

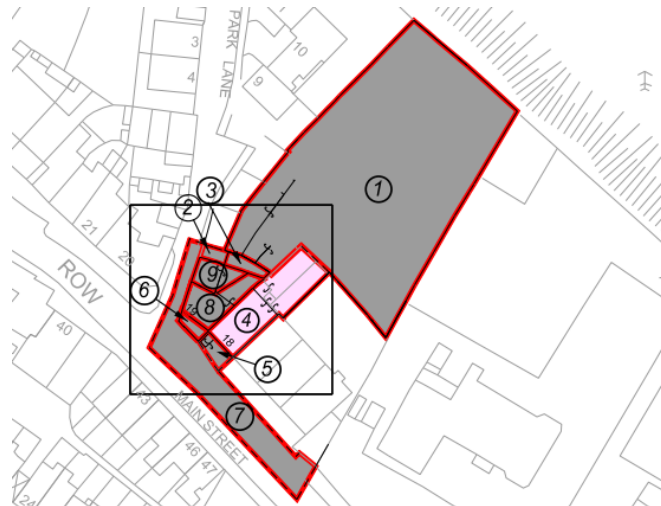
DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
8th December 2021

Q1 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please report on what progress has been made to acquire many of the derelict / unused domestic dwellings in the Chapelizod Area. The urban blight of these semi derelict dwellings is a shame in the current climate when we have thousands of people on our waiting list looking for suitable accommodation. In addition can I have an update on the 14 to 17 DCC owned site between the Mullingar Public Bar and Park Lane. Again, this is another example of a site screaming out for re-development. I hope some commercial units can be facilitated at the ground floor in this potential development.

Reply

Nos. 14 to 17 Martin's Row were acquired by Dublin City Council some years ago. A Compulsory Purchase Order was made in 2018 in respect of adjoining lands and premises as shown below:



The purpose of the CPO was to assemble a site for a residential/commercial development and the lands vested in Dublin City Council in November 2019. Currently options for the future use of site are under consideration.

Acquisition of Derelict Sites

The Council through the effective exercise of the legislative provisions in the Derelict Sites Act 1990, proactively strives to achieve the eradication of dereliction in the City and the return of derelict sites to active use. The implementation of an ongoing acquisition strategy since 2017 is a key part of the Council's Active Land Management Initiative which aims to eradicate underutilised, vacant and derelict lands and buildings in the city. The compulsory acquisition process to acquire the derelict sites listed below pursuant to the Derelict Sites Act 1990 has commenced ; Notices of Intention to Acquire the sites are due to be served and published during week commencing 6/12/21.

1 Mulberry Cottages, Martin's Row, Chapelizod, D 20

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11 Mulberry Cottages, Martin's Row, Chapelizod, D 20

Contact: *Nial Dully, Administrative Officer*

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Q2 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that urgent action be taken by DCC in conjunction with TAG / An Garda Síochána to ensure a safer carriageway along Sarsfield Road Ballyfermot travelling towards Ballyfermot Road. There was another serious accident here on the night of the 6th of November last and a few weeks before this there was a tragic accident. Going on a list for 5 years will not cut it with residents and additional safety measure must be included to ensure slower traffic speeds along this stretch of roadway.

Reply

Dublin City Council's Road Safety Section has not received the accident record regarding the accident on 6th November along Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot.

A request for more information has been sent to An Garda Síochána relating to this road traffic accident. Once the accident location has been received, this information will be sent to the Transportation and Environment Department for traffic calming assessment.

This matter will be referred to the Transportation and Environment Department for attention when report from the An Garda Síochána has been received and investigations have been complete. The councillor will be advised of the Transportation and Environment Department findings in due course.

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

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Contact: *Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer.*

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Q3 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please explain what avenues are open to DCC to ensure certain traders keep the back of their premises clean i.e. service lanes / roads. All too often we are told they are private however, if some business just leave the areas in a poor state what sanction is available to DCC to get them to clean up their act?

Reply

Under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 Section 6, the occupier/ owner of any land be it public or private which is visible from a public place must keep that area free of litter. As well as that, under the DCC Waste Management Bye-Laws for the Prevention and Control of Litter, take-away and licensed premises are required to clean outside their properties at opening and closing times and at least once during each hourly period during opening times.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services
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Q4 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to give a report on the long awaited re-development of the old Faulkner Packaging Plant on Chapelizod Hill, Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot Dublin 10. This factory is now closed approx. 15 to 20 years awaiting re-development. Despite many planning permissions it's still an urban blight on the local community along Chapelizod Hill Road.

Reply

Planning permission was granted under 2869/17 for a development at lands at the former Faulkner Industries Factory, Chapelizod Hill Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20; Beann', 38 Chapelizod Hill Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20; and Clarevill', 38D Chapelizod Hill Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20, for mixed-use residential development of 171 no. apartments and a childcare facility over a single level basement.

Amendments to this permission were granted under 3221/18, and there is a current live planning application on this site for further amendments as follows:

3434/21 is an application for an amendment of previously permitted mixed-use residential development (previously granted under Reg. Ref. 2869/17; ABP Ref. PL29S248958; Reg. Ref. 3221/18). The amendment will consist of the substation relocation from the Northwest corner of the site to the Southwest corner of the site and the inclusion of switch rooms with an increase in permitted floor area of 5.72m² to 82.49m², and associated site works.

Additional information was requested and was received by DCC on 5th November with a decision due in early December. As the site is the subject of a current application the Planning Authority is not in a position to comment further on this matter.

Contact: Rhona Naughton, Senior Planner
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Q5 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure that a substantial litter pick / clean-up is done in the vegetation along Californian Hills Park Kylemore Road / Rossmore Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10. This area is susceptible to litter due to waste blowing in from Drumfinn Road etc and as the contractor removes very little waste it results in lots of packaging getting caught in the shrubs, trees along the Chapelizod by-pass.

Reply

The area of trees and shrubs referred to was the subject of a substantial litter pick by contractors two weeks ago. The area will be cleaned on a more frequent basis under the terms of the proposed 2022 Landscape Maintenance contract.

Contact: Sean Ray, Parks Biodiversity and Landscape Service
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q6 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure all our housing developments have a number of units for single people particularly those waiting many / many years

without success. It is a sad reflection on our society single people are forgotten in so many ways. If you wait your time on the list you should be considered for suitable accommodation.

Reply

Dublin City Council is prioritising the delivery of one bedroom units across all housing delivery streams in recognition of the numbers assessed on the social housing waiting list as in need of one bedroom accommodation.

We have an expected delivery of 562 one bedroom units, and 24 studios via AHB and DCC delivery in 2022 and 2023. DCC Housing Delivery Section and the AHB's will continue to seek and avail of all opportunities to increase this number. Units for single person households represents 42% of the projected housing delivery in DCC up to 2024.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Housing Department
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Q7 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the traffic mess that is the parking situation fronting the retail premises from Grange Cross to the Homesavers / the old Gala Ballyfermot Road Dublin 10. I observe some of the worse traffic parking in the Country along this busy area. Double, triple parking is not uncommon. DCC needs to work with the traders and An Garda Síochána to bring some structure to this busy area before a serious accident occurs.

Reply

The Parking Policy and Enforcement section has requested that Dublin Street Parking Services patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the front entrance to the new Playground / Skateboard Park at Blackditch Road / Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot Dublin 10 be included on the daily cleansing schedule. At present, volunteers do most of the work at this specific location. In addition, could I ask that the Big Belly bin located at the Park Side of the entrance near the Pavilions be moved inside the railed area to deter dumping at this location. The volunteers regularly have large amounts of domestic waste to contend with here in the mornings.

Reply

The Skateboard/play park at Blackditch Road / Le Fanu Road is cleaned on a daily basis.

The Big Belly bin in the park is considered adequate to meet the needs of users and we do not consider that moving its location will make any difference to the dumping of household rubbish.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q9 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to look at altering the time signal at the pedestrian lights near Cleggan Park / Ballyfermot Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Residents often have to wait 3 to 4 minutes for the green signal to arrive then other lights change after a few seconds at Clifden / Drumfinn Roads leaving total traffic jams nearly all the time. I challenge DCC road engineers to drive up and down Ballyfermot Road they will see at first-hand what I am saying.

Reply

We have reviewed the operation of the traffic signals at the junction of Ballyfermot Road with Cleggan Park. At the time of your query the pedestrian signals were permitted to run once every cycle. The maximum cycle length permitted for this junction is set to 110 seconds as is currently the case for the vast majority of signalised junctions in the DCC area. We have reviewed the historical weekday data for the junction which shows that typically the junction operates with an average cycle length of 90 seconds up to a maximum of 100 seconds in the AM peak and an average of 100s and 110 seconds maximum in the PM peak. The pedestrian signal phase runs for 20 seconds and only runs once per cycle.

Arising from your query we have adjusted the operation of the pedestrian signals to permit them to run twice per cycle when the cycle length exceeds a threshold value of 70 seconds which is typically the case in peak traffic. In off peak traffic the cycle lengths drop down to minimum values in which case there is no requirement to double cycle the pedestrian signals as the wait time for pedestrians is reduced. We have also made some further adjustments to allow the junction to more easily reach higher cycle lengths to accommodate the public transport and vehicular demand along Ballyfermot Road. We will keep these changes under review using our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System.

Contact: Liam O'Brien, Executive ITS Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.

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Q10 **Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services if more street signage distinguishing Donard Road and Dromard Road in Drimnagh could be provided. With people increasingly opting for online shopping and deliveries, residents have been in touch about persistent mix-ups given the close proximity of these roads. Donard Road, off Mourne Road, is a one-way street, but the entry point does not have road signage – only the exit point back on to Mourne Road (see photos provided).

Reply

Road Maintenance visited this location today and will order 2 no. new street nameplates to be mounted on stands at the entrance to Donard Road. The lead in time is approximately 3 months.

Contact: Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer.

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Q11 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services when the island on South Circular Road outside of the new Rialto Primary Care Centre will be replaced. This traffic island served as an important crossing point for residents, especially elder residents, who would need to go to the Dolphins Barn/SCR corner or Rialto village for the nearest pedestrian crossing (see photo attached showing previous traffic island markings).

Reply

DCC Traffic Department are currently in contact with the DCC Road Maintenance Department and the Contractor to assess the current situation. As soon as we have any further information we will let you know.

Contact: *Will Mangan, Acting Senior Executive Engineer,*
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Q12 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask Director of Services to examine alternatives to the current low brick wall as you exit the linear park onto Grand Canal View (see photo attached). Given the increasing usage of this route for walking, but also for cycling and electric scooters, this low brick wall poses a safety issue as cars coming out of Grand Canal View are not visible to cyclists and vice versa. A transparent fencing or railing might be more appropriate and safe in this location.

Reply

Currently, this is not a designated cycle route. This issue will be looked at as part of the design process to develop the 7B route, Kilmainham to City Centre cycle identified in the NTA's 'Cycle Network for the Greater Dublin Area'.

Contact: *Suzanne O'Connell, Landscape Architect, Culture, Recreation & Amenity*
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Dublin City Council Traffic Department are not in charge of this section of road and are unable to make any alterations

Contact: *Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer.*
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Q13 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to liaise with the active residents in Belgrove and Glenaulin in Chapelizod to come up with a plan in collaboration with DCC to embellish and protect biodiversity at Belgrove Park. Illegal green waste is being dumped along the River Liffey. Residents would also like to avail of a leaf composter and bulbs.

Reply

The long standing practice by some residents of these estates of dumping grass cuttings and shrubbery clippings onto the riverbank has had the effect of suppressing the natural biodiversity of the area. The cessation of this practice is what is required to reverse this effect.

Parks Service will consider an appropriate means of bringing this issue to the attention of residents. The installation of a leaf composter at this location while active dumping of green waste is happening is not advised.

Bulb planting can be considered in the context of 2022 as the season is now passed for 2021.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*

Email: Parks@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to list all the sites used by Durcan Construction to facilitate work at the Davitt Road site? To list all the sites Durcan will use to facilitate construction work for their future construction plan within the area.

Reply

The Roadworks Control Unit issued a Hoarding Licence No. 3722 to Durkan Construction for their site on Davitt Road and Galtymore Road. The validity period is 02/12/2019 to 22/02/2022. The conditions on the licence do not allow for the storage of materials/machinery outside the hoarding at any time. According to the Inspector who authorised the licence the site would have been capable of storing any required machinery and materials internally. This unit has no knowledge of other future Durkan construction sites for this location at this time.

Contact: *Conrad Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Roadworks Control Unit.*

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Q15 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services when the boundaries for the D12 LPF were drawn up? What were the Local Electoral Area and constituency and Local Authority included cover by the original D12 LPF? How are boundaries decided, and chosen? What is the reasoning behind such decision? What would the revision of the D12 LPF boundaries process involve?

Reply

The Garda Síochána Act 2005 made provision for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees in all Local Authority Areas. In Dublin City this consisted of a City Joint Policing Committee and 5 Area Sub Committees (Area JPC's in line with the 5 area management structures).

Guidelines for the operation of the Joint Policing Committees were introduced by the Department of Justice in 2008.

Section 36 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Local Policing Fora.

36.— (1) A local authority and the Garda Commissioner shall arrange for the establishment of a joint policing committee in accordance with guidelines issued under section 35 .

Section 36 (2) Sets out the function of a JPC which includes, at Paragraph (d) the establishment of L.P.F.'s

(2) *The joint policing committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area, and in particular to—*

(d) establish, in consultation with the local Garda superintendent, as the committee considers necessary within specific neighbourhoods of the area, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the committee concerning matters that it is to keep under review

Local Policing Fora are established by JPCs and as such the JPC that established said Fora would have had a role in, or approved, the boundaries. The ongoing operation of fora is a matter for the JPC.

The Policing Authority is currently revising the JPC guidelines. It is hoped that the revised guidelines will be published in early 2022. The Department of Justice is currently piloting Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) in three locations. It is expected that CSP will replace JPC when the proposed Policing Security and Community Safety legislation is enacted.

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area

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Q16 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services what are the plans for the parking lot at the corner of St Agnes Road and Cromwellsfort Road in Dublin 12? This intersection sees heavy road traffic and air pollution from traffic and petrol station, station fumes and entrance to underground carpark to the Ashleaf Shopping Centre on the SDCC side. This intersection would hugely benefit from an LEAP to make the area more pedestrian friendly and greening the intersection. This is an ideal heart of a village for the 15 minutes city.

Reply

The parking lot at the corner of St Agnes Road and Cromwellsfort Road is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. A small part of it (the strip closest to Cromwellsfort Road) is registered in private ownership and the remainder of the area is on a 999 year lease (from 1st July 1945) to a third party from South Dublin County Council.

From a development plan perspective, both the existing strip of retail and the associated car parking to the front are zoned Z3 in the 2016-2022 City Development Plan –ie to Provide for and improve neighbourhood facilities (see Zoning Map G) . This zoning remains the same in the current draft Development Plan. The Planning Department will support any local greening initiatives to enhance this corner.

Contact: Myles Farrell, Senior Planner

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Q17 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that resident representatives from New Ireland Rd and Mountshannon Rd be invited to a site visit at the Linear Park to discuss and progress the plans for this green amenity. That all relevant stakeholders - DCC, E&T and NTA be present?

Reply

The Environment and Transportation Department is currently examining options for St James linear park. The plans haven't been finalised yet so we can't comment at this stage on the project. The Parks and Landscapes Services Division have had a number of meetings with residents, the most recent being in November 2021. The Environmental and Transportation Department will explore the option of having a meeting with residents and local councillors in future. However, it is considered that another meeting at this moment would not be necessary.

Contact: *Christopher K Manzira, Senior Executive Engineer.*
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Q18 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the installation of the long sought and necessary pedestrian lights at SCR/Madison Rd?

Reply

The junction of SCR/Madison Rd is to be assessed and considered for the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing subject to funding being made available as part of the South Central Area Programme of works 2022.

Ref. No. 7018570.

Contact: *Neil O'Donoghue, South City Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.*
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Q19 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a "meantime" traffic safety convex mirror be temporarily installed opposite Madison Rd/SCR to facilitate safe egress for road users?

Reply

The traffic department does not provide convex traffic mirrors as requested as they give a distorted view of approaching traffic which is potentially hazardous and also because such mirrors would attract a high degree of vandalism with associated maintenance costs. Furthermore, during a site visit the Area Engineer did not observe any issues exiting on to the South Circular Road from Madison Road and noted that the existing Yellow Box is the optimal solution.

Contact: *Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer.*
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Q20 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services when the EV Charging Strategy for the 4 L.As, due last September, will be finalised and available so constituents in the D8 area can progress their plans to invest in EVs?

Reply

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is practically complete. The Consultants are currently finalising some additional inputs and we expect delivery of the final report in the weeks before year end.

The working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project, which will include procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy however this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport.

Contact: Cormac Healy, Energy Manager, Energy Management Team.
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Q21 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the discussions with stakeholders regarding the recent cycle lane installation at Kilmainham/SCR?

Reply

Following a meeting with the businesses on the 17th November a new agreed arrangement was put in place on the 21st November. This has been received positively and a follow up meeting will take place in a number of weeks to determine which arrangement works best for all.

Contact: Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer.
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Q22 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update and to make available the DCC report on the long requested risk issues at (details supplied) property that abuts the River Camac? The resident has been alerting the Council and other agencies since last spring.

Reply:

A reply will be issued on this matter to (details supplied) within the next two weeks.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Senior Engineer, Flood Projects and Water Framework Division.
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Q23 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the repairs and refurbishment works at Donore Community Centre?

Reply

DCC is currently in the process of procuring services of an Architect-led Design Team to provide a Scoping and Costing of Schedule of Repairs and Refurbishment Works with the intention of going to tender early in 2022. Further updates can be made available to the South Central Area Committee as the process is progressed.

Contact: Trevor Higgins
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Q24 **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that a schedule of work and a date for commencement be agreed with the tenant at (*details supplied*) in order to progress this previous request?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has checked the tenant's account and they are no outstanding works to be carried out. If the tenant contacts Housing Maintenance directly on 01 222 2222, or if the councillor can forward us the details of the particular request we will assist the tenant with her maintenance requests.

Contact: *Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.*

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Q25 **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that previous responses to Thomas Court queries re replacing windows/doors at this listed building assured that the finance, architect and Engineer are in-situ. Asking for a definite date for these works has proved confusing. To ask for this schedule of works and a date for its commencement?

Reply

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance are fully committed to changing the windows in Thomas Court. However, due to the building being listed, we are having to go through a detailed Planning process. We have also had a number of staff changes in our planned maintenance engineering unit in Housing Maintenance and this has added to what can already be a lengthy process.

As it stands we are waiting on Part 8 Planning approval, once we receive this we can then proceed to a tendering process and issue out the work.

Part 8 Planning on listed buildings can be time consuming and also involves essential inputs from other departments.

Housing Maintenance has three projects Citywide that require Part 8 Planning and it is our intention to assign an engineer solely on these project to bring them to fruition as quickly as possible.

I acknowledge the importance of completing this project and we will work to speed up the process in 2022.

Contact: *Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.*

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