



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

**HELD REMOTELY ON ZOOM ON MONDAY 10 MAY 2021**

The committee extended its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Cora Roche, formerly of the South Central Area Office of Dublin City Council.

The committee extended its condolences to the McDermott family on the death of Enda McDermott.

- 1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the South East Area Committee held on 6th April 2021**  
**Order: Agreed.**
  
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 12th April 2021**  
**Order: Agreed.**
  
- 3 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Report on D12 bike bus.  
**Order: Deferred.**
  
  - ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 taken with motions 4, 6, 8 and 19.  
**Order: Noted.**
  
  - iii. Verbal update from Brendan O'Brien.  
**Order: Deferred.**
  
- 4 Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
  - i. Report on proposed disposal: 133 Upper Rathmines Road to HAIL Housing Association.  
**Order: Deferred.**
  
  - ii. Report on proposed disposal grant of lease of lands at Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4 to the IRFU Leinster Branch in connection with the Dodder Greenway Cycle Route.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  
  - iii. Report on proposed disposal: grant of further licence Tea rooms at Herbert Park to Lolly and Cook.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**

## 5 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters

- i. Report on proposed container café and public toilet at Sean Moore Park.  
**Order: Noted.**

## 6 South East Area Office Matters

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

## 7 Motions

### **Motion 1 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

In relation to the development of the Gulistan site, it is agreed that 1% (1% for Art scheme on publicly funded capital contracts since 1997) of the contract sums of all construction and development on the Gulistan site be devoted to public art which would be located on the civic space on the Gulistan site. Furthermore that the council encourages discussion locally on how this art will be created.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 2 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of DCC call on the Governors and those responsible for St. Bartholomew's Church on Clyde Road, Ballsbridge to immediately address the issue of noise pollution from the ringing of their bells every hour throughout the night. This issue was raised some time back and since then it has become an ongoing issue over the past year I have received many complaints from residents in the area that they cannot sleep and are being constantly woken up from the noise from the bells throughout the night.

In recent years Ballsbridge area has had an influx of new residents and the ringing of these bells in the middle of the night is now tantamount to unacceptable social behaviour and is a major noise nuisance in the area.

I am aware of the heritage issues here with these bells as are many residents and the manner in which these bells are constructed but this is no excuse in this day and age for the kind of disturbance the ringing of the bells causes. The residents in this area are a mix of very elderly and families and I call on my fellow councillors to support this motion and find solutions to enable this quiet neighbourhood to get a good night's sleep.

It is important to note that this sleep disturbance has a really negative impact on peoples' mental health and overall health and because of the consistent ringing of the bell it could be construed as a form of torture. What's needed here is a bit of Christianity.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 3 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to take immediate action to solve the following on going issues in Glovers Court:

- Rat infestation - traps, baiting
- Build a secure bin enclosure
- Cut back the greenery where the rats are nesting
- Replace the old windows
- Deal with the ongoing damp issues
- Cut back the greenery where the rats are nesting
- Address the drainage issues

- Address the bad odours each flat experiences when using the washing machines
- Address the low water pressure in the mornings
- Prune the trees
- Actively pursue funding to either deep retrofit and renovate or rebuild Glovers Court

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Item 3.ii, Motions 6, 18 and 19**

To ask the Manager to provide an update to this committee on options for relieving the traffic congestion in Rathdown, particularly at weekends given the popularity of Bushy Park, a park with no parking for visitors. A meeting took place on 3/2/21 at which the traffic engineers undertook to get back to councillors and residents with options. With an increase in activity in the park and longer brighter evenings, the situation has worsened and is a cause for concern with residents, Gardaí and local councillors. A resolution to this issue (which is outstanding for a number of years) needs to be recommended and implemented by the traffic engineers as a matter of urgency.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Motions 7, 8 and 17**

While we welcome the opening of public toilets in libraries and other city centre locations, we ask the city recovery team to urgently make available more public toilets for longer than 4pm at weekends and 8pm weekdays. The lack of public toilets in our city, particularly during Covid lockdown has resulted in areas of the city having to endure the filth and stink of defecation and urination and this cannot be allowed to continue. Rathmines and Portobello and other areas where crowds are gathering outdoors in urban villages and needing to use toilet facilities, are becoming completely intolerable for residents and putting unreasonable demands on our waste management staff. Temporary toilets need to be installed and maintained in certain locations and/or premises selling take away drinks allowed and requested to provide access to the toilets on their premises.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillors Anne Feeney, Tara Deacy, Pat Dunne, Carolyn Moore and Deirdre Conroy taken with Item 3.ii, Motions 4, 18 and 19**

That this Committee calls on the Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer with responsibility for Environment and Transportation to write to the NTA requesting the following in relation to the four Bus Corridors proposed for the Kimmage Rathmines area (9, 10, 11, 12).

(A) agree that Bus Corridor applications for the Kimmage Rathmines area will be submitted to ABP together to facilitate a comprehensive assessment of the benefits, impacts and conditions which ABP need to consider in their decision making process.

(B) a commitment to review (before the application goes to ABP) the need for [24/7](#) Bus Gates for Lower Kimmage Road, Templeogue Road and Crumlin Road based on traffic volumes (buses and other traffic) and on the significance of the time savings that would be achieved outside of peak commuting times.

(C) a commitment to providing integrated traffic modelling data to DCC Traffic Department, local Councillors, local residents associations and local business associations by middle of May 2021.

(D) a commitment to distribute to every house in the Kimmage Rathmines area a leaflet outlining (i) the proposals for the four bus corridors in the Kimmage Rathmines LEA; (I) plans in relation to diverted traffic and proposals to mitigate congestion on the diverted residential roads; (iii) planned public realm enhancements; (iv) clarity on the timing and process for making free submissions to ABP. This is necessary as many people were not aware of the NTA's third phase of consultation during Covid 19 (end of 2020)"

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy taken with Motions 5, 8 and 17**

That this committee agrees to review the extent of public toilet provision in the Kimmage/Rathmines ward. With the summer months fast approaching, all our public parks/spaces will be under considerable pressure and the lack of public toilets will add to this. Can we agree that those that are in place are opened as soon as possible and that we look at potential new facilities if only for the summer months?

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Pat Dunne taken with Motions 5, 7 and 17**

This Area Committee in recognition of the Government's policy that outdoors will be the theme of the summer, calls upon all the relevant sections of this council to work together to provide the necessary services to ensure the safe and enjoyable usage of our local amenities. In particular we need to install public toilets and litter bins along the canal, in our parks, beaches and other popular locations. These facilities require constant maintenance and our staff should be rostered to work weekends and evenings to attend to these. Savings made from the budgets of major events such as the St. Patrick's Festival and the now cancelled Euro 2020 soccer tournament should be used to pay the extra overtime and shift allowances and other related costs.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This Area Committee calls for the provision of summer three tier flower planters once again in Crumlin Village and environs and for an expansion of the scheme this year to include Kimmage Village and environs.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Anne Feeney**

That the area office engage with all DCC appropriate departments to find a way of providing a Wi Fi public connection to Harold's Cross Park. It's an important service that should be rolled out by the Parks Dept. and requires the full support and help from all the council's departments. Installing Wi-Fi in Harold's Park will enable dramatic improvements in communications through the installation of electronic public notice boards for use by the council and community as envisaged by the local Age Friendly Village and Vision 2025 groups.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Because of the acute shortage of public playing fields in the Dublin 6 area, this committee calls on the council to open discussions with St Mary's College to ask if they would be prepared to share their playing fields in Kenilworth Square with the council's Sports Section. Furthermore that the council investigate the possibility of sharing space with any other privately owned playing fields in the area and that the Council gives a report on the response to my earlier motion requesting the Dept. of

Sports to implement a condition that privately owned clubs who are in receipt of a grant shares their facilities with local groups.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

This country has the worst housing crisis since the Land War days in the late 1800's and because of the huge increase in foreign investment in private rented apartment block sector, to bring us in line with other EU countries who many decades ago enacted legislation setting fair rent and security of tenure. This council calls on the Government to urgently enact legislation to protect tenants by setting fair rent and security of tenure to protect people who are destined to live out their lives in privately owned apartments and who are at the mercy of the market economy.

**Order: Agreed and agreed to refer the matter to the Housing SPC.**

**Motion 13 from Councillors Pat Dunne and Mary Freehill**

This Area Committee requests that the Director of Services South City and the Area Manager Kimmage/Rathmines arrange a further meeting with the Harold's Cross Village Community Council representatives to discuss the proposals for the "taking back into charge" a portion of the lane way at Shamrock Villas. This request follows the still unresolved issues arising from the correspondence to the HXVCC, dated 8th April 2021. It is also requested that local councillors would be invited to this meeting.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That Dublin City Council, having raised these matters in the past and being unsatisfied with lacklustre arrangements to stem pollution of Dublin Bay, encourages Irish Water to devise a short term engineering solution to address ongoing issues relating to the discharge of raw sewage into Dublin Bay from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Further, that the City Council is of the view that an audit should be undertaken of heavy industry discharging wastewater into Dublin Bay and that a taskforce be set up to ensure that the water quality is being maintained to the highest possible standards.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That this Area Committee resolves to write to the Ministers for Finance, Tourism, and Local Government regarding the need for public toilets at hotspots across the capital to seek that they consider providing additional funding into the summer months to address the lack of public facilities which inconveniences families trying to enjoy public spaces.

Further, to write to the Minister for Justice to stress the severe discomfort and fear in local communities, particularly along the grand canal, given the extreme surge in anti-social behaviour in the area, and set out the need for her intervention to address on-going anti-social behaviour; and to stress that this intervention may take the form of additional Garda resources in the south inner city and that if no additional resources are forthcoming that her Department should provide additional funding along with the aforementioned Departments for alternative measures such as toilets for tackling anti-social behaviour.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That this Area Committee:

Notes:

- the proposed sale of the YMCA Claremont Road site as a vacant possession, advertised as a residential development opportunity,
- the treatment and proposed eviction of the successful and ambitious Cricket Club,
- the potential for great and detrimental loss of amenity due to the consequent closure of the club, and the loss this poses for not only the South East Area and the City, but on Leinster and Irish sporting and community involvement potential. Schools, Colleges, and Pensioners are all currently served by the facilities at YMCA Claremont Road and they have great plans to enhance this.
- the generous state funding for the YMCA and investment in the grants offered to the facility regarding its redevelopment.

Affirms:

- its commitment to maintaining the current Z9 zoning of the greenfield site,
- its intention to re-examine the Z1 zoning on part of the site, to ensure the continuation of the current amenities provided for on the site, and

Resolves:

- to fully support the Cricket Club in its hopes for retaining access to the site,
- to aid, insofar as it may, the Cricket Club in widening access to and advancing sporting success as the home of women's international cricket and one of only 4 grounds capable of hosting international cricket in Dublin South East coupled with the widening of community activity.
- to write to the Board of the YMCA to outline our disappointment, concerns for the loss of amenity, and intentions to support the current tenant, and request that the YMCA justify to this Committee its treatment of the Club,
- to write to the Minister for Sport to request that they intervene and ensure the protection of this amenity,
- that the City Council should examine, in conjunction with the Minister for Sport, the options available to them for ensuring the retention and protection of this amenity.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 17 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with Motions 5, 7 and 8**

This committee notes the dramatic intensification in the use of our parks and public spaces in recent weeks; the change in use of public spaces to places where people gather to eat and drink; and the huge potential for outdoor gatherings to lead to anti-social behaviour such as littering and public urination where insufficient facilities are available. In noting this, this committee commits to producing individual management plans for the south east area's parks and plazas, with a view to implementing pro-social solutions to curb or prevent the potential for anti-social behaviour, including the urgent provision of temporary public toilets, the urgent provision or distribution of temporary bins / council refuse sacks at peak social hours, increased frequency of litter collection and visibility of wardens, provision of staff to adequately manage parks and public spaces, including after hours, and increased visibility and patrols by Gardaí.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with taken with Item 3.ii, Motions 4, 6 and 19**

This committee will undertake a consultation on the design and delivery of a South Dublin Quietway with a view to engaging with the National Transport Authority to seek funding for the planning, design and implementation of the scheme.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Carolyn Moore taken with Item 3.ii, Motions 4, 6, and 18**

This committee agrees to install a pedestrian crossing, filter light, or other appropriate traffic mechanism to facilitate the safe cross of pedestrians at the dangerous junction of Kimmage Road Lower and Ravensdale.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to improve the public realm at the triangular space at the junction Peters Row and Aungier Street as part of the outdoor summer plans. This space could be greatly improved with some replacement planting of the felled trees and some public seating.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area Committee calls on the Area Manager to consider path build outs on Upper Dame Street to facilitate outdoor dining for the hospitality businesses along that stretch.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**8 Questions to the Chief Executive 10th May 2021**

**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**

**Chairperson**

**Monday 10 May 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)

Claire Byrne

Deirdre Conroy

Kevin Donoghue

Mannix Flynn

Paddy McCartan

**Members:**

Danny Byrne

Daniel Céitinn

Pat Dunne

Mary Freehill

Carolyn Moore

**Members:**

Hazel Chu

Tara Deacy

Anne Feeney

James Geoghegan

Claire O'Connor

**Officers**

Brian Hanney

John MacEville

Mary Taylor

Les Moore

Christina Todd

Leah Johnston

Neil O'Donoghue

Jennifer Wall

Laura Dowdall

Brian Kirk

Karima McKeller

Gerald McEntaggart

Claire French

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**

**Q.1 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to install Sheffield bike stands on Upper Rathmines Road on the Post Office side of the road where there is a real need for cyclists to securely lock their bikes while using the Post Office, Bar, Takeaway and other retail premises at this end of Rathmines. Many of these premises also have CCTV which adds to the secure location for parking bikes. While there are some Sheffield bike stands on Rathmines Avenue, they are not easily seen.

**Reply:**

The requested location at 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.2 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ensure that our Covid Mobility section engages with the schools, parent associations, and local environment groups such as Crumlin Community Clean-up, regarding the permanent horticultural plans for the Safe School Zone at Scoil Una Aoife and Scoil Colm on Armagh Road? This request is made following the recent installation of temporary planters at this location.

**Reply:**

The planters installed are a temporary measure. We have engaged with the school and local environmental groups directly and via the area office in regards to these measures.

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can provide a comprehensive response to the serious drainage problems referenced in the letter submitted with this question.

**Reply:**

Following a number of floods in the St. Alban's Park area and particularly the national record thunderstorm flooding of 11th June 1963, which is estimated to have been in excess of a 1,000 year flood event in this area, Dublin Corporation built a pumping station to collect some excess rainwater and a 300mm (12") diameter rising pipeline to the beach. This significantly reduced flooding in the area.

Following further appeals from residents, Dublin City Council constructed an additional 450mm (18") rising main in 2013, augmenting the existing 300mm rising main and which facilitates a substantial increase in pumping discharge rates from 270l/s up to 450l/s (1,600m<sup>3</sup>/hr) during flood events. This 450mm rising pipeline runs parallel to the existing rising pipeline and outfalls to the beach as shown in your letter. To prevent sea water and waves getting into the pipeline and corroding it, a flap valve was attached to the pipeline on its seaward side as shown in the photos, attached to the query. There is a small amount of sand against this at the moment which in no way reduces its function as proven numerous times since its installation. This work was completed together with improvements in pumping station control and monitoring systems. We have no reports of building flooding in the area since its installation in 2013 or in fact since October 2011.

The level of the outlet is the optimum for the peak discharge rate 750mm (2 foot 6 inches) below ground level in the park. Raising it would reduce the maximum pumping



capacity along the sealed rising pipeline from the pumping station. It also avoids all existing service utilities on its route to the sea. The single block construction does not hamper its performance.

The lowest road level in St. Alban's Park is 0.5m Malin Head which is 1.2m (4 foot) below the spring tide levels of 1.71m Malin Head. House floor levels are generally above this level up to a level of 4m Malin Head beside Strand Road. There are road levels elsewhere in Dublin City below 0.5m Malin Head.

The concrete block apron at the outlet of the rising main is to reduce sand build up at the outlet and make it easier to maintain the outlet. As can be seen from the photos the sand level is approximately the same beside inside the concrete blocks as outside it as sand run up to the flap has been reduced. The water pressure from pumping can easily clear this amount of sand. The sand level is checked on a regular basis. There has been no problem with operation during rainfall events over the last 8 years.

Possibly more information should have been given to the public and property owners in the area regarding this new improved drainage system, but our priority was to get it installed as quickly as possible and monitor its operation. If you or other local property owners require any further information on this matter please get in touch with the contact below.

With regard to flood insurance the City Council has carried out this and other flood alleviation works in this area and are happy to share knowledge of them with you for your insurance broker or company.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he could supply the clarifications and updates arising from the reply to question number 3 below at the March 2021 meeting as sought in the email supplied with this question.

"Sorry for the late reply. I appreciate your efforts and look forward to seeing if any progress is made in relation to the carpark entrance issue.

Unfortunately in their haste to answer the question you posed the respondent seems to have failed to read or understand the question correctly.

At no time did I raise any issue relating to the area in front of the cottages at Strand Terrace as from experience I know that this area is not in charge of the Parks Services as they are so eager to point out. My issue is in relation to the embankment that separates Strand Terrace from the Dublin City Council operated carpark. Am I to understand that this area is not under their charge either, even the area on the carpark side of that embankment?? I am now curious to know what the situation is so that I can find out who is responsible for it. Maybe you yourself might be able to shed some light on this for me Dermot.

You may be able to advise me in relation to another matter also. How would I find out where the water mains shut off is for these cottages.

No one living here know where they are located and I even had a DCC worker ask me recently if I knew their location. This is something I would like to know as it raises issues anytime any plumbing works need to be carried out and we have to have our bathroom redone soon and I know I will be asked about this once again."

**Question to the Chief Executive**  
**Councillor Dermot Lacey**

**South East Area Q.3**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have a further look to see what measures ( perhaps a new direct from footpath pedestrian entrance) can be

taken to improve safety for all at the Dublin City Council car park at Milltown, Dublin 6.

**Reply:**

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

**Contact:**

Gerald McEntagart, South East Area Engineer, email: [gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie](mailto:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie)

**Reply:**

This request for pedestrian entrance into Milltown Road Carpark is with the Area Engineer for Assessment and report.

The Milltown Road carpark is in the charge of the Environment & Traffic Department and the Area Engineer will assess a suitable safe pedestrian entrance from the Milltown Road footpath into the carpark.

The embankment is not in the charge of the Environment & Traffic Department so the Area Engineer is not going to make any changes to the rear of the carpark.

As the water mains shut off location issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water.

Please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: [LocalRepSupport@water.ie](mailto:LocalRepSupport@water.ie).

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

**Telephone:** 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)  
**Web:** [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie)  
**Twitter:** @IrishWater  
**Postal Address:** Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if there is any update on the request to upgrade and repair Wilfield Road, Sandymount as requested in June 2020.

As you can see from the photos the section of road between house 60 and 64 is dangerously damaged. It has been like this since the big snow fall of 2018. I am a cyclist and have always been careful of this patch. My concern about this now as there are a considerable amount of children from 3 upwards with their parents from the road cycling presently and yesterday I witnessed a child taking a fall here.

I am writing to you as I hope that you may be able to contact the relevant department and get this dangerous section of the road repaired.

This would be an ideal time to get work done as there is very little car activity presently.

Thanking you in advance



**Reply:**

This defect has been logged in our asset management system for repair works to be carried out.

**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the proposals contained in the email submitted with this question to be examined. Essentially the resident is asking that the parking bay at the top of the road be switched to the opposite side of the road to create a chicane type barrier to reduce speeding on what is otherwise a lengthy strip of road in a small residential street. This occurs on a parallel road and works very effectively.

Sandymount Castle Drive, Sandymount, Dublin 4.

Double yellow lines go from top to bottom on one side, on Castle Drive, so traffic volume and speeds are unhindered along that side of the road. Castle Road has a different layout (quick visit would be helpful) which slows and deters the movement of traffic there. On the completion of the new houses/apartments it is obvious where safety issues are going to be a problem for the community.

**Reply:**

This matter has been referred to the Area Engineer who will conduct a site inspection of the Sandymount Castle Drive Pay & Display and Permit parking arrangement. At the completion of the assessment, the Area Engineer will advise if further changes are required.

**Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for at least one bin to be installed inside the Mountpleasant Square Park to complement the one outside.

**Reply:**

This historic park, the only Georgian Square located outside the canals, is now almost exclusively used by dog walkers during the Covid pandemic.

This has resulted in the bulk of the waste comprising of dog poo and coffee cups. The vast majority of those using the park do bring their waste home with them for disposal and or use the litter bin located outside one of the park entrances.

The park is litter picked in the mornings by park staff and is inspected regularly and normally found to be litter free. There is some evidence of night time drinking which the local Gardaí are aware and there is very little evidence of large scale littering as in the case of many other parks throughout the city.

Considering the unhygienic nature of dog poo, it is difficult for staff to collect and dispose of, and this is especially true when it constitutes the bulk of the waste. Therefore, it is not proposed to install an additional bin to service this park as requested.

**Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager write to the owners of a derelict site at the bottom of Liberty Lane at the Kevin's street end (Photos attached) with regards the ongoing anti-social behaviour on the site, continuous dumping and rat infestation? The small laneway beside this vacant site needs to be gated and the public right of way extinguished as this site has become dangerous with many people loitering here and harassing passer-byes. A site levy needs to be imposed on this site to ensure that this site is properly maintained. The whole of Liberty Lane has become an absolute mess and an area that nobody in the neighbourhood will use as a result of the anti-social behaviour and the personal safety threat.

**Reply:**

The laneway known as Pump Alley Lane (off Liberty Lane) is "in charge" of Dublin City Council which means that a public right of way exists over it. In order that it may be closed by any means, the public right of way would have to be extinguished. There is a legal procedure involved (under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993), which includes a formal written application being submitted to Dublin City Council requesting that the City Council consider extinguishing the public right of way at the location in question. To date no application has been received to extinguish the public right of way over Pump Alley Lane.

The Derelict Sites Unit does not have an active file on this site and 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.

**Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards outbreaks of Covid 19 in the past year at the Bow Lane Depot and also outbreaks that took place in Homeless Emergency accommodation within a mile radius of this depot?

**Reply:**

The DRHE has requested this data from the HSE. A reply will issue to the Councillor within 10 days of meeting.

In the past year, three technical outbreaks of COVID-19 occurred within Waste Management and were effectively managed by the City Council in line with HSE and HSPC protocols.

**Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager put in place a proper cleaning schedule for Leinster Square, Rathmines? This area is fast becoming a dumping ground and the residents group regularly complain of a lack of cleaning and engagement by DCC. In relation to this, a new residents' committee has been set up to address the issues of parking, anti-social behaviour and littering. Can I ask that DCC make contact with the group and arrange for these issues to be addressed for the betterment of the community at Leinster Square, Rathmines?

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have Leinster Square cleaned at least three days a week by a handcart man. We have dumped rubbish removed from there when necessary to do so. The new residents group there can contact us at [waste.management@dublincity.ie](mailto:waste.management@dublincity.ie) with any litter concerns.

If the residents' committee can set out the parking and anti-social behaviour issues to [southeast@dublincity.ie](mailto:southeast@dublincity.ie) I will arrange for these matters to be examined.

**Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager as a matter of urgency liaise with the residents and residents' committee at Ffrench Mullen House in relation to issues of personal safety, anti-social behaviour? The residents at Ffrench Mullen have in recent times erected a gate from plastic roadside barriers (see photos) in order to stop their homes and apartment complex from being invaded by hordes of drinkers from the canal. The safety of this community and its people must be addressed and a gate should be installed in the same way we installed gates on the likes of Glovers Court, that can be closed over in the evening in order to give the residents here some measure of peace of mind and security.

**Reply:**

In 2010 the Health and Safety Authority (HAS) issued a safety alert relating to the risk to pedestrians from crushing hazards on electrically powered gates. This risk was highlighted by the deaths of two children in the United Kingdom. A further safety alert was issued by the HAS in 2015 because of fatality in Ireland where a person was trapped and fatally injured by a powered gate. Extensive experience with these gates also shows that they require significant and costly repairs. The time they are not operational allied to H&S concerns means DCC does not recommend them as a response to anti-social Behaviour. However we have also contacted Pearse Street Garda station and brought the security concerns to their attention and follow up on anti-social behaviour complaints.

The Charlemont Square Development where Ffrench Mullen House is located is a private development which is not fully completed as yet. The access between Ffrench Mullen House and number 33 Charlemont Street was agreed with Dublin City Council planners as part of a masterplan that featured access street linkages throughout as set out below.



This particular street is open to a number of residential occupiers along Charlemont Mall. The developers, “anticipate that as residents take occupation in the new Charlemont Square buildings later this year, this will create more activity around these streets and should discourage anti-social activity. A planning application would need to be compiled and lodged in order to seek permission for a gate along this access route.”

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer has also said, “It is essential that the fire access and egress route as shown on the plans are kept clear to allow fire appliances and ambulance’s immediate access to the apartment blocks. This route is also a means of escape for inhabitants and should not be restricted in any way.”

The South East Area Office met a number of residents from Ffrench Mullen House together with Councillors and An Garda Siochána on the 29<sup>th</sup> April to discuss anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Ffrench Mullen House. After this meeting, we undertook to continue to liaise with both the Developers of Charlemont Square and An Garda Siochána and to revert to the residents on this issue.

It should be noted that gates were not erected in Glovers Court because of concerns raised by the residents and also because we improved the CCTV which had a significant impact in reducing anti-social behaviour.

**Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager address the issue of the sewage blockage that is now a regular occurrence in Peters Place, off Charlemont Street?

**Reply:**

The public sewers at this location were inspected and found to be unobstructed and flowing freely. The problem is located on the drain to the rear of the houses. As this drain serves a number of DCC tenants the matter was referred to the DCC Housing Choke Car.

**Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager, as a matter of urgency, install security cameras at O Carroll Villas? This area has now become a drug dealing den as a result of the cameras being very effective at the York Street/Mercer Street end. The drug dealers have now moved to

O'Carroll Villas. This has resulted in a continuous threat to the residents here. Many who live here are very elderly and also many very young families.

**Reply:**

We are currently installing CCTV in a number of housing complexes in the South East Area with funding provided by this year's Discretionary Fund. Unfortunately O'Carroll Villas is not on this programme. However, Dublin City Council will review this in the context of next year's budget. I spoke to An Garda Síochána and they have assured me that they are dealing with this matter. Our Project Estate Officer visits O'Carroll Villas on a weekly basis and will deal with any issues raised by the tenants.

**Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager please address the issue of the ongoing pitching of tents along the canal? Many tents are now installed along the canal on a regular basis. This is a major health and security problem and is simply adding to the ongoing chaos and non-management of the entire area around Portobello, Baggot Street and Grand Canal area.

**Reply:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) strongly believes that there is no need for any individual who experiences homelessness to live in a tent, nor does the DRHE provide funding to services that distribute tents to people who are homeless.

Dublin Outreach is a street outreach service delivered by Dublin Simon Community, on behalf of the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), that provides on-street support for people who are sleeping rough. These teams are on the streets 365 days a year from early morning to late each night, working proactively to engage with people sleeping rough and to help them avail of emergency accommodation. In the majority of cases, the outreach team are successful in supporting people to access emergency accommodation and other services within a short time frame but this process can take multiple contacts and engagements. The Outreach team work closely with Placement Service and the HSE funded SafetyNet service to provide outreach services, street level healthcare and accommodation options to people rough sleeping in the Dublin region. Our Outreach Team are focusing on the Grand Canal Area, from Portobello Bridge to Grand Canal Bridge on a consistent basis.

Tents are observed in this area on a regular basis and the team continue to target this area and are there most evenings to monitor and seek to engage with any person sleeping rough in the area. The DRHE has also requested the assistance of the Dublin City Council Public Domain Office and Waterways Ireland who are actively working with us in the area.

We would encourage all members of the public to alert us if they see anyone sleeping rough. This can be done via the DRHE website [www.homelessdublin.ie/homeless/i-am-rough-sleeping/report-rough-sleeper](http://www.homelessdublin.ie/homeless/i-am-rough-sleeping/report-rough-sleeper) or via the Dublin Rough Sleeper Alerts App. This allows for greater accuracy when it comes to new alerts from the public, enabling our outreach teams to reach people in need that much faster

**Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate the process for the order of protected structure and listed building for the unique apartment buildings Wilton Court and Wilton Terrace? These fine apartments were constructed and built in the 1940s and they are a fine example of early apartment building in Dublin. They complement the area and lend to the whole idea of a residential living city, while all around them there is an orgy of office block building.

**Reply:**

The City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS) comprises more than 8,750 structures.

However, there remains a large number of nominated additions to the RPS, consisting of c. 220 proposals requested by Elected Representatives and members of the public, since 2006, and more than 1,250 statutory recommendations for additions to the RPS made by Minister since 2014, under Section 53 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The Minister's recommendations arise from a survey of Dublin City (mainly within the canals) by the National Inventory for Architectural Heritage (NIAH), which has been ongoing since 2012. It is understood that further Ministerial recommendations are likely to be issued during the coming year. .

The Wilton Place area has been surveyed by the NIAH, the national agency with statutory responsibility for architectural heritage assessment. According to the records available, the NIAH do not consider the apartment building known as 'Court Apartments' on Wilton Place to be of 'Regional' significance or higher and, therefore, the building is not recommended for addition to Dublin City's RPS.

Given the large number of requested additions and Ministerial recommendations, and the need to prioritise these it is not intended to consider the proposed addition of the Court Apartments, Wilton Place, Dublin 2, to the City Council's Record of Protected Structures.

**Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager address the issue of horse droppings that is taking place in the south east area that has been littering the streets for quite some time? All horse and carriages who are licensed by DCC must ensure that there is a clean-up and that the horse is fitted with bag to collect the droppings.

**Reply:**

DCC cannot enforce the *Dublin City Council Horse Drawn Carriage Bye-Laws 2010* since it was discovered that the council wasn't in a position to make them in the first place under the Local Government Act 2001. An Garda Síochána are still responsible for enforcing their own 1946 bye laws made under the Dublin Carriage Acts 1853-1855.

The City Council advised the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, who are responsible for legislation in this area, of the legal lacuna and the department has indicated that they are trying to amend/revoke legislation to enable the council regulate the area of horse and carriage operations. The council is currently seeking counsel's advice on the legality of the department's proposals. Should the council be in a position to regulate horse and carriage operations, the issue of littering caused by horse droppings will be examined in the context of any future regulation.

**Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager now urgently address the issue that is all too often a regular occurrence, of a massive rat infestation in and around the York Street flat complex? Many residents are reporting rats running around the balconies, running around the play yard area and basically taking over the flats. This issue has been ongoing in the city for quite some time. Suffice to say, it is unacceptable that the local authority has not properly addressed this issue with other agencies such as the HSE, bearing in mind the summer which is now upon us and that many people will be outdoors in the flat complexes. Can we please address this issue? If we have to use our discretionary fund to address this, so be it.



**Reply:**

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance Division have baited both the York Street Flat Complex and Glovers Court. All bins are bunged and the bin chamber and bin areas are power hosed and baited. All drains were checked and any repairs needed were carried out. A leaflet drop outlining how to dispose of waste in the proper manner has been issued to all tenants in both complexes. In relation to Glovers Court Housing Maintenance Division have identified a derelict site that the rats may be coming from. This site backs on to Glovers Court and is overgrown with shrubbery which could act as harbourage for pests. Dublin City Council have baited the area and will carry out works to eradicate the burrows. I have been in contact with the site owners and they have engaged their own pest control contractor. The Project Estate Office and I are meeting with our Area Maintenance Officer to inspect and discuss any remedial works within the communal area in York Street Flats to address the rat infestation.

**Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to arrange for a replacement street name plate on Shrewsbury Road at its junction with Ailesbury Road. See pic.



**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to have this nameplate replaced.

**Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to address the issue of part v acquisitions off site from the Tara Towers development. Where will the units be located and what are the costs involved?

**Reply:**

The Housing Department is currently in negotiations with the developer regarding an off-site acquisition for the Tara Towers development. Negotiations are at an advanced stage. However, as the Part V agreement is not concluded, the definitive cost and location of the units has not been finalised.

**Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to reply to the following issue from a constituent in relation to The Graving Docks.

He writes:

"If they are sold in the future DCC should provide an alternative location in the Docklands for the wonderful street artists that work on the hoarding down there. It is one of the few genuine pieces of authentic art & culture in the Docklands and should be maintained in some fashion."

**Reply:**

The Arts Office is actively seeking new sites for street art in the city in consultation with street artists and the planning department. The Arts Office has also prepared a report for the SPC in May on Street Art and will make contact with artists currently using this site, including the Mná Collective, to include them in future opportunities.

**Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent.

He writes:

"The East Link Bridge is in dire need of resurfacing, there is an accident waiting to happen on that bridge between bike users, pedestrians and articulated lorries navigating huge pot holes. Perhaps the operators could invest some of the toll fares in the upkeep of the road."

**Reply:**

Toll Bridge Road from the Toll Booth to Sean Moore Roundabout was resurfaced in 2020.

Toll Bridge Road from the Toll Booth to the Point Depot Roundabout will be considered for inclusion in our 2022 Programme. In the interim, defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with an issue on Sandymount Green from a constituent.

He writes:

"I'm writing to you in the hope that you raise the issue of the lack of refuse bins in the park on Sandymount Green. If it wasn't for one particular resident who each day puts out refuse bags on the park railings the place would look like a tip and overrun with rats. This lady moves the full refuse bags to a waste bin area to be picked up by DCC but I have observed the operative emptying the bin but leaving the bags it's obviously a "it's not my job" mentality.

I also draw your attention to the fact that DCC totally removing the waste bin from the bus terminus at the junction of Park Ave and St John's Road with the result that people getting in or off the bus together with other individuals are just leaving rubbish on the ground. I contacted DCC who told me that the bin was removed as it was always full and overflowing onto the ground. So instead of putting in one of the "Big Belly" bins to cope with the rubbish the brains in DCC decided that the best way to deal with the issue is to remove the bin totally and the rubbish would vanish. Perhaps they might listen to you as they've no regards for the residents of the area as evidenced by the proposed cycle way."

**Reply:**

The installation and servicing of bins in the park on Sandymount Green is a matter for the Parks Division.

Waste Management Services will replace the damaged bin which was located at the bus terminus at the junction of Park Avenue and St John's Road. We are awaiting a delivery of new bins and this bin will be back in place by the middle of May 2021.

Parks have installed two large volume bins at Sandymount Green in the last week.

**Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the issues and concerns raised in the following email from a constituent re Sean Moore Park and Grand Canal Dock.

She writes:

"Increasingly there have been a group of teenagers who are causing trouble. They are picking on the kids and have no fear of the parents. Last week there was a terrible incident where one father was playing with his two kids (11 and 6) and the teenagers tried to attack the kids, steal his bike and then tried to attack the father! These kids have no fear or respect for anyone. Lots of the parents at the school are very concerned about this dangerous behaviour. I have only just started to give my 11 & 9

year old sons the independence to go there by themselves and now I am afraid that it isn't safe. There are lots of stories going around now about gangs of teenagers who are terrorising innocent people in the area. This evening I was in Grand Canal Dock and a group of teenagers passed by. A guy in his 30's passed them by and they threw a raw egg at him. He was just minding his own business walking along. They then headed over to the old ship wreck and were running all over it. They seem to have gotten out of control over the last few months as every day I hear new stories".

**Reply:**

Anti-social behaviour in Sean Moore Park and the Grand Canal Dock Area is a matter for An Garda Síochána and the South East Area Office and the Docklands Office liaise proactively with the Gardaí regarding these matters.

**Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issues from a constituent in Ballsbridge concerning clean-up efforts in Herbert Park.

He writes:

"A clean-up effort was arranged in Herbert Park on Good Friday and about 30 Anglesea Road residents helped to fill many bags of waste. However that does not address the fundamental problem of litter being created due to a shortage of bins in the park. I know that DCC are concerned that more bins will result in more deposits of domestic waste and I am also aware that one of the solar-powered bins was vandalised shortly after it was installed in the park. Clearly that is regrettable but I would suggest that the solution is not to have an insufficient number of bins to meet reasonable requirements of park users even in 'normal' times, let alone during current circumstances.

My purpose in contacting you is not to criticize DCC's Parks Dept. who do a great job but to advocate for an increase in the number of bins. In asking for this, please also let us know what sort of reciprocal actions from the residents' associations, the Tidy Towns committees (and others) would be most helpful. For example, if finance is the stumbling block, we could organize a 'go fund me' campaign.

In addition to more bins, perhaps some signage to remind people not to litter and to take their rubbish home if bins are full might have some deterrent effect."

**Reply:**

Parks have installed a number of large volume bins at Herbert Park over the last week in an effort to address the increased footfall and litter being generated during the pandemic. Parks do not find signage effective in bringing about behavioural change.

**Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to have the lines repainted at the corner of Mace supermarket Sandymount as this is a seriously dangerous junction with roads coming from many directions and, having observed, and been involved in, quite a few 'near misses' as folks drive straight through onto Seafort Avenue misled because the road goes straight on and drivers coming the other way have had many skirmishes all because one very important white line is not visible!

**Reply:**

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Areas that require repainting, will be tasked within 30 working days of the SEAC meeting of the 10/05/21.

**Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Could the manager arrange for an inspection of trees on Shrewsbury Road Ballsbridge? Concerns have been expressed about the condition of some of the trees, particularly one adjacent to number 5 Shrewsbury Road.

**Reply:**

Parks will arrange for an inspection of the trees in the above mentioned road and revert with any findings.

**Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to inform the area committee of an opening date for the resurfaced bowling green in Herbert Park as members are looking forward resuming bowling activities.

**Reply:**

The contractor for installing the bowling green in Herbert Park has completed the installation of the green. The next step is for the green to be certified and receive World Bowls Green Certification. Unfortunately, the company that can carry out the certification is not based in Ireland and due to Covid restrictions the testing of the green is being delayed. Once this certification has been carried out successfully the bowling green will be opened.

**Q.28 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Traffic Manager to approve double yellow lines on the first corner of road inside Mount Argus Estate (see photos attached). This request has been made many times over the last few years and the response is that there is no need for double yellows on corners as it is illegal to park on them. However, I would ask the Manager to treat this as an exception given there is an ongoing issue of parking on this corner making it a blind spot for motorists and young children at this main bend in this very busy estate. Double yellow lines have been placed on the corner of other roads in the Kimmage Rathmines area recently and this one should also be treated as an exception given the dangers.



**Reply:**

The Area engineer will carry out a site visit at this location and the Area engineer will assess the issues raised by Cllr. Feeney.

**Q.29 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to address the ongoing problem of illegal parking on Swanville Place, Rathmines. This is a narrow cul de sac with a number of houses on it and double yellow lines. There is an ongoing issue of delivery vehicles from shops and restaurants on Rathmines Road lower using this small lane to park illegally while they are making deliveries.

**Reply:**

Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking at Swanville Place Rathmines. A Parking Enforcement Inspector will visit to review the issue also.

**Q.30 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to increase the number of public bins in the Rathmines area (including Mount Pleasant Square) from now until end of summer given the significant increase in footfall in this area and resultant increase in litter.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has currently over 3,200 bins in the City Council area with an additional 70 barrel bins in place at litter hotspots to assist with the extra demand with 30 additional big belly bin being installed in the first half of the year. Frontline street cleaning staff are working around the clock in an effort to deal with all of the litter that is being left behind.

Waste Management has a bin at Mount Pleasant Park on Ranelagh Road. Parks control all internal bin provisions.

Mount Pleasant Park is a small historic park that is almost exclusively used by dog walkers during Covid. This has resulted in the bulk of the waste comprising of dog waste and coffee cups. The vast majority of those using the park do bring their waste home and or use the litter bin located on the street outside the park. The park is litter picked in the morning by park staff and inspected regularly and staff have found that the park is does not attract the large scale littering that has been seen in other parks. Considering the unhygienic nature of dog poo it is difficult for staff to collect and dispose of, which is especially true when it constitutes the bulk of the waste. Therefore it is not proposed to install an additional bin to service this park as requested.

**Q.31 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to provide an update in relation to the following housing application case (details supplied).

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List and in receipt of homeless HAP, with an application date of 22/04/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area K	1	23
Area L	1	59
Area M	1	54

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet his household need becomes available and according to his position on the list. The applicant's interest in Orwell Road and 4 Rathmines Road has been noted on his file.

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.

It is noted that the applicant has previously applied for a Medical Priority which was unsuccessful, should the applicant wish to appeal this most recent decision they can

do so by submitting new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision.

**Q.32 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager arrange for our Road Maintenance section to inspect the footpaths in Lavarna Grove, Terenure and carry out necessary repairs following the inspection?

**Reply:**

Footpaths in Lavarna Grove will be inspected and any defects found will be logged in our asset management system for repairs to be carried out

**Q.33 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to initiate a review of the parking on Leinster Square as there is an ongoing problem of double parking and congestion as a result of being opposite the Swan Centre shops and there is an opportunity to enhance this square/road in Rathmines. Some suggestions from local residents which could be considered include:

- Short term: reduce available parking to make it less attractive to shoppers or make resident only parking. This could be done by using council provided planters which would also improve biodiversity and appearance.
- Public space - parklets - use planters to create public space for residents and wider public to enjoy.
- Long Term: Make it a greener space to help sustainability, biodiversity and improve the public environment for the enjoyment of all. Reduce parking, plant trees/plants, install seating etc. Seating etc. could be managed by the residents to minimise anti-social behaviour akin to Clonakilty's system where businesses bring the loose seating in at night. Leinster Square could once again be a Square with emphasis on the human instead of the car.
- There are other measures that could be taken not listed in the above.

**Reply:**

Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking on Leinster Square, D6.

There is a pay and display and permit parking scheme in place on Leinster Square. Whilst there is no pay and display and permit parking bay parking bays located on Leinster Square, double yellow lines are located on Leinster Square (excluding drive ways). Dublin City Council does not provide resident only parking for any street/road in the city.

If the residents of Leinster Square wish to change the operational hours of the existing pay and display and permit parking scheme, the residents will need to contact Parking Policy and Enforcement, whereupon they can vote for a change in the operational times of the pay and display and permit parking scheme currently in place.

There are currently 13 mature trees on Leinster Square on the right hand side as you enter from Rathmines Road.

The footpath on the left is approximately 2.5m wide with a utilities trench running through the middle of its entire length allowing no space for tree pit installation.

Regarding the possible installation of the suitable pits to allow for planting replacing some of the parking bays, Environment and Transport would have to be engaged with and the road would need to be assessed in order to confirm location of the

underground services. Agreement would also need to be sought from residents in relation to the resulting loss of car-parking.

**Q.34 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager if there are any plans for DCC to work with ESB or others to provide more electric charging points for electric/hybrid cars in the South East Area, particularly in areas where there is no off street parking for residents to install their own charging points.

**Reply:**

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

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

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

Whilst the final draft report is being finalised we are also making submissions/having preliminary discussions with ESBN/Department in relation to connection solutions/locations/funding as well as other players in this space. This will help to ensure that we can facilitate the best possible customer experience for the city and across the metropolitan area in line with international experience, rapidly changing technology and available resources.

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

**Q.35 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I would like to follow up on this question from last month. Can I get the current painting list, so there is some understanding of where all these streets lie?

**Q.28 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I have 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.

Please see the painting programme list for the South East Area below:

Scheme	Number of Poles
Morehampton Road	All
Anglesea Road	All
Bessborough Terrace	4
114A Merrion Road	1
Merrion Road	All
Richmond Place	All
Belgrave Square East	4
Merlyn Park	All
Cowper Drive	3
Merrion Square	All
Kenilworth Park	P-1 P-10 & P-12
Eastmoreland Place	2
The Cloisters	All
Maple Drive	All
Lismore Road	All
Ferns	All
Durrow Road	All
Aughavanagh Road	All
Glenealy Road	All
Rathdrum Road	All
Cloyne Road	All
Blarney Park	All
Tonguefield Road	All
Clonfert Road	All
Kilfenora Road	All
Grove Park	11
Bangor Circle	All

We will continue to progress through the painting programme list subject to available finances.



**Q.36 Councillor Tara Deacy**

What is the position now in terms of these railings? I submitted questions in 2020 and 2021 on same.

**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.

**Contact:**

Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent, email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Reply:**

The green space mentioned above is subjected to dumping and fly tipping. The hedge and railing are considered contributory factors in this regard. Parks would like to improve access and use of the green space and are looking to develop a plan for this space that would encourage more positive behaviour e.g. path network, improved access and additional tree planting. The councillor and residents will be kept informed.

**Q.37 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can I get some feedback in terms of this question I raised last month? In terms of fines, how many have been handed out. Residents have been in touch again about this junction.

**Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I raised the issue of illegal parking at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads many times. 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.38 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can we sweep the gully drains in Derry Park, Lismore Road, Ferns Road, Cloyne Road, Sundrive Road (shopping area outside Apache Pizza & Credit Untione)?

**Reply:**

Staff in the Surface Water and Flood Incident Management Division are currently undertaking gully cleaning in Crumlin and Drimnagh so the majority of the gullies on

the roads listed will be cleaned in the next 2-4 weeks. Should any defects or problems with gullies be identified when they are cleaned they will be passed on to the Drainage Services Division to be repaired.

Waste Management Services had the kerbside channels of the above mentioned roads swept on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**Q.39 Councillor Tara Deacy**

To ask the manager to repaint and repair the lamp posts on the following streets the majority of which are rusted.

Clogher Road  
Clonmacnoise Road  
Crumlin Park  
Downpatrick Road  
Fernvale Drive  
Leighlin Road  
Monasterboice Road

**Reply:**

We will examine the public lighting columns on the streets listed above and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

**Q.40 Councillor Tara Deacy**

To ask the manager for a list of the abandoned vehicles removal requests, the location, the date requested, date expected to be removed and current status of request, that have been reported on the CRM in the last 12 months in the Crumlin/Kimmage area. What is the expected turnaround time for removal of an abandoned vehicle? A number of residents have mentioned vehicles not being removed despite requests being sent in via CRM.

**Reply:**

There is no provision for a list of vehicle removal requests as requested above, nor are requests broken down by area. The only status that appears on CRM would be open or closed – Open being currently under investigation, closed being removed and scrapped, or not deemed abandoned.

The average turnaround for the removal of abandoned vehicles is three weeks.

In 2020 there were 1299 reports of abandoned vehicles, but 8 out of 10 of these were found not to be abandoned.

**Q.41 Councillor Tara Deacy**

To ask the manager to plant more street trees on Kildare Road on the section between Bangor Road and Sundrive.

**Reply:**

Parks have checked the available GIS maps, that map underground services, for the above mentioned section of road and found that the footpaths have multiple services running through them. This makes retrofitting adequately-sized tree pits expensive and difficult. It may be more beneficial to plant trees on open spaces and within parks where there is adequate space for the trees to achieve their full potential. There is a small green space along this stretch of road, but it has multiple overhead services

which makes tree planting unwise. Any proposal for tree planting would be subject to adequate funding being made available.

**Q.42 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager and Litter Management to provide the necessary outdoor bins in Rathgar, in local parks and its environs. The outdoor activity of all communities is significant over the last 14 months.

This submission states that outdoor activity is also happening on a large scale every Friday and Saturday night, and it's making parks unwelcome places for families and elderly residents in the area, by day, due to the massive litter left behind. I am notified it is becoming a serious health and safety issue with broken glass being left behind in addition to all of the trash.

The photographs are from the Dartry Park on the Dodder on Sunday morning 25 April (residents spent 90 minutes cleaning it up).



**Reply:**

Dublin City Council recently announced an additional 70 new barrel bins for litter hotspots. In addition to this 30 new big belly bins have been added in the first half of the year in order to cope with increased demand. Parks will be liaising with our colleagues in Waste Management to ensure our parks, open spaces and immediate environs are kept to a good standard of cleanliness over the coming months. Parks staff are continuously working at maintaining our parks and open spaces to a high standard.

Waste Management review all stock holding of bins and locations external to Parks, Engineers will engage with the Inspector in Rathgar and Rathmines and review in line with full city demand, servicing, stock and capacity.

**Q.43 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager on behalf of residents of Rathdown Park, Terenure to ask Traffic Department to replace the 4 large traffic signs on the roundabout (black & yellow chevrons with a large separate arrow sign on top of each) described as 'very unsightly and are a magnet for graffiti.' Resident notifies far smaller chevrons are on main road roundabouts and indeed on some motorway roundabouts.

The small amenity tree planting carried out by the City Council to make good recent trenching works for water services, which included loss of the tree on the roundabout, are completely obscured by the large chevron signs. As seen in photo submitted by enquirer.

Enquirer states that there are yield signposts on the approach to the roundabout from all 4 residential roads and query the need for chevron signs at all.

It is requested to have the large blue arrow signs replaced with smaller arrow signs, in keeping with a residential area and allow residents and visitors to Bushy Park see recent tree planting.



**Reply:**

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7020380) 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.44 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager to ask the Traffic Dept. to address the concerns of residents in Crumlin on the lack of pedestrian crossing on wide junctions. I have brought these up issues up by other residents last year. And it appears to still be an issue.

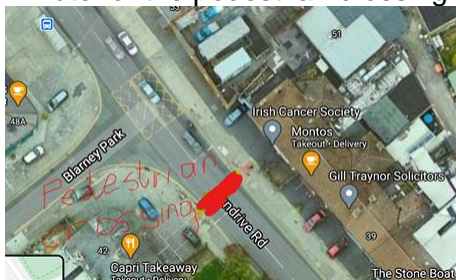
Clogher Road and Parnell Road, very busy junction, it is only possible to cross safely (using a signalised crossing) in one direction i.e. the western crossing.

Quote from Enquirer "To cross in any of the other three directions requires taking your life into your hands." This is especially the case in relation to the elderly, the less-abled and those crossing with young children. It is not uncommon to see people run across the road, narrowly avoiding a collision with fast-moving traffic."

"We have raised this issue on the portal on the Dublin City Council website but have received no response. We note that funding has been allocated to improving the on-road cycle facilities along the canal recently and perhaps this issue (and that of other similar inadequate crossings along the canal) could be addressed as part of that project."



A less serious but very frustrating issue is the wait-time at the one pedestrian crossing provided on Sundrive Road (near the junction with Blarney Park). It often takes over a minute for the pedestrian crossing to turn green after the button is pressed.



### **Sundrive Road**

Enquirer states “Cars are constantly parked in a haphazard way that forces pedestrians to weave between them and sometimes to step out onto the road. What designated parking spaces there are often provided inside the footpath which means that cars have to traverse the footpath to access them. This leads to a complete free-for-all where people feel they can park wherever they like on the footpath. This is even more egregious when there is a car park provided opposite Supervalu Sundrive that is often next to empty.”

Sundrive Road is used as a route to school for many children attending Scoil Mológa and Harold's Cross National School on Clareville Road. Along with the above issues the width of the road allows for and often encourages speeding, making it a very hostile experience for children walking, cycling or scooting to school.

### **Reply:**

Changes were made to the operation of the signalised junction at Sundrive Road / Blarney Park at the end of March in response to a similar query seeking the reduction of pedestrian wait times for the pedestrian crossing at this junction. The ITS Officer made changes which created a reduction in the pedestrian wait times. The logs for the signalised junction were reviewed after the changes were made to determine the impact. The logs revealed that the average wait time is approx. 10 seconds during the AM peak. Please note the pedestrian wait times vary from junction to junction and depend on when the push button is pressed during the cycle. Please note that the operation of signalised junctions across the city have been revised during COVID in order to reduce the pedestrian wait times. The lower cycle length measure is to stop the build-up of pedestrians at junctions and to reduce the pedestrian wait times which assists the public observing social distancing guidance.

Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking on footpaths on Sundrive Road.

School Zones have been installed at both Scoil Mológa and Harold's Cross National School on Clareville Road to increase safety at the school gate. Recently the Government launched the Safe Routes to School Initiative in which all schools

nationwide were invited to apply. Applications are currently being shortlisted. DCC will work in collaboration with the National Transport Authority and Green-Schools to implement and successful applications in Dublin City.

There is currently a school zone in place at Scoil Mológa and Harold's Cross National School to aid parents with school children access the schools in the morning and afternoon. There are electronic speed signs on the approaches to Scoil Mológa and Harold's Cross National School on Clareville Road alerting drivers if their driving speed is excessive.

Any issues with speeding on Clareville Road is a matter of enforcement by the traffic division of the local Gardaí who should be notified as soon as issues of speeding take place. The area engineer will raise this matter with the Gardaí at the next Transport Advisory Group meeting.

There are traffic calming measures in place on Clareville Road in the form of speed ramps to curb vehicle speeds.

The Environment and Transport Department is progressing the development of Grand Canal Premium Cycle Route – Blackhorse to Portobello. The scheme will include upgrades to all junctions along the route to provide linking to the local area and radial routes. Safe pedestrian and cycling access at all junctions will be delivered as part of this junction.

**Q.45 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager to ask Litter Management to provide additional waste bins in Rathmines, and also Rathgar, which I'm advised have the least amount of outdoor bins, when there is a massive community spending time outdoors.

I will have to bring this to City Council as well as the enquirers are requesting public toilet facilities throughout the city, where there are already public toilets in 'takeaway food and alcohol' units, the toilets should be accessible. As there is a major issue of faeces on roads and lanes [Richmond Mews], and broken glass.

The enquirer states that she had to email the council parks department a number of times to come and clean up the nearby park at Mount Pleasant Square, there is only one small bin outside the gate.

Quote "The council refuse to acknowledge a continued request for a bin from me and my neighbours who are also frequent park users for additional bins."

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is calling out to all those partaking in outdoor activity to act responsibly by using the bin to dispose of litter and where there is no bin available to please bring litter home and being part of the "Leave no Trace" Campaign.

There are currently over 3,200 bins in the City Council area with an additional 70 barrel bins in place at litter hotspots to assist with the extra demand with 30 additional big belly bin being installed in the first half of the year. Frontline street cleaning staff are working around the clock in an effort to deal with all of the litter that is being left behind.

Waste Management Services have a bin at Mount Pleasant Park on Ranelagh Rd which is the most suitable location. Parks Department can advise on additional potential units internally.

Engineers will be advised of request and review accordingly in line with stock, locations and viability.

Providing access to toilet provisions in “takeaway food and alcohol units” would be a matter for National Government in conjunction with public health restrictions.

Waste Management review all stock holding of bins and locations external to Parks, Engineers will engage with the Inspector in Rathgar and Rathmines and review in line with full city demand, servicing, stock and capacity.

Mount Pleasant Park is a small historic park that is almost exclusively used by dog walkers during Covid. This has resulted in the bulk of the waste comprising of dog waste and coffee cups. The vast majority of those using the park do bring their waste home and or use the litter bin located on the street outside the park. The park is litter picked in the morning by Park staff and inspected regularly and staff have found that the park is does not attract the large scale littering that has been seen in other parks. Considering the unhygienic nature of dog poo it is difficult for staff to collect and dispose of, which is especially true when it constitutes the bulk of the waste. Therefore it is not proposed to install an additional bin to service this Park as requested.

**Q.46 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the manager ask for our Play Development Officer to make contact with (details supplied) who is a resident of Innismore in Crumlin Village? He and other residents in this small estate would like to erect a small playground for their children on their small green. They would welcome any assistance or advice in this endeavour.

**Reply:**

There is a large playground at Willie Pearse Park which is within a 5 – 10 minute walk of the location in question. This playground is fully equipped and well – maintained, so there is no requirement for another playground in the area.

If the residents wish, they can meet with the Play Development Officer to discuss how they can support local children to engage in opportunities for play nearer to home for more informal everyday street play activities.

**Q.47 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager arrange for the grass to be cut on the greens in Innismore Estate Crumlin Village?

**Reply:**

The grass in the above mentioned area was cut last week.

**Q.48 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the footpath outside details supplied could be fixed as soon as possible as there is an elderly resident in the adjacent home and the condition of the footpath is causing a problem.

**Reply:**

The footpath at this location has been inspected and the defects found have been logged in our asset management system for repairs to be carried out.

**Q.49 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the below could be looked:

“ I would be very interested in learning how/if it would be possible to get Dublin City Council to plant trees on this Harcourt Terrace, Dublin 2. Historically, this street was a mall that had a row of incredible oak trees down the centre until the council removed

them in the 1970s and replaced the mall with tarmac. It would be great to see trees restored to this street either as a mall (i.e. down the centre) or alternatively on the side of the road. It would also be great to remove one or two of the parking spaces (these are only used by nearby office workers and not the residents of the terrace) and replace them with plants such as can be found on St Brigit's Street Upper in Dublin 9.

**Reply:**

Any decision to reduce parking spaces will be taken in conjunction with Traffic Engineers and Parks Department who may make proposals to alter the existing street space with the installation of trees or planters.

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services shall arrange to undertake a survey of the Terrace with a view to establishing its suitability for street tree planting. The survey will be undertaken during the summer months and the Councillor will be advised of its findings in due course.

**Q.50 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager if "The Bridge " changing rooms in Ringsend Park could be put into use for the benefit of the local community and students of Ringsend College as the previous occupant no longer uses this facility.

**Reply:**

This matter will be discussed with the Parks Department and I will revert to the Cllr. when I have a response.

**Q.51 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if St Matthew's school, Sandymount could be assessed or surveyed in terms of accessibility for school drops for buggies and prams etc., many of the junctions could do with being dishd. In addition, there is a lot of overhanging foliage on Cranford Place.

**Reply:**

St. Matthew's School has applied for and been approved for a School Zone and works will proceed following discussions with the school.

A School Zone is an initiative designed to give priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school, and prioritise active travel (walking and cycling) to and from school.

School Zones aims to:

- Encourage traffic to slow down in the School Zone area
- Prevent parking on pavements
- Encourage drivers to make drop-offs outside the School Zone area and not to stop in the School Zone area

A School Zone includes:

- Line-marking stating 'School Zone' at either end of the area
- Colourful circles on the road demarcating the front of school area
- Pencil-shaped bollards on the footpath to prevent illegal parking
- These design features assist in creating a safer, calmer, more attractive environment at the school gate.



Cranford Place footpaths will be inspected and locations where wheelchair dishing's are required will be logged in our asset management system for dishing installations works to be carried out.

Hedge cutting notices will be issued to any properties where overhanging foliage is causing a hindrance on the public footpath.

**Q.52 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager for an update on how often the following streets are cleaned: Sandwith Street, Fenian Street, Holles Street and Merrion Square North?

Residents report a lot of dog faeces on these streets, which is unacceptable anywhere, but particularly in the environs of a maternity hospital.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned streets cleaned on a daily basis. We will monitor the cleaning of this area to see what improvements can be made, particularly in relation to the removal of dog foul.

**Q.53 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if consideration could be given to installing "age friendly parking" in council owned / operated car parks and streets.

Age friendly parking spaces are courtesy spaces (similar to parent and baby spaces), the idea being that the public is asked to respect these spaces and leave them free for older people to use.

This would make Dublin city a more age friendly and supportive place to live and visit.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council provide spaces throughout the city for people with disabilities. It is not clear what "age friendly parking" requirements are and what specific requirements are intended. The definition of an aged person is one over 55 years of age. This large cohort together with existing disability spaces and family friendly spaces could possibly reduce parking spaces for people outside of these categories to a limited number. The Parking Policy and Enforcement Officer is open to receive information on what requirements and provisions are needed to meet age friendly parking criteria.

**Q.54 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager for a report on a lock up on Pigeon House Road, Ringsend previously used by the Stella Maris Rowing Club. The club used this lock up for many years and was asked to leave it by DCC in 2018. Despite vacating it, the lock up it is now unused and the rowing community could really do with the space for the safe storage of their boats, trailers and equipment. Please advise on plans for this lock up.

**Reply:**

This site was previously utilised by the Stella Maris Rowing Club and in 2018 the licence was terminated because it was earmarked for redevelopment by the Housing Department. This redevelopment did not proceed and Housing are re-assessing their options and have advised that the site can be leased again to the Stella Maris Rowing Club on a yearly licence subject to terms and conditions regarding access (site surveys) and the vacating of the site on statutory notice when required. The Development Department has been requested to complete the necessary formalities.

**Q.55 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager about the housing position of details supplied. The applicant is in very over-crowded and unsuitable accommodation at present.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 12/01/2010, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsize</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area M	2	6
Area M	3	25

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list. The applicant's interest in Hanover Wharf has been noted on her file.

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.

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.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

**Q.56 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager for an update on the parking scheme at Havelock Square. The residents, having passed this, are waiting an inordinate amount of time for the parking scheme to be out in place.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group, at its meeting of 23/2/21 recommended the introduction of a Pay & Display and Permit Parking scheme, Hours Mon-Saturday 07.00 – 19.00 which was accepted at ballot of residents. The result of the ballot was as follows:

75 on the register of electors, 44 votes returned, 34 for, 1 against, 9 spoilt.

This measure will be implemented subject to the completion of the necessary statutory consultation process with the Gardaí. This process is currently underway and once completed the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit will be advised they may proceed with the implementation of the scheme. There is currently a number of schemes to be implemented prior to this one, so it will be a number of months before Havelock Square can be implemented.

**Q.57 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if I can have an update on the housing position of details supplied.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List and in receipt of HAP, with an application date of 30/05/2016, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsizes</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area H	2	400
Area K	2	457
Area M	2	282

Based on the above positions, it may be considerable time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list. The applicant's interest in Hanover Wharf has been noted on her file.

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.

**Q.58 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager if it would be possible to plant trees along Harcourt Street.

**Reply:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services shall arrange to undertake a survey of the Street with a view to establishing its suitability for street tree planting. The survey will be undertaken during the summer months and the Councillor will be advised of its findings in due course.

**Q.59 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to increase the number of bins provided in areas where there are large numbers of people and to increase frequency of cleansing.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is calling out to all those partaking in outdoor activity to act responsibly by using the bin to dispose of litter and where there is no bin available to please bring litter home and being part of the "Leave no Trace" Campaign.

There are currently over 3,200 bins in the City Council area with an additional 70 barrel bins in place at litter hotspots to assist with the extra demand with 30 additional big belly bin being installed in the first half of the year. Frontline street cleaning staff are working around the clock in an effort to deal with all of the litter that is being left behind.

Parks have seen a large increase in footfall over the pandemic with increased litter volumes in some areas. To address this Parks have secured a number of additional large volume bins for both Herbert Park and Sandymount Green. Parks are litter picked every morning with bins within the parks emptied at this time also.

Dublin City Council recently announced an additional 70 new barrel bins for litter hotspots across the city which will be managed by Waste Management Services.

**Q.60 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager about the ownership of the small piece of land at the junction of South Lotts Road and Bath Avenue Place. Is there a piece of land here owned by the Pembroke Estate and does that impact on the planning permission given to the former garage across the road?

**Reply:**

The land comprising the wide footpaths with shrub planters thereon north and south of the junction where Bath Avenue Place joins South Lotts Road is in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

This land was included in the site subject of planning permission DCC Ref. 3068/19 ABP ref 305927-19 for the redevelopment of the former Alasta Motors premises to a grocery store. As the proposal included lands in the control of Dublin City Council, the application was accompanied by letter of consent from the City Engineer. ABP condition 4 requires the following:

*4. Prior to the commencement of development, full details of works to the public road and public realm shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority. The developer shall liaise with the applicable utility provider with regard to the removal/relocation of electricity public lighting column adjacent to the site, and the undergrounding or relocation of overhead cables. All works shall be carried out at the developer's expense.*

*Reason: In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.*

A compliance submission in relation to this condition was lodged on 25/03/2021.

**Q.61 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide infrastructure that would improve safety at the crossing from Montague Street to Camden Street. It is currently quite hazardous to cyclists in particular.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Groups Capital Works Programme for 2021 has been finalised and discussed with local members. The budget for 2021 has been allocated in full. This request will be assessed as part of the forthcoming 2022 programme. The short list for 2022 will be presented to Councillors for discussion later this year.

**Q.62 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to tag bicycles for removal in South Lotts. A few were done in recent days but there are a number that have been there for some time and were missed.

**Reply:**

A number of bikes have been tagged for removal in the South Lotts area on 19<sup>th</sup> April and were removed over the May Bank Holiday Weekend.

Any bikes that are removed are bikes that would be considered to be abandoned. There are certain criteria that would normally be associated with abandoned bikes such as missing parts, flat tyres, cobwebs etc. Reports are also taken from members of the public regarding bikes that may not have been moved for a long time.

If the Councillor has specific locations where there may be additional abandoned bikes I will arrange for them to be inspected and tagged, if necessary.

**Q.63 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager when the Dublin Bike station at Barrow Street will be reinstated or replaced. The area has been without the stand for a long time with no replacement.

**Reply:**

Station 70, Barrow Street was removed to safeguard the welfare of scheme members having regard to the significant construction activities taking place in the area. This is a temporary station removal. It is planned that the station will be reinstated post construction works. The timeline for reinstatement cannot be determined having regard to CV19 construction related delays. Alternative stations are located nearby at South Dock Road, Grand Canal Quay and Grand Canal Street Lower at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital.

Attempts have been made to find a temporary or permanent station site in the area including on Barrow Street and Ringsend Road to act as a replacement. Unfortunately the operational requirements of the scheme and characteristics of road layouts and underground utilities preclude the provision of an alternative station in the vicinity.

**Q.64 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to investigate a number of abandoned cars on Thorncastle Street and also to outline the process for dealing with abandoned cars.

**Reply:**

A number of cars were investigated on this street. Any found to be abandoned were removed. The remainder belong to local residents who cannot move them due to the current pandemic.

Complaints about abandoned vehicles come into us from a variety of sources. These include phone calls, CRM (customer relationship management) system, through our customer services centre, e-mails, the Gardaí, Parking Enforcement Section, after hours office, clamping company and information from staff.

After receiving a complaint, the authorised officer would go out and view most of the vehicles based on the information received.

Burnt out vehicles are passed on to our contractors for removal, without being viewed.

For the remaining vehicles we go out to look at them. We photograph them showing front, back and both sides of the car usually. We take close up photographs of any damage on the vehicle or inside the vehicle where possible. Photographs should also show whether the vehicle is unlocked. These photographs can be used as evidence in a court case if necessary. We use a powerful digital camera for that purpose and then save all the photos on to a PC.

Decisions are based on section 71 of the "Waste Management Act" (1996). Frequently information received will specify how long the vehicle is there and if the vehicle is in bad shape, and unable to be put back in a roadworthy condition for a reasonable sum (compared to the value of the vehicle) then the vehicle will be scrapped immediately. The authorised officer may make a decision based on the information presented to him/her and dispose of any vehicle that he/she believes is simply abandoned. In many cases this would be described as a vehicle of small value left in such a place or such a position as to give an indication that the vehicle is not wanted e.g. non display of tax and insurance, vehicle illegally parked, unsecured or parked in some place that would give no indication that anybody in the vicinity wanted the vehicle. In some cases if the vehicle is potentially able to be put back on the road, then we will tow in the car and write to the registered owner and follow the criteria in the act, this will usually mean

that there is some indication that the vehicle is wanted and the vehicle would be deemed to have a value or be obviously wanted by an owner.

In most cases, looking at a vehicle may not give enough information, so we may contact motor tax to get the registered owner's details and write to the registered owner. It is not the responsibility of the local authority to deal with complaints of non-delivery of post. It is the responsibility of the seller of a vehicle to ensure that the transfer of ownership is done correctly. This may help them avoid a fine being issued for dumping of a vehicle under the "Litter Pollution Act" (1997), for cars removed. It is in the best interests of the owner of the vehicle to ensure that the vehicle is registered to them at the correct address (i.e. where the vehicle is normally kept), to ensure they do not have any problems with the removal of a vehicle they may want. In some cases e.g. foreign registration, a notice is put on the vehicle.

The Abandoned Vehicles Section is not for people who want their parking space outside their house left free, or for parking enforcement. The Gardaí also have powers to deem a vehicle abandoned. Most vehicles are removed based on the length of time they are in place or the condition of the vehicle.

**Q.65 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to liaise with the relevant authorities for the removal of graffiti underneath the rail bridge on South Lotts Road.

**Reply:**

The matter has been referred to Irish Rail for attention.

**Q.66 Councillor Mary Freehill**

To ask the Traffic Department to examine the school pencils at Clareville Road school. I have been contacted by cyclists who say with the narrowing curb on the road it makes cycling very dangerous. This needs to be urgently examined before there is an accident at this point.

**Reply:**

The school pencils were installed on Clareville Road as part of a School Zone to reduce the amount of vehicles that park outside the school as a safety intervention. With the introduction of these school pencils the road width is 3.5 m which is the standard width for an arterial road.

**Q.67 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can DCC have picnic benches installed in Eamon Ceannt and Stannaway Park? The park benches are great, but for outdoor eating in the good weather picnic benches are much better for kids and families. OPW and Fingal CC have installed plenty in their park spaces during the pandemic. Can this be considered?

**Reply:**

Parks can look to install a number of picnic benches at the above mentioned locations.

**Q.68 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on additional public bins in public spaces along the Grand Canal and Poolbeg/Irishtown/Sandymount.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is calling out to all those partaking in outdoor activity to act responsibly by using the bin to dispose of litter and where there is no bin available to please bring litter home and being part of the "Leave no Trace" Campaign.

There are currently over 3,200 bins in the city council area with an additional 70 barrel bins in place at litter hotspots to assist with the extra demand with 30 additional big belly bin being installed in the first half of the year. Frontline street cleaning staff are working around the clock in an effort to deal with all of the litter that is being left behind.

Parks have seen a large increase in footfall over the pandemic with increased litter volumes in some areas. To address this Parks have secured a number of additional large volume bins for both Herbert Park and Sandymount Green. Parks are litter picked every morning with bins within the parks emptied at this time also. Dublin City Council recently announced an additional 70 new barrel bins for litter hotspots across the city which will be managed by Waste Management Services.

**Q.69 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on works on the Sean Moore Road Roundabout including painting.

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office arranged to have wildflowers planted at this roundabout and for the edging to be painted and this was funded by the Discretionary Fund 2021. This work was completed recently and the flowers should be in bloom by July.

**Q.70 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if works will be undertaken to fix the lighting and paint railings at the grotto on Bremen Avenue.

**Reply:**

The light at the grotto will be repaired in the coming weeks. The ESB has to run a cable underground and when these works are complete new lights will be connected up and the painting of the railings carried out.

**Q.71 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will resurface the end of the Bremen Ave cul-de-sac by 17 to 21 Bremen Avenue under the trees with artificial grass or rubber safety matting and consider installing benches in consultation with local residents.

**Reply:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services can arrange a meeting with the resident group in relation to their request.

The resident group may forward by e-mail their suggestions to parks@dublincity.ie where the relevant staff will be glad to assist in any way possible.

**Q.72 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will ensure that the grass which is growing over the footpaths in the new houses, particularly along Bremen Avenue where the estate border the Irishtown Stadium, is pared back and maintained.

**Reply:**

The matter will be examined and a report issued to the Councillor as soon as possible.

**Q.73 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update regarding the clearing of weeds in the housing lanes off Bremen Avenue and Bremen Road.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has carried out and completed this body of work.

**Q.74 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if the council still installs "Children at Play - Drive Slow" signs and if so if he will arrange for the installation of such signs, as well as ensuring the appropriateness of cul-de-sac notifications, along Kerlogue Road, in particular towards the cul-de-sac end possibly on the lamp post beside 15 Kerlogue Road.

**Reply:**

The area engineer will carry out a site assessment on Kerlogue Road, in regard to the issues raised by Councillor Ceitinn and issue a 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.75 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on the Portobello public consultation; when it will commence and the form it will take.

**Reply:**

A meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> January with SEA Councillors to discuss the proposed public consultation for Portobello Plaza. A meeting was then held with City Architects, Roads, Planning and Public Realm to discuss how we might proceed.

The architects for the hotel had confirmed that they planned to commence development in the summer. We had sought an early meeting with them. However, they say that their preference is to hold out progressing any meetings until July when they will have more certainty over timings for the project. This meeting with the architects for the hotel needs to take place before we can commence any public consultation. The format of this public consultation has not yet been decided as yet.

**Q.76 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can we install a traffic island at the corner of Clonmac and Sundrive Road? Residents are having serious speeding issues with folks coming off various roads of four roads and taking this turn at high speed which has safety concerns for elderly, visually impaired and children that try to cross here.

**Reply:**

The area engineer will carry out a full assessment at this location. The problematic crossing points from Clonmacnoise Road to Sundrive Road for the elderly and visually impaired will need to be pinpointed before any traffic calming measures or infrastructure is considered.

**Q.77 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if double yellow lines can be added at the first corner of the road inside the Mount Argus Estate in Harold's Cross to ensure safety and visibility for residents and road users.

**Reply:**

The Area engineer will carry out a site visit at this location and the Area engineer will assess the issues raised by Cllr. Moore.

**Q.78 Councillor Carolyn Moore**



To ask the area manager to ensure that the delivery of a school zone to Armagh Road, which will be designed to deliver elements of a standard school zone suitable for a 50kmph road, is done in an holistic way that takes account of the other facilities accessed by this road and takes full advantage of national funding streams available. Armagh Road is home to multiple schools, health centres, a music school, age-friendly housing, and two youth clubs, all within a 200m stretch. The pathways here are wide and should be considered for segregated cycling to ensure safe routes to school for students, and much-needed infrastructure for this busy thoroughfare.

**Reply:**

There is a School Zone being installed on Armagh Road within the next 2 weeks. This design includes bollards, planters and colourful circles on the road. This School Zone does not have a cycle track for students in the design. The possibility of a cycle track will be assessed as part of a larger design for the road. The road is being assessed at the moment for larger interventions.

**Q.79 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the timing and functionality of the pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights outside Lidl in Rathmines can be reviewed. Residents report multiple occasions where the lights have failed to provide an opportunity for pedestrians to cross.

**Reply:**

The Intelligent Transportation Systems section will carry out a review of the operation of the traffic signals with regard to pedestrian wait times and will issue a follow up response when this review is completed.

**Q.80 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager to ensure that bins are installed on Mount Pleasant Avenue and Palmerston Road. There are currently no bins between the canal and Palmerston Park for people taking this circa 2km route between two popular amenity areas, and littering from takeaway coffee and food is increasing, as is dog fouling.

**Reply:**

These streets are not considered main thoroughfares and are primarily residential with no significant litter generators. Also the footpaths are quite narrow for a litter bin. Waste Management Services have bins at the end of these streets along the canal, one at Belgrave Park and another at Palmerston Park and people are encouraged to use these. There are no plans to install bins here at this time.

**Q.81 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the footpaths at Lavarna in Terenure can be inspected and assessed for resurfacing, as uneven surfaces currently pose a threat of fall risk for elderly residents in particular.

**Reply:**

Footpaths on Lavarna Road and Lavarna Grove will be inspected and any defects found will be logged in our asset management system for repairs to be carried out.

**Q.82 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he provide an update on the lamp post charging points on Sir John Rogerson's Quay, can he confirm whether they will ever be switched on, and if not will they be replaced with an alternative functioning EV charging point in this location.

**Reply:**

Two twin head 22KV EV Chargers were installed on Sir John Rogerson's Quay in late 2019 as part of a SMART Docklands initiative. These were expected to be commissioned in 2020. Due to technical issues and the Covid 19 situation the chargers were not commissioned at that time. In the meantime, a Regional EV Charging Group was established and commissioned consultants to draw up a regional EV Charging strategy for all four Dublin Local Authorities. Their report is to be presented to the 4 C.E.O. shortly. It has become apparent that local authorities do not have the resources to operate, manage and maintain a network of EV chargers. The council has therefore agreed to transfer the EV charging infrastructure to ESB E-cars who manage the current stock of on-street EV chargers. ESB E-cars will take over the operation and management of the EV chargers on Sir John Rogerson's Quay and have commenced works on upgrading the four charging points.

**Q.83 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can you ask Traffic to re assess the traffic light sequencing of the lights at College Green at the junction of Grafton Street and the main entrance to Trinity College. These only ever go green when a Luas or bus approaches from the south meaning cyclists are left waiting for a green that will never come. Perhaps a cyclist priority light could be installed here.

**Reply:**

The Intelligent Transportation Systems Section will carry out a review of the cyclist detection on this approach and will issue a follow up response when this review is completed.

**Q.84 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager are there plans to introduce cycle lanes and improved pedestrian facilities on Tara Street , which currently only facilitates 3 to 4 lanes of cars.

**Reply:**

It was planned to convert this street to have a bus/cycle lane and 2 traffic lanes. The design for this was approved via the TAG system in early 2020 but due to COVID this work was put on hold.

It is now being brought back in to a works schedule to facilitate public transportation and cycling as restrictions are being lifted and business are returning. It is expected to be implemented within the coming months.

**Q.85 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the roll out of safe, secure bin enclosures in our housing complexes.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council recognise the importance of providing safe and secure bin enclosures in our housing complexes and to that end have commenced the roll out of secure bin enclosures in the following complexes:

- Mercer House
- Whitefriar Gardens
- Oxford Court
- Vincent Street
- Canon Mooney gardens
- Charlemont Court

The City Council will continue to roll out bin enclosures across the area subject to budgetary measures.

**Q.86 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please outline the rationale for providing a set of traffic lights on Nassau Street located just 10 metres away from an existing set of pedestrian lights, and how much did the installation cost.

**Reply:**

I believe that the pedestrian crossing you are referring to is at the junction of Nassau Street and Dawson Street at the pedestrian entrance to Trinity College.

This site operates as a T Junction with a pedestrian crossing on each arm of the junction due to the high volume of pedestrian in the area.

The junction layout was redesigned as part of the Luas Cross City project to accommodate Luas operation as part of these works the pedestrian crossing towards Grafton Street was offset to allow for better operation of the Luas. The cost of the upgrade of this pedestrian crossing was covered under the works for the Luas Cross City project.

**Q.87 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please write to the Gardaí to ask for more enforcement of breaking of red lights along the canal from Pearse Street to Leeson Street Bridge.

**Reply:**

This matter has been raised via written correspondence to the Gardaí and it will be highlighted to the Gardaí for enforcement, at the next Transport Advisory Group meeting which takes place on a monthly basis.

**Q.88 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what are the plans for DCC land adjacent to the old Pigeon House Road halting site and the Coastguard Station houses, which is currently vacant. Can the Area Manager please allow the Stella Maris Rowing club to store their trailers in a lockup on this site temporarily as they have done previously while the site is lying idle?

**Reply:**

This site was previously utilised by the Stella Maris Rowing Club and in 2018 the licence was terminated because it was earmarked for redevelopment by the Housing Department. This redevelopment did not proceed and Housing are re-assessing their options and have advised that the site can be leased again to the Stella Maris Rowing Club on a yearly licence subject to terms and conditions regarding access (site surveys) and the vacating of the site on statutory notice when required. The Development Department has been requested to complete the necessary formalities.

**Q.89 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can she please address the following issue:

There is a railway bridge that passes over the street, Cumberland Street just off Pearse Street and on the underside of the bridge there is a sort of space enclosed by a grating. Pigeons and other birds regularly become trapped inside this space behind the grating and become very distressed. Can the Area Manager please try to address this issue?

**Reply:**

The matter was reported to Irish Rail on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for follow up. Irish Rail may be contacted directly at 7033258 or Infrastructure Manager's Office, Iarnród Éireann, Pearse Station, Westland Row, Dublin 2.

**Q.90 Councillor James Geoghegan**

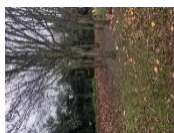
To ask the South East Area Manager to respond to the issues raised in the following email and attached photographs.

"I am following up on previous message to see if there is anything you can do to request the bushes and trees on the green in Ramleh Park/Close are cut back and the green area cleaned up and if possible some reseeding of grass as have the green is bald and just muck.

As mentioned in previous message, because it's so overgrown there are teenagers coming and drinking in behind the bushes in the evenings etc. and leaving litter around including cans - dangerous for dogs and kids.

The council have a contract with a company (Peter O Brien / swords ) to cut the grass a few times a year but they don't maintain/seed the grass or cut back any of the big trees / bushes. This is the only small green area for all of Ramleh Park and close and is used a lot but unfortunately is not in great shape.

If you could advise how we can get the council to do an annual cutback of the bushes and also if they would reseed the grass it would be appreciated. X keen to get the green cleaned up as she minds her grandkids in the afternoon and they play out there."



**Reply:**

Parks staff have undertaken a programme of work in recent years on the green in question during which crown raising and tree removals were carried out. As we are now in the closed period for bird nesting season any further cutting work will not happen until after September 1st. Parks will review the vegetation in the meantime with a view to carrying out work deemed necessary during Autumn/Winter 21/22.

Any antisocial behavior in the park should be reported to the local gardaí.

Bald patches in the grass can be attributed to the increased footfall and dog walking many of our open spaces have experienced during Covid and lockdowns combined

with dry weather. Parks staff will examine the area to assess the best approach to getting the grass re-established.

**Q.91 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager to respond to the issues raised in the email below:

“Now that the evenings are getting longer and the weather is better there are children playing on the above roads. Cars turn off Serpentine Avenue, sometimes at speed and it is a concern to parents with their children on the street. Would it be possible to engineer traffic calming measures at the Herbert Green/Serpentine Avenue intersection to slow down cars as they take the corner? Also would it be possible to introduce *children at play* signage to educate and warn drivers? The road also does require a resurface and re-marking.”

**Reply:**

Herbert Green and Serpentine Avenue are located within a 30km/h speed restriction zone. Existing Slow Zone F 403 signage is erected at the entry points of the speed restriction zone, such as at the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction. The children at play signage is already incorporated into the slow zone sign on Serpentine Avenue. As a means of informing the driver of the 30km/h speed zone when entering Herbert Green from Serpentine Avenue, it will be recommended that a 30km/h roundel be painted at the entrance of Herbert Green.

Serpentine Avenue will be inspected and any defects found will be logged for repair in our asset management system. Serpentine Avenue will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

Traffic will inspect the location in the coming days in relation to the markings only. Any Requirement for remarking will be implemented within 30 working days of the SEAC Meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 21.

**Q.92 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager in respect of Planning REF: 2625/21 if he could consider the below email and furnish a reply;

“We are contacting you about the above, which will involve the demolition of a historically important building (Garland House) & the construction of 40 Apartments in blocks extending to 5 storeys in height on a small site, located in a poorly accessible location. The proposed development will not comply with the current zoning for the area (Z2) & has serious implications for the area.

> We would appreciate it very much, therefore, if you would lend your support to the residents of the area in seeking to have this development turned down, please.

> In addition, as an important starting point, the listing of the Garland House building as a Protected Structure is critical. This was built in 1923, is a wonderful building & is the site of the former Church of Christ Scientist, founded by Mary Baker Eddy in the USA in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

As we mentioned, your support in having the building listed & in relation to opposing the Planning Application would be appreciated.”

**Reply:**

The City Council’s Record of Protected Structures (RPS) comprises more than 8,750 structures.

However, there remains a large number of nominated additions to the RPS, consisting of c. 220 proposals requested by elected representatives and members of the public, since 2006, and more than 1,250 statutory recommendations for additions to the RPS

made by Minister since 2014, under Section 53 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The Minister's recommendations arise from a survey of Dublin City (mainly within the canals) by the National Inventory for Architectural Heritage (NIAH), which has been ongoing since 2012. The Rathmines Park area has been surveyed by the NIAH but the results have not been published so far.

The request for this building to be considered for addition to the RPS in order to oppose a current planning application for a proposed development, is not a legitimate reason for such consideration under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Given the large number of requested additions and Ministerial recommendations, and the need to prioritise these, it is not intended to consider the proposed addition of Garland House, Rathmines Park, Dublin 6 to the City Council's Record of Protected Structures at this time.

The closing date for observations on Planning REF: 2625/21 is the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.