



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2020**

- 1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee meeting Monday 21st September**  
Order: Agreed.
- 2 **Questions to the Area Manager**  
Order: Agreed
- 3 **Area Matters**
  - a **Draft Belmayne - Belcamp Lane Masterplan: Assistant Chief Executive's Report**  
Order: Presentation Noted.
  - b **Covid Mobility update North Central Area**  
Order: Noted.
  - c **Update on Stardust Memorial Park**  
Order: Presentation noted.
  - d **Edenmore Pitch and Putt Course**  
Order: New report issues and Agreed. Consultative forum to be set up by q. 4/ q. 1 2021.
  - e **Wooden Bridge**  
Order: Agreed.
  - f **Update on Cromcastle and Woodville Development**  
Order: Presentation noted.
  - g **Agreement of Heads of Term for Lease of Creche Facility at Churchwell Gardens, Ayrfield (Social Housing PPP Bundle 1 Site)**  
Order: Deferred to November meeting.
  - h **FOLD - Integration and Support of Tenants**  
Order: Noted.
  - i **Fairview CYMC**  
Order: Noted. Commitment given to keep the NCAC updated.

- j **Proposed Disposal of one apartment in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13.**  
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- k **Proposed Disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as 111D Malahide Road, Dublin 3.**  
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- l **Proposed Disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 12 Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3.**  
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- m **Proposed Disposal of a plot of land at Malahide Road Clare Hall, Dublin 17**  
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- n **Naming & Numbering Proposal for a new residential development on lands at St. Paul's, Sybil Hill Road, Raheny, Dublin 5. Foxlands, Sybil Hill Road, Raheny, Dublin 5**  
Order: Subject to judicial Review agreement reached to remove this item.
- o **Housing Supply Report**  
Order: Noted The Manager informed the NCAC that Leona Fynes will be moving to Ballymun while Brian Kavanagh will take over her role with effect on 26<sup>th</sup> October.
- p **Sports and Wellbeing Partnership**  
Order: Noted Cllr. Cooney commended the Sports and Wellbeing Partnership for the many great activities they continue to progress. No progress to date regarding boxing for the 7 – 10 age group. Commitment has been given to progress this matter.

#### 4 **Roads and Streets Matters**

- a **Minutes of the last meeting of TAG 29.09.20**  
Order: Noted The Manager to look for a rationalisation of TAG minutes. Cllr. O'Farrell queried Griffith Court. Cllr Lyons queried the rat run from Swords Road onto Lorcan Road flyover. The Manager to report directly on both.

#### 5 **Items for following meeting**

Mens Shed Priorswood  
 Fairview Tea Rooms/ Park in general  
 Letter of Condolance to Raheny Shamrocks /Family on recent death of Pat Hooper  
 Update on the proposals for St. Anne's – Toilets and progress to date  
 Update on Santry River Greenway  
 Cllr O'Muirí requested a letter of commendation be sent to Mick Harford from the NCA following his retirement.

#### 6 **Motions**

- a **Motion in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha**  
This Area Committee mandates the Parks Department to develop an off-lead area for dogs in Fr. Collins Park, while maintaining a strict on-lead policy for the rest of

the park.

**Reply:**

The Parks Bye Laws currently allow dogs to be exercised off leads before 11am and in the last hour before the park is closed providing the dog is under effective control. The dog park in St. Anne's is 40m X 40m (approximately 1/3 of an acre) which is quite small by international standards, most recommendations are for at least 1 acre. With 6 football pitches, 2 playgrounds, one skate park, the ponds, boardwalk etc. there is effectively only 1 area of flat grassland available, located just north of playground 2, which could receive a facility of adequate proportion and size to allow dogs to run off lead. This is a very prominent space and a dog run would be highly visually intrusive and is quite near the playgrounds. Ideally such a facility would be located in a quieter area of the park away from playgrounds and children who may be fearful of dogs.

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**Director of Services**  
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Order: Report to Councillor

**b Motion in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

"That this Area Committee agree to have a meeting with Traffic management with a few to explore a solution to Traffic issues on Oscar Traynor road with particular attention to the area from Northside shopping centre and the M1 Junction."

**Reply:**

The exact nature of the above request is not clear to us the Transport Advisory Group will contact the councillor to ascertain the exact nature of the issues being raised above and to help to identify which team in DCC would be most appropriate to discuss the above motion in further detail.

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Order: Report to Councillor

**c Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“The North Central Area Committee commends the work of former Assistant Garda Commissioner, Dr. Jack Nolan, in researching and analysing the views of the Darndale community and those associated with the community and formulating his findings into a set of key set of recommendations and an action plan as published in the recently published DCC report *Darndale - A long view and an enduring challenge*. The North Central Area Committee recognises the absolute need for these recommendations and action to be realised. Therefore , the North Central Area Committee calls on the Office of the Taoiseach to commit cross-departmental support and funding to Dublin City Council to enable its realisation. “

**Reply:**

For discussion at Area Committee and if agreed a letter will be issued.

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Order: Noted. This report needs a cross Departmental approach.

**d** **Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“The North Central Area Committee recognises the health and environmental benefits of walking and cycling. The Committee recognises its role in supporting and facilitating walking and cycling both for recreational purposes as well as transport options. Therefore, the North Central Area Committee calls for DCC to put in place a project plan and timeline to ensure that the Santry Greenway be realised by the end of the term of the current North Central Area Committee.”

**Reply:**

Work has commenced to procure a design team for the Santry River Greenway. Further updates will be provided in March 2021.

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**Contact:** **Christopher K Manzira, Senior Executive Engineer.**  
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Order: Report to Councillor

**e** **Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell**

“To ask that this area committee supports Clontarf Action Group's attempts to improve the aesthetics at the location of the 'yellow flood defence bags' along Clontarf Promenade. Currently we are developing a 'wildflower screen / banner' prototype to cover and enhance the appearance of the yellow bags.”

**Reply:**

The Drainage Division is not aware of any project to enhance the aesthetics of the current flood defences.

If the Action Group would like to send proposals to the Drainage Division, we will review them, and then give our opinion.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Services  
Email: [colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie](mailto:colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie)

This appears to be a very attractive option, however we will run it by the relevant Dept's to assure use of the proposed banner has widespread agreement. Yellow bags are so clearly and universally identifiable as to the purpose of use etc and this a factor which comes to mind ref the above.

Contact: **Elaine Mulvenny, Ass. Area Manager**  
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Order: We will ask the Engineer to investigate and report to NCAC if these Screens / banner prototype covers reduce the ability of the defence of the yellow bags.

f **Motion in the name of Councillor Larry O Toole**

"That this Area Committee agree to have the former 'milestone' at Old Malahide Road re-erected. The milestone was removed some years ago during remedial works of the boundary of Cadburys factory.

This milestone was one of a number of historic markers alongside the road from Dublin city to Malahide."

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services carried out an inspection of the Old Malahide Road for evidence of the milestone in question. No evidence of this was discovered for the old location however a staff member remembers that it was located towards the end of the cul-de-sac.

Google Maps street view was also inspected along the Old Malahide Road at Cadburys boundary wall and there is no evidence of the milestone in question as far back as 2009 insitu.

The depots have been searched to see if this was removed during works and not replaced. The stone was not discovered in our depots.

I can only assume that this stone has been missing since before 2009 based on the fact that it is not at the locus in Google street view at this date.

Road Maintenance Services has no knowledge of the location of the milestone and so cannot re-erect this.

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Contact: **Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.**  
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Order: Report to Councillor

g **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“That a previous request to make Vernon Avenue one way for a trial period be reported on by the Manager as the village end of the Avenue is very tight for motorists with limited road space to navigate their journey onto the seafront and vice versa towards its junction with Kincora Road.”

**Reply:**

Vernon Avenue is a key arteria for the village of Clontarf and its surrounding residential area. It accommodates commercial vehicles which serve the many businesses and shops in the area, and is a bus route and emergency services route.

The section from Kincora Avenue to the coast however does not have a bus service and if this was the section to be trialled then it would require more extensive work to determine alternative routings for traffic and its impacts, if the alternative route should also be one way in the opposite direction and what direction each one should be.

This is a larger body of work which we would have to investigate if there is local support for this type of intervention.

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**Contact: Catalina Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.**  
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Order: Report to Councillor

h **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“That the Manager, working with An Garda Siochána locally, ensure that the City Farm St. Anne's Park is protected from fireworks and bangers this Halloween weekend and that he make every effort to ensure that no fireworks bangers or fires are set off/take place in the vicinity close to the farm in order to protect animals and staff there.”

**Reply:**

The St Anne’s City farm is as secure as possible given its location in a City park. The perimeter is fully secured and now monitored by CCTV. In relation to the care of the animals during Halloween, Farm volunteers will be in attendance and will remain in place through the night.

Concerning fireworks being set off in the park in the vicinity of the Farm this will be brought to the attention of the local Garda Siochána.

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Order: Report to Councillor

i **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“That the manager, in relation to on-going damage being caused to the green in McAuley Park, Artane, on an annual basis (pre-Halloween) say what efforts he can make/suggest to ensure that this destruction is prevented from taking place again next year and comment on the suggestion by local resident that a railing be erected around the park which can be locked at night to assist in the protection of the green from vandalism caused by bonfires and if he can make a statement on the matter.”

**Reply:**

Both the parks contract manager who looks after the contract to remove bonfire materials and parks local management are aware of the issues at this location. Bonfire materials will be removed when reported right up until the day of Halloween itself providing it is safe to do so. To enclose the park would require approximately 875m of railing which would require a massive apportionment of an appropriate budget.

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**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
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Order: Report to Councillor

j **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“That the Manager please refer to numerous requests from local residents to install 'embedded' type bins on Dollymount Strand (similar to those used by Fingal Council as the barrels that are current in use are less that desireable on our primary City beach and if he can make a statement on the matter and that he also consider installing bins on the causeway road and one or two after wooden bridge towards beach..”

**Reply:**

Given the protected status of the habitats on Bull Island including the beach it is not possible to install permanent bins at this location. Over 40 temporary bins are installed on the beach for the bathing season, the majority of which will be removed in the coming weeks as the weather turns. It is a huge body of work to keep these bins serviced during the bathing season.

Bins are not installed on the causeway road or the after the wooden bridge on the approach to the beach as such bins would be vulnerable for abuses and dumping as has happened here in the past. As there are no businesses, shops of food outlets along these roads any litter here has to be carried in by visitors to the beach or café who should ideally respect the Nature Reserve status of the island and should use the available bins at these locations.

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Order: Report to Councillor.

**k Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

"In relation to the pencil bollards and the 70 large polka dots installed on Seafield Avenue, that the Manager address the upset caused to local residents by the installation of same without any prior consultation with residents who feel the peaceful and attractive ambience of the road has been negatively affected by the installation of same and if he can agree to at this stage consult with residents with a view to removing the pencil bollards and polka dots and installing a more agreeable measure to address a parking problem at the entrance to Greenlanes School."

**Reply:**

Front-of-school congestion is a chronic problem across Ireland in rural, urban and suburban settings. This issue is exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which requires space for social distancing on footpaths and avoiding congregation of people at school gates. On 1st July 2020, the Health Service Executive (HSE) released 'Interim Recommendations' for the reopening of schools including promoting of active travel to school and encouraging parents to park further away from the school and then walk with their children to avoid congestion.

High volumes of vehicles at school gates mean small children have no safe access to school, often having to maneuver around parked and turning vehicles to get into the school grounds. Reducing the number of drop offs and pickups by private vehicle at the school gate will free up space at school gates to allow for safe physical distancing while reducing hazards for children walking, cycling and scooting to school.

The School Zones initiative, created by the NTA in collaboration with Green-Schools, aims to create a safer, calmer and more attractive environment outside of schools. The School Zone design gives priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school, and prioritise active travel (walking and cycling) to and from school. In addition, reducing traffic at school gates significantly improves air quality further improving quality of life for children and all others in the vicinity.

Eye-catching traffic calming measures, such as colourful circles, encourage traffic to slow down. Pencil-shaped bollards discourage parking on pavements and stopping, or even dropping pupils off in/near the School Zone. Overall visibility at the approach to school entrances is improved and public space is reallocated to pedestrians and those choosing active travel. The playful appearance of these features was not overlooked – the colourful dots are purposefully designed at 2.0m distances to discourage children from jumping between them. Consistency in the colour scheme and the proposed elements are considered key, since the long-term vision is to establish a recognisable national School Zone template. However, the proposals are carefully considered by designers on a case by case basis. In general, a School Zone must cover the main pedestrian and cycle entrances, so that drivers understand the treatment relates to a school.

We initially piloted two School Zones in the Dublin City Council administrative area; one in Francis Street School, D8 and one at Central Model School, D1. Following extremely positive feedback for the schools and parents, we contacted

all primary schools in DCC inviting all interested schools to complete an application form for a School Zone. Greenlanes NS applied and was deemed a suitable location for a School Zone. It was implemented to improve safety for the children walking and cycling to school including for the children of the recently established cycle bus.

The Covid Mobility Team have been in touch with a number of residents on Seafield Avenue in relation to their concerns. We are also taking on board messages from those in favour of the initiative in the area. The safety of children on route to school is our priority in this instance.

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Order: Report to Councillor.

I **Motion in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask this North Central Area Committee to support the proposal of introducing an Enclosed Dog Track in Father Collins Park and explore funding for this in next year budget in 2021. Similar to the one in St. Anne’s Park in Raheny.”

**Reply:**

The Parks Bye Laws currently allow dogs to be exercised off leads before 11am and in the last hour before the park is closed providing the dog is under effective control. The dog park in St. Anne’s is 40m X 40m (approximately 1/3 of an acre) which is quite small by international standards, most recommendations are for at least 1 acre. With 6 football pitches, 2 playgrounds, one skate park, the ponds, boardwalk etc. there is effectively only 1 area of flat grassland available, located just north of playground 2, which could receive a facility of adequate proportion and size to allow dogs to run off lead. This is a very prominent space and a dog run would be highly visually intrusive and is quite near the playgrounds. Ideally such a facility would be located in a quieter area of the park away from playgrounds and children who may be fearful of dogs.

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Order: Report to Councillor

m **Motion in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask this North Central Area Committee to support the proposal of introducing a Safety Forum for Kilbarrack, Dublin 5. The other local adjacent communities all have a Forum available to them apart from Kilbarrack and I believe with the Anti-Social and other issues locally will be a great benefit to the community and DCC.”

**Reply:**

Currently the Donaghmede Forum serves four resident groupings in the wider area stretching From Grange Abbey to Grange Woodbine and including the Donahies and the Donaghmede Estate Residents Association.

We could possibly incorporate another resident grouping into this Forum. Doing so would include two Garda districts both Raheny and Coolock. We would have to liaise with both Raheny & Coolock Gardai given attendance of Gardai being required at the Fora .

We would if giving consideration in arranging a separate Forum (not possible currently) pair Kilbarrack with a second area ( broad based ) where interest in a forum was already expressed. A live Forum would also be our preference, and we envisage an initiative to consider that the establishment of a New Safer Forum could be activated when it is safe to do so. We estimate this to be mid 2021 and of course again this is contingent of agreement with the Gardai

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Order: Report to Councillor

n **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“That bollards and or planters to protect the pavement from illegal parking on Vernon avenue be provided as soon as possible following on from my motion in July 2019, this has been dangerous for some time but increasingly so now with Covid 19 mobility and physical distancing concerns.”

**Reply:**

This matter has been referred to the Area Engineer for further investigation. We will report back to the Councillor with our findings in the coming days.

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**Contact: Catalina Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment &**

**Transportation Dept.**  
**Email:** [catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie)

Order: Report to Councillor. The Manager to talk to engineer to resolve this issue.

- o **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**  
“That the possibility of providing a protected cycleway from Sybil hill to Seafield road along Vernon avenue and the possibility on Castle Avenue to link up Howth Road to Clontarf S2S as secondary busy routes and also as a busy school routes be examined.”

**Reply:**

The above request has been added to the list of areas to be examined by the Covid Mobility Team. A response will be forwarded to the Councillor in due course.

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**Director of Services**  
**North City**

Order: Report to Councillor

- p **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**  
“That a pedestrian crossing and a traffic warden is provided to cross Mount Prospect road by Seafield Avenue as it's a busy route to Green Lanes and Belgrove schools also for children going to training and games in St Annes Park.”

**Reply:**

In relation to Pedestrian Crossings, the current position is that the funding for 2020 has been fully allocated but the request will be noted with a view to consideration for the 2021 Capital Works Programme. (Reference: 7002063)

**Contact:** Catalina Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.  
**Email:** [catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie)

A request (7017273) for a school warden on Mount Pleasant Avenue at the junction of Seafield Avenue has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Contact:** Carmel Curran, School Warden Coordinator.  
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Order: Report to Councillor

q **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“Could a suitable site be found in the Clontarf, Killester, Raheny area for the educate together school for this area which has had to use a temporary site since September 2019 in Sutton Fingal area, outside the catchment area, we have a shortage of primary schools in these areas and perhaps a site either owned by Dublin City Council for housing or to be included in a mixed use development”

**Reply:**

The Housing Department have stated that there are a number of sites in this electoral area, but that they have been earmarked for Housing purposes. This is a well-developed area and we are not aware of any other sites that would be suitable for the purpose of building a school.

**Contact:** Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer  
**Tel:** 222 3488  
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Given the current climate it will be a challenge re identifying a site in the catchment, however we will liaise with the Councillor regarding details to see what direction DCC would be able to point to on the basis of the best of available /existing information.

**Contact:** Elaine Mulvenny, Ass. Area Manager  
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Order: Report to Councillor

r **Motion in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“That this committee asks the council to engage with North Dublin Cat Rescue with a view to financially and otherwise supporting them to put in place a Trap, Neuter, Release programme for feral cats in the area. This voluntary organisation has been working over the years to manage cat colonies but is entirely financed by fundraising and personal contributions and has been negatively impacted by Covid. A fertile cat can birth up to four litters in a year and feral cat colonies are often subject to poor health.”

**Reply:**

The opening hours of North Dublin Cat Rescue are currently quite limited. We will engage with this group but prior to doing so see what is being done in the area of Animal Welfare given the shortage in funds going to all voluntary groups.

If we financially support one voluntary agency ref Animal Welfare we could be called upon to support all. It is not clear what other supportive actions can be taken at the moment however following initial contact we should be in a better position to know what is possible. We can arrange to update the Councillor subsequently .

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Order: The Manager to contact our animal welfare to see if there is a budget for this.

**ClIr Donna Cooney**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 19 October 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Daryl Barron  
Catherine Stocker  
Tom Brabazon  
Micheal Mac Donncha  
Larry O'Toole

**Members:**

Patricia Roe  
Terence Flanagan  
Deirdre Heney  
Naoise Ó'Muirí  
Declan Flanagan

**Members:**

Donna Cooney  
Racheal Batten  
John Lyons  
Damian O'Farrell  
Alison Gilliland

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Catherine Cahill  
Sara Brady  
Alex Dundon  
Oliver Hickey

Deirdre Murphy  
Connell McGlynn  
Leona Fynes  
Deirdre Scully  
Cian Harte

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**

Martina Conroy

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**19<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the manager to have the Parks Dept who had recently entered into correspondence with **(details supplied)**” about purchasing an overgrown/unused section of the green area to the rear of her house. This request was declined. The resident is seeking to simply meet with a member of the Parks Dept on site to be able to explain more fully what the issue is and what her proposal is, or in the alternative to highlight the need to maintain this site directly with a representative from Park. I would be obliged if this resident could be contacted to arrange such a meeting which can be very brief.”

**Reply:**

The resident will be contacted as soon as is practicable.

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**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
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**Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the manager if there are any precinct/traffic related improvements planned for the Abbeyfield/St. Brigid’s Road area, in particular once the current development work is completed there? This is a very narrow road with a lot of traffic that is likely to increase once the works are completed and new residents move in.”

**Reply:**

**Transportation Planning.**

Permission was granted under Register Reference 3826/19 for amendments to the residential development permitted under Register Reference 3930/18. Condition No. 10 of 3826/19 stated that any necessary improvements to the road and footpath design at the entrance to the development is to be agreed with the Transport Advisory Group (TAG) of the Environment and Transport Department.

**Contact:** Nicola Conlon, Senior Executive Planner, Transportation Planning Division.  
**Tel:** 222 6363.  
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**Road Maintenance.**

Road Maintenance Services has no works scheduled at this location. A number of localised carriageway repairs and ramp resurfacing has been completed earlier in 2020 on St Brigid’s Road. A carriageway inspection will be carried out and localised repairs will be scheduled if required.

**Contact:** Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services  
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**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
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**Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the manager for an update on the following housing application (**details supplied**)“

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 20/03/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsize</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area B	1	76

It is noted on the applicant’s file that he is required to submit proof of address, as the most recent piece of correspondence forwarded to the applicant was returned citing that he no longer resided at the address Housing Allocations have on file for the applicant.

It may benefit the applicant to increase his areas of choice as it may increase his 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 he wish to amend his application to include additional areas of choice.

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

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.

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Mary Hayes, Executive Manager, Housing Operations  
**Phone:** 222 2639  
**Email:** [mary.hayes@dublincity.ie](mailto:mary.hayes@dublincity.ie)

**Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the manager for the evergreen trees in Rockfield Park to be examined to ensure they are all in good health and that branches do not pose a risk of breaking.”

**Reply:**

These historic trees have been examined and are considered to be in good health. There are a small number of dead branches to be removed which will be addressed as soon as local schedules allow. These cypress trees do not shed branches easily.

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the manager to have Planning assess the area behind **(details supplied)** for any breaches of planning permission as it seems this land is becoming very overgrown with high trees and foliage and is not being properly maintained.”

**Reply:**

The Planning Enforcement Section will inspect the site concerned to check for any breaches of planning and revert to the Councillor once this inspection is carried out.

**Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager**  
**Tel: 222 3465**  
**Email: [john.downey@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.downey@dublincity.ie)**

The area in question is a section of roadside planting of trees and shrubs screening the rear of these properties from the main entrance to the school. In line with the wildlife act no works are carried out on such planted areas during nesting season. The shrubs are listed to be cut back from the footpath as part of the autumn winter shrubbery maintenance programme.

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the manager to have Derelict Sites investigate the properties at **(details supplied)**  
The properties are in derelict condition and someone has been dumping rubbish, some of it hazardous in both properties. See attached photos.

I cannot see the rear of number 5 but the front is horrendous. The property may be tenanted but it's disgusting and could not possibly be meeting current rental standards. The property at number 9 is on the edge of the rear lane.

There is a serious dumping problem emanating from this house into the laneway. The back garden is used as a dumping ground. This garden is open to all residents who have access to the lane from Castilla and Vernon Ave. It has to be a health hazard and a haven for vermin.”

**Reply:**

Action commenced under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 in relation to these two properties at the end of June this year. However as no response was received from the landlord the matter is currently being pursued by the Environmental Health Officer.

If any of the properties are found to be rented an inspection will be undertaken and any necessary enforcement action will be taken under the above legislation.

**Contact: Bernie Doherty, Senior Executive Officer**

**Phone: 222 5081**

**Email: [bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie](mailto:bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie)**

Waste Enforcement investigated a similar matter back in June at the supplied addresses. Officers re-inspected the properties in question on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Please see our comments below.

There appears to be no evidence of hazardous waste dumped in both properties and no waste dumped in the laneway or in the back garden of number 9. There is evidence of old gateways, fencing and timber being stored at the rear adjoining the laneway and would not be considered a Waste Enforcement issue.

We have also attached photographs – taken on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – that do not reflect the photographs included in the most recent question from the Councillor. If the Councillor would like to discuss any of the above please contact Martin O Gorman investigating officer 086 838 9966.

**Contact: Padraic Lalor, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Enforcement or Martin O Gorman Waste Enforcement Officer**

**Phone: [Padraic 222 4344](tel:2224344) / 087 6212803 or Martin on 086 8389966**

**Email; [padraic.lalor@dublincity.ie](mailto:padraic.lalor@dublincity.ie)**

**Coilín O'Reilly**

**Director of Services**

**North City**

**Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the manager for an update from the Parks Dept on the proposals to restore public access to the tennis courts in St. Anne’s (i.e. without a need to join the club).”

**Reply:**

The current arrangement whereby the community based club manages the booking of the courts is very much considered an interim solution, put in place to allow for safe access to the courts during the current Covid 19 crisis. Unfortunately the club do not have the capacity to arrange for pre-booked pay for play for non-members at this time as pricing structure, availability of hours etc. will have to be agreed with the Council. The Parks Service intends meeting with the club over the winter months with a view to formalising this arrangement and with the aim of providing a level of pre-booked pay for play for non-members.

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the manager for the bins at the junction of Vernon Avenue and the Clontarf Road be emptied more regularly than currently, as they are frequently overflowing, particularly at the weekends.”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned bins emptied on a daily basis and we will certainly monitor this location to see if some extra emptying of these bins is required, particularly at the weekends.

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact**            **Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services**  
**Tel:**                **2224240**  
**Email:**            **[mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“On Friday evening September 18th there was a meeting of concerned residents in Fr Collins Park, Dublin 13 on the issues relating to the park. The residents present outlined in great detail the increasing incidents of intimidation, anti-social behaviour and criminality relating to the park. Residents are now saying that they are fearful to enter the park after lunchtime.

As you can appreciate there is an expectation that these problems will only escalate in the run up to Halloween. I am asking that extra Dublin City Council resources be allocated to the park to secure it effectively over the coming weeks as the situation already appears to be out of hand. I would also ask that a Community Liaison Officer would be made available to liaise directly with the local community so that a level of trust and partnership can be built up over the coming period.”

**Reply:**

Contact will be made with the Community Sergeant in Coolock, in relation to the situation at above.

Further it will be included as an item on the forthcoming JPC Agenda meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October next.

The North Central Area office will also combine with parks personnel re provision of additional security measures if required.

**Contact: Elaine Mulvenny, Assistant Area Manager 222 8848**

**Phone: 222 8848**

**Email: [elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie](mailto:elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie)**

While reports anti-social behaviour, intimidation and criminality in any park are of significant concern to the Parks Service these are matters for the Gardaí. The Parks Service unfortunately cannot apportion additional resources to this park without withdrawing same from other parks in the area at this busy time of year.

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**

**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Coilín O’Reilly**

**Director of Services**

**North City**

**Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the manager to look into St Anthony's Field. This is a green space to the rear of St Anthony's Church in Clontarf which is also located in between St Laurence's Road and Hollybrook Road.

Residents are interested to know which areas of the field and its surroundings are 'in charge' and which access points to the field are approved by Dublin City Council . Can the council also provide a planning history of the site and explain as to how it appears to be zoned Z1 and not Z9 as open space?”

**Reply:**

The field at the rear of St. Anthony's Church, Clontarf, Dublin 3 would appear to be in the ownership of the St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan and is not in charge of DCC. The laneways on each side of the field are also not in charge and not in the ownership of DCC. The Council is not responsible for these areas. On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Dublin City Council's Dangerous Buildings Section were asked to investigate the damaged old stone wall on the perimeter of the field. The Inspector observed a couple of minor breaches and some displaced boulders were removed from the laneway surface. Temporary herras fencing was placed along these sections. As the laneway is considered 'private' and not 'taken-in-charge' by DCC there is little further they can do to assist at this time. They also found **no** reference in the RPS or NIAH regarding this wall being considered a protected structure.

In relation to the planning history, there are no planning applications on the Planning GIS for St. Anthony's Field. It is zoned Z1 'To protect, provide and improve residential amenities' in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. There was no change in the zoning objective as it was also zoned Z1 in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2016. In this regard, it should be noted that the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), including public consultation, the consideration and taking into account of submissions and motions at various stages ultimately leading to the adoption of the development plan which is a reserved function of the Elected Members.

**Contact: Elaine Mulvenny, Ass. Area Manager**  
**Phone: 222 8846**  
**Email: [elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie](mailto:elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie)**

The laneways on both side of St. Anthony's Field have not been taken in charge. The Planning GIS indicates that there have been no planning applications in relation to St. Anthony's Field. This does not mean that existing access points are unauthorised as they may be exempt development or they may have deemed consent if they existed prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1964.

St. Anthony's Field is zoned Z1 'To protect, provide and improve residential amenities' in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. There was no change in the zoning objective as it was also zoned Z1 in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2016. In this regard, it should be noted that the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), including public consultation, the consideration and taking into account of submissions and motions at various stages ultimately leading to the adoption of the development plan which is a reserved function of the Elected Members.

**Contact: *Bryan Ward, Senior Planner***  
**Tel: 222 6169**  
**Email: [bryan.ward@dublincity.ie](mailto:bryan.ward@dublincity.ie)**

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**



**Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager to request an update on the traffic survey request regarding the rat run off the Swords Road and through Lorcan Road in Dublin 9 as there has been a very significant increase in the volumes of cars, many at dangerous speeds, along Lorcan Road in recent months. “

**Reply:**

Currently, we are experiencing a high volume of Covid-19 related works; however a speed survey can be arranged to take place by mid-November 2020.

Following the survey, DCC will monitor the situation and appropriate actions will be taken as necessary.

Enquiry Ref: 7005341.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Greg Gorecki, Executive Engineer, Traffic Management & Control (Road Safety).  
**Tel:** 222 7927.  
**Email:** [greg.gorecki@dublincity.ie](mailto:greg.gorecki@dublincity.ie)

**Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To ask the Area Manger to see if lights can be installed in the **(details supplied)** as it is very dark and used by very elderly residence and is being graffitied very often”

**Reply:**

There is already existing public lighting on this laneway. We will examine these lights and ensure all are operational. There are no plans to install additional lighting in this laneway.

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** *Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.*  
**Phone:** 222 4539  
**Email:** [karen.leeson@dublincity.ie](mailto:karen.leeson@dublincity.ie)

**Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to look at the last couple of months rota and see how often the area at (**details supplied**) has had street cleaner, road and path repairs and parks attention. The area is becoming run down and looks un-kept.”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned location cleaned on a weekly basis.

**Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services**  
**Tel; 2224240**  
**Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)**

Road Maintenance Services is currently carrying out carriageway resurfacing at Shanowen Road between the junction of Swords road and Shanowen Drive. As part of these works, carriageway resurfacing is also scheduled at Swords Road between Shanowen Road towards Santry flyover.

Road Maintenance Services completed localised footpath repairs on Collins Avenue between Celtic Park Road and Hazel Road earlier in 2020. Ramp resurfacing was carried out at Lorcan Park in 2020.

At present there are no other major works scheduled in this area at present.

**Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services**  
**Phone: 2222297**  
**Email: [shane.satell@dublincity.ie](mailto:shane.satell@dublincity.ie)**

There are a small number of grassed verges and open spaces in this which are currently maintained under contract. The contractor has been meeting the requirements of the contract in the area over the summer months. Incidences where residents feel this is not happening should be reported to [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie) in a timely manner to allow the matter to be investigated and addressed with the contractor.

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to make contact with the DCU College to get them to engage in the up keep of the area especial, the collection of shopping trolleys and graffiti in the area.”

**Reply:**

The Public Domain section have tried to contact Councillor Batten with regards to this question but to no avail. Could we request Councillor Batten contact Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer to discuss in detail at [richard.cleary@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.cleary@dublincity.ie) or on 086 8150441.

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer**  
**Phone: 222 8866**  
**Email: [richard.cleary@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.cleary@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange the inspection of the footpath at (**Details Supplied**) and investigate if repairs are required as the resident has recently fallen her which caused her to attend hospital.”

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services have scheduled a repair at this location. We would expect to have a works crew in this location in the coming 10 weeks.

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
Director of Services  
North City

**Contact:** Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services  
**Phone:** 2222297  
**Email:** [shane.satell@dublincity.ie](mailto:shane.satell@dublincity.ie)

**Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To ask the Area Manager if he will arrange for trees at (**details supplied**) to be inspected and pruned? Branches from this tree have fallen in to the adjacent garden. Are the roots of this tree undermining the foundations of this house and garden wall?”

**Reply:**

These trees were inspected earlier this year on foot of a representation and found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at this time. While tree roots can displace lightly loaded structures they are unable to undermine properly constructed foundations of such block walls or the foundations of houses.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To ask the Manager if pruning works can be undertaken in respect of trees at (**details supplied**)? These trees are completely overgrown and massive branches are growing out from the base of their trunks.”

**Reply:**

The trees have been examined and while there some suckering growth at the base of some of these trees the majority are not interfering with the public road, footpath or carriageway. These trees are not considered overgrown. The suckers will be removed as schedules allow prioritising such growth at bus stops and private driveways where they have the potential to reduce visibility if left unchecked.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To Ask the Manager if the playground park on Coolock Drive can have wild flowers planted on the edges as the grass cutting is not getting the edges and it looks un-kept, some wide flowers would make the area look much more attractive and increase Biodiversity in the area.”

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for the grass to be cut at this playground, however the planting of wild flowers would be a matter for the Area Office.

**Contact:** Frank d’Arcy  
**Email:** [frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie](mailto:frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie)  
**Tel:** 222-3517

This is not a Parks site however Parks will happily arrange for the area to be seeded with wildflowers is an appropriate budget is made available by the site owner.

**Contact:** Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“ To Ask the Manager to provide the committee with a report on anti- social behaviour in Area B, and provide us with a report on what action is been taken by the council on tenants that are committing serious breaches of the peace to include criminal activity and causing intimidation on innocent tenants.”

**Reply:**

All instances of antisocial behaviour that are reported to the local housing office are fully investigated.

Anyone found to be in breach of their tenancy agreement are notified and interviewed by the Estate Management section.

Pending the outcome of the investigations and subsequent interviews tenants could be placed on tenancy warnings where eviction proceedings may be instigated should the antisocial behaviour continue.

Dublin City Council's Estate Management section work closely with the Garda and other state agencies such as TUSLA and HSE.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Connell Mc Glynn, Area Housing Manager, Darndale Area Office**  
**Phone: 222 6942**  
**Email: connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie**

**Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To Ask the Manager what action is been taken to address the illegal use of fireworks in the Dublin 9 area especial.”

**Reply:**

Dublin Fire Brigade undertakes an fire safety at Halloween campaign in collaboration with an Garda Siochana every year which highlights the dangers in the use of fireworks.

Significant effort is undertaken to help generate media interest to publicise the message, we also drive our safety messages on all our social media platforms.

This year in these unprecedented times we have had to take a fresh look at how we publicise our message and are actively working to promote fire safety and safety at Halloween.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Dennis Keeley, Chief Fire Officer  
**Phone:** 222 4100  
**Email:** [dennis.keeley@dublincity.ie](mailto:dennis.keeley@dublincity.ie)

**Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten**

“To ask the Manager to arrange that the road and path on Glencoy Road in Ellenfield be assessed for work to be done to the repairs.”

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the road and footpath at this location. A number of localised repairs have been scheduled when a works crew is next available in the area.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.**  
**Phone: 222 2 97.**  
**Email: [shane.satell@dublincity.ie](mailto:shane.satell@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the following works at (**details supplied**) to be carried out

**Reply:**

The double yellow lines at the above location have been assessed and are deemed to be in satisfactory condition and as such they do not warrant re-marking at this time.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
Director of Services  
North City

**Contact:** Catalina Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation  
Dept.

**Email:** [catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie)

**Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to

- a) provide an assurance that the tree from outside (**details supplied**) will be cut down before Christmas and
- b) immediately arrange for the suckers to be cut off from the tree outside (**details supplied**) and in making this arrangement can it be requested that someone from the Parks Division to knock into the the resident from this household to discuss the tree.”

**Reply:**

As previously advised this tree is not an immediate health and safety risk but rather is unviable in the longer term it is marked for removal with a low priority. Such work is scheduled as resources allow and will often be rescheduled if resources are required elsewhere for essential or emergency works. While it is anticipated that this tree will be removed to be replaced as part of the next tranche of works in the area in Autumn/Winter 2020 it is not possible to give a meaningful assurance as winter storms can compete derail such low priority planned tree works.

These suckers were in fact recently removed. Parks is more than happy to talk to the resident about this small tree if they can make contact through [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie) or by phone 01 222 2222.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Director of Services to list the litter bins removed or sealed up with plastic and tape  
**(details supplied)**

**Reply:**

There were no bins removed or are sealed up with plastic tape along the 17A bus route between Kilbarrack Station and Beaumont Hospital. There is one bin facing McAuley Park which is taped up, awaiting repair, which will be carried out in the near future.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services**  
**Tel: 2224240**  
**Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to provide an update **on (details supplied)**”

**Reply:**

**(Details supplied)** have moved temporarily and the plans for the new facility are under review with the sports and recreation section.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
Director of Services  
North City

Contact: Derek Farrell  
Phone: 2228546  
Email: [derek.farrell@dublincity.ie](mailto:derek.farrell@dublincity.ie)

**Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to provide a comprehensive report on the various works on all DCC owned roads and lands along taking place during the months of August and September this year at **(details supplied)** to include details of various works carried out and by whom, legal entitlement to carry out such works, permissions secured to carry out these works and any enforcement measures taken with regard to these works.”

**Reply:**

In accordance with Circular 06/2020, Dublin City Council has provided all Travellers with clean running water and an electricity supply to lessen the risk of infection to an identified vulnerable group.

These works on the roads are currently being carried out by multiple State Agencies, including Irish Water, ESB and Dublin City Council’s Roads Department under the direction of the Traveller Accommodation Unit and their main contractor Lisaderg Construction.

All works have been carried out under the Construction Regulations Guidelines and all health and safety procedures have been followed. The estimated timeframe is 3 to 4 weeks to completion of the project.

**Contact:** Patrick Smith  
**Phone:** 2223353  
**Email:** [patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie](mailto:patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie)

Dublin City Council’s Roadworks Control Section issued two permits for road works to be carried out on **(Details supplied)**. DCC’s Waterworks North City between 10<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August for reinstatement works and Gas Networks between 12<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> October to recover a Station Valve.

In addition Lisaderg Construction on behalf of the Council’s Housing & Community Services will shortly apply for a permit to carry out a new duct installation to facilitate an emergency electricity supply to a Travellers Accommodation site on Belcamp Lane in accordance with **Covid 19 Circular 06-2020**.

**Contact:** Conrad Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Roadworks Control  
**Phone:** 2222281.  
**Email:** [conrad.rennicks@dublincity.ie](mailto:conrad.rennicks@dublincity.ie)

Road Maintenance Services have not carried out any works at this location recently

**Contact:** Bernard Rennick, Senior Engineer, Road Maintenance Division.  
**Email:** [bernard.rennick@dublincity.ie](mailto:bernard.rennick@dublincity.ie)

- **Checkpoint Dates & No of:** 07/08/2020 (3), 08/08/2020 (3), 14/08/2020 (3), 22/08/2020 (2), 09/09/2020 (3), 10/09/2020 (2) – **16 in total – These were carried out in conjunction with An Garda Síochána.**
- **Site Inspection Dates:** 07/08/2020, 14/08/2020, 10/09/2020
- **Weekend Work:** 08/08/2020, 22/08/2020

**Contact:** Brian White, Senior Executive Officer, DCC Waste Regulation and Enforcement Unit.  
**Tel:** 222 5458.  
**Email:** [brian.white@dublincity.ie](mailto:brian.white@dublincity.ie)

**Coilín O’Reilly**

**Director of Services  
North City**

**Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the cutting of the nettles along (**details supplied**).”

**Reply:**

Now that the growing season is coming to an end the site will be inspected in the coming weeks with a view to arranging a cutting back of all vegetation as schedules allow.

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the manager to have tree outside (**details supplied**) removed as it has caused cracks in the public footpath and the garden wall of above dwelling. Photo attached.”

**Reply:**

It is an objective of the adopted tree policy that trees causing damage to footpaths will only be removed as a last resort when there is no other way to affect a repair. The matter should be referred to road maintenance in the first instance.

**Contact:** Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

Road Maintenance Services will inspect this location and schedule a repair. This will be completed when a works crew is next available in the area.

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**Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager to have the tree outside the back garden wall of **(details supplied)** removed or at very least, pruned back. This tree is approx. 40ft in height. All of the leaves fall into the back garden of this house, causing the owner to slip and fall on wet leaves recently. While the owner does her best to sweep up leaves, she is almost eighty and has some mobility issues. Crack in garden wall also evident. See photos attached.”

**Reply:**

As can be seen in the photos these trees were severely cut back recently around the overhead services by the service provider. It would not be appropriate to carry out any further pruning on these trees at this time as this would overstress the trees. The adopted tree policy describes leaf fall as a temporary and relatively minor inconvenience when considered in the context of the many benefits of having trees in the city. The policy does not consider the reduction of leaf fall as a valid reason to fell or prune an otherwise healthy tree. There are supports available in the community for older residents who are no longer able to tackle such routine maintenance around their homes. A number of cracks are evident in this wall the majority at some distance from the trees. Trees are unable to displace such high block walls constructed on proper foundations as the incremental growth of roots cannot overcome the sheer weight of the wall and foundation.

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**Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager to install ‘kissing gates’ on the footpath outside **(details supplied)**. Cyclists using the cycle lane along Swords Road travelling in a northward direction take a short cut along the footpath in front of this block of houses **(details supplied)**. The path is narrow and several elderly people live along this stretch and state that they nervous with cyclists travelling at speed along the footpath as they exit their homes. There is an official cycleway along Swords Road footpath to the junction at Collins Avenue.”

**Reply:**

Kissing Gates are not a preferred solution in Dublin City as they present a barrier to wheelchair users and parents with prams/pushchairs. Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division will examine the site to see if any alternative solutions are possible.

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
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**Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager to provide an update regarding the progress of Neighbourhood Transport Schemes in the North Central Area?”

**Reply:**

As you may be aware, a presentation on the subject of Neighbourhood Transport Schemes was delivered at the North Central Area Committee Meeting on Monday 20th January. As highlighted during this presentation, the goal of a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme is to provide more walkable and calmer streets where the priority is given to pedestrians, cyclists and public transport. These schemes are particularly aimed at residential areas which suffer from transport issues in relation to:

- Rat Running (the practice by motorists of using residential side streets instead of the intended main road in urban or suburban areas)
- Speeding
- Heaving traffic volumes
- Congestion
- HGV's through residential areas
- Other dangerous issues

As outlined at the time, a list of residential areas that may qualify for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme was being finalised (i.e. **Phase 1**). Following this meeting, an email was also sent (on 17th February) to all Councillors with a request to submit any areas for consideration by the 13th March 2020. Subsequently, the following areas proceeded to Phase 2:

- Haverty Road
- Grange Park Avenue
- Millbrook Avenue
- Coolgreena Road
- Mayne River Avenue
- Grace Park Terrace
- Briarsfield Road
- Windsor Avenue
- Riverside Park

*Please note that the above list also includes the surrounding streets and areas. The focus of Neighbourhood Transport Schemes are on local streets in residential areas which are bounded by the main thoroughfares and arterial roads.*

**Phase 2** involves assessing and ranking these areas in keeping with the formalised process as agreed at the Nov 2018 SPC. This involves assessing the areas against a number of set criteria (e.g. level of cut-through traffic at peak times) to determine the order of implementation for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme. The initial forecast period for completion of this phase was Q2 2020. However, due to ongoing developments in the spread of Covid-19, it has not been possible to complete the assessment of these areas until travel / commuter patterns return to normal following the lifting of travel restrictions.

**The Neighbourhood Transport Scheme Programme was therefore put on hold and our resources have since been focused on implementing the Covid Mobility Programme for Dublin City developed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.** For more information on this programme please visit our website: <http://www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme>.

**Phase 3** involves working with councillors and various internal and external stakeholders in developing a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme for the top ranked area(s).

Notwithstanding this, any specific requests for traffic measures at specific locations in the North Central Area are welcome and can be submitted to the website: <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor> where they will be dealt with by the Area Engineer.

I trust this information is satisfactory but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager is the technical report into traffic on the Oscar Traynor road and from the Clonshaugh Industrial Estate available and what recommendations did it make?.”

**Reply:**

We are not aware of the report being referred to above. A report on options for pedestrian and cycling access to the Oscar Traynor Road/Coolock Lane HLI site is being progressed and the recommendations will be made available shortly.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
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**Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager to provide an update regarding the provision of the Mayne River Greenway?”

**Reply:**

There are no current proposals to implement the Mayne River Greenway. However, a review of the cycle network programme implementation is currently under way.

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**Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager to provide an update regarding the timeline for the construction and completion of the extension of the main street in Clongriffin through to meet Belmayne Avenue”

**Reply:**

Tenders for the works were received on 17<sup>th</sup> September and a recommendation for a contractor will be made in the coming weeks. Approval to proceed with the works will then be required from the NTA and the DHLGH. It is hoped to commence construction early in 2021 and the contract duration will be approximately 18 months.

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**Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager for an update regarding the provision of the Santry River Greenway from Ballymun to Bull Island and if there has been any recent engagement with Fingal County Council with regard to this project.”

**Reply:**

Work has commenced to procure a design team for the Santry River Greenway. Further updates will be provided in March 2021.

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**Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager if he will review traffic light sequencing at the Swords Road and Griffith Ave junction (**details supplied**) .”

**Reply:**

Notwithstanding measures introduced as part of the response to the covid19 emergency, a pedestrian crossing only phase was recently introduced at the junction of Swords Rd/Griffith Ave. This phase permits all pedestrian crossings to run concurrently and stops all traffic movements. This facility enhances pedestrian safety and ceases the practice of pedestrians having to wait periods in the centre traffic islands whilst traffic moves all around them.

As the local area contains many schools there is a very high level of pedestrian activity at the junction and therefore pedestrian safety, especially of vulnerable school children, must be prioritised over motorised traffic.

This new pedestrian phase has somewhat increased traffic journey time through the junction and to assist alleviate this, the ITS section has increased the traffic signal cycle length at peak hours.

The junction continues to be monitored and targeted interventions will be made as required where there is scope to do so.

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**Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager for an update regarding the provision of a Library at Belmayne.”

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is currently developing a masterplan for the Belmayne and Belcamp area. Included in this masterplan is the provision of a library in a new pavilion building on the Malahide Road. The preparation of the masterplan for Belmayne town centre and Belcamp Lane is an objective of Dublin City Council's Clongriffin – Belmayne Local Area Plan (LAP) 2012, which has been extended to 2022. The Planning and Property Development Department is currently preparing this masterplan.

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**Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Manager to organise a joint meeting with Fingal County Council to explore ideas for submission to the upcoming City Development Plan and Fingal County Development Plan, with particular reference to the Santry area as it straddles the city/county boundary. I mentioned this early this year when DNCA councillors were discussing the proposed rezoning of industrial lands between Santry Avenue and Omni Park, in light of the deficit of school places and other public services for the current and future increases in population in the wider Santry area.”

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council will commence the formal process of reviewing the City Development Plan in December 2020; with a finishing date of November 2022. Fingal is at a different stage in their Development Plan cycle and will not commence their review until approximately March 2021.

Both local authorities form part of the Dublin Metropolitan Area Spatial Plan (MASP) area of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midlands Region and as part of the implementation of the MASP run by the Eastern and Midlands Assembly, all of the local authorities and the Regional Assembly collaborate on a regular basis to implement the Dublin MASP.

At a more local level, it is necessary that new statistical analysis takes place in partnership with Fingal and the Department of Education (DES) to assess short and long term needs in the area. It is hoped to progress work on this issue during 2021.

In relation to transport, both local authorities will continue to work closely with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to highlight new and possible future population growth.

As part of the review process of the City Development Plan, the Council will be informing all relevant organisations of the review including Fingal County Council and will engage with the DES and NTA in examining the implications of the Draft Plan as it is being prepared in 2021.

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**Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell**

“To ask the manager to ensure that all the lights bulbs along Clontarf Promenade are in working order. This area is extremely popular for evening and night walkers during this Covid 19 period.”

**Reply:**

There is an underground cable fault that is causing a number of lights along Clontarf Promenade to be out. The replacement of this faulty cable is currently scheduled for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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**Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell**

“To ask the manager to report on 31 Richmond Ave. This house was the home of 1916 leader Thomas Clarke and is of particular historical importance. I'm aware that the house is a protected structure but considering the recent destruction of 40 Herbert Park (The O'Rahilly House) what steps are DCC taking to ensure the protection and preservation of 31 Richmond Ave which is in an extremely poor state of repair. Is there an onus on property owners to maintain protected structures and if not what steps are DCC taking in this regard.”

**Reply:**

Under the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) maintenance and upkeep of a protected structure is the responsibility of the owner or occupier however the planning authority can take action, where a structure is deemed to be endangered by issuing enforcement proceedings or by serving an Endangerment Notice under Section 59 of the 2000 Act.

We can confirm that No.31 Richmond Avenue, Dublin 3 (RPS Ref: 7348) is the subject of an existing Endangerment Notice and a site inspection will be carried out to determine any works required.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
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**Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell**

“To ask the manager to report on property (**Details supplied**). These properties are on the derelict sites register and I would appreciate a full report / update please including whether or not any levies have been paid by the owner to date.”

**Reply:**

The site was entered on the Derelict Sites Register in 2012 and a derelict sites levy has been charged annually since 1/1/13; the levies remain unpaid and in accordance with legislation they automatically become a charge on the land.

Due to its derelict condition and high profile location the Council initiated the compulsory acquisition process pursuant to the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in June, 2019. There was an objection from the owner to the compulsory acquisition and in such circumstances as provided for in legislation the Council made an application for the consent of An Bord Pleánala to the compulsory acquisition in August, 2019. The Bord has indicated that a decision is due on the Council's application in the coming weeks.

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**Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O Toole**

“To ask the manager to have a ‘yellow box’ installed at the entrance/exit of **(Details supplied)** as residents are experiencing great difficulty in entering/exiting their homes.”

**Reply:**

The entrance/exit from the Malahide Road lies north of the River Mayne and is, therefore, within the administrative area of Fingal County Council.

It is possible, however, that any other entrance to the development may still be in the charge of the developer.

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**Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O Toole**

“To ask the manager to respond to this housing application (**details supplied**) Currently living at this address, on HAP, with partner and three children. Children aged 7, 8 and 12 – two girls and one boy. Would be interested in any vacant property in the Moatview or surrounding area. Children attend the local school.”

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer HAP Housing List, with an application date of 13/03/2009, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsize</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area B	3	195

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

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 2pm – 5pm) to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

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

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**Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O Toole**

“To ask the manager to respond to the following housing maintenance issue (**Details supplied**) to have the front door replaced & repairs to the bathroom”

**Reply:**

The maintenance plumber has attended to these issues in the bathroom and a new front door has been ordered, the front door should be fitted in the next week.

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**Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for a comprehensive update on the Clontarf to City Centre cycle project.”

**Reply**

The DCC Project Team had anticipated tendering for and appointing a contractor in Q4 of 2020 and commencing construction works in Q1 2021. However, for a number of reasons this target will not now be met.

A business case had been prepared for the project and this was submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for discussion and funding approval in June 2020. Following engagement with the NTA and other stakeholders in recent weeks, there have been a few outcomes that will have an impact on the project programme. These are as follows:

- 1) The NTA have not approved the proposed traffic management plan for the construction phase. It is required that a traffic management plan be agreed with all stakeholders prior to the appointment of a contractor so that the maximum space can be provided to the contractor to complete the works as quickly as possible. The NTA have not agreed to the diversion of a number of outbound buses during the works and instead have requested that outbound buses be permitted through the works. This is to be achieved by removing the proposed temporary cycle lanes proposed, so that cyclists will be required to use the bus lanes during the construction works.  
Consequently, a revised traffic management plan must now be prepared and agreed with the various stakeholders within DCC and then presented to the NTA for approval.
- 2) A 50mm level difference between the footpath and cycle track had previously been specified and agreed. However, following recent discussions in relation to accessibility requirements, the NTA have now requested that the level difference between the footpath and the cycle track be increased from 50mm to 60mm. Although this may seem like a minor change, due to the complexity of the scheme, this change will have knock-on effects on the design of construction elements such as earthworks and drainage, as well as requiring an update in the complex 3D model that has been developed for the contractor.
- 3) Because of the scale of the project, a substantial amount of water mains replacement had been included in the designs, as it was considered best-practice in terms of value for money, climate change considerations (minimising energy and waste costs), and also not to allow a situation where further disruption along the route would be required in the near future. However, discussions with Irish Water regarding proportionate funding of water main replacement works failed to reach a satisfactory conclusion. Therefore, it has been requested by the NTA to de-scope all water main renewals from the project apart from unavoidable water main diversions necessitated by the remainder of the project infrastructure. This will require design revisions.
- 4) A knock-on effect of de-scoping the water main renewal works is that the drainage infrastructure will need to be redesigned, as some of it was proposed in locations where existing water mains were to be removed. As these mains will now be remaining in situ, affected drainage infrastructure will need to be relocated.
- 5) All of the above changes will have a material impact on the project's cost. Consequently, the Business Case will need to be revised in order to calculate the correct benefit-cost ratio. This document will then need to be resubmitted to the NTA for review and approval.

In addition to the above requested changes from the NTA, the proposed Fairview Park esplanade was also required to be narrowed from 4m to 2.5m as a result of the need to protect the mature trees on either side of the esplanade. The tree roots are very close to the surface and as the ground has never been trafficked before, the Parks Division were concerned that the combination of the 4m wide esplanade and its associated public lighting infrastructure could potentially cause the trees to decay and die in the years after construction of the esplanade.

The Covid-19 pandemic has also resulted in a reduction in the number of DCC staff working on the Clontarf to City Centre project team in Dublin City Council, as staff have been re-deployed to work on delivering the Covid Mobility Measures.

In addition to the above, NTA approval to proceed to tender stage will be clarified in the next two months.

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**Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To request an update on the housing application of **(details supplied)** and to request that this young mother with a sick one year old baby boy are moved to more suitable emergency accommodation.”

**Reply**

The applicant recently submitted a housing application which is currently being assessed. The applicant will be informed of her status regarding her acceptance onto the housing list upon the completion of the assessment and providing all the relevant criteria has been submitted in respect of her housing application.

The applicant is linking in with the Homeless Family Support Team in the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) and is engaging with a Housing Support Officer. Once her housing application has been fully assessed the officer will discuss all her housing options with her and can advise on all available supports around medical issues.

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

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**Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To request a maintenance inspection of **(details supplied)** who is very concerned about many of the problems in the house but also the problem she and her children encounter right outside their home: open drug dealing and intimidation. Can her situation be investigated with a view to transferring her family to somewhere else within the locality?”

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection of the property and all necessary works will be carried out.

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List, with an application date of 20/05/2005, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsizes</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area B	2	116
Area B	3	51

Based on the applicant’s current position for her area of choice, it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of a transfer. She will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

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 2pm – 5pm) to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

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

The applicant may also register for Homeswapper to find a match for inter-transfer. <https://www.homeswapper.ie/> or apply for Choice Based Lettings in her area. <http://www.dublincity.ie/housing-and-community-i-rent-my-home-i-rent-council/choice-based-lettings/>

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The maintenance inspector has called to **(details supplied)** and made arrangements to carry out any maintenance issues outstanding.

The Darndale Housing office is working closely with residents and the Garda in relation to the drug dealing and intimidation in the area. The issue of intimidation and drug dealing is an ongoing issue in the area and it would not be possible to relocate everyone that experiences such activity.

While it would not be possible to relocate this tenant at the moment I will continue to monitor the situation for any further deterioration of the situation.

The tenant should stay in contact with the Darndale area office and report any illegal activity to the Garda.

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**Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager to for a comprehensive update on the Santry River Greenway project”

**Reply:**

Work has commenced to procure a design team for the Santry River Greenway. Further updates will be provided in March 2021.

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**Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for an update on the local improvement works programme for the Santry/Whitehall area and the monies allocated for same”

**Reply**

The Artane/Whitehall team have arranged tree and wildflower planting throughout Santry village as part of the Public Realm improvements. There will be a new welcome to Santry sign installed on the green area where the Christmas tree is placed. There will be wildflower around this sign. We will be spending circa €50,000 on these works We are looking into commissioning a mural for the wall of the old factory to clean up this eyesore.

Planting will also be carried out in front of the factory in the concrete planters. We also listed works to be carried out improving footpaths and removing cluttered furniture but these works would only be dug up again during the Busconnects process, therefore wasting funding. We are looking at some street art on electricity boxes, planters and possibly some bicycle stands outside the shops at Centra/ Comet. There is also some consideration being given to a pedestrian crossing between the shops at the Comet and the estate agents (not on the bend).

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**Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for all information regarding communications between Dublin City Council and Platinum Land Ltd related to the proposed residential development on the old Chivers site on Coolock Drive.”

**Reply**

McCutcheon Halley, planning consultants on behalf of Platinum Land Ltd, made a written request to Dublin City Council in September 2017, seeking a change in the zoning from Z6 to Z1, largely to facilitate much needed new housing.

On 17<sup>th</sup> October the Planning Office wrote to the Planning Consultants regarding the Z9 zoned area adjacent to Santry River. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October the Area Committee agreed to initiate the Variation process.

Following a 4 week public consultative period, the variation was approved by the elected members of the City Council, On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 there were 5 submissions submitted following the display of the variation from: Eastern and Midland Region, McCutcheon Halley, Dept of Education, the DHPLG and Councillor Alison Gilland.

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**Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the manager refer to **(details supplied)** which is covered in graffiti and say if he will agree to remove same and if not, if he will contact the owner of the property and request that the graffiti be removed as local residents are upset by the manner in which it downgrades the ambiance of the locality.”

**Reply**

Only racial or political graffiti will be removed. Our public Domain section will make contact with the premises in question.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
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**Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the manager please refer to kerb at **(Details supplied)** and say when same will be dished as without it, vulnerable pedestrians using metal walkers and disabled persons using wheelchairs are being seriously inconvenienced.”

**Reply**

Road Maintenance Services has scheduled footpath reconstruction on the 160m long footpath that runs along park side of the road at **(details supplied)** between the opposite sides of house at **(details supplied)**, which is currently in a poor condition. These improvements will include an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing (subject to approval from TAG) and should make a significant improvement to pedestrians along this route. These works are scheduled for completion in the coming 8 weeks.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.**  
**Tel: 222 2297.**  
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**Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the manager please refer to tree at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can agree to seriously prune same which is over-growing into property of **(details supplied)**”

**Reply**

There does not appear to be a publicly owned tree at this address, if the correct address is forwarded an inspection will be arranged.

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the manager refer to housing applicant as per **(details supplied)** who is awaiting housing in her own right for some time now and say when it is likely she will be made an offer of housing and if an official from the Housing Dept. can make direct contact”

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 21/10/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsizes</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area B	1	536
Area N	1	563

Based on the applicant's current position for her area of choice, it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. She will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

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

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should contact the Allocations Section (Monday to Friday 2pm – 5pm) where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

It is noted on the applicant's file that she is currently awaiting a decision from the Chief Medical officer in respect of a Medical Priority application, should the applicant be successful in obtaining the Medical Priority it may be favourable in respect of her position on the Housing List.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Mary Hayes, Executive Manager, Housing Operations**  
**Tel: 2222639**  
**Email: [mary.hayes@dublincity.ie](mailto:mary.hayes@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to provide a report on **(details supplied)**”

**Details: complaints that Beaumont Hospital is infringing planning regulations and legislation on a site behind St. John Court (see attached photos). This space is used by construction operators, waste management operators and is causing significant rodent infestation. noise, smells etc for local residents.**

**Reply:**

This matter is the subject of a recently received complaint which is currently being investigated by the Planning Enforcement Section. The Councillor will be informed of the conclusion of our investigations in due course.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:       John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager**  
**Tel:               222 3465**  
**Email:           [john.downey@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.downey@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to assess **(details supplied)**”

**Reply:**

This extend of this problem will need to be fully investigated. Attaching mesh to existing railings in a manner that would be robust and not easily undermined is not straightforward. The concern is that such a mesh would become detached and hazardous and would simply catch litter and be visually intrusive in such a prominent location.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the manager to refer to park at location as per **(details attached)** and say

1. what plans Dublin City Council has to improve and enhance the development of this park which local users consider is a neglected local resource
2. if no such plans exist, can he advise what plans, if any, there are to promote the use of this green lung in our locality and
3. what the position is with the previous agreement between DCC and local volunteers to help clean up the park on a voluntary basis (which was not progressed with as a result of Covid-19) and if same can now be progressed”

**Reply:**

1. 3 major construction projects are in the pipeline for **(details supplied)**. A complete playground upgrade to commence early next year. A new tea-rooms which has completed the consultation phase and is to commence to planning. As part of the Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Lane a new lit esplanade is to be constructed within the park behind the first row of tree. This project also envisages widening the path along the Tolka to become a green way towards the Alfie Byrne Road and opening up the space beneath the railway bridge to cyclists and pedestrians. This is a TII project and is understood to be going to the tender phase soon.
2. There are no current plans to further promote the park other than the information available on the corporate website.
3. The Parks Service is also happy to facilitate groups who wish to make a positive contribution to their local park. Parks management was not aware of this agreement as they are usually arranged locally and it can no doubt be progressed as was intended if the group wishes to make contact again with the supervising gardener on the ground or to [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“To ask the manager in relation to location as per **(details supplied)** a) say if he can agree to cut back the seriously overgrowing hedge or have resident cut it back as it is currently causing a hazard for pedestrians, particularly vulnerable ones and if in relation to **(details supplied)** b) refer to dangerous parking there and say what measures he can put in place to rectify same”

**Reply:**

a) Road Maintenance will take a look at the hedge issue highlighted in this question.

**Contact:** Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.  
**Tel:** 222 2297.  
**Email:** [shane.satell@dublincity.ie](mailto:shane.satell@dublincity.ie)

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section will ask an inspector to review the parking issues on **(details supplied)** and report on what issues need to be addressed.

**Contact:** Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement.  
**Tel:** 222 3847  
**Email:** [hugh.fahey@dublincity.ie](mailto:hugh.fahey@dublincity.ie)

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the replacement/repair of the shed door that where measure by DCC and investigate the issue with the Gutters leaking at **(details supplied)**?”

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance repaired the side gate of this property. The guttering is being repaired today and the new shed door has been installed.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Frank d'Arcy  
**Email:** [frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie](mailto:frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie)  
**Tel:** 222-3517

**Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Manager if he will arrange for shrubs/weeds encroaching on the footpath at **(details supplied)** to be cut back and if the team could Foam stream along this road where railings are and consultation with the School of Chulaiste Dhúlaigh about potential illegal dumping on the premise?”

**Reply:**

This area has been included on the schedule for manual weeding. The litter warden called to Coláiste Dhúlaigh and has been assured the cleaning of this area immediately.

**Contact:** Dympna Mc Cann  
**Phone:** 2228868  
**Email:** [dympna.mccann@dublincity.ie](mailto:dympna.mccann@dublincity.ie)

Road Maintenance Services will inspect this location and issue a hedge cutting letter if required.

**Contact:** Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.  
**Tel:** 222 2297.  
**Email:** [shane.satell@dublincity.ie](mailto:shane.satell@dublincity.ie)

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for stronger enforcement of dogs of their lead in Fr. Collin Park during the specific hours and ensure Dog wardens are monitoring the situation in the coming months. I would also request why Cycling is prohibited and enforcement of closing times for the park at night time?”

**Reply:**

**The Dog Warden has been requested to monitor Fr. Collins Park specifically during the hours where dogs must be on a lead and issue fines where appropriate.**

**Contact: Patricia Colfer, Administrative Officer.  
Tel: 222 6710.  
Email: [patricia.colfer@dublincity.ie](mailto:patricia.colfer@dublincity.ie)**

Cycling is not prohibited in the park as there the perimeter path is bisected into a pedestrian and cycle path. The Parks service did have to introduce a speed limit on this surface as some cyclists were doing laps of the park at an excessive speed for such a shared path in a busy park causing alarm amongst pedestrians.

The gates of Fr. Collins Park are locked at night according to the official closing times.

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Coilín O’Reilly  
Director of Services  
North City**

**Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Director of Services to advise of the cost of the works carried out on **(Details Supplied)** and what prior consultation with residents living on the road has taken place?”

**Reply:**

We cannot currently provide an exact cost breakdown at this time because the schemes are not broken down on a school by school basis. We have requested a breakdown on the exact costs and we will forward this when we receive it.

The estimated cost for all works on Seafield Avenue and Seapark Road was approx. €12,000.

We initially piloted two School Zones in the Dublin City Council administrative area; one in Francis Street School, D8 and one at Central Model School, D1. Following extremely positive feedback for the schools and parents, we contacted all primary schools in DCC inviting all interested schools to complete an application form for a School Zone. **(Details Supplied)** applied and was deemed a suitable location for a School Zone. It was implemented to improve safety for the children walking and cycling to school including for the children of the recently established cycle bus.

The Covid Mobility Team have been in touch with a number of residents on Seafield Avenue in relation to their concerns. We are also taking on board messages from those in favour of the initiative in the area. The safety of children on route to school is our priority in this instance.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Covid Mobility Team**  
**Email: covidmobility@dublincity.ie**

**Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Manager to examine if altering of the lights on **(details supplied)** and or potentially adding a filter light turning right to support the flow of traffic on this road?”

**Reply:**

The ITS section will evaluate the junction in question regarding requirement / suitability for a right turn filter traffic signal at **(details supplied)**.

A response will be issued via the TAMS query system once the evaluation is complete.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Environment and Transportation  
Department.**

**Email: [sean.fallon@dublincity.ie](mailto:sean.fallon@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Manager to examine and to replace the three old blue DCC road signs on the start of **(details supplied)** and potential addition of Black signs be included for budget for this location?”

**Reply:**

Following a previous request, Road Maintenance Services has programmed these signs to be painted. There is no need to replace them. These works are scheduled in the coming 10 weeks.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.  
**Tel:** 222 2297.  
**Email:** [shane.satell@dublincity.ie](mailto:shane.satell@dublincity.ie)

**Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Manager to revisit housing application for **(details supplied)** and examine why was refusal of Medical Priority list for applicant.”

**Reply:**

The applicant’s most recent application for a Medical Priority was not awarded as the grounds for application must give evidence of major problems of an exceptional nature that merit a change in the applicant’s housing situation. The evidence submitted by the applicant in the most recent decision did not meet this criteria.

The applicant can appeal this most recent decision by submitting any new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision.

It is recognised that the applicant is overcrowded in her current dwelling and as her position for Area D (8) is favourable, she should maintain contact with that office regarding upcoming vacancies.

Her positions for Area B (44) and Area H (39) would be favourable if she chooses to apply for Choice Based lettings in those areas when available. <http://www.dublincity.ie/housing-and-community-i-rent-my-home-i-rent-council/choice-based-lettings/>

The applicant may also register for Homeswapper to find a match for inter-transfer. <https://www.homeswapper.ie/>

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Mary Hayes, Executive Manager, Housing Operations**  
**Tel: 2222639**  
**Email: [mary.hayes@dublincity.ie](mailto:mary.hayes@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Manager to examine if DCC were given an update from roll out of the SIRO Broadband Infrastructure in **(Details Supplied)** area?”

**Reply:**

Please be advised that SIRO has informed Road Maintenance Services that the Broadband Infrastructure in **(details supplied)** is completed and is available from their retailers Vodafone and Sky.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
Director of Services  
North City

Contact: *Finan Dooley, Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Management Unit.*  
Tel: 222 6727.  
Email: [finan.dooley@dublincity.ie](mailto:finan.dooley@dublincity.ie)

**Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the Manager to trim and clean-up of the tree’s along the Tarmac path at **(details supplied)** which has overgrown onto the path and is causing a bad blind spot for residents.”

**Reply:**

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks with a view to arranging a crown lifting of trees interfering with the footpath.

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the manger if help can be provided to the Hollybrook road area residents groups who are cleaning up the lanes there and surroundings, with a survey on biodiversity in the area, bulbs and wildflowers seeds for planting, collection for waste collected after clean ups and to write to the telephone company to remove wooden poles marked as dangerous” “

**Reply:**

Public Domain work with residents on Hollybrook Road on an going basis and arrange for collection of bags after organised clean ups. We contacted EIR who advised that the “D” on their poles is to notify their technical staff that the pole is not to be climbed on.

**Contact: Dympna McCann Senior Staff Officer**

**Phone: 222 8868**

**Email: [dympna.mccann@dublincity.ie](mailto:dympna.mccann@dublincity.ie)**

These residents groups can contact me directly at [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie) whenever they have waste collected after clean ups for collection.

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

**Tel: 222 4240.**

**Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)**

The Parks Service is more than happy to talk to such residents groups about their proposed bulb and wildflower planting if they wish to make contact on [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie) particularly to ensure these interventions are taken into consideration during maintenance of greens and open spaces.

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**

**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Coilin O’Reilly**

**Director of Services**

**North City**

**Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the area manager if the pedestrian traffic lights crossing Castle Avenue at the Howth road be provided, there are lights halfway and none on the other side”

**Reply:**

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division is collating requests for Pedestrian Crossings for the entire DCC areas. The above mentioned junction will be added to this list. Based on a certain criteria, each junction will be ranked and will be dealt with as funding and resources allow.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Perry Chitombo, A/Senior Executive Engineer.  
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**Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the area manager if the road surfacing damaged by roadworks on Castle Avenue after the junction of Victoria Road can be repaired it’s particularly dangerous for cyclists, especially children cycling to school”

**Reply:**

Carriageway Resurfacing is scheduled between Kincora Road and Clontarf Road on Castle Avenue beginning Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. These works are programmed for 5 days. The section of road at Victoria Road will be repaired as part of these resurfacing works.

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.**  
**Tel: 222 2297.**  
**Email: [shane.satell@dublincity.ie](mailto:shane.satell@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager will they install Big Belly Bins on Merville Ave, Dublin 3?”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have a litter bin outside Tesco on Fairview Strand. We also have a bin at the entrance to Merville Avenue and another one on Merville Avenue near the school. We are satisfied that there is an adequate number of bins at this location at this time. However we will monitor litter levels here and keep the matter under review.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.**  
**Tel: 222 4240.**  
**Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to install a filter lane or take other actions to reduce traffic congestion at the junction of Mount Prospect Avenue/ James Larkin Road/ Clontarf Road”

**Reply:**

The City Council's policy is to promote and prioritise pedestrian movement, cycles and public transport over car users. It is therefore not the Council policy to widen roads (by introducing a filter lanes) by impacting on and reducing footpath width and with the loss of green space and mature trees.

The introduction of new filter lanes would have an impact on the new infrastructure that is already in place on Mount Prospect Avenue/ James Larkin Road/ Clontarf Road (traffic lights and cycle lane), thus making it impossible to reallocate some funds considering that our budget is limited.

However, this request will be referred to the ITS Officer to assess the junction for other options that may assist to reduce the traffic congestion.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Catalina Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.  
**Email:** [catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalina.rosca@dublincity.ie)

**Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager will the public bin removed from bus stop outside Clarehall off the Donaghmede roundabout be reinstated?”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned litter bin removed as it was damaged beyond repair. Arrangements have been made to have it replaced in the near future.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.**  
**Tel: 222 4240.**  
**Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager will the Pitch and Putt course at the Hilltop in Edenmore Park be reopened?”

**Reply:**

This matter is listed for discussion as a headed item at the October Area Committee meeting.

**Coilin O'Reilly**  
Director of Services  
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to provide an update regarding the taking in charge of public areas in the Clongriffin area?”

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council, Planning and Development Department, Taking in Charge Section, have not yet received a formal request from the Developer or the Residents to take the public spaces of the Clongriffin area in charge.

The taking in charge procedure may be instigated in the following ways:

a) The developer advises that a development has been completed and requests that it be taken in charge under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

On receipt of this request, notices will be sent from this department to the relevant service divisions of Dublin City Council, requesting that inspections be carried out in order to ascertain the current status of the development. The services involved are drainage, road maintenance, public lighting and parks & landscapes. The service division reports will indicate if the development is up to the standards required for taking in charge and will detail any outstanding works to be completed by the developer prior to taking in charge.

**b) *The residents may request that their development be taken in charge under Section 180, subject to subsection (3), of the Planning and Development Act 2000– the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.***

For the residents a formal request should be submitted, containing a list of signatures representing a majority of owners of the relevant dwellings.

Similarly, on receipt of this request, notices will be sent to the relevant service divisions requesting that inspections be carried out in order to ascertain the current status of the development. However, the service division reports will indicate if the development is up to the standards required for taking in charge and will detail any outstanding works to be completed and related costs if the estate is deemed not to be up to standard but meets all of the other requirements for taking in charge, as the developer is not there.

The final procedures for taking in charge are then initiated by the local Area Office at this department's request. A report is prepared for the Area Committee and if approved an advertisement is placed in a national newspaper advising of the intention to take the area in charge. The relevant documents in relation to the development to be taken in charge go on public display for 4 weeks and submissions may be made to the City Council for up to 6 weeks after it has gone on public display. At the end of the 6 weeks a report is prepared for City Council and following the City Council's decision to take the development in charge, details must be entered in the statutory Schedule and Map. A Manager's Order is prepared with attached map stating that the area defined on the map has been taken in charge and this is recorded in the statutory Schedule and Map, which is available for public inspection.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Avril Feeney, Administrative Officer  
**Tel:** 222 5233  
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**Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager that Whitethorn estate be included in the early stages of the new maintenance/weeding programme. There is a relatively new resident’s association working in the area and they would very much appreciate support with what has become an unmanageable level of weeds”

**Reply:**

Whitethorn estate is not included in this years weed spraying programme however we will be including this estate in the future of this programme.

**Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer**

**Phone: 222 8866**

**Email: [richard.cleary@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.cleary@dublincity.ie)**

The Community and Social Development Team continues to engage with the Whitethorn Residents Association to support their environmental enhancement of the estate. The Team has assisted the Association in sourcing two flower planters and is currently engaging with the group regarding the decorative namestone at the entrance to the estate.

**Contact: Aileen Doyle, A/Area Community Development Officer**

**Phone: 222 8865**

**Email: [aileena.doyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:aileena.doyle@dublincity.ie)**

**Coilín O’Reilly**

**Director of Services**

**North City**

**Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager that the criteria for prioritising areas for cleaning under the new weeding system be made clear.”

**Reply:**

The criteria for weed spraying this year was that areas that were heavily weeded would be serviced first to get rid of large unsightly weeds from these areas.

As it is a four year contract we have to address the areas most impacted by weeds.

**Coilín O'Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer**  
**Phone: 222 8866**  
**Email: [richard.cleary@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.cleary@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“There are ongoing concerns amongst parents in relation to revised arrangements for drop-off/pick-up at the Howth Road National School as set out below **(details supplied)**.  
Can the Manager organise for a meeting between DCC officials and school/parent representatives to see if they can be resolved.”

**Reply:**

We have been in touch with relevant departments and a reply will be issued to Councillor in the coming days.

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Elaine Mulvenny Ass. Area Manager**  
**Email: [elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie](mailto:elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager confirm if arrangements are being made to provide an alternative to the Belmayne allotments site as referenced in the correspondence below **(details supplied).**”

**Reply:**

Any potential replacement for this temporary allotment scheme will involve a number of smaller sites across the wider area and each will require a Part 8 planning application to be prepared, considered and hopefully given permission.

Over the winter months the Parks Department intend to carry out a significant body of work to look at backlands, inaccessible areas and under-used sites across the City and identify those that might have potential for smaller allotment schemes, community gardens, or smaller community enhancements; and also as biodiversity or pollinator friendly interventions.

The Report on the public consultation for the Masterplan for Clongriffin/Belmayne recommends the following additional text to the Masterplan, which gives a commitment to ensuring a new allotment location is identified as part of the implementation of the masterplan

*“As part of the first phase of implementation of this masterplan Dublin City Council will identify new location(s) for allotments within or near to the masterplan area that will allow for the continuation of this successful community initiative ; and where suitable, bring these forward through the planning process as required. New opportunities for community gardens, allotments and/or biodiversity rich green spaces will be examined as part of the detailed design process of the Council owned lands within the masterplan area, or close by.”*

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Leslie Moore**  
**City Parks Superintendent**  
**Contact:222 5049**

**Deirdre Scully**  
**Deputy City Planner**  
**Contact :222 3129**

**Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager please organise for all litter to be cleared from the 2 x yellow sandbags in the carpark directly across from the bottom of Belgrove Road“

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services clear dumped domestic refuse from these yellow sandbags on a regular basis.

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.  
**Tel:** 222 4240.  
**Email:** [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)

**Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager please organise for the lamppost graffiti referenced in the email below **(details supplied)** to be cleared”

**Reply:**

We will remove the graffiti on the poles at **(details supplied)** but the poles on **(details supplied)** are ESB poles.

**Contact: Shay Fogarty, Act. Electrical Inspector, Public Lightening**  
**Phone: 222 4459**  
**Email; [shay.fogarty@dublincity.ie](mailto:shay.fogarty@dublincity.ie)**

The Public Domain section have contacted ESB to ask that the graffiti be removed from their poles on **(details supplied)** as a matter of urgency.

**Contact: Dympna McCann Senior Staff Officer**  
**Phone: 222 8868**  
**Email: [dympna.mccann@dublincity.ie](mailto:dympna.mccann@dublincity.ie)**

We will examine the public lighting columns on **(details supplied)** between the Dart station and Vernon Avenue and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

**Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services**  
**Email: [karen.leeson@dublincity.ie](mailto:karen.leeson@dublincity.ie)**

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager please organise for overdue footpath repairs to be carried out outside **(details supplied)** as raised previously.”

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services has scheduled a repair at this location in the coming 10 weeks.

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.**  
**Tel: 222 2297.**  
**Email: [shane.satell@dublincity.ie](mailto:shane.satell@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager please detail the reason why there is a right-hand-turn filter in place for turning onto Beaumont Road when heading west along Collins Avenue but it is not operational”

**Reply:**

The right turn filter signal from Collins Ave to Beaumont Road is in use only as a bus priority signal to assist the no14 bus route to turn right from Collins Ave to Beaumont Road. An error has been identified with the Bus Priority detection which prevented many buses being detected. This error has now been rectified and right turning buses will now be detected and prioritised via the right turn filter signal.

**Coilín O’Reilly**  
**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:**       **Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Environment and Transportation**  
                          **Department.**  
**Email:**            [sean.fallon@dublincity.ie](mailto:sean.fallon@dublincity.ie)

**Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager please organise for (a) the removal of overgrown ivy and (b) the pruning of trees at the boundary of the green area in Grace Park Heights which is directly behind **(details supplied)** the trees & growth at this location are causing difficulties for the resident at this address.”

**Reply**

The locus will be investigated with a view to arranging the removal of the overgrowth of ivy. The trees will also be examined and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme of 20221.

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**Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**