



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020

- 1 Presentation on the Clonskeagh to City Centre Cycle Route**
Order: Noted.
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting 13th July 2020**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Special Meeting held 31st July 2020**
Order: Attendance amended to reflect that Cllr. Feeney sent apologies and did not attend. Agreed.
- 4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 25th August 2020. Taken with Motions 13, 15, 16, 22 and 25.
Order: Noted.
- 5 Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: Licence 7 Car park spaces, Rathmines Square, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 to Aldi Stores Ireland Limited.
Order: Deferred pending receipt of clarification on whether storage space in the basement could be made available to the apartment dwellers in the complex.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal: Fee simple interest 15 Wicklow Street to Martina Investments Limited.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters.**
 - i. Report on playground upgrades in the South East Area.
Taken with Motion 2. Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on Herbert Park bowling green resurfacing.
Order: Noted.

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South East Area Office Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Taken with Motion 21
Order. Noted.
- ii. Report on proposed naming and numbering 1 – 3 Cúirt Pháirc Líosain / Leeson Park Court, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed.
- iii. Nomination of one South East Inner City Ward councillor to each of three Community Safety Fora: Charlemont /Whitefriar, Pearse Street and Ringsend / Irishtown.
Order: Councillor Flynn nominated to Charlemont/Whitefriar, Community Safety Forum, Councillor Ceitinn nominated to Pearse Street and Ringsend Community Safety Fora.
- iv. Sculpture Dublin, a Dublin City Council initiative designed to raise awareness of Dublin's sculptural heritage and to commission new works for parks and public spaces city-wide, requests that the Committee nominates a Public Representative for the South East Area to participate in the selection panel for the Bushy Park Commission.
The panel will be convened at a suitable date between 21 September and 9 October 2020. Details of the selection process are included in the Commission Brief which can be downloaded at <https://www.sculpturedublin.ie/bushy-park/>
Order: Cllr. Feeney nominated to participate in the selection panel for the Bushy Park Sculpture Dublin Commission.
- v. Proposed meeting with Waterways Ireland.
Order: Noted. Date will be circulated.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee propose that DCC will make available street grading information online within a short period after grading, a schedule for grading so residents can see when their street is being cleaned/graded and any information related to grading.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Tara Deacy taken with item 6.i

That this committee agrees to the installation of protective fencing around the playground area in Stannaway/Lorcan O'Toole Park. This has been requested for some time by local residents and the playground has been damaged considerably by fire a number of times. Parents don't feel safe when unleashed dogs can ramble through it while children use the facility. Can we address this as a matter of urgency? This is a very well used facility for the area and needs to be addressed.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to again examine the possibility of providing a controlled dog run space in Herbert Park or Ringsend Park.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees to begin the process involved in the discretionary funding process in a timely manner, to include discussions and analysis of poverty profiles in the area, and to ensure a more equitable process as was agreed last year.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Dublin City Council road sign on Parnell Avenue, Dublin 12 be urgently replaced. As can be seen in photo supplied the letters have worn off the sign so it is very difficult for people trying to locate this road to find it.



Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Anne Feeney

That Oaklands Drive, Rathgar be included in 2021 budget for road resurfacing.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee supports the implementation of an action plan to address the ongoing issue of litter and general waste disposal in the Kimmage/Crumlin Area as a matter of urgency. This should include a review of scheduling for bin collection and emptying, number of bins in the areas and engagement with local business re their responsibilities. Consultation and discussion with local interest groups must also be included.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Dermot Lacey.

This Committee requests the Manager to examine the ideas submitted by a constituent in relation to Herbert Park (and circulated with this motion) and to report on same to the Area Committee."

"I am on holidays in Wexford and played Crazy Golf with my kids the other day at <http://abbeypar3.com/> on the Hook Peninsula last week, where golf, footie golf and Crazy Golf is on offer. We've played here before and I mustn't have been paying attention - what struck me forcibly this year was the multi-generational groups playing Crazy Golf together. It was heartening to see. Grandparents and parents (including me) playing and engaging enjoyably with the kids of all ages in their charge, rather than overseeing them at arm's length glass-eyed/ fear-filled in a playground. It struck me that as part of DCC efforts to encourage citizens to #LiveLocal; it would be great to be able to access a similar facility in a neighbourhood park within walking distance of home (in my case, Ranelagh). I remember that the Ranelagh Gardens playground for 2-8 yr. olds cost €75,000 in 2017.

I would be grateful if you could let me know if this is something you would support and explore for our DCC Pembroke ward and/or the wider DCC area. In these Covid times, the more reasons we can provide for outdoor meet-ups the better, for our physical and mental health, for people of all ages and abilities. (Boules/ Petanque might have similar appeal though I think this may have met with disappointing results at some stage in the past - less popular appeal etc.). One other advantage of Crazy Golf is the opportunity it affords of profiling points of natural/ built/ cultural heritage through the design of each hole, informing users incidentally about their immediate locality”

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Paddy McCartan

That the South East Area Committee call on Kennedy Wilson as owners, and Marriott International as operators of the Shelbourne Hotel to reinstate the four bronze statues. These statues at the front of the hotel are an integral part of Dublin's cityscape and were removed unilaterally and without planning permission from a protected structure. As this was an unlawful act, it sets a dangerous precedent.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Dermot Lacey.

This committee requests that the manager reports on the issues referred to below and on how Dublin City Council intends to deal with the matters.

I am writing in relation to the stench that has been emanating from the Sewage Treatment Plant over the last couple of weeks, particularly during the warm weather. The stench around Sandymount and surrounding was absolutely nauseating – it was nearly impossible to be outdoors and windows had to be closed.

I have been in touch with Celtic Anlian Water over the years and I am told that the plant is at over-capacity and until an upgrade is in place, it is unlikely that things will change.

This is not good enough – apart from the stench, I am concerned at what we are actually inhaling – can you advise as to what you can do to rectify this unsatisfactory situation.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillors Tara Deacy and Pat Dunne

That this committee support the relocation of the recycling site on Sundrive Road to a more suitable alternative site. The existing site is unsuitable in terms of proximity to the residential area surrounding it and is causing problems locally in terms of illegal dumping. The site is an eye sore on a busy main road and needs to be considered for re location as soon as possible.

Order: Defer to October SEAC meeting.

Motion 12 from Councillor Dermot Lacey.

This committee agrees that Durham Road should be resurfaced as a matter of priority.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with item 4.

This committee agrees that any recommendations for change in parking arrangements or traffic management in Rathmines Park comes before the South East Area Committee in the first instance.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Anne Feeney

In light of many fitness and leisure facilities not open or open on a restricted basis, this Committee now calls on the Chief Executive to extend public opening hours (particularly on Saturdays and Sundays) in fitness and leisure facilities either owned or supported by the Council.

At present public opening hours are very limited and numbers at any one session are severely curtailed to meet Covid guidelines.

Currently the privately owned Carlisle swimming pool on Kimmage Road West has not re-opened and there is no date for re-opening. This facility was extremely well used by many people in the Dublin 12 and Dublin 6W area, particularly senior citizens as part of their health and exercise regime. With this loss to the community and the fact that Dublin City Council's Crumlin Swimming Pool is only open to the public from 12.30-1.15pm on Saturdays and no hours on Sundays, an extension in opening hours is now needed.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillors Dermot Lacey, Mary Freehill and Deirdre Conroy taken with item 4.

This Committee reiterates its support for completing the S2S proposal and requests the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council and the NTA to actively pursue its development along the existing Sandymount Promenade as a matter of urgency.

In the event of the Chief Executive seeking to implement the current proposals for Strand Road under Covid 19 legislation this Committee further requests:

1. The Trial period be four months and commence on the 1st January 2021 to enable all prepare for such a significant change.
2. The period between now and commencement of the trial be used to compile a report and a response to the issues raised in the public submissions to date.
3. That a monthly report be given to the Area Committee on 2) above
4. That a Monitoring and Consultative Committee be established before the October meeting of this Area Committee comprising representatives (if they wish to join) of the Sandymount and Merrion Residents' Association, the Sandymount Tidy Towns and Community Association, the Bath Avenue and District Residents' Association, the Sydney Parade Residents' Association, the Merrion Road Residents' Association and the Dublin Cycling Campaign and representatives of the schools in the area. The Committee would also be empowered to invite two additional members to represent any interests that they may feel could add to the work of the Committee.
5. In view of the local and regional importance of the issue that the Lord Mayor of Dublin be invited to Chair the Committee.
6. That a designated "Sandymount Traffic" (or similar) contact point to Dublin City Council be established on electronic and social media.
7. That a full report on the initiative be presented to the Area Committee no later than the June 2021 meeting of the Area Committee prior to any final decision being taken.

Order: Motion defeated.

Motion 16 from Councillor James Geoghegan taken with item 4.

That the South East Area Committee resolves;

- following the passage of the emergency motion of the 22nd of June 2020 proposed by myself, Cllr Dermot Lacey and Cllr Paddy McCartan seeking that a 'School Zone' be considered for Star of the Sea, Leahy's Terrace, Dublin 4.
- the letter from the Board of Management of the Star of the Sea, Leahy's Terrace, Dublin 4 wrote to 'covidmobility@dublincity.ie' on the 1st of July 2020 following the passage of the motion enclosing their request for a 'School Zone'.
- the recently commenced 'School Zone' at Francis Street CBS, John Dillon Street, Dublin 8
- the reference to a proposed school zone head of Head of Technical Services, Environment and Transportation Department at the recent information meeting on 1st of September 2020
- to formally seek the swift introduction of a 'School Zone' at Star of the Sea, Leahy's Terrace, Dublin 4.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to please address the following issues in Glovers Court as a matter of urgency:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour** - there has been an on-going issue with crowds frequently gathering on the stairwells, drinking and making a lot noise, playing music, shouting etc. very into the late hours causing significant disturbance to the residents, and leaving a lot of rubbish in the complex
- **Broken Gates** - the gates that were erected are constantly broken, with keys jammed in the lock. This means they are not serving the purpose that they were installed for.
- **Rubbish / Rats** - the shores, stairwells and common areas are not being cleaned properly and there are on-going problems with litter and rats in the complex
- **Smells / Dirty Water** - there have been complaints about smelly, dirty water coming up through the kitchen sinks and washing machines in some of the flats.
- **Trees** - the trees need to be pruned as soon as possible as they are affecting the light in many of the flats, and causing issues with phone and Wi-Fi signals.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to once again contact the Irish Insurance Federation about the on-going issue of homes in the Irishtown / Ringsend area being charged unfairly high rates of flood insurance, or not being able to access flood insurance at all, despite the significant flood protection measures in the area. This issue was raised last year but there has not been any resolution and residents are still having issues.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to ensure that the trees that were blown down and removed in Portobello are replaced as a matter of urgency,

and that the Council puts measures in place to ensure that the willow tree on the Harbour is properly protected from any further damage.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to explore the possibility of Dublin City Council purchasing the old Bottlemakers' Hall in Ringsend for social housing or community use.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 21 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee request the area manager to facilitate a briefing or information meeting for Councillors with An Garda Síochána so we can find out what is being done to combat the setting off of illegal fireworks throughout the city, but particularly in areas of the South East Inner City where residents are already experiencing the noise, distress and inconvenience of nightly fireworks two months ahead of Halloween.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 22 from Councillor Danny Byrne taken with item 4.

This the area committee would direct the council to make Temple Bar more accessible to those in wheelchairs, mobility scooters etc.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 23 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would write to the ESB asking them to clean, maintain and paint the Poolbeg chimneys, an iconic Dublin landmark which have become noticeably run down in recent times.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 24 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That this Committee expresses frustration at the unresolved disturbances caused regularly by activities in Dublin Port in the middle of the night, which has a significant negative impact on the quality of life of residents near the port.

That this Committee requests that the Chief Executive engage with the Minister responsible and the Port Authority seeking resolution to this issue and a cessation of activity in the port during the hours of 10 pm and 6 am, or some such similar arrangement that will cease late night activities.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 25 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn taken with item 4.

That the manager installs electronic signage which measures driving speeds and displays it in real time on the R131 east link approach road and Sean Moore Road as there is increasing number of trucks and cars speeding on these roads.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 26 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That this Committee desires twice annual reports from Irish Water and Covanta on their operations and upgrading measures in the South East Area; for a summary of said reports to be communicated by them to the public through advertisement in local papers, such as Newsfour in Ringsend; and that the proceeds from said advertisements could be used to support aspiring young journalists in the form of a young journalist bursary in the locality.

Order: Report to Councillor. Councillor Lacey declared that he was a founder of Newsfour.

9 **Questions to the Chief Executive 14th September 2020**
Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey
Chairperson
Monday 14 September 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Lord Mayor Hazel Chu
Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan

Members:

Tara Deacy
Mannix Flynn
Carolyn Moore
Paddy McCartan

Officers

Brian Hanney
Jennifer Wall
Leah Johnson
Brian Kirk

John MacEville
Conor Lynch
Perry Chitombo
Paul McCann

Mary Taylor
Robert Chester
Claire French

Apologies:

Non-Members:

Caroline Butler
Clifton Scannell Emerson

Q.1 Councillor Tara Deacy

Each south east breviates the council talks about "street grading" - Can I get a list of which streets have been graded, when they were graded, the grade given (particularly those in the D12 area)?

Reply:

Street Grading surveys are conducted under five categories: Condition of Bins, Litter on Pavement, Litter on Path, Illegal Dumping and Dog Fouling. Each category is awarded a grade from "A" (highest) to "D" (lowest), with the overall grade based on the lowest grade awarded, e.g. if Litter on Pavement, Illegal Dumping and Dog Fouling is assessed as grade "A", and Litter on Road is assessed as grade "C", the overall Grade for that street is assessed as "C". Any streets graded "C" or "D" are reassigned for grading the following week.

Please note, Bin Condition does not contribute towards the overall grade. This information is passed on to Fleet Management for maintenance of said bin(s).

Please see attached spreadsheet detailing all street grading inspections in South East Area, South Central Area and City Centre from January 2019 to date. Each survey is represented by five lines of the spreadsheet, one for each of the survey categories as outlined above.

Please note, Waste Management Services operate on a six area basis with the City Centre including part of South East Area. I have also included South Central Area as streets in Dublin 12 were specified.

Q.2 Councillor Tara Deacy

A large number of residents have contacted me individually asking that a yellow box be installed at Larkfield Grove/Clareville Road junction.

There is an increased volume of traffic on the Clareville Road/Larkfield Park in the evenings for about 90 minutes & 60 minutes in the mornings.

The traffic queues going back from the lights at the Kimmage /Sundrive crossroads means cars are blocking the exit/entry to our street. Although most motorists are very kind, the majority are just parked there for 5 minutes blocking the residents out/in on the road.

A yellow box junction would clear a path in/out of our street similar to the one further up on Larkfield Park.

Can this be put in place for the residents?

Reply:

The area engineer attended Larkfield Grove and Clareville Road on Wednesday 26th August 2020. From 4.30pm to 5.30pm the traffic was free flowing both inbound and outbound on Larkfield Park and Clareville Road. There were no issues with vehicles blocking Larkfield Grove. At this time the area engineer is unable to recommend a yellow box at Larkfield Grove/Clareville Road junction.

The area engineer is aware that schools are re-opening, and will monitor this location. If traffic is seen to block Larkfield Grove the area engineer will address and recommend appropriate measures.

Q.3 Councillor Paddy McCartan

I am the owner of details supplied 1, Bath Avenue where I lived for many years. The square was planted and is maintained by Dublin City Council but I have noticed that the group of trees at the top end of the square and immediately adjoining my property (and details supplied 2) would require some attention. The trees are grouped quite close together and their branches, in my opinion, may require some lopping. In view of recent high winds and the fact that the local children play in the immediate area I would be grateful if you could arrange to inspect same and take any remedial action you consider necessary.?

Reply:

I wish to advise that the trees have been inspected and based on a ground level inspection they appear to be in good condition although it is considered that they would benefit from some pruning. This work will include removal of some of the lower branches and will be added to our tree works programme. It is anticipated that the work will be undertaken before year-end.

Q.4 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to repair the footpath adjacent to 14 St Mary's Road, Ballsbridge. See picture below.



Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out a repair at this location.

Q.5 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to please outline the progress on the upgrading and improvement works on the Cambridge Road project.

Reply:

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. Following that it was proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of Library Square and Cambridge Road.

Cambridge Road: An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC. Meetings with Redscape Architects and internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop/meeting on 28th November 2018. Pre Part 8 report and drawings issued in December 2018 did not meet the requirements of E & T Department. Further information was required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal in particular. In 2019 Road Design & Construction Section, E & T Department, agreed to take on the completion of the project. Detailed consultations are now taking place with relevant internal departments with a view to bringing the Cambridge Road project to Part 8 stage before the end of 2020.

Q.6 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give an update re the Ringsend/Irishtown Village Local Environment Improvement Plan.

Reply:

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. Following that it was proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28th November 2019 and further meetings were required with key departments before design could be finalised. Pre Part 8 report will be circulated to internal departments in September 2020. Following that Councillors will be briefed before commencing formal Part 8 process.

Cambridge Road: An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC. Meetings with Redscape Architects and internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop/meeting on 28th November 2018. Pre Part 8 report and drawings issued in December 2018 did not meet the requirements of E & T Department. Further information was required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal in particular. In 2019 Road Design & Construction Section, E & T Department, agreed to take on the completion of the project. Detailed consultations are now taking place with relevant internal departments with a view to bringing the Cambridge Road project to Part 8 stage before the end of 2020.

Q.7 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the road surface repaired opposite houses 17,21,22,23 Pembroke Gardens, Ballsbridge. The road is in a serious state of disrepair with multiple potholes.

See picture below.



Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have repairs carried out at these locations.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will contact Irish Rail requesting them to clean up their lands adjacent to the Railway Station at Sandymount Avenue, Dublin 4 as outlined below.

My reason for contacting you is the same problem with the Irish Rail land in Holyrood Park. Since they did a massive clear up 2 years ago we have done our best to remove litter and cut back undergrowth but it's beyond a joke now, added to which we now have a dumped mattress and office wheelie chair.

Reply:

I have discussed the situation outlined above with Joseph Beardmore, Community Liaison Officer in Irish Rail and he informs me that Irish Rail will carry out an extensive clean-up of this area as soon as possible.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To request the Manager to arrange for the NO Left turn sign to be reinstated at the entrance to The Crescent, Donnybrook (at the pedestrian crossing) and that the faded double yellow lines be repainted along that same lane.

Reply:

The area engineer attended a site visit on 28th August 2020, a “NO LEFT” turn sign will be placed on the available signage pole before the pedestrian crossing inbound on Donnybrook Road.

This location will be inspected. Faded marking will be repainted, within 30 working days of the SEAC meeting on the 14th September 2020.

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will request the Traffic Engineer to examine the situation on Newbridge Avenue, Sandymount towards making it safer for pedestrians particularly at pinch points such as the space near numbers 6-10 with the installation of one or two bollards as a possibility.

Reply:

The Area Engineer has looked at the issue raised by Councillor Lacey, the area engineer would have concerns with any pedestrian wishing to cross Newbridge Avenue opposite properties Nos. 6-10 due to the alignment and profile of Newbridge Avenue at this point.

A pedestrian wishing to cross at this point may be unsighted by a driver, therefore, the Area Engineer recommends in the interest of safety pedestrians avail of the uncontrolled crossing at the mini roundabout opposite Marian College Lansdowne Road.

Q.11 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager how safety can be provided to residents on Rathmines Park due to anti-social behaviour and illegal waste thrown over boundary walls. Residents have experienced multiple incidents of antisocial behaviour, intimidation, health and safety concerns, property being defaced with rotten eggs and potatoes, and being disturbed with parties and loud music over the past 5 months.

Reply:

We have met with details supplied on a number of occasions to discuss the ongoing issues . As a result of these meetings we have agreed to install palisade fencing on the boundary wall to make it more difficult for objects to be thrown over and for individuals to climb over. This work is already underway and should be completed shortly. We have also been liaising with An Garda Síochána, who have agreed to increase their presence in the area. They have also agreed to provide us with names of any DCC tenants involved in this behaviour. Any tenants who are involved, or whose household members are involved in this behaviour, will be dealt with under the conditions of their Tenancy Agreements and Dublin City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

The area around Rathmines Park will be monitored by the Litter Warden service and Waste Management issues will be addressed.

Q.12 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager about another issue on Rathmines Park due to potential removal of green space and trees for fire brigade access to the enclosed area.

Reply:

In conjunction to working with Dublin Fire Brigade, Dublin City Council is conducting an assessment of Rathmines Park's general layout. The assessment will consider the main points of access for emergency vehicles. The intended outcome will be to enable effective emergency vehicle access and to liaise with Dublin Fire Brigade on possible solutions.

Q.13 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager due to the exorbitant enquiries on illegal dumping and overflowing bins, whether City Council can extend the number of bins in all areas and increase size in some areas where there are parks and many people eating and drinking outdoors. Obviously, due to COVID19 lack of access to hospitality venues.

Reply:

Waste Management Services is currently completing a procurement process for the supply of litter bins. Once complete it will be possible to increase the supply of bins in areas of need that meet the criteria for the installation of litter bins.

There is no method of increasing the capacity of the supply of bins that are currently in place. Solar Compactor bins that provide increased capacity have been installed in many areas where there is seasonal demand for additional capacity such as Portobello and along the Grand Canal from Baggot Street, Baggot Street / Temple Bar, Dublin Docklands/ Sandymount village and strand. Similarly, there have been installations of these bins in individual high use locations within the South East Area in areas such as Ranelagh, Rathmines, Harold's Cross, Ringsend and Terenure.

It should be noted that there was an increase in complaints relating to the frequency of servicing and maintaining of bins during the period of reduced service delivery associated with Covid 19 restrictions. As Waste Management Services have now fully resumed scheduled services it is expected that the increased level of resources operating will address these issues.

Q.14 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if a CCTV can be installed on Belbulbin Road/Brickfield Park due to anti-social behaviour increase in the area, requested by Drimnagh Residents' Association.

Reply:

An upgraded CCTV system was installed at Benbulbin Road last year. The camera was attacked and damaged on a number of occasions and was completely destroyed as a result of the last attack. A new, more robust camera was then installed, along with additional security measures. This camera has not been attacked and has continued to operate since it was installed. On occasion strong winds have caused movement to the radio which transmits the signal and this can result in a "broken" picture being transmitted to the server and monitor. On the occasions that this has happened the problem has been resolved quickly. It should be noted that the system has proved most effective as a deterrent and as a means for the Gardaí to monitor the immediate

area and any issues which have occurred have not affected the effectiveness of the system in this regard.

Q.15 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can I get the full list of the COVID Mobility Improvements for the South East Area, can it include those that have been implemented and those that are planned for?

Reply:

The following is the list of completed, ongoing and planned works:

- College Green bus stop build outs
- College Green protected cycle route (at Bank of Ireland)

- South Anne St. outdoor seating build out

- South William Street pedestrian priority, removal of parking and incorporation of timed loading
- Drury Street pedestrian priority, removal of loading for pedestrian space
- *Route 1 – Rathmines – Richmond Street South – George’s Street – Dame Street*
Protect cycle track – works ongoing on site
- *Route 4 – Donnybrook – Leeson Street – College Green*
Protect cycle track – design ongoing
- *Route 6 – Grand Canal Street – Pearse Street*
Protect cycle track – design ongoing
- *Route 7 – Ranelagh – Charlemont Street*
Protect cycle track – design ongoing
- *Route 8 – Baggot Street Lower – Merrion Row*
Protect cycle track – design ongoing
- *Route 9 Ballsbridge – Mount Street – College Green*
Protect cycle track – design ongoing
- *Route 14 - Grand Canal*
Protect cycle track – design ongoing
- Werburgh Street Contra-Flow cycle facility – from Bride Street to Castle Street
Public consultation ongoing
- Strand Road – Trial 2-way cycle track
Public consultation ongoing
- Pidgeon House Road – Filtered Permeability Trial ongoing.
- Francis St. School – School Zone Installed.
- Rathgar Village - Bollards on narrow footpath to protect pedestrians and mobility impaired due illegal parking on footpath.
- Rathmines village bollards outside Swan Shopping Centre to protect pedestrians and mobility impaired by giving more pedestrianised space.

Q.16 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the trees at the back of 8 Shelton Park, Kimmage, Dublin 12 be pruned? There is a laneway (which nobody seems to take responsibility for) with very high trees which need to be pruned back. The laneway runs from No. 1 Shelton Park to No. 15 Shelton Park. The trees are so high that during stormy weather they are very dangerous. The resident does not want them cut down but they need to be cut right back. DCC have previously called the laneway "common land" and no action has been taken when asked by the resident. Can this dangerous situation be addressed?

Reply:

This is not within the Dublin City Council area.

Q.17 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Derelict Site Section to inspect the site at (details supplied) with a view to having the owners take remedial renovations or to have it placed on the Derelict Sites Register?

Reply:

The Derelict Sites Section has an active file on this site and when it was last inspected in October 2019 it was not considered derelict at that stage. However, in light of the above information this site will be re-inspected and the councillor will be replied to directly;

Q.18 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Derelict Sites Section to inspect the site at (details supplied) with a view to having the owners take remedial renovations or to have it placed on the Derelict Sites Register?

Reply:

These sites will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and a reply will be forwarded directly to the councillor.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

She writes,

"In recent weeks the streets in the city centre have become very unwelcoming in the evening time. Gangs of people sitting drinking on South William Street in particular. It is very off-putting and would certainly put me off sitting outdoors in any of the city centre restaurants. Further, colleagues of mine were recently attacked while cycling on Pearse Street, in what appears to be a racially motivated attack.

The Garda presence on the streets is non-existent any time I have been in town recently. If we want to support businesses and people coming into town there needs to be increased policing so people can feel safe. Businesses in town need a safe environment in which to trade now more than ever."

Reply:

Anti-social behaviour such as public drinking and in particular the apparent racially motivated attack in Pearse Street is a matter for An Garda Síochána. If there is a particular premises in the South William Street area that would appear to be in breach of their street furniture licence the Casual Trading Unit casualtrading@dublincity.ie will investigate .

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to outline the current position in relation to number 40 Herbert Park, Ballsbridge the former home of The O'Rahilly. On one hand we are told that Dublin City Council has advised An Bord Pleanála to grant permission for its demolition while on the other hand we are told that the house is been assessed by DCC Conservation Section for listing on the RPS.

Reply:

The current situation in relation to 40 Herbert Park is as follows:

A planning application, under SHD legislation, was submitted to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) on 20th May 2020 by the developer for 105 apartments and associated works. The application was submitted following an opinion by the board last December, that the proposal constituted a reasonable basis for an application, given that the site was zoned appropriately and the premises was not on the Record of Protected Structures. The Planning Authority was required under SHD legislation to submit its report by 17th July 2020. The application was presented to the South East Area Committee on 8th June, and its views, particularly that No. 40 should be retained due to its association with the O'Rahilly, were noted and submitted with the planning authority's report to the board.

As the Conservation Report had not been compiled by 17th July, the Planning Authority Report, together with the Area Committee views, was forwarded to ABP for its consideration by the deadline.

The preparation of the Conservation Assessment of No. 40 has been delayed, as the solicitors for the developers have questioned the council's right to interfere with property rights or with the integrity of the SHD process by instigating RPS procedures under Section 55 of the Act.

The Planning Authority is currently in the process of making arrangements to inspect the premises as part of the preparation of the Conservation Assessment.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue in relation to the stench that has been emanating from the Sewage Treatment Plant over the last couple of weeks, particularly during the warm weather. The stench around Sandymount and surrounding area was absolutely nauseating – it was nearly impossible to be outdoors and windows had to be closed.

Reply:

This is a matter for Irish Water who may be contacted directly at 1890 278278 or LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

Q.22 Councillor Tara Deacy

Has there been any progress in terms of extending the opening hours of the Crumlin swimming pool? I believe there was due to be some discussions in relation to looking at other agencies around funding this, has this happened?

Reply:

The Sports and Recreation Section is not proposing to extend the opening hours of Crumlin Swimming Pool. There is no budget provision for extending the current opening hours.

As agreed pre Covid a meeting or online meeting will be arranged with the Sports Section to discuss the matter. Discretionary funding of €17k was allocated for additional hours at weekends which has recommenced.

Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have 'No Cycling' signs placed on Grafton Street? This street is open to all traffic deliveries etc. from early morning until around 11am. After that, it is an exclusively pedestrian zone only. Many cyclists are using this street as a rat run.

Reply:

The request has been referred to the area engineer for assessment.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update on the progress being made for a play area in C Block, Mercer House, and also an update on the finishing out works of the play area at O Carroll Villas?

Reply:

The play area in O'Carroll Villas is practically complete however we will engage with the tenants to discuss the play equipment that they would prefer. In relation to the proposed play area in C Block, Mercer House, the South East Area Office would hope to make provision for a play area at this location next year if our budgetary situation allows.

Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have new markings (stripes) placed on the walkway steps at Cows Lane?

Reply:

Dublin City Council will arrange to have new marking stripes put in place on Cow's Lane.

Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the possibility of retro fitting double glaze windows for the Crampton Building flat complex? Many residents here in the heart of Temple Bar have had to put up with excessive noise levels for many years. It is now time that this imbalance be addressed that was not addressed in the refurbishment of Crampton Buildings in recent years.

Reply:

Crampton Buildings is a listed building and any works being done here would need to go through part 8 and seek approval from the conservation Architect. Each window would have to be taken out individually and replaced with a temporary window while the original window is sent away to be refurbished and then returned and refitted. The ideal time to do this work was during the refurbishment, the cost, and time consuming nature of this project is not something that Housing Maintenance can afford at this moment in time.

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to the overall cost of the pilot pedestrian scheme in and around South William Street?

Reply:

The City Council is currently preparing a full report on the trial of pedestrian streets in this area. When ready, this report will be circulated to all members along with proposals regarding next steps and will include costs of the scheme.

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager as a matter of urgency address the levels of anti-social behaviour drug taking and criminality that is taking place on the stairway/fire exit on Bernardo Square? This fire exit/stairway is part of DCC's Palace Street building and the issue of security for those who are resident in the area is seriously at risk here. Dublin City Council need to come up with a proper solution that secures this area of DCC property and there should be no excuse.

Reply:

The Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department (who are the DCC Department occupying the Palace Street building) and the South East Area Office will

liaise on the ongoing anti-social behaviour issues at Barnardo Square to see what practical measures can be put in place to alleviate the problems at this location. There is no doubt that these issues are present and causing difficulties to local residents and visitors to the area.

The Gardaí are aware of the constant anti-social behaviour in this area and do monitor it regularly.

The entire square including Exchange Court is cleaned regularly by Waste Management services .

The South East Area Office will continue to work proactively with the Gardaí and others to address these issues.

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please write to the Meath Hospital requesting them to ask their residents not to feed the pigeons? Large flocks of birds are descending into the area as food is being thrown from the windows of the hospital. This is causing a health issue and a major social annoyance. Many of the birds sit on window-sills and roofs in the area and the area has become destroyed with bird droppings.

Reply:

The Meath Hospital will be written to regarding the issue of the residents feeding the wild birds and the nuisance it is causing locally.

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to whether street traders in the South East Area and vendors who have street trading licenses from Dublin City Council will be receiving a reduction in their rates and in their licensing fees as a result of the restrictions around Covid 19 and also in line with other businesses that have been given grace and supports with regards fees etc.?

Reply:

All traders holding a designated Casual Trading licence have been given a six month reduction on renewal of their licence.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full clean-up of Leinster Square, Rathmines, and also initiate an examination as to why there is so much littering in this particular square?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Leinster Square fully cleaned on the 1st September 2020. We will monitor this square and have it cleaned when necessary to do so. Arrangements have been made to have a litter bin installed at the bicycle rack there which should improve the situation there litter wise. A litter warden will include this square as part of his regular patrol.

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report of the costings associated with implementing the cycle lanes infrastructure that have now taken place in the South East Area? This report to include all tendering processes and costings of all the infrastructure that has taken place since Covid social distancing measures were introduced.

Reply:

The Rathmines route and the cycle protection at College Green are the completed cycle infrastructure in the south east area. The approximate costs are:

Rathmines Route – €44,000

College Green – €8,000

A quote was sought for the bollards from a supplier who had the items in stock and the capability to provide them immediately and they were procured to provide emergency mobility interventions throughout Dublin City that assist in enabling improved social distancing and safety for both pedestrians and cyclists. An open tender process for a Multi- Party Framework Agreement for Suppliers of High and Low Level Lane-Separators for Dublin City Council was issued in July and a framework is currently being formed.

Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full review of parking for residents and others in and around Leinster Square, Rathmines?

Reply:

If residents wish to change the times or days for pay and display and permit parking where they live, the process is for a petition signed by at least 25% of the households of a street or road to be sent to the Transport Advisory Group. Following this a plebiscite is held for all residents who are on the register of electors or who are entitled to be on the register for each street. However, due to the workload of COVID 19 works receipt of all such petitions is currently suspended.

Q.34 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can I get an update as to the areas in the South East area that have participated in the school zone initiative?

Reply:

Two School Zones have been implemented to date: Francis Street School, John Dillon Street, Dublin 8 and Central Model School, Deverill Place, Gardiner St, Dublin 1. Following the implementation, Dublin City Council contacted all primary level schools in the Dublin City Council administrative area, inviting them to complete an application form if they were interested in having a School Zone installed at their school. We have received 45 applications to date, of which seven are located in the South East Area. The Covid Mobility Technical Team are assessing all applications for suitability and schools will be contacted with timelines where it is deemed an appropriate intervention at that location.

Note: In a School Zone the overall design objective is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of the school, and thereby priorities active travel to and from school. Specific design objectives are:

- to highlight the presence of the school and students;
- to encourage traffic to slow down via specific and eye catching traffic calming measures;
- To encourage motorists not to stop, not even to drop off in or near the School Zone and not to park on pavements. This prevents parked or stopped cars blocking visibility of pedestrians crossing.

Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review safety issues and actions to prevent the damage caused by dysfunctional behaviour at the Lorcan O'Toole Playground. Consideration needs to be given to secure fencing around the playground to protect both equipment and the young children using the amenity.

Reply:

Prices were sought during the summer for minor upgrade works to the playground in Stannaway/Lorcan O'Toole Playground and as part of these works Parks will seek to install a protective boundary treatment that prevents access by dogs.

Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange to have trees cut back that are blocking out public lighting e.g. Mount Drummond, Harold's Cross and on Lavarna Grove (at the Terenure Road West end), Cowper Road and many other roads in the South East Area. The lighting is completely lost on these dark stretches which make it potentially unsafe for pedestrians as dark evenings approach.

Reply:

The trees on Mount Drummond consist of 13 No. mature Hornbeams (*Carpinus sps.*) and we are currently seeking quotations to have these trees pruned.

Trees on the remaining roads if requested by Public Lighting and considered to be impacting on the lighting columns will also be added to our tree pruning programme.

If the councillor has specific poles that are being badly obscured by trees give the pole numbers to the South East Area Office, and we will pass them on to public lighting to investigate.

Q.37 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to prioritise more tree planting (small varieties with managed root systems) and also to enhance greening of residential roads in Crumlin and Kimmage.

Reply:

Parks will be seeking prices for replacement tree planting of more suitable tree species for along Kimmage Road West in the next couple of weeks and hope to have the trees planted before Christmas. In addition, Parks are working closely with the Crumlin Cleanup group with a view to improving tree cover in the area. Initially it is hoped to focus on existing green spaces as they are better placed to support healthy tree growth. Retrofitting tree planting into the existing residential roads is more difficult, and expensive, as very often the footpaths contain multiple services, have overhead wires and are used for parking. There is discretionary funding available to support the greening project in Crumlin, which is match funded by Parks and it is hoped that the success of this project will garner support in the wider community for tree planting generally. Parks are also looking at the feasibility of mechanical bulb planting for one or two of the smaller green areas where trees have struggled to get established and hope to pilot this to establish whether it will be successful or not.

Q.38 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to prioritise roads in the Kimmage Rathmines LEA for early weed control, particularly roads with large growths of weeds e.g. Stannaway Road, Greenlea Road (TRW end), Lavarna, Parkmore, Captain's Road. Also to outline in detail the schedule for weed control for the Kimmage-Rathmines LEA as a whole.

Reply:

There is no specific schedule for the South East Area. The Foamstream crews have to be allowed a degree of flexibility in where they go within an area at a particular time for various operational reasons. The contractor is currently working in the North Central Area. They will move onto the Central Area very soon. After that, it will be the South East Area. The 3 Foamstream vehicles should be operational in the South East area in late September/early October. However, from 1st September a Foamstream vehicle has been reassigned to commence the process of weed control on the Southside of the city (starting in the Crumlin area.)

Waste Management crews are working in tandem with the Foamstream contractor to manually remove weed growth from the South East Area.

The Kimmage –Rathmines LEA is well represented on both the Foamstream list and Waste Management manual weed control programmes.

The contractor and Waste Management Inspectors have been provided with a list of streets in the South East Area that have been inspected. Some of the Roads/Streets listed by the councillor have already been attended to or are already scheduled for weed control. The Public Domain Officer will assess the additional streets listed by the councillor for inclusion in the weed control programme.

Q.39 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to install more street planters in the Drimnagh area, particularly around areas of shops, community centres, schools. The new planters in Kimmage, Sundrive and Crumlin are very welcome and have greatly enhanced the local areas and foster a real sense of pride for local residents.

Reply:

The provision of planters under the Vibrant Villages Programme are considered where they will contribute to the visual amenity and there is a local community, business or residents group who can look after the ongoing upkeep of the plants. Working with Tidy Drimnagh we are installing planters at the entrances to Brickfield Park and Benbulbin Road as they are in the section of Drimnagh within the South East Area. Requests for planters in the remainder of Drimnagh should be directed to the South Central Area Office.

Q.40 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review the need for a gully at details supplied.

Reply:

This location will be inspected during wet conditions to determine if a new gully is required.

Q.41 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review waste management schedules around parks and close to shops where a greater amount of rubbish is building up, particularly at weekends. Specific examples include outside Tesco in Crumlin, outside Centra on Lower Kimmage Road/Corrib Road.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above-mentioned shopping areas are cleaned on a daily basis and are kept as clean as possible. The scheduling of the servicing of bins at the locations identified will be examined.

It is worth noting that the recent full resumption of all waste management services schedules following Covid restrictions should have a positive impact on the management of litter and servicing of litterbins generally in the area.

Q.42 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to prioritise resurfacing of Oaklands Drive given that this road leads into St. Luke's Hospital with ambulances using it on a regular basis. The road surface and also the path surface are in a chronic state.

Reply:

Oaklands Drive will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme and our 2021 Footpath Reconstruction Programme.

Q.43 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for repair of the traffic calming ramp leading from Terenure Road West onto Hazelbrook Road. The ramp is in a dangerous state with large gaping holes and is potentially lethal for cyclists turning left from Terenure Road West.

Reply:

This ramp will be included in our 2021 Ramp Repair Contract. A temporary repair will be carried out in the interim.

Q.44 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if a traffic engineer could assess the placement and signage around the Bike Park station at Newbridge Avenue which recently caused an accident to a constituent on her bicycle where she was thankfully left uninjured.

Reply:

A site inspection was carried out 3 weeks ago. Two flexi bollards were installed on the concrete plinths 2.5 weeks ago. Hatching was put in front of the concrete plinth to the left of the cycle stands last week.

Q.45 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if Greentown Environmental could work on removing weeds on Anna Villa, Ranelagh; Ormond Road, Ranelagh; Moyne Road, Ranelagh; Cowper Gardens, Rathmines; Park Drive, Rathmines; Tudor Road, Rathmines; Beechwood Ave Rathmines; Edenvale Road Rathmines; Mountainview Road, Rathmines, Cullenswood Gardens, Rathmines and Merton Drive.

Reply:

Waste Management crews are working in tandem with the Foamstream contractor (Greentown Environmental) to manually remove weed growth from the South East Area.

The Ranelagh/Rathmines areas are well represented on both the Foamstream list and Waste Management manual weed control programmes.

The contractor and Waste Management Inspectors have been provided with a list of streets in the South East Area that have been inspected and would require weed control. Some of the Roads/Streets listed by the councillor have already been included for attention. The Public Domain Officer will assess the additional streets listed by the councillor for inclusion in the weed control programme. It should be noted that it is not guaranteed that all request for weed control will be addressed in 2020.

Q.46 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if there is any availability in the Road Maintenance budget to conduct resurfacing of Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue or Mornington Road where a survey was previously carried out and maintenance deemed necessary but did not make it into the Road Surfacing Program in this calendar year.

Reply:

Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue and Mornington Road will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.47 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if the process for applying for a residential parking permit at the Plantation, Herbert Street, Dublin 2 could be detailed to me following a request from a resident seeking a permit there.

Reply:

Your question has prompted a review of the case of residential parking permits for the Plantation, Herbert Street, Dublin 2. This review has identified that Herbert Street is a low demand street for residential permits due to the large number of non - residential properties on the street. It is also the case that one resident of the Plantation apartment complex of nine apartments already has a resident permit for parking on Herbert Street at a cost of the higher charge of €400 for a one year permit or €750 for a two year permit. If any of the residents at this apartment complex apply for a parking permit – we in parking enforcement have allocated one per apartment. This cost of the permit is at the higher rates due to their being apartments - this is governed by the byelaws. Normally people in purpose built apartment blocks do not get parking permits, but in areas with low demand for residential parking permits they can be provided, but with a higher charge per year and two years per permit.

Q.48 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he could explore whether the presence of bleeper bikes at the bike stations at Leahy's Terrace, Dublin 4 is reducing the available space for ordinary bicycles when people are dropping and collecting their kids to school located there.

Reply:

St Mary's at the junction of Leahy's Terrace and Sandymount Road has 8 bike racks that are suitable for the parking of 16 regular bikes. BleeperBike provided the original recommendation to Dublin City Council for 5 of these racks to be installed due to requests from local residents. Those additional 5 racks were installed in 2019 as part of DCC's ongoing installation of Sheffield Stands.

The number of BleeperBikes available at the location was monitored on the dates below. Based on our initial analysis it would appear that the BleeperBikes parking at those Sheffield Stands are being cycled by teachers and staff working in the local School.

Date	Time	No. of BleeperBikes
2 nd September 2020	15.50	3
3 rd September 2020	15.50	3

With cycling becoming increasingly popular, BleeperBike usage throughout Dublin has increased significantly, as members of the public seek alternative modes of transport. We have seen a further increase with the return of the schools.

A recommendation has been made for further bike parking infrastructure, as there is adequate street space available at the above location.

It should be noted that the ongoing roll out of bike parking across the city commenced with the introduction of stationless bikes by the council. In excess of 5,000 new bike

parking spaces have been provided since then and a guarantee was given to the Transportation SPC that the number of stationless bikes that would be permitted not exceed one third (33%) of all new cycle parking spaces. Currently we are at approx. 12%.

Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he could detail when the next set of bike parking stations will be installed in Milltown outside or near Spar.

Reply:

The cycle parking installation outside Ember/Spar in Milltown Village is going to be completed this week.

Q.50 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager whether there are any Covid mobility safe cycling measures that could be put in place along the Milltown Road.

Reply:

There are currently no Interim Mobility Plans for Milltown Road. However, the request has been listed for consideration by the Covid Mobility Team.

Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate the issue of scum and algae on the water all the way up to the swimming area of the Half Moon and beyond throughout the summer and what can be done to address this problem that has affected local swimmers.

Reply:

There are typically substantial quantities of a seaweed called ectocarpus evident in Dublin bay, the Half Moon bathing area included. This is particularly prominent in the waters and the beaches at this time of the year as the seaweed begins to decay as part of its short lifecycle. I attach an information bulletin on the seaweed (algae) for your further information. Please note that Dublin bay biosphere is designated a Special Area of Conservation, which significantly restricts/prevents any interventions to remove naturally occurring flora from its environment.

Please note, that the Water Pollution Control Section monitors six designated and undesignated bathing areas throughout the year and we report those water quality results on our website (<https://www.dublincity.ie/bathingwater>). We are happy to report that the Half Moon bathing area has returned 'Excellent' results for water quality samples throughout this year's bathing season.

Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please find accommodation in the Ringsend Area, or close by, for the following individual: details supplied.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 12/01/2010 and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area M	2	9
Area M	3	35

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any

applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

It is noted on the applicant's file that she also has a crossover with South Dublin County Council.

Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a copy of the traffic management plan, and all other relevant documents in relation to the planning conditions for the development at Wilton Park House, Dublin 2, Plan App 4421/18. Can the Area Manager also confirm what date these were received, whether these documents were received before the demolition and development commenced, and if not, why was the work allowed to proceed? There have been many complaints about lack of compliance, in relation to working hours and traffic, and this is having a severe impact on the local residents.

Reply:

The commencement notice was received in respect of this development on the 30th January 2020. The compliance documentation other than documentation relating to archaeology was all received by Dublin City Council in October 2019 in advance of works commencing on site. A copy of all relevant documentation is available to view online on Dublin City Councils website under planning search. Put in the reference number 4421/18 and all the relevant documents can be viewed online. Complaints have been received relating to Traffic Management and working hours that are currently under investigation by the Planning Enforcement Section.

Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne

Seagull population in Pearse Square. The seagulls are making it very difficult for the residents in terms of noise, scraping on the roofs, and gathering in the square making it hard for the residents to enjoy the park. Can the Manager please outline some options?

Reply:

Seagulls, or gulls, have become a very visual component of Dublin City's biodiversity. Gulls are a protected species under the Wildlife Acts (1976 to 2018), which is enforced by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Seagulls are under pressure due to declining fish stocks and marine pollution, and many of their traditional nesting sites have also declined. Herring gull and Black-Headed gull numbers have dropped dramatically nationally, and they are both now red-listed species in Ireland.

Seagulls are omnivorous in their diet and will forage for food in areas where refuse and dumping are problematic. Gulls have learnt that the city can provide good sources of food throughout the year, as well as nesting sites in the summer months.

Dublin City Council does not have a role in the control of gulls. However, it strongly advises people not to feed the gulls as this influences the interactive behaviour between birds and humans. Refuse should be stored so as to avoid access by wildlife.

Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please replace the windows, and help insulate the following details supplied. This individual is very ill and on illness benefit. The bills to

try to keep this place warm in the winter are exceptionally high and the resident is now at the risk of fuel poverty this winter and serious impacts on his health.

Reply:

The Iveagh Trust as owners of the property have actively engaged with details on the issues referred to, the following works have been carried out on the property

- 2 additional heaters were installed in 2019
- Insulation was recently installed to the attic of the property
- Works to improve the draft proofing to the windows in the property were carried out in the last two weeks.

Details supplied was offered a transfer to another property but declined.

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please take measures to address the following issues on Grantham Place, Portobello, Dublin 8:

1. Road Closure

Grantham Place has been closed to traffic for over two years at this point to facilitate construction of the Wetherspoon Hotel on Camden Street. This is a major inconvenience for residents. For example, the road is dirty and dusty; there is fencing directly outside my front door; a very narrow (and, at night-time, dark, enclosed and dangerous) walkway has been left for pedestrians; the parking spots are not available; and there is a noticeable increase in anti-social behaviour. There has been no communication or consultation from either the council or the contractors about this and the road closure has simply been extended each time it has been due to expire. It is not really acceptable to keep the road closed for so long without engaging with residents, especially when access issues were highlighted during the planning process for this site but permission was granted anyway.

2. Illegal Dumping/Bin Bags

As with many parts of Portobello, illegal dumping is a constant issue, especially near the junction with Harrington Street. The waste collection companies often fail to pick up rubbish bags on the designated collection days, people also leave bags out on the wrong days and I regularly see people putting their domestic waste into public litterbins in the area. I report these issues to the council when possible but it would be helpful if a better long-term solution could be found. CCTV could be a deterrent, for example. At a higher level, surely a community bin scheme would be a much better idea.

3. Parking

As mentioned above, there has been no access to the parking spots on Grantham Place for residents since the road was closed to traffic over two years ago. It should be ensured that the previous parking spots are reinstated when the road finally reopens.

4. Road Surface

The road is in very bad condition due to the construction and road closure. It should be resurfaced when the road reopens.

5. Anti-Social Behaviour

This is another persistent issue, which has been made worse by the road closure. There have been groups of men gathering on the road drinking and taking drugs on a number of occasions recently and I have had to ask the Gardaí to move them on. The

road is often used as a toilet and there have been human faeces on the road/footpath at least 6 times in the last 2 months.

Reply:

Road Closure

Dublin City Council received a temporary road closure application from Sandersons Limited in order to facilitate demolition and construction works on Grantham Place. The closure commenced on the 7th January 2019 and was further extended due to unforeseen circumstances to the 10th August 2020. During this period, Sandersons Ltd went into administration and the work was subsequently completed by Marcon Fitout Ireland. Marcon Fitout reported to the Council that the project incurred lengthy delays due to Sandersons going into administration and the fact that the site also had to close down due to the pandemic. The company also advised that they made every effort to engage with the residents regarding their concerns and problems. The most recent works taking place on Grantham Place are by Gas Networks Ireland who were authorised to install a domestic service.

The road was checked by a Roadworks Control Inspector on the 31st August and it is currently open to the public.

2. Illegal Dumping/Bin Bags

Waste Management Services remove illegally dumped rubbish from Grantham Place following routine inspections there or following reports of same by members of the public. We will continue to monitor litter levels at this location and arrange extra cleaning when necessary. The South East Area office continue to look at measures to deter the dumping here.

3. Parking

When Grantham Place reopens an inspector from Parking Policy and Enforcement will investigate the physical location, as it will be then and review what parking spaces were there prior to closure. Together with this information, we will consult with the Traffic engineers to determine what the appropriate parking spaces should be going forward to maximise benefit for residents.

4. Road Surface

Grantham Place carriageway surface will be inspected when the adjacent construction works are complete to determine if remedial works are required.

Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please confirm whether the following building would require planning permission to paint a mural on the building details supplied.

Reply:

Murals require planning permission in general and the building in question details supplied is a protected structure and located in a designated conservation area affording it additional protection under planning legislation.

A planning application would definitely be required.

Q.58 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he could provide an update on the neighbourhood traffic scheme on Belmont Avenue.

Reply:

All areas for consideration in the South East Area for Neighbourhood Transport Schemes have been assessed/ranked accordingly and a Phase 2 report compiled and

sent to all councillors. Belmont Avenue has been ranked number one and Phase 3 of the process had commenced.

However all works on this project has ceased at present. The Neighbourhood Transport Engineers' focus is solely on Covid Mobility Measures due to the current pandemic. An update will be given to all councillors once works recommence on Neighbourhood Transport Schemes. The report will also be distributed to all councillors at that time.

Q.59 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to please install a public litter bin at the corner of Leinster Square and Rathmines Road, a high footfall area where residents say bike parking leads to congregation and heavy littering in the nearby gardens and bushes - including rubbish from nearby takeaway food vendors, along with increasing numbers of disposable face masks and protective gloves. The bin outside the Swan Centre is not adequate for a high footfall area with heavy traffic.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to have a litterbin installed at the bicycle rack there, which should improve the situation there litter wise.

Q.60 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager, in light of Covid-19 and the need for safe social distancing at school gates, if anything can be done to secure the opening of a second entrance to Presentation Primary on Terenure Road West? The gate at present is situated on a treacherous road, but students used to have additional access via the grounds of Presentation ETB on Terenure Park. Entry to the primary school via this gate would provide safe pedestrian access to young children, but would require rights of passage across the ETB land and collaboration between both schools, if the council could do anything to encourage or facilitate this?

Reply:

The area in question has been visited by the Area Manager and a letter will be forwarded to the Principal of Presentation ETB with the Councillor's suggestion.

Q.61 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if refuse collection providers can be asked to play some role in enforcing compliance with the removal of private wheelie bins from public streets after weekly collections have taken place.

Reply:

The responsibility for removing bins from public places following collections lies solely with the customer.

The standard conditions of waste collection permits issued by the NWCPO (National Waste Collection Permits Office) for the collection of kerbside waste in wheeled bins states that:

'The permit holder shall return emptied waste containers to the designated collection point or to the boundary of the premises from which it was collected insofar as is practicable.'

While we can request the authorised waste collectors to return bins to within properties wherever possible, it is not possible to ensure that this course of action is followed. Furthermore, there may be impediments to doing so such as closed gates, parked cars

or similar that prevent this. Householders may also not wish for bins to be returned to within their property unless they are returned to a specific location. It would be expected that there would be concerns raised in respect of this by the authorised waste collectors in respect of the potential for increased collection times and also issues of liability that could arise.

The Waste Management Services Division will contact the authorised waste collectors operating a wheeled bin collection service in the Dublin City Council area to convey the request and seek their feedback on the suggestion.

It will also be requested that they use their communications network to remind their customers of their obligations in this regard.

Dublin City Council will use its social media presence to remind the public generally of this and other aspects of the Waste Bye Laws in respect of how waste must be managed and presented.

Q.62 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager why tree tags have recently been modified in Ravensdale Park, Kimmage? There is an active application for the Poddle FAS works in progress, reports on and objections to which are based on initial tree tagging that was done prior to the public consultation for this project. Why have these tree tags been modified during this process?

Reply:

Parks are aware of the River Poddle FAS and the tree survey that was carried out as part of the application. Parks were unaware however, of the tags being modified and are trying to establish why this happened. Parks can revert with information when it comes available in relation to same.

Q.63 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the wait time of 2.5 minutes at the pedestrian crossing at Flood's Bar, 142 Sundrive Road, can be reviewed, with a view to eliminating a potential pinch point for people exiting the park or the shops and waiting to cross.

Reply:

Our maintenance contractors, Dynniq, attended the pedestrian crossing at Floods Bar, 142 Sundrive Road to determine whether the push buttons are performing correctly. They confirmed that the push buttons are in working order and also confirmed that the controller timings are correct. I undertook a site visit to determine the typical pedestrian wait time and determined that the wait times was approx. 50 seconds. I have instructed our maintenance contractors to reduce the wait time at this pedestrian crossing. This should take effect week ending 11th September. I will undertake a follow up site visit and confirm the reduction in pedestrian wait times and provide confirmation.

Q.64 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if Castlewood Terrace, Rathmines, is included in the overall schedule of works for street cleaning, and if so with what frequency is this and smaller side streets cleaned?

Reply:

Residential areas like Castlewood Terrace and smaller side streets are monitored on a weekly basis and cleaning is carried out there as required and at a minimum of every twelve weeks.

Q.65 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to consider an urgent intervention at the crossroads at Kimmage Road West, Shelton Grove and Lorcan O'Toole Park to prioritise cyclists and pedestrians and facilitate safe active travel, particularly by children travelling to school in the South East Area. This is a large junction, with adequate space to allocate to vulnerable road users, yet currently just one signalised crossing is in place, with no other crossing facilities for vulnerable road users, and a right turn filter light on Kimmage Road West turning into Lorcan O'Toole Park, which can cause confusion.

Reply:

The Sustainability Mobility & Projects Section is currently going through all requests for pedestrian crossings submitted by Councillors and TDs over a number of years. We are currently conducting surveys of the junctions based on a certain criteria with the intention of ranking them. The plan is to signalise the junctions as a rolling project depending on the availability of funding. The above-mentioned junction is on the current list, but has not been surveyed to date.

Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne

That the taxi parking at details supplied is turned into parking, as the taxi rank is never used and not in an obvious location. The parking on the other hand is required.

Reply:

The Taxi Rank located at (details supplied) is a Permanent Stand as set out in the Dublin City Council Appointed Stands, Street Service Vehicles (Taxi), Byelaws.

Removal of a Permanent Stand at the location can only be considered as part of a full statutory review of the byelaws. However, there are no current plans for such a review.

The Councillor's observations about the location have been noted and the location can be examined as part of the next review of the byelaws.

Q.67 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to improve drainage on Merrion Road, where puddles around drains regularly block the entire painted cycle lane. This should be carried out before autumn.

Reply:

Surveys will be undertaken along the Merrion Road to identify drainage/pavement defects affecting the cycle paths for inclusion in Drainage and Road Maintenance programme of works.

Q.68 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager about the progress of housing of details supplied.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List (Ref 134656), with an application date of 7/12/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area E	1	476

Based on the applicant's position for her area of choice, it may be a considerable time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. It may benefit the applicant to increase her areas of choice as it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday to Friday via phone 9am – 4pm)

to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.69 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to trim the foliage, which is growing into details supplied.

Reply:

Pruning work will be undertaken to the vegetation growing into the park at this location over the coming weeks.

Q.70 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to expedite the parking permit application of details supplied.

Reply:

Residents are entitled to apply for a resident's pay and display residential permit on the road where they live, when such a scheme exists on that street or road. In the case of details supplied's road, no such pay and display residential parking permit scheme is in place. Therefore, those who live on this road are not part of any residential parking permit scheme and there is no eligible quota for parking permits for residents of the street. I have asked our Parking Inspector to investigate this road and we will review the application of this resident. However, the demand for parking is very high on the streets and roads in Portobello. While we can offer a permit to residents on a street that is other than where they live, this can only be done with consideration to the level of demand on those nearby streets. Also, priority is given to those residents who live on the street over residents from nearby streets, especially when demand is as high as in Portobello. We will make contact with this applicant directly as to what may be possible, given the constraints of such high demand for parking in this area of the city.

Q.71 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to investigate uneven footpath at details supplied.

Reply:

This location will be inspected and any repairs that are necessary will be arranged.

Q.72 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if the drains could be looked at along the Dartry Road for possible blockages evidenced during recent high levels of rainfall.

Reply:

The gullies along Dartry Road and surrounding areas were checked for flooding during rainfall on the morning of 7th September 2020. Some ponding was found on Orwell Park, but this is not due to a gully issue, it appears to be a road surface issue. The gullies on Dartry Road will be cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew on 8th September 2020, this is in addition to the 3 times a year that this road is already cleaned.

Q.73 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for planters and/or flower boxes to be put in place of or with the bollards separating Mount Tallant Ave from Aileen Avenue/Derravaragh Road?

Reply:

The provision of planters under the Vibrant Villages Programme are considered where they will contribute to the visual amenity and there is a local community, business or residents group who can look after the ongoing upkeep of the plants. In general, they are not used as parking restrictors or for traffic control measures. However, if a local group wishes to investigate the installation at the site noted, they should contact the Community Team directly.

Q.74 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the manager arrange for the undergrowth of the trees in Beechill Park around the pitch and the trees which are over hanging the corner flags to be cut back?

Reply:

Pruning work will be undertaken to the vegetation growing in the park at this location over the coming weeks.

Q.75 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the city manager arrange to have rubber padding/mats placed around the base of the steel frames of the swings etc. in Ringsend Park which are exposed and are a health and safety concern?

Reply:

Repairs have been carried out recently where the surface had been worn away from children's feet. However, the above-mentioned will be further investigated and if found needed will be repaired as a matter of urgency.

Q.76 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for a new, secure door to be installed for a resident details supplied?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will arrange to get a secure door installed for this tenant as a matter of urgency.

Q.77 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange for the replacement of the windows and the kitchen presses in the home of (details supplied) as they are in a bad state of disrepair? The rest of the homes in this complex had these works done but this elderly resident missed out as she was hospitalised when the works took place.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance did try to arrange for the installation of this kitchen, but in light of the above tenant was probably in hospital. However, Foreman will now call to tenant to arrange time to put in the new kitchen. He will also inspect the windows and all necessary works will be carried out.

Q.78 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange for the bollards outside the home of (details supplied) be removed and replaced with a flower bed as the kids in the complex use these bollards as goal posts and play football regularly outside this home and have caused damage to the tenant's garden?

Reply:

The matter is being investigated and a reply will issue to the Councillor in due course.

Q.79 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange to have the ivy on the wall at (details supplied) removed?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will arrange for the removal of the ivy affecting details supplied.

Q.80 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager outline how a business could get a permit to have a coffee van in a car park, such as those along Strand Road?

Reply:

There is one designated trading pitch on Sandymount Promenade in the current Casual Trading Bye-Laws. This spot is currently occupied and there are twelve people on the waiting list. In order to apply for any trading pitch an expression of interest form must be completed. Details can be found at <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture-casual-trading-licence/casual-trading-by-laws-2013>

For private car parks, enquiries should be made to the Planning Department.