



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

**HELD REMOTELY ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 2021**

- 1 **HSE Presentation on Donnybrook Primary Care Centre**  
Cllrs. Lacey and McCartan declared an interest: Membership of the Board of the Royal Hospital Donnybrook.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Presentation from Ringsend Tech. Students on Plans for Ringsend Park**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 3 **Presentation on the Work of Pocket Forests**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 8th March 2021**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.  
Taken with Motions 11, 13, 14, 22 and 24.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 6 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
  - i. Report on proposed disposal: plot adjacent to 1 Strand Terrace, Milltown.  
**Order: Deferred.**
  - ii. Report on proposed disposal: 133 Upper Rathmines Road to HAIL Housing Association.  
**Order: Deferred.**
  - iii. Draft Masterplan Gulistan Depot Site.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  - iv. Report on proposed disposal of a site at Gulistan Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6 to the Health Service Executive (HSE) for the development of a Primary Care Centre and the proposed acquisition from the H.S.E. of the Health Centre, St Michael's Estate, Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8  
**Order: Members agreed to substitute "will agree" for "will explore" in clause 20 and agreed to recommend to City Council.**

7 **South East Area Office Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.  
**Order: Noted.**

8 **Motions**

**Motion 1 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: Agreed.**

**Motion 2 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: Agreed.**

**Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

It is agreed that DCC contact the Dept. of Defence and the Minister for Defence to request the handing over of the playing fields at the rear of Cathal Brugha Barracks Rathmines (which are accessed separate to the Barracks from Grosvenor Lane) into the charge of the City Council Sports Dept. There is a very serious shortage of public playing pitches in the Dublin 6 area. Demand has increased in recent years partly due to the inclusion of young females which we very much welcome. As a Local Authority we want to facilitate all young people in the area and recognise that access to sport is an essential component of their development and healthy living. While this proposal is to make the pitch available to all groups in the area, one example of the demand for pitches can be show by the Ranelagh Gales need:

- In 2020 Ranelagh Gales had 320 boys under the age of 12 and 305 girls. As a club, they are committed to gender parity by 2023. Having proper facilities such as toilets and dressing rooms are vital for keeping young teenage girls involved with sport through to adulthood, as there is a big dropout rate at this age.
- Their numbers in 2021 are estimated to be over 700 for the juvenile section but this is unknown until play resumes after Level 5 restrictions are lifted. Also, in 2020 they were unable to allow 2016-born players to join due to the lack of playing space available to them. . If RG growth rate continues they could have over 1,500 members by 2025.

Opening up the grounds would also give local primary schools a much-needed pitch to use. There are many interested parties in the Cathal Brugha site and perhaps there is a larger scale plan in terms of the development as a whole. However, green space, particularly publicly owned is sacred in the city and we need more of it. If the Council acquired this pitch, I think the GAA and DCC could come together to invest properly in a future pitch project.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of DCC call on the CEO of Dublin City Council, Mr Owen Keegan, to issue a formal apology for DCC's involvement in the Mother and Baby Homes' history. This apology and public announcement is long overdue and should have been issued as soon as DCC learned of their involvement, no matter how

slight, in the Mother and Baby homes' horrendous history. Further, that all archival material, relating to Mother and Baby homes and DCC's involvement be made publicly available wherever possible, for those who are seeking to find their true identity. Dublin City Council must do everything in its power to assist the many wounded survivors of this appalling period in our history.

**Order: Agreed.**

#### **Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of DCC call on the CEO, Mr Owen Keegan, and DCC, to withdraw their application for the burning of another 90,000 tons at the Waste to Energy facility in Dublin Bay and instead to put all the energies of Dublin City Council into protecting the environment at Dublin Bay by ensuring better air quality and a better managed waste disposal program which includes a major emphasis and education programs on recycling. Every single DCC councillor was opposed to this Covanta facility over the long period it took. Communities campaigned for years against this environmental injustice. Not to mention the scandals of financial oversight and the huge financial resources that went into this, Dublin City Council executive pursued this madness and are now adding insult to injury by telling us that there will be no increase in pollutants, no increase in traffic, and that more or less the burning of thousands of tons of waste is good for us and sustainable. Everybody should read Professor Joe McCarthy's independent report on this facility and indeed its threat to the environment and local communities.

**Order: Agreed. Councillor Lacey abstained due to membership of the Community Gain Liaison Committee.**

#### **Motion 6 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this committee would support 30kmh on the Palmerston Road and Palmerston Park routes, where buses and cars can travel fast, especially speeding to get through the traffic lights at the junction on to Highfield Road.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

#### **Motion 7 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this committee would support resurfacing of footpaths and roads along Palmerston Park for pedestrians and cyclists, as COVID19 has increased walking in the area, and all areas, paths need resurfacing where they are broken.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

#### **Motion 8 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this committee would support Crumlin GAA club to secure additional playing pitches, which caters for both adult and juvenile participants. I understand that this request has been brought to Parks Department before, but I am contacted by the club's Finance and Development Committee to advance this process.

#### **Crumlin GAA**

Crumlin GAA was established in 1970. It's a community based organisation run totally by volunteers and we provide GAA games to boys, girls, men and women of Crumlin and the surrounding areas. We are based in Pearse Park where we have 1 full size pitch, 1 small pitch which we call the "camogie pitch" which is used for juveniles and a small juvenile pitch. We have access to no other playing pitches.

A tremendous amount of hard work over the last number of years has resulted in an increase of playing members, particularly at juvenile level. We welcome all members of our community and believe we create an inclusive environment that is reflected in the diversity of our playing members. We are also the only club in Crumlin that offers young girls the opportunity to play a field sport. Women's sport has never been as popular as it is now, with incredible role models across an array

of sports for young girls to look up to, and we want to give all girls the opportunity to play games and witness the physical and social benefits that playing team sports can bring.

At the moment, for boys we have Under 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 & 16 hurling and football teams and for girls we have under 10, 12, 13 16 and minor camogie and football teams. We also run a crèche / nursery in Pearse Park which is for under 8s down to 5-year old's and to give you an idea of numbers, we have over 120 children attend with average numbers for each session at about 70. At adult level, we have 2 hurling teams, 1 camogie team, 2 men's football and 2 ladies football teams. There is huge work being put in by so many but we find it very difficult to function due the lack of playing pitches, a problem we are seeking to address.

We are all aware of the issues the Crumlin area faces on a daily basis. The benefits of keeping our young people active and out of harm's way are immeasurable. Some of our club members would testify that it was their participation in sport and the sense of identity it gave them that stopped them from choosing a different path. All the research around anti-social behavior shows a direct link to a lack of facilities in the community. Our work is far more than just providing games but in order to provide games we need additional pitches.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillors Deacy, Dunne, Feeney, Conroy and Freehill**

There has been a visible increase in litter in the Kimmage/Rathmines ward in recent weeks. I ask that this committee agree to address this issue particularly in the areas most impacted or 'black spots'. I have attached a map and wish to identify with the guidance and input of community groups Week 2, 3, 4 and 6 as areas in need of attention. We ask that DCC look to create long term solutions in collaboration with local groups. Specifically that we agree to look at an initial increase in the frequency of street sweeping in said areas identified on the map and perhaps a scheduled regular check of blackspots.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That this committee requests a meeting with the ESB to discuss the location of Electric car power points in LAC area.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Item 5.i, Motions 13, 14, 22 and 24**

That this committee agrees to have a special meeting with the Traffic Department to discuss traffic issues in the area, so that we can get up to date on plans. Furthermore get agreement that this committee is consulted in advance of any traffic initiatives affecting this area.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

That this committee requests the area manager to plan a permanent memorial within the Kimmage-Rathmines ward in memory of local people who died due to the Covid pandemic.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor James Geoghegan Moved by Cllr. McCartan Taken with Item 5.i, Motions 11, 14, 22 and 24**

That the South East Area Committee;

- having unanimously approved Item 1 report on 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2020;

- in consideration of the recent introduction of 30km/hr on Garville Ave Upper, Brighton Square and Brighton Ave; and
- having regard to the temporary introduction of 30km/hr on the Strand Road, Sandymount

agrees to request the relevant Department in Dublin City Council to implement a temporary introduction of 30km/hr zone on Brighton Road pending the introduction of its long term change and for safety reasons related to all of the surrounding roads now operating at 30km/hr.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor James Geoghegan Moved by Cllr. McCartan Taken with Item 5.i, Motions 11, 13, 22 and 24**

That the South East Area Committee agrees to request the traffic department to investigate the implementation of a number of design measures on Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper and Lower including the repair and widening of footpaths, the installation of continuous pedestrian crossing at a number of locations (including the junction with Richmond Hill, Richmond Place, Alma Road and Belgrave Square) as well as painted speed limit signs on the road surface.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee recognises the continued work of Ranelagh Community Response in their support for vulnerable members of the community over the past 12 months and supports their request for additional benches on Ranelagh road (as per attached) to provide more seating space for elderly members of the community, and the installation of planters that can be supported by the work of Ranelagh Tidy Towns.

We propose three or four seating places for Ranelagh Village. There are three Housing centres for vulnerable and elderly people in Ranelagh, Ranelagh Close (DCC) Woodstock Court Elder Care (DCC) and Cullenswood (DHA).

Recent submissions to the Ranelagh Area improvement plan have identified the lack of street seating and bins. Places for Elderly, people with mobility difficulties and the general public, to take a break walking, sit and observe the active community.

Street furniture as has been installed in Dundrum in recent years would be an example, the lack of space on paths is a challenge, we have identified a number of locations where these can be placed. See map as an example of three potential locations we will review others should we be successful in obtaining funding. We would also assist with the maintenance of planters through the Ranelagh Tidy towns group.

These proposals would enhance our village environment for all. The cost of each location would be approx. €10,000 , we would also be willing to fundraise to address any shortfall should that situation arise and would be confident of doing this in a short time so as Ranelagh Residents can enjoy them this Summer , all in consultation with local groups .

The work of Ranelagh Community Response over the last year has demonstrated a broad skill set delivering and addressing the needs of Elderly, Volunteers, local Business and many local groups during very difficult times. Delivering win-win situation for everyone involved working closely with DCC, HSE and Garda, involving other local organisations Ranelagh Gaels, etc.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 16 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That an inspection be carried out of the footpaths at Ramleh Close and Ramleh Park in Milltown, Dublin 6, which has a significant elderly resident population and which contains many hazardous pavement cracks.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 17 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee agrees to adopt the Ranelagh Improvement Groups proposal for Ranelagh as set out in the attached document and requests a report on its implementation and the resources that are required to fulfil its ambitions.

RVIG propose the refurbishment of the section of pavement in Ranelagh village bordering houses Nos 70-88 (even nos. only). This section of streetscape forms the longest uniform continuous coherent terrace of Victorian houses in Ranelagh Village. It is a very important part of the architectural heritage of Ranelagh. The perspective of the terrace has been enhanced by the planting of trees on this stretch of streetscape by Dublin City Council some years ago.

Two elements detract significantly from the terrace.

Firstly, the treatment of gardens and front railings is very disjointed because of some hard surfacing of gardens and removal of railings and some boundary walls. This problem is difficult to rectify with no obvious immediate solution except perhaps but attaching appropriate conditions to future planning permissions for work on any house in the terrace over the coming years.

Secondly, the surface of the footpath has been cut open on many occasions for services maintenance and many repairs are very poor in quality. The pavement now has a random jigsaw/'cut and paste' appearance. Furthermore, it has a significant number of uneven joints at cuttings constituting a hazard to pedestrians and constituting an impediment to a more age friendly walkability for the older segment of population in the Ranelagh area.

In the 2000's many old concrete footpaths in the village in a similar condition were replaced with granite kerbing and concrete paving stones. This greatly improved the appearance and the paving stones approach has facilitated easy uniform replacement whenever services maintenance required excavation. But there has been little or no footpath renewal in the Ranelagh village area since 2009.

We are proposing the renewal of the segment outlined earlier with a somewhat similar approach to the earlier work, but with a variation. Given the quality of the Victorian terrace in question, we propose that the paving be with granite kerbing and granite paving stones. This could either be of the bright grey variety, used in parts of the city or preferably the yellow tinted variety used in some Georgian and Victorian streetscapes in Dublin. This latter type would reflect the yellow brickwork of the terrace.

The length of pavement in question is approximately 75 metres, and while the width varies, it is on average approximately 3 metres, or a little less, thus giving a pavement area of 225 Sq. metres. We are aware from an industry source that granite paving is expensive, approx. three times the cost of concrete. So the extra cost of granite over concrete would be approximately €4000-5000. (€32 vs €12 per sq. metre).

We believe that this proposal with a really quality finish with the yellow tinted granite would greatly enhance this streetscape and terrace be adopted.

Given the lack of pavement work in Ranelagh in recent years, the proposed work could justify been funded from the general overall pavement renewal budget. Alternatively, it might be part funded from the general budget and part funded from the South East Area fund.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to install better lighting on Denzille Lane. The lane currently has very poor lighting and the small group of houses on the lane are subject to anti-social activities, which have become much worse since the pandemic.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to write to IPUT to ask them to put measures in place and take immediate action to address the issue of anti-social behaviour in Wilton Park.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to put in place an effective waste and litter management plan for the South East Area to address the increase in litter on our streets and in our parks as a result of the pandemic. Can the Area Manager outline what is required to ensure we have clean streets and parks for the summer months and beyond as we begin another period of living outdoors?

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee would agree to ask the Chief Executive to investigate the land holdings of the council in terms of providing more allotments. During the pandemic in particular people are spending more times outdoors and there seems to be waiting lists for any allotments that do exist. The provision of more allotments would be very positive in terms of peoples' physical and mental health.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 22 from Councillor Carolyn Moore Taken with Item 5.i, Motions 11, 13, 14 and 24**

This committee finds that the disabled parking space outside the Bank of Ireland at 1 Rathfarnham Road does not safely meet the requirements of drivers with a disability in terms of facilitating parking and allowing clearance for safe exit and entry to a vehicle by a driver or passenger with a disability, and calls on the area manager to provide for a larger, more accessible space. There are ample parking facilities available close to the village - on street parking should prioritise fully accessible, regulation disability spaces.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 23 from Councillor Carolyn Moore**

This committee, in its ongoing efforts to deal with increasing levels of dog fouling throughout the South East Area, will look to follow the successful initiative employed by our North Central colleagues and trial the provision of free fouling bags to be distributed via local shops and newsagents.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 24 from Councillor Carolyn Moore Taken with Item 5.i, Motions 11, 13, 14 and 22**

This committee recognises that the provision of traffic calming measure at the junction of the upper Rathmines Road and York Road, near Kildare Place school, is now long over-due, and calls on the area manager to urgently provide a solution that will a) slow down traffic as it rounds the wide bend on the upper Rathmines Road and b) ensure that pedestrians of all ages and abilities, including the children from Kildare Place school, can use this junction safely. A pedestrian crossing, a traffic island, a ramp, a traffic island, a solar-powered speed indicator would be good and much-needed interventions here.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 25 from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

That the South East Area Committee calls for the opening of Fitzwilliam Square Park to the public, and for Dublin City Council to engage with the leaseholder Fitzwilliam Square Association Ltd, to achieve this goal. As we seek to maximize our use of green spaces in our current environment it is appropriate that 200 years later we finally allow access to the last of the 5 Georgian squares of Dublin.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Emergency Motion Councillors Kevin Donoghue and Claire Byrne**

There has been a significant increase in the number of reports of anti-social behaviour at Portobello Harbour. Public urination is a common complaint among residents.

This area committee calls for a public consultation for the trialling of public toilets at Portobello Harbour. The consultation should acknowledge the varying impact such a trial would have on the various stakeholders and make efforts to identify stakeholder groups during the submission process.

**Order: Agreed.**

**9 Questions for the Chief Executive 12th April 2021**

**Order: Noted.**

**Cllr. Dermot Lacey  
Chairperson  
Monday 12 April 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Claire Byrne  
Deirdre Conroy  
Kevin Donoghue  
Mannix Flynn  
Paddy McCartan

**Members:**

Danny Byrne  
Daniel Céitinn  
Pat Dunne  
Mary Freehill  
Carolyn Moore

**Members:**

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

**Officers**

Brian Hanney  
John MacEivilly  
Jennifer Wall  
John O'Hara  
Deborah Clarke

Leah Johnston  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Paul White  
Ali Grehan  
Karima McKeller

Brian Kirk  
Mary Taylor  
Gerard McEntaggart  
Michael Noonan  
Les Moore



**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**

Dianne McDonogh, Planning Consultant  
Cathal Quinn, Architect  
Patrick Raggett, Transportation Engineer.  
James Buckley, Developer.  
Martina Queally, HSE  
Emma Smyth, HSE  
Damien Keane, HSE  
Sinead Kennedy HSE  
Catherine Cleary, Pocket Forests  
Malcolm Denby, Ringsend College  
Darral Poole, Ringsend College  
Ciara Moran, Ringsend College

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if any arm of the City Council could look at the old baths on Sandymount Strand to see if there is any way that they could be put to use in these Covid times with a view to providing a controlled outdoor swimming area.

**Reply:**

I did a structural survey of Sandymount baths last year after a further large section collapsed. In my opinion, it would be easier to construct a new baths rather than attempt to do anything with this 138 year old derelict structure. Significant planning permissions from An Bord Pleanála would be required for any works, plus various licences.

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he could look at the possibility of installing more Community Book Sharing facilities across the area as described in the email submitted with this question and on a trial basis perhaps in the vicinity of Donnybrook Fire Station.

I look forward to participating in Donnybrook Plan, I saw this on Dunville Avenue, and would love to think we could do the same in Donnybrook (I for one would love to share my books) Area to the left and in front of Fire Station a possibility. Would welcome your comments about how to go about getting this done, and maybe coming up with a better design.



**Reply:**

The Book Sharing Box facility was added to Dunville Avenue in 2020 under the Community Development Team's Planter Box Programme following consultation with the local Business Group. It has proved hugely popular with adults and children alike and has really added to the 'Dunville Avenue Boulevard of Dreams' Project which aims to offer a space for people to relax, read and reflect. Requests have now been received from other areas for these seated planter library boxes and Donnybrook Tidy Towns have been contacted with a view to positioning one in Donnybrook. The exact location will depend on various factors. If you have a design suggestion, please forward it on to the Community Development Team.

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the following issues pertaining to the Gulistan area.

**Pedestrian Gate**

I am writing to draw your attention to the fact that the pedestrian gate from Gulistan Depot to Rathmines has been locked since the start of the pandemic, forcing people onto the heavily congested footpaths in Rathmines. The reason given by the depot staff that they need to be able to control access to the recycle centre is nonsensical - it is an outdoor facility, and allowing pedestrian access is hardly going to create any problems for them. Locking the gate is needlessly putting people at risk by adding to the congestion in Rathmines Village.

**Bike Bunker**

I very much hope that one of the new bike bunkers will be made available here soon. I think one of the parking spaces at the junction between Castlewood Terrace and Gulistan Cottages would be ideal for a bike bunker.

**Weeds/ Street Cleaning**

The upkeep of these streets is truly abysmal. Last summer enormous weeds proliferated everywhere and I can't remember the last time I saw anyone from the council sweeping the

streets. Cleaning usually only happens in response to complaints from us. I do not see the same level of neglect on the more expensive roads in our neighbourhood.

## **Bins**

With no back or front gardens, these houses are not suited to wheelie bins, and plastic bin bags get ripped apart by animals. Surely a better solution would be some kind of communal bins (like in Spain)? I have noticed that many of the houses on Mount Pleasant Place leave their wheelie bins permanently on the pavement outside their houses, making it unpleasant and difficult to navigate the street (particularly for anyone with a buggy or in a wheelchair). I would imagine that they would also welcome a similar solution.

## **Reply:**

### **Bike Bunkers.**

BikeBunkers are secure hangars for city residents to securely stow their bicycles close to their home and under cover, saving space and worry. The Bike Bunker service is for local residents only, and provides households with alternatives to storing them in hallways or in tiny back yards.

BikeBunkers originated from a Dublin City Council [BETA Project](http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/residential-bike-hangars) in 2015 (please see the link <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/residential-bike-hangars>)

This project has now moved into the scaling BETA stage. This means that Dublin City Council now seeking to learn more about the delivery model for this service (e.g. funding, legal, branding, pricing, locations, etc.). We are beginning with a “minimal viable service” and will aim to iterate and improve it as it goes.

Phase 1 of this service will be limited to the city centre of Dublin “inside the canals” as per the below map. Dublin City Council currently only considering registrations of interest “inside the canals” whilst this new service establishes itself. Once the service is running well, we’ll then look at how we can expand it to other areas. Please see this link for more details <https://bikebunkers.ie/>



## **Pedestrian Gate**

Dublin City Council is obliged by law to ensure the health, safety and welfare of staff, patrons and visitors to all council premises and facilities. Waste Management Services Health & Safety Unit reviewed operational procedures at each Bring Centre at the beginning of the pandemic, and a variety of location specific restrictions were introduced to allow us to continue to provide essential services during this difficult time. A one way system was introduced at Gulistan Terrace to ensure the continued health, safety and welfare of staff, patrons and visitors to this facility. As such, we are not in a position to return to normal operational procedures until directed to do so by our Health & Safety team.

### **Weeds/ Street Cleaning**

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels in this area and ensure that these streets are kept as clean as possible.

### **Bins.**

Dublin City Council, are currently exploring different alternatives to support these known issues.

#### **Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will give a comprehensive response to the issues raised in relation to Dartmouth Square in the email submitted with this question.

**“Subject: LEAVE NO TRACE - DARTMOUTH SQUARE PARK seeking your permission to get bin moved.**

Ranelagh Village Improvement Group

You might be aware of the great turn out we had here in the square and all across the greater Ranelagh area making submissions to the City Development Plan looking for a Ranelagh Village Improvement Scheme. It was a tremendous burst of energy and fun during bleak times. We await a result

Dartmouth Square - Party Central March 2020-March 2021

1. Dumping household waste in our bins, general waste (beer bottles, coffee cups, dog poop bags and pizza boxes). On a regular basis over the weekends in particular we as neighbours had to go out and clean the streets with blue bags. We often had 10/12 bags hanging off the railings. The week before last I went out to find broken bottles thrown all over the ground. Coffee cups and rubbish. Decided I wasn't cleaning it up. When returned it was all still there with huge amounts of stuff on top. While I was off walking two people drove up to dump the bags from their car in our bin and another person put the contents of a shopping bag in the same bin. All raw meat.

The Committee got together and decided that we didn't want any more bins and we would try to get people to buy into Tidy Town's project "LEAVE NO TRACE". We are heading towards our third weekend and we are delighted with the response. We are getting nothing but positive feedback from people using the park.

We want the bin on the West side removed, bear in mind we had never requested a bin.

2. Key holder - This time last year DCC decided that they were withdrawing the man that opened/closed gates to the Park for financial reasons. DCC had only paid the guy a stipend. It was intended that all the gates would be left open on a permanent basis. This would be impossible here as we are so close to park and it poses security risk to all of us, children and cars, so we have been opening and closing the park ourselves. Bear in mind we as a community helped DCC buy back the Park when they didn't have enough money in 2013. The amount paid equates to a quarter of the park. So will they give us back the money so we can employ someone to open and close the park?

3. After the 2013 issues we were presented with a plan for large scale improvements in the square by Les Moore, since then we have to rattle everybody's cage to get the slightest thing done.

4. Car parked on the west side of Square for months no tax or insurance clamped and unclamped on a regular basis. Eventually they towed it away two weeks ago and its now back again on the north side of the square clamped again. No tax or insurance.

Obviously Parks don't like Dartmouth Square as much as they like other Parks or maybe it's Ranelagh generally

Please feel free to ring me or we can meet in the Park with other members of committee”

### **Reply:**

The Public Domain Unit are working with Waste Management & local residents to promote their “Leave No trace” Initiative in Dartmouth Square.

We welcome the initiative of ULSARA, the local residents' group to encourage park users to 'Leave No Trace' and the request that no bins should be provided because they attract household rubbish. We have made this case many times in relation to bins and the acknowledgement of local residents is welcomed. It is not unreasonable to ask local people to bring their waste home.

From experience, we know that closing gates does not eliminate anti-social activity. Indeed having gates open enables the Gardaí to patrol, monitor and enter a park after dark to deal with any issues which are brought to their attention and that has proven to be more successful in tackling a.s.b. than closing gates.

We are also aware that lifestyles have changed whereby some people like to walk or exercise early in the morning. Traditional fixed opening and closing hours does not facilitate such access and the public generally have welcomed the greater flexibility shown by DCC.

A number of park improvements works have been completed in recent years to enhance the park including **i)** Painting the perimeter railings & Gates, **ii)** Undertaking work on the double gates to secure the park,, **iii)** Resurfacing footpaths, **iv)** Pruning of the large mature trees, **v)** Thinning and clearing of vegetation and replacement with appropriate tree and shrub planting , **vi)** Undertaking work on the dome in the pergola, **vii)** Painting park benches, **viii)** Providing spring flowering bulbs in support of the community spring planting, **ix)** Lowering the laurel hedge surrounding the lawn areas as requested by local residents. Staff also liaise on an ongoing basis with members of ULSARA to discuss means of enhancing and improving the park so it is not understood why the question includes a personal criticism of the Head of Parks.

No reports were received in relation to abandoned cars at this location.

As the car mentioned in the question was clamped, it would be a matter for Dublin Street Parking Services.

An inspection was carried out on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and no clamped or potentially abandoned vehicles were identified.

Abandoned vehicles should be reported to [customerservices@dublincity.ie](mailto:customerservices@dublincity.ie) and the matter will be investigated.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to ensure that the Double Yellow Lines previously in place ( and still partially visible) along the road at the side of the Amazon Building leading to Burlington Gardens – off Burlington Road – are repainted and that the metal receptors on this public road are removed as a matter of urgency. The works on the Amazon buildings are now completed approximately three years and there is no case for the official road marking not to be reinstated and the unofficial metal receptors not being removed.

The parking problem has arisen since Amazon commissioned their new HQ about 6 years ago. Prior to Amazons Shannon House there was double yellows on both sides of the road. Subsequent to Amazon occupation of the building the yellow lines on their side of the road became obscured by the works at the construction period but still may be seen where they have not been eroded. Also Amazon's builders left metal receptors in the road so that they can cordon off the parking for themselves by inserting poles.

**Reply:**

Roads Maintenance Services' records indicate that Burlington Gardens is not in-charge (coloured red) on map below.



Planning Application Ref: 2786/13 refers, the site of which is outlined in red below.

Burlington Gardens is shown as private with the existing development having legal Right of Way over same as indicated in yellow below. The planning application form confirms that no part of the land within the red line was to be taken in charge. As such the road appears to be private and therefore DCC cannot provide double yellow lines on the road. There may possibly have been double yellow lines on the street before possibly provided by the developer or management company. However, they would not have been legally enforceable.

The proposed development included changes to the parking and loading along Burlington Road but did not show or include any changes to the access (not taken in charge) road.



EXISTING SITE LOCATION MAP

**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will have the “make shift drain” (according to a resident) at the pavement at the pedestrian crossing outside O’Brien’s on Sandymount Road examined and upgraded. I am told that water constantly stagnates there and makes crossing for the elderly in particular difficult. Also if there could be a review of the footpaths generally through the Village as I am told they need upgrading.

**Reply:**

The drainage channel outside O’Brien’s Off-Licence has been logged in our asset management system for repair works to be carried out to prevent water ponding at this location.

On inspection, the footpaths in Sandymount Village were found to be overall in a serviceable condition. Road Maintenance Services has no plans for footpath renewal in Sandymount at present. If details of local defects are forwarded to us we will examine them for local repair works.

**Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to report on the public lighting along the main Sandymount Village area as I am told it is very dark in the evenings.

**Reply:**

We will examine the lighting on Sandymount Road and any improvements considered necessary, will be included in a future upgrade project subject to available finances.

We will however, arrange to re-lamp the existing lights where re-lamping is required.

**Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the concerns raised by Dodder Action in relation to proposed works along the Dodder as submitted in the email with this question.

Dodder Action, a voluntary group dedicated to the maintenance of the River Dodder, is aware of the proposal, adopted by South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council and Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council in 2003, to build 584 metres of flood walls at a height of 1.48 metres between the river and the riverbank in Milltown.

We have concerns about this plan as it is outlined in the River Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Management Plan (2014), particularly the proposal to build 1.48 metre walls on the river bank at Shanagarry Apartments (DCC) and the Al Hussain Islamic Centre (DLR).

These walls would destroy some of the most beautiful views on the River Dodder. They would impact the enjoyment of the thousands who walk the river banks every day. They would also be detrimental to the wildlife in and along the river, from otters, to birds, to insects to fish to vegetation.

Consultant engineers Byrne Looby, informed of our concerns, have clarified that surveys of the river are on-going and public consultation will take place before any new flood defences are constructed. They add, however, that the suggestion by Dodder Action that modern flood mitigation measures allowing controlled flooding in the less populated upper reaches will help with additional flooding caused by climate change, but not with the flood risk already calculated.

The flood risk to the Shanagarry Apartments and the Al Hussain Centre is calculated to be a once in a century event. Even at that, the Shanagarry Apartments are built on stilts, presumably due to the perceived flood risk, and the flood risk relates to the car park. If Byrne Looby still finds that a wall is absolutely required to protect the Al Hussain Centre and the Shanagarry Apartments, it is Dodder Action's contention that a flood wall should be constructed between the apartments/Al Hussain Centre and the river, not between the river and the river bank. This simple solution would avoid the destruction of a noted beauty spot rich in industrial heritage and wildlife.

Dodder Action wishes to alert you, in your role as a public representative for this area, to this potential risk to the river and its banks in the hope that you will use your influence in the River Dodder's favour. To that end, we will be happy to furnish you with any further information you may require.

**Reply:**

All of the above was taken on board by Dublin City with its adoption of the Dodder CFRAMS and the OPW Eastern Region Flood Management Plan. These provide the starting points for the more detailed Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 3, Clonskeagh to Orwell Bridge and Little Dargle currently underway. Environmental surveys are largely completed and these will also be taken into account in final draft proposals. Flood storage upstream has also been considered. Currently the lower Bohernabreena reservoir is used to reduce flooding downstream, but this has only a very small effect. The flood risk to Shanagarry apartments and the Al Hussain Centre is estimated to be more frequent than once a century and is increasing with climate change. This question seems very premature, as the exact detail of any flood defence proposals is unclear as yet. We will pass your comments above onto the project steering group and our consultants for consideration. There will be a further public consultation at the preliminary design stage and again as part of the planning stage, assuming there is a feasible solution for the project in the first place.

**Q.9 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can the main road running along Palmerston Park be designated as a 30km area? The Park area has a large number of children (there is also a nursing home on the street) and many cars regularly race up the street.

Can DCC look at creating wider footpaths and cycling lanes as part of the Covid Mobility Response especially at the top section of Upper Rathmines road leading up to the junction with Palmerston Park? With the COVID crisis, the pathway is often congested and it is necessary to walk on the road. As it is the road is not wide enough to accommodate two lanes (given the priority for parking along this section currently). Parking should not be permitted along this stretch of road, or should be on one side only.



Could a traffic calming measure be put in place needs, residents have suggested a 'press-button-for-the-green-man' on the left hand side of Upper Rathmines junction with Highfield Road / Dartry Road / Palmerston Park? There is a button on all the other sides of this junction, but not there. It would really help and make it safer.

Is this road included in this year's budget for road surfacing? The road has a lot of big holes and is unsafe for cycling along the park. The holes are visible coming from Palmerston Road and turning right, and cycling along the side of the park to the junction.

**Reply:**

The request for the addition of a green button for pedestrians would require significant civil works. The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will assess the junction with a view to consideration for the 2022 capital works program.

Palmerston Park is not included in our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme but it will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2022 Programme. In the interim, the carriageway will be inspected and any defects found will be logged in our asset management system for repairs to be carried out.

**Q.10 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can the request for a yellow box at the junction of Larkfield Grove and Clareville Road be reviewed? A number of residents have been in touch again to express their frustration about this on-going issue. Please see attached 3 photos of the crossroads at Larkfield Grove Clareville Rd clearly showing traffic blocking residents in. A yellow box junction would certainly facilitate residents in exiting their own street a little easier.

2 photographs were taken at 16.56 & 17.41 on Thursday 3rd December & a 3rd 8.13 am on Friday 4th December. Videos are also available.

Engineer out for 1 hour in summer time during the pandemic.

Residents would like this matter reviewed and a logical attitude from the council. Residents are open to speak to DCC over the phone who have been blocked in. It has been suggested that DCC visit/ call out during school term between 8 am & 9.15.

**Reply:**

The area engineer will recommend a yellow box to be located at the junction of Larkfield Grove and Clareville Road.

**Q.11 Councillor Tara Deacy**

On February 12<sup>th</sup> I emailed Parks about the on-going issue the Leylandii trees in Royston are creating. I am aware that residents have been in touch several times, and I have also followed up myself. Can these trees be removed, my previous email Feb 12<sup>th</sup> outlines the reasons why and their removal would be very much appreciated by the residents, due to on-going anti-social behaviour issues and general discomfort they are causing.

**Reply:**

The existence of Leylandii trees growing in Royston are not damaging to the biodiversity value of the green space, albeit unlikely to be of as much benefit as a native hedge. The dense foliage of the Leylandii is still likely to afford protection for nesting birds and shelter to smaller mammals. The hedge was not planted by the Parks Department, and Parks do not maintain it. If the hedge was to be removed there will be a period of a year or two before a new hedge could be planted (to allow roots to rot away) which would result in potential biodiversity loss over this period. An alternative would be to supplement the existing hedge with a native hedge to improve the biodiversity value within the green space, subject to funding being available.

**Q.12 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Having received correspondence from a number of residents about opening the entrance to Pearse Park between Crumlin Bowling Club and St Mary's Anglican Church, I would like to request that we open that up this entrance, it is a much brighter entrance and it would be great to see it opened up especially coming into the summer.

**Reply:**

This entrance is now open to the public.

**Q.13 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Residents have asked that we respond to the on-going issues around anti-social behaviours/drug use in Eamon Ceannt Park (Sundrive Park). While the park wardens do an excellent job of cleaning up could we provided with what solutions exist to stop the behaviour from occurring. This could be in the form of increased (any) Garda patrols in the night, locking the gates as a deterrent or perhaps sending litter wardens at weekends and fining those who breach existing laws. I am aware there is a working group in place working on this 'Friends of Eamon Ceannt', could we get some feedback in terms of how we can communicate this work to our constituents with a view of addressing these issues?

**Reply:**

Parks Staff liaise with community Gardaí on an ongoing basis in relation to this location and we will continue to keep the situation under review. Anti-social behaviour continues to take place while gates are locked but they obstruct the Gardaí gaining access to the individuals involved. .

**Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager supply a full report with regards the recent anti-social behaviour at Glovers Court, York Street which involved a street fight and also violent attacks in and around the flat complex which was captured and put out on social media? This was a pretty serious incident and it also involved a substantial amount of An Garda Síochána to attend the scene. Can the manager supply the following information: Have DCC issued any sanctions to the individuals involved? What measures have DCC taken with regards further security at Glovers Court and York Street Flats area.

**Reply:**

An Garda Síochána is investigating recent anti-social behaviour that occurred in Glovers Court/York Street. This incident is believed to be an isolated one. We have had no other incidents of this kind reported to date. The recent installation of CCTV in Glovers Court has contributed greatly to reducing anti-social behaviour in the complex. Dublin City Council are presently upgrading CCTV in Mercer House and plans to install CCTV in other complexes within the York Street area are at an advanced stage

**Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the extra charges that have been applied to parking permits for residents of social housing flat complexes in the SEA? This report also to include what legislation was used to increase these charges? Was there any report supplied to the Traffic and Transport SPC or the Housing SPC with regards these increased charges? Are these increased charges to be rolled out across the entire Dublin Local Authority Area? What official took the decision to allow these increases? Was there ever a report brought to the SEA for approval for such increases?

**Reply:**

A number of representations have been received from Councillors over the last few years regarding the lack of Parking Enforcement in Housing complexes within the South East Area. In response to this, the South East Area Office has engaged two contractors to carry out parking enforcement within our complexes. These contracts are for an initial period of 12

months with a review after 6 months and the average cost of a parking permit is € 25 per year, which is considered to be good value. Parking Enforcement in Dublin City Council advises that Dublin Street Parking Services have no authority to enforce in the DCC Housing Complexes.

**Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report as to what plan of action, if any, is being considered to address the issue of drinking on the canal in the Portobello/Charlemont Street area of the canal and the general issue of anti-social behaviour within this area?

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office engages proactively with An Garda Síochána regarding the issue of drinking on the canal in the Portobello/Charlemont Street Area. The problem has been exacerbated in the last year during the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions with nothing open in the city and people are then congregating in numbers in parks and public spaces like Portobello Plaza. Outdoor drinking is inextricably linked to anti-social behaviour in the area. The South East Area Office will shortly be launching an awareness campaign which will focus on outdoor drinking and its impact on the local community and the environment in the vicinity of Portobello.

**Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report to the SEA with regards the intended installation of dozens of wind turbines within Dublin Bay? Can the manager arrange a presentation from those involved in this initiative so as we can have full transparency and clarity?

**Reply:**

The City Council is aware of a number of proposals for the development of wind farms off the east coast of Ireland which are at various stages of feasibility/design development. Due to the location and potential scale of these proposals, any proposed planning application(s) will be submitted directly to An Bord Pleanála who will also conduct all formal pre-application consultations.

Contact can be made with the companies known to the City Council to arrange for presentation of their proposals if this is considered appropriate.

**Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards a number of vacant apartments and flats at the end of Townsend Street as it joins with Tara Street? These flats are above shops and were formerly in the possession of DCC. They have remained boarded up for 15 years which is unacceptable in the present housing and homeless crisis situation. Can manager ascertain as to who now owns these dwellings? What is DCC's involvement in these dwellings? What is the future of these dwellings?

**Reply:**

The City Council agreed the grant a 31 year lease of 180-187 Townsend Street to the Peter McVerry Trust in December 2020. An amendment to the previous planning permission was granted in October 2020 for an additional 2 units, which will result in 20 units in total at this development.

The Stage 4 application for the approval of the award of contract has now been received and is currently being reviewed by our technical team. This will be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage shortly for final approval. It is anticipated that construction will commence onsite in Quarter 3 2021, subject to Covid restrictions.

No. 180 – 187 Townsend Street are in the ownership of Dublin City Council. At the Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 the statutory approval of the City Council was granted to the proposed disposal of the properties to Peter McVerry Trust for the purpose of their

renovation as 20 units of 1-bed accommodation for social housing applicants in accordance with the Council's Housing Allocations Scheme. Council Report 291/2020 refers.

**Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a report with regards the security firm which is now involved in the Dublin Docklands Area and Dublin City Council estate? Recently a camera crew from RTE, filming a news item on the white water rafting system, were stopped and told they couldn't film in the area. There was a number of councillors present being interviewed for this news item and it was a rather peculiar demand coming from a private security firm. What authority does this security firm have for such action given that this is a public domain?

**Reply:**

The area surrounding Georges Dock is not in-charge of the City Council and is currently the responsibility of the Custom House Dock Management Company to manage and maintain the public areas. The Agents (Apleona Real Estate) for the company have procedures in place relating to News/TV Camera Crews operating in areas under their remit which requires that they notify them in advance and provide the necessary insurance indemnities to cover the company in the event of an accident.

I have spoken to the Property Manager for the area and she has advised that when RTE wanted to film previously in the IFSC/Georges Dock area, they were made aware of the process and the crew on the date in question were advised of this by security again.

**Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager look at the possibility of removing a number of seats and benches at Ross Road/Bride Street flat complex? These seats within the complex are the subject of much anti-social behaviour, drinking and drugging all hours of the night. Residents are very concerned about the security in this area and the continuation of this anti-social behaviour.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has received information that persons living locally are sitting on the benches causing a nuisance and annoyance for other tenants. DCC is currently investigating this issue. DCC is confident that these issues can be resolved. The benches are for our tenants' enjoyment during springtime and the summer months and therefore DCC would be reluctant to remove the benches at this time.

**Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how much rent is owed by social housing tenants to Dublin City Council since the lockdown and pandemic began? Many vulnerable communities who are in our housing estates are falling into a huge poverty trap which is resulting in rent arrears and indeed arrears for other amenities like gas, electric etc.

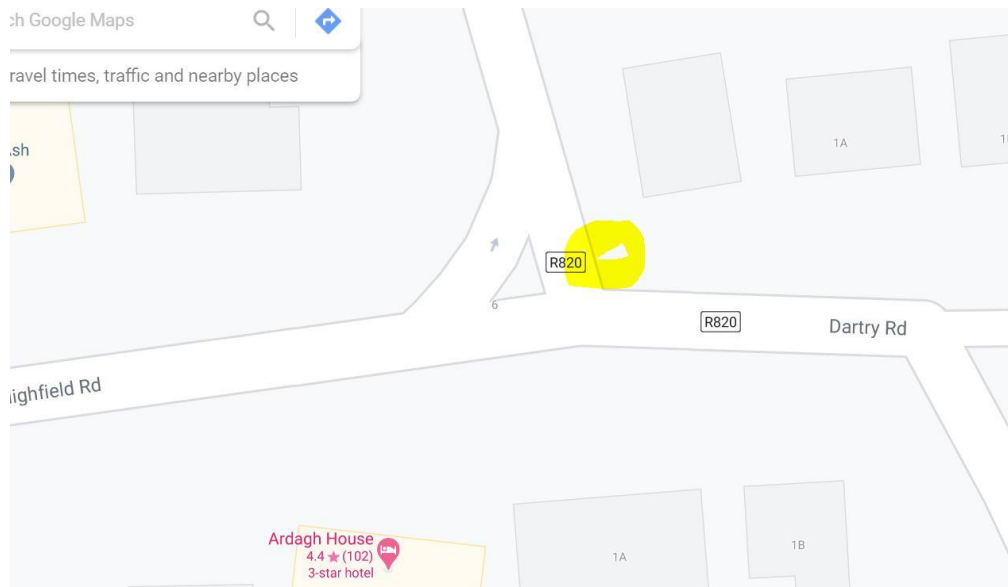
**Reply:**

The arrears owed to Dublin City Council have increased by €2.6m since March 2020. The increase is not only associated with missed rental payments but also updating income details. Rent is assessed at 15% of the principle earner's income. No tenant has received a rent increase due to receiving a Covid19 payment.

**Q.22 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if a pedestrian button can be provided by Traffic Department at the junction with Upper Rathmines Road/Highfield Road/Dartry Road/Palmerston Park, a junction that has difficulty to cross by pedestrians.

The image demonstrates that the button is needed on the left hand side of Upper Rathmines junction with Highfield Road / Dartry Road / Palmerston Park. There is a button on all the other sides of this junction, but not there. It would really help and make it safer.



**Reply:**

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report (Ref 7019845) to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

**Q.23 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if Brighton Road, Terenure can be provided with low speed signage, 30kmh, as the resident notifies that other roads have the 30kmh signage.

**Reply:**

Under current Speed Limit Bye-laws 2020 Phase 4, the speed limit of 30km/h is applicable to Brighton Road.

With regard to Terenure Road, as it is an arterial road, this road is listed in the new "Proposal for Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws April 2021 Concept Design."

Please note that Dublin City Council is inviting members of the public to provide feedback on the proposal to have a default 30km per hour speed limit across most areas of the city. The non-statutory public consultation opens **on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April until Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.**

Please send us your submission to <https://www.dublincity.ie/loving30>

Or Speed Review email: [speedreview@dublincity.ie](mailto:speedreview@dublincity.ie)

Or Representations in relation to these proposals may be made in writing and marked to "Speed Limit Review" Senior Engineer, Transport Operations, Environment & Transportation Department, Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, D08 RF3F.

**Q.24 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can ensure that the works described below that were promised in November 2019 are completed as a matter of urgency and safe access and egress is ensured in this area so close to the playground – including some form of safety barrier inside the park. "South East Area - TAG Meeting Minutes for Noting 30/10/2019 (Area Committee Date: 11/11/2019)

25 7011884 Yellow Box CLYDE LANE (SE) Dublin 4 requested safety measures at both entrances to Herbert Park on Clyde Lane.

Recommended Yellow Box on Clyde Lane at entrance to Herbert Park (Bowling Green end): At a point 2.5m on the south side of Clyde Lane opposite side of No. 21, Clyde Lane beginning at the south west gate post a junction box (M 121) to be lined north east for 2.57m

(across the entrance/exit) of Herbert Park. The junction box should extend 2.97m North West to edge of existing parking bay then for 2.57m south west ending at the south west gate post. Addition of two worded "SLOW" (M 114) road markings traversing Clyde Lane, both "SLOW" road markings should be 2.27m wide. The first "SLOW" to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m south west from the edge of new junction box. The other "SLOW" to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m north east from edge of the "SLOW".

Yellow junction box on Clyde Lane at entrance to Herbert Park (Tennis Courts end) to start at a point 2m north east on opposite side to property 8A, Clyde Lane beginning from the south west entrance/exit gate post to Herbert Park. To be lined for 2.57m north east (across the entrance/exit) of Herbert Park. The box junction to be extended 2.97m north west to edge of existing parking bay. Box junction to continue 2.57m south west before curtailing at the south west gate post.

Addition of two worded "SLOW" road markings traversing Clyde Lane, both "SLOW" road markings should be 2.27m wide. The first "SLOW" to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m south west from the edge of new junction box. The other "SLOW" to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m north east from edge of the "SLOW". The Parks Department have been requested to examine what measures may be appropriate on the Parks side"

**Reply:**

The substantial works being proposed by Roads and Traffic Department to address public safety concerns on Clyde Lane will be reviewed post completion to assess if additional measures are necessary to be undertaken within Herbert Park.

On 1st April 2021 the Road Lining Supervisor indicated that the above markings are in place.

**Q.25 Councillor Mary Freehill**

Would the manager please state why Palmerston Park is not in the ownership of DCC according to the LDA Assets database and would you state who is it registered to please.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is the full owner of Palmerston Park as successor in title to the Rathmines and Rathgar Urban District Council which was abolished in 1930.

The Land Development Agency State Asset Database is a Beta Project which is not yet a complete or accurate representation of State lands in Ireland. The information it currently contains is based on information supplied by the Property Registration Authority (PRAI) and is limited to properties currently registered with that authority.

Dublin City Council's title to Palmerston Park is not yet registered with the PRAI.

**Q.26 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if cycle parking can be provided at the lower end of Upper Rathmines Road, and/or outdoor seating outside café/bar units. I am notified by local business that double yellow lines outside all their businesses in upper Rathmines road "have appeared out of nowhere" This enquirer requests that Dublin city bikes extend to this area and some bike rails as there is nowhere for anyone to park their bikes in the area.

**Reply:**

At present the NOW dublinbikes scheme is being moved into a new unit within Environment and Transport. The new unit will be set up by the end of summer and will have responsibility for both the Station Bikes and the station less bike schemes such as Bleeper and Moby. This unit will look to see how bike sharing can be expanded across the city using a combination of mobility hubs and other aids to ensure bike sharing is more widely available.

The requested location at the lower end of Upper Rathmines Road, will be examined and if deemed appropriate, cycle parking will be installed in a future batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking.

**Q.27 Councillor Tara Deacy**

As you know speed limits have been recently changed and a "slow zone imposed" on a large number of roads in Dublin city.

Could you please tell me pursuant to what decision/ resolution did this happen?

Can you tell me when it happened? As it stands Garville Avenue Upper, Brighton Square and Brighton Avenue in Rathgar/ Terenure are part of this slow zone.

Brighton Road is not.

This has led to a very confusing RTA situation:

1. As one leaves Brighton Road moving onto Brighton Square there is no sign indicating to the driver that they are entering a slow zone or that the speed limit is changing;
2. As one leaves Brighton Road moving onto Terenure Road East there is a 50km sign suggesting that the speed limit is changing when in fact it is not (as Brighton Road is still currently 50km per hour);

Can you explain why Brighton Road is not included in the slow zone? There are three child care facilities on the road. The road has a huge amount of children cycling, scooting and in buggies to and from these facilities.

I am of the view that the current speed limit of 50km on Brighton Road is dangerous. There has been a dramatic rise in delivery vans during the pandemic. A van driving at 50km past a Montessori school is, in my view, highly dangerous. Can this be addressed as soon as possible?

**Reply:**

New Dublin City Council's Bye-Laws were adopted at the January 2020 Transportation Strategic Policy Committee. The intention of Dublin City Council's Transportation Department is to roll out 30km/h speed limits in all residential areas across the local authority. It is expected to complete the installation of signage by July 2021.

Under current Speed Limit Bye-laws 2020 Phase 4, the speed limit of 30km/h is applicable to Garville Avenue Upper, Brighton Square and Brighton Avenue.

With regard to Terenure Road, as it is an arterial road, this road is listed in the new "Proposal for Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit bye-Laws April 2021 Concept Design."

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Or representations in relation to these proposals may be made in writing and marked to "Speed Limit Review" Senior Engineer, Transport Operations, Environment & Transportation Department, Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, D08 RF3F.

With regard to points 1 and 2, the Road Safety Engineer will assess the area and the outcome of the inspection will be forwarded to the councillors in due course.

**Q.28 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I previously asked the manager to repaint and repair the lampposts on the following streets: Lismore Road, Ferns, Durrow Road, Aughavanagh Road, Glenealy Road, Rathdrum Road. Q20 November 2020 refers.

Received the reply:

We will examine the poles on Lismore Road, Ferns, Durrow Road, Aughavanagh Road, Glenealy Road, Rathdrum Road and if the poles on these roads are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to the list for future painting programmes subject to available finances.

Were the poles examined and when will they be repainted?

**Reply:**

The public lighting poles on Lismore Road, Ferns, Durrow Road, Aughavanagh Road, Glenealy Road and Rathdrum Road have been examined and they are on the list for painting.

All poles that are added to the list for the painting programme are painted in the order they were added to the list.

The poles on the roads this question refers to, will be painted in turn, following the order they were added to the painting list.

No timeframe can be provided at present for when the poles on these roads will be painted as all painting is subject to available finances and to the number of poles that are ahead of these ones.

**Q.29 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Further to 12/10/2020 Q.28 asking the manager if broken railings on the green space on Cashel Road could be replaced as people are using it as a way to illegally dump food on the green space and the hedge around the green on Cashel Road is cut back now that the nesting season is completed. Could this be followed up?

**Reply:**

Parks had plans to remove both the railing and the hedge some years ago but were met with resistance from some local residents which prevented the work commencing.

We will re-examine the situation over the coming period and report directly to the councillor.

**Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I raised the issue of illegal parking at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads. It was highlighted at the time that this would be monitored and if it were to persist further action would be taken. Locals have sent me photos on number of occasions and the issue has indeed persisted and in fact gotten worse. Can we now look at the installation of planters as was discussed as soon as possible so we can avoid a serious accident in the near future? - This is still a problem. Can we look at addressing this again?

**Reply:**

The Dublin Street Parking Services have been enforcing against illegal parking on the footpath at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads and this enforcement will continue as the issue is ongoing.

**Q.31 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask a manager to deal with this issue from a constituent on Ramleh Close, Milltown, Dublin 6. She writes:

"As can be seen from the photo attached below there is a 3/4 cm dip on the footpath and anyone could trip there.

Ramleh Close and Ramleh Park footpaths have become very neglected. They haven't been looked at in over 25 years. The area has a large older population the older residents feel obliged to walk on the road for safety reasons."



**Reply:**

An inspection of these footpaths has been carried out and defects found have been logged in our asset management system for repairs to be carried out.



**Q.32 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent, he writes:

"I am living on Strand Road Sandymount an area where many people visit to walk and enjoy the beautiful beach. I was hoping you could get some swift action from Dublin City Council on the provision of temporary Public Toilets throughout the city in this time of global pandemic. It was great to see this happen at the top of Grafton Street last summer however that is not nearly enough. We need public toilets in all our parks and areas of natural beauty. People want to get out and about and have no choice if caught short to urinate in public.

It is looking very likely we will have a spring summer 2021 of only meeting family/friends outdoors so people need to have a place to use a toilet.

It saddens me to see a toilet just up the road on Strand Road, Sandymount beside the Martello tower that requires 20 cent coin to use this one toilet cubicle. Surely budget can be found to provide some FREE public toilets. Just today I saw a distressed elderly man who could not manage to get the coin mechanism to work to open the door and he had to dash into the bushes to urinate.

I hear all the arguments that providing toilets will encourage people to gather and encourage anti-social behaviour. This is archaic thinking in the 21st Century. Extraordinary times call for people to rethink and reimagine our public spaces and act quickly."

City council cannot rely on private business bars, cafe, restaurants, hotels, service stations to provide toilets when many are closed ".

**Reply:**

Options are currently being assessed for the provision of temporary toilets during the summer months when retail and hospitality remains closed. The provision of permanent public toilets is a longer term proposal which will require significant funding and take time.

There are public toilets in Herbert Park and St Patricks Park which are free to the public. When construction re-commences, the Merrion Square Park tearooms which includes public toilets will also commence construction and the Bushy Park tearooms and public toilets is programmed for construction for next year.

The toilet at Sandymount promenade is under the supervision of Waste Management Services.

**Q.33 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue in relation to Dartry Park from a constituent,

She writes,

"I have heard that it is proposed to allow Ranelagh GAA Club to use that park regularly. I do not know if that is true - perhaps just a rumour. I have been at the park when Ranelagh GAA have been there. The number of people - and the number of cars - makes the park far too unpleasant for other users to enjoy it. I would be grateful if you could let me know if it is true that Ranelagh GAA will be permitted the regular use of the park.

If it is true, I should like to know -

- o what are the terms of the original grant of the land to Dublin City Council;
- o whether Ranelagh GAA can be given permission to use the park without any public consultation even though there is currently no pitch in the park;
- o how representations can be made not to permit the establishment of a pitch - or at least to permit its use only after 11 am to allow dogs use of the park until that hour.

Finally, I should like an opportunity to inspect the grant of the park land to Dublin City Council".

**Reply:**

It is intended to reinstate the pitch in Dartry Park which was in use up to three years ago. Applications for the letting of pitches for the coming season are in the process of finalisation, so it is not yet possible to confirm what team(s) will be allocated here.

Lettings are for league sanctioned matches which will determine the times of use.

Members of the public can make representations on this or any other issue relating to parks by contacting [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

The freehold owner of the subject land is St. Joseph's Society for Foreign Missions Incorporated. In 1949 Dublin Corporation acquired a 999 year lease of the property at an annual rent of one peppercorn (if demanded). The Council's Property Register records that the land was acquired "for the use of citizens of Dublin as a park". Unfortunately, the Property Register does not contain a copy of the document and notes that it has been missing for many years.

**Q.34 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issues from a constituent. She writes:

"Whilst out on walks around the Sandymount/Ballsbridge/Donnybrook/Baggot Street area recently, I am absolutely appalled at the huge number of overflowing DCC waste bins. Surely this is one of the DCC's most basic services? The need to have bins emptied is much more important than either a white water rafting or cycle track facility."

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have the litter bins in the above mentioned areas emptied every morning by our 6 am shift and in the afternoons by our Public Domain crews. On fine weather days some of the bins in these areas fill up quite quickly and both shifts try to carry out extra emptying of these bins when possible.

**Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to give details of the amount of grant funding from DCC to Marian College Swimming Pool to include all years since the commencement of funding, and the annual amounts.

**Reply:**

The council has supported the pool for many years and provides a grant to Marian College Pool of €30,000 pa in its annual estimates as a contribution to the running costs of the pool. From 2005 the payments have been as follows: 2005 €4,000, 2006 €4,500, 2007 €6,000, 2008 €6,000, 2009 €15,000, 2010 €15,000, 2011 €30,000, 2012 €15,000, 2014 €30,000, 2015 €30,000, 2016 €30,000 and 2017 €30,000.

The board has also received Covanta Community Gain Fund grants for improvements to the facility as set out below. However, the Covanta Community Gain Fund does not provide grant aid for day to day running costs of a facility. The council has also provided financial assistance for upgrading works and in the last three years the council has provided the following funding:

2018 - €44,625.00 - €30,000 Swimming Pool Grants, & €14,625 Community Grant

2019 - € 141,981- €30,000 Swimming Pool Grants. €45,000 contribution to works. €61,341 Covanta Community Gain Fund

2020 - €108,022.50 - €30,000 Swimming Pool Grants, & €78,022.50 Covanta Community Gain Fund/Project Grant scheme

The City Council agreed at its estimates meeting to increase its annual grant funding amount for Marian College pool by 100% to €60,000 pa in its 2021 estimates, the board are aware of

this and funding is available in the event that circumstances may allow the board to reconsider closing the pool.

The College has operated the swimming pool since 1966, the pool is available to the school during school hours and is also available to the general public, swimming groups, clubs and local community. The facility is also used by a number of other schools in the area. As the facility provides a significant resource to the local community and with the nearest Dublin City Council pool being Markievicz it is accepted that without access to this pool many schools, groups and general public would be at a significant loss. As is common with many stand-alone swimming pools it is difficult to cover the running costs of a swimming pool and provide admission charges that users can afford.

**Q.36 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can bollards or some other measure be added to the footpath on Windmill Road at side of Pearse Park to stop illegal parking on the path? The path is impassable for wheelchairs and buggies, particularly those using the local crèche.

**Reply:**

After a site visit the Area Engineer would not recommend bollards on this stretch of road. It is not current council policy to use bollards in such situations as they are not accident prevention devices and are not impact resistance. Bollards should only be considered to protect pedestrians in exceptional cases such as where the kerb is of equal height to the road way.

The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking on Windmill Road at the side of Pearse Park.

**Q.37 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the issues submitted with this Question to be examined and a response issued to this Councillor and the residents' group by the end of April and that, when allowed, an "onsite meeting would be held to progress these matters further.

- Re-Surfacing - while extremely thankful for the re-surfacing budget allocation, the Residents Association wondered if we could dovetail the Ashfield Rd & Ashfield Ave lane junction re-configuration with already authorised resurfacing works, either:
  - By temporarily putting in some soft landscaping material, contained in immovable containers (barrows/barrels) to create the same effect
  - Followed by permanent works in the next budget allocation (extending the footpath out on both sides to reduce this junction point to single lane), to traffic calm a junction that is being used by commercial traffic for daily commercial deliveries, daily waste collections (Keywaste/Citybin), and high volume restaurant Deliveroo collections, which traffic movement includes the reversal of commercial vehicles through the junction in a residential area at times when kids are walking to school.
- Litter – much of the litter in the area tends to congregate towards the bottom of Ashfield Road, reasons being – (1) litter from Keywaste/Citybin daily commercial wheelie bin pick-ups at the lane (2) litter blown up Ashfield Rd from Ranelagh Rd (wind tunnel effect). In contrast, the Devlin Hotel and Tribeca have their wheelie bin waste picked up on Ranelagh Road.
- Tree Map – the suggestion was we plot the existing trees on a Tree Map and make recommendations regarding:
  - Remove unsuitable trees (root system undermining footpaths) & replace with suitable trees (e.g. deep root systems)
  - Plant suitable new trees in suitable locations, particularly towards the bottom of Ashfield Road
  - Tree Map – insert later
- Pathways – as part of a future budget allocation:

- The pathways on the right hand side (even numbers) as you drive down Ashfield Road were reinstated circa 1991, and it was promised at the time that the opposite side (odd numbers) would be done subsequently, but this never happened.
- The latter (odd numbers) pathway is in poor shape, with kerbs too low in many places, with damaged kerb in other places, and tree root damage elsewhere.
- Foot-paths around the parking meter (beside lane), kerbs are badly damaged from commercial traffic turning/reversal movements
- An additional suggestion was that these pathway reinstatement works could be part of a pilot scheme to install power points for electric cars, as part of the Climate Action Plan.
- Traffic calming – road signage in several locations could be improved (1) access to Ashfield Rd from Ranelagh Rd needs improved signage to warn traffic it's a 1-way system (2) peak morning traffic from the top of Ashfield Road to Mornington Road is illegal until 10am, and this byelaw is breached daily.
- Yellow Box - the yellow box on Ranelagh Road opposite Ashfield Road is too small, and inhibits traffic turning right towards Sandford Road – solution is to add say 3m to the Yellow Box (Sandford Rd side)
- Counter Flow Cycle Lane to the bottom of Ashfield Road.

**Reply:**

The Litter Warden will monitor the situation with the commercial waste containers to ensure that they are presented and maintained correctly.

**Re-Surfacing.**

Ashfield Avenue (between Ashfield Road and Mornington Road) and Ashfield Road (between Beechwood Road and Ranelagh Road) are to be resurfaced as part of our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

The footpaths on Ashfield Road will be inspected and any defects found will be logged in our asset management system for repairs to be carried out.

**Litter.**

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels on Ashfield Road and arrange extra cleaning there when necessary.

With reference to the aforementioned “Resurfacing,” items; the road will have to remain wide enough to enable the turning movements of Waste management and emergency service vehicles. This matter however, has been referred to the Area Engineer who will conduct a site inspection to determine if additional measures are required.

With reference to “Traffic calming,” signage items; the existing No Entry Sign, RUS 050 signage and No Entry road marking, RRM 019, at the Ashfield Road / Ranelagh Road junction are the appropriate signage and road markings for this junction to warn vehicles not to enter beyond the location of the signage and markings. The existing No Straight Ahead Sign, RUS 011 with Period of Operation, Plate P 051, at the Ashfield Road / Mornington Road junction, are the appropriate signage for this junction to indicate to vehicles that traffic is restricted from proceeding straight from 7:00 – 10:00, Mon – Sat. Instances of noncompliance of the regulatory signage, is matter of enforcement under the law by the Gardaí.

With reference to the “Yellow Box”; this item has been referred to the Area Engineer who will conduct a site inspection of the Yellow Box at the Ranelagh Road / Ashfield Road junction.

With reference to the “Contraflow Cycle Lane”; Pay & Display and Permit Parking is in place from 7:00 – 24:00, Mon – Sat in the requested contraflow cycle lane location. A contraflow cycle lane is unable to be provided due to the road width being too narrow which would not facilitate a safe contraflow cycle lane.

The young street trees on Ashfield Road were pruned in 2019 and following a recent inspection are considered to be in good condition. If there is a particular issue regarding individual trees, please e-mail [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie) and we will arrange a further inspection and arrange a site meeting if necessary.

**Q.38 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the following ESB poles be painted as they are in a poor condition? If this is the responsibility of the ESB can the Area Manager request them to do this? Also can our own painting crews or contractors paint as many public lighting poles in the Dublin 12 area as possible?

- Outside [23 Ardagh Road](#)
- Outside [2 Armagh Road](#)
- Outside [63 Captains Road](#), Opposite [103 Captains Road](#), Outside [334 Captains Road](#), Outside [226 Captains Road](#)(Lorcan O' Toole Park)
- Outside 1 and 11 Derry Drive,
- Outside 40 Lorcan O Toole Park
- Outside [1A Park Crescent](#) ( Lorcan O Toole Park)
- Outside 48, [106A](#) and 159 Windmill Park

**Reply:**

The ESB will be asked to maintain the poles listed by the Councillor.

Pole 5 outside House 23 Ardagh Road is an ESB Networks pole. The painting of ESB poles is a matter for ESB Networks.

The poles on Armagh Road, Captain's Road, Derry Drive, Lorcan O'Toole Park, Park Crescent and Windmill Park referred to in the question are public lighting poles. We will examine these poles and if the poles on these roads are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to the list for future painting programmes subject to available finances.

**Q.39 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the manager to ensure that Kimmage/Rathmines gets its fair share of the promised new park bench allocation .That some of these, in addition to local parks such as Willie Pearse and Eamonn Ceannt be placed in non-park green spaces in the Crumlin/Kimmage area like Bangor Circle. Resident groups could assist in selecting locations.

**Reply:**

In response to Covid-19 Parks Service is considering the provision of additional seating. The selection of locations for seating requires careful consideration of several factors including the likelihood of anti-social behaviour such as street drinking and drug taking along with the associated issues of litter graffiti, and damage. We are currently examining a number of locations in the areas mentioned above.

**Q.40 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the manager to resolve the problem on St. Mary's Road of cars blocking the view of drivers exiting the Belfry estate. Cars are parking on the pathway - could bollards or some other preventative measure be used as enforcement does not seem to be working?

**Reply:**

The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking at the exit from the Belfry Estate on St Mary's Road.

This issue 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.41 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Could we look to have the presentation of the bottle and clothes banks improved outside Dolphin Fire Station? Could the litter bin that was removed for repair from this location also be replaced?

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have engaged Dublin based artists Creative Collective to animate bottle banks at highly visible locations around the city. The banks at Dolphins Barn were selected for animation late last year but the program was suspended in December due to the latest set of Covid restrictions. Creative Consultants have indicated their eagerness to restart the program and work at Dolphins Barn Fire Station is currently pencilled in for late April.

The general waste bin at Dolphins Barn Fire Station has been moved across the street to accommodate users of the canal walkway.

**Q.42 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Could the bins that were removed for repair from St. Mary's Road near bus stop / Old County Road (near DID) be replaced?

**Reply:**

Two new litter bins were installed on Old County Road near this location on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Q.43 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the playground gates be fixed & unlocked in Willie Pearse Park also can graffiti in the form of (details provided) be removed?

**Reply:**

The gates at this location have been repaired. The painter has visited the site to remove the graffiti.

**Q.44 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can our Parks Section outline the protocols that they undertake when placing rodent control boxes in our parks? Some users of Brickfield Park reported seeing such boxes in the park earlier this year. There is a concern among dog owners that their pets could be poisoned. Why was there no warning signage in place?

**Reply:**

Rodent control is carried out by an established and experienced contractor who is registered to ISO standards. Temporary signage is placed in the vicinity of rodent control boxes, which are inaccessible to dogs. Dogs are required to be under the control of owners at all time in parks.

**Q.45 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can DCC begin a process to take into charge a small piece of land located at the end of Kildare Road (see map)? This effective No Man's Land has a small ESB sub Station on it. It has been neglected by the owners and is a magnet for illegal dumping. Local community and residents groups are willing to tend to the land by creating a community garden or similar.

**Reply:**

This land is privately owned and DCC Parks Department/ Roads Department have indicated that they will not be taking it in charge. There is a requirement to maintain 24/7 access to the ESB substation on the site. There is also an access gate on the site to the rear of the shops on Sundrive Road which would also need to be maintained.

The Area Office will support local residents wherever possible to improve the look of this patch of land provided the residents obtain agreement from the property owner/leaseholder. A property search has revealed both the owners of the Freehold interest and Leasehold interest in the property. The leaseholder of the land is a person with whom the local residents have had dealings previously, and he may be interested in allowing the locals to access his property to do some work.

This site is inspected regularly by the Litter Warden/Public Domain Unit and will continue to be monitored.

**Q.46 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if a gully inspection can be carried out by the drainage department at 123 Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4 which continuously overflows following the accumulation of rain.

**Reply:**

The *Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division* cleaned the gully at this location on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. No defects or problems with the gully were identified. The gully has now been added to the Priority List whereby it will be cleaned every 4-6 weeks in future.

**Q.47 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if further to the passage of the South East Area motion number 22 on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 if at the request of Sandymount Tidy Towns and the Sandymount community he can provide additional bins on Sandymount Green and also an increased collection service on weekends and bank holidays.

**Reply:**

There are currently five standard sized litter bins in this compact village green, which historically has been sufficient to deal with normal levels of litter and rubbish being disposed of in the green. Currently Big Belly Bins are being sourced to replace some of these bins in order to increase capacity and have a more efficient litter collection regime.

However, elsewhere in the area a community group is leading a 'Leave No Trace' campaign for their local park. This has resulted in a discussion between members of the residents' association, both in person and via social media, with regular park users to encourage them to bring their waste home.

The initiative is being well received and has resulted in a dramatic reduction in litter being left in the park. Parks would be supportive if a similar initiative was considered in Sandymount Green to reduce litter in this very popular public space.

**Q.48 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if the following issues in Dartmouth Square can be investigated as set out in the email from details supplied to all councillors and a reply furnished.

"Dartmouth Square - Party Central March 2020-March 2021

1. Dumping household waste in our bins, general waste (beer bottles, coffee cups, dog poop bags and pizza boxes). On a regular basis over the weekends in particular we as neighbours had to go out and clean the streets with blue bags. We often had 10/12 bags hanging off the railings. The week before last I went out to find broken bottles thrown all over the ground. Coffee cups and rubbish. Decided I wasn't cleaning it up. When returned it was all still there with huge amounts of stuff on top. While I was off walking two people drove up to dump the bags from their car in our bin and another person put the contents of a shopping bag in the same bin, all raw meat.

The Committee got together and decided that we didn't want any more bins and we would try to get people to buy into Tidy Town's project "LEAVE NO TRACE". We are heading towards our third weekend and we are delighted with the response. We are getting nothing but positive feedback from people using the park.

We want the bin on the West side removed, bear in mind we had never requested a bin.

2. Key holder - This time last year DCC decided that they were withdrawing the man that opened/closed gates to the Park for financial reasons. DCC had only paid the guy a stipend. It was intended that all the gates would be left open on a permanent basis. This would be impossible here as we are so close to park and it poses security risk to all of us, children and cars, so we have been opening and closing the park ourselves. Bear in mind we as a community helped DCC buy back the park when they didn't have enough money in 2013. The amount paid equates to a quarter of the park. So will they give us back the money so we can employ someone to open and close the Park?

3. After the 2013 issues we were presented with a plan for large scale improvements in the square by Les Moore, since then we have to rattle everybody's cage to get the slightest thing done.

4. Car parked on the west side of Square for months no tax or insurance clamped and unclamped on a regular basis. Eventually they towed it away two weeks ago and its now back again on the north side of the square clamped again. No tax or insurance."

**Reply:**

The Public Domain Unit are working with Waste Management & local residents to promote their "Leave No trace" Initiative in Dartmouth Square.

Parks welcomes this initiative being proposed by ULSARA, the local resident's group, and support their engagement with park users to encourage them to 'Leave No Trace' while visiting the square. When the public take their litter home it frees up park staff to focus on horticultural tasks and promoting biodiversity in the city.

We encourage communities to use Public Park as much as possible. However, we are very aware that people have a variety of life which do not always allow them to use the park during official opening times and therefore where possible we facilitate 24/7 park opening times. Not only has this led to increased numbers using Parks but has reduced levels of anti-social activity and where this does occur it provides easier Park access for the Garda.

A number of park improvements works have been completed in recent years including in recent year to enhance the park which have included

**i)** Painting the perimeter railings & gates, **ii)** Undertaking work on the double gates to secure the park,, **iii)** Resurfacing footpaths, **iv)** Pruning of the large mature trees, **v)** Thinning and clearing of vegetation and replacement with appropriate tree and shrub planting , **vi)** Undertaking work on the dome in the Pergola, **vii)** Painting park benches, **viii)** Providing spring flowering bulbs in support of the community spring planting, **ix)** Lowering the Laurel hedge surrounding the lawn areas as requested by local residents.

Staff also liaise on an ongoing basis with members of ULSARA to discuss means of enhancing and improving the park.

No reports were received in relation to abandoned cars at this location.

As the car mentioned in the question was clamped, it would be a matter for Dublin Street Parking Services.

An inspection was carried out on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and no clamped or potentially abandoned vehicles were identified.

Abandoned vehicles should be reported to [customerservices@dublincity.ie](mailto:customerservices@dublincity.ie) and the matter will be investigated.

**Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area manager if the contents of this email from a resident on Strand Terrace, Milltown, Dublin 6 can be considered in full and a reply on the issues detailed given:

"I am writing in relation to some issues in my area of Strand Terrace in Milltown, Dublin 6. I know from speaking with my neighbours that the general consensus is that our little community has been all but forgotten by Dublin City Council. Having spent the majority of the last 12 months at home I can safely say that the only time I have seen a council worker on



the terrace is when I called myself to report a dangerous tree branch and even then it took multiple phone calls and emails before the issue was finally sorted out.

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 users 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:**

Unfortunately, illegal dumping continues to be problematic at recycling facilities across the city. Since the pandemic began, we have been experiencing unprecedented and extraordinary levels of recycling and illegal dumping. Despite regular servicing, bottle and especially clothes banks often refill within hours and unfortunately people continue to dispose of items illegally as a result.

Rehab/Glassco endeavour to service and clean all bottle bank locations on a daily basis. However, this is not always possible due to the sheer volume of glass that is currently being recycled. Waste Management Services personnel also attend the clothes and bottle banks

in Milltown Car Park on a daily basis, regularly clean the area, power wash the banks and continue to attend to reports of illegal dumping.

Waste Management Services have completed a review of our textile recycling service and are implementing a number of changes on a phased basis this year, including the removal of textile banks from the most problematic sites. Milltown Car Park has been identified as one such site and textile banks are scheduled for removal from this location in April.

Traffic measures are in place for vehicles exiting Strand Terrace and Milltown Road carpark onto Milltown Road. Guidance arrows are inside the car park in addition to a 'Stop' line and solid centre line on Strand Terrace. Additional line markings, however will be provided on Strand Terrace to direct vehicles into the Milltown Road carpark. Any requests for changes within the carpark are to be directed to the Parks Dept.

Isolated instances of speeding on Milltown Road are a matter of enforcement under the law by the Gardaí.

The walkway in question, which runs along the River Dodder from Strand Terrace to Clonskeagh Bridge is one of the most unique river walkways in the city and would not be out of place in any country village.

As such it needs to be managed to retain and enhance its unique character. This means retaining such 'weeds' which provide flowers that insects and butterflies can feed on and leaves which provide shelter and food for insect eggs and larvae. Instead of removing such vegetation, we wish to encourage it by not spraying chemicals and only cutting back at the appropriate time of year when plants have had the opportunity to self-seed for the next generation.

When the location was visited recently, there was only one small puddle visible on the upper walkway which did not appear to be causing any inconvenience to the many locals who were taking a morning stroll. Should it have caused an inconvenience it was possible to use the lower path at the water edge. The path surface has been improved over recent weeks and is generally in good condition.

There is a large branch over hanging the path at Scully's Field, but certainly not obstructing it. In fact, I overheard some people commenting on its uniqueness, as it forms a natural archway over the path. However, I will arrange to have the tree branch assessed by a tree surgeon to confirm its condition, and if required, undertake work to ensure that it remains safe.

The Dodder Action Group volunteer group undertakes great work in liaison with the Biodiversity Officer and that, in conjunction with work undertaken by the park staff, ensures that this unique walkway is retained for future generations.

**Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he could liaise with the Property Management Section with a view to waiving the licence fee for storage for details supplied for the duration of the pandemic.

**Reply:**

The Property Management Section has received many requests from lessees and licencees for rent and licence fee relief due to the effect on their businesses of the Covid-19 pandemic.

While each case is treated on its merits, the Property Management Section is adopting a sympathetic approach to the requests, and this licensee's request will be examined and dealt with on a similar basis.

**Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what housing options are available for details supplied. This tenant is currently 10 on the housing list and is down for a 4 bedroom house in the locality. They were recently advised to apply for a 3 bed instead, but they are concerned that this may affect their place on the list. Can the Area Manager please confirm whether changing requirements would affect the tenants placing on the list and when this family can hope to relocate to a house?

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with an application date of 15/03/2010, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area M	4	10

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list. Should the applicants wish to be considered for a 3 bed property they should make contact with the Allocations section who can discuss their options with them. Whilst the applicant would be added to the 3 bed list should they wish to do so, they would also remain on the 4 bed list. They would maintain their position on the 4 bed list and would obtain a position on the 3 bed list. The applicant's interest in Isolda Road and Leukos Road are noted on her file.

It may benefit the applicant to increase her areas of choice as it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday – Friday 2pm – 5pm) to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

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

The applicant may wish to register her interest in Homeswapper.ie and create an account with a view to liaising with other applicants seeking transfers. Should the applicant be successful in finding a match, and all criteria is satisfied, it may decrease their waiting time.

**Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager when will the tarmac on the pathway on Cuffe Street at the junction of Wexford Street (outside the burrito bar) be fixed, which was left by utility companies after a development there. The tarmac is uneven and unsightly and the flagstones should be replaced immediately.

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services Infrastructural Management Unit is liaising with Colt Telecom with respect to the permanent reinstatement of the pathway at Cuffe Street and Wexford Street. An update will be provided to the Cllr when that information is to hand.

**Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please take some action to address the ongoing issue of illegal dumping and litter problems from details supplied. Repeated complaints have been made by the residents and I have raised this issue before. No dumping signs were installed back in 2019, however the problem persists. Untagged rubbish bags are regularly dumped at the railway arches. Can the manager please outline what steps will be taken to address this issue? Can the Area Manager also arrange for an inspection of this property as neighbours seem to be concerned that this is operating as an AirBnb without permission?

**Reply:**

A complaint has been received by the Short Term Letting Unit alleging that the property at details supplied is being used for short term letting without the benefit of planning permission. This matter is currently under investigation.

An inspection of the property will take place as soon as Level 5 restrictions due to Covid 19 are eased.

Litter Wardens will monitor this location and will inspect any dumped bags for evidence. Fixed Penalty notices will issue in the event of evidence being found.

**Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please install double yellow lines along the residential side of Ringsend Road. Paid parking is currently permitted in front of all houses, and residents' access in and out of their driveways is often blocked off as a result of cars parking across them.

**Reply:**

This request 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.55 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following details supplied with retrofitting her home. This individual is elderly, relatively house bound and is struggling to keep warm due to very poor insulation in these houses.

**Reply:**

We note the request submitted by Councillor Byrne. Funding for the continuation of the retrofitting programme has only recently been announced so there will be a brief mobilisation period prior to works commencing.

As health and safety is paramount to Dublin City Council in the current pandemic, and as we will be working in occupied properties, we will initially be targeting end of terrace houses for upgrade works to minimise thoroughfare through the property in the interests of our tenants. The programme will be further developed as we progress through the year and the current pandemic and further information will be available in due course.

**Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the ongoing issue of damp and mould at the following address details supplied. The tenant has a 5 year old daughter who suffers from asthma and the mould is greatly affecting her health.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council had no prior knowledge of this maintenance issue. Following submission of this question by Councillor Byrne the issue has been logged and, subject to operational restrictions under Level 5 working conditions, arrangements will be made with the tenant to have an inspection carried out and any necessary works undertaken.

**Q.57 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide cleaning in the Grand Canal basin where there is a significant build-up of litter and, where necessary, to liaise with Waterways Ireland to allow for the same.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council are in regular contact with Waterways Ireland in relation to issues on the Grand Canal including the removal and management of litter and waste. We will continue to liaise with Waterways Ireland in this regard. The specific issues raised in respect of the location identified will be brought to the attention of Waterways Ireland.

**Q.58 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager about the possibility of improving lighting and installing CCTV along Sean O Casey Bridge. Residents have reported witnessing or being victims of very serious anti-social behaviour.

**Reply:**

The lighting on Sean O'Casey Bridge is integral with the design of the bridge and any improvement can only be done by retrofitting with brighter lights or by additional lighting outside the bridge. There is no certainty that this will deter anti-social behaviour.

The installation of CCTV for crime deterrence would be a matter for An Garda Síochána.

**Q.59 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager that South Lotts receive information on the follow on impact of the Strand Road cycle trial and to install speedometers along South Lotts Road in advance of the trial.

**Reply:**

An assessment will be made as to whether speed monitoring is required on South Lotts road for the Strand Road trial. This is dependent on the outcome of the High Court judicial review case.

**Q.60 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to improve bin facilities between Londonbridge Road and Fitzwilliam Quay. There is a significant increase in foot traffic and litter. Further if the manager could replace the barcode on the existing bin along that route as it has been removed.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have a litter bin at the green area/entrance to the walkway between Londonbridge Road and Fitzwilliam Quay. We also have another litter bin at the Londonbridge Road end of this walkway. These are considered ample based on observation on emptying for this location. We will have the bins in this area checked and any missing bar codes replaced.

**Q.61 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager what plans are in place for increased collections at bins in the area over the summer.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have the litter bins in the above mentioned area emptied every morning by our 6 am shift and in the afternoons by our Public Domain crews. On fine weather days some of the bins can fill up quite quickly and both shifts carry out extra emptying of these bins when necessary.

**Q.62 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to outline a summer plan for dealing with anti-social behaviour in Portobello Harbour.

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office engages proactively with An Garda Síochána regarding anti-social behaviour in Portobello Harbour and the Gardaí have devoted significant time and resources to deal with this issue.

Because of the current lockdown restrictions every public park and public space in the city has been under pressure with many people out and about particularly when the weather is fine.

We are about to launch an awareness campaign focussing on outdoor drinking and the impact on residential communities in the vicinity of Portobello and also on the environment by the Grand Canal. This campaign is a collaboration between the South East Area Office, An Garda Síochána, Waterways Ireland and Portobello Tidy Towns and the key message will be that it is not acceptable to drink outdoors in a public place.

**Q.63 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager for an update regarding the installation of planters at Whelan O Rahilly House.

**Reply:**

The Community Development Team have been liaising with environmental groups in both Whelan House and O'Rahilly House. Planter boxes were offered. However, only two were requested, for the front of O'Rahilly House. These will be in place mid-April. Both groups have provided a list of requirements including summer bedding, shrubs, soil, soil enricher and gardening equipment which are all on order from our suppliers. The Community Development Team will maintain close linkages with the groups.

**Q.64 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to install more bins along the Irishtown Nature Park and walk towards Poolbeg lighthouse and to increase cleansing as litter is building up during the good weather. Similarly if signage around litter could be installed.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will assess the above mentioned locations to see whether an increase in the frequency of emptying existing litter bins is required there or the actual provision of extra litter receptacles. We will keep the matter under continuous review. Our Litter Prevention Officer will arrange for some litter signage.

**Q.65 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide for cleansing at the unoccupied property at the corner of R111 and R802 beside the Maxol Station near Sean Moore Park or to engage with those responsible for the property. Litter has become an increasing problem in the area.

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to have this matter investigated by a litter warden.

The owner of this site has been previously identified and written to on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to ask them to clear up the site. To date there has been no response.

The main issues with this site are the graffiti and the extensive weed growth. Litter is not a significant issue here.

The owner will be contacted again to clear up the area when Covid 19 restrictions permit.

**Q.66 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager for an update regarding works at the IGB site and whether wildlife surveys need to be carried out on the site.

**Reply:**

On 28th January 2020, planning permission was sought and granted for the provision of essential infrastructure including streets, transportation, water services and utilities infrastructure and for the development of a new public realm and public amenity spaces on the former IGB and Fabrizia sites to facilitate Phase 1 development as provided for under the approved Poolbeg West SDZ Planning Scheme (PWSDZ3270/19).

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was submitted with the application. As part of the preparation of the EIAR, ecological surveys were carried out to record the baseline conditions within the extent of the proposed development including surveys of habitats, non-native invasive plant species, mammals, bats, breeding birds and wintering birds over a period of between July 2018 and March 2019. Potential significant impacts arising from the proposed development including construction impacts were identified and mitigation proposed. Any future applications will build on the surveys and mitigation proposed as part of this parent permission.

**Q.67 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if information is available to Dublin City Council on the timeline for repairs to the damaged brick wall between the canal and the footpath opposite numbers 26-31 Dolphin Road. The wall was damaged in a presumed road traffic collision in June 2020 and presents a clear danger to the public if it were to collapse on to the canal tow path below. While repairing the wall may be the responsibility of Waterways Ireland it is incumbent on Dublin City Council to ensure this work is done as soon as possible. Waterways Ireland has been made aware of the damage.

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services will make contact with Waterways Ireland on this issue to verify that repair works are being planned by Waterways Ireland.

**Q.68 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the wait time at the signalised pedestrian crossing opposite Monto Cafe, at 45 Sundrive Road, can be reviewed with a view to reducing it to eliminate a potential pinch point for pedestrians.

**Reply:**

A similar query was received by a member of the public on the 15/03/21 and the junction was reviewed by an ITS Officer. This junction is on our Traffic Management System SCATS. Adjustments were made to the timing settings in order to reduce the pedestrian wait times. These changes have since been monitored. On Tuesday the 30/03/21 the pedestrian push button was demanded a total of 280 times over the course of the day. The average wait time for the green man was 10 seconds and maximum wait time was 38 seconds. The wait time can vary from junction to junction depending on the number of arms and phases that junction contains. The pedestrian wait time also depends at what point the pedestrian demand is activated during the cycle. We will continue to monitor this junction and make changes where appropriate.

**Q.69 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if something can be done to prevent the continuous double parking of cars and other vehicles at the junction of Kimmage Road Lower and Sundrive, which often leads to drivers turning left off Sundrive having to abruptly swerve to avoid double parked cars that are not in their sight line as they round this bend. The road markings and facilitation of double parking at this busy junction also presents a clear danger to cyclists and pedestrians with reduced visibility.

**Reply:**

The junction of Kimmage Road and Sundrive Road will be assessed by the Area Engineer. The Engineer will carry out a site visit to see what safety measure that can be put in place near the traffic signals on Kimmage Road Lower.

Parking Policy and Enforcement will ask an inspector to review the parking at the junction of Kimmage Road and Sundrive Road for illegal parking and ask the Dublin Street Parking Services to enforce against any illegal parking at this location.

**Q.70 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if an area within Palmerston Park can be identified and set aside to accommodate outdoor exercises such as Park Hitt or outdoor yoga. The large, open green area in the eastern area of the park is frequently crowded, lends itself to ball games, and often has dogs running off lead. Local instructors have expressed an interest in having a low-traffic space to hold outdoor classes in line with ongoing restrictions.

**Reply:**

Palmerston Park is a very busy and popular local park. Those who wish to partake in organised exercise events in the park may apply for a permit by contacting Parks via e-mail at [parkevents@dublincity.ie](mailto:parkevents@dublincity.ie).

Currently permits are issued only in compliance with current Covid-19 restrictions.

**Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if additional dog fouling bins can be provided in Rathmines, namely at Grosvenor Square, Mount Drummond Square and Grosvenor Lane where the dumping of bagged dog poo is an issue of increasing concern to residents.

**Reply:**

The Waste Management Services division no longer installs dog foul specific bins as our experience is that these bins do not offer the capacity required to manage the level of use where they have been supplied. The preference is for the installation of standard public litter bins that can cater for all types of litter generated and provide adequate capacity for the level of use required.

This area will be surveyed to identify appropriate locations for the provision of standard litter bins and provide for installation in a suitable location.

**Q.72 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the visual appearance of the large concrete islands at the fork of Kildare Road and Clogher Road can be improved or enhanced, perhaps with planters or other greenery.

**Reply:**

This area is under consideration for a planting /greening upgrade. Parks Service will contact the area office with a view to identifying a suitable source of funding.

**Q.73 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if Rutland Grove can be assessed for inadequate street lighting with a view to improvement, as residents find it to be poorly lit at night.

**Reply:**

The lighting was assessed on Rutland Grove and we consider the lighting here to be lit to an acceptable standard. We will however, arrange to re-lamp the existing lights where required.

**Q.74 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update on the South Dublin Quietway. The route did not appear on the report: Update on the Implementation of Proposed Cycling Projects - a 5 Year Cycling and Walking Plan (item 16 on the March monthly council meeting agenda). Can the area manager confirm it is still this council's intention to undertake a consultation on this route and ultimately deliver it?

**Reply:**

A response will be issued by the end of April.

**Q.75 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent. He writes:



"I am a resident of Waterloo Lane and have recently been delighted to learn that funds have been allocated for the badly needed resurfacing of the lane from Leeson St to Burlington Road. An issue that I, and many residents on the lane, feel strongly about is the high speeds at which many 'rat-running' vehicle travel which poses a constant and serious risk to residents, in particular the many young children. I have 3 children under 4 years old. If it is not already part of the plan, I strongly request that some traffic calming measures like speed bumps be included as part of the resurfacing project and ask you to make representations to the appropriate persons/department in the city council."

**Reply:**

A speed restriction of 30km/h is set in place on Waterloo Lane and currently, there is existing 30km/h signage located at the entrance of Waterloo Lane, at the Leeson Street Upper / Waterloo Lane junction. A speed survey will be recommended. At the completion of the speed survey assessment, the Area Engineer will advise if further traffic calming measures are required.

**Q.76 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent. He writes:

- "To briefly outline our proposal we would like to place our health food trailer (picture attached), serving tea, coffee, acai berry bowls, smoothies, and various baked good in the area of Sandymount beach. We would ideally open 7 days a week from 8 am to 5pm, but these hours are subject to change to be in line with the priorities of the council.
- Our offerings are procured through local producers and small business, with whom we already have a strong network. Our mission is to support our local community through good quality healthy food and to provide them with a wholesome and healthy experience.
- As the Corona virus has changed the landscape of trade, we believe now is the perfect time to provide the option for outdoor Covid-friendly grab and go healthy treats and hot beverages, in the manner which has already been executed by a number of businesses throughout Dublin, but as of yet not done on Sandymount beach.
- Our business will be eco-friendly with biodegradable packaging and sustainably sourced ingredients, as well as seasonal offerings procured from our local vendors."

**Reply:**

Under the current Casual Trading Byelaws there is only one designated trading pitch on Sandymount promenade. The pitch is designated for the sale of tea/coffee and light hot and cold snacks between the hours of 7am – 6pm Monday to Saturday.

This pitch is currently occupied and there is a long waiting list. In order to go on the waiting list an expression of interest form which is available on the website must be completed and returned to the Licensing Unit at Ground Floor, Block 4, Civic Offices or emailed to [casualtrading@dublincity.ie](mailto:casualtrading@dublincity.ie)

**Q.77 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the utility boxes at [212 Bangor Road](#) and at the junction of Leighlin/Bangor Road be painted as part of the utility box decorative scheme?

**Reply:**

The utility boxes mentioned by the Councillor are not Dublin City Council property. The only boxes that would be considered for artwork with Dublin Canvas would be Traffic Control boxes. This box is the property of Virgin Media.

The list of Traffic boxes (15) for 2021 has been submitted to Dublin Canvas to look for artists to cover.

