



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021**

- 1 Presentation and Report on Love 30 (30kph speed limit)**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 Presentation on Planning Enforcement Resources**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 3 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2021**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Report on Belmont Traffic Calming Scheme.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 taken with Motions 11, 20, 23.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
  - i. Commemorations Plan 2021.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Sculpture Dublin Update.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - iii. 2021 Draft Parks Works Programme South East Area 2021.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 6 Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
  - i. Report on proposed disposal: four year licence 5 Emor Street to DePaul Ireland.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**

## 7 South East Area Office Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Report on proposed revision to naming and numbering scheme Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.  
**Order: Agreed.**

## 8 Motions

### **Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests a full report on what improvement measures are to be carried out in the Beech Hill Villas complex following the audit conducted approximately two years ago by Dublin City Council. The Committee further requests a complete steam cleaning and power hosing of the stairwells and the removal of the stupid illuminated strips on the steps which 1) cause dirt to congeal and 2) because of the way they are installed cause water to pour down through the stairwells during and after rainfalls.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Eaton Square Park is currently in a dreadful state. This may be because of heavy rain, poor drainage and over use. We propose that a report be prepared for the March meeting. While the Parks Department agreed to examine it in the spring, this committee requests that immediate action is taken to remedy the problem. If it requires that it be closed for a period to give the ground a chance, then that should be done.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee agrees to hold a meeting of the Pembroke Councillors (and other interested Councillors) with Senior Dublin City Management to discuss the options for the area from the Clonskeagh House Pub (now Farmer Browns) to Strand Terrace, Milltown and how we might advance the creation of a public facility at the area known as Scully's Field with a fair return for the property owners, including Dublin City Council, involved.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That this committee agrees to commence the process to designate Grove Park as an ACA area because Grove Park is a residential street of Victorian red bricks in Lower Rathmines, located between Portobello / the Grand Canal and Upper Rathmines. It has a rich architectural heritage dating back to the late 19th century when architect William Isaac Chambers built, at the Rathmines entrance to the street, the landmark Kensington Lodge, a fine example of the Queen Anne style with an elaborately decorated façade. Opposite Kensington Lodge sits Kensington Hall, another decorative Victorian building which was originally a YMCA and currently houses the Leeson Park School of Music. The rest of the street is an eclectic mix of late Victorian terraced houses, ranging from two storey over basement houses, some with examples of decorative flourishes such as bay and oriel windows, to classic two storey homes. A rare example of a Dublin Dutch Billy also sits halfway along the street.

Grove Park is now home to a diverse community of urban families, students, foreign nationals, couples and retirees. Unfortunately for many years its heritage has slowly been diminished. To help protect it in the future, The Rathmines Initiative, in its submission to DCC on the new Development Plan, is recommending that Grove Park be designated an Architectural Conservation Area.

As a first step that Parks Department commences a tree planning programme because most front gardens on Grove Park cannot accommodate trees and as a result the street sorely lacks greenery. As part of the Dublin City Tree Strategy, which underlines the importance of the urban tree-scape, Grove Park would provide an ideal location for the addition of a native species such as *Betula Pendula* (Silver Birch). The Silver Birch is a not common street tree in the neighbouring areas of Portobello or Upper Rathmines (where Hornbeams, Maple and Rowan feature heavily), and would add greatly to the biodiversity of the area. It is a medium-sized and hardy species which attracts a variety of birds and animals, and develops a large but open canopy which allows dappled light to filter through.

The footpaths on the eastern stretch of Grove Park (see Figure 1) are just over 2 metres wide and could easily support the smaller root system and bark (which grows to a maximum diameter of 40cm) of the Silver Birch. Examples of Silver Birch on similar or narrower footpaths can be found elsewhere in the city e.g. Summer St North, Dublin 1, and Geraldine St, Dublin 7.

Figure 1: Proposed tree planting section

Figure 2 below shows to scale a suggested placement of trees which should avoid any potential accessibility concerns. We understand that this would be subject to a Dublin City Council review of same and of location of underground cabling.

Figure 2:

That the Public Lighting Department be requested to reinstate heritage street lights, because the community believes that the current street lights do not reflect the architectural heritage of the street and ask that Dublin City Council considers us for replacements as part of their City Lights Upgrade project.

The 15 current lights were installed, we understand, in the 1980s to provide improved lux on the street. While functional, they detract from the historic streetscape (see Figure 3 below). These featureless lights replaced the existing historic street lights, and a salvaged example of the historic type sits in one of the gardens in Grove Park (Figure 4). Nearby Richmond Hill also has ornate period-style lights (Figure 5) which are similar to the original lights which were on Grove Park. The reinstatement of similar period-style lights to Grove Park would greatly enhance the visual character of the street and respect the heritage of the area.

Additionally, the upgrade would afford Dublin City Council the opportunity to install more energy efficient LED lighting within the new period fitting.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

#### **Motion 5 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

In an effort to better understand the structural integrity of the Poolbeg Chimneys and any efforts that can be made regarding their refurbishment the South East Area Committee resolves that the Committee will write to the ESB and request the following information and material:

1. The last inspection date concerning the condition and structural integrity of the Poolbeg Chimneys
2. A copy of the most recent inspection report/s since the chimneys were capped in 2015

3. An approximate breakdown of the annual maintenance cost for the Poolbeg Chimneys
4. The most recent cost estimates, if any, regarding any structural remediation work of the Poolbeg Chimneys
5. The most recent cost estimates, if any, regarding any repainting work of the Poolbeg Chimneys

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillors Kevin Donoghue, Claire Byrne, Danny Byrne, Daniel Ceitinn, Mannix Flynn.**

The South East Area Committee welcomes the work done in relation to the Cabbage Patch. We are calling on the Parks Department to engage a design team to develop an outline master plan for the Cabbage Garden commensurate with the Public Consultation held in 2019 and to proactively engage on a regular basis with the South East Area Office, to progress the rejuvenation of the Cabbage Garden for the betterment of all stakeholders.

**Order: Deferred to April meeting for Les Moore's attendance.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of Dublin City Council South East Area call on Waterways Ireland not to place the 'graving docks' Grand Canal on the open market for private sale. Further that we call in Waterways Ireland to offer the property to Dublin City Council for much needed public housing and public amenities. The 'graving docks' are also a very important heritage structure associated with the long history of the entire canals' infrastructure.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask this South East Area committee if they will support and participate with representatives of Kimmage and Sundrive traders, 70 businesses, who will have business reduced or removed, elderly and disabled customers removed, due to the Bus Gates, one-way systems and Bus Corridors proposed by NTA.

The overarching concern and common denominator across all of the Business Community relates primarily to Access to the area as a result of the:

1. *The introduction of 3 bus gates along the Lower Kimmage Road,*
2. *Subsequent excessively restrictive timings proposed for the Bus Gates (the NTA's officially preferred operating time is 24/7), and*
3. *Ongoing concerns related to access and parking for our customers on Sundrive and Lower Kimmage Roads,*
4. *Closure of Poddle Park for a quiet bicycle road and subsequent congestion on Sundrive Road, Blarney Park and surrounding roads.*

The traders 'group encompasses over 70 predominantly long-established businesses (including social enterprises) from: The Lower Kimmage & Sundrive Roads, Blarney & Poddle Park, Ravensdale & Stannaway Roads. Many of these are small to medium sized multi-generational family concerns, some dating back to the 1940's, and providing important community services such as: Doctors, Dentist, Hearing Aids, Pharmacies, Community Centre, Solicitors, Opticians, Cancer Care, Funeral Home, Church, etc. Every day to day consumer need is satisfied by the local business community.

For all businesses and residents located within the cordon, long detours will be required, for example it is approximately 0.5 km's from the junction of Corrib Road up to the KCR, but the detour via Stannaway Road will be 3.1 km's. Furthermore,

the changes will divert significant extra traffic roads to the roads situated to the east and the west of the Lower Kimmage Road, these include: Sundrive Road, Larkfield Park, Clareville Road, Stannaway Road, Ravensdale Park, Cashel Road, Bangor Road, Bangor Circle & Clonmacnoise Road.

As a result of COVID there has been a fundamental change to the way people work and commute, therefore, the existing underlying assumptions and projections driving the project should be critically reassessed to ensure the validity and integrity of the overall project.

**Order: Report noted.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Item 7.i**

To ensure that all ages groups in Harold's Cross will be able to avail of the community facilities to be established the Rosary Hall it is agreed that we carry out a comprehensive assessment setting out the community potential use of the Rosary Hall. That a plan is prepared including assessment of costs which can be submitted to the Development Dept. for funding from the Development Levy fund. This plan to be presented to the July meeting of the LAC.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That this LAC agrees to carry out an audit of available community services in the Rathmines area, this work to be led by the Local Area Office who will contact all appropriate agencies and report back to this committee within 3 months, with a view to identifying gaps and deficits in community service provision .

Suggested areas of contact would be the HSE, (including the PHN and services provided in the Health Centre), the CDYSB, Older Persons Services, Schools, the South City Partnership (who may have done a mapping exercise in the past as the Rathmines Partnership and it would be worth including any such study within this proposed audit) An Garda Síochána, Drugs Prevention work, availability of Community Assembly buildings or lack of, publicly provided Sports Facilities and Clubs along with provision of facilities and Community & Youth Groups of lack of. As part of this report active service providers and voluntary groups in the area should be asked to indicate community facilities and deficits in local services.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Item 4.ii, Motions 20 and 23**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to re-examine the possibility of installing stop/go lights at Ringsend Bridge, similar to the Dodder Bridge on Bath Avenue / Londonbridge Road to improve accessibility at this location and to make it safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee agrees to create a memorial dedicated to Al Keegan, renowned Dublin music promoter and DJ, who sadly passed away suddenly in 2020.

**Order: Agreed. Motion to be forwarded to Mr. Patrick Guinness, Chair of the Iveagh Trust and to the Commemoration and Namings Committee.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Tara Deacy taken with Motion 19**

Following on from the motion I raised last month many more individuals have been in touch about the visible increase in dog fouling, dogs being let off leads and the importance of dog parks etc. This topic has also been discussed on the national

airwaves with a particular focus on Dublin. I am asking that this committee agree to establish a task force or working group on this to look at this issue in more detail and deliver a more solution focused response.

A number of our constituents have excellent solutions and in light of the enormity of this issue right now it could be looked at firstly at an area level with a view to rolling it out on a city wide basis.

Some suggestions submitted include:

- Update the laws to accept photography/video from citizens;
- Research further how DNA collection and matching would work, including experience elsewhere;
- Get on agenda of city/council managers dialogue with responsible ministers, including health;
- Review dog-licensing to see if can be linked to microchipping and DNA collection;
- Review the budget and staffing of current situation;
- Create a dedicated category on the DCC website (Report an Issue) at [Self Service Portal - Create Service Request \(dublincity.ie\)](#)
- Consider idea of a citizens' consultation.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

#### **Motion 14 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee would invite Darral Poole and Malcom Denby, 2 students from Ringsend College to present to the committee their proposed plans for Ringsend Park.

**Order: Agreed.**

#### **Motion 15 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager to provide communication boards to be installed in playgrounds throughout Dublin City. These boards allow children who are non-verbal or have challenges communicating to express themselves, increasing inclusion and independence.



**Order: Report to Councillor.**

#### **Motion 16 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this committee would request the ESB to come before our committee so that we can discuss the future of the Georgian Museum.

**Order: Deferred until planning application appeal period has ended.**

#### **Motion 17 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this committee would support the efforts of hospitality traders on Merrion Row to turn Merrion Row into an outdoor dining hub.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the LAC agree to set conditions when awarding sports grants to private sports groups in our area. That in return for the grant they make a commitment to provide access through the community department of the council to a number of young people who wouldn't otherwise be able to avail of their facilities. Furthermore that they make a commitment to maintain the hedging around the sports facility in the interest of the surrounding community.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Motion 13**

To call on this Committee to support a comprehensive review and action steps to be taken in relation to the Dog Poo epidemic in Dublin. This issue has been raised on a number of occasions and apart from signage and a very limited dog warden surveillance service, a "nothing can be done" response prevails. I am asking that this issue be treated as serious in health terms and a growing and significant nuisance for the public, most particularly for those in wheelchairs, pushing buggies, etc. If a review of legislation is required by DCC, then it should be sought. Interventions that should be considered, could include:

- DNA tracing (with DNA samples required as part of licensing)
- More Poo bins
- Reports to DCC accepted with photo evidence
- More dog wardens; patrols at off peak times; more fines
- Citizens consultation forum to address issue
- Schools education program (online and in schools)

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 20 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Item 4.ii, Motions 11 and 23**

To call on this Committee to request the Executive Manager for Traffic appear before this Committee to outline the overall management of short to long term traffic plans and initiatives for the South East Area (including NTA and Covid Mobility Plans) and to clarify the process for raising traffic requests and queries; standard response time and the communications process with public representatives in relation to traffic interventions planned for their LEA.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to confirm whether the construction of a new promenade on Sandymount Strand is an option which is under consideration as part of the Sandymount Flood Relief Scheme.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 22 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to prepare now for outdoor dining throughout the city when restaurants re-open.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 23 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with item 4.ii, Motions 11 and 20**

This committee proposes that the double yellow lines which currently extend from the junction of Orwell Road and Orwell Park to Orwell Healthcare are further extended beyond Orwell Healthcare as far as bus stop number 2999 on Orwell Road. Orwell Healthcare currently has inadequate parking provision for staff and visitors, and the overflow is placing significant pressure on on-street parking spaces, leading to dangerous parking after a bend and at a narrowing of the road, and resulting in bottle-necking of traffic, tailbacks where the road becomes impassable, dangerous road conditions for cyclists and pedestrians, possible access issues for busses and emergency vehicles, and residents on Orwell Road being blocked into their properties all for up to 12 hours at a time.

This committee agrees that the double yellow lines should be extended urgently to alleviate the risks involved, and this should be done ahead of the lifting of Covid restrictions which will see a further increase in clients and staff of the healthcare facility.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**9 Questions to the Chief Executive 8th March 2021**  
**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 8 March 2021**

**Attendance:**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions members met remotely.

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)  
Claire Byrne  
Deirdre Conroy  
Kevin Donoghue  
Mannix Flynn  
Paddy McCartan

**Members:**

Danny Byrne  
Daniel Céitinn  
Pat Dunne  
Mary Freehill  
Carolyn Moore

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Hazel Chu  
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Claire French  
Karima McKeller  
Andrew Duff  
David Quearney

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can give an update on the study that was reported to us some time ago on the cause of the polluting outflow to the Merrion Strand ( I think this was being done in conjunction with the EPA)

**Reply:**

**Bathing Water Task Force**

In 2019, there were serious concerns about water quality at Merrion Strand and Sandymount Strand. Potential sources of pollution included misconnections, leaks, overflows, surface water runoff, urban wastewater discharges & dog and bird fouling. Two streams coming in from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown were identified as a significant source of pollution.

In November 2019, Dublin City Council (DCC) set up a Task Force including representatives from Irish Water, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLRCC). The Task Force meets on a monthly basis and is working to improve water quality on the two beaches and to address other issues. The Council also hosts high level meetings with EPA, HSE and DHPLG on this issue.

The Council is working closely with UCD Acclimatize, a research project which aims to identify the main sources of pollution in Dublin Bay Area, including at Merrion Strand. We are also consulting with several other councils, Inland Fisheries Ireland, DCU and Local Authority Waters Programme Regional Office (LAWPRO).

Both local authorities, along with UCD, carried out an enhanced programme of sampling in the two streams including the collection and analysis of grab samples and the deployment of auto-samplers which take samples over a 24-hour period. Results were analysed by UCD Acclimatize and the local authorities. This programme identified a number of key locations where pollution is entering the streams.

The UCD Acclimatize project is studying pollution sources on the streams and the bathing waters. Their studies have shown dog fouling to be an issue, though not the predominant issue, at the beaches. A single incident contributes 3 x 10<sup>9</sup> (3,000,000,000) E-coli bacteria to the environment, while 1,000 E-coli in a 100ml sample is enough to close the beach. We have erected new signs to highlight this to the public and are working with other sections within DCC to see if management of this issue can be improved.

Irish Water are carrying out surveys in connection with two major drainage studies for this area. These should identify works to the drainage system which will improve water quality in the two streams and the bathing waters but it will be some time before these studies are completed. We are working with Irish Water to see if some works can be carried out before the detailed studies are completed. The removal of a Combined Sewer Overflow has been fast tracked. Irish Water are carrying out a feasibility study on diverting an overflow pumping station away from Sandymount.

The alternative to trying to prevent all pollutants from entering the streams is to provide some form of treatment to remove pollution from the streams. A number of options were considered including UV treatment, Chlorine dosing or construction of long sea outfalls. All of these could remove bacteria from the bathing waters but were ruled out on the basis that they would cause significant environmental or morphological damage.

A better treatment option is the use of Integrated Constructed Wetlands. However, this would require a significant land take in a relatively built up area.

Some of the key actions arising from the work of the Task Force have been:

- Identification of a poorly performing Combined Sewer Overflow which Irish Water will remove before next year's bathing season. The contractor has been appointed and works on the ground are now beginning. This will remove a significant pollutant load from the bathing waters.
- Identification of two areas with significant misconnections to the storm water system which Dun Laoghaire Rathdown are investigating.
- Identification of a blocked sewer (leading to overflows) which Dublin City Council resolved.
- Identification of poor quality private work to a public sewer which Dublin City Council investigated. This was causing blockages (exacerbating overflows) but the blockages have now been cleared and the sewer will continue to be monitored.
- Identification of significant misconnections to the Nutley Stream, which Dublin City Council are investigating. Some have already been removed.
- Installation of a flow and water quality monitor near the outlet of the Elm Park stream. This gives live information on pollutant loads in the stream just before it discharges to the beaches. This will assist us in predicting water quality problems in order to protect public health.

(Note: misconnections occur where sewerage from a building is wrongly connected to the surface water system (and ultimately the streams) rather than the foul sewerage system).

Water quality at Sandymount has improved to the extent that it is now designated "sufficient", meaning that bathing is allowed there and this classification is expected to continue next year. DCC is committed to improving water quality at Merrion Strand. We have identified key problem areas and physical measures needed to improve the bathing water quality. Covid 19 restrictions mean that many of these measures have been delayed. Water quality will continued to be monitored and results posted in hardcopy format in the information cabinet at the bathing water and online at [www.dublincity.ie/bathingwater](http://www.dublincity.ie/bathingwater).

### **Bathing Water Management and Bathing Prohibitions**

Please note, the Water Pollution Control (WPC) section of Dublin City Council monitors and reports on the bathing water quality at six bathing locations in our administrative area, namely; Dollymount, North Bull Wall, Half Moon, Shelly Banks, Sandymount & Merrion beaches. Only Dollymount & Sandymount are designated bathing areas and this year since the beginning of the bathing season on June 1<sup>st</sup>, our water quality sampling has returned a very high number of 'excellent' water quality results. This work is undertaken with powers and responsibilities designated to the local authority by the Bathing Water Regulation, S.I 79 of 2008.

Throughout the bathing season (between 1<sup>st</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> September), water quality is tested on twenty separate occasions (approximately weekly intervals). Visual inspections (for pollution purposes) are undertaken at the same time.

In the interest of public health, if DCC suspect that the bathing water may become unsuitable for bathing due to foreseeable events (heavy rainfall for example), we will issue a bathing water prohibition in consultation with the HSE. There were three prohibitions and one prior warning at Sandymount this summer. In some cases prohibitions may subsequently be found to have been unnecessary, but it is considered better to err on the side of caution.

Working with Irish Water and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, we are about to appoint a specialist service provider to establish a modelling system to predict water quality more accurately. This will be the first time this package has been used in Ireland and it will assist in our efforts to protect public health. We are also developing improved electronic signage to improve information for beach users.

We have recently offered support to a DCU project proposal which aims to provide rapid testing and possibly real time results for bathing water quality. We are also supporting a number of UCD initiatives.

### **Storm water Control**

In Dublin, most areas are drained by combined sewer systems, which convey Wastewater and Storm water in a single pipe. This is also common practice internationally. During heavy rainfall, storm water flows can be several multiples (50+) of wastewater flows and it would not be practical to design piped systems to take this flow. During periods of heavy rainfall, Combined Sewer systems are designed to overflow occasionally and discharge diluted wastewater to nearby water bodies. This is considered good practice as long as the number and volume of overflows is not excessive.

To attempt to remove all overflows would cause an unacceptable level of disruption and take years to design, procure and fund. It would be unlikely to stand up to the kind of Cost Benefit Analysis that now governs public spending.

Much of Dublin's combined system is now at or near capacity meaning unconstrained new development would exacerbate flood risk and overflows of sewage to our rivers and Dublin Bay. Dublin City Council has a policy of mandating Sustainable Drainage Systems in new developments and retrofitting them where possible. These aim to control storm water at source and to remove pollutants where possible. They are a vital part of our efforts to reduce flood risk, protect our natural water quality and mitigate against climate change.

### **Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager the current status of the Sandymount Village Design Statement and the committee established to work on this.

#### **Reply:**

The Sandymount Village Design Statement (VDS) was adopted in September 2011 after a comprehensive local consultation period. Section 8 of the VDS set out next steps and future VDS projects under the headings of (inter alia) Village Green Enhancement; Cultural, Heritage & Community Events; Flood Risk and Preservation of the Sea Wall and Martello Tower; Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) Designation; Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Measures; Streetscape Enhancements; Village Branding; Greenway & Ecology Trail and Creation of New Public Spaces. It was envisaged that the Steering Committee that was established to prepare the VDS would coordinate the development of these projects.

A report has not been prepared to date on the outcomes of the VDS programme. The steering committee never subsequently met, however, a number of the goals have been achieved or partially achieved, particularly in relation to provision of the new playground in Sean Moore Park, ACA Designation, ongoing Community Section support of local events and a resurgence of an active Tidy Towns Committee. A Conservation & Management Plan for Sandymount Green (Howley Hayes Architects) was produced in 2015 by Park Services. Other goals such as Flood Protection and pedestrian safety are being addressed by the Flood Protection and Water Framework

Directive Division and Roads and Traffic Department of Dublin City Council respectively.

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have a further look to see what measures ( perhaps a new direct from footpath pedestrian entrance) can be taken to improve safety for all at the Dublin City Council car park at Milltown, Dublin 6.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group will liaise with the Parks Department and a report on the matter will be issued in the coming weeks.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for a clean- up of the walkway from Clonskeagh House Pub to Strand Terrace, Milltown along the River Dodder and to ensure that the any fallen trees along that route are removed and that the earthen bank at the Strand Terrace end is cleared and cleaned as it is now a constant source of rats.

**Reply:**

The walkway at this location has been inspected recently and was found to be in good condition. An arborist is currently being sought to remove the fallen tree and this will be undertaken shortly.

The area in front of the cottages at Strand Terrace is not in the charge of Parks Services.

**Q.5 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to have the boxes painted on the corner of Fitzwilliam Quay and Bridge Street or to arrange with the relevant group to have them painted. They are currently covered with graffiti.

**Reply:**

A request to repaint the boxes in question has been forwarded to the appropriate utility company (Eir) for follow up.

**Q.6 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide a timeline for repairs at details supplied. There are reports of serious leaking among other things.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is aware of the outstanding works required at details supplied and has engaged a contractor to carry works out. Works are under way at this time.

**Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if, in advance of the road resurfacing works on Mornington Road, Ranelagh, he will issue a report to me on where double yellow lines are or have previously been agreed and/or implemented on that road and to indicate precisely where such road markings will be reinstated.

**Reply:**

All road marking will be reinstated on completion of resurfacing works by Road Maintenance.

Double yellow lines are located on east side of Ashfield Road starting at the indented parking bay. To extend around the bend on the northside of Mornington Road for 70m to end at the gates of The Mews, Mornington Lodge.

Double yellow lines to commence from a point east of the gates at The Mews, Mornington Lodge. To extend on Northside of Mornington Road to end at No. 46 Mornington Road (excluding any driveways/gates). Where the Pay and Display/Permit Parking bays begin.

Double yellow lines starting at the Pay and Display/Permit Parking Bay Sign opposite No.35 Mornington Road to be extended north to end at start of Pay and Display/Permit Parking Bay opposite No.19 Ashfield Avenue.

Double yellow lines to start at a point north of Ashfield Avenue on north side of Mornington Road to end at the bollards at laneway.

Double yellow lines to start at indent parking bay on east side of Ashfield Road 8m south of junction with Mornington Road. Extend the double yellow lines for 9m to end on south side of Mornington Road to end at the gable wall of No.1 Mornington Road.

**Q.8 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to liaise with Kevin Street Garda Station regarding anti-social behaviour in Portobello Square.

**Reply:**

The Area Office engages proactively on a regular basis with An Garda Síochána in Kevin Street regarding anti-social behaviour in Portobello.

**Q.9 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to contact the ESB regarding damage they caused to the verge on the corner of Pembroke Street and Strand Street in Irishtown. A truck drove onto the grass digging up the verge. Pictures included.



**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to repair this grass verge. We will make contact with ESB in relation to this alleged incident.

The utility company have permission to undertake works in the area and have been advised of the unacceptable damage caused to the grass verge, which was due to car parking on the roadside resulting in the lorry encroaching onto the grass margin.

Repairs will be undertaken following completion of agreed works.

**Q.10 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to attend to the broken and cracked paths in Bremen Avenue. Residents have reported that the tree is cracking the path and that it may also be damaging sewer pipes in the area.

**Reply:**

Please provide location details (e.g. house number) of the tree in question so that the footpath can be examined at this location.

When the locations have been identified DCC Drainage will arrange CCTV surveys of the public sewers to check for any defects, including those caused by tree roots.

**Q.11 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to attend to a pothole in front of the house on details supplied.

**Reply:**

A repair will be carried out here as soon as possible.

**iQ.12 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to install a bollard on the corner of Hogan Avenue and Macken Street. Road users are mounting the footpath to drive up a 1-way street.

**Reply:**

Bollards are not provided on footpaths as a measure to prevent parking as it is illegal to park on a footpath. Illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services Ph.6022500, for enforcement under the law.

Bollards are not recommended as a traffic calming measure, they are generally provided in pedestrian and other areas where there is little or no vertical separation between carriageway and footpath.

**Q.13 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to attend to the shores on South Lotts Road. Residents are reporting blockages causing a build-up of water on the streets.

**Reply:**

The blockages causing the build-up of water on South Lotts Road are the result of two breakages in the pipeline here. The Surface Water and Flood Incident Management Division cleaned 24 of the 26 gullies on this road on 18/12/2020. There is a flattened pipeline opposite Lotts & Co. which floods during heavy rain and there is tar over the gully outside house No.18. Due to ongoing flooding on the road the crew carried out a CCTV Survey of the pipeline in question on 09/02/2021. The repairs highlighted by the survey have been forwarded to the Drainage Services Division for action.

The Drainage Division will schedule these repairs with a view to implementing them as soon as resources/circumstances permit. Advance consultation will be required with both ESB and Gas Networks Ireland on the feasibility of the repairs due to presence of major electricity and gas services at this location.

**Q.14 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to attend to the shores on Macken Street.

**Reply:**

Macken Street is on the list of gully cleaning works for the week of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Should any defects or problems with gullies be identified when they are cleaned they will be passed on to the Drainage Services Division to be repaired.

**Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a resident in Strand Terrace Milltown, Dublin 6.

He writes:

"Firstly there is the issue of the DCC carpark located opposite Wilde & Green. I know the issue of the entrance to this carpark has been raised before and that traffic engineers have said that moving the entrance is not an option but surely there are some traffic calming measures that can be put in place to reduce the speed of the traffic coming down the hill. Due to the nature of the entrance many user don't realise that there is also a lane way there which has led to countless near misses with people entering the carpark at speed without paying any attention to traffic exiting the lane.

The carpark also contains the bottle and clothes banks which in themselves attract a lot of rubbish due to peoples' inability to use them properly. These banks are used extensively and are often full to capacity so it should be arranged that they are emptied more frequently and a "proper" clean up down around them regularly.

This year the earthen bank which separates the carpark from Strand Terrace became infested with rats and had to be laid with poison. Living directly on the river the odd rat is to be expected but the reason that this situation developed is that over the years this bank has been left totally unmaintained. Branches from the trees have been cut and just left underneath and therefore the bank is totally inaccessible to dogs and foxes which would normally keep rat numbers under control.

The river walkway, which has always been popular, has seen an explosion of walkers during lockdown. At a meeting in the Milltown Parish Hall in 2019, which I know a number of you attended, I asked that the council do work on this at least once a year to clear fallen leaves and cut back brambles which encroach on the path and to be fair they did do a job on it shortly afterwards. However this has not been done in the last 12 months and in places the path gets waterlogged due to leaves which by now have turned to mud and once spring arrives the brambles and weeds will once again take off. Also on the upper trail on the Clonskeagh Bridge end of the river walk a large branch has fallen from a tree located in Scully's field and has been obstructing the pathway for at least the last 6 months.

My daily dog walk takes me across the river into Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown territory and I look enviously at their large compacting bins and wildflower areas and wonder why DCC is so far behind the curve. Milltown has so many green areas that would be perfect for conversion to wildflower meadow.

If it were not for the Dodder Action Group and their regular clean ups I wouldn't like to know what the litter situation in the area would be like. The bin at the bus stop is constantly overflowing and is not adequate for the area. Residents have learned to leave their bins out for the shortest amount of time possible as they will inevitably be used as a public bin.

As residents we cut the grass on the terrace and clean up all the fallen leaves in the autumn and take pride in our area but as households that pay property tax we do expect some level of input from the council too."

**Reply:**

The area at Stand Terrace is not in the charge of Parks.

There are substantial areas of wilding/wildflower/ bulb planting undertaken throughout the South East Area in the promotion of biodiversity in the city. Some bulb plating has been undertaken in the Milltown area and additional sites will be considered in 2021.

The area engineer will carry out an assessment of the issues raised by the Councillor in relation to the Dublin City Council car park on Strand Terrace.

**Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to inform the committee when flood protection measures will be completed on the wall adjacent to the RDS, Ballsbridge. How much has been spent on this to date? Does this complete the flood alleviation measures from Ringsend to Anglesea Bridge, Donnybrook? What has been the overall cost of the project?

**Reply:**

The structural works to the RDS will be completed Q2 2021. The in-stream river rehabilitation works can only commence in May due to restrictions for migrating fish. These works should take two months to complete. The works for this section are budgeted at €1.2million.

There is a section of flood works at Donnybrook RFC that have not been completed yet. They are part of advanced works for the Dodder Greenway. This package has gone to tender with contract award due this month. The contract period for this contract is 10 months. There are partial flood defences in along this area currently, prior to the main works, which are funded by the NTA.

The overall cost for the completed tidal section is €21.5m and for Phase 2c, 2d and 2e from Ballsbridge to the lower Smurfit weir is €21m. Both figures are inclusive of VAT. This includes OPW, NTA, Lansdowne Stadium and estimates of private developments include the Catholic Church.

There is a further section from Clonskeagh to Bushy Park currently at feasibility stage.

**Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to outline progress on the flood defences on the promenade walls at Sandymount with a timeline for completion giving details of the various steps in the process.

**Reply:**

Full part 8 planning permission is now in place for construction of Phase 1, Sandymount Promenade and it is programmed to start in Q3 of this year.

The delays experienced so far are as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The OPW, who will be the contractor on this project, had to stop all site work during the first lockdown in March 2020. Their work is now deemed essential and they are working through the backlog the first lockdown caused.

The steps involved in Phase 1 of these are Flood Defence Works are:

The raising the existing sea wall located at the back of footpath (on Strand Road) from south of the Martello Tower to the northern tip of the existing promenade, by a maximum of 360mm.

Construction of a reinforced concrete wall around the sea side of the Martello Tower.

The installation of flood defence barriers within 11 pedestrian and vehicular entrances along the entire length of the promenade.  
The repair and refurbishment work to the existing sea wall where required.  
Construction is expected to last 12 months.

**Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

As can be seen from the accompanying photo, the road surface on Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook is disintegrating and is in a hazardous condition. Despite requests over the years for action, none has been forthcoming. Can the manager address this as a matter of urgency? See pic below.



**Reply:**

On inspection, Morehampton Lane was found to have a considerable number of failed trench reinstatements and would merit resurfacing. It was considered for our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme but was not included due to budgetary constraints. It will be prioritised for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

How many electric vehicle charging bays have been designated in the Pembroke electoral area and location? How does the pricing system operate?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

Whilst the final draft report is being finalised we are also making submissions to ESBN in relation to connection solutions as well as other players in this space to ensure that

we provide the best possible customer experience for the City and across the Metropolitan area in line with international experience, rapidly changing technology and available resources.

We hope to be in a position to respond more fully in the near future.

**Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how many casual trading pitches are vacant in the South East Area and how many individuals are on the waiting list for casual trading licences?

**Reply:**

The following lists the designated pitches and details of waiting lists in the South East area:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Waiting list</b>
Anne Street South	1 pitch (taken)	6
Baggot Street Lower	1 pitch (taken)	2
Barnardo Square	2 pitches vacant	1
Camden Street	11 pitches (9 taken, 2 vacant)	7
Chatham Street	2 pitches (taken)	0
College Green	2 pitches (taken)	10
Coppinger Row	2 pitches (vacant)	0
Duke Street	3 pitches (taken)	7
Fade Street	1 pitch (taken)	0
Fishamble Street	1 pitch (vacant)	3
Grafton Street (top of)	1 pitch (vacant)	5
Harold's Cross Road	4 pitches (3 taken, 1 vacant)	0
Harry Street	2 pitches (taken)	0
Lemon Street	1 pitch (taken)	5
Merrion Square railings	224 pitches (92) vacant	83
St. Patrick's Park railings	10 pitches (vacant)	2

As part of the review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws all pitches are being inspected to ensure their viability going forward taking into account sufficient social distancing measures. When this exercise is complete offers will be made from the waiting lists.

**Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager request the BIDS Company We Are Dublin Town to issue a full clear statement with regards rates payments under suspension during the Covid-19 measures?

**Reply:**

The rates waiver schemes as applied in 2020 and 2021 applies to certain categories of ratepayers. While the levying and collection of BID contributions is facilitated by Dublin City Council through the Rates Office functions, BID contributions are not rates and the relevant businesses are the sponsoring party for the BID scheme.

Accordingly, BID contribution levies are not entitled to receive a credit in lieu of commercial rates. The management and collection of the BID levy is a matter for the BID Company.

**Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the progress of the acquisition of apartments at Charlemont Square that are to be acquired for social housing purposes under the public private partnership agreement that underpinned this development?

**Reply:**

Under the Public Private Partnership, the City Council entered into an Option Agreement which allows the council to purchase 15 units in Block 4 of Charlemont Square.

15 units have been identified for purchase and units are due for completion in September/October 2021, subject to current restrictions on construction sites.

The council will enter into negotiations with the developer in relation to acquisition costs for the units in the coming months.

**Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the removal and reinstatement of the statues that were removed from the Shelbourne hotel? This report to include all correspondence with the hotel. All evaluation of parts of damage to the statues and a full conservation assessment of the historical figures. Also, the reasons why prosecutions or penalties were not imposed with regards the unlawful actions of the hotel in removing the statues in the first place without permission.

**Reply:**

Complaints were received on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 in respect of the removal of the statues outside the Shelbourne Hotel. A warning letter was issued by the Planning Enforcement Section on the owners/management of the Hotel outlining the allegation contained in the complaints. The owner's Planning Consultants engaged with the Planning Enforcement Section within the 4 weeks outlined in the e-mail indicating that the owners were considering the implications of the warning letter and requesting a further period to make a substantive response. The Planning Enforcement Section granted a further period of 4 weeks in order to allow for this. The owner's planning consultant subsequently sent in a letter indicating that it was their intention to reinstate the statues concerned but that the statues required specialised conservation work to be carried out on them in advance of their reinstatement, works which would take time to complete. In this regard a Section 5 referral was lodged with Dublin City Council on behalf of the owner of the Shelbourne Hotel with a detailed conservation method statement requesting an exemption certificate for: "Reinstatement and conservation of 4 no. statue candelabra as per attached method statement / impact assessment". The request for a Section 5 exemption certificate was fully assessed following which the certificate of exemption to carry out the works and associated reinstatement was approved by Dublin City Council.

The statues were subsequently reinstated to the satisfaction of Dublin City Council and the enforcement file on the matter was closed.

No prosecution was considered as the owner of the property cooperated in full with Dublin City Council following the issuing of the Warning Letter at the start of the process.

**Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager as a matter of urgency have the road surface repaired at Sir John Rogerson's Quay? The road here is seriously dilapidated and is extremely unsafe for all road users as well as pedestrians. There is an urgent need for action here as this is a serious accident waiting to happen on such a busy road.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Sir John Rogerson's Quay was found to have a considerable number of trench reinstatements and temporary pothole repairs. It merits resurfacing particularly between Macken Street and Blood Stoney Road junctions and will be prioritised for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager liaise with DCC Traffic Department with regards the linking up of the parking apps that are used throughout the city with the parking facilities that are offered in the Docklands area that is controlled by a private company APCOA? It is time that all parking applications in the city were compatible, particularly in the Docklands area.

**Reply:**

Enquiries will be made to see if the systems can be adapted to provide cross functionality.

**Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager put forward the staff of the bring centre Ringsend for a special Lord Mayor's award? Many constituents have contacted me about how wonderful the staff are at this bring centre. It is important that such works be recognised.

**Reply:**

Your suggestion has been forwarded to the Lord Mayor for her consideration.

**Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager write to the OPW with regards the constant cycling taking place in St. Stephen's Green and on the footpaths around St. Stephen's Green? Action needs to be taken here as many elderly people who use this park for walks and use the foot paths in the evening time are terrified of being knocked down by speeding cyclists. There have already been accidents that I have been made aware of.

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office forwarded the councillor's request to the OPW for direct reply on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

**Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the media reports the Peter Mc Verry Trust and their involvement in a passport for cash scheme? This report to include whether DCC regional homeless executive was aware of this and for how long. Also were there any other organisations involved with DCC Regional Homeless Executive who were operating such a scheme?

**Reply:**

This matter refers to the Irish Government's Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP) led by the Department of Justice. This programme was introduced by the Irish Government in 2012 to encourage inward investment for the creation of business and employment opportunities in the state. The IIP is designed to encourage investors and business professionals from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) to avail of opportunities of investing and locating their business interests in Ireland and acquire a secure residency status in Ireland. The scheme does not provide applicants with citizenship or passports.

The programme offers four investment options for potential investors: Enterprise Investments, Investment Funds, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) and Endowments. Alongside Crumlin Children's Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, Tallaght Hospital, Barretstown, Trinity College, NUI Galway and other organisations, the Peter McVerry Trust participates in the endowment option whereby a philanthropic donation is made that is of public benefit to the arts, sports, health, culture or education in Ireland.

To date I understand that a total €826 million has been invested in Ireland through the IIP for social housing, health care facilities and nursing homes. 3,500 social housing units have been funded under the scheme throughout the country and in 2020 the McVerry Trust benefited from an application to fund a small number of social housing units in the Mid-East part of the country, valued at €1.6M which represents 0.2% of this Department of Justice, state-led scheme. Dublin City Council/DRHE would welcome any investment that contributes to the supply of social housing.

**Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate the safe school zone traffic scheme at St. Enda's National School, Whitefriar Street as a matter of urgency? This is a very busy school with many schoolchildren. The busy traffic in this area is extremely dangerous for the young children here.

**Reply:**

We have not received a School Zone request from St. Enda's Primary School at Whitefriar Street.

Our Schools Outreach Officers will assess if the school is in an appropriate location for the School Zone treatment and if so, will contact the school directly to see if they are interested in making an application. Please note, requests must be completed by the school Principal.

Further information and link to request form can be found at: <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/1cf2bdad/>

**Q.30 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if Roads Maintenance will survey the condition of Fortfield Road and take on its repair. As the enquirer notes it is on the boundary of the SDCC and DCC so they feel it is neglected somewhat. It is stated in the enquiry that it had some minor remedial repair a few years back which really was substandard and has not stood up to the test of time. Is it possible the Road Maintenance division to include a re-surfacing of this road its budget for 21/22?

**Reply:**

On inspection, Fortfield Road was found to have a number of historic trench reinstatements and the surface asphalt aggregate is exposed on a number of sections of the roadway. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be considered for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.31 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if Planning Enforcement can address a resident of Effra Road in connection with ongoing building work, a new build, at approximately number 17 Kenilworth Lane. Resident states that he contacted the Gardaí at both 9am and 1pm to say that this building site was in full operation with 4 to 5 workers involved. They assured him that they would send a car to investigate.

Construction continued 17 Feb and enquirer requests representation to the Gardaí due to breach of COVID regulations.

**Reply:**

The enforcement of the construction shut-down under the Covid Health Regulations and the interpretation of any associated exemptions is a matter for An Garda Síochána to enforce and determine. Dublin City Council has no role in respect of the enforcement of the regulations at this location, insofar as can be ascertained. We will, however, request that an enforcement officer inspects the site to see what is going on.

**Q.32 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager, if it is amenable and possible to start enforcing the rules on the signs outside Stannaway Park that all dogs should be on leads.

**Reply:**

The issue as outlined above has been referred on to the Control of Dogs Section and a request for a visit by the Dog Warden has been made.

**Q.33 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager, if the NTA new Greenway bridge cycle route into Bushy Park is a new cycle route through a Dublin City Council park wherein cycling is not allowed due to the danger on people and young children walking on the same routes. If cycling is not permitted, can DCC provide notices about the danger cyclists would cause in the park with pedestrians. The local resident states "A couple of years ago Dublin City Council removed the Bye Laws signs to the entrance of Bushy Park. Since then cyclists have incrementally entered the park putting the public at risk. These Bye Laws either exist or they don't.

[Resident/enquirer] wrote to the Parks Division of DCC and the CEO of the Council requesting that these signs be reinstated as a matter of urgency. The PA of the CEO responded just to say that a Care with Share sign would be installed. An Garda Síochána were cc'd in his email.

**Reply:**

There is a dedicated cycle route in place within in the park, which runs parallel to Templeogue Road, and has been in place for some time without any incident. There is no record of 'No Cycling' signs having been removed from the park as stated.

'Share with Care' signs, advising the public to cycle responsibly, and similar to those installed successfully elsewhere in Parks in the city, will be installed over the coming weeks, and before the opening of the Dodder Greenway.

**Q.34 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if Traffic and Roads and Parks Department would survey the Terenure Road North area and assess the possibility of providing planting barrels beyond the footpath in order for cafes and shops to provide residents with seating and tables for eating outdoors during the extended COVID Lockdown, in which the cycle lanes and customer parking and traffic will be narrowed.

**Reply:**

The Area Office has reviewed this location and considers that there is limited opportunity for outdoor dining here. However, if hospitality businesses who are interested in using space within the public realm for outdoor seating contact the Street Furniture Unit, their requests will be assessed.

**Q.35 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Residents from Fortfield Road, Terenure have been in contact to express their concerns about the condition of the road surface. Is this road listed for works this year and if not can it be included? It is dire need of repair.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Fortfield Road was found to have a number of historic trench reinstatements and the surface asphalt aggregate is exposed on a number of sections of the roadway. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be considered for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.36 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager, regarding the Cabbage Garden, to ask the Parks Department to engage a design team to develop an outline master plan for the Cabbage Garden commensurate with the Public Consultation held in 2019 and to proactively engage with the South East Area Office, to progress the rejuvenation of the Cabbage Garden for the betterment of all stakeholders.

**Reply:**

The Parks Service carries out daily clean-ups and has implemented a range of improvements to the Cabbage Garden and environs to support the public consultation held in 2019. This has included crown lifting of street trees, removal of unsightly tree guards, repair of pavements damaged by tree roots and the up grading of tree pits with a resin overlay which will be done as soon as Covid restrictions permit. A tender for the re-surfacing of the all-weather pitch has also been advertised and it is hoped to have this work completed in the next couple of months as Covid restrictions permit.

The Cabbage Garden has a good network of footpaths, good specimen tree planting and an undulating topography which is good for informal play. Some other interventions to improve informal and natural play opportunities are also being considered by the Play Development Officer. There are no other significant design interventions required in the open space and a 'masterplan' for the garden is therefore not warranted. The garden is generally in good condition with the exception of persistent dumping of household refuse.

The most significant issue with the Cabbage Garden is the conservation and protection of the headstones and ledgers because the 'garden' is an old burial ground. This will be included for consideration in a Burial Places Strategy in preparation by the Parks Service in consultation with the City Archaeologist. However, similar to other such sites (e.g. Wolfe Tone Park, St. Kevin's Park) there is no easy low cost solution.

Cathedral Lane, which is not part of the open space, does require upgrading with a mural or other similar treatment. The wall in question, however is not public property but the Area Office could facilitate an agreement with the landowner and seek the support and advice of the Arts Office to achieve a mural. In addition the former community garden could be rejuvenated if the residents are willing to participate in its maintenance. If so, the Parks Service would support with ground preparation and provide advice but the community engagement in the first instance has to be by the Area Office.

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services has and will continue to support any reasonable initiatives in relation to the Cabbage Garden.

**Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager could he please consider installing traffic lights at the junction of York Street, Whitefriar Place and Aungier Street. It can be difficult for vehicles to turn onto Aungier Street here, especially when there are cars parked in the loading bay outside the funeral directors as they make it very hard to see cars and cyclists coming down the road making it quite dangerous.

**Reply:**

A pedestrian crossing is operating on Aungier Street north of Whitefriar Place, as Aungier Street is a bus route priority, measures are in place at this pedestrian crossing to assist public transport users and improve journey time reliability. The operation of signalised junctions across the city have been revised during the COVID health emergency, in order to reduce the wait time for pedestrians waiting for the green man to cross the road, resulting in shorter phase times (green time) for cars.

The lower cycle length measures at this location are to stop the build-up of pedestrians at junctions and to reduce the pedestrian wait times which assists the public in observing social distancing guidelines.

The green man signal is frequently demanded by pedestrians. With the pedestrian crossing demanded, along with the yellow box on Aungier Street, vehicles can exit Whitefriar Place onto Aungier Street and York Road.

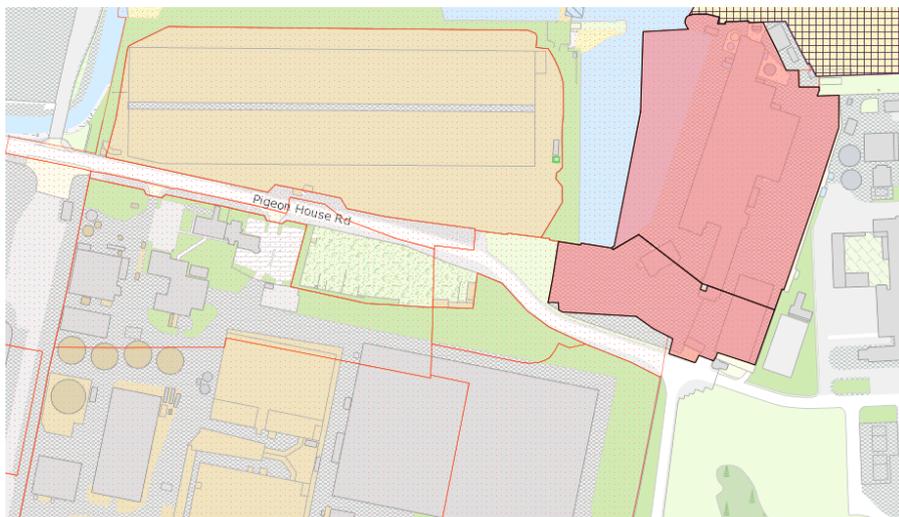
**Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a map detailing all of Dublin City Council's land holdings on the Poolbeg Peninsula, and can he provide a status update on each of the holdings.

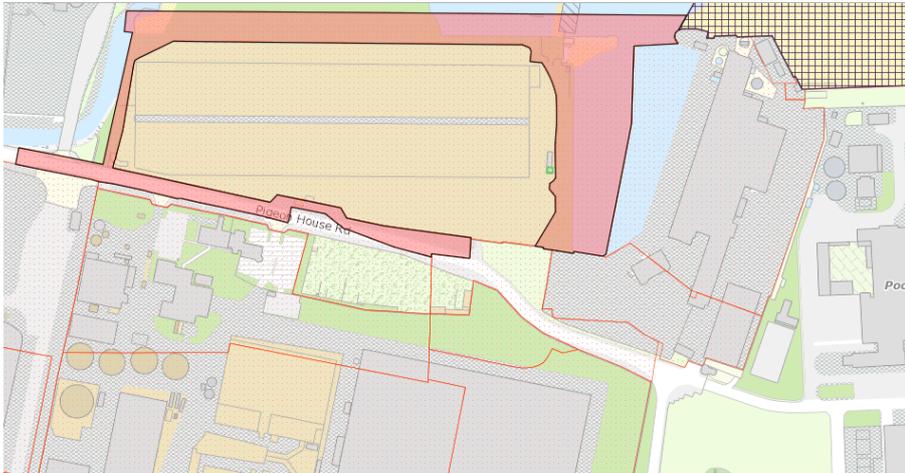
**Reply:**

The following lands on the Poolbeg Peninsula are in the ownership of Dublin City Council:

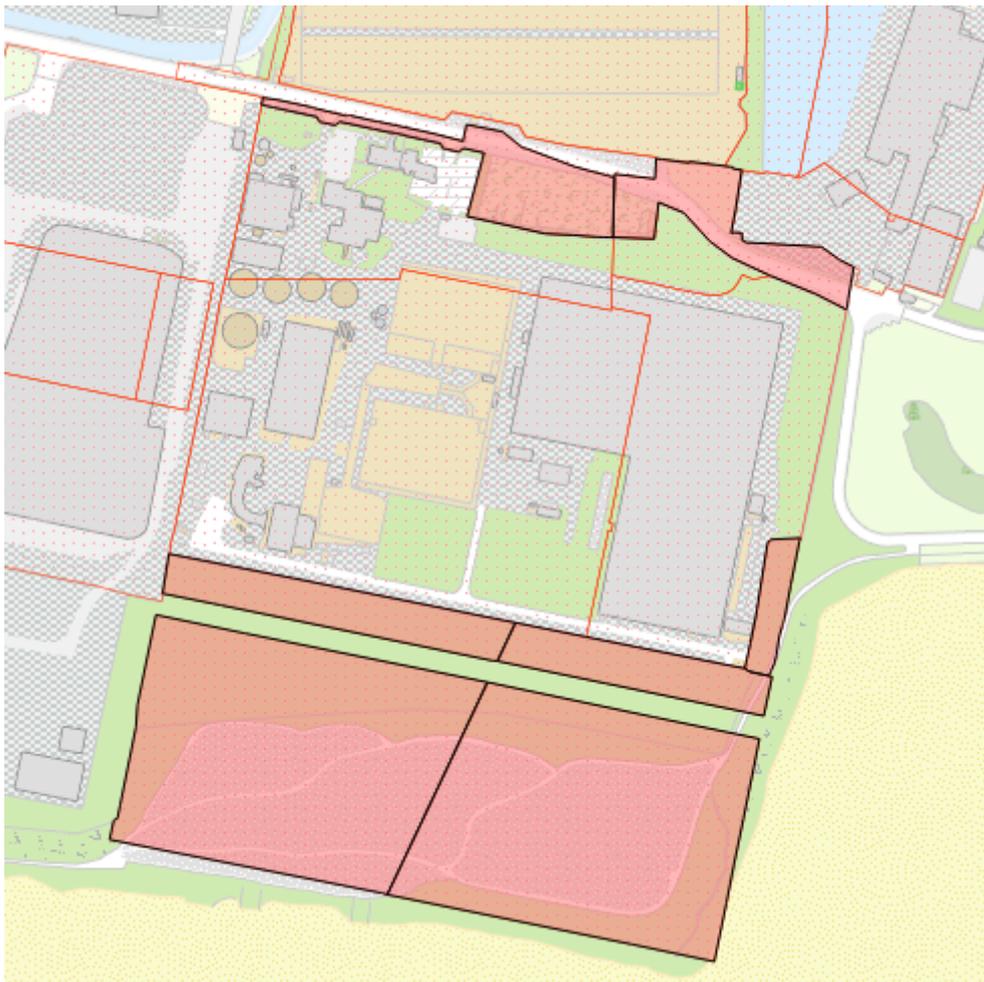
1. **Pigeon House Power Station and Hotel Site.** The closing date for the Stage 2 tenders for development proposals for this site closed on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021. An evaluation team will now be assembled to choose a preferred bidder.



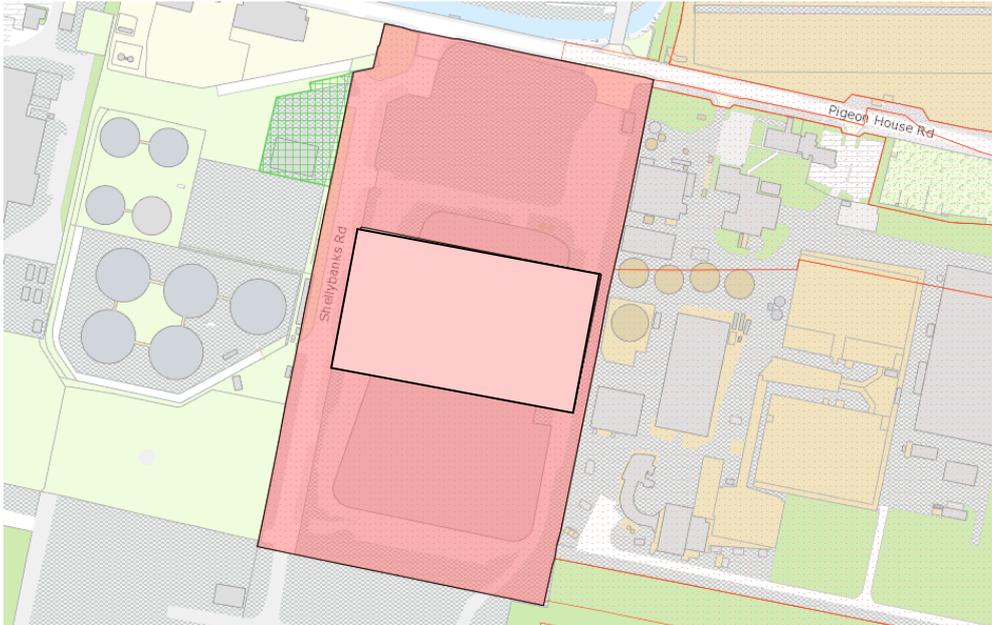
2. **Land west of Pigeon House Power Station and north of Pigeon House Road.** This land comprises open space surrounding the Treatment Works wastewater tanks and part of the Pidgeon House roadway.



3. **Land north, south and south-east of the Treatment Plant.** This land comprises for the most part the Irishtown Nature reserve with the remainder being open space and part of the roadway on the north and south of the treatment plant.



4. **Waste to Energy Facility** – Operated by Covanta but ownership of the land was retained by DCC.



**Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the replanting of Merrion Square, including how many trees have been replanted to date. How many are left to replant?

**Reply:**

As part of the Merrion Square Conservation Plan a total of 134 trees have now been planted in the park. Trees species planted include flowering Cherry, Apple, Magnolia and Snowy Mespilus, ornamental trees , Sweet Gum, Persian Ironwood, Dove Tree and larger specimen trees, Walnut, Oak, Beech, Sycamore, and Plane trees. Evergreen trees planted include Strawberry tree, Cedar, Redwood and Yew. Additional tree planting will take place as required. However, the main focus now is on planting the woody shrub, perennial and bulb understory. This planting will be scheduled as soon as the existing Covid-19 work related restrictions are lifted.

**Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please respond to the following queries regarding details supplied and if there are permissions in place for the following activity:

- Placing cardboard advertising over fixed concrete bollards adjacent to the premises
- Using (**details supplied:**) for outdoor seating
- Providing delivery service up until 9pm - is this permitted under current licence?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council does not issue permits for the use of the type of sleeve advertising referred to here. The owner of the premises sought permission for these items, and was advised that their use should not impede pedestrians. This location was inspected on 24<sup>th</sup> February and it was considered that these sleeves presented no obvious impediment to pedestrians accessing the laneway. They are also easily removed, if required.

This premises has a Temporary Seating Permit to place furniture on the laneway at the side and in a parking space to the front of the premises.

The conditions of this permit refer only to the seating arrangement. The issue of a delivery service is outside the scope of this permit.

**Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the mending of glass on the bridge across the Dodder at Londonbridge Road/ Bath Avenue.

**Reply:**

It is planned to carry out a repair to the glass panels in advance of the Euro Football Championships this summer. If there is further vandalism on the panels, then approval will be sought to place steel infill panels in lieu of glass.

**Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the redesign of the pedestrian and cycling shared space at Grand Canal Dock. Redesign work was started back in 2018 but there has been no progress since.

**Reply:**

The design development of the scheme was put on hold due to unavailability of funding. The project has been allocated funding by the NTA in 2021, as part of the 5-Year Plan. It is anticipated that further development of the design will be progressed in 2021.

**Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the provision of public drinking water fountains in the South East Inner City funding for which was agreed in the 2019 Council budget.

**Reply:**

The matter will be investigated and a report will be issued to the councillor.

**Contact:**

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**Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist details supplied with finding a new home. She is currently living in her mother's overcrowded flat and has to share a bed with her 8 year old son.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 04/09/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area M	2	40

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

It is noted on the applicants file that she was previously unsuccessful in obtaining a medical priority in 2018, it is further noted that the applicant requested and was posted a medical priority application form in November 2020, this application has not been returned for consideration.

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 make contact with the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme. It is noted on the applicants file that she was previously issued a HAP pack in July 2020.

Furthermore, the applicant may wish to increase her areas of choice, it would be advised to the applicant, that by increasing her areas of choice, 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.

**Q.45 Councillor Tara Deacy**

The issues associated with 'kissing gates' were discussed at the January Local Area Committee meeting. Has there been any further input or research in terms of accessibility for those who are not in a position to access parks due to the restrictive nature of such gates?

**Reply:**

The proposal is to explore this issue using the BETA Project process and it is at an early initiation stage, including forming a suitable team to research the topic and potential solutions.

As the research and project develop, it will be made public on [www.dccbета.ie](http://www.dccbета.ie) and by using the @DCCbeta social media channels.

**Q.46 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Could I get a list of the COVID mobility measures in terms of planned adjusted footpaths, safe school zones etc. for the South East Area?

**Reply:**

**Belmont Avenue**

A works programme is currently being finalised for Belmont Avenue. Works will include the installation of Pedestrian Crossings and traffic calming measures.

**Strand Road Cycle Route Trail**

Advance works, including works at the pedestrian crossings and roundabouts, for the installation of the cycle route began on February 15, with the cycle lane due to open at the end of March, 2021. However, the High Court ruling on February 26<sup>th</sup>, granted a stay which required Dublin City Council to halt work on the project. A number of minor works have to be completed for safety reasons but otherwise DCC have stopped the installation of the route and any other works including any changes to statutory signs etc.

Dublin City Council believes that the works here are in compliance with Government Guidelines, in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) and in compliance with the City Council development plan and hopes that the case itself may be heard at earliest opportunity so that the works can recommence.

**Pedestrianisation of a number of streets in the Grafton Street Area**

The timetable for the implementation of the pedestrianisation of Drury Street, South William Street, St, Anne Street and Dame Court will align instead with the restrictions being eased.

### School Zones

Twenty-one Schools in the SEA have applied for School Zones. Nine are complete and 8 are at the design phase. Ten of the schools who applied self-report as being in 50km/h zones

	<b>School</b>	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Self-reported 50km/h</b>
1	St Louis Senior Primary School, Leinster Rd, Rathmines, D 6	Complete	
2	Scoil Iosagain, Aughavannagh Rd, Crumlin, Drimnagh, D12	Complete	
3	Star Of The Sea, Leahy Terrace, Sandymount, D4	Complete	
4	Bunscoil Synge Street, Saint Kevin's, Dublin	Complete	
5	St Louis Infant School, Williams Park, Rathmines	Complete	
6	John Scottus NS, Northumberland Rd, Ballsbridge, D4	Complete	
7	Shellybanks Educate Together Seafort Ave, D4	Complete	
8	St Harold's Cross Primary School, Clareville Road Harold's Cross	Complete	
9	Scoil Mológa, Clareville Road, Harold's Cross	Complete	Yes, 30 during school hours.
10	Stratford College, Zion Rd, Rathgar,	Design	Yes
11	Stratford National School, Zion Rd Rathgar	Design	Yes
12	Harold's Cross Educate Together , Harold's Cross Rd 6W	Design	Yes
13	St Clare's Convent National School, Harold's Cross Rd, 6W	Design	Yes
14	St Matthews NS, Cranfield Place Sandymount, D4	Design	
15	Scoil Una Naofa , Crumlin D12	Design	Yes
16	Ranelagh Multidenominational, Old Mount Pleasant Place Ranelagh, D6	Design	Yes

17	Scoil Chaitriona Baggot Street , D2	Design	
18	Scoil Mhuire Gilford Road, Sandymount, D4	Designed - Application Withdrawn	
19	Scoil Eoin, Armagh Rd, Crumlin, D12	To be assessed	Yes
20	City Quay National School, Gloucester Street South, D2	To be assessed	Yes
21	Kildare Place School , Upper Rathmines Rd , D6	To be assessed	Yes

The 8 schools at the design stage, by the technical teams in Dublin City Council and AECOM Consultancy, are subject to final consultation with school Principals and the NTA before they are scheduled for installation.

While the 10 schools self-reporting as being in a 50 km/h zones cannot receive a full School Zone, they are being considered for some elements of the School Zone treatment and further design.

**Q.47 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Residents of Priory Road/Larkfield in Harold's Cross have been in touch about the condition of the kerbing & dish entrances to the green situated on Priory Square.

It has come to my attention that electronic wheelchair users cannot mount the pavement due to the poor levelling of the dishes. One lady in particular uses the public road to move around the green which is dangerous as the road area is a busy rat run during evening traffic time.

In addition she cannot enter the green further disrupting her quality of life and enjoyment of the amenity. Can Dublin City Council send out the local inspector or disability officer to look at the matter further? Photos are available if needed.

**Reply:**

Please forward contact details for the wheelchair user referred to so that we can liaise with her directly to achieve the best solution.

**Q.48 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the "Malton Trail" information boards, such as the one outside the Rates Building could be repaired and put back into use.

**Reply:**

James Malton's views of Dublin provide a unique insight into the architecture and social history of the late Georgian city and the Malton Trail is an important asset of heritage interpretation for the city. It is intended that a systematic review of the Malton Trail will be carried out.

This review will:

Assess suitability of locations of all existing Malton Trail signs,

Assess current condition of signage structures and information panels, and identify any gaps.

The review will also investigate the historical information on each panel as it is anticipated these the panels will be fully revised in due course.

**Q.49 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the issues at details attached can be rectified.

**Reply:**

Clarification was sought from the councillor. A report will be provided within two weeks of its receipt.

**Q.50 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager for an update on the proposed ramps on Ovoca Road, Portobello.

**Reply:**

The area engineer will carry out a speed survey on Ovoca Road. Based on the results, a decision will be made on whether traffic calming measures are necessary.

**Q.51 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to have the many street lights which are not working by the East Link toll bridge fixed. There are lot of pedestrians crossing this busy road including members of a rowing club, sailing club and many other users of the road.

**Reply:**

Works were carried out in the last few weeks on the streetlights on the East Link Toll Bridge and they should all be operating normally now.

**Q.52 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to outline how many time in the past year that the incinerator at Poolbeg has breached its allowable emissions and to what extent.

**Reply:**

During the operational period for 2020, there were 4 Emission Limit Value (ELV) breaches in total at the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility. Each of these was notified to the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the requirements of the licence. The details of each of the ELV breaches are outlined in table below.

<b>Line</b>	<b>Date of Incident</b>	<b>Nature of ELV</b>	<b>Duration minutes</b>	<b>EU Ambient Air Quality Standards Compliant</b>
Line 2	12/4/2020	TOC	30	Yes
Line 1	27/06/2020	TOC	30	Yes
Line 1	31/10/2020	TOC	30	Yes
Line 2	22/10/2020	TOC	60 (2x 30 min)	Yes

It is noted that both Lines 1 and 2 remained 99.9% compliant for 2020 regarding emissions to air and in addition as set out in the reports issued to the EPA - at all times during these events, the EU ambient air quality standards remained compliant and therefore no pollution resulted.

**Q.53 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager what response he will issue to this couple in their email to email to me set out below re Strand Road trial:

I note that from March 1st there will be 2-way traffic between Merrion Gates and St. Alban's Park maintained temporarily until the works on Merrion Road are complete. Will this "local traffic" be confined to "residents only" or will St. Alban's Park be used as a rat run for motorists to reach Sandymount Village? And when the cycle route is complete, how will I access my house in St. Alban's Park from Merrion Road?

My husband and I are aged late seventies/eighties and haven't been on a bike since we were in our sixties. Sandymount / Merrion has good public transport facilities - but since the pandemic and the cut back in DART and buses, I have stood on a platform for 45 minutes in the freezing cold for a train that usually arrives in 10 minutes, and waited at a bus stop for a bus that never turned up at all ! I have now reverted to the car.

**Reply:**

As part of the trial, Strand Road will be two way between St. Alban's and Merrion Gates for 2 - 3 weeks. This is to assist those living in that section access northbound as the new right turn will not be in place from the 1st of March. It will be the traffic only from their neighbours in that section that will be using it.

Due to the High Court Stay that was issued on February 26<sup>th</sup>, this did not come into effect as planned on the 1st of March.

**Q.54 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager address the security within the Maxwell Court complex, Rathmines as the CCTV is currently in place but not working and can he look at installing home alarms including personal alarms for each resident as there has been a number of serious break-ins within the complex in recent times?

**Reply:**

The CCTV system in Maxwell Court was installed many years ago and has not been functioning for a number of years. We will have it inspected by our CCTV contractor to see if it can be repaired but it is quite likely that the system is outdated and beyond repair. Unfortunately there is no funding available to replace the system and any repairs will be dependent on the costs.

A pull chord emergency alarm system is already in place in the complex. A pilot project is currently underway in one of our Senior Citizens' complexes which will see these pull chord systems replaced with a pendant alarm which tenants will be able to carry around with them. If the pilot is successful it will be rolled out to all our Senior Citizens' complexes.

**Q.55 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager arrange for the windows to be replaced and the dampness issue addressed in the council property at details supplied as every window in the dwelling is broken in some way and the dampness has gotten out of control?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has made arrangements for a contractor to call and inspect the windows and carry out repairs/replacements if necessary. The report of dampness will be examined by Dublin City Council.

**Q.56 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager arrange for the ongoing problem with the drains outside details supplied be addressed as a matter of urgency as the shore at the front of the house is constantly becoming blocked, the resident was informed by a council staff member

that the problem is due to the fact that the sewerage pipe, that services 7 houses along this stretch of road, was laid incorrectly.

**Reply:**

Details supplied is on the list of gully cleaning works for the week of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Should any defects or problems with gullies be identified when they are cleaned they will be passed on to the Drainage Services Division to be repaired.

**Q.57 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager provide me with a definite timeframe as to when new windows and doors will be installed in details supplied given that these tenants have been waiting over 4 years for these works to commence?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has examined the windows and doors in question and deemed them to be in need of repair rather than replacement. The windows are in good working order, but require some maintenance. This work has been logged and will be followed through.

**Q.58 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager arrange for the dampness in the property details supplied to be addressed as a matter of urgency given that the tenant ended up in intensive care with double pneumonia because of the severity of the dampness problem and nearly didn't make it through as has medical documentation to confirm this?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has previously carried out extensive works in April 2019 at this address. The City Council will arrange for a contractor to call and investigate the matter and carry out any necessary works.

**Q.59 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager please provide me with an update on a person's details supplied application to have a disabled person's parking bay installed outside her home?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has previously carried out extensive works in April 2019 at this address. The City Council will arrange for a contractor to call and investigate the matter and carry out any necessary works.

**Q.60 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager arrange to install road markings along the Liffey, between the diving bell and the ferryman on Sir John Rogerson's Quay, as motorists who drive over the bridge are regularly met with other cars facing them on the wrong side of the road as they don't realise it's a two way street and this is an accident waiting to happen?

**Reply:**

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7018729) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

**Q.61 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the manager make contact with the homeowners of details supplied and instruct them to maintain their garden as it is currently overgrown and infested with rats who are migrating into neighbouring council properties.

The residents are elderly siblings living alone and their back garden has become overgrown and infested with rats.

This has been going on for years as they fail to maintain their garden. The situation got so bad a number of years ago, that a former neighbour took it upon himself to clean out their back garden in an effort to try and get the rat problem under control. However, in a matter of months it was back as bad as ever and the kind neighbour sold his house and moved elsewhere.

Their neighbours have kindly asked them to do something about the garden but they never do and their neighbours are now at their wits ends as the rats are now going into their gardens.

**Reply:**

Pest control is a matter for the owner occupier or the HSE Pest Control Unit who may be contacted at 1850 211 774.

**Q.62 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will add the Bishop Street flats to the list of complexes for CCTV to be installed in the coming years and if he will make a statement on the current security arrangements.

**Reply:**

Presently Dublin City Council are installing CCTV in a number of complexes within in the south east area. Bishop Street flats are not scheduled for CCTV at this time. However, DCC will consider installing CCTV in Bishop Street flats in the coming years. DCC has installed security gates into each stairwell which is accessed by an electronic fob system. The South East Area Office is liaising closely with Kevin Street Garda Station regarding anti-social behaviour within our flat complexes. If we receive any complaints from the residents of Bishop Street flats these will be dealt in accordance with Dublin City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure. Our Project Estate Officer is on site frequently and is available to assist tenants when required.

**Q.63 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the steps taken to address dog fouling in Elizabeth O'Farrell Park; his plans to improve the amenity; and if he will install additional seating in the park.

**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to install new 'No Dog Fouling Signage' in the Park and a request for a visit by the Dog Warden has been made. It is not policy to install dog waste facilities in public parks instead dog owners are encouraged to dispose of their dog waste in a responsible fashion. There is a bin located outside the park. Parks Services will arrange for seating to be installed when the current Covid -19 restrictions are lifted and allow for the deployment of contractors.

**Q.64 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the road surface on Orwell Road to be repaired/resurfaced as soon as possible, with particular priority at the following two parts of the road.

- Between the Dodder River and the traffic lights at the junction with Orwell Park; and
- Between the junctions with Rostrevor Place and Zion Road.

This road has a significant amount of heavy traffic on it which has led to the road surface issues. The state of the road is now a danger to cyclists and also to pedestrians who have to step off the pavement to socially distance during Covid-19.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Orwell Road was found to have a large number of failed trench reinstatements and temporary repairs particularly between the junctions of Zion Road and Rostrevor Road and between Orwell Park junction and the River Dodder. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be prioritised for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to reinstate Bye Law signage in Bushy Park regarding cycling and to put in a painted cycling lane on the western side pathway running from the entrance to the park off Rathdown Grove to where it meets the traffic lights on Templeogue Road at the junction with Fortfield Road. This stretch of park pathway is wide and used by cyclists for safe cycling alongside Templeogue Road.

**Reply:**

There is a dedicated cycle route in place within in the park, which runs parallel to Templeogue Road, and has been in place for some time without any incident. There is no record of 'No Cycling' signs having been removed from the park as stated.

'Share with Care' signs, advising the public to cycle responsibly, and similar to those installed successfully elsewhere in Parks in the city, will be installed over the coming weeks, and before the opening of the Dodder Greenway.

**Q.66 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the removal of a fallen tree from the pathway at Cedar Court, Terenure. The tree is obstructing the pathway and is a safety hazard for pedestrians at night.

**Reply:**

This tree has now been removed.

**Q.67 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for an additional parking permit for details supplied. While there are three parking permits granted to this house, the applicant (who is a son of the owner of the property) requires a parking permit for his car which he needs for his work. There may be a number of houses on the road which do not require permits or their max. allocation of permits and a review of his application should be considered in this light.

**Reply:**

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2019 govern eligibility for residents' parking permits. Details supplied is on a heavy demand road, determined by the ratio of how many parking spaces are on the road versus the amount of residents' parking permits that have been issued for the road. When the amount of permits issued is over 65% of the number of parking spaces, then the road is deemed high demand. The quota of residents' parking permits on a single house is 3. No exchange of quotas is permitted between households and no extension of the quota above 3 is permitted as the road is a heavy demand road.

**Q.68 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to address the issue of dogs off leads in Stannaway Park which is causing a problem in terms of dogs fighting and a safety issue for vulnerable residents. There are signs advising not to let dogs off leads. However, these signs are ignored with no recourse available to park users. What action will the Parks Department take?

**Reply:**

The issue as outlined above has been referred on to the Control of Dogs Section and a request for a visit by the Dog Warden has been made.

**Q.69 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for resurfacing of Fortfield Road, Terenure and the repair of ramps on the road. This link road which is on the council border with South Dublin County Council is heavily used by cars and bikes and is in a very bad state.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Fortfield Road was found to have a number of historic trench reinstatements and the surface asphalt aggregate is exposed on a number of sections of the roadway. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be considered for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.70 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to assist in securing alternative accommodation for details supplied who currently shares one bedroom with her partner and five children, three of whom have autism. The room is damp and overcrowded and alternative accommodation is needed as a matter of urgency.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a medical priority and an application date of 11/12/2020 and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsize</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area K	3	7
Area K	4	3
Area N	3	7
Area N	4	3

The applicant 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 make contact with the Allocations Section with current

income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme. It is noted on the applicants file that she was previously issued a HAP pack in November 2020.

**Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager to inspect the surface condition of Orwell Road and assess it for repair work and/or inclusion on the schedule of works for road resurfacing. Sections of the road have become increasingly dangerous for cyclists in particular, but also for pedestrians who may have to step into the road for the purposes of maintaining social distance, with the worst damage to the surface noticeable:

- Between the Dodder River and the traffic lights at the junction with Orwell Park; and
- Between the junctions with Rostrevor Place and Zion Road.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Orwell Road was found to have a large number of failed trench reinstatements and temporary repairs particularly between the junctions of Zion Road and Rostrevor Road and between Orwell Park junction and the River Dodder. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be prioritised for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.72 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if traffic engineers can monitor the speeds on Kildare Road, where residents say the current, low-lying broken speed bumps are ineffectual and are not preventing cars from speeding as drivers can swerve to avoid them. If speeding continues to be a problem here, a new speed bump design is required.

**Reply:**

The area engineer will assess the matters raised. Councillor Moore will be notified of any decision reached in relation to the residents' concerns on Kildare Road.

**Q.73 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager, as Covid cases remain high and restrictions continue, what can be done to ease the pressure on front-line staff trying to park at Crumlin Children's Hospital? Can the council consider any measures, be it a front window sticker or temporarily designating some parking spaces specifically for front line health workers, that would prevent them having their cars clamped or towed? With numerous facilities city-wide remaining closed due to restrictions and public transport still designated high risk, could the council work with the city's hospitals to organise park and ride facilities?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council provides subsidised car parking at a charge of €5 a day for front line workers in city centre hospitals in Drury Street, ILAC and Dawson Street car parks. Front line workers who wish to avail of this can do so via their individual hospital management who liaise directly with the car parks' management. Dublin City Council does not provide park and ride facilities for hospital staff as it is the responsibility of the hospital to organise and provide for parking requirements for their staff when required. We are not responsible for parking for any of Dublin's hospitals including Crumlin Children's Hospital. It is, first and foremost, a matter for the hospital and staff to address.

**Q.74 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update on the design and roll out of the school zone proposed for the Harold's Cross Educate Together. With staggered return to education now officially time-lined for March and April, the provision of safe routes to school must be a priority.

**Reply:**

DCC will be attended an upcoming NTA workshop on safety intervention measures suitable for schools in 50km/h zones to determine what measures are most appropriate at this location. We will contact the school directly once this process has been completed.

**Q.75 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update on the design and development of a safe cycling infrastructure proposal to facilitate the D12 bike bus. With staggered return to education now officially time-lined for March and April, the provision of safe routes to school must be a priority; a presentation on this route was due to be made to the South East Area committee in December.

**Reply:**

DCC will be attended an upcoming NTA workshop on safety intervention measures suitable for schools in 50km/h zones to determine what measures are most appropriate at this location. We will contact the school directly once this process has been completed.

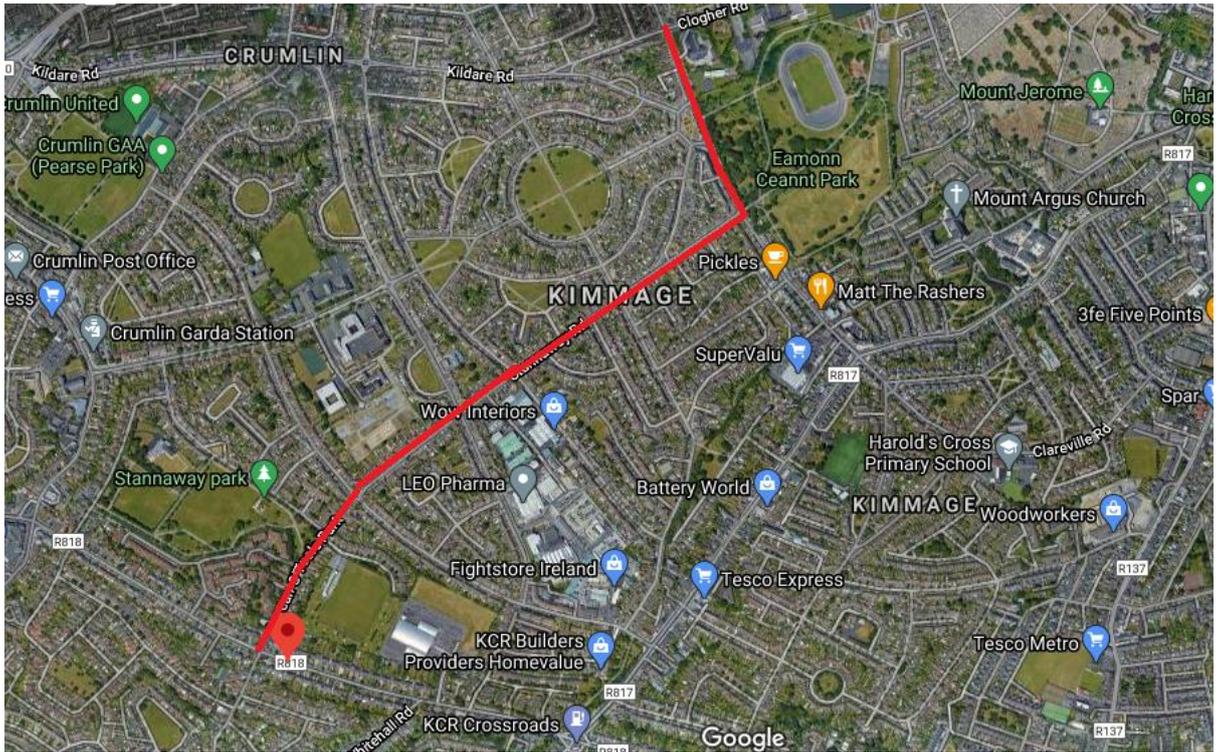
**Q.76 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for information two cycling infrastructure projects in Kimmage-Rathmines that were listed in the NTA's latest allocation of €48 million for walking and cycling in Dublin City: Harold's Cross to Ballymount and Rathmines to Milltown. Can the area manager provide proposed route map, proposed infrastructure for the various stages of the route, and proposed timeline for delivery?

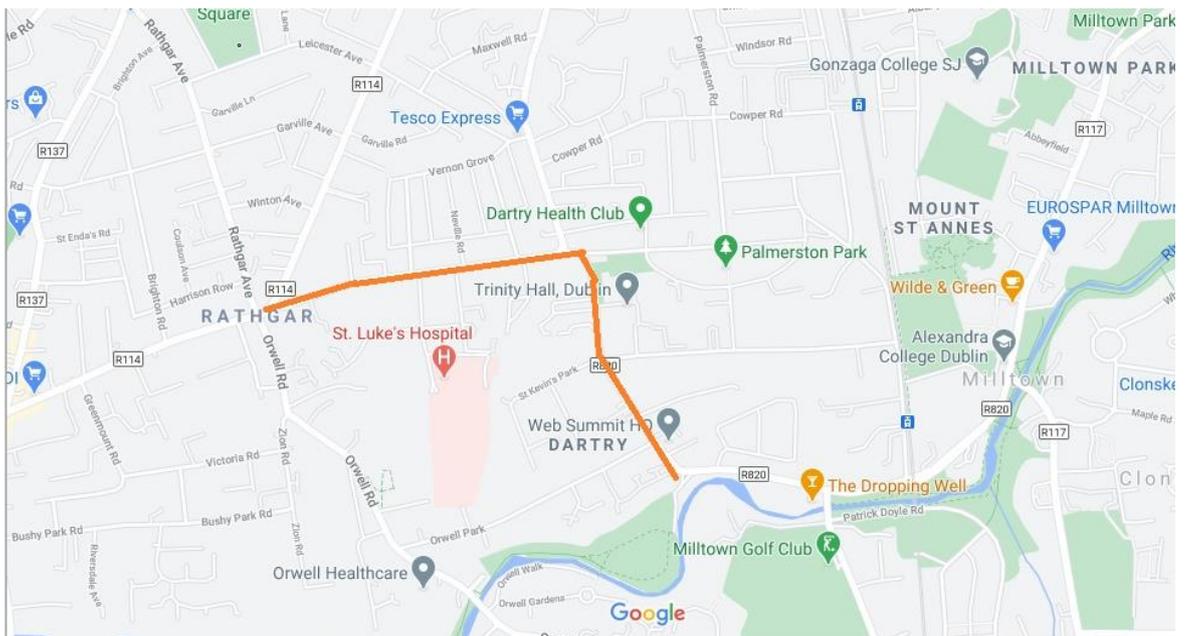
**Reply:**

The route maps are given below. It is proposed to have segregated cycling facilities where feasible. Over the next few months, Dublin City Council will be developing teams to develop delivery time frames as well as design concepts for the schemes.

Harold's Cross to Ballymount:



Rathmines to Milltown:



**Q.77 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if a dog warden can be assigned to provide a visible presence in Stannaway Park, where dogs are being exercised off the lead despite signage requesting that dogs are kept on the lead at all times. In particular a regular park user reports one dog owner regularly exercising two dogs off lead between 4 and 5pm on weekdays, where these dogs have proven to be a threat to other dogs and park users.

**Reply:**

The issue as outlined above has been referred on to the Control of Dogs Section and a request for a visit by the Dog Warden has been made.

**Q.78 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager to inspect the surface condition of Fortfield Road and assess it for repair work and/or inclusion on the schedule of works for road resurfacing.

**Reply:**

On inspection, Fortfield Road was found to have a number of historic trench reinstatements and the surface asphalt aggregate is exposed on a number of sections of the roadway. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be considered for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.79 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update on the library development timeline for Terenure.

**Reply:**

A public meeting held in Terenure Library in November 2016 was well attended and demonstrated public interest in the future of library services in the area. A report into the feasibility of redeveloping Terenure Library was carried out in 2018. Having considered the recommendations presented, it has been decided that rebuilding the library on its current site is the most advantageous option.

Since 2019, in collaboration with DCC Planning & Development, Dublin City Libraries has been working to acquire the freehold title for the site on which the library is located. In light of the slow progress through legal channels, and other demands placed on funding the project is not currently on the capital programme.

The council's Law Department expects a court hearing on the matter in October 2021, after which the status of the project will be reviewed.