a lease with the owners of this property, for the provision of supported accommodation for 70 homeless families at this location.

It was intended that the facility which is in private ownership would be ready for use on a phased basis from the end of June 2020. Phase 1 will provide approximately 18 family rooms as part of an overall development, which will include Communal kitchens, dining and homework rooms.

The works at the Monastery, which provided residential accommodation for many years, are deemed 'exempted development' under section 32 of the Planning and Development Act 2002(amended) as the proposed use is supported living accommodation. A decision under section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2002, ref 0369/19 of 4th September 2019 confirms this decision.

In light of the current COVID-19 crisis, the works were identified as essential works with priority for delivery of suitable accommodation to assist the DRHE provide additional capacity for families.

The 'essential' categorisation was made to enable the developer to continue with the works to ensure the delivery of these additional family rooms, to assist in the management of the COVID-19 crisis.

The provision of this family accommodation sooner than originally anticipated would allow the DRHE continue to respond to the need for provision of accommodation to enable social distancing, and isolation thereby reducing the public health risk to homeless families at this time.

It was intended to inform the local councillors as soon as we had a definitive date for delivery however; the recent events have resulted in the site works being expedited with the possibility of an earlier delivery date than originally anticipated. The

It is intended that the facility will be managed by an NGO chosen from our procurement framework and I will update you on that when we get nearer to an operational date.

DRHE management and staff intend to communicate face to face with the Local representatives and the community post COVID-19 crisis and when it is safe to do so.

Phase 2 of the development of the Mount Argus Family Hub is the subject of a planning application (planning reference no: 25559/20) with the Planning Section of Dublin City Council (DCC). The planning process, including a part VII submission will activate the standard arrangements for public consultation with the local community and area councillors.

Q.59 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager what contingencies are in place to tackle overgrowth of vegetation along footpaths in the area to ensure that footpaths etc. are accessible, especially to users with accessibility issues.

Reply:

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to remove weeds from the road network is in progress. Tenderers were invited to submit proposals to remove/treat weeds, including innovative proposals that they may have. Tender submissions have been received and are presently being assessed.

Q.60 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if there are plans to introduce wildflower meadows in parks in the southeast to encourage improved biodiversity.

Reply:

Parks have introduced a number of herbaceous and wildflower areas in Eamonn Ceannt Park, Willie Pearse Park, Brickfields Park, Herbert Park, Ranelagh Gardens Park, Mountpleasant Square in recent years.

We are continuously working with communities throughout the area to increase the number of locations being managed for biodiversity in accordance with the City Biodiversity Action Plan.

Q.61 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to ensure that there are adequate litterbins in situ in Herbert Park over the coming months and that they are emptied on a regular basis.

Reply:

The extended period of fine weather and COVID restrictions has resulted in large numbers visiting Herbert Park over recent weeks. We are conservatively collecting two to three times the normal volume of waste we would normally expect in Herbert Park.

How we manage the collection and disposal of waste in the park is reviewed regularly and in order to have more efficient collection system an additional 3 No. Big Belly Bins will be installed over the coming weeks.

Q.62 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address the following issue raised by a constituent. He is concerned that the "no cycling" notices on the promenade at Sandymount have faded and cyclists are breaching the rules. Could these notices be repainted?

Reply:

"No Cycling" signs will be painted on the path surface at Sandymount Promenade over the coming weeks.

Q.63 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to ensure that there are sufficient litterbins in the vicinity of the beach in Sandymount and that they are emptied on a regular basis.

Reply:

There are ten "Big Belly" bins on Sandymount Promenade that are emptied regularly and on notifications when they are full. These are supplemented with additional standard litterbins at other locations along the streets and footpaths under the charge

of Waste Management Services in this area, which again are emptied regularly. There are no plans to install additional litterbins here at this time.

Q.64 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to urgently address the issue of the collapse of the sea wall at Sandymount and the inherent danger posed.

{See pic below}



Reply:

This collapsed section of wall is part of the old Merrion Baths on Sandymount Beach. They were opened in 1883 and closed in 1920. This section of wall has been undermined for a number of years and has finally collapsed. There is no sign of reinforcement bars in these walls, which have survived over 137 years to date. The collapsed section is no significant extra hazard to the public. The sections to either side are in poor condition but are likely to collapse in a violent storm when there is unlikely to be anyone near them. The old baths' remains start 90m east of the promenade. We are looking into the ownership of these bath walls.

Q.65 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange for the replacement of the stop sign at the junction of Aideen Drive and Deravarragh Road? This sign was removed last year for no good reason and despite a subsequent promise still has not been replaced.

Reply:

The area engineer is currently assessing areas in the south east of Dublin City in order to promote Dublin City Council's current policy of social distancing for pedestrians. The area engineer is aware of Councillor Dunne's request and will attend a site visit to the junction of Aideen Drive and Derravarragh Road this week to assess the situation and revert to the councillor.

Q.66 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Transport Advisory Group to look at the possibility of making Aideen Drive a one-way system? Residents complain that this road is been used as a rat run and believe that a one-way system would help alleviate the problem.

Reply:

Dublin City Council have launched a scheme investigating areas that have issues with Rat Running through residential areas and other dangerous issues. These schemes are known as Neighbourhood Transport Schemes. Aideen Drive , Mount Tallant Avenue have been listed, as well as Larkfield Park, Clareville Road as a neighbourhood scheme. It was assessed by an engineer and ranked number 2 for intervention in the South East Area.

The issue of making Aideen Drive a one-way system has to be carefully considered with all movements and how it may affect traffic movements on the surrounding roads. This road will be assessed as part of the overall neighbourhood scheme.

Q.67 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the director of services for a report on the condition of the footpath at 31 - 37 Benbulbin Road, Drimnagh, with a view to carrying out a permanent upgrade of this path. Residents have informed councillors of injuries caused by trip hazards on the path.

Reply:

Road Maintenance visited this location and following an inspection have added two defects outside this shopping area to our works list for repair. I will also note the shop front section for possible inclusion in our 2021 Footpath Works Programme depending on available budget.

Q.68 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services to review the condition of the basketball court in Eamonn Ceannt Park. A pothole has been reported as causing injury to players using the court.

Reply:

Parks are in the process of appointing a contractor to carry out the work as outlined above.

Q.69 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services to outline what efforts have been made to increase the public's awareness that DCC parks are reserved for those cocooning due to medical need or vulnerability between the hours of 1.30 and 3.30 since this issue was raised at the last Local Area Meeting on May 11th. Constituents continue to report confusion and lack of awareness, with those who are being asked to cocoon at this time fearful of using our parks. Can the director of services ensure:

That additional large and clearly visible signage is placed at every entrance to DCC parks highlighting the hours parks are reserved for cocooners?

That a media or social media campaign is rolled out to enhance this messaging?

Reply:

Signs are in place in each of the parks and the Media Office is sending out weekly messages to the public about cocooning hours.

Q.70 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services to review the use of kissing gates on Dublin City Council Parks, particularly while Covid 19 restrictions continue and kissing gates present a contamination threat if members of the public have to touch or push a gate to gain access to a public park. Furthermore, while these gates may be a successful way to prevent scrambler bikes gaining access, the use of such gates in Eamonn Ceannt Park is preventing wheelchair users, mobility scooter users, some elderly and disabled people, and those with buggies from accessing the park with ease.

Reply:

There are currently no plans to remove kissing gates from the above location. Kissing gates are easy to move with your foot or elbow and do not necessitate touching with your hands to open as they easily swing when pushed.

Parks are looking at a way of creating an additional entrance, which would allow wheelchair users ease of access. Any such entrance will need to comply with part M of building regs and is subject to available capital funding.

Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services at what phase of the lifting of Covid-19 restriction is it anticipated that dog wardens will resume patrols for dog fouling.

Reply:

The Dog Wardens have been working throughout the Covid 19 crisis. They have mainly concentrated on Parks and Open Spaces.

It is anticipated that dog fouling patrols by Authorised Officers will resume in late June early July. The patrols will resume in Parks and Open spaces.

Q.72 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager if an additional belly bin can be installed on Sandymount Green to deal with continued overflow of waste problems.

Reply:

All the bins within the green are installed by the Parks Division and are serviced by them. They have four or five cast iron bins within this small green space. Waste Management Services have two "big belly" bins and two cast irons around this green and many more bins on the side streets servicing shops and takeaways in the vicinity. Waste Management Services have more than an ample amount of street bins in this area.

Q.73 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if the creation of a demarcated cycle trail that does not reduce or deprive assigned pedestrian space in the Irishtown Nature Park can be considered to offer an amenity for families and recreational cyclists while preserving the existing Irishtown Nature Park trail that is for pedestrians only.

Report:

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division is prioritising the East Coast Trail in this area, as it is a primary route in the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The options to progress a link from the East Coast Trail to the Poolbeg Peninsula and Irishtown Nature Reserve will be investigated.

A response will be issued by the end of June 2020, as it requires consultation with a number of departments including Culture, Recreation & Economic Services, Planning & Development and Environment & Transportation.

Q.74 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager for an update on the Chief Valuer's exploratory negotiations with the owner of Martello Tower at Sandymount.

Reply:

There has been no response from the reputed owner of the Martello Tower. The council will now consider its options to advance the matter.

Q.75 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager whether the Options Selection Report for the Clonskeagh to City Centre segregated cycle option was submitted by the consultant at

the end of May 2020 as planned and when the recommendations will be presented to the South East Area Committee.

Reply:

The Options Selection Report was received by Dublin City Council in the middle of May 2020. The consultant is now preparing to conduct a virtual workshop for Dublin City Council's internal stakeholders and subsequently make a presentation to the NTA in June 2020. It is proposed that a presentation will be made to the South East Area Committee at the meeting scheduled for 13th July, 2020.

Q.76 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager, further to question 29 on the 11th of May 2020 and the noted emergency motion of the 29th of April 2020 if a response can be furnished to what is proposed.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has established a working group tasked with the investigation of the Sandymount Green area with regard to Covid-19 and Social Distancing Interventions.

An engineer has assessed the area and potential concept designs are being investigated. As part of this investigation, engagement has commenced with Dublin Bus, Go Ahead Bus and an initial consultation will begin with business owners in the coming days. Following this initial round of consultation, we will discuss our findings with the councillors.

Q.77 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange for the inspection of the footpaths in St. Martin's Estate in Kimmage? There are a number of cracks and broken sections, which require repair or replacement.

Reply:

These footpaths will be inspected and defects that are present will be logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be scheduled.

Q.78 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

"To ask the manager if the COVID19 path widening and cycle lane widening with bollards etc, can be extended to Kimmage and Crumlin roads, and consequently during this reduced traffic congestion, that a system to maintain the safety of cyclists and pedestrians is continued in a formal manner.

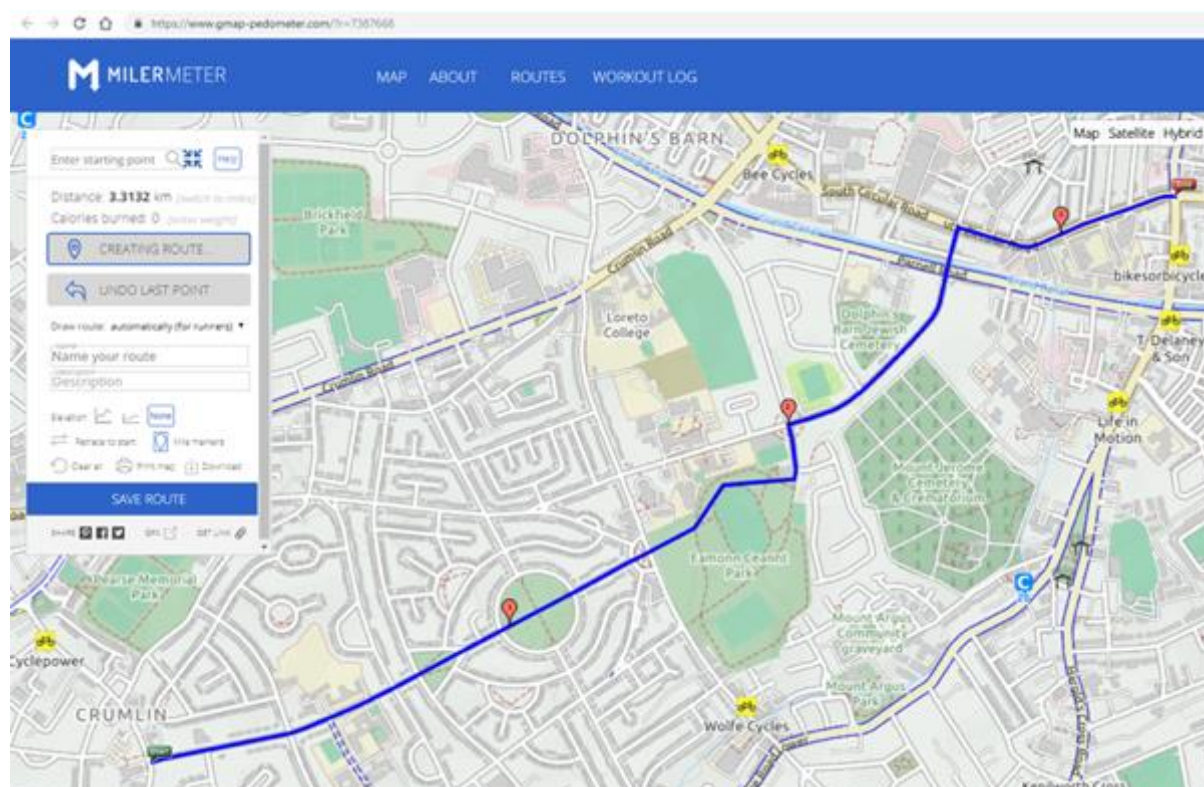
Please provide information for the City Council Sub-Committee with NTA which has not yet been set up; and may be set up on 3 June at the Traffic and Transport SPC online meeting. I understand this meeting is in advance of our SEAC and hopefully we can have information in advance, if possible.

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2. Lack of investment in cycling routes in the area and the opportunities for new segregated cycle routes.

1. there is widespread parking on footpaths all around the area. This is illegal but there seems to be no inclination by the Garda or DCC to enforce the current legislation. The new cycle lanes in Crumlin village were poorly designed and are practically useless as they are constantly being parked on and even if they are not being parked on, the movement of traffic into and out of the parking, taxi and loading bays makes them dangerous. There was plenty of room to build a segregated cycling lanes in the

village. Plans for further cycling lanes/routes should follow best international standards and decisions should not be solely influenced by local business and vested interests (I was informed by DCC that the decision regarding the position was influenced by local businesses).

2. There are many wide streets in the area that would allow **segregated** cycling infrastructure e.g. look at the following 3.2km route



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This route could also link up with Bunting Road to Walkinstown roundabout and with Sundrive to Harold's cross and Drimnagh.

Current plans for cycling routes appear to favour using existing busy bus routes radiating from the city but in my opinion there are many local roads which are wide enough to facilitate good segregated routes for local schools and for local commuting.

I would be grateful if you could follow up on the above 2 points by ensuring that existing laws re parking are applied and that there is a substantial increase in safe cycling infrastructure. "

Reply:

The number of sub-committees saving Strategic Policy Committees is the prerogative of Members. Notwithstanding this, members of the Transportation SPC discussed the subcommittees at the meeting held on 3rd June 2020. The outcome of the discussion will be available on the minutes of the meeting.

The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to review enforcement against illegal parking on footpaths and on cycle ways in the Kimmage and Crumlin roads.

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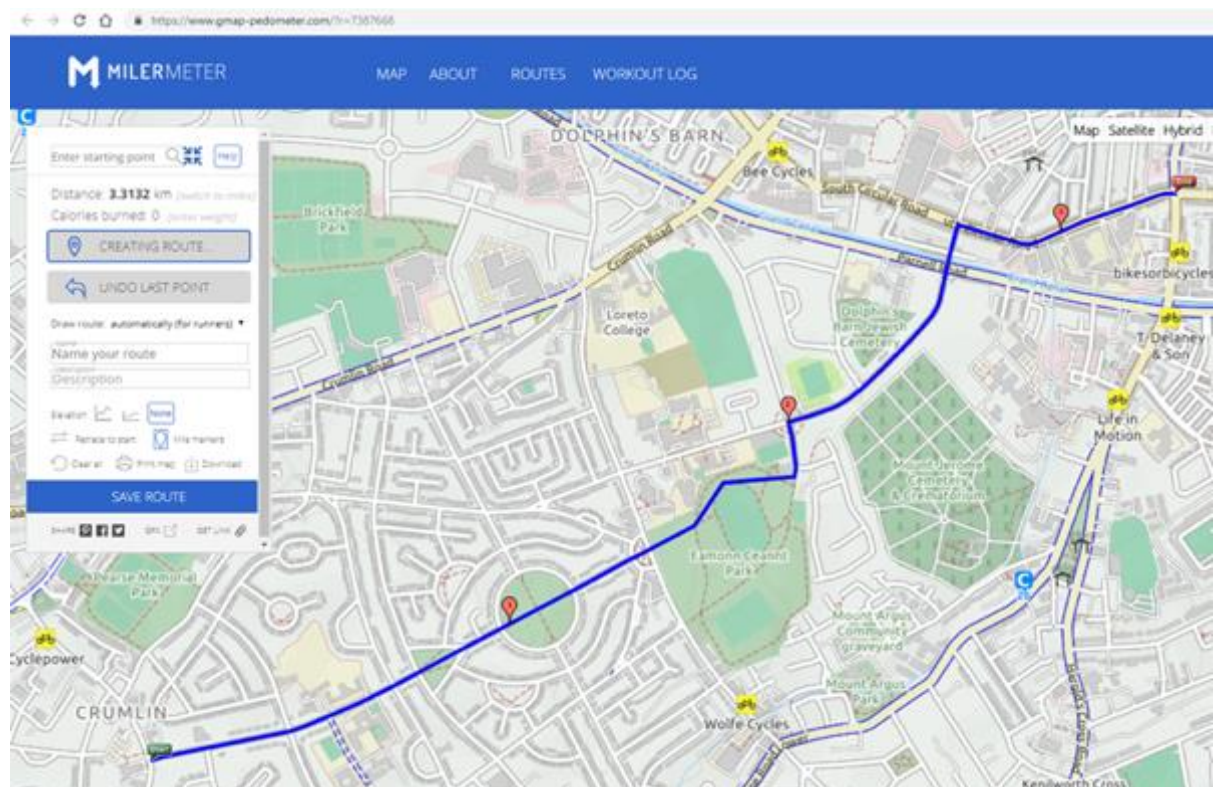
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