

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st July 2021

Q1 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to schedule the lanes at Madison, Mayfield and Mountshannon Roads be included in the cleaning schedule on a monthly basis with confirmed dates so the resident association can alert neighbours to keep them free for this clean-up.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lanes cleaned on the 29th June 2021. Lanes are monitored on a regular basis and are cleaned when necessary as opposed to being on specific schedules.

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Q2 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for as much clarity as possible surrounding the development of the Linear Park. There is growing frustration among local residents regarding the lack of information and forward momentum surrounding this project, can the following be addressed:

- Confirmation of the scope of the Project. Will the development, for example, include a new cycling route from the canal to Bridgefoot St?
- The main stakeholders involved and how their input is being coordinated in terms of design and funding;
- Where the funding for the Project will come from; and
- The draft programme and proposed phasing for the works.

I appreciate some of the above have been answered elsewhere and in previous questions, but it would be good to receive on comprehensive response capturing the above.

Reply

The last iteration of the Masterplan for the Linear Park from the Grand Canal to Basin View went to public consultation using Civic Space, DCC's online tool on the 18th of November 2020 and ran for 6 weeks. The outcome of was reported to the February South Central Area Committee. The following are updates in relation to specific elements of the masterplan that will be implemented in phases.

Fatima Station environs: Works within the park adjacent to Fatima station will commence in September 2021 based on the planning granted for the MISA entrance. Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are managing this project.

Basin View – MISA Entrance: The detailed design of this area of the park will be developed in Q4 2021 based on the consultation feedback received on the masterplan, with a view to implement in 2022 by Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services.

Fatima Station – Rialto Station: Following the National Children’s Hospital (NCH) works completion, BAM will reinstate the park lands from the hospital boundary to the edge of the LUAS line as per intention of the masterplan. St. James’s Hospital have been in contact with DCC to extend the current wayleave agreement that expires in March 2022 to mid-2025. This request will be dealt with by Planning and Development Department in consultation with Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services.

Rialto Station - Rialto Bridge The design for the NCH entrance and park environs that includes parks lands from Rialto Luas station to Rialto Bridge was agreed as part of the hospital planning. The NCH have sought an extension to the license to mid-2024 for use of the lands within Parks boundary. As part of the license and planning agreements, the NCH will reinstate these lands as per the planning drawings.

Rialto Bridge – Suir Road This section of the park sits along the proposed 7B cycle route in the NTA’s ‘Cycle Network for the Greater Dublin Area’. We are working with Environment and Transportation Department to develop the detail of how this cycle route can be integrated into the park while ensuring that the park is retained as a safe space for walking amenity and children’s play. The Environment and Transportation Department advises that they intend to prioritise the design development of this route in order to minimise delays to the development of the linear park. A report on this will be brought to the SCAC in due course.

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Q3 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if an update can be provided on the timeline and scope of upgrades for the Herberton Rd/Dolphin Rd junction in Rialto. This junction is hostile, with no pedestrian crossing at the moment. This is despite increased local use of this part of a canal as a recreational space during COVID-19 restrictions and its place as a main thoroughfare for pedestrians from Drimnagh to Rialto Village. In March 2021, it was confirmed to me cycling improvements would commence in Q3 2021 (details supplied), which is welcome, what is the timeline for pedestrian crossings?



Reply

The above-mentioned junction is currently in the Detailed Design Phase with the intention of commencing construction in Q4 2021.

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Q4 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update following the Dublin South Central Area Committee's adoption of my motion regarding the provision of a 5-a-side pitch as part of the Emmet Rd development. Has the adoption of this motion and the unanimous support by Elected Members had an impact on the design of the development and resulted in a reversal of DCC's decision to strip away the pitch and locate it elsewhere?

Reply

Dublin City Council wish to make reference to a previous question received from Councillor Moriarty in relation the same matter. *Previous question received as follows:*

M109 Councillor Darragh Moriarty 19th May 2021

That this Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to immediately reverse plans not to include a 5-a-side community sports amenity in the Emmet Rd development (St. Michael's Estate). This Area Committee expresses its strong opposition to this measure which would see an existing sports facility, which is used by local residents, stripped away from this community and not replaced. Previous draft plans in 2018 and 2019 included a community sports facility and this Area Committee calls for that commitment to be honoured.

Dublin City Council provided a written response to the above in May 2021. A copy of the response is included in this correspondence. The decision remains. The 5-a-side pitch will not be included on the site of the Emmet Road development.

A similar question was raised at a meeting on the 1st July 2021 with Council members from the South Central Area, Councillor Moriarty in attendance. Dublin City Council again addressed the matter and reiterated the reasons why the 5-a-side pitch cannot be facilitated on the Emmet Road site.

However, Dublin City Council did emphasise their commitment, willingness and support to the provision of a 5-a-side pitch in the community. Two locations are currently being assessed for suitability. Dublin City Council will continue to progress that matter to ensure the delivery of this facility.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTION MAY 2021:

In April 2019 Dublin City Council commissioned DMOD Consultants to prepare a Development Framework Plan (DFP) for the optimum model of redevelopment for the Emmet Road site. This included for residential, community, commercial and public open space. As part of the DFP proposal a new pitch was shown to be located on the roof of the supermarket at the Northwest corner of the site at the junction with Emmet Road and St Vincent Street West. This was a proof of concept, a high level study of the site in advance of any design process commencing. The provision of a pitch was

not assessed in detail to take into consideration issues such as safety, access or structural requirements.

The DFP formed part of the tender brief for the procurement of the Architect led integrated design team, Bucholz McEvoy. The design team have been appointed to design and obtain statutory consents for the scheme. The project is currently at the initial design stage. The provision of a new pitch has been considered as part of the overall design for the scheme. Following careful consideration of a number of options it has been concluded that a suitable location for the pitch cannot be provided on the Emmet Road site. However, Dublin City Council are committed to providing this facility and therefore a number of alternative locations have been identified and are currently being examined for suitability.

These are the four options that have been considered:

1. On the site at surface level
2. On the roof of the existing St Michael's Community Sports Centre
3. On the roof of the future supermarket located on the North West corner of the site at the junction of Emmet Road & St Vincent Street West
4. Alternative location

The first three options were discounted for the following reasons:

1. Note: The dimensions for a 5 aside pitch: 40yards (36.5m) * 30yards (27.5m).

Identifying a suitable location is the first consideration when proposing a pitch at surface level while taking into account all the other facilities to be provided within the site boundary in a limited space.

This will be mixed use development providing approximately 500 units which 30% will be social and 70% affordable accommodation. Along with the residential on the site there will be a new library, community hub, crèche, small retail, large supermarket, public plaza and open space. There is also the provision of parking space to consider – both for car and cycle facilities (storage & pathways). A centralised energy centre is required to facilitate the energy needs of both the residential and mixed use. The site will need to accommodate all the various infrastructure while providing designated public, semi-private and private amenity space.

The accommodation will be apartments and a number of residential units will be located on ground floor with bedrooms at the same level. A 5-aside pitch would require some form of screening to protect the privacy and security of tenants. The neighbours adjacent to the site would also need consideration, both residential & Richmond Barracks / Goldenbridge Cemetery. Design needs to consider light penetration, acoustics and the issues around access, security, safety along with the management and operation of the facility. This is an affordable scheme and the costs of delivering and maintaining the homes influence the level of rents charged.

The site is well located, in close proximity to the city centre along with easy access to public transport and within walking distance of key amenities in the area (eg Irish Museum of Modern Art, War Memorial Gardens etc). This scheme is aiming to provide secure affordable homes very much needed at this particular point in time.

Establishing a design layout to accommodate all the individual elements of the site and taking into account particular design and planning constraints (eg utilities, infrastructure, access routes for pedestrians and cyclists, density) the possibility of providing a pitch at surface level on the Emmet Road site is not feasible.

2. The existing structure of Sports Centre without significant alterations would be unable to structurally support the construction of a new pitch. The adjacent tenants, in particular, Bulfin Court Senior Citizens, would need to be considered. A pitch would require some form of screening to protect the privacy and security of the surrounding neighbours and prevent light penetration. Acoustics would also need to be considered as part of a design. There is also the issue of costs to provide a pitch on top of the roof structure. The issues around access, security, management and operations needs to be taken into account. This is an affordable scheme and the costs of delivering and maintaining the homes influence the level of rents charged. The uplift to provide a pitch in this location would make it difficult to maintain affordability within the scheme.

3. The proposed supermarket will include approximately 60 residential units above the building. Design considerations for a pitch needs to take account of the tenant's quality of living. A pitch would require some form of screening to protect the privacy and security of tenants (and adjacent neighbours) and prevent light penetration. Acoustics would also need to be considered as part of a design. The roof area is required to provide private open space for the tenants themselves. There is also the issue of costs to provide a pitch on top of the roof structure along with the any additional costs associated with design considerations for these particular residential units and amenity space for the tenants. The issues around access, security, management and operation needs to be taken into account. This is an affordable scheme and the costs of delivering and maintaining the homes influence the level of rents charged. The uplift to provide a pitch in this location would make it difficult to maintain affordability within the scheme.

4. This final option looks at an alternative location for a pitch

Dublin City Council are committed to providing a pitch for the community in the immediate vicinity. Three locations are currently being considered. One location is Turvey Park. Dublin City Council are liaising with the Parks Department to look at the feasibility of this site.

The two other locations being examined are Our Lady of Lourdes National School and Mercy Secondary. Together with the assistance of Aoife Hannon (Forum Director) and the Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF) both of these locations were identified as possibilities. The schools' board of management are in discussions with regard to their requirements for providing such a facility. DCC Parks Department will liaise with the school to assess the viability of both sites once the school board are happy to progress.

The location of the schools would be ideal to ensure the pitch is within close proximity to the site. DCC believe that the opportunity of the school providing a site may offer more flexibility in terms of usage. There are a number of key considerations when examining each of the three sites eg. design, safety, security, access, convenience, cost, management, operation etc.

DCC are willing to work closely with the schools should either of the locations become viable. In the meantime, the south central area office and the Parks Department will pursue the possibility of Turvey Park. It is the intention of DCC to deliver the new facility in advance of the Emmet Road Development.

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Q5 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services whether the Basin Street flats are to be included in our local authority housing complex refurbishment feasibility study and if so could they outline what stage it is at and if not could they outline plans for this complex.

Reply

The Housing and Community Services Department has commissioned a feasibility study to examine the options available for the redevelopment of Basin Street flats. Accordingly, it is too early in the study to outline any proposed plans.

Upon completion of the study, the Housing and Community Services Department will present the options to the local area elected members.

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Q6 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services to outline plans for the maintenance of the new green at Kickham road in the Bulfin Estate. Residents cleaned up the area that was damaged after the bonfire at Halloween and planted some wild flowers however weeds are now running wild and encroaching on this spot. Would it be possible to clear a space at this location and perhaps close to the trees so the green can be enjoyed while leaving some it wild for biodiversity?

Reply

We are currently working to establish the up to date status of the space referred to in the question and will revert to the councillor when this has been established.

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Q7 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the application made by (*details supplied*), for addition to the Exceptional Social Grounds List.

Reply

There are no records held in Housing Allocations of a housing application in respect of this person.

We have no record in the Social Work Section of an Exceptional Social Grounds application from this person.

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Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services when will the football pitch at OBH be resurfaced as previously agreed?

Reply

Dublin City Council is currently endeavouring to secure funding in order to resurface the football pitch at OBH.

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Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that repair to the cracked deep hole in the path at the side of OBH pitch be attended to.

Reply

All repairs works to the footpath at the side of the pitch in Oliver Bond Complex were completed on Friday 9th July 2021.

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Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of that a swing set be installed at the playground in Ceannt Fort?

Reply

Due to exhaustion of the 2021 playground upgrade budget, it will not be possible to install a swing this year. This matter can be reviewed for the 2022 playground upgrade list but will require a scoping exercise alongside consultation with local children to identify the feasibility of installing a suitable additional play unit at this location.

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Q11 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services if the contract of lease between owner of apartments at Carmans Hall and DCC has been finalised? How many are being considered and how will they be allocated?

Reply

The Leasing Section is currently engaging with the developer in agreeing a long term lease arrangement for 16 units over two developments at this location. To-date an Agreement for Lease (AFL) or a Lease has not been exchanged.

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Q12 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to install ev car chargers around the Dublin 8 area which would assist those considering going electric?

Reply

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

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

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

The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points. However, there still remains some key items that require additional work and consequently the strategy has not as of yet been fully finalised and agreed.

Some of the remaining key items relate to collaboration across the four Dublin Authorities to ensure interoperability for the citizen and resourcing requirements. Nonetheless, discussions are continuing as a pressing matter and are ongoing with ESN, the Department, the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and internally in this fast evolving space, with a view to finalising and agreeing a way forward (to include presentation to Council) at the very earliest opportunity. In fact the draft strategy is being presented to Council today 5th July.

In addition variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled.

Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to increase the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study.

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Q13 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to arrange the removal of a broken tree/tree stump and footpath repair at (*details supplied*) and provide a time/date for these works?

Reply

DCC Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services staff will undertake an assessment of the location in the following weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for 2021/22.

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Q14 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for a definitive date when the tree replacement at O Carolan Road will be commenced and to liaise with residents on the most suitable and appropriate tree type for their area.

Reply

The location will be assessed for underground services in regard to tree planting and if possible a suitable tree will be planted in early 2022.

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Q15 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to attend to the significant dip on the footpath at SCR, between Raymond Street and St Alban's, which floods on a frequent basis and accumulates making the path inaccessible and dangerous to pedestrians.

Reply

The Drainage Department have confirmed that additional gullies will be placed along this stretch of road to help alleviate the ponding issues on the footpath. Road Maintenance has scheduled tree trip repairs on the same footpath to our works list for repair.

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Q16 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services if CCTV should be available at Poole Street pitch in Liberties as the signs on the fencing caution on and if it can be locked at the agreed time of 10pm to deter the ASB presently experienced by the local residents?

Reply

Dublin City Council have CC-TV cameras covering the Poole St Play areas. DCC have spoken with the local rep who opens and closes the area and is still in a position to do this on behalf of DCC. I would also urge any ASB in the area to be reported to Kevin St Garda Station 01-6669400.

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Q17 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to clarify the situation regarding public access to the Boys' Brigade pitches in St. Teresa's Gardens. Local residents have accessed the under-utilised greenspace for recreation and dog walking but have reported the greenspace is now locked up and inaccessible. If this is the case, can the Director of Services clarify when and why this decision was taken? Further, given the lack of greenspace in the Dublin 8 area and given increased demand for greenspaces during the COVID-19 pandemic, can local access be restored?

Reply

The first phase of the Saint Teresa's Gardens Regeneration has been completed with the relocation of all residents from St. Teresa's Gardens. In order to progress to the second phase of the regeneration programme it was necessary to secure the site under health & safety to facilitate the de-commissioning of services, carry out asbestos checks on the remaining units prior to demolition and allow our housing maintenance section to commence salvage works. We have also received a large volume of complaints from local residents in relation to anti-social behaviour from gangs gathering within the complex. Dublin City Council has also had to deploy extra waste management resources on a daily basis to the complex to deal with excessive dumping. The decision to close access to the vacated blocks was taken by DCC on the grounds of public safety.

The Boys Brigade pitches have been closed to the public for several years and no right of access or permission to enter these lands was given to the public. These lands are also part of the planning application being prepared by the LDA on behalf of DCC.

As part of the consultations with the Saint Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Board Dublin City Council will be working with the community to provide a greening strategy and play-area in the interim until the proposed linear park is due for completion.

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Q18 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update and timeline for delivery of public realm improvements at the Dolphins Barn junction.

Reply

In relation to the Public Realm Improvements at Dolphins Barn junction, it is proposed to engage a landscape consultant to assist with a package of greening measures around the village area including tree planting, planted areas and seating. These measures will be complementary to works planned under the approved Part VIII scheme. Painting and cleanup of railings, street furniture and fixtures has also been requested, while businesses in the village are being supported to reopen with incentives such as the Shopfront Improvement Scheme. It is proposed to remove on pavement car parking and reduce the extent of visual clutter at the junction of Dolphins Barn/South Circular Road to create additional pedestrian space as a covid mobility measure. The South Central Area is working with Parks to develop landscaping proposals for a number of locations in the village. A 'tlc' programme of street furniture, railings etc. is scheduled.

Discussions recently took place with the NTA Busconnects Design Team where it was confirmed that NTA proposals for Core Corridor 9 as it passes through Dolphin's Barn now largely align with the approved Part VIII plans. Consideration will now be given to how best to advance this public realm project within our Capital Projects Programme.

The Councillor will be given the projected timeline of the above proposed improvements as soon as possible.

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Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to give me details on the housing application of (details supplied) is on the housing list for a number of years with her two children she is currently in a HAP tenancy however she cannot understand why so many people around her are now housed with a fraction of the time on the waiting list. It appears that our current system is dysfunctional in so far many people coming to me for many years are left waiting and waiting without any movement on our list. (details supplied) wants to go back to work, to try and buy a home but is left in limbo with her current status.

Reply

The applicant is on the Housing List and in receipt of the DSP payment with an application date of 26/01/2007, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	3	9

The applicants' interest in Kylemore Road and Cloverhill Road have been noted on her file.

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. Based on her current position the applicant should be advised to maintain contact with her local area office.

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.

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Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look into the following (details supplied) is a senior citizen he is now 8 years on the DCC housing list awaiting an older person unit. He was interviewed for Annamore Court, Iveagh Trust Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 when this first opened without success. He is a lovely man who would be an asset in any good complex. Can his case be looked at as we cannot understand how after so many years on the list he never moves up, in actual fact he has from time to time moved back on the list. Cornamona Court & Springvale will become available in the next 18 months, I hope to God he gets a chance of one of these developments before he is in his 70`s

Reply

The applicant is on the Older Persons Housing List with an application date of 03/09/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area J	1	9

The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet his need becomes available and in accordance with his position on the housing list. The applicant's interest in Cornamona Court and Springvale are noted on his file.

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.

A previous Council question was answered in February 2020 in respect of the applicant and at that time the applicant's position for Area J was 17, the applicant's position has become more favourable over time to be reached for an offer of housing.

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Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services look into the recent opening of a new Ice Cream / Waffle take-away at - 4 Meadowview, Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. It appears that the unit does not have proper planning permission to operate here neighbours are furious that another take-away establishment has opened here a couple of years again another premises opened which was supposed to have the majority of food consumed on premises, opened without a tables or a chairs i.e. resulting in a take-away again. DCC did nothing to stop its operation.

Reply

This matter is currently under investigation by the Planning Enforcement Section.

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Q22 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the loose paving slab outside the Roma / Kiely's Chemist on Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 be re-bedded in sand and cement before public liability claims are taken against DCC. I reported it following a bad fall 6 weeks ago and still nothing was done to repair a job which would take 20 minutes .

Reply

Road Maintenance visited this location and met with the proprietor of Roma Take Away who kindly explained the issues that they were experiencing. All defects were logged and added to our works list for repair. The concrete surround to the existing ESB chamber has failed and this utility will also be notified that a repair is required at this location as well.

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Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services please look into the following issue in Drimnagh which needs urgent attention (*details supplied*).

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 on or before the 09/08/21

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Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look into the request of Tidy Drimnagh for a couple of extra bins to assist the great work of this Drimnagh Group in improving the area with little pick up, cleaning and planting initiatives. To the ordinary residents of our City litter in a park on the public realm doesn't make a difference, waste blows in the wind from open spaces, parks, roads etc. I feel it is essential we support groups like Tidy Drimnagh; without their help it will be impossible to keep our beautiful city in a reasonable condition.

Reply

Waste Management Services have bins at shopping locations, villages, takeaways and other significant litter generators in the Drimnagh Area. Requests for bins, when received, are looked into on an individual basis and a determination is made on the suitability and requirement for a bin at the location requested.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
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Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look into request by *(details supplied)* She contacted me in relation to her request for a full insulation of her home on *(details supplied)* She was previously approved but the funding dried up I know these houses well they are very cold and damp in the winter months as they get all the elements can she be looked at during the currently funding allocation.

Reply

This property is not in this year's approved Works Programme by the Department. It will be noted for inclusion in next year's programme.

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Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to place yellow lines on both sides of the avenue in the Iveagh Gardens

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7021592) 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: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.
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Q27 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to ensure that bins are installed in Good Counsel GAA grounds and to increase the number of street bins in Drimnagh?

Reply

Waste Management Services have bins at shopping locations, villages, takeaways and other significant litter generators in the Drimnagh Area. Requests for bins, when received, are looked into on an individual basis and a determination is made on the suitability and requirement for a bin at the location requested.

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Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to please outline in tabular form the number of staff that worked in the Ballyfermot office for each year since 2000 up to present day, and to please include their roles or job titles i.e. housing, allocations, admin, community, estate management etc.

Reply

Withdrawn. Deferred to September meeting.

Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to ensure grass cutting in parks and green spaces is carried to a higher standard. This includes cutting grass along the edges of the park, the flower beds and around the trees?

Reply

The establishment of long grass around tree's, at the flower beds, at edges and corners of Parks and green spaces is a direct consequence of the decision by Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services to cease the use of chemical herbicides on such areas which are now cut once or twice a year to permit wildflowers to grow.

Dublin City Council is a signatory to the National Pollinator Plan and in compliance with our Biodiversity Action Plan the occasion of long grass and wildflowers will become more common place.

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