



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

**HELD ON MONDAY 21 JUNE 2021**

1 **Minutes of North Central Area Committee meeting held on Monday 17th May, 2021**

Order: Agreed.

2 **Questions to the Area Manager**

Order: Noted.

3 **Area Matters**

a **With reference to Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Proposed Development at Glin Court, Dublin 17.**

Order: Noted.

b **Discussion on behaviour around Cycle Ways**

Order: The Manager and senior management will meet with the Traffic Department and look at the five pinch points identified re innovative signage for the short-term and will report back next month with update. Antonia Martin to refer Councillors questions and revert with responses to NCA.

c **Water Safety Report**

Order: Ger Carty has agreed to meet various representatives regarding concerns over lifeguards, water safety issues, jet ski's etc.

d **Ray Yeates - Creative Place Awards**

Order: Noted. The NCAC commended Sphere 17 and the Arts Officer on their recent success.

e **Grass Cutting Contract**

Order: Grass Cutting Contract to be circulated to the NCA.

f **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 12 Croydon Green, Marino, Dublin 3.**

Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.

g **With reference to the proposed grant of Lease of the premises known as 2 Sybil Hill Road (ground floor), Raheny, Dublin 5 to Northside Home Care Services CLG**

Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.

- h **With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of the premises at The Red Stables, St Anne's Park to Olive's Room Limited**  
Order: Agreed subject to the proviso that there is equal rights to the use of the WC for staff in Olive's Room, Parks staff and general park users. Refer to City Council.
- i **With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over the laneway at 17-32 Castilla Park, Clontarf, Dublin 3**  
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- j **With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over a walkway/desire line across a site at Coolock Lane, Dublin 17 (Site otherwise known as the Oscar Traynor Road Development Site)**  
Order: Agreed.
- k **With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a section of laneway located at 14-42 The Rise, 2-12A & 33 Hampstead Park, Glasnevin, Dublin 9**  
Order: Agreed.
- l **Naming & Numbering Proposal for a new residential development adjacent to Omni Park Shopping Centre, Swords Road, Santry, Dublin 9. Morton Place, Swords Road, Santry, Dublin 9. Plás an Mhúrtúnaigh, Bóthar Shoirde, Seantrabh, Baile Átha Cliath 9**  
Order: Not agreed. NCAC want us to back to the Developer to come up with a new name.
- m **Naming & Numbering Proposal for a new residential development on a site at 14-17Newtown, Malahide Road, Dublin 17Planning Reference: SHD0026/19 & ABP Ref:305943-19 - Condition 17Heatly Place & De Verdon Place, Malahide Road, D17**  
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council. Cllr. Gilliland requested that going forward we ensure DCC staff make a better effort to link in with Women from a historic point of view.
- n **Initiation of the Statutory Process for the Proposed Addition of Beaumont Convent, The Park, Beaumont Woods, Dublin 9, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).**  
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.
- o **Initiation of the Statutory Process for the Proposed Addition of the Northern Gateway, Casino, Marino, Dublin 3, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).**  
Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.

- p **Initiation of the Statutory Process for the Proposed Addition of two surviving sections of former demesne wall, St. Vincent's GAA Club, Malahide Road, Marino, Dublin 3, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).**

Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.

- q **Housing Supply Report**

Order: Cllr. John Lyons wants confirmation from officials that the Glenveagh Proposal will not be raised again.

- r **Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Report**

Order: Noted. Cllr Cooney requested that the Pilot Project Women Cycling in East Wall will be rolled out by DCC Cycling officer particularly for younger kids.

Swimming in Clontarf Baths – is there availability.

Sport and Wellbeing Partnership to attend next meeting.

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

- a **Minutes of the TAG held on the 25th May, 2021**

Order: Noted.

The Manager to get back to Cllr. Cooney when results of the Kincora Road Speeding Survey are available.

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

Griffith Ave Cycle Lane

Update on all Cycle Tracks for NCA

Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Representative to attend July meeting

Report on Community Facilities and open space for Kilmore Area

Richmond Road

Ray Yeates Arts Officer

#### 6 **Motions**

- a **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

That this council expresses support to explore other uses of the underpass site located across from Northside Shopping Centre, such as a playground, skatepark or other much needed community facilities.

#### **Reply**

The underpass site at the junction of Kilmore Road and Oscar Traynor Road opposite the Northside shopping centre is zoned Z4 'District Centre' in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. The Z4 zoning objective seeks to provide for and improve mixed-services facilities. Residential is a permissible use under the Z4 zoning objective. It is noted that there are substantial areas of public open space in the vicinity including the Z9 'open space' lands on the opposite side of Kilmore Road and lands adjacent to the Santry river which would could potentially accommodate additional recreational facilities.

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The Housing and Community Services Department is looking at this site with regards the possibility of delivering public housing.

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**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

Order: The Manager will do some background work on what is available and what options we have. Discuss with Housing, arrange a follow up meeting.

**b Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

That this local area committee who last month agreed that 'all day' paid car parking would cease at the Hollybrook Road car park at Clontarf Promenade Park in the interests of park users, joggers, walkers, fitness enthusiasts, dog walkers and local businesses now call on DCC to further utilise this Hollybrook Road car parking space by introducing 'max three hour' parking only. This is the case with the Vernon Ave car park. This uniformity of car parking at Clontarf Promenade Park will create further opportunities / space for our amenity to be enjoyed by park users.

**Reply**

Parking Enforcement will consult with the Traffic Dept to ensure that a 3 – hour Max stay rule is put in place, as soon as possible.

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Order: Agreed. Report to City Council.

**c Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

This area committee recognises the on-going and valuable commitment of the Clongriffin Community Association members to improving and enhancing their local community and supports their request for the installation of a new ability swing in Fr.Collins Park as well as the

provision of designated wheelchair parking spaces at Fr. Collins Park.

**Reply**

The playground in Fr. Collin's Park is approximately 10 years old and certainly would not be considered as inclusive as would be liked these days but it is also a few years away from a complete refit. Improving accessibility and inclusivity is always one of the main design criteria for such major playground upgrade. In advance of a major upgrade it is possible, as has been achieved in other parks, to introduce a number of accessible play items over the next few years depending on future budgets and space etc.

The Parks Service has looked at the provision of the wheelchair swings of the type installed in Cabinteely over the last year or so on the foot of similar requests. However upon investigation it was found that these items were quite expensive for the limited play value offered and not all that inclusive. The recommendation from at least 1 supplier was that were not really suitable for a public park but rather should be installed in a supervised playgrounds perhaps in an institutional setting. It was not felt that these swings meet with the 7 principles of universal design as for the safety of the swing user and other children the swing has to be fenced in, segregated from the rest of the playground and requires a special key for operation.

There are much more inclusive play items available, for example a wheelchair roundabout which allows both wheelchair users and friends to play together on the same item. There are examples of these roundabouts recently installed in Kilbarrack, Edenmore and St. Anne's. The bouncy bridge in Kilbarrack is also wheelchair accessible and inclusive. The Parks Service has replied to the Community Association and advised of the above and will consider introducing accessible items to these playgrounds in the context of future budget provisions.

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
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The roads surrounding the park are not in the charge of Dublin City Council and the City Council therefore, cannot make recommendations for a disabled parking bay on these roads. However, the Area Engineer has reported that although The Hole in The Wall Road is in the charge of DCC, it does not present options for a disabled parking bay.

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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

**d Motion in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

That the area manager engages with the Parks Department, Central Government, and local residents to provide an ability swing in Fr Collins Park, similar to the facility provided by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in Cabinteely Park.

**Reply**

The playground in Fr. Collin's Park is approximately 10 years old and certainly would not be considered as inclusive as would be liked these days but it is also a few years away from a complete refit. Improving accessibility and inclusivity is always one of the main design criteria for such major playground upgrade. In advance of a major upgrade it is possible, as has been achieved in other parks, to introduce a number of accessible play items over the next few years depending on future budgets and space etc.

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**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks**  
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Order: Agreed. Report to City Council.

**e Motion in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

That this area committee will write to the minister for Sports and Local government seeking funding for repair works to be done in this facility noting the acting Area Managers response from last month's 6f motion.

"6f Motion in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

That this Area committee ask the Area Manager to investigate the possibility of having outdoor dining seating area in Ellenfield Park. I the council does not believe that it can facilitate a refreshment percent building that they explore the option of providing a permit to a mobile refreshment provider to ensure that the park is to be utilised as best as possible.

Reply:

The Council is activity exploring the licencing of mobile refreshment providers in such area where they can be provided in tandem with public toilets. Unfortunately, there is no suitable toilet in the park that could be

brought into commission under this initiative. The redundant pavilion to the north of the park is in such bad condition it would be prohibitively expensive to bring into service in the short term. The Parks Service is open to proposals from service providers as to how these objectives might be achieved.

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**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks**  
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### **Reply**

It is not considered that the pavilion to the north of Ellenfield Park is suitable to service an outdoor dining area as outlined as this is a traditional changing rooms with toilets and showers to the rear of the changing areas. The pavilion was taken out of service due to public health concerns. A sustainable future usage for this building would need to be identified to justify the level of investment that would be required to bring the building into service. The Parks Service remains open to suggestions from service providers such as coffee carts and converted containers.

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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

### **f Motion in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

That this area committee calls upon the manager to urgently provide additional needs access play equipment for Father Collins Park such as a roundabout and/or bouncy bridge or both.

### **Reply**

The playground in Fr. Collin's Park is approximately 10 years old and certainly would not be considered as inclusive as would be liked these days but it is also a few years away from a complete refit. Improving accessibility and inclusivity is always one of the main design criteria for such major playground upgrade. In advance of a major upgrade it is possible, as has been achieved in other parks, to introduce a number of accessible play items over the next few years depending on future budgets and space etc. The Playground Upgrade budget has been committed for 2021 and commitments given to address the playground deficit in the Harmonstown Area in 2022 but consideration could be given

to the introduction of inclusive elements as described over the next few years subject to an appropriate budgets being identified.

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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

**g Motion in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

That this area committee would write to the NTA and seek a review of their current transport plan, to include a fast link rail line from the metro stop in Santry north wood to the facility of Beaumont Hospital. This would cater for the residence proposed in the Oscar Traynor development and assist with proper public transport on the Oscar Traynor road west which suffers from large congestion at present.

**Reply**

This will be arranged as requested.

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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

**h Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

To ask for a report on the DCC/FOLD Milwood Court regeneration project, the phases reached to date, the number and nature of the remaining stages, information on the most recent consultative engagement with affected local stakeholders and the provision of the often requested comprehensive Sunlight/Daylight and Overshadowing reports.

**Reply**

The reports requested by the Area Committee and the local residents will be circulated in the coming week. These include, a traffic management plan, sunlight/daylight and overshadowing report, and the construction and demolition plan.



All local residents were contacted by letter to advise of recent site investigation works and Fold Housing have published and circulated the first edition of a quarterly newsletter on the project also circulated to all local residents. There has been extensive consultation on this project with local residents the most recent online public meeting took place in March this year, Fold Housing and DCC are committed to continued engagement with residents throughout the development.

This housing proposal is now at the end of the pre-part 8 process, all DCC technical departments have been consulted and feedback has been noted, The Housing Department has forwarded on the complete proposal to the Planning Department for consideration by the Area Planner who will prepare a report for review by the Senior Planner.

Once this has been received and reviewed by the Housing Department the Area Committee will be notified of the intention to submit the Part 8 Application.

The Housing Department will lodge the Planning Application with Planning Registry Section, newspaper notices and site notices will be published. The local area Councillors will be informed in advance of the date of publication. This is recorded as week one of the part 8 planning process.

The full application will be available for public viewing from this point, observations and comments can be submitted for a period of 6 weeks. Following this period the Planning Department will prepare a report for the Chief Executive and the Housing Department. The Area Committee will be given an update on the Part 8 and will be advised of the intention to submit the Chief Executives Report to the City Council.

The Chief Executives Report and all relevant documents will then be submitted for inclusion on the Agenda of the next City Council Meeting. Councillors will then be invited to vote on the proposal. The part 8 process dictates that this vote must take place twenty weeks after the application is lodged,

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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

i **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

Co-signed by Cllrs Dearbhail Butler and Cllr Alison Gilliland.

Recognising the recent wonderful growth in membership of St. John Vianney FC, especially of young girls, and acknowledging the elected members' discretionary budget decision to support the club by way of significant works to improve the club's facilities, this Area Committee reaffirms its commitment to St. John Vianney FC and its desire to have new toilet, water and electricity services installed as soon as possible and arrangements secured that will guarantee the club's winter training can proceed with a minimum of disruption.

**Reply**

The area office is in the process of pricing the different works that are required in this project ie water supply, electricity supply and foul drainage and a fixed toilet unit. We will come back to area committee hopefully in July with a costing but at that stage the committee may need to discuss the use of discretionary funding seeing as at present the discretionary is already over subscribed for intended works that members have requested,

With regard to training facilities, the area office and parks department are liaising to see what facilities we can source for St John Vianney's use. We have spoken to a number of facilities, intend to speak to others and will come back to the club soon.

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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

j **Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gililand**

The North Central Area Committee recognises the significant levels of traffic on the Oscar Traynor Rd and the high levels of congestion. The North Central Area Committee request that an audit of traffic flow be carried out, in particular the sequencing of traffic lights and traffic sensor boxes, with a view to enhancing traffic flow. This audit should also make recommendations, including the effectiveness of introducing a right filter lane into the Clonshaugh Industrial estate for traffic travelling east/west.

**Reply**

The ITS Section will undertake an evaluation of the traffic signals along Oscar Traynor Road with a view to improving coordination of the signals and relieving traffic congestion.

An evaluation of the operation of the junction of Oscar Traynor Rd and Clonshaugh Industrial Estate entrance will also be undertaken to determine how best to improve movement for right turn traffic into the Industrial Estate.

A report on both the above will be issued via the TAMS query system in the near future.

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**Contact:** Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.  
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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

**k Motion in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

That this committee requests a report from the manager on the lack of litter bins (and indeed the recent removal of bins) in the Artane Beaumont ward.

**Reply**

Councillors are informed of all decisions to permanently remove litter bins usually for the reason that they are being used to dump domestic refuse into and around them and are situated in residential areas which don't really require litter bins. We haven't permanently removed any litter bins from the Artane Beaumont ward in recent years. Any litter bins in this area which are damaged or have been vandalised are brought away for repair if possible and if not, a new litter bin is installed as soon as possible. If the councillor has any specific locations in mind, he can email them to me and I will ensure that they are replaced as soon as possible. Like all parts of the city, this area is monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure there is a sufficient amount of litter bins to cater for the litter needs there.

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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

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

This North Central Area Committee agrees to give Belvedere Football Club access to the portobin at the Clontarf Football pitch for use as a clubhouse until more permanent facilities can be installed and to name the clubhouse after Fergus McCabe, as is the wish of Belvedere FC, as Fergus is one of their founders and a much loved member of the club and community.

**Reply**

Currently the Portocabin on Clontarf Football pitch grounds is a designated isolation area as required by Dublin City Council. It is stocked with isolation kits in the event a person may present themselves with Covid 19 Symptoms. The person must stay in the designated isolation area while a transfer from the building is organised.

When this room becomes available Belvedere FC have the option to use this as a clubhouse until more permanent facilities come along as per request. There are however other groups/ bookings who may wish to avail of a booking in the cabin from time to time. This would need to be incorporated into the planning and usage of the cabin therefore.

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There is a policy for Commemorative Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments, Memorials and Plaques which offer opportunities to honour, celebrate, or remember a person, group of persons or events of significance. There is an official process which includes completing an application see link:-  
<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/arts-and-events/decade-commemorations/commemorative-plaques-scheme>

However, it should be noted that section 15.6 of the policy document states: **Proposals to commemorate living persons will not be considered. Nominees will have to have died at least 20 years previously or have passed the centenary of their birth whichever is earlier.**

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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillorl. Bernie Roe to follow up with Cllr directly regarding time frames.

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

This North Central Area Committee agrees that the DCC football pitch in Clontarf needs to be re-laid. The facility is used by many residents of the North Central Area and has not been upgraded in 11 years, when the life cycle of such pitches is usually 7 years.

**Reply**

The DCC pitch in Clontarf, Alfie Byrne Road was tested and approved in April 2021 to meet current standards by a world renowned company who specialise in their field.

We are however acting in anticipation of the pitch degrading over the coming year, so are currently in negotiations with a contractor with a view to upgrade the pitch in a timely manner.

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**North City**

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

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

That this North Central Area Committee agrees to engage meaningfully with a number of residents regarding use of the lane behind their homes on Celtic Park Avenue. Residents with young children are concerned about cars and motorbikes driving at speed through the lane as a shortcut to the road and would like bollards put in place and/or other traffic calming measures to prevent this.

**Reply**

The North Central Area Office is currently liaising with two residents with regard to a possible extinguishment of public right of way at the location. An application letter has already been submitted to us and we are told by the residents that the signed petition is nearly complete and will be ready to submit to us this week for assessment.

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Laneways such as this one are built for servicing reasons. The installation of bollards would cause a significant inconvenience to local residents wishing to access and egress from their properties (deliveries, garages, sheds, etc) along this stretch.

They can also result in operational difficulties for emergency services and waste disposal etc.

If it can be confirmed that a majority of residents are in favour of installation of bollards with the subsequent loss of access from some of the entry points to the laneway as described above we will commit to investigating the matter further.

It should be noted that if one entrance to the laneway is blocked this will increase traffic on other routes.

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Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

o **Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

That this Area Committee supports the disability community in their continuous fight for access. We request the CEO of DCC to organise with Eir the removal of all newly installed Eir Digital Payphone Units in the city that do not comply with the IWA / Best Practice Access Guidelines. I contacted the IWA National Access Programme Office post the installation of an Eir Digital Payphone Unit on Annesley Bridge Road, Fairview Dublin 3 and was told this was the first time the issue had been raised with them. The IWA sent me the Best Practice Assess Guidelines below which stipulates a clear path width of 2000mm. The Eir Digital Payphone Unit in Fairview as an example has a clear path width of 1780mm on one side and 1330mm on the other. i.e. the unit is in the middle of the footpath and clearly doesn't comply with the IWA Access Guidelines and should be removed without further delay.

Irish Wheelchair Association /Best Practice Access Guidelines  
4.2.2.6 Street Furniture The careful positioning of street furniture provides good access and reduces potential hazards. Street furniture and signage should always be located either close to, or recessed into, the inner shoreline (that is, a wall, fence or building), or alternatively, on the kerb edge, leaving the middle of the pavement clear. A clear path width of preferably 2000mm should be maintained along the circulation route. Temporary street furniture on pavements, such as shop displays, sandwich boards and utility bins should be placed out of the way of the pedestrian route and maintained in that position. Any temporary street furniture that encroaches into the clear width of the pedestrian route should be reported to the local authority and removed. If free standing posts or columns are unavoidably located within access routes these should incorporate a band of contrasting colour at a height of 1500-1650mm. An additional band at a height of 850-1000mm is recommended. However, as a continuous clear path width of 2000mm is required, this situation ought not to occur. Cycle parking must be kept clear of pedestrian routes.

4.2.2.7 Hazard Protection The swing of doors and windows, and the location of vending machines, public telephones, etc, should not extend into any access route.

**Reply**

EIR require a T2 (utility road opening licence to install the unit) to open the ground to install the unit. EIR have a T2 (ref 2021 DC 0298) for this installation, therefore from RCU & RMS point of view, EIR are compliant.

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The North Central Area Office will be in touch with the relevant Dept /Section and update the Councillor accordingly and /or as soon as possible.

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Order: Not agreed. Cllr. O'Muirí seconded. The Manager stated that the Area Office will follow up on above mentioned location. General consensus is that the NCAC's disapproval should be brought to the relevant SPC. Is there a monetary gain for DCC. Where have they been erected in the NC area.

p **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

Noting the poor condition of many footpaths the Kilmore West area, and in particular the poor job done recently on the footpath along the Oscar Traynor Road from Dundaniel Road down to Northside Shopping Centre, this Area Committee calls for a report on the contractors used to carry out such works, the level of oversight and quality control conducted by the city council with each job and further calls for a survey to be conducted on the state of the footpaths in the Kilmore West area with a view to carrying out a comprehensive footpath repair works programme.

**Reply**

The trench reinstatement along Oscar Traynor Road is a temporary asphalt reinstatement. The permanent concrete reinstatement is due to begin in the coming weeks. This is a third party utility trench.

Road Maintenance Services do not have the resources to inspect the entire Kilmore West area. Please revert with a list of locations referenced the road name and either the nearest house or lamp post number and Road Maintenance Services will inspect this location and schedule a repair if required.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

Order: Agreed. Cllr Lyons to send in a list of defective footpaths to the North Central generic email for consideration in Works Programme 2022.

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

That North Central Area committee express grave concern on the protection on the North Bull Island flora and fauna after the recent June bank holiday fire in the dunes, which is the 4th in 2021, that we seek urgent action to protect this nature reserve and the ground nesting birds, be it full time wardens, monitors to alert Garda and emergency service to illegal activities, that this biosphere should be a coexistence between

people and nature, but a some illegal activities are destroying the habitat through fires, dumping of litter, plastic, masks killing puffins etc and unless something is done urgently we could see a ecological disaster with so many protected species inhabiting or visiting bull Island. That the minister for heritage is invited to the next bull island oversight group to see what assistance the department can make to help protect Bull Island nature reserve.

### **Reply**

Fires are an ongoing issue on Bull Island at this time of year, thankfully due to the actions of DFB damage has been very limited and the ecosystem has made a full recovery each time, Parks are currently working with DFB on emergency response plans for the Island, and there are proposals for location markers to be erected along length of Island to speed up response time to incidents in dunes. Also the proposed signage strategy will include "No Fire/No BBQ" on finger posts throughout dunes. Studies are being carried out of the data as to when these fires occur which may indicate what the primary causes are and whether they are accidental or deliberate.

The Minister is represented by the NPWS on the Bull Island Oversight Forum, and this item will be on the Agenda for the next meeting – following this meeting, if the Forum considers it appropriate to invite the Minister, this can be arranged.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

Order: Not agreed. Item to be listed on the Bull Island Oversight Forum and the Chief Executive and Minister to be invited. Cllr Heney requested on behalf of the NCAC that the Manager speak to the Chief Executive.

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

That recycling deposit containers like those installed on Howth harbour are placed in areas in North Central area, example Fairview Park, the promenade, entrance to Bull Island were there are large numbers of people with recyclable containers plastic bottles etc.

### **Reply**

The Parks Service does not currently have the capacity to segregate waste collected in public parks. The provision of segregated waste bins on Bull Island is being actively explored however it is proving extremely difficult to procure the level of waste collection services of a waste company that would be required given the volumes of waste generated on the Nature Reserve. Alternative options are being explored and will be reported back to the Bull Island Nature Reserve Oversight Committee.



**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

Order: Not agreed. Refer to SPC.

s **Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

That this Area Committee supports the delivery of improved access arrangements and facilities for the Bull Island Causeway via a new Part 8 process.

**Reply**

The improvement of the access arrangements, footpaths, parking and causeway surfacing are included in the proposals for the new Discovery Centre to be lodged with the board in the coming months. While it is possible to separate these works from the overall Discovery Centre works servicing the new building will require digging up the causeway and it would be more sustainable to carry out these works in tandem with the Discovery Centre development.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

Emergency Motion in the name of Cllr. Larry O'Toole was taken by the Manager.

That this committee instruct the manager to have a letter issued tomorrow (Tuesday) to all local area councillors explaining why correspondence seen by local residents regarding development of homes on the illegal industrial dump at Belcamp was issued prior to consultation with local councillors or passed by any committee before it was issued.

The Manager stated the first responsibility on DCC is to remove the rubbish and build the wall as a priority and he will then engage with Travellers Section and the City Architects to look at the site for potential development. The Manager has committed to sending written correspondence to the members of the NCAC tomorrow.

**Cllr. Donna Cooney**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 21 June 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dearbháil Butler  
Donna Cooney  
Racheal Batten  
Jane Horgan-Jones  
Naoise Ó Muirí  
Declan Flanagan

**Members:**

Daryl Barron  
Catherine Stocker  
Tom Brabazon  
John Lyons  
Damian O'Farrell  
Alison Gilliland

**Members:**

Patricia Roe  
Terence Flanagan  
Deirdre Heney  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Larry O'Toole

**Officers**

Fergus O'Carroll  
Dara McLoughlin  
Connell McGlynn  
Pat Smith  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Brian Kavanagh  
Catalin Rosca

Les Moore  
Deirdre Murphy  
Karl Mitchell  
Deirdre Kelly  
Antonia Martin  
Joanne O'Sullivan

Sarah Brady  
Derek Farrell  
Bernie Roe  
John Beattie  
Pauric Fallon  
Ger Carty

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**21<sup>st</sup> June 2021**

**Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donnacha**

“To ask the Manager if a traffic assessment of Woodbine estate, with particular focus on Woodbine Road, can be carried out to assess the current level of traffic in terms of safety and capacity, and provide recommendations for implementing traffic calming measures with a holistic approach to the current impact of traffic on the community and residents of Woodbine Road and other routes affected”

**Reply:**

The Woodbine estate area was previously investigated following numerous requests for a review of traffic calming measures and parking restrictions. The areas included were Woodbine Drive, Woodbine Park and Woodbine Road. For the most part, the roads are naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking on both sides of the road; the roads are also lined with mature trees which provides further traffic calming.

The combination of these measures offers a reduced carriageway width for motorists and increases driver caution. The traffic volumes recorded in the surveys did not meet the minimum requirement of 60 vehicles per hour to qualify for additional traffic calming measures.

Woodbine Road is currently covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children and it is clearly marked at the entrances from Springdale Road and Raheny Road.

Woodbine Road is currently traffic calmed with 7 speed ramps, placed at the appropriate distances apart for optimum traffic calming.

To enhance the current traffic calming measure in place the existing “SLOW” road markings placed at strategic points will be repainted and two additional signs will be added before and after the “green area / playground” and Edenmore Early Education Centre.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.  
**Tel:** 222 6145.  
**Email:** [catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie)

**Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O Toole**

“To ask the Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** housing application and say when will this applicant be given consideration for housing ”

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with an application date of 09/08/2007, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| <b>Area</b> | <b>Bedsizes</b> | <b>Position</b> |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Area B      | 2               | 203             |
| Area D      | 2               | 59              |
| Area E      | 2               | 226             |

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

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

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**  
**Tel: 222 2639**  
**Email: [cathal.daly@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathal.daly@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O Toole**

“To ask the Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** and say if she can be accommodated with a move to one of the vacant downstairs apartments, numbers 8 or 9 in the complex. If not she has expressed an interest in the homes in Phase 3 Bunratty Road”

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer Older Housing List with a medical priority with an application date of 20/04/2009, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| <b>Area</b> | <b>Bedsize</b> | <b>Position</b> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Area B      | 1              | 14              |

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 numbers 8 and 9 in the complex and Bunratty Road have 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.

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

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers  
**Tel:** 222 2639  
**Email:** [cathal.daly@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathal.daly@dublincity.ie)

**Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O Toole**

“To ask the Manager to report on the sub- standard of the grass cutting on the green at **(details supplied)** areas and also cut grass not being removed”

**Reply:**

It is more than challenging at this time of year during the spring grass growth surge when grass can be growing at up to 6 inches a week to affect a good quality finish. Now that the warmer and dryer weather has commenced the grass growth rate will abate allowing for a much better finish. Grass is not collected as this would generate unsustainable volumes of grass cuttings to be disposed of, rather it is allowed to return to the soil and act as fertilizer for the sward.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha**

“To ask the Area Manager if, in conjunction with the Parks Dept, the Area Office can secure the installation in Fr Collins Pk of an ability swing and of designated wheelchair parking spaces. (Parking currently does not meet statutory requirements as outlined under Part M 2010 Building Regulations Access and Use. This requires 5% of car spaces to be accessible car parking spaces.)”

**Reply:**

The playground in Fr. Collin’s Park is approximately 10 years old and certainly would not be considered as inclusive as would be liked these days but it is also a few years away from a complete refit. Improving accessibility and inclusivity is always one of the main design criteria for such major playground upgrade. In advance of a major upgrade it is possible, as has been achieved in other parks, to introduce a number of accessible play items over the next few years depending on future budgets and space etc.

The Parks Service has looked at the provision of the wheelchair swings of the type installed in Cabinteely over the last year or so on the foot of similar requests. However upon investigation it was found that these items were quite expensive for the limited play value offered and not all that inclusive. The recommendation from at least 1 supplier was that were not really suitable for a public park but rather should be installed in a supervised playgrounds perhaps in an institutional setting. It was not felt that these swings meet with the 7 principles of universal design as for the safety of the swing user and other children the swing has to be fenced in, segregated from the rest of the playground and requires a special key for operation.

There are much more inclusive play items available, for example a wheelchair roundabout which allows both wheelchair users and friends to play together on the same item. There are examples of these roundabouts recently installed in Kilbarrack, Edenmore and St. Anne’s. The bouncy bridge in Kilbarrack is also wheelchair accessible and inclusive. The Parks Service has replied to the Community Association and advised of the above and will consider introducing accessible items to these playgrounds in the context of future budget provisions.

It is understood that the roads adjoining the park are not yet in charge but that the community association has contacted the developer directly regarding disabled car parking spaces.

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

The roads surrounding the park are not in the charge of Dublin City Council and the City Council therefore, cannot make recommendations for a disabled parking bay on these roads. However, the Area Engineer has reported that although The Hole in The Wall Road is in the charge of DCC, it does not present options for a disabled parking bay.

**Contact:** Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.  
**Tel:** 222 2528  
**Email:** [martina.halpin@dublincity.ie](mailto:martina.halpin@dublincity.ie)

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

“To ask the manager to outline plans to regenerate or refurbish the existing derelict and abandoned halting site at Cara Park/St Dominic’s Park and Tara Lawns.

In light of the recent report on the neglect of traveller sites and the advanced plans to remove the illegal dump, plans should be published in line with the Belmayne Town and Belcamp Lane Master Plan”

**Reply:**

The Traveller Accommodation Unit is in the process of supplying authorised electricity supplies to Tara Lawns, St Dominic’s Park and Northern Close to include the unauthorised families at the entrance to these estates.

Tara Lawns and St Dominic’s Park Halting sites are also having their bays refurbished and new sanitation units installed as part of the Councils commitment to improving the quality of life for members of the Traveller community.

There are nine houses proposed for the Cara Group Housing Scheme to deal with overcrowding issues. These will come before the Area Committee at pre planning stage.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Pat Teehan, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Phone: 222 6345  
Email: [pat.teehan@dublincity.ie](mailto:pat.teehan@dublincity.ie)**



**Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

"To ask the manager to check if **(details supplied)** open space is the property of Dublin City Council.

**Reply:**

The area in question forms part of a site leased by Dublin City Council to the Ayrfield & District Community Association for a term of 99 years from 10<sup>th</sup> March 1983.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer  
Tel: 222 3055  
Email: [oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie](mailto:oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Manager to arrange with parks and the ESB to have the tree cut at **(details supplied)**”

**Reply:**

The tree will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for the area for 2021 – 22.

Concerns regarding overhead services should be reported directly to the ESB 1850 372 757 or 021 2386555 these contact numbers are available on their website,

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Manager to provide an update on the wrap round lights and filter light at the Grace Park Junction and Collins Ave/ Beaumont road. I would be obliged if a direct timeline can be given”

**Reply:**

This Pedestrian Crossing is part of Package 7, Lot 2. The design is currently being finalised. Construction on this site is expected to begin in Q3 of 2021 with the works taking approximately four week to complete.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Will Mangan, Executive Engineer, Environment and Transportation  
Department.**

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

**Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten**

“To ask the Manager to provide an update in relation to a proper consultation taking place with the Whitehall Residence in relation to the development of the Whitehall car park”

**Reply:**

Cluid/Clann Housing have committed to further engagement and consultation with the local community to provide clarity on the proposals for this site. It had been expected that this would take place in early June.

However having taken into account feedback from the local community and elected representatives at the last online community consultation event. DCC Housing Department and Cluid/Clann are still consulting with DCC technical departments on specific design elements of the project,

Therefore it is not possible to facilitate further consultation at this time until there has been an updated design worked up for the site.

Cluid/Clann have contacted all local residents by letter and supplied contact details should any resident wish to engage with them directly.

When a comprehensive proposal has been developed Cluid/Clann will present this to the local residents and elected reps for their information and comment.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Dymphna Farrell  
Phone: 2226530  
Email: [Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie](mailto:Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“To ask the manager to arrange to have the litter picked at **(details supplied)** as it is currently in a disgraceful condition”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location litter picked and cleaned on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

**Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“To ask the manager to update me regarding the traffic report that was due in respect of **(details supplied)**”

**Reply:**

E&T Department will review the above request for an update and a response will be issued in due course.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Perry Chitombo, Acting Senior Executive Engineer.  
Email: [smp@dublincity.ie](mailto:smp@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“To ask the manager to have the weeds at **(details supplied)** scraped away”

**Reply:**

The North Central Area's Public Domain section continue to work with waste management to remove weeds as resources become available and the road sweeper machines continue to remove weeds as part of their daily roster.

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

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“To ask the Manager to have the area at **(details supplied)** tidied up, weeds removed and litter picked and some footpath maintenance. The grass verges are growing in to the footpath and there is a build up of dust and dirt on the wall side”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location litter picked and cleaned on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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

Road Maintenance Services inspected the roadway at this junction and no defects were identified. Please provide a photo of the area which requires repair and a further inspection can be scheduled.

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

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**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**



**Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“ To ask the Manager can the carriageway at **(details supplied)** be swept and all loose stones cleaned up from same”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location swept and all loose stones cleaned up from there on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“To ask the Manager to trim the high grass on the fence at **(details supplied)**“

**Reply:**

Since the Council made the policy decision to cease the use of herbicides in the public realm longer grass will be more evident in such areas. It is intended that such long grass would be trimmed once or twice a year to prevent these areas becoming too overgrown. The timing of these interventions are better carried out in high summer rather than earlier in the year when the vegetation is actively growing at a high rate. The area will be inspected in the coming weeks and arrangements made to have the area trimmed when resources and schedules allow.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the large holes in the public open space at **(details supplied)** be filled in and that the fencing which has been breached in multiple locations be fixed and where it is the responsibility of another body or authority to contact that body or authority to ensure all necessary repairs are carried out”

**Reply:**

This is a private property boundary associated with the adjoining school.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“To ask the Manager for the provision of bins at **(details supplied)** and to ensure the adequate emptying of same particularly on long weekends accompanied by good weather”

**Reply:**

Belmayne is not in charge of Dublin City Council. Waste Management Services will ensure that the litter bins on Hole in the Wall Road in close proximity of Fr Collins Park are emptied on a regular basis.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the Road sweeper to go into **(detail supplied)** urgently to lift all of the tree residue that has fallen over recent months”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have arranged to have the above mentioned estate cleaned by the road sweeping machine on the 15th June 2021.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager for an update on the status of Santry Greenway River”

**Reply:**

Following Expressions of Interest to appoint a consultant to bring this project to Planning Stage, eight interested parties were reduced to five. Tender Documents are currently being prepared and these are programmed to go to tender in July next.

The Steering Group for this project includes, Flood Projects & Water Framework Directive Division, Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services Division and Sustainable Mobility Division. A number of environmental surveys are ongoing to determine the current river status. We are also liaising with Fingal County Council on this project. This project is updated monthly as the Santry River Rehabilitation Project in the monthly Councillors Projects updates. Further information can be acquired from [wfd@dublincity.ie](mailto:wfd@dublincity.ie).

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Gerard O’Connell, Senior Engineer/A, Water Framework Directive Office  
John Stack, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Framework Directive Office**

**Email: [santryriverrestoration@dublincity.ie](mailto:santryriverrestoration@dublincity.ie), [wfd@dublincity.ie](mailto:wfd@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager if any progress has been made with regards communicating with the owners of Artane Place (Butterly Park) and if they have an interest in selling or renting Artists Workspaces or if there is a space that could be acquired for redevelopment as an Arts Facility”

**Reply:**

The City Arts Officer looked at all of the vacant warehouses and units on the site and there is a considerable amount of space available at commercial rates. I would require considerable capital and revenue funding for Artists particularly community Artists to be able to afford these spaces. The Arts Office will continue to explore the possibilities with the owners and report to the Area Office.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer  
Tel: 222 7849  
Email: [ray.yeates@dublincity.ie](mailto:ray.yeates@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager for an update on the Rockfield Tennis Court Pavilion? Is this still scheduled to be built in 2021? If so is there any estimated start date?”

**Reply:**

Budgetary provision has been made for this project and it is envisaged that it will be brought to detailed design stage later this year and construction in 2022.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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



**Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager for an update on the Edenmore Pitch & Putt area”

**Reply:**

A revised layout reducing the facility from 18 holes to 9 has been agreed with the club. Works to realign the boundary fencing and repair and install new greens and tee boxes will commence in the coming weeks. It is envisaged that the revised course will be available for play late spring of 2022.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager if there is any plans to replace the trees that have been removed from Elm Mount Road? Appox 10 trees have been removed and stumps remain, will they eventually be replaced with new trees”

**Reply:**

The adopted tree policy requires at least one tree to be planted for each that has been removed. However it is not always possible to plant at the same location for a number of seasons until the root plate and major structural roots have degraded sufficiently to allow a new tree to be planted. The locus will be inspected over the summer months and while it may not be possible to plant where stumps remain in place there does appear to be a number of planting opportunities along the road that could be included in next winter's tree planting programme with replacements for the recently removed trees affected in future planting programmes.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

**Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager to provide an update on who uses and maintains the Astro in Donaghmede Park? There has been reports of anti-social behaviour such as fires, broken glass and dog fouling. Can the space be reviewed, and report provided of the condition of the Astro? Is it fit for purpose”

**Reply:**

The facility is in reasonable condition, appears well used and is available to the community during the day and to local sports clubs for training purposes during the dark evenings of the winter months. The pitch was recently inspected and some small areas of damage identified, repairs will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager if any litter fines have been issued in the North Central Area in 2020/21”

**Reply:**

151 litter fines were issued in the North Central Area in 2020.  
88 litter fines have been issued so far in the North Central Area in 2021.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

**Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager to schedule a clean up at Kilbarrack DART station on the Grange Park/Swan's Nest side? And please advise how often the area is cleaned”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This area is monitored daily and cleaned when necessary to do so.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager to if there is anything that can be done to speed up the repair of grass that fires have been lit on”

**Reply:**

Fires lit on public open space not only damage the sward but kills off all biological activity in the soils beneath through the heat of the fire and toxic chemicals that leach into the ground. Recovery can take a considerable length of time depending on the size of the fire and the nature of items burned. To affect a repair the soil would have to be removed from the damaged area to a depth of approx. 30cm and replaced with good quality top soil and the area reseeded which is simply unsustainable given the number of illegal bonfires lit annually on public open space.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for an audit of traffic flow exiting from Larkhill Rd onto Swords Rd (see attached map) with a view to improving flow by residents out of the Larkhill estate. Can consideration also be given to adding a yellow box at this junction to support more effective exiting”

**Reply:**

The request for a yellow box at the junction of Larkhill Road / Swords Road (Enquiry Ref: 7021025) 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.

**Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.**  
**Tel: 222 6145.**  
**Email: [catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie)**

The traffic signals at the junction of Swords Rd and Larkhill Road are controlled by Dublin City Council's urban traffic management system, SCATS. SCATS is an automated, adaptive system that collects data from vehicle detectors at each junction and allocates vehicle green time based upon demand.

The Larkhill road approach at this junction caters for an AM peak maximum of approx. 70 vehicles per hour and a PM peak maximum of approx. 90 vehicle per hour. SCATS allocates an average of approx. 15 seconds (8 seconds vehicle green time) to the Larkhill approach each cycle of the traffic signals when demanded. (Current maximum traffic signal cycle time is 80 seconds)

The Larkhill approach accounts for approx. 7% of an average day's traffic volume at this junction and therefore increased green signal timings are not justified.

Multiple approaches are catered for at this busy junction, along with Main Road public transport routes, cyclists and multiple pedestrian crossings, all of which receive traffic signal priority. Allocating extra signal timings to the Larkhill approach would reduce time available to these priority modes of transport.

It is deemed that the current traffic signal operation is the optimal that can be currently achieved however the ITS section will monitor the junction and make adjustments where there is scope to do so.

The operation of the traffic signals shall be further evaluated under the upcoming BusConnects programme.

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

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the trim back of low hanging branches on the trees outside **(details supplied)** and for all boundary walls and roads to be weed sprayed when the next weed spray takes place”

**Reply:**

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be carried out as soon as local schedules and resources allow.

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

The North Central Area’s Public Domain section continue to work with waste management to remove weeds as resources become available and the road sweeper machines continue to remove weeds as part of their daily roster.

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

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**



**Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the remarking of a single yellow box at the exit way to the shopping centre at **(details supplied)**”

**Reply:**

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for renewal, will take place within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of the 21/6/21.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer.  
Tel: 086 815 1521.  
Email: [damien.cooney@dublincity.ie](mailto:damien.cooney@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the inspection of the tree outside **(details supplied)** and ascertain if the damage it is causing to the footpath require remediation”

**Reply:**

The tree at this location is quite small and unlikely to be the cause of infrastructure damage. An inspection will be carried out in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for 2021 – 22.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

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

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services have a works crew at this location. Footpath repair works are ongoing. We hope to be finished in the coming 2-4 weeks.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to make safe the trip hazard caused by the removal of a tree outside **(details supplied)**”

**Reply:**

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks and necessary repairs affected as schedules allow.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to provide an update on the status of the surface and usage of the tennis courts at **(details supplied)** and consider repurposing these tennis courts to provide for a multi-sport training area that would include football training”

**Reply:**

It is understood from conversations with the Dean Swift Sports Club that the tennis courts are somewhat underused. The surfacing is tarmac and is in good condition. Consideration could be given to another usage but would be very much dependant of a suitable budget being identified or sports capital grant.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the inspection of the damage to trees at **(details supplied)**

**Reply:**

The trees will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for 2021-22

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
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**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the Manager to review the courts beside the Dean Swift Astro in Belcamp Park. The courts are underused and could be upgraded as one solution to the lack of sporting facilities in the Artane/Whitehall area”

**Reply:**

It is understood from conversations with the Dean Swift Sports Club that the tennis courts are somewhat underused. The surfacing is tarmac and is in good condition. Consideration could be given to another usage but would be very much dependant of a suitable budget being identified or sports capital grant.

**Karl Mitchell**  
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**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
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**Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

“To ask the Manager to respond to the housing query of **(details supplied)** who are currently in one bedroom with their two children. Can the manager indicate when this family will be allocated urgently needed housing accommodation”

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing Waiting List, with an application date of 7/12/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| <b>Area</b> | <b>Bedsize</b> | <b>Position</b> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Area B      | 2              | 290             |

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

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

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

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

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers  
**Tel:** 2222639  
**Email:** [cathal.daly@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathal.daly@dublincity.ie)



**Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

“To ask the Manager to request for push-button pedestrian traffic lights at **(details supplied)**. This was raised by the residents with DCC in 2019 (case reference 7011935) but there was no response to this request. This is a very busy road and children accessing the local school have to cross at least twice daily”

**Reply:**

There are high demands for pedestrian crossings at a variety of locations across the city and a final decision will be made within the constraints of our budget. The funding for Capital Works for 2021 has already been fully allocated.

However, as part of the 2022 Capital Works Programme, consideration will be given to investigating a signalised pedestrian crossing at Willsborough Apartments, Clonshaugh Road, Dublin 17, to access the local schools.

Each qualifying location (including the location raised above) will be re-assessed later this year with a view for inclusion on the 2022 Capital Works Programme.

Draft capital works proposals are usually presented for discussion with the elected councillors in or around the November local area committee meeting each year.

**Karl Mitchell**

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

**Tel: 222 6145.**

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

**Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

"To ask the Manager to respond to these traffic concerns at junction of Larkhill Road and Swords Road. Exit from Larkhill Estate at times of the day (especially 8.30 – 10.00am and 12.00 – 15.30pm) is very difficult"

Local residents and commuters have requested the following traffic measures.

1. Change the bus lane off the Swords Road to bus lane only.
2. Provide yellow box facilities at junctions.
3. Increase the 'green light' time on the main road at certain times.
4. Move bus stops further away from the traffic lights.

**Reply:**

1. No issue was identified with the location of the bus stops on the Swords Road, therefore no action is planned.

**Contact:** Niall Bolger, Acting Senior Executive ITS Officer.  
**Email:** [niall.bolger@dublincity.ie](mailto:niall.bolger@dublincity.ie)

2. The request for a yellow box at the junction of Larkhill Road / Swords Road (Enquiry Ref: 7021025) 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.

**Contact:** Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer.  
**Email:** [catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie)

3. The traffic signals at the junction of Swords Rd and Larkhill Road are controlled by Dublin City Council's urban traffic management system, SCATS. SCATS is an automated, adaptive system that collects data from vehicle detectors at each junction and allocates vehicle green time based upon demand.  
Multiple approaches are catered for at this busy junction, along with public transport routes, cyclists and multiple pedestrian crossings.  
It is deemed that the current traffic signal operation is the optimal that can be currently achieved, however the ITS section will monitor the junction and make adjustments where there is scope to do so.  
The operation of the traffic signals shall be further evaluated under the upcoming BusConnects programme.

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

4. The existing bus stop on the Swords Rd is to be retained in its existing position by the Bus Connects project. Therefore it is not intended to make any changes to the location of the bus stop.

**Contact:** Niall Bolger, Acting Senior Executive ITS Officer.  
**Email:** [niall.bolger@dublincity.ie](mailto:niall.bolger@dublincity.ie)

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to engage meaningfully with **(details supplied)** regarding tree roots causing significant damage to his front driveway (see pictures attached). This resident has tried unsuccessfully over the years to get the city council to engage regarding the damage caused to his property which poses a health and safety risk to his elderly mother attempting to walk out into her own driveway”

**Reply:**

The tree at this location has been inspected on a number of occasions and found to be in an acceptable condition. It is not immediately apparent that the street tree is responsible for the displaced paving slabs in the driveway. The Parks service will not carry out repairs on private property but can issue a claims form if it is felt that a publicly owned tree has caused damage where the claim can be fully and independently investigated. The resident should make contact in the email below. Private property owners do have the right to remove any roots that have entered their property and cut back to the property boundary.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to carry out an assessment and make recommendations to control parking on Clanmaurice Rd, Dublin 5. A resident has raised concerns that parking practices are resulting in residents driveways being blocked and visibility on corners being reduced or blocked entirely. Parking on footpaths is also limiting access for wheelchair users and people with buggies or mobility devices. There is one specific wheelchair user on the street who is struggling to use the footpaths”

**Reply:**

The Parking Enforcement Inspector will undertake a review of the area and have the necessary enforcement carried out.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.  
Tel: 222 2017.  
Email: [dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie](mailto:dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to undertake measures to reduce speed of traffic on Kincora road, Clontarf, Dublin 3. Residents have been in touch with me to relay concerns about speeding on the road. The road has been designated 30KPH but only one sign to this effect has been put in place. Could we please increase signage to make drivers aware of the speed limit.

Furthermore the speed bumps on some stretches of the road are insufficient - they are too low and do not stretch fully from one side of the road to the other. Residents tell me that the Vernon Ave to Castle Ave stretch of Kincora road has newer, higher, more effective speed bumps but the other stretch of the road needs upgrading. Can I ask the council to assess the entire road to determine if any additional traffic calming measures can be implemented and also to engage with the Gardai to ensure enforcement of the existing speed limit“.

**Reply:**

The Road Safety Engineer reviewed the 30 km/h signage that has been installed as part of the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h speed limit introduction Dublin City Council's Bye- January 2020. There are speed limit signs posted at entry and exit points to the 30 Km/h Zone in Kincora Road.



At the site inspection, it was noticed that one of the sign installed at the junction of Kincora Road/Vernon Avenue was obscured by a tree; these will be examined and rectified by the traffic officer.

It is Dublin City Council's policy not to erect repeater signs as this will lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city.

The Road Safety Engineers have requested to install painted 30km/h roundels and “Slow” logos in the areas to complement the existing 30Km/h signage.

**Image 1: Signage to be rectified**

If there is a problem with excessive speeding or non-compliance with the speed limit in the area, it should be referred to An Garda Síochána as this is an enforcement issue. The Road Safety Section will raise this enforcement issue on the next Working Group Together with the An Garda Síochána.

**Contact: Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, Transportation. Road Safety. Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section.**

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

Road Maintenance Services are responsible for maintaining existing speed ramps. In this regard, we will check the existing ramps to ensure that they are in good condition and are the correct height. Ramps are not supposed to stretch from kerb to kerb as they would impede the drainage channel at the side of the road.

**Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.**

**Tel: 222 2297.**

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

The Transport Advisory Group have been informed by members that a recent enforcement campaign found a number of speeding violations at this location. We have not been made aware of the data of this enforcement campaign and we will discuss the matter with An Garda Síochána at next week's June TAG meeting.

This request was added in our system under Enquiry Ref. 7020460 and an update will be provided at the July Area Committee meeting.

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

**Tel: 222 6145.**

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

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to put additional bins or a big belly bin near the Mace at St Gabriel’s church Clontarf. This is a commercial area with a number of shops/cafes and residents are finding overflow from the existing bin is blowing into their gardens. The current bin is emptied very regularly so they believe additional bin capacity is needed”

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will monitor the adequacy of bin capacity here. This location will also be considered together with all requests for Big Belly bins when allocating future budgets and planning for the provision of Big Belly bins. Big Belly solar compactors come at a significant cost which means that we are not in a position to fulfil every request to have existing bins swapped for Big Belly solar compactors.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

**Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to ensure that planning enforcement engages meaningfully with residents of **(details supplied)** who bought homes on the understanding – through the planning permission – that there would be a cul-de-sac and a green area and ensure that the builders, Castlethorn, are obligated to comply with the granted planning permission and put in place an estate type railing forming a proper cul-de-sac at the northern end of Grace Park Close and be made return the hardcore ‘temporary’ car park to its original permitted use as a green space for the Grace Park Wood estate.

**Reply:**

This matter is being investigated by Planning Enforcement under enforcement file reference no. E0510/20. This case will be reviewed again once there is a decision on Planning register reference WEB1441/21 and it will be determined whether further enforcement action is required at that time.

A retention planning application for revisions to a permitted scheme known as Grace Park Wood (at St. Joseph's, Grace Park Road, Dublin 9) to include emergency vehicular access gates in the estate railing at the end of Grace Park Close to facilitate emergency vehicle access to the adjacent playing pitches has been submitted under plan ref. WEB1441/21. Any submitted observations and relevant enforcement will be taken into account in the assessment of this application and a decision is due by 17th June 2021.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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



**Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to construct a path in Mucky Lane, D9 from the entrance laneway (connecting from Collins Ave) to the footpath to improve accessibility for wheelchair users”

**Reply:**

Further detail is required to allow this request to be assessed. I would ask Cllr to please submit more information to [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the manager to assess whether age friendly funding could be accessed to provide a bench in Mucky Lane D9 to make it easier for elderly residents to rest on their walks”

**Reply:**

The North Central Area office will give consideration to providing a bench in Mucky Lane under the discretionary funding.

**Contact:** Elaine Mulvenny, Senior Executive Officer, Local Area Manager Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA  
**Phone:** 222 8846  
**Email:** [elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie](mailto:elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie)

There is no designated funding for Age Friendly Programme however, this bench could be funded by the North Central Area discretionary fund.

It may be worthwhile to note that before any public realm alterations take place within the North Central Area (or any areas within DCC) that the Older Persons Council in that area should be consulted with. A possible Walkability Audit for this street and adjoining areas may be needed/warranted.

I have attached a copy of the Walkability Audit for your reference.

<https://www.nationaltransport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Universal-Design-Walkability-Audit-Tool-V1.pdf>

**Contact:** Beatrice Casserly, Community Officer  
**Phone:** 222 3856  
**Email:** [Beatrice.casserly@dublincity.ie](mailto:Beatrice.casserly@dublincity.ie)

The Parks Service does not have access to age friendly funding as described. The Parks Improvements budgets are already committed for 2021 but consideration could be given for such a bench in future programmes.

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

**Karl Mitchell**  
Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City

**Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farell**

“To ask the manager to report on toilet facilities (incl assess ) at the following locations please, the tennis courts in St Anne's Park, Vernon Ave / Clontarf Promenade and also Bull Island”

**Reply:**

Waste Management have toilet facilities on Bull island contracted to JC Decaux, this unit is wheelchair accessible and all revenue is collected and reconciled to Dublin City Council.

St Anne's Park is under the control of the Parks Department.

Dublin City Council recently tendered for the provision of further conveniences linked to temporary retail units and these locations will be announced and coming on stream this summer.

**Contact:** Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.  
**Email:** [richard.whelan@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.whelan@dublincity.ie)

There are currently no public toilets available at St Anne's Tennis courts as covid restrictions prevents the usage of the tennis pavilion.

There are currently no public toilets available on the Clontarf Promenade however this was one of the sites which was successfully tendered as part of the combined retail public toilet offering.

Toilets are available at the café on the Bull Wall. The toilets at the old interpretative centre are currently not available to the public due to covid restrictions.

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

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farell**

"To ask the manager for a date for the promised special area meeting in respect of access to Bull Island"

**Reply:**

Meetings on this issue have been held with stakeholders, a position statement has also been issued to the area committee and no further meetings are scheduled on this subject but particularly queries can be addressed through the area committee or oversight forum or directly through the Parks Service.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farell**

"To ask the manager when the information about the Discovery Centre will be posted /erected on Causeway Road"

**Reply:**

Posters were erected along the Causeway Road and in other areas such as St. Anne's etc., on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June last. This coincided with updated information on the project being uploaded to a range of social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the web. Information was also issued directly to a range of stakeholders at that time. Further consultation meetings will continue over the coming weeks.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
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**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farell**

"To ask the manager supply details of all engineering works carried out specifically to support reduction in speed limits to 30kmph in the Clontarf Ward."

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is constantly working for and with the people of Dublin to improve road safety on all streets of the City. Therefore, traffic speed reduction for all vehicles plays a crucial role in improving road safety on the City Streets. In response to this, Dublin City Council took a proactive approach and implemented 30km/h speed limits for all residential areas of Dublin. Most recent Dublin City Council's Bye-Laws were adopted at the January 2020 Council meeting.

All the residential roads around Clontarf Ward are included in the areas covered by the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h speed limit introduction Dublin City Council's Bye- January 2020. The intention of Dublin City Council's Transportation Department is to roll out of 30km/h speed limits in all residential areas across the local authority. It is expecting to complete the installation of signage at Clontarf Ward Area by the end of June 2021. The signage will indicate the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone at the entrance and exit of the8 state.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, Transportation. Road Safety. Policy,  
Strategy and Innovation Section.**  
**Email: [rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie](mailto:rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farell**

“To ask the manager to report on the condition of trees in concrete rings along Clontarf Road from Belgrove Road Junction to Vernon Ave Junction”

**Reply**

These trees are exhibiting signs of drought stress as it seems that it is difficult for water to get to the rooting zones. Perhaps if local residents, businesses or indeed the new tidy towns were to adopt these trees and provided supplementary watering during the summer months the decline might be reversed.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farell**

"To ask the manager to organise the 'taking in charge' of the laneway between Seafield Road West and Kincora Road please. Can DCC make contact with Vernon Estates legal representative (Orpen and Franks I believe ) to facilitate this please. I would appreciate a full report on this issue please"

**Reply**

Taking in Charge is a statutory process which is governed by Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. Dublin City Council does not take laneways in charge unless they are deemed to be of public utility. The Area Office has never been involved in the initial stages of an enquiry for Taking in Charge of a laneway. It is worth noting that there are financial implications for land owners to bring laneways up to taking in charge standards if they are deemed to be of public utility.

Orpen Franks Solicitors will need to initially liaise with the Planning & Roads Department who will assess their request for the laneway to be taken in charge taking into account the following requirements of the legislation:

- (i) is the Planning/Roads Department satisfied that the laneway is of general public utility?
- (ii) what are the financial implications for the Council if the laneway is taken in charge.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Joanne O'Sullivan**  
**Phone: 0872868325**  
**Email: [joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie](mailto:joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie)**



**Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for a full maintenance inspection of (**details supplied**) and all identified problems addressed, in particular the leaking toilet, the poor condition of the garden fencing and the gas boiler cover”

**Reply**

A contractor carried out works in relation to the leak from toilet in May of this year. As per the tenant’s handbook maintenance of the fence is tenant’s responsibility. The tenant will need to contact Gas Networks Ireland to get a cover for the gas meter box.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**

**Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer**

**Tel: 222 3517**

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

**Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for the pruning of a very large tree located to the rear of **(details supplied)**”

**Reply:**

This tree appears to be growing in a complex managed by the Housing Department.

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

Local area office will liaise with Housing Maintenance regarding pruning of tree at this location.

**Contact: Connell McGlynn, Area Housing Manager**  
**Tel: 222 6942**  
**Email: [Connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie](mailto:Connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie)**

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for a feasibility study to be carried out and local consultation be conducted into the choosing of the best location to site a new playground for the Kilmore West area. Based on the lack of any recreation facilities for children and young people in this area , I believe a new playground is warranted”

**Reply**

While the area is not well served with playgrounds it was not identified as an area of deficit in the open space strategy. The priority for the available playground upgrades budgets in the short to medium term is to bring exiting playgrounds up to standard before addressing areas of deficit. The priority for 2021 is the refit of Darndale Playground, 2022 is to address the deficit in Harmonstown with a contribution from the discretionary fund and 2023 to consider the relocation of the playground in Belcamp to a more overlooked site.

Ideally a budget line would be identified before carrying out feasibility studies or local consultations.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the manager if he will arrange for the permanent repair of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. This path has steel plate fitted and needs to be removed”

**Reply**

Road Maintenance Services has included Briarfield Road on our Major Works Program. Works are programmed to begin here in the coming 1-3 weeks. As part of these works, the footpath at the corner of Briarfield Road and Roseglen Road is programmed for repair.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“To ask the manager if he will arrange for shrubs encroaching on the footpath at **(details supplied)** to be cut back and if Section 13 (10) of the Roads Act 1933 should be invoked in this case”

**Reply**

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. There is foliage from around the decorative stone on the North side of the junction of The Beeches and Grange Road which is overgrowing the public footpath. Road Maintenance Services will liaise with the parks department regarding getting these bushes trimmed to the back of the footpath.

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

As the requirements of the wildlife act still apply which would limit any works to the bare minimum to abate the nuisance. The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks to ascertain if cutting back is warranted at this time or whether it would be better left until after the bird nesting season when a full job can be carried out.

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

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

“To ask the manager to arrange for the abandoned vehicle at **(details supplied)** to be removed as hasn't been moved in over a year”

**Reply**

Following investigation the owner of this vehicle has been in contact and the car is registered in the area and not abandoned. They are currently getting work done on it & it is actually in good condition.

As it is not abandoned, it will not be removed by this section.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Patricia O'Toole, Abandoned Vehicles Officer.  
Tel: 2224896.  
Email: [patricia.otoole@dublincity.ie](mailto:patricia.otoole@dublincity.ie)**

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

“To ask the manager to advise of the quality of cutting of grass between **(details supplied)** is poor and needs to be recut urgently”

**Reply**

This area is cut weekly. It is more than challenging at this time of year during the spring grass growth surge when grass can be growing at up to 6 inches a week to affect a good quality finish. Now that the warmer and dryer weather has commenced the grass growth rate will abate allowing for a much better finish with each weekly cut.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

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

“To ask the manager to work with **(details supplied)** to examine potential use of an additional football pitch to the club by DCC”

**Reply**

Pitches at the listed locations are fully allocated to local clubs at this point. The club should contact pitch allocations directly on [parkpitches@dublincity.ie](mailto:parkpitches@dublincity.ie) outlining their needs and what capacity there is in the system can be checked.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
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**Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**  
**Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)**



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

“To ask the manager to examine traffic calming measures on **(details supplied)** as the road is being used as a ‘Rat-Run’ by motorists. Please examine an installation of ‘no left can turn’

**Reply**

The North Central Area Engineer has investigated the site at Coolatree Park. From observations, it is likely that a “Left Turn Ban” would result in considerable inconvenience to residents of Coolatree Park/Estate/area to whom the ban would also apply. In addition, a degree of inconvenience would also be imposed on residents of adjacent streets who would require longer journey times to access their homes.

Furthermore, the effectiveness of a Left Turn Ban would be limited and difficult to enforce without implementing measures to physically prevent motorists from turning left.

However, Coolatree Park is included in the area covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children.

Currently, the installation of the new speed limit signage has been resumed in phases for all remaining areas and is expected to be fully in place by July-2021. It is expected that all residential roads in the North Central Area will be 30 km/h by July 2021.

The North Central Area Engineer will continue to monitor the area and will impose the appropriate traffic calming measures if deemed necessary.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
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**Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.  
Tel: 222 6145.  
Email: [catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie)**

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

“To ask the manager to examine **(details supplied)** view of long term solutions to consistent issues at this location and if an onsite visit of DCC management can take place urgently. The removal of the bin several years ago must be discussed and revisited as litter has increased and has not improved in recent months”.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at this location to see what improvements can be made there litter wise. The Area Office can contact our Area Inspector to attend any onsite meeting they may arrange there.

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

The Public Domain section will have the litter warden patrol the area in question and assess if it needs a bin.

**Contact:** Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer  
**Phone:** 222 8843  
**Email:** [rob.ingram@dublincity.ie](mailto:rob.ingram@dublincity.ie)

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

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

“To ask the manager to examine when the remaining fencing will be finished at **(details supplied)** and seek further funding to reinforce existing fence as damage is been done to current fencing.”

**Reply**

The fencing was recently repaired at this location. There are no proposals to extend this fencing to the rest of the open space.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the manager to update the councillor on extra bins that have been provided in the Clontarf LEA area”

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had nine temporary barrels and three big belly bins provided at the Clontarf Promenade.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the manager to update the councillor on outdoor areas for dining provided in the North Central Area village area”.

**Reply:**

The following are the premises in the North Central Area that have applied for and received Street Furniture Licences:

The Bay Restaurant, 367 Clontarf Road  
The Watermill Pub, 411 Howth Road, Raheny  
Connolly's, The Sheds, 198 Clontarf Road  
Brew Barberista, 63 St Assams Pk, Raheny

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**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact:** Derek Farrell, Act. Local Area Manager Artane/Whitehall LEA  
**Phone:** 222 8546  
**Email:** [derek.farrell@dublincity.ie](mailto:derek.farrell@dublincity.ie)

**Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the manager to update on public domain preparation for outdoor seating and provision of public toilets”.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council installed 150 Portaloo toilets across the city with a specific focus on high footfall areas in the city centre. This is in addition to the existing 28 public toilet locations across the city. We have contracted services for toilet management, including cleaning and queue management. The additional toilets will be open from 10am to 11pm daily.

The locations for toilets are as follows:

**North Side**

- Wolfetone Sq. – additional provision
- Central median on O’Connell Street
- Smithfield – South end
- Royal Canal
- Mountjoy Sq.
- Diamond Park

**South Side**

- Sycamore St
- Temple Bar Square
- Chatham Row
- Sth King Street
- Coppinger Row
- Dame Court
- Dame Lane
- Merrion Square

Measures will be operationally assessed on an ongoing basis in line with demand and public behaviour.

**Contact:** Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management, Dublin City Council.

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

With regard to outdoor seating an order has been lodged with PACE for seating on the promenade close to Alfie Byrne Road.

**Contact:** Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager Artane-Whitehall LEA

**Phone:** 222 8546

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

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
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**Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the manager help to find out the owners of the laneway to the rear of **(details supplied)** as the local residents would like to protect the lane from illegal dumping and provide a safe play area for children, DCC stated previously in reply to a motion that this was thought to be a private lane, the lane registry have no records and the residents are at a dead end in terms of progressing this project with has majority support”

**Reply**

As previously advised this laneway is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. The Council's Property Register does not contain any information on lands in private ownership and as the laneway is not registered with the PRAI it is not possible to provide any indication as to who the owner may be.

The residents might consider engaging the services of a professional Property and Title Researcher to investigate the matter or check their own title details to their property which may make reference to the laneway.

**Contact:** Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer  
**Tel:** 222 3055  
**Email:** [oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie](mailto:oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie)

Many of the laneways in the Clontarf Area are in the ownership of the Vernon Estate.

Wyn Raftery Solicitor of Orpen Franks represents The Vernon Estate. As this is a private laneway I have set out below contact address and email address which can be given to residents to make an enquiry.

The Vernon Estate,  
c/o Orpen Franks Solicitors,  
28 Burlington Road,  
Dublin 4.

Email: [wynraftery@openfranks.ie](mailto:wynraftery@openfranks.ie)

**Contact:** Joanne O'Sullivan  
**Phone:** 0872868325  
**Email:** [joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie](mailto:joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie)

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the manager In relation to DCC taking Vernon Wood in charge can the Manager confirm:

1. That a request has been received from a representative of the residents as per the attached email (details supplied)
2. The name & contact details of the relevant DCC official who can assist in following this through to completion

**Reply**

Dublin City Council at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 declared the roads and footpaths in Vernon Wood to be public roads and footpaths in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. The private courtyard areas at the front of the properties were omitted from the taking in charge at the time— private storage, private parking and private benches are located here.

1. Yes a request to have the remaining sections of Vernon Wood taken in charge has been received from a representative of the residents. The Area Office are liaising with the Planning Department & other line Departments to investigate the possibility of taking these areas in charge. Note: Taking in Charge is a statutory process which is governed by Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. As per the legislation it will need to be established if the area is of general public utility and what are the financial implications for the Council if the remaining areas are taken in charge.
2. Contact: Joanne O’Sullivan -Staff Officer, North Central Area Office.  
Email [joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie](mailto:joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie) or Phone: 012228541

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Joanne O’Sullivan**  
**Phone: 0872868325**  
**Email: [joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie](mailto:joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie)**



**Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the manager to please comment on the access issues to St Annes Park and related Parks issues as raised **(details supplied)**”

**Reply**

This is not an official entrance to the park but rather a gap in the hedge accessed through the entrance to the adjoining ESB site. The railing in question is a gate across the access to the ESB site. As there is no receiving path inside the park at this gap it is unclear how it could be considered suitable for the vulnerable parks users listed above. Nor is it clear how providing an access gate and path here would contribute towards biodiversity objectives. There are no proposals to formalise an entrance here as there is a full entrance with accessible path some 150m to the north.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the manager to provide an update on the installation of the wheelchair-accessible mat at the Causeway end of the Bull Island including expected timeframe to it being available for use”

**Reply**

50m of the matting has been ordered and delivery is expected in the coming weeks.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

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

**Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the manager to ask TAG to examine the possibility of a pedestrian crossing between Casino Park and the Malahide Road as raised in **(details supplied)**”

**Reply**

Funding for Capital Works for 2021 has been fully allocated. There is a high demand for pedestrian crossings at a variety of locations across the city. Each qualifying location (including the above location) will be re-assessed later this year with a view to inclusion on the 2022 Capital Works Programme.

We will present our draft capital works for discussion with members in or around the November local area committee meeting for further discussion with members.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.  
Tel: 222 6145.  
Email: [catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the manager if he can please report on the following in relation to the planning enforcement request at **(details supplied)**

1. Confirm the request number
2. Provide a report on the relevant enforcement history
3. Confirm the current status of the request.

**Reply**

This matter is being investigated by Planning Enforcement under enforcement file reference no. E0510/20. This case will be reviewed again once there is a decision on Planning register reference WEB1441/21 and it will be determined whether further enforcement action is required at that time.

A retention planning application for revisions to a permitted scheme known as Grace Park Wood (at St. Joseph's, Grace Park Road, Dublin 9) to include emergency vehicular access gates in the estate railing at the end of Grace Park Close to facilitate emergency vehicle access to the adjacent playing pitches has been submitted under plan ref. WEB1441/21. Any submitted observations and relevant enforcement will be taken into account in the assessment of this application and a decision is due by 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Karl Mitchell**

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

**Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the manager to organise for TAG to examine **(details supplied)** and make some recommendations as a resident has raised cycling safety concerns in relation to the Clonliffe Rd/Ballybough junction”

**Reply**

The operation of this junction has been assessed by the ITS section and following discussions with the area engineer it was decided to alter the signal sequence on Clonliffe Road to resolve the issue raised above. It is hoped that this will be completed in a matter of weeks.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Oisín Devilly – Assistant ITS Officer, Central Area.  
Tel. 222 6260.  
Email: [oisin.devilly@dublincity.ie](mailto:oisin.devilly@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the manager can he confirm that a “no left-hand-turn” sign at the junction of Malahide Road and Killester Avenue was removed recently and if so, why”

**Reply**

An inspection was carried out on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the No Left Hand Turn sign was in-situ at the location referred to. (Photo attached).

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Michael J O’Brien, Traffic Officer, Environment & Transportation Department.**  
**Email: [michael.obrien@dublincity.ie](mailto:michael.obrien@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the manager can he confirm the position of my constituent (**details supplied**) on the DCC housing list please and give an indication as to when she can expect to be housed”

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a Medical Priority with an application date of 09/12/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| <b>Area</b> | <b>Bedsizes</b> | <b>Position</b> |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Area B      | 2               | 4               |
| Area H      | 2               | 3               |
| Area M      | 2               | 7               |

Housing Allocations are aware of the current medical needs of the applicant and are actively trying to source suitable accommodation to the applicant’s needs.

The applicant was recently offered a suitable 2 bed accommodation in the Scribblestown development, however she refused the offer. The applicant has since updated her areas of choice to remove Area E and amend it to Area H.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list. 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.

**Karl Mitchell**  
**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services**  
**North City**

**Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**  
**Tel: 2222639**  
**Email: [cathal.daly@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathal.daly@dublincity.ie)**

**Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“To ask the manager to organise for a “Stop” sign to be installed to address the issues at the Collins Avenue East/Howth Road junction as set out in **(details supplied)**”

**Reply**

The North Central Area Engineer has investigated the junction of Collins Avenue and Howth Road. The appropriateness of a “Stop” sign versus a “Yield” sign is defined in the Traffic Signs Manual. Stop signs are provided to identify priority at junctions where priority is unclear or at crossroads. The provision of a “Yield” sign in preference to a “Stop” sign requires that drivers have sufficient visibility of conflicting traffic to judge that it is safe to continue to join or cross that traffic without stopping.

The existing “Yield” sign is deemed appropriate in indicating priority at the junction concerned. Under the Road Traffic Regulations, traffic on a road ending at a “T” junction must give way to traffic from either direction on the other road and the driver of a vehicle entering a public road from a place which is not a public road shall yield the right of way to all vehicles and pedestrians proceeding in either direction along the public road.

**Karl Mitchell**

**Acting Executive Manager /Director of Services  
North City**

**Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.  
Tel: 222 6145.  
Email: [catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie](mailto:catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie)**



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

“To ask the manager to please confirm what is outlined in response to the **(details supplied)**. What improvement works for the footpaths on Ormond Road & Church Avenue are planned by DCC for 2021”

**Reply**

Road Maintenance Services has included Ormond Road and Church Road in our annual works program for localised footpath repairs.

I have attached a sketch of the locations which will be repaired as part of these works. As the kerbs are classed as “antique granite”, these will be kept and reset as is the DCC policy throughout the city.

Due to budget constraints, the section of Church Avenue which runs between Ormond Road and Drumcondra road was not included in this year’s program (except for the shaded portion on the attached sketch).

By carrying out localised repairs, the Road Maintenance section can stretch the works budget, improving the condition and safety of footpaths for as many citizens as possible.

The dates for these works have not been finalised however all affected residents will be notified by letter drop prior to the works.

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

I can confirm that the work will be carried out regarding the dog fouling signs as requested.

**Contact:** Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer  
**Phone:** 222 4243  
**Email:** [Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie](mailto:Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie)

Waste Management Services will arrange to have the laneway at the end of Ormond Road cleaned as requested. Our Litter Prevention Officer will arrange to have the damaged dog foul sign at 17-19 Ormond Road replaced.

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

The North Central Area’s Public Domain section continue to work with waste management to remove weeds as resources become available and the road sweeper machines continue to remove weeds as part of their daily roster.

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