



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2021

- 1 Presentation on D12 Bike Bus**
Order: Noted.
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 13th September 2021**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the South East Area Committee held on 4th October 2021**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 28th September 2021.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Verbal update on Pigeon House Road Traffic Scheme.
Order: Noted.
- 5 Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Proposed Disposal: Further lease OLV Building (part of) Cathedral View Court, Dublin 8, to RADE CLG.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on Proposed Disposal: Further lease OLV Building (part of) Cathedral View Court, Dublin 8, to David Kessie on behalf of 61st Merchant Quay Scout Group.
Cllr. Lacey declared an interest: Membership of the Board of Scouting Ireland.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iii. Report on Proposed Disposal: Fee simple porch at 23 Pigeon House Road, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iv. Report on Proposed Disposal: Fee simple porch at 35 Pigeon House Road, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

- v. Report on Proposed Disposal: Fee simple porch at 42 Pigeon House Road, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

6 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department

- i. Verbal report on playing pitches.
Order: Noted.

7 South East Area Office Matters

- i. Director of Services Report, South City.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on proposed naming and numbering of Teach Luibhéid / Lovett House, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed.

8 Motions

Emergency Motion from Councillors Hazel Chu and Mannix Flynn

That this area committee asks the management to agree to a two week extension to the consultation period of the Gulistan Depot site. Currently residents and local community in and around the area has only recently found out that there is consultation and that said consultation period is due to end soon. It would be helpful for all groups involved if a two week extension of the consultation period can be facilitated.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to respond to the issues raised in the email submitted and circulated with this motion which is reflective of many comments received by this Councillor in recent times.

"I live, adjacent to and overlooking Herbert Park. We have lived in the lane since 1973 so the park has been, and continues to be, a huge part of our lives. This magnificent park has been a huge plus for families and people and children in general during the pandemic. It has been wonderful to see all the splendid facilities of the park in full use. Tennis courts, playgrounds, bowling green, croquet lawn, playing fields etc. have all provided Dubliners with a place to socialise and be active in safety. However over the last 2 years it has become very evident that the park grounds (flower beds, paths, hedges, grass, trees etc.) are not receiving any real attention. In some cases none at all. I walk the park every day and I hardly ever see a gardener at work. The park is now very badly maintained in comparison to Merrion Square, St. Stephen's Green, Blackrock and the lack of staff and oversight is alarming. Much of the work carried out in recent times within the park has been by outside contractors, and the standard has been very good. Simultaneously not a park employee in sight to carry out the routine duties within a park. I attach photos to let you see some examples of neglect; 1) Photos 1 to 7 are from the path adjacent to Ardoyne House. Beautiful ferns were planted which are now completely choked by weeds. Similarly young trees with convolvulus growing up the stems. Nettles growing out of the hedge along the path and last year's autumn leaves still on the ground. 2) Photo 8 Entrance at Herbert Park Rd showing weeds growing and spreading. 3) Photo 9, 10, 11, Shrubbery adjacent to the pond. Again full of weeds and not attended to for over 12 months. 4) The pond itself, is full of slime and dirt.

Photos 12 and 13. 5) Photos 14 and 15 are of the bowling green hedge which has not been cut this year.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Recognizing the location of four schools in the vicinity of St. Christopher's School, Haddington Road, with the consequential high number of children and parents walking and driving to the schools, this Committee requests the Manager to take the following short term and longer term measures to increase the safety for all:

- 1) Introduction of a time restricted (possibly 8.00- 9.30am No Left or Right into Haddington Lane from either end.
- 2) Place no stopping restrictions on the lane for similar hours
- 3) Examine further measures available to the Traffic Department to improve safety
And
- 4) Convene a meeting of representatives of all the schools, the Gardaí, Dublin City Council and the residents to see what measures can be introduced on a permanent basis.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an update on what is planned for Merrion Row in terms of outdoor dining etc. and what the permanent proposals are regarding bus movements etc. and any other matter relevant to this overall plan.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agree based on the findings and discussion following 'My Home is Crumlin' presentation that a formal committee be established to include representatives from the Community/ Voluntary and Statutory sectors to further identify the needs of young people in the area with a particular focus on the incorporation of arts and accessible spaces for our young people locally to develop this talent.

This request is based on the excellent work being carried out in the Finglas by DCC to create a 'welcoming place for teens to hang out', which involves extensive consultation and resource allocation.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the South East Area Committee supports the Irish Local Development Network (ILDN) and the trade unions, SIPTU & ForSa, in their opposition to the new model of employment services outlined in Pathways to Work which proposes to terminate current Job Clubs and Local Employment Services (LES) by the end of 2021 and to replace the successful 25-year-old community-led and non-profit providers with an untested, unproven centralised profit-driven model of delivery.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this Area Committee requests the Traffic Engineer to review what measures can be taken in the short term to improve safety on Beaver Row including possibly installing a small roundabout at the entrance to Beech Hill estate and the David Lloyd Centre and to publish for public consultation the longer term options for the Road including the various options being considered as part of the Dodder Greenway.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of the SEA of Dublin calls on the CEO of Dublin City Council to direct the NTA to reinstate the bus routes No 1 and No 47, which were removed at the request of DCC from Strand Road to facilitate the proposed cycle way which has now been ruled unlawful by order of the high court.

Many elderly residents of Dublin and in particular those in Brabazon House, have been greatly impacted, inconvenienced and their mobility reduced by the removal of these bus services.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Planning Executive and SEAC to proceed with the Local Area Plan for Harold's Cross, as the Harold's Cross Village Community Council is concerned that Harold's Cross LAP seems to have slipped off the DCC Planning Department's agenda. Harold's Cross Village Community Council asks that the SPC and Mr. John O'Hara please reinstate Harold's Cross on a Masterplan / LAP for the residential, business community, which comprises architectural heritage, environment and contemporary development.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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Motion 10 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agree to urgently address the accessibility issues pertaining to Kimmage village at present. Individuals using wheel chairs, parents using buggies and the elderly are on a daily basis exposed to dangerous and illegal parking on footpaths. For much of the day walking through Kimmage village is proving very difficult for many. Please see photos attached as an example. Whilst I fully appreciate the business need for parking locally, there has to be some resolution that will accommodate all.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillors Tara Deacy, Carolyn Moore and Pat Dunne

That this committee agree to extend the public hours of access for Crumlin Swimming Pool. At present the pool is not open for general public use during the week and is only accessible to swimming clubs or for swimming lessons. Whilst we acknowledge public access at weekends can the pool open during the week to allow more public access? Several people have been in contact requesting this.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill

(a) This traffic motion has been agreed so many times over the past 5 years. We need a Progress report on pedestrian crossing at Sallysbridge and Clogher Road, this motion has been passed on so many occasions. The school term has started again and in the interest of safe route to school, the absence of progress on this is extraordinary.

(b) A formal application was made by residents' association on 21 January to change the parking hours in Ashdale Road in Terenure so far there has been no progress, would the Traffic Dept. explain why and when will it be implemented.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the traffic dept. review the clearway in Harold's Cross village. Last Saturday morning shoppers were clamped when bringing their laundry to Washboard in the village. If people cannot go about their business on Saturday morning there is little future for shops here.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Mary Freehill

A van was occupied for a long time by a man as this living space in Rathmines and eventually the Council persuaded him to accept DCC Housing. The van was in a deplorable infested state and there was a lot of local pressure to get it moved. This required the co-operation of the former occupant to clean it out and give permission for it to be moved but he didn't co-operate. The cleaning out and moving the van required a lot of logistics and dedication on the part of DCC Staff.

It is therefore agreed that this committee write to thank the staff for their commitment and that went well beyond their call of duty. To Dominic Hession, Paurig Gallagher who co-ordinated the operation, Inspector Mark Lawlor from Waste Management who helped get it over the line and Patricia in Abandoned vehicles.

Far too often we elected members make complaints about things not being done, this is one that required dedication, imagination and commitment it is therefore agreed that a letter expressing our appreciation from this LAC go to all of the named people individually.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the manager of the relevant depts. give us an update on the following motions which I tabled and were agreed over the past year.

(a) Update on the reopening of Rathmines Road Gulistan gate. Agreed at Sept meeting

(b). Response from Minister for Defence on foot of my motion regarding co-operation with our Sports Dept. on the use of the Cathal Brugha playing fields

(c) Progress on the CPO of strip of land on Leinster Road and development of Biodiversity on the site. As per my June LAC Meeting motion

(d) A motion was agreed at Feb 21 meeting regarding a submission from Grove Park it was agreed that the Parks and Roads would meet the residents but nothing has happened.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Manager calls on the Area Manager to outline the current state-of-play regarding the refurbishment of Temple Bar Square and surrounding streets, and to explain:

- What happened to the Part 8 scheme designed by REDscape Landscape & Urbanism and GKMP Architects that was adopted by Dublin City Council

in 2018? The design team won a commission to renovate the square in an open EU tender competition in April 2017. This scheme was widely accepted by stakeholders and fully completed with all checks and controls by all DCC departments and external utility companies for tendering to construction in 2019.

- In particular, could he outline the circumstances under which the project, led by the Parks department, was handed over to the Roads Department at end of 2019? The contract won by the design team was subsequently terminated.
- Could he also confirm that approximately €100k to €300k (internal and external costs) of public monies was spent on the development of the scheme that was bizarrely cancelled, despite the City Council giving its approval under Part 8 in 2018 and having developed the scheme to tendering for construction in 2019?
- Further, could he inform me what design parameters or principles to inform the renovation of Temple Bar Square have been adopted by the Roads Department and whether the plan it is apparently drawing up would provide for private enclosures in the public realm of the square?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to arrange a meeting with the residents of Temple Bar, DCC, The Gardaí and the Temple Bar Company and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the on-going issues in the area since re-opening.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Pat Dunne

That this committee calls on the Waste Management Section to ensure that normal street cleaning services remain in place during the Autumn season and that extra resources be employed to deal with the collection of leaves during this period.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Traffic and Environment Health address the following matters:

I had a site meeting with residents of Church Gardens Rathmines regarding a number of traffic issues.

This is a cul de sac entered from Church Ave. At the far north end it has a pedestrian exit to Castlewood Ave and a crèche is located in this corner. The cul de sac on the North West side has a pedestrian gate to Rathmines Post Office.

Recently a commercial food operation commenced in a shop on Rathmines Rd and they are using their rear entrance on Church Gardens for collections by vans and cars, the back door to the premises is at the north end beside the crèche. During the day there is very heavy traffic caused by this business and the crèche; the problem is further exacerbated by An Post who travel in and out starting at 3.30am. and reverse at speed. The other problem is that the exit on to Church Ave is blind and parking spaces may need to be removed.

All of these conflicting activities are a danger to residents and children, therefore I propose, in the first instance that the traffic Dept. agree to a site visit where they can see at first hand the problems and that solutions be then be recommended”

I attach background information for the Traffic Dept.

Hello Mary,

On behalf of the Church Gardens residents, we would be grateful of your assistance with several matters. For some background, we are a small, narrow street which

ends in a cul de sac. The road is only wide enough for one car to pass at a time and there is one turning point which involves reversing around a corner to then drive back up the road. Safety and noise are the main concern and nuisance for us. Here is a top level list which we can discuss in more detail via email or phone, whichever suits I best.

1. extension of the parking times and days at minimum in line with the surrounding streets: the street is very close to the Swan, Tesco and Rathmines Main Street and the street is very busy in the evenings and weekends
2. reinstate double yellow lines on the corners which have been tarmacked over: people are parking on the corners making it difficult for cars to turn and would greatly hamper emergency vehicles from accessing houses and turning at the end of the street
3. possible instatement of a yellow box at the turning junction to aid with deterring people from blocking it
4. visibility is very poor when driving from Church Gardens onto Church Avenue. Removal of a metre or two of parking on Church Avenue installing a convex mirror across the road would help

The noise from the An Post depot yard regularly begins at 03:30 on weekday and 06:00 on Saturday mornings waking residents and keeping them awake. DCC have contacted An Post as they are in breach of the EPA 1992 act on noise nuisance laws however after having a few quieter summer months, the noise level has returned to very loud levels and additional support in the matter would be welcome

5. There is no pedestrian entrance into the rear gate of the An Post depot and the gate is used extensively as a shortcut by pedestrians, cyclists and scooters. The An Post vans often reverse in the gate meaning they have little to no visibility of people using the shortcut. Many near misses have been witnessed. We propose that An Post should operate a one way system with the front gate.
6. Recently 312 Lower Rathmines Rd has been leased as a commercial kitchen. There is a rear door to the property which is being used as the delivery access. The two main issue with this is the noise from a fridge in the kitchen is waking and keeping nearer residents awake during the night. The delivery vehicles range from cars up to lorries. They are blocking the turning junction regularly during the day with heavy activity in the morning. This coincides with kids making their way to school and crèche children in Tiernans arriving. With the high levels of congestion an accident could easily happen and an emergency vehicle would be unable to access several houses (and the crèche) and they would also be unable to turn.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor Daniel Céitinn

That this Area Committee agrees to consider and consult with residents and interested parties on the installation of a skate park in Belgrave Square.

Order: Defeated.

9 Questions to the Chief Executive 11th October 2021

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey
Chairperson
Monday 11 October 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan
Claire O'Connor

Officers

Brian Hanney
Brian Kirk
Jennifer Wall
Andrew Duff
Michael Noonan

Leah Johnston
John MacEvilly
Iva Geci
Les Moore

Derek Kelly
Neil O'Donoghue
Gerard McEntaggart
Jennifer McGrath

Apologies:

Non-members

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to arrange for an audit of the footpaths on Annesley Park, Ranelagh and for all necessary repairs to be carried out as a matter of some urgency.

Reply:

The footpaths on Annesley Park have been inspected and defects identified have been recorded in our asset management system and will be attended to as soon as possible.

Reply:

This matter has been brought to the attention of the Street Furniture Unit who will follow up with the premises.

The Street Furniture Unit does not have any authority to intervene in matters of anti-social behaviour, this would be a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will have the painting of the lampposts on Annesley Park, Ranelagh included on the work programme for the coming year.

Reply:

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

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have the trees on Annesley Park, Ranelagh seriously pruned due to their current overhanging and in some cases dangerous conditions.

Reply:

There are No. 29 Malus trees on this road. Following the ground inspection, low branches that could potentially cause obstruction have not been identified and therefore no immediate attention is required. However, to preserve the natural form of the subject trees, crown reshaping will be undertaken as part of 2022 tree pruning programme.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the very high trees and the trees growing so low at ground level that they are now blocking the footpath on Brookvale Road (along the Dodder stretch) seriously pruned by the time this question is reached for reply.

Reply:

The trees on the requested location have been inspected. Following a ground based assessment it is considered that the trees would benefit from some pruning work which will be added to our 2022 tree pruning programme and undertaken subject to the available funds.

Furthermore, the presence of suckers has been identified during the assessment and they will be removed by direct labour to a height of approximately 2 meters by the date requested in the question.

Q.5 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full update report as to why Dublin city council have withdrawn from the process to redevelop the old ESB station on Pigeon House Road?

Reply:

The City Council had identified a Preferred Bidder. In the interim, High Court proceedings were instituted by an unsuccessful bidder.

Dublin City Council rejects the claims made in said proceedings. However, the existence of said proceedings would likely cause significant delay to the advancement of the project.

After careful consideration, a decision was made not to proceed with the process in its current format – such a decision is provided for in the tender documents.

There were 2 tenders received. The costs of submitting same are not known.

It is intended to commence a new competition in the very near future.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a good sweep and weed removal on Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook which according to residents has not taken place for many months now.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had a good sweep carried out on Belmont Avenue on the 16th September 2021.

Belmont Avenue has previously been scheduled for weed control as part of a list provided to Greentown Environmental for treatment with Foamstream. It should be noted that Belmont Villas and Belmont Park are also included for treatment on this list. The work was scheduled for completion by the end of September 2021.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager that an examination and then appropriate action be taken in relation to the tree as detailed in the details supplied with this question before this Question, in view of the real concerns held by the resident, is reached for reply.

“I write to you seeking your very urgent assistance to ensure an urgent response from Dublin City Council through your good offices to assess the wellbeing of a tree outside my property, see address below. I have been advised informally that the tree is rotting at its base and is convulsing accordingly, see attached photographs. I might note that a tree beside my next door neighbour fell some years back. I am extremely worried about the serious damage that could be caused should the tree be confirmed as being dangerous.”

Reply:

The Parks Staff conducted an inspection of the subject tree in recent days. Following a ground level assessment, the presence of Ganoderma sp. Growth, as well as evidence of bleeding canker is confirmed. However, the canopy appears to be in good condition. The tree had a 15% crown reduction early this year and no further defects were identified by the qualified tree surgeon. Please note, in order to preserve the city’s stock of trees the Council’s Tree Strategy 2016 – 2020 identifies removal of trees only in exceptional circumstances. With reference to the matter cited above, the tree is therefore deemed not to require additional works at present moment.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager contact the street furniture section with regards the blocking of the footpath at the Lucky Duck bar in Aungier Street? Also can the manager contact the bar owners here with regards the high level of anti-social behaviour from the customers of this premises that is impacting on the local residents. This includes using the outdoor area of the playing pitch in Digges Street as a lavatory and also the high level of noise that is being made by the drinkers late into the evening who congregate on the footpath without any regard for local residents or children. It is almost impossible in the evening and indeed, during the daytime to use the footpaths on this dangerous corner.

Reply:

This matter has been brought to the attention of the Street Furniture Unit who will follow up with the premises.

The Street Furniture Unit does not have any authority to intervene in matters of anti-social behaviour, this would be a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager contact the owners of Ryan's bar on Camden Street with regards the high level of complaints from local residents of anti-social behaviour and the taking over and blocking of this street by the customers of this bar? (See photos attached)

Reply:

This is a matter for an Garda Síochána.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the recent closures of the beach area of Strand Road because of public health issues? This report to include a full breakdown of the scientific findings and whether it is even safe to walk these beaches during such closures because of the presence of E. coli.

Reply:

The Water Pollution Control section prepares and publishes a comprehensive report on each bathing season. Previous reports are available to view on our website at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/water-and-wastewater/water-pollution-control/water-pollution-control-reports>. In advance of the full 'Bathing Season Report 2021' being published in the coming weeks, we would like to present some of the pertinent information to the Councillor's question;

Sandymount Strand is a designated bathing water, which lies adjacent to Strand Road. It is managed by the Water Pollution Control section in accordance with the Bathing Water Regulations *SI 79 of 2008*. Dublin City Council (in consultation with the HSE) is required to erect bathing prohibitions or prior warnings where there is or may be a risk of deterioration in bathing water quality, i.e. the warnings are pertinent to bathing water quality only and should not be mistaken for advice regarding other responsible recreational use of our beaches.

In summary, four temporary bathing prohibitions and two prior warnings were raised at Sandymount Strand during the 2021 bathing season. Significant pressures affecting bathing water quality at Sandymount Strand continue to include the Elm Park Stream, storm water overflows, dogs and birds. Further information can also be found on the EPA's National Bathing Water website www.beaches.ie.

For the 2021 Bathing Season, Dublin City Council engaged the services of University College Dublin to conduct complimentary PCR analysis of unsatisfactory bathing water samples. PCR analysis essentially compares the bacteria found in the unsatisfactory bathing water sample to that of three available distinctive markers. The findings can then assist the local authority in identifying the likely source of contamination. While further review of the analysis is required, evidence to date suggests dog fouling events resulted in the majority of bathing water closures during 2021. Further details shall be included in the 2021 bathing water summary report.

Dublin City Council continues to raise awareness with regard to the impact dog fouling has on bathing water quality. Please find attached below information flyers posted to all bathing water cabinets in 2020. In addition, a *responsible dog walker* campaign was carried out by the Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership. Links to the Youtube videos are embedded on the Dublin City Council website which can be found at the following link -

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/water-and-wastewater/water-pollution-control/media> .

We are currently considering more innovative proactive methods of encouraging responsible dog ownership, as well as pursuing solutions or remediation of other likely sources of contamination to our coastal waters.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update as to when the road surface and carriage way on Sir John Rogerson's Quay will be resurfaced? As the City council are very aware the road surface in this area, which is a busy artery into the city, is seriously dilapidated and in a dangerous state of repair. The roadway is prone to serious flooding during big rainfall and needs urgent attention before there is a serious accident at this location.

Reply:

Members of the Gully Cleaning Crew will clean the gullies along Sir John Rogerson's Quay on the morning of 7th October.

Sir John Rogerson's Quay has been inspected and is being nominated for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme, budget permitting.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to when the Book Market will be reinstated in Temple Bar Square? The Book Market is part of the cultural vibrancy of the Temple Bar Area and was suspended temporarily in order to carry out works for Euro 2020. This did not materialise and the Book Market has not been reinstated. Instead, the square has been given over to public houses with outdoor drinking and dining, without any regard to the livelihoods of the Book Market traders. A full comprehensive report as to the Book Market's future at this location and its immediate reinstatement is needed here.

Reply:

Temple Bar Company manages the Temple Bar Markets on behalf of DCC and have been in regular contact with all the traders including the book market traders. The traders from the Temple Bar book market were temporarily moved last June to the designated trading spots in Barnardo Square as there were works planned for Temple Bar Square. These works did not progress and currently the square is being used for outdoor dining as part of the City Recovery Plan. This will continue until the New Year when major works will begin on site for a period of approximately 1 year. Following the completion of the works the Book Market Traders will be accommodated on Temple Bar Square as before.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the intended upgrading works that were approved for Castle Street and its environs?

Reply:

Due to a large estimated cost increase the Castle Street / Cork Hill Pedestrian Improvement Scheme was suspended pending review by the CPSO in December 2019.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full report and update as to the take up use of the Bicycle bunkers that are positioned throughout the South east area? This report to include the cost of installation of the bunkers. The cost of the bunker itself and the over cost to park a bike there.

Reply:

Bike Bunkers are secure hangars for city residents to store their bicycles close to their home and under cover. . The BikeBunkers service is for local residents only, and provides households with alternatives to storing their bicycles in hallways or in small back yards.

BikeBunkers originated from a Dublin City Council [BETA Project](#) in 2015. The Bike Bunker team in Dublin City Council are now seeking to learn more about the optimal delivery model for this service (e.g. funding, legal, branding, pricing, locations, etc.). We are beginning with a “minimal viable service” and will aim to review and improve it as it progresses. The initial phase of this service will be located in the city centre of Dublin inside the canals as indicated in the map below. Dublin City Council are initially considering registrations of interest for potential locations in this specified area”. . Once the service is established, Dublin City Council will look at how it can be potentially expanded to other areas. Please see his link for more details <https://bikebunkers.ie/>



CURRENT BIKE BUNKER LOCATIONS SOUTH EAST AREA.

At present there are No. 12 Bike Bunkers located in the trial area. Locations of the trail area in the south side are listed below:

SOUTH SIDE.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Occupancy</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
Reginald Street.	6	Full
Donore Road.	6	Full
St Albans Road.	6	Full
Emor Street.	4	Full
Lennox Place	6	Full
Bloomfield Avenue.	6	Full

Every bike bunker in the locations listed above is completely full since the bike bunkers were opened in each listed location.

The cost of a space in the bike bunker is €100.00 per space per year

Maximum 2 x spaces are allowed per house. Spaces are offered to a first applied first offered spaces as it is the fairest way.

CURRENT BIKE BUNKER EXAMPLES.

We currently have three types of Bike Bunkers trailed in different locations as shown below. Each bike bunker has shown positive and negative aspects of their individual design and functions. We have worked with the manufactures and ironed out most of the major issues. We have used these lessons learned and incorporated them into our tender for the bike bunkers. The pros and cons are of each type of bike bunker are being continually accessed by the bike bunkers manager and users of the service who give their feedback as this trial is ongoing.

Type 1 - Castit Bike Bunker in location on Reginald Street.



Type 2 - Fiethanger Bike Bunker in location on Primrose Ave.



Type 3 - Cycle hoop Bike Bunker in location on Emor Street.



NEXT PHASE.

Two further bike bunker will be installed to complete this trial.

Potential customers of the scheme can register their interest on <https://bikebunkers.ie/>

We are currently working on a tender for the Bike Bunkers which will be advertised on the E- tender's website within the next 6 to 8 weeks. The tender is for the procurement of approx. 350 bike bunkers within the entire Dublin City Council administrative area. The area of the bike bunkers trial "Inside the canals" will continue to be catered for and expanded where demand is required. Dublin City Council following the criteria previously listed above and using experiences gained from the trial will determine the locations and suitability for each Bike bunker installed.

The successful company will be responsible for all aspects of the Bike Bunkers including the traffic management, installation and maintenance of the Bike Bunkers. This project will be an NTA funded project. The proposed funding for this project will be €3 million over a 3 year period.

Cost per bike bunker units have not yet been finalised.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full update with regards the development of the Chocolate Park? This park has been on the agenda for a number of years and is still yet to come to fruition.

This report to include what delays are taking place here? Also, what dates can this park commence its development at? This is a greatly needed amenity for this area.

Reply:

The Chocolate Park / Benson Street Park site is under development / construction by Bennetts as part of the Development 76 Sir John Rogerson's Quay. The park has a part 8 planning approval and when the site is ready to be taken in charge by Dublin City Council a due diligence survey will have to be carried out to ensure that the underground development has been sufficiently secured to enable the construction of the park without any adverse impacts on the underlying development. Subsequently, tenders can be advertised for the construction of the park however this is unlikely to take place in 2022.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full report with regards the diabolical littering and waste that was left on the entire Camden Street recently? This scenario of filth being left behind by pub-goers and visitors to the area made national headlines. This report to include what contact if any, have waste management made with local businesses here? What programmes, if any, are being designed to inform the public and particularly those using the evening economy to dispose of their waste in a proper manner? What arrangements have been made to engage with local businesses, particularly restaurants and pubs with regards their own outdoor cleaning services.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's Litter Warden Service has visited the takeaway and licensed premises on Camden Street to remind them of their responsibilities under the Bye-Laws for the Prevention and Control of Litter. Litter Wardens will be supporting out of hour inspections to monitor their cleaning schedules to enforce the bye-Laws and issue fines if necessary.

Permanent bin provision and the potential of temporary barrel bins have been reviewed and existing provision has been deemed sufficient and safe for the challenge at hand.

Our night shift crews are working throughout the city and consistently bring the street up to expected standard before city reopens and respond as soon as is practical and safe to sweep the street.

Additional public awareness campaigns are being explored.

Q.17 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager further to 'Circular Letter Housing 14/2021' sent on the 14th of April 2021, if he can provide the Housing Need and Demand Assessment that was carried out for the Dublin City Council area; if he can detail whether there is a breakdown for the South East Area and to provide a copy of that breakdown.

Reply:

Councillors will have received a copy of the Councillors' Draft Plan which contains the Housing Strategy as Appendix 1 and supporting Annex 1 that includes the output of the HNDA. We are unable to circulate this at this time, as the document is embargoed (along with all other Development Plan material). It will however, be available for wider circulation, following the conclusion of the special council meeting to approve the Draft County Development Plan, when the Draft Plan goes on statutory public display on 24th November 2021.

For information there is no separate HNDA data specific to the South East Area. The HDNA findings and results are city wide and include two sub city areas for additional analysis.

Q.18 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he can assist with this situation details supplied:

Reply:

The Housing Advisor from the Kimmage/Rathmines area office will contact details supplied to make an appointment to discuss her housing application and requirements.

The above applicant is on the Older Persons' Transfer List with an application date of 09/05/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area K	1	73
Area M	1	110
Area N	1	129

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.

If the applicant has a notice of termination, she should submit this to the HAP Section in order to secure approval to move to alternative HAP accommodation.

Q.19 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he could set out the indicative timeline for the Belmont Avenue traffic proposals and what happens next.

Reply:

Potential Transport Intervention options are currently in the Public Consultation process on the Dublin City Council's Consultation Hub. This process commenced on the 13th September 2021 and will last 6 weeks until the 25th October 2021. Once this consultation feedback is processed, the Councillors will be advised on next steps depending on the level of support for these options.

The link for the Belmont Public Consultation Webpage is as follows:

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/belmont-avenue-traffic-calming/>

Q.20 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he can outline the processes or procedures involved in a group of persons who wish to commemorate former Taoiseach Garret Fitzgerald, in some form, in a public space owned by Dublin City Council.

Reply:

The council's policy on commemorations states that: *'Nominees will have to have died at least 20 years previously or have passed the centenary of their birth, whichever is earlier'*. On that basis, the late Mr. Fitzgerald would not be eligible for commemoration under the council's scheme until 2026 (the centenary of his birth).

Q.21 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager further to the presentation on the 'Sandymount Coastal Flood Defence Scheme' if he could detail what month it is expected that a consultant for Phase 2 shall be appointed; if constructions of flood defences on the existing promenade will commence this in October, November or December.

Reply:

It is programmed to procure a consultant for Phase 2 of Sandymount Flood Alleviation Scheme in December 2021.

Negotiations are ongoing with the OPW about the availability of their direct labour to construct Sandymount Promenade Flood Defences. Currently January-February 2022 is the earliest possible date.

Q.22 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager further to the 'Presentation on the Clonskeagh to City Centre Cycle Route' presented at our area meeting on the 14th of September 2020 if he can provide an update as to its current status, indicative timeline and next steps.

Reply:

The appointment of the current designer is being closed out with the NTA Cycle Design office, progressing the preliminary design of the scheme. It is estimated the preliminary design will take 7 months. It is therefore proposed that the scheme will be presented to the South East Area Committee on completion of the preliminary design, in Q3 2022.

Q.23 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he will consider the content of the email below and provide an update:

"As you might remember there was a motion in February calling for traffic calming on Brighton Road. DCC traffic replied that speeding was not an issue as no vehicle was detected going over 50kph in the 24 hour period. Since then the speed limit has been reduced to 30kph and we are no longer in full lockdown (as we were when the speed survey took place). Could you try and get speed calming back on the agenda? Could you get them to do another speed survey?"

Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out an additional speed survey on Brighton Road in the coming weeks. Based on the results from the speed survey the Area Engineer will make a decision on whether traffic calming measures are required.

Q.24 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local area manager when the appropriate footpath repairs will take place at Greenmount Lawns, where I am advised that council placed temporary tarmac on a cracked footpath which has broken and is inclined to cause damage to local pedestrians. The enquirer states that a contractor parked a heavy lorry on the footpath, causing the cracks to increase. Local resident has tripped on this while walking with a pram; therefore, it is an urgent repair required.



Reply:

This defect has been recorded in our asset management system and a permanent repair will be scheduled here as soon as possible.

Q.25 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local area manager and the Traffic Department for a map and time date when the works on the parking issues in Rathdown Avenue, Rathdown Crescent, Rathdown Park and narrow vehicular access in its area will be undertaken.

Questions on this matter have been going on for over a year and the local residents are forwarding images and enquiries again on the negative impact of parking both sides of the road adjacent to Bushy Park.

Reply:

The Area Engineer has completed a report with proposed traffic solutions for Rathdown Avenue and the adjacent roads in the vicinity of Bushy Park. This report will be circulated to councillors and a presentation will be made to them.

Q.26 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local area manager and Parking Department and Traffic Department to address the negative impact on footpath car and truck parking on Sundrive Road, in particular the area around shops Pickles/Capri and the opposite shops on Sundrive Road.

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) are patrolling and enforcing in the Sundrive Road area. I will request that a greater emphasis is put around the shops in question.

Q.27 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local area manager and the Parks Department to provide alternative access to Eamonn Ceannt Park for children en route to school, on bikes or with parents walking with prams. Local residents request the removal of the kissing gates at Eamonn Ceannt Park, to allow for safe travel to local school by families with long-tail bikes and cargo bikes, and to allow access to the park for those using mobility scooters and tricycles.

Reply:

In general parks and park entrances are open and not gated. However, swing/kissing gates have been placed at some locations in response to concerns about unauthorised vehicles, quad bikes and scramblers gaining access to their local park. These gates were intended to still permit access for buggies and most wheelchairs, however some prams and motorised wheelchairs may have difficulty gaining access in some instances.

The Sustainable Mobility and Projects Division in the Environment and Transportation Department is working with the Parks and Landscape Services Division in the Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department to develop and implement two works programmes under the Active Travel Programme;

- Replacement of Kissing Gates
- Public Parks Walking and Cycling Facilities

The above location will be included in that programme for consideration.

Q.28 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if signs like the below can be put up in our parks to deter people from damaging trees as happened recently in Ringsend Park.



Reply:

We are aware of the incident that occurred in Ringsend Park which involved damage to a tree in the form of bark stripping. The damage was caused by a dog. Parks Section continues to monitor the situation and have requested Dog Wardens to visit the park regularly, therefore there are no plans to erect the requested signs at this time.

Q.29 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the road surface each side of Tom Clarke toll bridge can be re tarred as it is in particularly bad condition and is creating a lot of noise pollution for the residents in the area.

Reply:

Arrangements are being made to carry out repair works at this location. These works are scheduled to take place in October 2021.

Q.30 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if there are any plans for a mattress recycling day at Ringsend Park, it appears to have been quite some time since one has been held there. Before Halloween might be prudent.

Reply:

There are no plans to hold a mattress recycling event in Ringsend Park in 2021. The event held in Crumlin in August was funded through the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications with an Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) grant.

If the same grant is made available for 2022 from the Department, the Councillor's request will be taken into account for Ringsend.

Q.31 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the following graffiti can be removed from the locations below,

Pumphouse at Londonbridge Road,
Outside The Merry Cobbler,
Physio store on Irishtown Road,



Reply:

The locations listed at the Pumhouse and Merry Cobbler have been dealt with on 4th October.

The graffiti at the physio shop is on private property and appropriate action has been taken to have it removed in the near future.

Q.32 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the badly damaged footpath at 9 Greenmount Lawns, Terenure, Dublin, DO6XT38 be repaired as soon as possible? There was an attempt to repair it last year and as you can see it was not repaired at all and looks much worse. What is the timeframe for this request?



Reply:

This defect has been recorded in our asset management system and a permanent repair will be scheduled here as soon as possible.

Q.33 Councillor Tara Deacy

We have had a number of requests for the installation of Litter Boards in some of our smaller parks/green spaces. Can we get feedback in terms of how successful they have been in other areas, where the funding came from to install them with a view to trialling some in the Kimmage/Rathmines ward?

Reply:

Parks currently have no plans to install litter boards in parks. Parks can contact our colleagues in other local authorities, who are using this system, to establish the success or otherwise of the system.

Q.34 Councillor Tara Deacy

Neighbourhood Traffic Plan – We get a huge number of queries in relation to cycle lanes, traffic plans, traffic calming etc. in the Harold's Cross area, particularly in light of new housing developments, schools and the increase in footfall. Could I get some feedback in terms of where we are for Neighbourhood Traffic Plans for this area, and a rough timeframe in relation to next steps?

Reply:

The Harold's Cross area is identified for a Neighbourhood scheme. The area will need to be assessed to see what interventions would be suitable in terms of a Neighbourhood Traffic Plan. It is hoped that the area will be assessed within the next 3 months.

Q.35 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if arrangements can be made to have Gulistan Depot open at lunchtime.

Reply:

All Dublin City Council Bring Centres are currently closed from 1 - 2pm to facilitate staff lunch breaks as directed by Waste Management Services' Health & Safety Officer. This practice will remain in place until such time as we are no longer obliged to work a Pod system. Per current Business Continuity practices, Dublin City Council will assess increases in essential services on a case by case basis in line with sectoral guidelines and risk will be assessed by local Health & Safety where required.

Q.36 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if dumping at the entrance of Gulistan depot can be cleared or otherwise managed by depot staff or street cleaning crews.

Reply:

Illegal dumping at the entrance of the Bring Centre at Gulistan Terrace, Rathmines is regularly cleared by street cleaning personnel.

Q.37 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if a severely damaged footpath adjacent to (details supplied*) can be urgently repaired. Temporary repairs carried out in the last year have collapsed under the weight of a council truck which parked on the kerb and have subsequently caused further severe damage to the kerb and footpath. This now presents a serious health and safety risk and should be properly repaired.

Reply:

This defect has been recorded in our asset management system and a permanent repair will be scheduled here as soon as possible.

Q.38 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager what is the timeline for the completion of work on Herzog Park. Residents have been advised that while funding is available to complete the works, staff shortages are preventing this from happening. Can the area manager outline what is being done to progress this work to completion?

Reply:

The final phase of the works include the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. There is discretionary funding in place for these works. However, to date we have not been able to get access to engineering resources to prepare a tender for the works. We are currently pursuing this with Roads Construction Section. When this work is carried out, further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to finish the project.

Q.39 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if additional bike parking facilities can be provided in Harold's Cross village, at or near the park, shops and food outlets. Currently there are four Sheffield stands outside Centra, which is completely inadequate for a village well within easy cycling distance of the city centre. These stands are consistently full and there is a clear need for additional bike racks to be installed to support cyclists who live in, work in, or use the businesses and amenities in Harold's Cross, consistent with the city's goals to support active travel infrastructure.

Reply:

The location in the vicinity of Harold's Cross Village will be examined and if a suitable location is found, cycle parking will be included in a future batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to please provide a full list of footpath repair projects completed or due to be completed in South East Inner City in 2021, and can he provide a status update on each project.

Reply:

Please find below update on South East Area 2021 Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme.

Anglesea Road (Various Sections between Donnybrook Road and Merrion Road) – Due to be done in November 2021

Clonmacnoise Road (Roundabout Path between No. 90 and No. 134) – Complete

Essex Quay (Various Sections between Wood Quay and Wellington Quay) – Due to be done in October/November 2021

Kimmage Road West (House No. 61 to Fortfield Road) – Complete
Leeson Street Upper (Various Sections between Morehampton Road and Grand Parade) – Ongoing. Due to be complete mid October 2021
Mountain View Road (Various Sections between Albany Road and Beechwood Road) – Due to be done in December 2021
Rutland Grove (Various Areas off Clogher Road) – Due to be done in November 2021
South Lotts Road (Bath Avenue Place to ESB Entrance) – Due to be done in October/November 2021
Sussex Road (Various Sections between Mespil Road and Leeson Street Upper) – Due to be done in November 2021
Templeogue Road (Various Sections between Fortfield Road and Terenure Village) – Due to be done October 2021
Grant's Row (Section of damaged footpath) – Complete

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when the resurfacing of the footpath at the junction of Cuffe Street and Wexford Street will be resurfaced. The pathway outside the new development has been restored but the section next to it at the pedestrian crossing (outside the burrito bar) has not been resurfaced and is a serious trip hazard. Can the Area Manager provide a timeline for the completion of this as I have raised this issue before?

Reply:

This has previously been referred to Colt Technologies for permanent reinstatement. A delay was incurred due to the Covid-19 outdoor dining requirement. Colt Technologies has now instructed their contractor to carry out the works as soon as possible.

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he outline the reasons for removing safety islands on Sean Moore Road. I understand this is to facilitate the new cycle route, which is very welcome, but if the Area Manager could confirm that the removal of the island does not compromise on pedestrian safety that would be reassuring for the residents who have raised some concerns about this.

Reply:

As part of the cycle lane works, the two existing pedestrian crossings are being upgraded. The island were removed to make the crossing a straight across crossing rather than the previous staggered arrangement which required the pedestrian to cross in two different movements. The cycle lanes either side with separator islands will narrow the road and so help to reduce speed and the time that pedestrians will need to cross the vehicular lanes. In the current temporary arrangement the crossing times for pedestrians has been substantially increased.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could please find solutions to address the ongoing issue of graffiti on the wall along the walkway between the Sweepstakes complex and the Dodder. Would the Area Manager consider a mural here as way to deter further graffiti?

Reply:

This location may well lend itself to art on an ongoing basis as a legal wall for street artists to paint. However, an approach like this would only be undertaken if there is local support for such a measure. However the installation of a mural on the length of wall would be costly and have ongoing maintenance costs for the local authority. A combination of suitable planting and localised murals may be more manageable. The Area Office will arrange for the graffiti along the Dodder walkway to be removed

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the provision of safer cycling routes along Pearse Street / Ringsend Road, and will the Manager consider applying for funding for a Safe Routes to School along this route to facilitate the many children and families who attend schools in Ringsend and Sandymount cycling safely to school, to help reduce traffic and reach our new climate targets.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is prioritising school mobility interventions at schools who have submitted an application under either the School Zone or Safe Routes to School schemes.

In late August 2020, Dublin City Council invited all primary schools in the Dublin City Council administrative area to apply for a School Zone. Of the 136 applications, four were from the Sandymount/Ringsend area. The status of these School Zones are as follows:

School	Address	Status
Star of the Sea BNS	Leahy's Terrace, Sandymount	Complete
Shellybanks ETNS	Roslyn Park, Newgrove Ave, Sandymount	Complete
Scoil Mhuire GNS	Gilford Road, Sandymount	Application withdrawn by school
St Matthew's NS	Cranfield Place, Sandymount	On hold due to proximity to proposed Strand Road Cycle Route Trial.

In March 2021, the Safe Routes to School National project was launched. Invitation to apply was issued to all schools – Primary and secondary – nationwide. 28 Schools in the DCC administrative area were successful for round funding. Shellybank ETNS is the only school in the Sandymount/Ringsend area on this list. Further assessments will be undertaken at Shellybanks ETNS to determine what further measures are appropriate. Due to high volume of applicants and the fact that Shellybanks has already received a School Zone, they are not currently a priority.

As part of our monitoring process, our Schools Outreach Officers are conducting site visits at implemented School Zones to observe the traffic behaviour at either drop off or collect times around the school gate. These site visits will inform the development of a Communication and Engagement Toolkit for schools with completed School Zones so support them to promote cycling and walking to school and improve drop off or parking behaviours around the School Zones. This toolkit is being drafted in collaboration with An Taisce Green-Schools.

Over the next five years, Dublin City Council will undertake the planning and implementation of 140km of cycling and walking infrastructure. This will include 55km spread across 27 existing projects and 85km spread across 31 new projects. This is in addition to cycling and walking infrastructure being delivered under the BusConnects programme.

One of the 31 new projects incepted in 2021 is the Ringsend to College Green Cycle Scheme, which is proposed to run from Seán Moore Road to College Green via Ringsend Road and Pearse Street. As the project is currently awaiting the recruitment of a project team, it is not possible at this time to give definitive timelines for its delivery.

Q.45 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please invest in a full resurfacing of R131 road at the junction of the Tom Clarke Bridge / York Road. The potholes here cause a significant amount of noise when the trucks are travelling to and from the port pass over them, especially during

the early hours of the morning and this is causing serious disturbance to the local residents in the area, particularly Fisherman's Wharf.

Reply:

Arrangements are being made to carry out repair works at this location. These works are scheduled to take place in October 2021.

Q.46 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please write to the Temple Bar Company and ask them to make sure that the pedestrian path of Asdill's Row are cleaned in the mornings, especially over the weekend as this often neglected yet is in serious need of cleaning due to frequent litter, urination and defecation.

Reply:

The Temple Bar Company has been asked to clean this street regularly.

Q.47 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install better pedestrian and cycling crossing facilities across Merrion Road near the Dodder to facilitate families accessing local amenities such as the Dodder Walkway and Herbert Park.

Reply:

A reply to this question will be issued directly to the councillor in advance of the November meeting of the South East Area Committee.

Q.48 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please consider the following to assist the residents of Church Gardens, Rathmines:

1. Extension of the parking times and days at minimum in line with the surrounding streets: the street is very close to the Swan, Tesco and Rathmines Main Street and the street is very busy in the evenings and weekends
2. Reinstate double yellow lines on the corners which have been tarmacked over: people are parking on the corners making it difficult for cars to turn and would greatly hamper emergency vehicles from accessing houses and turning at the end of the street
3. Possible instatement of a yellow box at the turning junction to aid with deterring people from blocking it

Reply:

1. If the residents of Church Gardens wish to have the hours of operation of the Pay & Display scheme they need to apply to the Transportation Dept. with a petition indicating that 25% of households are in favour of a time extension. On receipt of this petition a ballot will be run proposing the new times and the majority result from the ballot will decide the outcome.
2. This area will be assessed by the Area Engineer in the coming days and a report will issue back to the Councillor.
3. Church Gardens does not meet the criteria for providing yellow boxes (below). Church Gardens is not a side road onto a major junction. Therefore it does not meet the criteria for a yellow box.
 - Blocking of the junction should occur regularly, on a daily basis, and at least during peak periods.
 - Side road traffic flows should be significant and the side road should serve a minimum of fifty houses or a major traffic generating facility.

Q.49 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Traffic Engineer survey the following junctions in Lower Crumlin at which there are major visibility issues for both pedestrians and motorists alike. Cars and vans parking at these junctions are creating major health and safety issues.

A solution could involve the installations of Double Yellow lines at the locations. However, residents have asked for planter boxes to be located at these corners and locations. These would both enhance the look of the area and dissuade motorists from parking at the corners.

Additionally, can double yellow lines and planters be put around the green area opposite the Fire Brigade Station? Large lorries and trucks have been parking there in recent times making crossing the road difficult for pedestrians.

In general, the entire residential area of Lower Crumlin needs a traffic and parking solution.

List of junctions:

Rutland Avenue/ Glenealy Road

Glenealy Road/ Rathdrum Road

Aughavannagh Road/ Parnell Road

Aughavannagh Road/ Clogher Road

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7022960) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The assessment will take place within the next two weeks however if recommended it has to go through the TAG process which will take a minimum of eight weeks.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.50 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Traffic Engineer agree to install a Yellow Traffic Box outside the entrance/exit gate to the Crumlin Road Flats (Seagull House)?

Residents in cars find it particularly difficult and dangerous to access and exit onto the Crumlin Road at this location. There is a history of traffic accidents here.

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7021830) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The assessment will take place within the next two weeks however if recommended it must go through the TAG process which will take a minimum of eight weeks.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.51 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the road surface on Rutland Avenue be examined and repaired where necessary. There are sections of this busy road where the original concrete is cracked and crumbling.

Reply:

Rutland Avenue roadway has been inspected and a section of it is being nominated for inclusion in our future Carriageway Resurfacing Programmes, budget permitting.

In the interim, defects identified have been recorded in our asset management system and temporary repairs will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Q.52 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the bollards at the side of the Fire Brigade on Rutland Avenue be painted and can the general area at this location be enhanced with planters etc.

Reply:

The current budget for the provision of planters under the Vibrant Villages Programme is now exhausted, therefore we will add the location at the Fire Station to next year's potential sites. The Community Team will liaise with Crumlin Community Clean Up Group, as their input on the location and installation of all planters in the Crumlin area is vital to their sustainability.

Arrangements will be made to have these bollards painted.

Q.53 Councillor Pat Dunne

Following the clean up by residents at the entrance to Ashling Close, Dublin 12 can two new street nameplates be installed as the existing ones are badly worn?

Reply:

Fabrication and installation of two no. new nameplates at this location will be added to our upcoming nameplate renewal contract. This contract is currently at contract award stage. Once the contract is awarded, there will then be a lead-in period of a number of weeks to carry out safety audits at each location, arrange traffic management plans, obtain traffic permits and undertake advance notification and communication with the impacted property owners. Concurrently fabrication of the nameplates will be taking place.

In view of the above, we anticipate it could take up to four months before these signs are installed at Ashling Close.

Q.54 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Traffic Engineer examine the closeness of Bus Stop 1020 at Rathmines Town Centre to the Loading bay adjacent to ALDI?

I have received a complaint for a constituent who is a wheelchair user that she was unable to gain access to a bus because a delivery van was parked in the loading bay and the bus could not pull in to allow the ramp on the bus be used.

Reply:

An inspection of the area took place and it was noted that if the vehicles using the loading bay do so correctly and align with the kerb, then the issue does not happen.

The issue only happens when vans or trucks pull up and overhang the loading bay, which then means that buses cannot pull up flush with the kerb. There is a section of mandatory cycle track before the bus cage and vehicles are not allowed to stop on this or encroach on it. The same goes for a bus cage, there should be no vehicles stopped or encroaching on this space.

There is no suitable location nearby and there is already an RTPI and Kassel kerb installed here.

Q.55 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the area manager provide a full list of the clubs and schools who are currently using Crumlin Swimming Pool from Mondays to Fridays? Can this list show the time slots being used and also list free time slots?

Reply:

Please see the attached excel sheet for the list of clubs and schools using Crumlin swimming pool. It should be noted that Crumlin Swimming Pool is open to the public full time during the bathing season when these schools and clubs cease to use it. At present, we are still operating under strict Covid regulations and that extensive cleaning of the premises is carried out along with adhering to social distancing regulations. Some schools that we previously

catered for have yet to return because of Covid, but we have left a booking slot open for them.

Q.56 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive to change an area Ross Road, Christchurch, Dublin 8 to residents' parking only.

Reply:

Ross Road between Nicholas Street and Bride Street has a Pay and Display/Permit Parking Scheme already in operation from Monday to Saturday from 07.00 to 19.00 on both sides of the road. There is no provision for residents only parking on a public road. Extension of hours to a parking scheme can be considered once 25% of households are in favour of the proposed extension.

Q.57 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the equipment in the playground at Leo Fitzgerald House, Hogan Place, Dublin 2.

Reply:

Dublin City Council carried out repairs to the playground earlier this year. A further inspection will be undertaken and any necessary repairs will be carried out.

Q.58 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive when will the flat complex at Rathmines Avenue Flats, Rathmines, Dublin 6 be painted.

Reply:

Dublin City Council painted this complex in 2016. It is scheduled to be repainted in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Q.59 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the ground floor gardens at (details supplied) to be sprayed for weeds and maintained as the elderly residents are unable to maintain the gardens themselves and they are becoming overgrown.

Reply:

The Project Estate Officer is liaising with the tenants to have these works carried out. The works should be completed within the next 8-10 weeks.

Q.60 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the bench beside the playground in St. Andrew's Court, Fenian Street, Dublin 2 to be replaced as the timber in the bench is rotten and the bolts have become exposed.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made with the Civic Maintenance to carry out the necessary repairs.

Q.61 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the manhole at the corner of Pearse Street and Macken Street, Dublin 2 to be repaired as due to the constant traffic on this section of road, the manhole has become loose and bangs loudly when traffic drives over it, which causes a major disturbance to nearby residents, particularly at night.

Reply:

This junction was inspected on 30th September 2021. Two number carriageway chamber lids were noted to be banging when traffic passes over them as stated in the question. One of

them has been referred to the asset owner, Colt Technologies for repair. The ownership of the second one has yet to be determined as the markings on the cover have worn off. The IMU will follow this up and ensure that the utilities involved repair their chambers as soon as possible.

Q.62 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the trees outside Glover's Court, Off York Street, Dublin 2 to be cut back.

Reply:

These works have been assigned to a contractor to be carried out and should be complete within 8-10 weeks.

Q.63 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the illegal dumping at (details supplied) to be addressed urgently.

Reply:

The South East Area Litter Wardens has visited this location on numerous occasions since end July 2021 following up on reports of issues in this laneway. The primary issue reported is of "abandoned bins" in details supplied. The bins in question all relate to details supplied 2.

All reports have come from the same individual.

The Litter Warden & Environmental Liaison Officer have engaged with the owners of the public house in question. The owners have been advised of their responsibilities under the 2018 bye-laws re the presentation & storage of waste. The owners have expressed their intentions to comply with the regulations.

The Litter Warden is aware of the waste collection arrangements of this business and is working with them to ensure full compliance with the bye-laws. The pub present their bins on a Sunday evening and a Thursday evening for collection and following collection the bins are removed from the lane and placed in a dedicated bin storage collection area.

The Litter Warden will continue to monitor the situation at this location and will take appropriate action if warranted.

Q.64 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the hole in the kitchen ceiling of (details supplied) please be repaired as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has carried out all the repairs at the address provided. A new toilet has been installed and the ceiling plastered.

Q.65 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the foot path and steps at footpath and steps outside Ringsend Library, Fitzwilliam St, Dublin, D04 Y970 be repaired as a matter of urgency as there have been two very serious falls resulting in serious injury to two elderly persons in the last few weeks as a result of tripping over this foot path.

Reply:

These repairs were carried out at the end of August 2021.