

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16TH February 2022

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services- The proposals for greening in Blackpitts are welcome, are there any plans to undertake further greening works in the area, particularly locations such as Saint John's Street, Greenville Parade and Donovan Lane, streets where many of the residential units have no front or back gardens and also no on street greening?

Reply

Currently Parks do not have plans for these locations. Any projects for these streets would be subject to capital funding.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent
 Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Service*

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services- Residents report a strong toxic smell coming from the industrial estate to the rear of Landsdowne Valley park (facing onto the Naas road) - they describe it as fumes that irritate their noses/lungs when they breathe them in and they are noticeable to them while walking the park area. Does the Manager have any powers under the council remit to investigate this issue and if so, could the Manager provide me with an outline of what those powers are, what steps he will take and the outcome.

Reply

This matter can be investigated by the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit under the Air Pollution Act 1987. This Act provides powers to Dublin City Council to seek information, carry out inspections, and if appropriate, serve statutory notice and initiate legal proceedings if it is deemed a breach of the Act has occurred. Depending on the circumstances the Courts may impose fines and/or custodial sentences or make orders to prohibit or restrict an emission from any premises.

The Act also places a general obligation on the occupier of any premises to not cause or permit an emission from such premises in such a quantity, or in such a manner, as to be a nuisance. Furthermore the occupier of any premises, other than a private dwelling, is obliged as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any incident which may cause air pollution to notify the local authority of the incident.

In this instance, it is recommended that the residents contact the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit directly so that all matters required for a thorough investigation can be drawn together and they can be given a detailed overview of the procedures involved.

*Contact: Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer
 Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit
 Environment and Transport Department*

Email: martin.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that dog fouling signs be erected at Emerald Square which is being subjected to an intolerable increase in fouling that poses numerous health hazards. Can the committee consider ground level stencils where dog walker eyes are focused? This Square also requires a general clean-up.

Reply

Arrangements have been made to put in place extra dog fouling signs at Emerald Square. There are no plan at present to place stencils on ground. Emerald Square is cleaned two to three times per week.

Dublin City Council have arranged a poster competition within primary schools in Dublin City. The aim of the competition is to encourage dog owners and dog walkers to dispose of their doggie bags in litter bins.

Contact: *Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.*

Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services the whereabouts of the Con Colbert 1916 Plaque previously located at Ardee Street many years ago and what are the plans to reinstate it to mark the site?

Reply

The 1916 commemorative plaque on 10 Ardee Street (Watkins Brewery) was one of four unveiled in 1949 by the State. It appears to have been situated between the ground floor windows to the left of the front door and disappeared from the building sometime before 2006 (when we surveyed the building for the Dublin City Industrial Heritage Record) and its whereabouts are unknown. Reinstatement of the plaque with an official Dublin City Council plaque will put it on the agenda for the next meeting of the Commemorations & Naming Committee, on 31st March, as confirmed by Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian.

Contact: *Charles Duggan*

Email: Charles.duggan@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for the schedule for tree removal/ replacement planned for 2022 in the Dublin 8 area?

Reply

Tree works are planned for the following streets in Dublin 8 this year: O'Carolan Road, Hamilton Street, Hammond Street, Grenville Avenue, South Circular Road. Tree planting is scheduled in the following parks: Oscar Square, Rothe Abbey, Grattan Crescent and Turvey Park. There is a tree planting scheme planned for Blackpitts. There may be other tree works in the area as a result of storms, vandalism or as staff/residents notify Parks of issues. The councillors will be notified, where practicable, in advance of works.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services why the Permit Parking poles recently re- installed at St Vincent St West have been removed?

Reply

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section have spoken to the traffic department in this regard and have asked for the poles to be reinstalled. They were removed in error.

Contact: *Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.*

Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the agreed gullies be installed as soon as possible at SCR/Raymond Street le do thoil?

Reply

Work will commence at this location week commencing 10th February 2022.

Contact: *Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Division.*

Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an estimate of the entire costs related to the security issues at (details supplied) please?

Reply

Costs related to the vandalism to the entrance and common area of (details supplied)

The cost of the replacing the door was €8,246.00

Painting of the block €6,480.00

Cost of replacing 9 Post Boxes (not yet delivered) €833.27 (not incl VAT).

Only 1 or 2 damaged they come in a block of 9

Replacing of CC-TV €1995.00.

Total Cost: €17,554.27

Contact: *Tony Smithers*

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Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a report be compiled on the works required at (details supplied) and a timeframe be provided for completion?

Reply

The roof works at the address supplied are now complete and a planned programme of works is being put in place to carry out the remaining issues.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for a copy of the 2019 inspection report at (details supplied) and that the installation of “dry lining” be attended to as soon as possible to provide a comfortable environment for the tenant whose physical health is significantly compromised?

Reply

An inspection of the address provided will be carried out and all necessary works will be done.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for a report on the cleansing and security solutions to allow safe passage from Liffey Gaels to the Memorial Park? Can this stretch of ground be included in the Masterplan for Liffey Gaels?

Reply

The Council is currently preparing a draft masterplan for the amenity and recreational area at Liffey Gael's GAA Club. The pedestrian bridge which provides important local linkages is being retained and will continue to be an important part of the park infrastructure. Improving safety and security for park users is a key ambition of the draft masterplan. The future plans are likely to include upgrades to the footpaths in the vicinity of the footbridge.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area
Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Reply

The parks mentioned above are cleaned twice a week. The tent has been reported to Homeless Services who sent an outreach team to visit and found that the tent was abandoned. Parks have since removed the tent.

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

Q12 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services what is the plan, Street by Street, and timeframe for the commencement and completion of Phase 2 of the insulation programme in Dublin 10?

Reply

Phase Two of the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme commenced in 2018 with 183 properties retrofitted to date in the Dublin 10 area under this phase of the programme. The 2022 programme has now commenced with works currently in progress in Thomond Road. The following are the remaining areas/streets scheduled for upgrade in the Dublin 10 area totalling 441 properties:

- Landen Road
- Decies Road
- Cremona Road
- Thomond Road
- Ballyneety Road

- Muskerry Road
- O Moore Road
- Blackditch Road
- Ballyfermot Avenue
- Ballyfermot Crescent
- Ballyfermot Drive
- Ballyfermot Parade
- Ramillies Road
- Lally Road
- O Hogan Road
- Lough Conn Avenue
- Lough Conn Drive
- Lough Conn Road
- Lough Conn Terrace
- Cleggan Avenue
- Cleggan Park
- Cleggan Road
- Ballyfermot Road
- Claddagh Road
- Colepark Avenue
- Colepark Drive
- Colepark Green
- Colepark Road
- Colepark Drive
- Kylemore Avenue
- Kylemore Drive
- Kylemore Road
- Garryowen Road
- Spiddal Park
- Spiddal Road
- Oranmore Road
- Gurteen Avenue
- Gurteen Park
- Gurteen Road
- Drumfinn Avenue
- Drumfinn Road
- Carna Road
- Inagh Road
- Le Fanu Drive
- Le Fanu Road
- Moycullen Road
- Rossmore Avenue
- Rossmore Drive
- Rossmore Road

We estimate it will take a further eight years to complete this phase of the programme subject to the continuation of departmental funding.

Contact: *Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.*
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Q13 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to ensure that the laneway between Kylemore Road and Thomond Road, Dublin 10 is cleaned up on a weekly basis?

Reply

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned laneway cleaned daily, Monday to Friday.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,*
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to ensure that a vent is installed in, (details supplied)

Reply

The Area Maintenance Officer will carry out an inspection of the room and following on from this all necessary works will be done.

Contact: *Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.*
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to please outline when will (details supplied) be cleaned?

Reply

Waste Management Services had a deep clean carried out in this area during the last week of January 2022. This area is monitored and cleaned on a weekly basis.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,*
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to consider a land swap between John Bosco youth centre and the current waste management depot site on Davitt Road, this swap would allow social housing to be built on the Bosco site while a multi-purpose community centre could be built on the depot site?

Reply

Waste Management Services had major renovation works carried out in recent years on our Davitt Road depot and as such there are no current plans to move from there.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,*
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Dublin City Council holds the fee simple in the youth club site but St. John Bosco Youth Centre Limited by virtue of a 150-year lease from 25th March 1947 at an annual rent of €1.27 has the right of uninterrupted occupation of same for the full term of the lease.

Contact: *Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer,*
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Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services - In noting the concerns of residents and visitors trying to access and leave Davitt House, will DCC put down yellow lines along that section of Galtymore Road?

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group, at its meeting of 26/10/2021 recommended to install Double Yellow Lines on the northern side of the carriageway on Galtymore Road. It has since gone through the statutory process and fully installed as of the 07/02/2022.

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

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Q18 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to get in touch with Parkwest management asking them to increase their security in the residents area. To make sure the empty retail units are put to use.

Reply

The Area Office, Local Councillors and recently formed Residents Committee for Park West have held a number of meetings with Park West Management and have requested an increase in security for the area. With regards to the empty units query, the area office will raise this issue with the Park West Management Company.

Contact: Dave O'Donovan Act Area Manager

Email: dave.odonovan@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services when the old tenants of (details supplied) can collect the suitcase with the brand new BBQ they left behind in the attic.

Reply

The tenants in question signed a surrender of Tenancy with Dublin City Council, thus giving permission to same to dispose of all contents in the dwelling. The site is currently with a contractor in preparation for the next tenant. The Area Housing team shall work with family in question to see if request for items can be fulfilled with haste.

Contact: Dave O'Donovan Act Area Manager

Email: dave.odonovan@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services what has been done to deal with a problem of dampness and black mould in (details supplied). This has been looked at various times without any actions. What is the plan to deal with this problem? Is the house on a list of dwelling needing upgrade, insulation, ventilation?

Reply

The address provided was refurbished in 2021 and was let in July 2021. An inspection of the house will be carried out and following on from this all necessary works will be done. All Dublin City Council houses will be insulated over the coming years but at this point Dublin City Council does not have exact start times.

Contact: *Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.*
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to make sure the study/report being prepared on traffic and transport in Chapelizod includes residents' interviews of their daily experience with traffic and transport, for qualitative research to be included before the report is published. This request should not come as surprise because I specifically asked for qualitative research to be included at the July or Sept SCAC meeting. To date, none of the active members of the community in Chapelizod is aware any such research has been done.

Reply

Over the last 12 to 18 months, Dublin City Council (DCC) has received correspondence from both Councillors and members of the public regarding their experience with transport related issues in the Chapelizod area, and as a result a consultant was appointed to carry out a transport assessment. These issues communicated to DCC were included as supporting information in the consultant's brief to be considered as part of the study, and included speeding, congestion, and other dangerous driver behaviour. The impact of future works in this area and the potential negative impact these changes may cause have also been highlighted to the consultant as a matter of concern for stakeholders.

The main issues raised fell under the following headings:

- Traffic speeds on Knockmaroon Hill and Martin's Row;
- Compliance with weight restrictions (3.5-tonne limit) in Chapelizod;
- Traffic congestion in the village;
- Opportunities for improved pedestrian facilities (e.g. pedestrian crossings, safe routes to school);
- Opportunities for improved cycling facilities;
- Potential impacts and/or opportunities arising from Bus Connects proposals (NTA); and
- Potential impacts and/or opportunities arising from Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options Study (OPW).

The Transport Assessment for Chapelizod Village is expected to be completed in the next few weeks, and recommendations of this study will be reviewed by DCC with a view to identifying potential improvement measures that could be implemented in the short, medium and long term to address stakeholders' concerns.

Contact: *Bernard Lester, A/Senior Engineer, Traffic Section.*
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Q22 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the redevelopment of Labre Park.
- What stage is it at?
- Has the redevelopment group met yet and if so how many times?
- How many families have been moved from Labre and how many are left?

- Until the redevelopment has been completed, have all sanitation units been updated in line with Health and Safety?

Reply

- The Redevelopment is currently at the pre-planning stage. It is expected that a Planning Application will be lodged by the end of March, subject to a successful CAS 2 application to the Department. This date can alter depending on feedback on consultation of the plans by internal DCC departments and/or the DHLGH.
- The Regeneration Committee has met twice. Most of the dialogue is between meetings. The Independent Chair has met separately with residents and BTAP, DCC and Clúid. Most of the agreement is reached in these sessions and the full committee is for formal agreement of decisions. This will evolve further once the CAS 2 submission receives Departmental approval.
- Six families have been moved from Labre Park as part of the rehoming project. There are currently 16 families to be rehomed as part of the redevelopment.
- A comprehensive programme of works has been put together that will address the issue with sanitation units including new safer connections to services. All sanitation units are to be refurbished or replaced with new units as appropriate. The implementation of the works programme began on Monday 7th February 2022 and should be completed within sixteen weeks.

Contact: Pat Teehan, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services
Email: pat.teehan@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services is there any proposals to upgrade the path (picture attached) that is at the back of the Liffey Gaels GAA pitch and the Liffey area.

Reply

The Council is currently preparing a draft masterplan for the amenity and recreational area at Liffey Gael's GAA Club. The pedestrian bridge which provides important local linkages is being retained and will continue to be an important part of the park infrastructure. Improving safety and security for park users is a key ambition of the draft masterplan. The future plans are likely to include upgrades to the footpaths in the vicinity of the footbridge.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area
Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services within the housing around Nash Street/Ring Street in Inchicore, where there's no front gardens and rubbish bags are used instead of wheelie bins, is there an option to introduce a "brown bag" collection?

Reply

In general compostable waste will have to be presented in a brown bin for the foreseeable future as unfortunately there is currently little or no compost bag street collections available from any private waste collection companies. 100% household compostable bags would not stand up to the rigor of been presented on the street for collection due to the weight of food waste and the nature of any 100% compostable

bags. Any such bags would never withstand the rigors of the Irish weather and the attentions of various wildlife such as seagulls, dogs, cats, foxes etc. The result would be footpaths littered with food waste.

Contact: *John Tuohy, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services,*
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Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please report on the long awaited precinct improvements for Ballyfermot Road Retail area to include features which create a safer environment for all to enjoy the Village area of Ballyfermot. It was to happen a few years ago, meetings were held but we were told we had to await the Bus Connects project. We need an urgent facelift for the commercial area as it struggles to compete with out-of-town shopping districts etc. Shop front improvement schemes, litter warden, additional CCTV, softening of the harsh concrete physical environment etc.

Reply

There are substantial urban realm improvement proposed in the BusConnects program for the Ballyfermot area, including greening and traffic calming measures. These details can be seen on the information brochure for the core bus corridor 7 Liffey Valley to City Centre route in the link below.

<https://busconnects.ie/media/2167/07-liffey-valley-to-city-centre-preferred-route-041120-fa-web.pdf>

These proposals are being prepared for the Planning process with An Board Pleanála and this corridor is in the 1st tranche of schemes to be submitted over the next few months.

Contact: *Maggie O'Donnell, Senior Transportation Officer.*
Email: maggie.odonnell@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that in the midst of recent area based social problems within our communities that the provision of additional Community development officers within our areas is seen as a vital tool in supporting and encouraging good community development. That this committee calls upon senior management to cost for additional staff and where necessary we need to find the costs involved going forward. To do nothing is not an option.

Reply

In the coming weeks the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh area will benefit from the appointment of a permanent Senior Executive Officer. This appointment will provide the area office with greater resources and capacity to address community development and social issues. In addition I am engaging with HR to progress a number of competitions to fill vacancies in Community teams across all areas under my remit. I will keep the situation under review and will consider further measures if required in the future.

Contact: *Bruce Phillips, SEO, South West Inner City*
Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please outline what provision will be made to the couple of traders along Ballyfermot / Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot Dublin 10 who still live over their retail premises with the provision of car-parking which is essential for getting products for their businesses etc.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement section have investigated the parking situation at the locations and can confirm that there is no residential parking permit scheme on Ballyfermot Road or Le Fanu Road, therefore provision cannot be given to those living over the shops for residential parking permits. However, there is adequate provision of pay and display parking in front of these businesses to facilitate deliveries to the traders.

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

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to give a report on what we hope to do with the various properties we are assembling by CPO in the Chapelizod Area. Residents are concerned that we will acquire and dispose of the same properties which in some situations could facilitate the further destruction of this fine village i.e with private contractors. An update on our intentions would be very grateful.

Reply

The acquisition process to acquire the eight derelict properties at Mulberry Cottages compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 remains ongoing. A number of objections were received which are under consideration. No firm decision can be made at this stage as to their future use but it has been Council policy to retain derelict residential properties acquired compulsorily pursuant to the Derelict Sites Act 1990 under the control of Housing and Community Services for social housing purposes where it is feasible to do so.

The derelict sites at nos. 14 to 17 Martin's Row were acquired by the Council some years ago under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. A Compulsory Purchase Order was made in 2018 in respect of adjoining lands. 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.

Contact: *Nial Dully, Administrative Officer*
Email: nial.dully@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at providing a couple of EV public charging points in the Chapelizod, Ballyfermot, Drimnagh, and Inchicore areas of South West Dublin to promote EV vehicle ownership. Many areas have no gardens etc. hence ownership / use of such vehicles will be outside the reach of many car users.

Reply

The Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by

providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

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

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

The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points.

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now practically complete and the working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project, which will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies. However this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport. In addition, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled. Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to increase the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

Dublin City Council has also been in close dialogue with the Department and the SEAI regarding a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study. This is a pressing matter for us in the Council and indeed with our colleagues in the Dublin Metropolitan area that we may enable and facilitate the transition to more sustainable mobility.

Contact: *Cormac Healy, Energy Management Lead.*

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Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure (details supplied)

Reply

The majority of Dublin City Council issued licence agreements are with our Development Section. The area office is aware of the current arrangement in place, we shall liaise with urgency with the management company and look for a quick solution.

Contact: Dave O'Donovan Act Area Manager

Email: dave.odonovan@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure that the serious trip hazard at the junction of Cleggan Park / Ballyfermot Road on the public footpath is repaired by whatever utility is responsible as a matter of urgency. I brought this up last year and was told the utility would be contacted to sort out same. Unfortunately it has only got worse.

Reply

An email has been sent to Irish Water (02/02/22) in relation to the temporary reinstatement (June 2019) located in the footway at Ballyfermot Road junction of Cleggan Park. DCC have asked that this is permanently reinstated as soon as possible.

Contact: John Smithers, Inspector, Infrastructure Management Unit.

Email: john.smithers@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the possibility of employing a specific staff member to work with businesses, community groups etc. to deal with urban regeneration. The successful model for Inchicore / Kilmainham has resulted in substantial improvements for the built environment and looking at the large number of commercial / retail properties in the Dublin 10 area this model could improve our areas substantially.

Reply

In the coming weeks the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh area will benefit from the appointment of a permanent Senior Executive Officer. The Senior Executive Officer will take on the role of Area Manager and will have a strong strategic, developmental and urban regeneration focus. This will include working with all communities to bring forward regeneration plans for key locations throughout the area.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, SEO, South West Inner City

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the serious issue of some people on our housing lists waiting years for the offer of suitable accommodation that Dublin City Council provide a verbal / written explanation to our next Area Committee to explain why some languish for years whilst others seem to be housed in a much speedier fashion? I have had people contact me who are finding the constant waiting the most stressful part of their life. I will look at area J now as an example when Springvale

Chapelizod & Cornamona Court come available for letting people in. Single figures must be offered with such large amounts of units becoming available.

The constant response is becoming hollow with me i.e., more priority, if a list is worth having, people need to know where they stand. I am well aware we need more units but for those waiting, they need hope.

Reply

The allocations team are not in a position to predict when any applicant will be reached for an offer of accommodation as it is dependent on the number of properties we receive to allocate and is dependent on the area of choice and type of accommodation the applicant requires. Due to the number of applicants on the Housing List there are cases where their immediate Housing option on the Housing List is through sourcing a Hap tenancy.

The broad levels of an applicant's housing need is reflected by bands contained within the Housing and Transfer lists. Applications when assessed are placed in the appropriate band of the Housing or Transfer lists. Once in a band, applicants are then offered available housing in date order.

Vacancies in any area are proportionally allocated across the Housing and Transfer lists, which results in a higher volume of social housing being directed towards Band 1 applicants in relation to Band 2 applicants, and Band 2 applicants in relation to Band 3 applicants. This is reflective of how the Banding system represents prioritisation based on circumstances. The lengthy waiting time is exacerbated by the fact that there can be far more applicants in the different bands based on the prioritisation they have received. To give an example in The Housing Allocations report January 2022 there were 123 applicants placed on Band 1, 589 applicants on Band 2 and 537 applicants on Band 3 on the Housing Waiting List for Area J.

Springvale and Cornamona will be allocated in line with the Scheme of lettings and vacancies will be proportionally allocated across the Housing and Transfer lists. Allocations team will breakdown the number of units available and allocate the units proportionally across the three bands of the housing and transfer lists based on each applicant's position on their list. Allocations must also ensure that they take any opportunity they can to allocate suitable units for surrendering larger, medical and/or welfare cases to ensure suitable allocation of properties ie properties with wet rooms are allocated to applicants that require them.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

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