

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services to request our housing maintenance section to repair the plumbing of the wastewater under the kitchen sink at the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*). Our tenant has been living at this address for five years and since she moved in there has been a problem with water leaking back out to the kitchen and flooding. She was informed by one of our housing maintenance workers that the system was incorrectly installed but no one has come back to remedy same.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance has attended to this issue, the stack has been cleared and a contractor will attend next week to complete this job.

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**Q2 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

To ask the Director of Services if Dublin City Council will fully reinstate the footpath surface at Christchurch junction, specifically the north-east crossing over Winetavern Street. Historical flagstones were removed several years ago for a new pedestrian crossing and an unsightly (presumably temporary) tarmac surface remains.

**Reply**

The antique granite flags will be reinstated. The process for appointing a conservation architect to carry out the design was put on hold due to Covid but will be resumed shortly with the aim to reinstate by the end of the year.

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**Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services what the Council's plans are for the football pitch at Turvey Park now that the works being carried out by Irish Water have been completed.

**Reply**

Parks intend reinstating the hardstanding area to grass and will seek to carry out the required works as part of park improvements, 2021.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*

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**Q4 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services what steps are being taken by the community team to ensure that adequate safety measures are being put in place for Halloween.

**Reply**

The SWIC community development team is working closely with local residents and community groups/ organisations on a proposal to hold small community based

Halloween activities, with reference to social distance and safety of all concerned as priority. We are encouraging, as much as possible, to host interactive activities and performances in the communities, which can be screened from suitable locations to be confirmed.

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The Community Development section is working through Local Youth and Community Organisations to organise and support events that will engage young people in a positive way over the Halloween period and adhere to Public health Guidelines.

The City Council is promoting a Bulbs not Bonfires initiative throughout the area to encourage resident groups and Community organisations to plant daffodil bulbs and help beautify their area rather than have scorched grounds from bonfires next Spring

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**Q5** **Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services the status of derelict buildings on Old Kilmainham (*details supplied*). Are they on the derelict sites register, what action has been taken by DCC to bring them back into use and if a statement could be made on the matter?

**Reply**

The site at (*details supplied*) has been declared a derelict site and a Notice of Intention to enter it on the Derelict Sites Register was served on the owners. Representations were received from them stating that it was their intention to re-instate these sites in late April 2020. On that basis entry on the Register was deferred. This site will be re-inspected and unless work has commenced the site will be entered on the Register.

The Derelict Sites Section has an active file on the site at (*details supplied*), an updated reference of ownership has been requested from the Title and Research Section of the Law Department as a sale agreed sign was on site in January, 2020 and when received the owners will be written to under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. A Pre Planning application was lodged in July 2020 to develop this site. This site will be kept under review by the Derelict Sites Section.

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**Q6** **Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to outline DCC's plans to restore Basin Lane football pitch which finds itself currently in terrible condition, unplayable and unusable for the local community.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for the football pitch to be cleaned up and will make sure it is in good condition for use by the local community

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**Q7 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to comment on DCC's engagement with Gardai following recurring anti-social behaviour along the grand canal in the Inchicore/Bluebell area. This latest incident brought about a statement from Inchicore Athletic warning players and parents to take care when travelling to and from training. This situation is unsustainable and terrorising local residents.

**Reply**

Dublin City Council is in constant contact with the Gardaí from Kilmainham and Sundrive Road and continuously work together to tackle anti-social behaviour along the canal. Some recent collaborative work includes the removal of the kissing gates at Bluebell, a central point for anti-social behaviour and securing funding from the NTA to repair the CCTV along the canal at Bluebell.

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**Q8 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to consider localised public information campaigns in parts of the south inner city which are subject to persistent illegal dumping and subsequent rat infestations.

**Reply**

The Litter Management Office co-ordinates & promotes public information campaigns across the city. Public Domain may run small localised campaigns in housing estates public domain may conduct campaigns pending available resources. Public Domain is working with the Litter Management Office, Community Development, Housing and residents in a number of estates to quell the upsurge in illegal dumping in Inchicore Rialto and Pimlico. Residents Information leaflets have been distributed to a number of households in these areas, signage has been erected and Litter Wardens deployed when possible to monitor hotspots and conduct bag searches for evidence.

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**Q9 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please repair the large pothole on the roadway outside the Cherry Orchard equine Centre premises at Cherry Orchard Ave Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance visited this location and have logged all potholes to our works list for repair.

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**Q10 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council look at the car parking enforcements in the Chapelizod Area. I had (*details supplied*) on to me in relation to the fact her husband's car was clamped on 2 occasions over the last few months, resulting in her having to pay €80 x 2 to have the clamps removed. This is the only time this has happened in the 6 years living in Chapelizod. However, as her husband has not worked since March, with the Covid 19 pandemic, money is very tight at the moment. I would seriously question why this was necessary as this road doesn't have an issue which would require clamping. It's a single lane road heading to Ballyfermot. I would ask if consideration could be given to blocking the road to motorised traffic as it creates lots of problems with cars coming down the hill wrong direction, trucks going up the hill getting stuck under the bridge underpass etc. I would ask that we bring in a pay permit-parking scheme for this area as there is very little parking available in the Chapelizod Area.

**Reply**

Normally if residents wish to apply to bring in a pay and display and permit parking scheme 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. However, due to the workload of COVID 19 works receipt of all such petitions is suspended at present.

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**Q11 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council make provision in the 2021 estimates for the re-surfacing of the road carriage way at Old Kilmainham, Dublin 8. The area is currently in bits with traffic, heavy traffic for the hospital, bus transport etc. and needs urgent attention.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance will consider the Old Kilmainham Road when compiling the program of works for the 2021 Resurfacing Contracts at the end of this year.

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**Q12 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council have a serious look at the maintenance contract for Spiddel Park / Drumfinn Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. I cannot believe how badly these two potential fine district parks are allowed fall into disrepair for years, when under DCC maintenance they were kept very well. However, the past few years things have got very bad with paths full of weeds, overgrown shrubs, trees etc. stretching onto the public footpaths etc.

**Reply**

Parks are satisfied that the maintenance of the two above mentioned parks is carried out to a satisfactory standard. The councillor will be aware that Parks have ceased spraying weeds and there has been a resulting increase in weed growth generally. Traditionally herbicide would be used to control weeds growing between paving setts, as is the case in Spiddel Park. Parks will arrange to power wash and repaint the

paved area as a more permanent solution to the weeds at this location. This work will be programmed as part of park improvements, 2021. Drumfinn Park has a number of shrubs growing around the perimeter, which do not come under the remit of the landscape maintenance contract. Parks will arrange for a tidy up of the shrubs at this location in the coming weeks now the closed period for nesting has passed.

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**Q13 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to ensure that the weeds at the public footpaths coming up to Killeen Bridge, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, be removed as a matter of urgency I have seen people with children having to push prams on this narrow carriageway to avoid the weeds. This road is used by thousands of cars, trucks etc. on a daily basis.

**Reply**

The Public Domain Officer will urgently request this location to be treated manually by waste management.

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**Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council please look at the horrific levels of traffic congestion along Ballyfermot Road from the Church of the Assumption up to the Ballyfermot Primary Health Care Centre. Over the past couple of months it can take 30 minutes to travel 1000 metres. This is causing no end of problems on the retail heart of Ballyfermot.

**Reply**

In May 2020, the City Council, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA), published a framework of proposals to address the new and urgent mobility needs which emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency in Ireland ('Enabling the City to Return to Work: Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City' available on <http://www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme>). This document recommends a suite of measures to respond to the changing mobility demands and in particular seeks to accommodate the expected increase in walking and cycling as a result of the pressure on public transport services due to social distancing requirements.

The Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) section, as part of its response to the challenges posed to mobility by the COVID-19 crisis, and in line with the recommendations of the joint DCC-NTA mobility document, undertook an exercise to reduce the waiting time for pedestrians at signalised crossings in the city controlled by SCATS (Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System). The reasons for this were to: make the pedestrian experience more attractive as it is expected to grow as a mode of transport in response to this crisis; encourage more walking in the city and relieve pressure on public transport modes; and avoid pedestrian congestion on footpaths, pinch points and narrow islands at crossings thereby better allowing for social distancing to occur. The ITS section undertook detailed capacity calculations at a

number of representative junctions to estimate the impact on vehicular throughput of lowering the cycle length (the amount of time for all movements in the junction to operate if demanded) from a typical pre-COVID value of 120 seconds to 80 seconds or lower. It was estimated that the impact on maximum throughput would be in the order of 30% but that the waiting time for pedestrians would significantly reduce. These changes were rapidly implemented by the ITS team via SCATS by pre-defining a set of SCATS Commands to modify the normal operation of SCATS with regards to the cycle length of junctions across the city. A number of other measures were also adopted, utilising similar smart measures, including placing pedestrian phases on permanent demand (thereby avoiding the need for pedestrians to physically touch the pedestrian push button unit) and allowing pedestrian phases to double cycle (be demanded twice in one cycle) where practical to do so.

Arising from the above and similar to the changes adopted elsewhere in the city, the maximum cycle length of traffic signals along Ballyfermot Road were lowered from 120 seconds to 80 seconds. This ensures lower waiting times for pedestrians and shorter traffic phases for each approach to the junction thereby reducing the risk of cars speeding on arterial routes into the city - something that was a key concern as traffic levels reduced as a result of the COVID crisis.

Regarding specific changes to the operation of the traffic signals at junctions along Ballyfermot Road please note the following. On 03/06/2020 a minor alteration was made to the operation of the traffic signals at Ballyfermot Road @ Le Fanu Road as follows. A new traffic signals program was installed on site to add an early cut off to the green signal facing westbound traffic on Ballyfermot Road in order to assist right turning movements from Ballyfermot Road eastbound to Le Fanu Road Southbound, following requests from members of the public and An Garda Siochana. Following monitoring and feedback from our control room we subsequently lowered this early cut off to a very low value of 2 seconds and further compensated for this change by marginally reducing the time for Le Fanu Road approaches to the junction and increasing the minimum green time for Ballyfermot Road to 12 seconds. No further issues have since been observed or reported to us. These site specific changes at Grange Cross would likely only be felt at local level and would not particularly impact the operation of traffic on Ballyfermot Road overall.

We will continue to monitor and review the operation of traffic signals along Ballyfermot Road via our CCTV and SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System and will seek to make further improvements where possible that benefit all users of our transport network.

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**Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please give me another report on what action we can or are going to take to support the traders in Claddagh Green, Ballyfermot and at Grange Cross. These areas are very busy but need ongoing support with cleansing, upgrading, repairs to roadways, bins, tree planting etc. The traffic situation at Claddagh Green must address the lack of car parking as this is seriously affecting the commercial potential of the few neighbourhood shops here.

**Reply**

The Area Engineer will visit the site with regards to the parking situation and a reply will be issued in due course

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Waste Management Services have the above mentioned shopping areas cleaned on a daily basis. We are satisfied that the litter bins at these locations adequately cater for the litter needs there. We will monitor litter levels at these locations to see if any improvements can be made.

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Road Maintenance have carried out recent repairs to the carriageway.

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**Q16 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to secure funding to get the list of crossing facilities upgrades done, including dished kerbs on both sides at 248 Mourn Road. How much will funding be and when will it be made available to Traffic Department in Ballyfermot-Drinnagh Local Area.

**Reply**

Funding for works in 2021 have not as yet been agreed and until this happens it is impossible to give an answer to this query.

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**Q17 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to add Parkwest area onto the regular roster for clean-up.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services clean the Parkwest area on a weekly basis. This area has also been listed for weed removal this month.

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**Q18 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to give a clear list of what will be done to improve cycling facilities in the Dublin 12 area. To ask for a time frame for each item. Following talks with Riverview School, Dublin City Council agreed to "be implementing all possible interventions to improve safety". To congratulate DCC staff

involved in helping the cycle bus for that school.

### **Reply**

Dublin City Council's ITS Section have adjusted the SCATS times inbound at Crumlin Cross (opposite Crumlin Children's Hospital) to give more green time to the D12 Cycle Bus to progress from Drimnagh Road through the set of traffic lights onto St. Mary's Road. The change in cycle times at Crumlin Cross will happen in the morning and afternoon to assist journeys to and from school. The traffic lights at the following junctions will also be adjusted to allow more green time for the Cycle Bus:

- Site 325: Crumlin Road @ Iveagh Gardens
- Site 629: Crumlin Road @ Rafter's Road
- Site 395: Crumlin Road @ Cooley Road
- Site 390: Crumlin Road @ Kildare Road
- Site 945: Crumlin Village @ Windmill Road/St. Agnes Road

ITS will monitor the junctions to see how the reconfigured junctions perform, adjustments will be made accordingly.

The DCC Area Engineer cycled the route with the Cycle Bus organisers and noted the following difficulties:

- Vehicles parking on the cycle lanes along the route from Crumlin to Ashleaf Shopping Centre (1.7km), both directions;
- The junction at St. Agnes Road/Cromwellsfort Road (Ashleaf Shopping Centre) currently does not have enough space for a segregated cycle track.

We are currently assessing options for protecting the cycle lane from parked cars. The junction at Ashleaf Shopping Centre is in the jurisdiction of South Dublin County Council. We have contacted SDCC to see what measures could be implemented here.

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 indicating strong interest in the initiative. Scoil Íosagáin in Crumlin has expressed an interest in having a School Zone implemented. 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.

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**Q19 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services to review the proposal for Chapelizod Covid speed limit and to change Lucan road to become a 30km road. When we will hear back from the speed limit Covid survey. What is the time frame until implementation? Will there be a process for discussion in case of disagreement.

**Reply**

As highlighted in the "Report on the Public Consultation on DCC's Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 (Covid19)" provided to Transportation Strategic Policy Committee members at September meeting, DCC received numerous submissions from members of public and some Councillors in relation to extending 30km/h speed limit zones to additional areas within the Dublin City boundaries. These requests were recorded and will be assessed next year if the speed limit bye-laws set out in the current proposal are approved by the elected members. All results of public consultation, correspondence and survey were part of this report.

If the recently proposed speed limits are approved, implementation of these new speed limits will begin as soon as possible with vast majority of implementation expected to be completed before end of 2020.

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**Q20 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services if there is a plan to add trees or wildlife friendly bushes behind the goals on the green field on Benmadigan Road to contribute to greening of Drimnagh. To tell us what is the plan or if there is no plan, if we can have one.

**Reply**

Parks can arrange for trees to be planted in Benmadigan in the coming season.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent  
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**Q21 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services to get the funding to install an effective system to lower speed traffic on Thomas Moore Road in Drimnagh.

**Reply**

The Area Engineer will need to visit this site with regards speeding. A reply will be issues in due course

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**Q22 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services to install bicycle parking in main square in Chapelizod.

**Reply**

The area will be investigated and if a suitable location can be identified cycle parking will be installed as part of the Batch 16 on-street cycle parking project.

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**Q23 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services when will Greentown Environmental start treating Dublin South Central. Will this company replace Redlough contractor.

**Reply**

Greentown Environmental will be starting in South Central area Mid-September and will begin treating nominated roads in initially in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh. Greentown have been awarded the tender to treat weeds across the city which is funded by E& T Roads Department. Redlough are the appointed contractor for maintenance of grass verges and green spaces for Parks Department. This includes weed treatment. The current contract expires at the end of 2020.

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**Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council please look at the breach of planning with the unauthorised development of a garden shed into a rented dwelling at (*details supplied*). I am asking this be addressed without delay with the serving of Court papers, the ESB / DAFT etc must take some responsibility to ensure these developments have proper planning permissions before being offered on the private market how can this be registered with the PRTB etc.

**Reply**

This matter is the subject of a current planning enforcement investigation. The owner of the premises had indicated by way of declaration that the use of the structure concerned for habitable purposes has been ongoing since 2009. If this is the case we are statute barred from taking enforcement action as it is in excess of 7 years. We have written to the complainant in this matter to see if they are in a position to refute the declaration of use. The matter will be considered following receipt of a response. If evidence cannot be ascertained that the use has not been ongoing in excess of 7 years the file on the matter will be closed in a month.

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**Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Director of Services update the councillor on the application made by DCC to the Department under the URDF?

**Reply**

The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) is a flagship element of Project Ireland 2040. Under the stewardship of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG), the Fund was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Dublin and Ireland's other cities and large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework (NPF) and National Development Plan (NDP).

A total of €2 billion has been allocated to the URDF up to 2027, with €550 million available up to 2022 and €130 million is available for 2020.

On 29 May 2020, under Call 2 of the URDF Dublin City Council (DCC) submitted a total of 59 projects with a value of €529 million subject to four concept areas bids to the DHPLG for funding:

1. North Inner City (19 Projects €212 million)

The objective of this concept area bid is to fund long term regeneration projects associated with the redevelopment of the Fruit and Vegetable Market, the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter and the Charleville Mall Renewal Area.

2. South Inner City (18 Projects €107 million)

The objective of this concept area bid is to build on the synergies centred on the ongoing regeneration projects in the Liberties Strategic Development Area, the Ringsend / Irishtown / Poolbeg West Hub and associated hubs such as the Diageo / Digital Hub area, St. James Hospital / NCH and the Ship Street / Werburgh Street cultural link from the Liberties to Dublin Castle.

3. Cherry Orchard / Park West (10 Projects €42 million)

The objective of this concept area is to fund projects which will assist in the provision of 2000 new homes, some in collaboration with the LDA. The provision of upfront infrastructure including drainage and water is crucial to the provision of affordable homes in this area.

4. Clongriffin / Belmayne (12 Projects €168 million)

The objective of this concept area is to fund projects which will continue the regeneration of the Belmayne and Darndale areas and to develop linkages with the new neighbourhoods in Fingal.

At time of writing, DCC is still awaiting the DHPLG decision in relation to the Call 2.

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**Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services, *(details supplied)*

**Reply**

This matter is the subject of a current planning enforcement investigation. The owner of the premises had indicated by way of declaration that the use of the structure

concerned for habitable purposes has been ongoing since 2009. If this is the case we are statute barred from taking enforcement action as it is in excess of 7 years. We have written to the complainant in this matter to see if they are in a position to refute the declaration of use. The matter will be considered following receipt of a response. If evidence cannot be ascertained that the use has not been ongoing in excess of 7 years the file on the matter will be closed in a month.

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**Q27 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Director of Services please outline how many public bins were installed in the Drimnagh area in 2017, 2018, 2019 & so far in 2020, at what cost and what is the criteria for installing a public bin?

**Reply**

There are 52 litter bins in the Drimnagh area at the moment which has been more or less the same number here for the years 2017 to date.

The cost depends on the bin type

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Cast iron and B type bins | € 500 + vat |
| A type bin                | €1200 + vat |
| Big belly bin             | €5500 + vat |

Litter bins are located in areas which are considered to have high pedestrian footfall and are near locations such as shops, bus stops etc. which are considered to be significant litter generators.

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**Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Director of Services confirm when will Phase 2 of the insulation programme recommence in Ballyfermot and will it include homes on Ballyfermot Crescent?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council has recently concluded a successful tender process for further Phase 2 Works for the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme. Initial successful contractors have now been appointed and we are targeting works to commence in the coming weeks which will include the Ballyfermot area. Ballyfermot Crescent is on our target list however we are not in a position to confirm a schedule of works at present as with the current COVID-19 pandemic, we will be working in occupied properties and Health and Safety will be paramount in the best interests of our tenants, staff and contractors.

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**Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Director of Services confirm when will, (*details supplied*) work commence?

**Reply**

The tenant applied for an overcrowding extension in 2008. She is currently No. 65 on the overcrowding waiting list. We received funding for 8 O/C Extensions for 2018 & 2019, 1 extension is now completed and 7 of these extensions are all in progress or are at various stages.

The demand for overcrowding extensions is very significant and current resources can only supply a limited number of extensions every year. The needs many applicants are facing are very acute and every effort is being made to progress the list. However, it is unlikely an extension will be provided at (*details supplied*) in the short term.

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**Q30 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services, will Dublin City Council consider extending the protected cycle lanes along Kylemore Road towards the canal, it would connect Ballyfermot with Grand Canal cycleway?

**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.

The measure requested has been forwarded to the Covid Mobility Team for consideration. If you have any further requests, please enter via the [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#) and we will process accordingly.

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**Q31 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Director of Services please give an update on works carried out to improve the pitches and environs at Liffey Gaels and outline a timeframe for any future works?

**Reply**

A contractor has been appointed to install new grassed goalmouths to the pitches in Liffey Gaels as part of Parks Pitch Maintenance programme and is due on site in the next week or two. Replacement railing along the boundary, where there are panels missing, is due to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Spring bulbs are due to be planted in autumn as part of the Parks improvements programme.

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