



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 APRIL 2022

- 1 Presentation on SHD0006/22 "Carlisle", Kimmage Road West, Terenure, Dublin 12. A residential development - construction of 208 apartments and associated site works.
Order: Noted.**
- 2 Presentation on Gulistan site by Cluid Voluntary Housing Body
Order: Noted.**
- 3 Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 14th March 2022
Order: Agreed.**
- 4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 29th March 2022.
Order: Noted.
- 5 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Proposed Part 8 Works at Irishtown Stadium.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 Planning and Property Management Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: Surrender and grant of a new combined lease of the kiosk and former public toilets at the junction of Adelaide Road and Lesson Street, Dublin 2, to Perch Coffee Limited.
Order: Deferred to May South East Area Committee meeting pending receipt of further report.
- 7 South East Area Office Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services Central and South East.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Nomination of three councillors, one per local electoral area to Traffic Service Requests Review.

Order: Councillors from each local electoral area to select a representative and inform South East Area Office of nominated councillor.

8 Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department urgently erect bollards at the entrance to Kimmage Grove. In the meantime, that the clampers be requested to visit this site on a very regular basis nightly because of illegal parking that is hindering access to this estate.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

The current state of Leinster Road is dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians and is very unsightly. That the Manager sets out what powers the council can use to ensure that Irish Water reinstate Leinster Road, Rathmines following renewal of water pipes. Furthermore that the Cleansing Department add Leinster Road to their list now that work has been completed.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Noting the appalling state of the footpath in the vicinity of Vergemount, Clonskeagh Road and Vergemount Park this committee requests the Manager to immediately have these examined with a view to a serious upgrade of same and an immediate repair of the particularly poor work at the junction of Vergemount Park and Clonskeagh Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this committee contact the NTA regarding the shortage of buses on the Harold's Cross route into town in morning rush hour. Residents of the area are unable to get a bus into town to work as the buses are full when they arrive in Harold's Cross. Furthermore, we would like to discuss why more buses don't use the Clanbrassil Street route into town and to explain why Rathmines Rathgar and Terenure areas are still deprived of a bus service to St. Stephen's Green.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillors Tara Deacy and Deirdre Conroy

That this committee support an urgent investigation regarding the speed and behaviour of traffic on the stretch of the lower Crumlin Road between Sundrive Road and the Grand Canal (Dolphin's Barn Bridge / Parnell Road) and that action be taken to address the ongoing serious concerns of residents and children/young people using the various facilities in this area.

There have been a number of serious collisions on this stretch in recent times and a review carried out by DCC in 2018 did not allow for any measures to be put in place.

This stretch of road is chiefly residential in nature, it is also home to three different schools (Loreto Senior Primary School / Scoil Mhuire Óg and Loreto Junior Primary School) a busy sports ground - Dolphin Park which is used by two growing GAA clubs and almost a dozen local schools, a youth club - Clay Youth Project, Dolphins Barn Fire Station and the densely populated residential complex of Seagull House.

Residents have identified a number of measures that may help, can some or all of these be considered this time round:

- proper analysis of traffic and pedestrian activity at this location
- reduction in speed limit to 30kmph
- traffic calming measures including visual obstacles
- road narrowing
- yellow box outside Dolphin Park
- protected cycle lanes
- speed reader
- lollipop people on Crumlin Road side of Loreto at school times.
- school zone pencil bollards should be installed at the end of the laneway where the Junior School enters the Loreto grounds.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That we be given a date for the unveiling of the plaque to be inserted on the last remaining bollard from the Swan River in Rathmines which is now a protected structure. This issue has been on the agenda for well over a year.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That we receive an up to date explanation regarding Terenure Library. The last report given was that the title was being tidied up by the Law Dept., this is necessary in order to proceed with work on the library which was agreed in 2017.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a report on what measures can be taken to install safe cycling along the Merrion Road particularly the stretch from Ailesbury Road to the Booterstown to connect with the works being undertaken by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

This committee requests that Palmerston Park be funded for restoration of its original built and landscape features, in tandem with the proposed 'expensive provision' of tea rooms within the historic park of 1894.

There is a comprehensive observation provided by Richview Residents' Association which has been submitted to the Conservation Department at DCC and the Parks Department in relation to Planning Reference 3267/22 Part 8 application.

Original build features are in a very bad state of repair, namely the following:

- Shelter
- Rockwork Pond and Railings
- Entrances – perimeter and central railings
- Footpaths
- Benches and their groupings
- **Order: Report to Councillor.**

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to find further solutions to address the ongoing issue of businesses in Temple Bar leaving bins out on the streets all day every day.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to actively progress the shared bin trials planned for Portobello.

Order: Report to Councillor.

9 Questions to the Chief Executive 11th April 2022

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 11 April 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Mannix Flynn
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill

Members:

Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
Claire O'Connor

Apologies.

Paddy McCartan

Officers

Brian Hanney
Jennifer Wall
Leah Johnson
Deri Flood
Michelle Robinson

John Bergin
Brian Kirk
Neil O'Donoghue
Kathy Quinn
Iva Geci

Margret Glupker
John MacEvilly
Zsolt Szombatfalvi
Aisling Browne
Marguerite Cahill

Non-members

Gillian Kennedy, Cluid

Dean Murphy, Cluid

Daniel Forde, Cluid

Question to the Chief Executive

**South East Area Committee
Meeting 11th April 2022**

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have the request for Double Yellow Lines extended as per the request submitted here as (details supplied) examined and implemented as soon as possible.

Reply:

Following a site inspection on Durham Road it was noted the provision of on-street parking on both sides of the road serves as a traffic calming measure. The road is 6, 6 metres wide at this location and it qualifies for two-sided parking therefore the extension of double yellow lines is not required.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will secure a response from the Chief Executive to the issues outlined in the correspondence and photographs submitted with this question relating to Sandymount and Merrion Strand.

Reply:

A Reply, advising the following, will be received shortly by Mr. Turner:

Proposed flood defence enhancements:

The project is being carried out in two phases.

Construction of the Phase 1 Works (coastal flood defence measures along the Sandymount promenade between Gilford Avenue and St. Alban's Park) will be undertaken by the *Office of Public Works (OPW)* direct labour crews. Funding of the Phase 1 Works is in place at present. Works are scheduled to commence on site in August this year. The recent delays to the construction start date were due (1) to the public health measures relating to the pandemic that the Council had to implement and (2) a request from the *OPW* for further additional modelling work to be carried out to inform a detailed wave overtopping assessment of the existing defences at Sandymount.

Phase 2 of the Project (coastal flood defence measures between the northern tip of the existing promenade and Sean Moore Park) is not as advanced as Phase 1. Tender Documents have been completed to procure a Consultant for Stage I: Scheme Development and Preliminary Design and Stage II: Planning Statutory Delivery Route and Public Exhibition. These Tender Documents are currently being checked by the Council's *Central Procurement Unit* and the *OPW*. Our aim is to complete the procurement and appoint a Consultant in Quarter 4 of this year. Following the appointment of the Consultant and the development of the design options, a Project Programme showing all the key milestones to Project completion - Part 10 planning permission through An Bord Pleanála, procurement of Consultant for the Construction Stage, procurement of construction Contractor, construction period, handover of completed works – can then be advised and presented.

Sandymount Strand sewage discharge and clean up

In previous correspondence on the 23rd of July and 8th October last to Mr Turner the Council set out its commitment to attend the site of the Ailesbury storm water overflow on Sandymount and Merrion Strand after we are notified of an outfall having occurred. This commitment includes scheduled site clean ups after there has been heavy rainfall and/or if contacted to do so by members of the public. Council staff have continued to undertake this work and our most recent site clean-up was on the 16th of March last.

In relation to the request for DCC to erect signage at this location to protect public health, we are happy to agree to this measure and will arrange to have the appropriate signage erected.

Q.3 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards pedestrianisation of Duke Street and vehicle access for the street trader/flower sellers on that street?

Reply:

A report on the recent non-statutory public consultation for the Duke Street/ Anne Street South Public Realm scheme was circulated to local Councillors on w/e 1st April, and has been published on Dublin City Council's Consultation Hub:

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/duke-street-anne-st-south-public-realm-scheme/>

The larger report on the trial pedestrianisation of the wider Grafton Street area also references the Duke Street /South Anne Street. That report is available at: <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/feedback-on-grafton-street-area-pedestrianisation/>

Additional consultation will take place over the coming weeks with local businesses and other stakeholders.

Q.4 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the implementation of the Mary Higgins report into street food offerings for homeless individuals or those sleeping rough?

Reply:

The recommendations in *On-Street Food Services in Dublin: A Review* will be reviewed and implemented later this year, and an update will be provided to the Special Committee on Homelessness, sub-committee of the Housing SPC. Some of the recommendations are wider than the work of the DRHE and will be managed in conjunction with other Departments and agencies.

Q.5 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the planning application and grants to Hines Development and construction company with regards to public works and infrastructures that are being built that are related to the Metro Station at the Charlemont location? This report to include all public tendering for such public works. All procurements of such public works and all statutory compliance, regulations and laws that accompany such works. Also, can the manager supply what railway orders, if any, were in place when these works commenced? Also, what laws, if any, render these works exempt under planning? And what is the exact cost of these works. Further, that DCC Planning Department furnish this request with all due diligence that were done in relation to the Hines planning grant at this location?

Reply:

Parent Permission – 2373/17

Planning permission was sought on 2nd February 2017 for the refurbishment and alterations to the existing Carroll's Building at Grand Parade, Dublin 6 and the provision of a new part 3, part 4, part 5 and part 6 storey office building over two levels of basement located to the south of the Carroll's Building and linked to the Carroll's Building by a 6 storey glazed atrium and 8 storey link (Plan No. 2373/17). On foot of observations submitted by the NTA and TII, further information and clarification of further information was sought from the applicant. Further information was submitted in relation to the basement levels to demonstrate that the proposed development would not prejudice or compromise the delivery of essential transport infrastructure in the future. Following an appeal, An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission subject to conditions, including Condition 3;

3. (a) *Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into an agreement with Transport Infrastructure Ireland/ National Transport Authority in respect of those authorities' requirements to safeguard the potential infrastructure and operation of the existing Charlemont Luas Station and to accommodate the potential development, construction and operation of a metro or light railway on, at, or near the*

site of the approved development.

(b) Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall agree in writing with Transport Infrastructure Ireland/National Transport Authority a detailed plan to ensure the structural stability and safety of adjacent rail infrastructure. The agreement plan shall then be submitted to the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: *In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.*

It was noted in the Planning Inspector's report that the site as existing was underused and located on a high capacity transport route and (ii) that any future development of the subject site should not in any way jeopardise or constrain options for the delivery of such critical infrastructure. Therefore, in determining the application and in light of the above, provision was made to future proof both the proposed development and the future potential delivery of a metro station in the vicinity of this site.

Notwithstanding the decision of the An Bord Pleanála to grant planning permission, the approval, delivery and ultimately the operation of the metro including the final alignment of the line, stations arrangements and ties in between the Metro North and the Metro South/Luas in the vicinity of Charlemont / Dartmouth Square, it was acknowledged that the provision of the Metro would require to be the subject of a separate Railway Order under the Transport Act 2001 (as amended).

Amendments to parent permission – 4755/19

Following the initial grant of planning permission (parent permission), planning permission was sought and granted on the 21st February 2020 for the following amendments to the approved development including the omission of the Basement -2 level from the permitted new building and internal reconfiguration of the layout of the Basement -1 level (Plan No. 4755/19). Planning permission was granted subject to Conditions including Condition 10;

10. The applicant shall comply with the following Transportation Planning Division requirements:

i) The proposed development shall otherwise comply with the conditions of permission granted under Register Reference 2373/17 (ABP Ref. PL29S. 300873-18).

ii) Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into an agreement with Transport Infrastructure Ireland/ National Transport Authority in respect of those authorities' requirements to safeguard the potential infrastructure and operation of the existing Charlemont Luas Station and to accommodate the potential development, construction and operation of a metro or light railway on, at, or near the site of the approved development.

Reason: *In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.*

Amendments to parent permission – 3486/20

Planning permission was sought and granted on appeal on 31st January 2022 for further amendments to the parent permission (Plan No. 3486/2020);

- Amendment and extension of the office accommodation at fourth and fifth floor levels, resulting in additional office floor space at both levels (an increase of 114 sq. m. at fourth floor level, and 184 sq. m. at fifth floor level);
- The extension of the southern stair core of the permitted office development to serve the fourth and fifth floor levels;
- Associated amendments to the extent and layout of the permitted roof terraces at fourth and fifth floor levels, including reorientation of permitted rooftop plant;
- Provision of an additional access / egress route at ground level to the south of the permitted office development;
- The proposed amendments include an extension of the development boundary of permission Reg. Ref.: 2373/17 and An Board Pleanála Reg. Ref.: ABP- 300873-18, as previously amended under Reg. Ref.: 4755/19 to accommodate the additional access / egress route at ground level.

In conclusion, it can be confirmed that the parent permission allowed for enabling works *to be carried out to accommodate the potential development, construction and operation of a metro or light railway on, at, or near the site of the approved development.* It can also be confirmed that a Railway Order has not yet been sought or approved for the Metro. The cost and funding of these works are a matter for the NTA and not for the City Council.

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager reinstate a loading bay that was removed from Fownes Street? Many businesses in this area are finding it extremely difficult to load in and out and many of these businesses are considering closing. There is ample space here to reinstate the loading bay.

Reply:

There are construction works still ongoing on the premises of the former Central Bank on Fownes Street. Following a site inspection on Fownes Street Upper it was noted that there was no suitable location could be identified to reinstate / install a loading bay on this location at this time.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report including the register of those who are entitled to vote in the upcoming BID plebiscite renewal in the South East Area?

Reply:

Following a public consultation period, Dublin Town informed Dublin City Council on 19th February 2022 of their intention to proceed with a plebiscite to renew the Business Improvement District Scheme. Local ratepayers in the BIDs area are entitled to vote in the plebiscite.

The Returning Officer compiles an electoral roll based on the rateable properties in the proposed business improvement district. This includes the name and billing address of each rate payer eligible to vote. This forms the electoral roll for the plebiscite. There are 2,929 entities eligible to vote in the plebiscite.

As the Electoral Roll contains personally identifiable details, privacy considerations arise, therefore it is not possible to publish or issue copies. However, interested parties can view the electoral roll by appointment in the Office of the Chief Executive in Dublin City Council.

Details of all the streets in the BIDs area and liability address are available on Dublin City Councils website <https://www.dublincity.ie/news/proposed-renewal-bid-business-improvement-district-scheme>

Ballot papers were posted to those entitled to vote the week commencing 28th March 2022. The closing date for the return of ballots is 12pm on Tuesday 19th April 2022. The count will take place in City Hall, Council Chamber on 20th April 2022 at 10am.

Clarification was sought from the councillor on behalf of the Finance Department on 28th March 2022 and 6th April. Further information will be requested from Finance on receipt of his reply.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the chronic issue of parking on the footpaths, particularly in the evening time on Ross Road? The road is now becoming extremely dangerous with vans and cars parked on the footpaths impeding motorists who are exiting the apartments' carpark and also those who use this road. Many residents find it impossible to find parking spaces for themselves and many complain about vehicles revving in order to mount the footpaths to park.

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section have instructed Dublin Street Parking Services to patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report in relation to road closures that are associated with the Olympia Theatre get-ins and get-outs? This report also to include how much DCC have received for such road closures from the Olympia Theatre in the last 4 years.

Reply:

Roadworks Control have only received one temporary road closure request, in the last four years, from the Olympia Theatre in connection with get-ins and get-outs. It was for Sycamore Street (from Dame Street to Essex Street East), Dublin 2 from 00.00hrs on Thursday 6th September to 24.00hrs on Saturday 8th September 2018, at had a total cost of €6,225.00.

It is more usual for the Olympia or the Concert Promoters/Event Organisers to apply to the council for a "Position of Vehicle" permit for Sycamore Street. This means that the road is not closed and the vehicle can be moved at short notice should the need arise. Over the last four years 172 such permits have been issued (€19,100.00 cost) in connection with the Olympia Theatre.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards what efforts are being made by DCC planning enforcement to deal with the illegal issue of advertisements in the SEA particularly with regards the most recent advertisement at Aungier Street? These advertisements consist of murals that purport to be art and culture but the creativity is used to advertise products such as Whiskey or Netflix commercial films. Further, can the manager also give an update with regards the ongoing court case associated with this company and group of individuals?

Reply:

Dublin City Council currently has 3 cases before the District Court in respect of the provision of unauthorised murals on private property at a number of locations in the city. Although the cases are being taken against the owners of the properties

concerned "Subset" have held themselves out through the media and on their website as being involved in the provision of the murals concerned. The cases concerned are due for hearing in the District Court in June.

Having regard to the fact that further murals have come to our attention recently that appear to have been painted by "Subset", Dublin City Council is considering further legal options in respect of dealing with both our current enforcement cases and those that have recently come to our attention.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager inquire as to whether it would be possible for the Garda Siochána Community unit to have a community day or event in Glovers Court flat complex?

Reply:

Contact will be made with the local residents of Glover Court who organised the recent St. Patrick's Day family event at the complex to look at the possibility of hosting a future event involving the local Garda unit.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ask street furniture enforcement unit to visit the Bleeding Horse at Camden Street and Chez Max in Palace Street who are blocking footpaths with street furniture that is not licensed? It is almost impossible to get onto the footpath by the road at the Bleeding Horse. In relation to Palace Street, the residents there find it almost impossible to be able to exit and enter their home without hindrance.

Reply:

The Bleeding Horse has been contacted told to move their screens.

Chez Max has a street furniture licence on Palace Street and inspections have shown that this premises is in compliance with its licence conditions.

This premises also has a Temporary Permit for additional outdoor seating and has submitted written permission from neighbouring residents to place seating outside their premises. Recent inspections have shown that Chez Max is currently not utilising the full extent of this permit and is in compliance with the Permit conditions

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager assist the residents and community at Ffrench Mullen House who have set up a sports activities and cultural activities for the children and the youth in the area? I will supply the manager with the contact details of the residents.

Reply:

The Sports Officers have worked with groups from the area in the past so should be able to assist and advise on this matter.

Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will respond positively to the request submitted with this question.

I am enclosing photos of broken kerbs outside 1 & 10 Elm Park, off Nutley Lane. As can be seen, a lot of damage has been caused by vehicles turning on the road at the car entrances to other houses.

Also I would be obliged if your inspector would consider requesting speed bumps on the cul de sac as cars tend to drive in and out at high speed when they realize they

are not where they want to be! There is a mix of old people and young children on this road and speeding is a significant danger.

Thank you for your help



Reply:

The broken kerbs at these locations have been added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

With regards to assessments in the two cul-de-sac streets perpendicular to Nutley Lane please see report below.

- Elm Park does not qualify for speed ramps as it has not meet a criteria for approval (The road should have a straight run of at least 200m).
- There is a speed ramp on Nutley Avenue, located approximately 35m away from the junction with Nutley Lane. Nutley Avenue is covered by the 30km/h Slow Zone sign indicating the lower speed limit. The area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. Nutley Avenue is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking on both side of the road.

Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a detailed Dublin City Council Department response to each of the issues listed in the letter circulated with this motion in relation to Mount Eden Road.

Subject: Mount Eden Road

I am following up on the parking on Mount Eden Road and other issues affecting our neglected road. Mount Eden Road was a very well maintained Road with its Edwardian architecture and streetscape intact. The road has been decimated by Dublin City Council's neglect, indifference and total disregard to its status and protection as part the "Belmont Avenue/Mount Eden Road and Environs Architectural Conservation Area". (ACA)The following are areas that require attention.

1. The Temporary Pedestrian/Vehicle Entrance to the temporary school has resulted in draconian parking restrictions with the eradication of seven car parking spaces. This was to be reviewed if required longer than four months and also again during a meeting outside the school in November and we have heard nothing back.
2. There are two Go Cars (a car and a van) plus a YUKÒ car permanently on Mount Eden Road, deprives us of another three parking spaces.

3. A Concrete and steel parking bay for numerous bicycles was erected on the corner of Mount Eden Road about five meters from its junction with Belmont Avenue. Apart from losing another two parking spaces, its closeness to the junction is a traffic Health & Safety hazard, as cars entering Mount Eden Road from Belmont Avenue have to reverse back on to Belmont Avenue, if another car is exiting Mount Eden Road.

4. The removal of part of the historic boundary wall of the Dominican Convent on Mount Eden Road to facilitate the temporary entrance to St. Mary's temporary school is regrettable and the temporary powder coated gates and fencing with its hoarding is a direct contravention of the ACA, and we expect this to be reinstated with the stone that was removed from the original wall and wrought iron gates as per ACA guidelines.

5. The removal of the original Mount Eden Road gates to the Dominican Convent to facilitate the building of the new permanent St Mary's School is another area that has to be addressed (reinstated) and it is further noted that during the construction more of the Dominican boundary wall was removed by the builders to facilitate extra-long trombone trailers carrying extra-long precast concrete and this also requires urgent attention.

6. The road surface is also neglected with cracks, uneven surfaces and frequent potholes getting temporary fixes. It should be totally resurfaced

7. Some roots of the older trees on the road are protruding (up to 9 inches) above footpath level and require attention. It seems to us that Mount Eden Road is a getting secondary attention to Roads on the opposite side of Morehampton Road, i.e. Brendan, Arranmore, Argyle Roads and perhaps the bicycle parking and some of the rental cars be moved there.

Finally, as reported in last Saturday's Irish Times, The Dominican nuns have sold the balance of their lands to developers and they are selling to have the lands rezoned and I would like if you could investigate this for us and let us know your views and that of DCC.

Reply:

The council is currently assessing the 3500 plus submissions received during public consultation on the Draft City Development Plan and preparing the CE's report on these submissions which will respond to the issues raised, including all submissions in relation to zoning. The CE Report will be circulated to the elected members at the end of April (following environmental and flood screening) and will be considered by the City Council at a special meeting currently scheduled for 5th July 2022.

1. The temporary removal of 7 parking spaces is necessary for temporary pedestrian & vehicle entrance and to facilitate School Warden operations.

2. The Area Traffic Engineer will investigate the current parking situation and the possible relocation of the rental cars.

3. The bicycle parking bay on Mount Eden Road is necessary to facilitate cyclists. The Traffic Engineer will investigate the safety issue raised.

4/5. The planning enforcement related issues raised in the Councillor's question will be investigated and a response will issue directly to the Councillor once the facts have been ascertained.

6. Mount Eden Road was inspected and will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our future resurfacing schemes when construction activity at the school is complete.

7. The trees at the Mount Eden Road will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for consideration in the tree care programme for the area. Parks will liaise with Roads Maintenance Section to request footpath repairs.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent:

"I'm writing to you in relation to a street furniture issue on Anna Villa, Ranelagh. Birchalls public house was granted a 6 month permit to place furniture on the footpath, subject to the conditions of the guidelines.

As you can see from the attached photos, all the furniture is not removed after close of business every night and is causing a considerable obstruction from early morning onwards to pedestrians, school children and those who rely on wheelchair/mobility frame usage.

I myself care for my elderly mother, who after two hip replacements depends on a walking frame for a degree of independence and exercise but is forced to use the road when attempting to visit local shops/post office etc.

I would respectfully ask that you give due consideration to this matter and ask DCC/Street Furniture Section to fully enforce the conditions/guidelines as set out below.

"Street Furniture may only be placed on the street between the times specified on the permit and must be removed outside these hours. If any street furniture is in place outside of permitted hours, the permit will be immediately rescinded and furniture will be removed at the permit holder's expense." See pic below.



Reply:

Recent inspections have shown that furniture outside this premises is positioned according to its permit.

Further inspections will be carried out here.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could DCC fill in the pot holes on Sydney Parade Avenue Sandymount from the Strand Road to the entrance to St. Alban's Park as they are a danger to cyclists and troublesome to motorists and cars?

Reply:

These potholes have been added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

Q.18 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could respond to these three issues relating to Leahy's Terrace, Sandymount:

1. The road which has a primary school located in it has recently become a rat run for cars avoiding the new ramps on Strand Road. There is serious congestion and risk to school kids as a result- maybe an unintended consequence but not a welcome one.
2. There have been a number of large potholes in this road now for over a year!
3. The footpaths are in a very dangerous state for pedestrians particularly the elderly as a number of people have fallen there in recent months- this is due to the footpath moving from tree roots' expansion which give rise to serious trip issues when the footpath slabs move differentially.

Reply:

There are appropriate traffic calming measures in place on Leahy's Terrace to ensure the health and safety of children. There are two speed ramps on eastern part of Leahy's Terrace and the western part of Leahy's Terrace is also naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking on both side of the road.

The road and footpaths on Leahy's Terrace have been inspected and issues noted have been added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

The trees at the Leahy's Terrace will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for consideration in the tree care programme for the area. Parks will liaise with Roads Maintenance Section to request footpath repairs.

Q.19 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Further to Question number 2 (supplied with this Question) at the October 2021 Area Committee could the Manager confirm to me that these lampposts will be painted and if he could give an approximate time frame?

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.

Reply:

The poles on Annesley Park were examined and are on the list for painting. However, we cannot give a timeframe at present for when these poles will be painted. All poles on the list for painting, are painted in the order they were added to the list. Based on what is on the list our best estimate is that painting of these poles will be carried out in 2023.

Q.20 Councillor Pat Dunne

Clogher roadway is very patched and uneven from Sundrive to Kildare Road. Would be great to see it repaved for better cycling and safer driving. Can our Road Maintenance Section have this section of roadway inspected and repaired where necessary?

Reply:

This section of roadway was inspected and issues noted have been added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

Q.21 Councillor Pat Dunne

The new bollards at AIB bank on Crumlin Road are welcome but they are constantly being damaged. Can our Traffic Management Section contact AIB and ask them to leave their customer carpark open 24/7 so that users of ATM do not park on the road and obstruct cyclists' safe passage.

Reply:

The AIB on Crumlin Road will be contacted regarding this matter.

Q.22 Councillor Pat Dunne

Would it be possible for our Roads Maintenance Section to widen/redesign the corner kerbs in Iveagh Gardens so that large vehicles (bin lorries or similar) can drive around the estate without causing damage to the kerbs? Multiple repairs have been done but have proved temporary.

Reply:

The damaged kerb has been added to our Works List for a repair to be carried out.

Following repair to the kerb to standard detail at this location, by Roads Maintenance Section, the Traffic Engineer can then consider a request for Double Yellow Lines.

Q.23 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can bicycle parking stations be installed at the corner of Windmill and Crumlin Roads, and other strategic points, so we can encourage bike share schemes to the area and try to take some cars from this busy road?

Reply:

Bicycle parking is being considered by the Micromobility Unit at present. The proposed area will be surveyed for suitability.

Q.24 Councillor Pat Dunne

The new 30 km/h speed limit sign at Aughavanagh Road junction with Clogher Road has been welcomed by residents. However, it has either been fixed wrongly or turned around by others, & so faces the wrong way. Please can it be adjusted & fixed more securely?

Reply:

The sign in question has been repaired.

Q.25 Councillor Pat Dunne

In relation to our Older Persons' Housing Complex at Ravensdale Close, Dublin 12 can I be given a report relating to what is been proposed under the regeneration scheme and for a timeframe to be provided?

In the meantime, there are several maintenance issues to be addressed. My understanding, based on reports from residents, is that the fitting of alarm systems, which I am told commenced 3 years ago, stalled and uncompleted wires are left hanging from the ceilings in some of the units. The units are cold and damp and need to be insulated. What plans have we to do this work?

Reply:

A feasibility study has been carried out and various options for the redevelopment of this complex are being explored, DCC will be seeking to increase the number of units on the site should the decision be made to carry out a demolition and construction

project. If DCC proceed with a redevelopment we will be partnering with an Approved Housing body to develop and manage the units. Local Councillors and tenants will be advised as soon as a decision is made on the next steps for this complex.

The intercom system was rewired a few years ago. As part of these works the ground floor flats were wired for an intercom even though they did not need the system because the gates on the block only serve the upper floor flats. The ground floor flats were wired in case it was decided in the future, that an electronic entrance gate to the complex would be installed. Some wires were left hanging and once Covid happened, it was not possible to get these tidied up. However, this will be done now and all necessary works will be carried out. Any proposed insulation works will be in line with any proceeding redevelopment.

Q.26 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can a standard litter bin be installed at the No 17 bus stop on St. Agnes Park? Discarded litter is a common feature at this location and tends to blow into adjacent gardens. My understanding is that it is policy to have litter bins in the vicinity of bus stops.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will check to see if the above mentioned location is suitable for a litter bin and if so will arrange for the installation of a bin there.

Q.27 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can standard litter bins be installed at both ends of the large green on Dolphin Road? A dog poo bin at this location was previously removed. Given that this green is used for official soccer matches there is a prevalence of discarded water bottles and well as general litter and dog dirt left on the green. Can we also erect a "Don't feed the birds" sign here?

Reply:

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned location over the coming weeks to see if there is a requirement for litter bins there.

Q.28 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the area Manager confirm that no's 1 to 8 Poddle Close are designated older persons' accommodation and that given this designation that they should be served by a caretaker and that the tenants should have access to all services that are commonplace in other older persons' complexes?

Reply:

The 8 bungalows at Poddle Close are not designated older persons' accommodation. Although the age profile of the 8 tenants is averaging 62 years, most of these tenants moved in when they were in their 40s. The accommodation is categorised as standard housing units.

Q.29 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can street trees at the location along the footpath at the shops on Benbulbin Road be provided? Given that we finished the tree planting season, can planter boxes be reinstated at this location until the trees are ready to be planted?

Reply:

This location is not considered appropriate for in ground tree planting due to the presence of underground and overhead services.

The South East Area Office will look at the placement of planters within the existing Discretionary Budget.

Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the footpath outside Capri Takeaway on Sundrive Road opposite Monto's restaurant be repaired, it is crumbling in parts and is difficult to navigate for push chair and wheel chair users?

Reply:

This footpath was inspected at this location and has been added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

Q.31 Councillor Tara Deacy

When will the green area on Cashel Avenue, Crumlin be cut? Can we get a schedule for the area in relation to similar greens? Are these areas covered by DCC or private companies? If private, can we also request a schedule for this work on Cashel Avenue and other similar greens?

Reply:

The area referred to above has been cut in the past week. This is carried out on behalf of Dublin City Council by a private company and during the growing season. The grass is expected to be kept under a particular length – this takes account of variable growing conditions across the season.

Q.32 Councillor Tara Deacy

A number of residents from Clonfert and Kilfenora Road have been in touch to highlight speeding cars which are using these roads as a short cut between Stannaway and Sundrive Road. There are a large number of children on this road and there has been a number of close calls with passing/speeding cars. Can we look at addressing this issue before there is an accident? Could we look at speed ramps or at a minimum "Children at play" signs being installed?

Reply:

"Children at play" signs are only to be erected at the entrances to roads of a primarily residential character with continuous frontage. Signs should be provided at the entrances to housing estates from main traffic routes where there is change in the speed limit from 50km/h to 30 km/h. These signs are erected at the entrance to Stannaway Road and also at the entrance to Blarney Park from Sundrive Road.

Clonfert Road does not meet the criteria to install speed ramps as there is not a straight run of at least 200 metres. With regards to the speeding cars, Kilfenora Road will be assessed by the area engineer in the following weeks.

Q.33 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager if Planning Enforcement or Waste Management Department are already dealing with a complaint from 25 January 2022 in relation to a commercial premises (details supplied) on Church Lane, which we are advised is not covered in planning application from residential, and advised that it is causing traffic issues and permanent three bins being left on the lane on double yellow lines, posing a visual hazard for residents exiting the lane.

Reply:

Our Litter Enforcement Manager, Stephen Kavanagh, contacted details supplied 2 on the 31st March 2022 regarding the issue of the three bins being permanently stored on details supplied 1 and he will do all he can to resolve this issue.

Councillor will be updated once an inspection has been carried out by Planning Enforcement. The inspection will be done before the end of April.

Q.34 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager and Parks Department/Property Management if The Kiosk, 116B Orwell Road, Rathgar, has been taken on by architects and when it will be provided and to whom, as there are so many enquirers since 2020.

Reply:

Property Management and City Architects are progressing a project to remediate structural issues in the kiosk and incorporate the unused toilet block to the rear in order to create a sit-down café at this prominent location.

A tender for the works was issued in February and the evaluation of the submitted tenders is expected to be completed within the next week. The unit will not be available for letting until such time as the works have been completed which is likely to be later this year.

There has been considerable interest from prospective operators and once ready the premises will be offered for letting on the open market.

Q.35 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please set out the impact of the termination of the SLA with DCC and Irish Water? How will it work locally, who will councillors contact when there is a water supply problem? Will Irish Water have a local contact or will we have to contact generic email addresses? Will DCC have any role at all in the water supply system? Will Irish Water even have full time maintenance staff or will we have to reply on different contractors each time there is a supply problem?

Reply:

As this issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water.

Please call the telephone number on 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @IrishWater
Postal Address: **Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.**

Q.36 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please set out the legal powers and responsibility of local authorities in the event of the SLA being terminated with Irish Water? In that event what powers has the council to ensure roads that have been opened by Irish Water are properly reinstated? Who is liable in the event of accidents? Leinster Road in Rathmines is a case where the road has been left in a dangerous state by the IW

contractors.

Reply:

Under the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between Irish Water and Dublin City Council, Irish Water took over responsibility for the water, foul and combined sewer network, in the Dublin City Council administrative area, on 1st January 2014. This responsibility includes maintenance, connections and upgrades of these service networks. Irrespective of when the SLA is terminated, the responsibility remains with Irish Water. The Acts governing the powers of Irish Water are The Water Services Acts 2013 and 2014

Irish Water is a statutory undertaker and as such have powers to open, dig or excavate the public road. However, to do so Irish Water require consent, in the form of a road opening licence, with conditions from Dublin City Council. The conditions of the road opening licence Vis a Vis reinstatement are as follows.

On completion of a permanent reinstatement, Irish Water is required to return each opening to Road Maintenance Services (RMS) for taking in charge purposes. An inspection of each returned opening is carried out by an Inspector in RMS. If the reinstatement does not meet the required standard, as set out in the '*Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads*', Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, April 2017, the reinstatement is refused and returned to Irish Water for remedial action. Reinstatements remain the responsibility of Irish Water until they are accepted by Road Maintenance Services (by way of a T5) and the subsequent guarantee period has passed (two years for services that are within 1.5m of the road surface and three years for services deeper than 1.5m).

Therefore until such time as the guarantee period has passed all liability in relation to accidents remain with Irish Water.

With respect to Leinster Road, following the lead replacement upgrade on the Irish Water network, permanent reinstatement of the carriageway, is due to start on the week starting 11th April 2022. Also ESB Networks are carrying out permanent reinstatement of the footpath opposite Rathmines Library on weekend of 9th/10th April 2022, following their fault repairs at that location.

Q.37 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the tree stump adjacent to 189 Downpatrick Road be removed and can the footpath be reinstated? The original tree at this location was removed a number of years ago and the stump now constitutes a trip hazard.

Reply:

We are liaising with the Parks Dept. to arrange for the tree stump to be removed and for the footpath to be reinstated here.

Q.38 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if a reply could be sought/furnished in respect of the issues raised in this attached email and attachments therein regarding Sandymount Flood Defences etc.

Reply:

A Reply, advising the following, will be received shortly by Mr. Turner:

Proposed flood defence enhancements:

The project is being carried out in two phases.

Construction of the Phase 1 Works (coastal flood defence measures along the Sandymount promenade between Gilford Avenue and St. Alban's Park) will be undertaken by the *Office of Public Works (OPW)* direct labour crews. Funding of the Phase 1 Works is in place at present. Works are scheduled to commence on site in August this year. The recent delays to the construction start date were due (1) to the public health measures relating to the pandemic that the Council had to implement and (2) a request from the *OPW* for further additional modelling work to be carried out to inform a detailed wave overtopping assessment of the existing defences at Sandymount.

Phase 2 of the Project (coastal flood defence measures between the northern tip of the existing promenade and Sean Moore Park) is not as advanced as Phase 1. Tender Documents have been completed to procure a Consultant for Stage I: Scheme Development and Preliminary Design and Stage II: Planning Statutory Delivery Route and Public Exhibition. These Tender Documents are currently being checked by the Council's *Central Procurement Unit* and the *OPW*. Our aim is to complete the procurement and appoint a Consultant in Quarter 4 of this year. Following the appointment of the Consultant and the development of the design options, a Project Programme showing all the key milestones to Project completion - Part 10 planning permission through An Bord Pleanála, procurement of Consultant for the Construction Stage, procurement of construction Contractor, construction period, handover of completed works – can then be advised and presented.

Sandymount Strand sewage discharge and clean up

In previous correspondence on the 23rd of July and 8th October last to Mr Turner the Council set out its commitment to attend the site of the Ailesbury storm water overflow on Sandymount and Merrion Strand after we are notified of an outfall having occurred. This commitment includes scheduled site clean ups after there has been heavy rainfall and/or if contacted to do so by members of the public. Council staff have continued to undertake this work and our most recent site clean-up was on the 16th of March last.

In relation to the request for DCC to erect signage at this location to protect public health, we are happy to agree to this measure and will arrange to have the appropriate signage erected.

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he outline what recent works have been carried out on the Bride St contra flow cycle route and will the bollards be replaced, and if not how will this be segregated?

Reply:

The bollards were removed to facilitate the works for a new signalised junction at Bride Street /Bride Road. This is to provide a cycle connection for the contra flow cycle lane to Werburgh Street and to provide pedestrian crossings on the three arms where currently there are no pedestrian facilities. The works will be completed shortly and the bollards reinstated.

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the redesign of the square at the junction of Leeson Street and Adelaide Road. Can the Area Manager provide details of the overall redesign, whether it includes a greening strategy and the timelines for completion?

Reply:

The public realm of the island at the Adelaide Road / Leeson Street junction will be upgraded as part of the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route scheme. Landscaping to this area will be provided and will consist of the provision of a semi-mature tree and low level hedging. The Fitzwilliam Cycle Route project will be tendered for construction in July 2022.

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the Greening Strategy for Temple Bar and what plans are in place to progress this strategy.

Reply:

The Temple Bar Public Realm Strategy sets out a series of objectives and aspirations for the Temple Bar Area. Opportunities for greening and seating in this area is compromised due to the historic nature of the street layout, underground cellars, services and the need for space for pedestrian movement at all times of the day. However, the opportunities to increase greening through planning gain and Dublin City Council projects will be full exploited.

Projects to amplify the laneways are advanced through the Love the Lanes project. Further enhancements have been agreed and continue to be implemented in conjunction with local stakeholders. These included green wall, hanging baskets and planters where space allowed. The Area Office work with local stakeholders to encourage planters and window boxes as well as floral decoration of the area by Dublin City Council where possible. Small interventions were identified for the following locations;

- Essex Street , at the Smock Alley Space - trees replanted with more appropriate species and surface redone including stone cleaning
- Blind Quay – works to clear vegetation, address anti-social behaviour and increase pedestrian space complete, surface permeable suds measure
- Junction with Dame Street opposite the Rates Offices including Copper Alley delivered through planning gain. Improvement to junction with Copper Alley space and lane to the rear, improved accessibility, animation through art and fabric / greening as well as cycle parking.
- Space at the central bank being retained for public access / use including greening and seating through planning gain.
- The Essex Street / Civic Offices connection – strong enforcement of the pedestrian zone and enhance the pedestrian priority to connect to green space, facilitating new uses at the Civic Offices.
- Part 8 for Temple Bar Square which includes tree planting

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate the ongoing issue of flooding outside details supplied. There is a problem with the drain here that needs to be resolved.

Reply:

There is a damaged gully connection close to this location and the Drainage Division will arrange to have it repaired,

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please find a solution to address the ongoing issue of illegal dumping on Lennox Street, Portobello.

Reply:

The Litter Warden has been asked to increase patrols in the area. Fixed Penalty Notices will issue where evidence is recovered.

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate the construction work on Clanwilliam Terrace in Grand Canal Dock. Fencing has been placed out over the road impeding on the cycle route. This is right at the end of the Grand Canal cycle route where it meets Grand Canal Dock and it is no longer possible for 2 cyclists to pass each other.

Reply:

Dublin City Council issued a Hoarding Licence to MB McNamara Construction Co. for a development at Grand Canal Quay (official name of Clanwilliam Terrace) for the period 1st March to 31st August. The developers plan to be onsite for 22 months. The Roadworks Control Inspector who authorised the licence is currently dealing with the developer to ensure that the cycle track continues safely and remains unimpeded.

Q.45 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he will consider the content of the email below and furnish a reply.

"We would be grateful for an update as to when safe and appropriate cycle lanes will finally be installed from the Merrion Centre to Booterstown, to connect with the bike lane through the Blackrock Park.

The current cycle lanes from the Merrion Centre to Merrion gates and beyond are completely unsafe. Very few people cycle there compared to safer routes. There are so many safe routes now in Dublin - why has this important artery into town been ignored? The traffic including buses moves much too fast to combine safely a bike lane and a bus lane, as at present. In addition the bike line is frequently blocked by parked cars and vans etc. Traffic calming plus a separate bike lane with a physical division is needed. I would also point out that the road from Merrion Centre towards Booterstown is very wide. There is plenty of space for a new arrangement providing safe cycling.

I would add that the answer is not cutting down ancient trees that distinguish this neighbourhood and give it its character. I suggest the answer is narrower, slower driving lanes to discourage driving in favour of more sustainable transport. Slim physical barriers between bike lanes and traffic are also essential to safe biking. A decent bike lane along the Sandymount seafront is also needed.

Realising this requires cooperation with Dublin County representatives and staff, and aware of the planned Sandymount bike route that was challenged in court. What is the timeline for these discussions and concrete change?

Reply:

Cycle lanes will be provided in this section as part of the Bus Connects project. There is insufficient space between the existing kerb lines to provide protected cycle lanes in the current arrangement. The section from Trimleston Avenue to Booterstown Park is within the Dun Laoghaire county council area.

The appeal for the trial arrangement of a safe cycle route along the Sandymount seafront is due to be heard in June. The outcome of the appeal will determine the timeline.

Q.46 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he will consider the content of the email below and photos, and furnish a reply.

Could you advise me as to who in the Council is responsible for enforcing Health and Littering?

Reply:

The Litter Warden investigated this issue and reported that the premises have a seven day refuse collection. The Bye-Laws for the Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial waste state that as the premises is outside the Central Commercial District they are entitled to present their waste after 5pm the day before their designated collection day and it has to be removed by 10am the day following the designated collection day. This permits them to have their waste presented seven days a week. The Litter Warden has reiterated that the bins must not be overloaded or the cause of litter or fines will be issued.

Contact:

Stephen Kavanagh, Litter Enforcement Manager, Email: stephen.kavanagh@dublincity.ie

Q.47 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he could provide an update as to what the status is with the swimming pool in Marian College and the increased allocation of funding that was offered to it, to keep it open.

Reply:

Marian College Board has indicated to DCC that they will not be reopening the swimming pool. CRES Department officials have requested a meeting with Marian College Board to discuss any possible options with regard to the reopening of the pool and will report to the Area Committee following the meeting-taking place. Additional Grant funding allocated in 2022 revenue budget to Marian Pool is available.

Q.48 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if a reply could be furnished to the queries raised in the email and photo below.

Would you be able to get the drawings / section of Option 1 which illustrates how vehicles leaving Sandford Grove and Woodville Lodge cross over the cycle lane to turn left and right? At the moment the attached drawing doesn't show how vehicles will cross the cycle lane or will the cars have to drive on the cycle lane down Belmont Avenue towards Donnybrook?

Reply:

Dublin City Council will work with the appointed external consultant to have the current drawings amended to facilitate access and egress for the residents in these new developments. For Option 1 the residents from both Woodville Lodge and Sandford Grove developments will be able to exit onto Belmont Avenue and proceed in the direction of Sandford Road and also Donnybrook Road.

Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager if he could detail how often the park adjacent to Fairfield Park, Rathgar is maintained and if the fencing at the park could be examined with a view to refurbishment; if he will alert local superintendents to recent drug usage at the park.

Reply:

Park Services carry out daily checks of Fairfield Park including emptying of bins and litter picking. The grass is cut on a 7 – 10 day schedule, subject to the machinery and staff availability. We endeavour as always to keep our parks clean, safe, and well maintained for users.

Regarding the mature trees and hedging, they will be inspected and any works deemed necessary will be listed for consideration in the tree / shrubbery care programme for the area.

Parks Services is aware of the railings' state and will include their refurbishment in future park improvement programme, same with the broken / tired benches subject to funding being available. Anti-social behaviour is a matter primarily for the Gardaí. Incidences of congregation in the park after dark and substance use should be immediately reported to the local Gardaí.

Q.50 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager if any enabling works can be done to make this part of Belmont Avenue on the corner of Sandford Road (photos attached) accessible for a person in a wheelchair and whether additional resurfacing could be done on the footpaths from Belmont Gardens where a person who uses a wheelchair lives and accessing the petrol station shop on Sandford Road.

Reply:

Dublin City Council will consider work to widen the footpath and resurface the footpath at this location of Belmont Avenue in conjunction with any future permanent works on Belmont Avenue or any future permanent works at the Junction of Belmont Avenue and Sandford Road.