

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th May 2021

Q1 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services who is responsible for the lighting posts on the footpath on the South Circular Road at the Hilton Hotel Kilmainham. The lights have not functioned for some time and, if under DCC control, should be removed as clutter.

Please find link below of the two lights in particular I'm thinking

of: <https://goo.gl/maps/s4tSFDtLopoy5QXs5>

Reply

The two lights referred to are not in charge, and belong to the Hilton Hotel. The repair of these lights is a matter for them to address.

Contact: Nicola O'Shea, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services.

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Q2 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it would be possible to have the foliage pruned along the River Camac, particularly the section that runs alongside the apartment building at 205 Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8. Over the past few months, a large wild growth outside the building has matured significantly.

Reply

Unfortunately this section of the river Camac is not in the charge of Dublin City Council and as this growth is not deemed to be a flooding hazard we cannot enter on private land to prune it back.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Senior Engineer, Flood Projects & Water framework Directive Division.

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Q3 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it would be possible to relocate the loading bay on Parkgate Street closer to the businesses located at 25-35 Parkgate Street. The loading bay was moved to accommodate a cycle lane, but now some suppliers will not deliver to businesses at this location as they say the loading bay is located too far away.

Reply

As part of the interim Liffey Cycle Route works a new loading bay was provided on the north side of Parkgate Street outside Westbrook Motors. An additional loading bay with operational hours of Monday to Saturday 0700-1000 is now proposed on the north side of Parkgate Street outside the cycle lane from a point 10 metres west of the common boundary of No 28 and No 29 Parkgate Street east for 10.5 metres.

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Q4 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services in whose ownership the site of the old school on School Street is, whether the department of education or the local authority and whether any plans for development of the site have been devised.

Reply

The former school on School Street is in the ownership of Dublin City Council. The property is vacant and in very poor condition. Plans for the future development of this property have not yet been formulated.

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Q5 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to consider the erection of a street sign at Poole Terrace, Dolphins Barn Street, Dublin 8.

Reply

Poole Terrace is neither a public road nor a thoroughfare but a building group as defined by An Post Geodirectory, for example take Spence's Terrace on Cork Street. It is the responsibility of the property owner(s) to erect the name of their building group/scheme themselves.

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Q6 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to place signs up at the corner of New Ireland/Herberton Road to let drivers know that it is illegal to park on the corner, as drivers don't seem to be aware of the issue and are being towed.

Reply

It is illegal to park on corners and the Dublin Street Parking Services will enforce against such illegal parking and tow vehicles to a safer location whenever such instances arise.

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

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We don't tend to install either option within 5M of a corner. It's illegal to park within 5M of a Corner.

Contact: Michael O'Brien, Traffic Officer

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It is not DCC policy to install such signage for parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under the law. Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph(2) (c) A vehicle shall not be parked— within 5 metres of a road junction. Any additional signage would lead to a proliferation throughout the city.

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Q7 **Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to install a feeder light going from South Circular Road to Cork St at Dolphins Barn junction and if she can make a statement on the matter.

Reply

The Intelligent Transport Systems section have carried out a review of the operation of the traffic signals at this junction. This junction currently operates in four phases which serve the existing traffic and public transport movements at the junction and includes an all pedestrian/wrap around phase which runs for approximately 27 seconds. This junction also operates at a maximum cycle length of 80 seconds - in accordance with the City Council's COVID Mobility policy. We note that there is a dedicated right turn lane from South Circular Road to Cork Street at this location which will be retained as part of the current Bus Connects proposals for this junction. However, the addition of a dedicated right turn green signal for this lane would require an additional traffic phase to be created. This would reduce the remaining time to all other traffic movements on approach and, in particular, would very negatively impact the busy public transport routes using the junction and would likely be impossible to operate effectively at the existing cycle length. For these reasons we do not recommend the installation of a dedicated right turn signal as requested.

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Q8 **Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

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

Reply

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

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Q9 **Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on DCC's involvement with the Iveagh Market. I understand there are plans for DineTown to begin operations in the market this summer. It is fantastic to hear that this amenity will be used, but can you confirm what the current status is with regard to plans to for regeneration and make a comment on the matter?

Reply

The ownership and use of the Iveagh Markets is the subject of legal proceedings and the Council is currently engaged in a Mediation process with all parties concerned to help resolve same. The Council cannot therefore comment on the future plans for the regeneration of the markets at this stage.

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Q10 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the roll out sensor/'touch-free' pedestrian crossings as traffic lights. These have been introduced to stop people from touching public surfaces during the COVID-19 pandemic, but they are in the very small minority. Can the Director confirm if there are plans to rolls these out further and upgrade existing traffic light/pedestrian infrastructure?

Reply

The roll out of touchless push button began in the summer of 2020 and continued until of the original batch of units that we were able to procure where installed. We also worked with our maintenance contractor to develop a system which allowed us to modify the buttons that were replaced with an adaptive unit which allows us to reuse the original buttons with an additional sensor.

In late 2020 we started to notice some issues with the original touchless push buttons in relation to the units in relation to the screw fixing failing sooner than expected, once this was noticed the installation of these units was stopped.

This was reported to the supplier who agreed that there was a failure in the manufacturing of the unit. We are still waiting for the supplier to provide the replacement parts in order to allow us to continue installation.

To date 736 units have been installed and once the replacement units are in stock we will continue the rollout of touchless push buttons to all sites.

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Q11 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to reconfigure the dead space at the corner of Cork Street/Donore Avenue adjacent to Brú Chaoimhin where haphazard parking occurs. To provide planters and other suitable measures that would make it an attractive spot and assist with the greening of the Liberties.

Reply

The area is question is being considered for place making as part of our Small Public Spaces programme we are working on with this assistance of Parks & Landscaping Services. We'll look at measures we might take to remove parking from the footpath in the first instance. We'll also include this area in proposed discussions with HSE Estates in respect of their Cork Street properties given that it abuts their historic boundary wall.

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Q12 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to remove the bin at the old entrance to Kilmainham Gaol. This is situated slap bang at the historic entrance and is often overflowing.

Reply

Waste Management Services will look at this matter and see if a more suitable location can be found for this bin in the nearby vicinity.

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Q13 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to assess how the junction at McGovern's Corner/Cork Street/Donore Avenue can be reconfigured. Locals and motorists are expressing concern at the confusing multi traffic system and the safety risks posed.

Reply

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) for attention. This issue will be examined by the traffic engineer who will report back to the Traffic Advisory Group. The councillor will be advised of the Traffic Advisory Groups findings in due course.

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Q14 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the assessment of windows/doors at Thomas Court complex and provide a timeline for these sympathetic essential refurbishments.

Reply

Dublin City Council has carried out an inspection of these windows and deemed them in need of replacement. A survey will be carried out of all the units to inform the replacement programme. This programme however is complex and will require resources and financial input from a large range of sections and funding will be needed to be secured.

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Q15 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to provide an interpretation of the plans for the boundary wall between residential homes at St James Avenue, Dublin 8 and the proposed development at The Old Steel Works, 32a St James Street. Many of the residents are elderly and find the plans very difficult to interpret. There is concern for their homes and boundary walls as well as the potential destruction of the biodiversity that includes many nesting birds on both sides of the wall.

Reply

The drawings indicate that the existing boundary wall adjacent to the dwellings on Saint James Avenue is to be retained and made good. A new hedge is also proposed to be planted within the site, adjacent to the wall (extract attached),

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