

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st April 2021

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether there are any additional public convenience amenities planned to be provided throughout the city including at recreational areas in the near future.

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.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.

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Q2 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it would be possible to install double yellow lines on the road that leads to Irwin Court, Kilmainham, Dublin 8. This street is constantly filled with parked cars and residents suspect that the cover the cars provide leads to increased anti-social behaviour, such as drug use.

Reply

The Area Engineer will carry out an assessment of Irwin Court and establish whether the installation of Double Yellow Lines will improve the road conditions in the area. The matter of anti-social behaviour would be a matter for An Garda Síochána. Residents would be encouraged to report any anti-social behaviour to their local Garda station

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group

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Q3 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services the status of a derelict dwelling on Mallin Avenue in Dublin 8 (*details supplied*). Is this site on the derelict sites register, what action has been taken by DCC to bring it back into use and can a statement be made on the matter?

Reply

The Derelict Sites Unit does not have an active file on this site. The Unit will arrange for an inspection of the site and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

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Q4 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if an assessment of the Ceannt Fort estate, off St. James's Street in Dublin 8, can be carried out by Dublin City Council to determine

whether this estate can obtain Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) status. The local residents' association is keen to mark the 100th anniversary of the estate in 1923 and the forthcoming City Development Plan offers an excellent opportunity to recognise the estate's unique architectural character and cultural heritage. Can an assessment be carried out and a timeline for a response be provided?

Reply

As the councillors are aware, in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Dublin City Council is conducting a review of the existing Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 and preparing a new Dublin City Development Plan 2022 -2028.

The recent Public Consultation phase has now drawn to a close. A review of all written submissions will be considered with regards to future ACA work to be undertaken over the lifetime of the new City Development Plan. Submissions made will be considered as part of the review of the ACA programme outlined in the current Development Plan including the area of Ceannt Fort.

While the Development Plan review is taking place, it is not intended that any new ACAs will be prepared, as resources within the Conservation Section are diverted to working on the Draft Development Plan, as well as the other duties which must be undertaken within the Conservation Section.

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Q5 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm whether a 5-aside football pitch will form part of the final plans for the Emmet Road (St. Michael's Estate) regeneration.

Reply

The provision of a 5-aside pitch is not feasible on the Emmet Road site. Consideration has been given to providing a pitch on the site but due to various design constraints this site is not a suitable location.

Dublin City Council are committed to providing a pitch for the community. A number of locations have been identified that may be suitable to locate a pitch. Dublin City Council are currently examining the feasibility of the various options.

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Q6 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if an audit can be carried out of DCC playing pitches/kickabout areas across the South West Inner City determining:

- a) how frequently they are used;
- b) by what groups they are used;
- c) whether these spaces are suitable for organised team football; and
- d) the extent, if any, of anti-social behaviour associated with these playing pitches.

A number of DCC-owned playing pitches/kickabout areas have, in my view, been mismanaged and allowed fall into poor condition, including: the pitch at Michael

Mallin House (Vicar St), Oisín Kelly Park (Basin Lane) and the pitch adjoining the Inchicore Community Sports Centre. The partnering of DCC and Oliver Bond Celtic is an example of where community engagement and ownership can enhance the use of a public playing pitch.

Reply

As per Government Covid-19 Restrictions there are no organised sports or training sessions allowed on any of Dublin City Council pitches.

Michael Mallin Pitch is an urban sports to accommodate both football and basketball. The pitch is currently in good condition, and was recently shortlisted as a possible venue for an urban basketball competition to be organised by Basketball Ireland in the future should Government restrictions allow. It is currently used on a daily basis by local residents and no anti-social behaviour has been reported in recent times. In the future, to facilitate nearby construction work, the pitch will be temporarily reduced in size but upon completion restored to its original size and the facilities upgraded. The Michael Mallin House Residents Group have a positive working relationship with Dublin City Council.

Oisín Kelly Park Playing Pitch in Basin Street is rarely used and has suffered from anti-social behaviour mainly broken glass and fires. There is a lack of community leadership and involvement in Basin Street.

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Q7 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services what percentage of the reported €8m National Children's Hospital development contributions will be allocated towards development of the Linear Park, which has yet to receive any confirmation of funding.

Reply

Development contributions collected are not allocated to specific projects associated with the area in which the development is situated. The €7.3M development contributions paid on this development will be used to part fund the citywide capital works program agreed by the City Council.

Contact: Avril Feeney, Administrative Officer, Planning & Development

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The proposals for the linear park as presented to the Area Committee are to be implemented in phases with the first phase ready to commence as soon as construction restrictions due to covid 19 are lifted. Funding for this work will come from DCCs capital programme.

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Q8 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if wraparound pedestrian crossings can be added to the junction of Parnell Rd/Clogher Rd (Sally's Bridge – photo attached). This junction, like the rest of the Grand Canal, has become a very popular destination for walkers and joggers throughout COVID-19 and the lack of pedestrianisation makes this particular section of the canal dangerous.



Reply

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Section in conjunction with the NTA are working on the design of the South Grand Canal Cycleway & Footway. As part of the project, the Parnell Rd/Clogher Road junction will be upgraded to provide wrap around pedestrian crossings. The design is advanced and we intend to commence construction in Q4.

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Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the completion of the powder coated railings at Myra Close? A low base wall was erected several weeks ago that now attracts drinking youths.

Reply

The railings for Myra Close are under construction at this time. Dublin City Council anticipate that they will be ready for installation within the next two weeks

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Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to have the gates at St. Catherine's park open earlier than 10am to allow recreational use for local residents?

Reply

St Catherine's Park has been closed to facilitate landscape improvement works, but due to the current level 5 restrictions due completion of these works have been delayed. It is hoped that with the easing of restrictions the works can recommence and the park be reopened.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q11 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for an inspection and report on hazardous parking at the junction of SCR/Old Kilmainham at 4 star pizza.

Reply

Parking Policy and Enforcement will ask an inspector to inspect the parking at this junction and review the situation to determine what may need to be done to address any parking issues.

Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement.

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Q12 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services when flat pack collapsible containers for the accommodation of residential waste bags at Pimlico is to be trailed?

Reply

With regard to potential trial of collapsible containers for residential waste bags, the Award of Contract notice has not yet been issued on e-tenders. We are currently in discussions with the preferred bidder regarding a project plan and trial stage.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services

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Q13 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that we welcome the successful regeneration of St.Teresa's Gardens and to install street trees at Margaret Kennedy Road that will contribute to the liberties greening strategy?

- 22 Trees have been planted along Margaret Kennedy Road
- Front gardens of all properties planted with shrubbery
- Tree's & shrubbery planted in the courtyard of Margaret Kennedy Court
- It is also the intention for the proposed park to have trees along the railed boundary with Margaret Kennedy Road.

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The Housing and Community Services Department as part of the regeneration of St Teresa's Gardens have installed trees along Margaret Kennedy Road. The Local Area Office will continue to liaise with the Parks Department and other stakeholders in regards to Margaret Kennedy Road's contribution to the Liberties greening strategy.

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Q14 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to provide members with a summary of the report commissioned by DCC and completed by Conservation Architects in early 2000's that included 92/93 Francis Street which, following recent planning refusal, is now mostly demolished.

The RPS database of the Conservation Section has been checked without identifying a report from the early 2000's relating to 92/93 Francis Street. Other built heritage files and databases are now being checked, including those in City Architects.

A conservation report on 93 Francis Street was prepared by John Coughlan Associates in 2008 for the deletion of the building from the Record of Protected Structures under the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017. The structure was deleted from the RPS in accordance with the statutory process for the preparation of that Development Plan.

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Q15 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services what are the plans for the reopening of community centres in SWIC?

Reply

Dublin City Council is subject to public health guidelines in relation to the provision of all services including community centres. This is under constant review to enable Dublin City Council to prepare and deliver service provision as public health guidelines allow.

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Q16 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services what foreseeable opportunities exist that would shorten and alleviate the decade plus timescale for the regeneration at Oliver Bond House? Furthermore, have the interim improvement works been decided upon and is the funding secured?

Reply

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its four-stage capital approval process.

The Housing and Community Services Department (DCC) is presently in the process of preparing a Stage 1 submission with regards to securing initial project approval for the redevelopment of Oliver Bond. The Housing and Community Services Department will explore all opportunities to expedite the regeneration process of Oliver Bond House.

In the interim a programme of work is being progressed on Oliver Bond Complex. Interim improvements include work on Tree Pits to provide colour and greening for the area, construction of new Bin Stores and provision of recycling bins, the addition of a playground subject to site suitability, road improvement in the complex, painting

of the exterior railings and exterior of the complex, new parking arrangements and the cleaning of gutters and subject to agreement with the Oliver Bond Football Club, Oliver Bond Residents Group and Dublin City Council, improvements to the Oliver Bond Football Pitch will be further progressed. Funding for these works has been secured.

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Q17 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on negotiations with the owner of the railed pocket park at Rialto Cottages in order that it can be productively enjoyed by residents who will provide much needed TLC to transform this space?

Reply

The owner of the site has not responded to correspondence issued to her from the City Valuers Office. We will write to her again and also to her last known solicitors, with a view to commencing negotiations. In tandem with these actions, we will prepare a valuation of the plot.

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Q18 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to organise for Dublin City Council to remove the tree at (*details supplied*).

Reply

Dublin City Council has visited this site and inspected the tree. While it is not the responsibility of the City Council to remove trees from tenants properties, in this case Dublin City Council will oblige by removing the tree and are in the process of engaging a contractor to carry out the works on our behalf.

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Q19 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the serious dampness at (*details supplied*) which has been an issue for 5 years. The tenant was promised heating for her hallway by DCC but this was not followed through. Can you organise for DCC to install this heater and confirm a date for insulation of the house?

Reply

Dublin City Council has received a request for a new radiator for the hall in the last two weeks, the depot will liaise with the tenant to make arrangements to have the works carried out.

Funding for the continuation of the Retrofitting programme has recently been announced and there is a brief mobilisation period prior to works commencing. The programme however will be developed and further information will be available in due course.

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Q20 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask for an update on the DCC cycle strategy for D10 & D12 and what is the timeframe for engaging with residents and stakeholders to develop this strategy?

Reply

Dublin City Council will be engaging with Area Committees and local communities throughout 2021 to develop a Walking & Cycling Action Plan. The purpose of the plan is as follows:

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- To increase the number and diversity of people walking and cycling in Dublin City;
- To inform the new City Development Plan;
- To align with new City Centre Transport Study.

It is intended that the Action Plan will set out succinct actions to identify, prioritise, design and implement safe, accessible and attractive walking and cycling infrastructure networks and strategies and initiatives to support and encourage modal shift.

This Action Plan will be developed by using a collaborative community-based approach to engage, inform, listen, and co-create solutions.

The Covid Mobility Request Form, which was established in May last year provides some rich data as to what walking and cycling measures are being sought in all areas. We are currently working with UCD to create a heat map of these requests. This heat map plus maps of existing cycle facilities (currently being collated by the NTA) and maps of planned cycle facilities (see NTA website for full list of locations in DCC; <https://www.nationaltransport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-Issued-Allocations-Final.pdf>), will provide the starting point for engagement with Area Committees. It is expected that all 3 maps will be available in June.

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Over the next five years, Dublin City Council will undertake the planning and implementation of 140km of cycling and walking infrastructure. This includes 55km spread across 27 existing projects and 85km spread across 31 new projects. In the Dublin 10 and Dublin 12 areas, the following projects are proposed:

- Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse Bridge to Portobello) (existing project).
- Naas Road to Inchicore (JFK Industrial Estate to Emmet Road via Tyrconnell Road) (new project).
- Harold's Cross to Ballymount (Clogher Road to Kimmage Road West via Sundrive Road and Stannaway Road) (new project).

As project teams are set up over the next six months, these three projects will be assessed, in conjunction with the city's overall project portfolio, in order to develop a

programme for delivery. Initial requests have been made to the HR Department so that sanction can be obtained to begin recruitment. However, as no project teams have yet been assigned to any of these projects, it is not possible to give a timeframe for stakeholder consultation at this time.

Further cycling and walking infrastructure is proposed in the Dublin 10 and Dublin 12 areas by the BusConnects programme along the following core bus corridors:

- Lucan to City Centre (Chapelizod Bypass).
- Liffey Valley to City Centre (Ballyfermot Road & Sarsfield Road).
- Clondalkin to Drimnagh (Long Mile Road).
- Greenhills to City Centre (Walkinstown Road, Drimnagh Road, Bunting Road & St. Mary's Road).

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Q21 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services what plans have DCC to include residents, voluntary services and community groups in the structures for delivering the Cherry Orchard LAP?

Reply

As a key landowner and local authority of the Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP area, Dublin City Council is committed to engaging with the community and wider stakeholders in the delivery of the local area plan objectives. Different projects will bring together different sectoral interests and residents depending on the nature of the project. Later this year DCC's Park Department proposes to commence a consultation process regarding Objectives CS1 and CS2 to redesign and enhance the sporting provision of Cherry Orchard Park. This particular process will involve a wide community input, including City Council members, local residents, sporting groups, parish, school and Department of Education and Skills. Also this year it is proposed to bring a Part 8 process forward for the development of Site 1. As each of these projects commences members of the South Central Area Committee will be consulted and opportunities for consultation will be agreed. The implementation of the LAP is a 6-10 year project and throughout this process there will be various and different opportunities for the local community to engage in this process.

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Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to ensure that Spiddal Park is cleaned up on a regular basis?

Reply

Parks are satisfied that the maintenance of the above mentioned park is carried out to a satisfactory standard. The councillor will be aware that Parks have ceased spraying weeds and there has been a resulting increase in weed growth generally. Traditionally herbicide would be used to control weeds growing between paving setts, as is the case in Spiddal Park. Parks will arrange to power wash the paved area as a more permanent solution to the weeds at this location.

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Q23 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services if there is any update on plans or improvements to key junctions relating to the proposed Linear Park in Rialto - specifically at Rialto Bridge and Suir Road? If the junctions fall under the remit of the Traffic Department, has the department been approached to improve the crossings for pedestrians and cyclists at these points?

Reply

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Section in conjunction with the NTA are working on the Suir Road pedestrian crossing as part of the South Grand Canal Cycleway & Footway. The design is advanced and we intend to commence construction in Q4.

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Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please indicate what way an old disused lane-way at (*details supplied1*) should be legally divided. There is confusion that part of the lane which is to the front, was built upon by the previous owner of the house however the adjoining neighbour in (*details supplied2*) feels the lane-way should have being offered for purchase to both houses. In addition, if the lane is still in the ownership of DCC, who is responsible for the cleaning of weeds, trees etc which are now growing in the old back section of the lane-way.

Reply

If the owners of houses abutting a disused laneway wish to incorporate it into their properties the Council would be usually prepared to dispose of it evenly to each party or otherwise in accordance with any agreement reached between the parties. Any such disposal would be subject to checking for the existence of drains and water mains running underneath the land and would require the statutory approval of the Elected Members.

In the case of (*details supplied*) it would appear that the householders took it upon themselves at a date unknown to incorporate the front portion into their properties as there is no record of an approach by either to acquire the laneway from Dublin City Council in advance of doing so.

Aerial imagery shows that a large shed has been constructed across the full width of the midpoint of the laneway. It is not clear which householder carried out this work but imagery confirms that it was done beyond the time limit within which the Council could take any action. The rear portion of the former laneway would appear to remain separate from both gardens but as it is now completely landlocked it is not possible for Dublin City Council to access it for the purpose of maintenance. Dublin City Council would be amenable to regularise the title position with regard to that rear portion but this would be dependent on an agreement being reached between the householders on the division of the land.

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Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look into this urgent issue. That the large section of concrete footpath outside (*details supplied*) that the lip of this repair, that was done a few years ago is standing proud of the existing path approximately 20 mm. I had my young daughter of 13 fall here recently whilst we were putting out leaflets for a community clean up. She gashed her knee, however she will heal. There are a number of older persons living along here for whom a fall could have totally altered their lives; in addition there is a tree stump here for the past few years awaiting removal.

Road Maintenance carried out an inspection of the footpath today and the defect at this location has been allocated to our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer

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Parks can arrange for the stump to be removed and request that paving carry out repairs to the footpath.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please look at the very badly repaired footpath outside (*details supplied*) This footpath is a serious accident waiting to happen if not properly re-instated as a matter of urgency.

Reply

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has notified Irish Water on March 15th 2021 of the defective temporary reinstatement and requested the repair of same at the address specified. Irish Water are currently experiencing a high volume of emails recently and have not provided an update on repair. Road Maintenance Services will provide an update once received from Irish Water.

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Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please ask Irish Rail why it is deemed necessary to use the major air horns along the Dublin - Cork mainline railway, which backs along Cloverhill Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 all the time. I recently had two residents tell me of the constant noise from the locomotives and one resident recorded the noise. It is having a major impact on the lives of people who live along this railway line. I would be very grateful if Irish Rail could be asked why and what efforts are they going to take to reduce / stop this practice.

Reply

Irish Rail have given a holding response pending a further investigation. A whistle board is located here and the horn is to alert patrolling staff to trains at full linespeed

approaching the bridge at Le Fanu Road. Public Domain will update Cllrs with a full response when it issues.

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Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ask our adjoining local authority South Dublin Co Council, to cut back a tree growing from the Gaels Park Drumfinn Avenue, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. The tree is growing in the park right next to the boundary of (*details supplied*) this is creating all sorts of anti-social problems for the lady who lives here on her own. I would ask they cut back the tree in question if possible.

Reply

This request has been passed on to South Dublin Parks Department for their attention.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services, where a lane-way was closed to through pedestrian traffic many years ago, and still owned by Dublin City Council, who is responsible for substantial organic growth of weeds, trees etc in these lane-ways?

Reply

The Public Domain Officer will contact the councillor to seek clarification on the issue.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area

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Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services, that as part of the new Dublin City Development Plan, that areas like Drimnagh and Crumlin are prioritised for proper sustainable development, taking into consideration the existing communities and that the community leaders / residents groups are consulted in a timely manner. All stages of the said groups to be kept informed of developments and that community infrastructure is firmly seen as a core part of all such proposals.

Reply

The City's urban villages including locations such as Drimnagh and Crumlin are at the heart of residential communities. They function to serve the needs of the local communities providing a range of commercial and community uses for surrounding communities.

The next development plan will identify a hierarchy of urban centres outside of the City centre including those urban villages which provide for the daily shopping needs and local services of a residential community.

It is acknowledged that locations such as Drimnagh and Crumlin have the potential to fulfil the '15 Minute City' role. Those elements of the '15 Minute City' concept, such as

compact urban and mixed use development, higher urban densities, viable commercial cores with a comprehensive range of high quality community and commercial facilities and high quality urban environments, and high levels of access to quality public transport / the development of sustainable transport modes, will be recommended for inclusion in the next Development Plan. The plan will also consider how appropriate community, cultural and social infrastructure will be delivered to serve the needs of communities.

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Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Traffic Department to please look at the various junctions along Drumfinn Road, Ballyfermot for serious potential accidents. This area is a hub with 3 schools, Garda Station, Youth Reach Partnership and many shops and services. However the parking here has now gone mental with cars and vans parking at the corners. For example, Gurteen Road and Drumfinn Road you need to get half way out to see oncoming traffic if turning from Gurteen Park onto Drumfinn Road, due to the corner area being blocked with traffic. It's the same at Drumfinn Park on both sides entering Drumfinn Road, I have seen some minor accidents happening here all because of this poor parking at junctions. I would ask it be addressed with double yellow lines, street signage etc.

Reply

The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking on Drumfinn Road at the junctions with Gurteen Road, Gurteen Park and Drumfinn Park, Ballyfermot.

Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement.
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The Traffic Advisory Group will assess the junctions along Drumfinn Road to make sure that the appropriate road markings and signage are in place. Ref. No. 7019918.

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Q32 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to add cycle parking at the Walkinstown Green
53°19'16.3"N 6°20'06.0"W

Reply

The requested location at Walkinstown Green, will be examined and if deemed appropriate, cycle parking will be installed in a future batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking.

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Q33 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the scheduled capital work for Camac Park. New developments are taking place faster than any public improvement. Residents have major complaints with road surface situation. This is to be fixed quickly before anyone takes legal action against the council over danger of road surface.

Reply

It was the intention of the Ballyfermot Area office to organise an interdepartmental meeting early 2020 to progress discussions regarding road resurfacing, environmental improvements, cleansing, traffic enforcement, waste management etc. With Covid 19 impacting hugely on all aspects of the local authority's work, and indeed changing the priority of some works, no progression has been made to date regarding this discussion.

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Road Maintenance Services are not aware of any planned Capital Works for Camac Park. At present, it is not possible to install gullies on the road in Camac Park because there is no Surface Water drainage system within the development to connect them to. The Local South Central Area Office and DCC Drainage Division may have some comment to make in relation to this matter. The development needs a Road Design, Surface Water sewer design and a funding source to be identified in the first instance in order to progress this matter to construction stage. In the meantime Road Maintenance Services will arrange temporary repairs to be carried out to the carriageway on Camac Park.

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Q34 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to add secured cycling parking at Ballyfermot Area Office for staff and visitors.

Reply

It is intended to include Sheffield bike stands in the upgrade of the Civic Park with further discussion to take place with Roads regarding the possibility of including covered bike stands at this location.

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Q35 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Public Domain unit to conduct a clean-up in the environs of Long Place /Pim Street and to organise planting at the base of trees in the vicinity so as to deter use as dog litters and litter bins.

Reply

The trees growing on Pim Street/Long Place are growing in grass and parks do not think that replacing the grass with planting will deter use by dogs or as litter bins.

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Q36 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Traffic section to carry out a review of the exit from Memorial gardens to Islandbridge with a view to implementing some safety measures generally and in particular for cyclists. Some suggestions/observations from local residents include:

- 1) Traffic mirrors on the trees to the left and right and opposite the entrance - so that visibility of oncoming traffic would be greatly improved
- 2) An eye level traffic light for cyclists that would make it less likely for cyclists to break the lights
- 3) Speed bumps to stop the vast majority of drivers breaking the speed limit as they come off the motor way and onto this road, which is essentially a residential area - there is an electronic sign which measures speed limits of cars but this is largely ignored.

Reply

1) The traffic department do not provide convex traffic mirrors as requested as they give a distorted view of approaching traffic which is potentially hazardous and also because such mirrors would attract a high degree of vandalism with associated maintenance costs.

2) It is not generally DCC policy to install repeater signals for cyclists on pedestrian crossings. It should be noted that there are two signals, a regular height signal and a cantilever, in each direction at this location.

3) The principle document, to which Local Authorities adhere to in delivering best practice to road design, is the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, published by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport in 2013. This document says (under section 4.4.7) that vertical deflectors (speed ramps) are to be limited on arterial roads (such as the South Circular Road) only to where in a city street a focal point (visual distraction) is present. The document further guides that speed ramps are primarily infrastructure for consideration on 'Local streets'. As such the policy of Dublin City Council is not to construct speed ramps on main arterial roads, including circuitous routes such as the South Circular Road. However, Dublin City Council have installed a Driver Feedback sign that displays current traffic speed (VMS sign) facing outbound motorists to support the adherence to traffic law along this section of carriageway. Dublin City Council will also look into the idea of installing speed roundels in an effort to slow down the motorists even more but ultimately any enforcement of the speed limit would be a matter of An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council will highlight this section of road at our monthly TAG meeting with An Garda Síochána.

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Q37 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to confirm whether the laneway that runs behind the dwelling at 22 Lourdes Road, Dublin 8, D08CHF4 is in the ownership and control of the local authority and if so whether the Manager could undertake that the rubbish that has accumulated in this laneway could be cleared. If not, could the Manager undertake to contact the owners and request that the laneway be cleaned.

Reply

The former laneway known as "Back of the Pipes" which follows a culvert over the Poddle River and stretches from Reuben Street\Dolphins Barn at one end to St. James Walk\Grand Canal Basin at the other was closed as a public right of way in 1997.

While the laneway is in the ownership of Dublin City Council it no longer has control of it and due to the construction of sheds and other structures by the owners of properties abutting the laneway the area behind the dwelling in question is completely landlocked and inaccessible to Council staff or members of the public.

Dumping in the laneway is a historic problem and due to its landlocked state a difficult matter for DCC to deal with. It should be noted that due to the very restricted access to the laneway, any rubbish present can only have originated from adjoining properties.

Property Management Section will arrange to undertake a drone survey of the area in question and once the extent of the problem is ascertained will liaise with Waste Management to determine an appropriate course of action.

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Q38 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the consultation, procurement and development of the Linear Park at Rialto.

Reply

There is one update following the linear park report submitted to the February area committee:

Due to covid restrictions and the end of the planting season, the phase 1 works commencement date has been pushed to Autumn 2021.

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Q39 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Housing Maintenance section to reinstate the central heating at the home of our tenant at *(details supplied)*. Our tenant disconnected the system on foot of a recommendation from Gas Networks Ireland that the system was faulty and that there was a leak.

Reply

Gas Networks Ireland conformed that the tenant at this address contacted them directly. The tenant requested Gas Networks Ireland to remove her meter. Gas

Networks Ireland carried out the works per the tenant's instruction. If the tenant wishes to have her meter reinstated, she will need to contact Gas Networks Ireland.

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Q40 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Housing Maintenance section to install a damp extraction unit in the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*) and to provide a report on the source of the damp in our tenant's home.

Reply

Dublin City Council has made arrangements with Damp Doctor to visit this property and carry out an inspection. Any necessary works identified in the report to Dublin City Council will be undertaken by the council.

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Q41 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it would be possible to reinstate the pedestrian island that was removed from the South Circular Road in front of Rialto Medical Centre, Dublin 8. Reinstatement of this island will make it easier for pedestrians, particularly the elderly and disabled, to have safe access to the facility.

Reply

The Reinstatement of the pedestrian island on the South Circular Road will need to be assessed by the Area Engineer. The councillor will be advised of the findings by the Traffic Advisory Group in due course

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