



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 13 JUNE 2022**

- 1 **Presentation by Little Museum of Dublin**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **For Information Purposes Only - Presentation and Report re Notification of initiation of Pre-Part 8 Circulation of Layout under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 of the proposed redevelopment of St Andrew's Court Flats and associated external works situated at the corner of Fenian Street and Sandwith Street, Dublin 2**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 9th May 2022**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
  - i. Report on proposed disposal: proposed grant of a lease of the premises known as Retail Unit 1, York Street, Dublin 2 to MH & Co. Retail Limited.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  - ii. Report on proposed disposal: proposed grant of a further licence of the premises at No.5 Emor Street, Dublin 8 to DePaul Ireland.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  - iii. Report on proposed disposal: Grant of lease – Rosary Park, Harold's Cross Sports ground and community building to Harold's Cross Youth & Football Club.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
- 6 **Housing, Community and Economic Services Department Matters**
  - i. Community Grants 2022 Information Note.  
**Order: Noted.**

## 7 Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters

- i. Report on works at Clonmacnoise Circle.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Report on Landscaping Maintenance.  
**Order: Noted.**

## 8 Chief Executive Department Matters

- i. Clarification of response given to Q19 to South East Area Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018.  
**Order: Noted.**

## 9 South East Area Office Matters

- i. Report of Director of Services Central and South East Areas.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Report on Proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over the laneway at rear of 32, 33 Dolphin Road, Dublin 12.  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**

## 10 Motions

### **Emergency Motion from Councillors Anne Feeney, Pat Dunne, Deirdre Conroy, Paddy Mc Cartan, Mannix Flynn and Mary Freehill.**

> That this Committee:

> (1) calls on the Deputy CEO of the NTA to revise his decision not to attend a meeting of the South East Area Committee of Dublin City Council to discuss the rationale for the decision to locate the MetroLink Terminus at Charlemont instead of St. Stephen's Green.

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> (2) calls on the Minister for Transport, Environment, Climate and Communications to:

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> (A) require the NTA/TII to carry out a comprehensive, transparent and up to date feasibility study for continuing MetroLink to South West Dublin.

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> (B) require the NTA/TII to make a minimal change to the MetroLink proposal to bring to An Bord Pleanála i.e. the last terminus on the southernmost end of the MetroLink to be decided (St. Stephen's Green Vs Charlemont) when a comprehensive feasibility study is available to Government. NTA/TII will then apply to ABP for a Variation of the Railway Order.

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> This minimal change to the signing of a Railway Order for MetroLink would ensure that construction of MetroLink could start without any delay while awaiting the outcome of a more up to date and relevant feasibility study for the southern terminus and the potential for a Metro South West extension at a future time.

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> While the NTA/TII have made a case for locating the terminus at Charlemont instead of St. Stephen's Green, they are not making themselves available to be challenged on the basis for this decision and the data and assumptions that underpin it. This decision has significant implications for commuters and

residents in the South East Area and South West of the City and ends the possibility/feasibility of a Metro South West at some future date, leaving only the very limited increase in capacity proposed by Bus Connects as the only solution for commuters in an area of forecasted population growth.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee request the Manager to report on what measures could be taken to improve safety at this junction – possibly footpath build out at Leahy's Terrace and Sandymount Road (just at Star of the Sea Church and school). A constituent reports that it's a strange junction and not clearly marked. Cars regularly turn without indicating (as it's not a very obvious turn) and it's not clear where to stop when approaching the junction from Leahy's Terrace.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests the Manager to examine and report back on introducing a parking permit scheme which allows residents purchase a permit to either a) park their car OR b) install a four bike black recycled plastic <http://www.bikeshel.com/?> Average cars remain parked up to 95% of the time, while a bike shelter would be stationary 100% of the time - a negligible difference. The permit revenue for DCC would remain the same, while removing a car from the roads, providing people with secure bike storage for their families beside their homes, and improving health by promoting active lifestyles, all in line with DCC's City Development Plan. The BikeBunker scheme does not work for families where a single household without rear, side or front space for bike storage needs secure on-street storage for multiple bikes if switching from driving to cycling is to be an option.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests the Manager to provide a response to this call for audible crossings within the core Sandymount area as requested in this text submitted with this motion. I am a blind lady with a guide dog moving to live in Sandymount shortly. What concerns me greatly is the lack of audible crossings on Claremont Road, Seafort Avenue, Newgrove Avenue and Marine Drive. While I appreciate that the presence of traffic lights, audible or otherwise, can be a great frustration to motorists, for a pedestrian such as myself, blind, with a guide dog, having to negotiate an environment which is potentially dangerous and life-threatening, I am hoping that DCC Traffic Department can now assist in providing a safe means of crossing the road in these areas identified above.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That DCC activate the agreed and established standard for reinstatement of roads following underground works. This is especially relevant to the work carried out by Irish Water contractors and also applies to ESB, Bord Gais etc. These standards also need to be applied to temporary fixes immediately following work along with final reinstatement. The quality of work has deteriorated now that DCC is no longer carrying out the work. Also is there an option for the council to impose a fine on these organisations?

Irish Water works on the Terenure Road between Mount Tallant Avenue junction and Kenilworth junction (five points): the work on Leinster Road. There have been ongoing works here, but the standard of the temporary fix applied to the footpath is very poor. It is bumpy and uneven and is a hazard to young and old people who use that pathway on that side of the road as it is wider than the pathway on the

other side.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the bike railings at the Spar shop at the Kenilworth Junction be repaired. Some of the bike stands there are bent over and should be replaced. Furthermore may I have a report on bike railing maintenance on the city in general?

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That Dublin City Council will arrange for the resurfacing of the astro pitch at Digges Street as it is very worn and in need of repair.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That Dublin City Council will undertake planning and works to rearrange and make better use of the ample space at the Digges Street/Cuffe Street flats complex which is currently cluttered and effectively all roadway, to reduce tarmac, open up the green space to resident use, install effective fencing or walls around the complex, install a playground for the children of the complex and nearby complexes, and provide more space efficient compact parking solutions for the minority of residents who do require parking spaces.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That Dublin City Council and the South East Area Office will ensure that the Parks Department and Irishtown Stadium work together to increase the playing and training capacity for young people and adults seeking to engage in sporting activities locally.

Further, that the Parks Department and the stadium will outline to the Area Committee in detail the plans they currently have for addressing the acute capacity shortage and expanding capacity in advance of the high density development of the Glass Bottle Site which will heap more pressure on capacity in Ringsend, which also serves much of the inner city.

**Order: Deferred to July 2022 meeting.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this meeting of the South East Area, call on Dublin City Council and the Department of Environment to ban the use of leaf blowers in residential areas. These leaf blowers are an absolute dreadful noise pollutant. They can completely disturb the peace and have a negative impact on wildlife and nesting birds etc. and can make life rather miserable for residents. They are unnecessary and need legislation to ban them under the Noise Pollutant Act.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillors Kevin Donoghue, Daniel Ceitinn, Danny Byrne and Claire Byrne**

This committee agrees to pursue the establishment of the Oversight Committee of the Poolbeg SDZ as set out in the SDZ. The Committee further agrees that local residents will be engaged from early on in the established of the oversight committee. The Committee also requests that the area manager outline to councillors the standard process for the establishment of such a Committee.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

This committee requests Parking Enforcement to resolve the lack of parking for residents living on Winton Avenue. It is a parking problem I am notified has gone

on for 3 years.

6 homes on the road have pedestrian gate entrance, no vehicular entrance. 25 permits are provided to Winton Avenue and 28 outside Winton Avenue.

Parking layout on the road is not in length for two cars, so 41 cars are not capable to park.

Single yellow line along the road to Rathgar Avenue refuses parking from 9am to noon. The residents secured agreement to return the single yellow lines to pay and display spaces last year, however, I am notified it was left as is by DCC parking.

The entire residents living on the road have brought up a major issue, and their letter is sent to Dublin City Council, with each resident signature.

The main issue is parking permits have been provided to residents outside Winton Avenue, causing the road to be fully over parked and residents on Winton Avenue having to park elsewhere.

In summary, I am notified that DCC designated Winton Avenue as an overflow road for Wesley Road, Rathgar Avenue, Rathgar Road and Coulson. There are 41 pay and display spaces and c 10 parking spaces on the yellow line. 53 parking permits are provided. 28 outside Winton Avenue. Therefore, 12 extra parking, where there is no space even for 41.

The residents on Winton Avenue have requested that Dublin City Council only provide permit parking for the residents living on the road. As 4 parking permits can be given to each home elsewhere which will increase parking well beyond 53 permits.

Massive parking spaces have been removed throughout the city and villages for cycle lanes, however, on a residential road such as Winton Avenue, appropriate parking for those living there is essentially required for families. One resident stated that he has had to park elsewhere and walk small children to their home in dark winter, because drivers elsewhere park outside his house, including GoCar being left for several weeks outside the house.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

With regard to motion No. 5 on May agenda pointing out that ESB agreed with Planning Dept. that the refurbishment of the house between ESB and Larry Murphy's pub would be carried out in conjunction with the Planning Dept. The objective of this exercise is to iron out the challenges Georgian house owners have when turning these houses into self-contained apartments and also to accommodate lift facilities for disabled people.

If the Planning Dept. still consider that there is no need for this exercise, then it is agreed that we have a meeting with Planning Dept. and South Georgian Core Residents' Association who report considerable difficulty in adaptation of these listed houses. This area of the city has one of the lowest population densities, so it incumbent on all of us to find solutions to different dwelling needs.

### **Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill tabled to May meeting**

With regard to the details of previous motions below in relation to ESB and Georgian buildings in the Fitzwilliam area. It is agreed that the council make contact with ESB to commence work on the restoration of the house between ESB offices and Larry Murphy's pub. It was agreed that this pilot project would work in co-operation with the Planning Department to find practical solutions to interpretation of our conservation laws. The occupancy level remains low in our Georgian area of the city and this project is urgently needed to address the declining population in this area

Back in 2013/14 there was a considerable exodus from Georgian Dublin and the council was concerned about making these houses habitable and

accessible for 21<sup>st</sup> century living which is a challenge to our conservation laws. At that time ESB agreed to co-operate with DCC to return these houses from offices to dwellings and that the process would act as a prototype and an opportunity to apply best practise to the interpretation of our conservation laws.”

**Report: Reply from Executive**

As part of the redevelopment of the ESB site at Lower Fitzwilliam Street/Mount Street Upper and Baggot Street, planning permission was granted for the refurbishment and change of use of nos. 58-61 Mount Street Upper to 8 residential apartments and nos. 30 Fitzwilliam Street Lower and 62 Mount Street Upper to 3 residential apartments Plan No. 3052/14). These works / change of use are now nearing completion, delivering 11 residential apartments in total.

As part of the same planning application, due to expire on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022, permission was granted for protective works to No. 12 Lower Fitzwilliam Street during the demolition and redevelopment of the adjoining buildings and for the change of use of the lower ground and ground floors to commercial/office. All internal works and use of the upper floors were excluded from the permission.

There has been no recent planning applications for no. 12. However, in light of the completion of the redevelopment of the adjoining site, the ESB will be contacted to establish their current proposals for no. 12.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee agrees to convene a special meeting of all stakeholders to try to prevent further emergency rescues on Sandymount Stand. The meeting should include Coast Guard, RNLI, Dublin Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and Gardaí. Such a meeting should also hear from local people with local knowledge re tides etc.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee agrees to request officials from each department to attend our South East Area Monthly Meeting to respond to relevant motions, e.g. Housing.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That The Active Travel programme provide us with details of standards for maintenance of footpaths and road crossings for walkers that would be considered safe for people with restricted mobility. Also that this department provide us with the criteria to assess safe walking for the “Walkability surveys” carried out locally by age friendly groups.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to upgrade the Pride Rainbow Walks on Dame Street to make them more vibrant and longer and that this be done in time for Pride 2022.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to actively progress the complete pedestrianisation plans for Suffolk Street.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to install a contra flow cycle lane on Molesworth Street as far as Dame Street. Currently cyclists have to head directly into oncoming traffic.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to accelerate the installation of the coffee Dock and toilet at Sean Moore Park playground.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 20 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This area committee calls for improved visibility design at pedestrian traffic light crossings. At present these crossings are only marked with two rather thin white lines indicating the safe walk through at the lights. This light markings can make it difficult for motorists to see them.

This motion calls for these to be enhanced and be similar to the way zebra pedestrian crossing are marked with thick painted black and white markings.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This area committee calls for improvements in grass cuttings from contractors assigned to the various greens and grassed areas in the city. The contractors often use only tractors and give the grass a quick run over, leaving edges and tree surrounds uncut and mulch uncollected on the greens. Residents living in areas where the contractors are employed complain of a sub-standard service.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 22 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

Given the ending of Covid staff working restrictions can we now return to normal public access to our offices and public counters? We particularly ask that the Crumlin Area Office be sufficiently staffed to allow the public counter cater for walk in engagements.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 23 from Councillors Tara Deacy and Anne Feeney**

The Kimmage/Rathmines ward have experienced a deficit in the availability of dog wardens locally, can this committee agree to support the employment or re deployment of staff to focus on this area for the coming months. A dog warden would alleviate the issues we experience in terms of dog fouling, dogs off the leash etc.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 24 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

The South East Area Committee supports the right to Personal Assistance Service (PAS) for disabled people to have freedom, choice and control over all aspects of their lives to enable them to fully participate in an inclusive society as equals, and endorses the Independent Living Movement Ireland campaign in their objective of obtaining additional statutory rights.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**

**Chairperson**

**Monday 13 June 2022**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)

Claire Byrne

Daniel Céitinn

Pat Dunne

Mary Freehill

Carolyn Moore

**Members:**

Danny Byrne

Tara Deacy

Anne Feeney

James Geoghegan

Claire O'Connor

**Members:**

Deirdre Conroy

Kevin Donoghue

Mannix Flynn

Paddy McCartan

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Hazel Chu

**Officers**

Brian Hanney

Karl Mitchell

Nicola Finegan

Zsolt Szombatfalvi

Brid Brosnan

Deri Flood

Paul O' Halloran

Jennifer Wall

Paul McCann

Eileen Martin

Alice Simington

Collette Egan

Don Daly

Owen Keegan

John MacEilly

Mark Ginnetty

Stefan Lowe

Neil O'Donoghue

Prajwal Krishnashetty Annibabu

Patrick Conway

**Non-Members:**

Sarah Clancy

Little Museum of Dublin



**Question to the Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee  
Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to install bike parking on D'Olier Street at the corner with Townsend Street. The current parking along Pearse Street is regularly full to capacity.

**Reply:**

The D'Olier Street / Pearse Street junction is particularly challenging when it comes to a suitable space to install additional cycle parking to the existing stands on Pearse Street. There is no appropriate location on the carriageway given the number of junctions and throughput of buses here. Any cycle parking would have to be installed on the footpath which has a particularly high footfall. Traffic will investigate if any appropriate space is available that does not negatively impact on pedestrian desire lines. If a suitable location can be found cycle parking will be installed in the next batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Further to the answer given to this Councillor as submitted can the Chief Executive outline how much in total has been spent to the end of May 2022 on these signs on and/or relating to Strand Road/Beach Road, Sandymount and indeed why they are still in situ.

**Question to the Chief Executive**

**Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive how much the Council spent on the type of mobile signs currently used on Merrion Road and Strand Road vicinity, to issue temporary traffic instructions in 2020 and to end of May 2021 across the City separating out as a distinct figure, that spend in relation to the Strand Road proposals.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The VMS signs that were in place for the Strand Road trial were installed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. There were no signs used in 2020. The cost to date has been €28,000. The original cost was estimated at €11,000 but due to the High Court legal challenge and the stay subsequently granted forcing the City Council to stop work. There has been a necessity for the signage to remain for longer than originally planned due to the unfinished nature of the roadworks on Strand Road, the council has incurred an additional cost.

Contact: Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer.  
Email: [claire.french@dublincity.ie](mailto:claire.french@dublincity.ie)

**Reply:**

This matter is being examined and a full reply will issue to the Councillor in advance of the July meeting of the South East Area Committee

**Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to investigate the possibility of introducing the following items at Long Lane, Portobello. The request is being made on foot of a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour along the road.

- CCTV scheme
- improve street lighting
- increase street cleaning
- other anti-deterrent methods

**Reply:**

This issue has been referred to the Gardaí through the South East Area Joint Policing Committee for consideration. Next meeting is due on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.

Long Lane was cleaned as part of the Area Based Cleaning Schedule from Monday-30/May/2022 to Friday-03/Jun/2022. A request has been made to assign additional Waste Management resources to Long Lane on a more regular basis.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can report on when the containers stored on the promenade at Car Park One on Strand Road will be removed as previously indicated. Preferably before this summer season commences.

The containers are a health and safety risk. Over the past number of years rats have been observed beneath them and on a regular basis people urinating against them. DCC advised in 2019 that they would be removed during remedial works.

**Reply:**

The Sandymount area is at risk of flooding at times of high tides. The Drainage Division keep a strategic supply of sandbags in containers at three locations Sandymount Strand.

During periods of forecasted high tides, the Drainage Division monitor tide levels, atmospheric pressure, wind speed and wind direction. If there is a potential risk to property, the Drainage Division close the car parks with flood barriers and block up any remaining gaps with both large and small sand bags. Once the threat of flooding has rescinded the barriers and the sand bags are removed.

If there is a severe threat, the containers are opened and the residents can remove the sand bags from the containers to place in front of their properties. DCC would encourage residents to install more robust flood defence measures such as flood gates

Drainage Services have been made aware of one specific issue and are liaising with the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive on this matter.

There was no commitment given to the removal of these containers in 2019. When the future flood defence works are complete, it is hoped that there won't be a need for the containers and that they will be removed.

The remedial works have been delayed due to further wave modelling being required for funding and will take 12 months to complete following start of the project.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the tree on footpath outside number 67 Marlborough Road examined and seriously pruned. The tree now envelopes the public lamppost leaving that stretch of footpath in total darkness as well as seriously impacting on the light for the adjoining house.

**Reply:**

This tree at the above location was pruned last month.

**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to have the footpaths in Bath Avenue Gardens repaired. An elderly resident is now unable to walk using her walker because of the condition.

**Reply:**

The footpaths in Bath Avenue Gardens have been inspected and defects have been recorded on our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

**Q.7 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the status of funding allocated to improvements at Glover's Court; the plans which have been developed; the engagement with residents to form plans to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

The stage 1 application for initial project approval and funding has been submitted to the DoHLGH for the redevelopment of Glovers Court. The Stage 1 application included a feasibility study examining redevelopment options, indicative costs and a strategic assessment report, to satisfy our public spend code requirements.

Upon receipt of stage 1 approval, the procurement of an integrated design team can commence and once appointed, a design team will progress the feasibility study and bring the preferred option forward to Part 8 planning permission.

The local Area Housing Officer and his team will lead out on consultations with the residents and local elected members to update them on project developments.

Following consultation with the tenants, a new fence and gate have been erected to add to the existing fencing around the playground. The middle portion of the playground was also resurfaced with funding from the Discretionary Fund.

**Q.8 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if, in light of ongoing street violence and intimidation, he will arrange to have CCTV installed in the City Quay area and in particular around the Sean O'Casey Bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply:**

This issue has been referred to the Gardaí through the South East Area Joint Policing Committee for consideration. Next meeting is due on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.

**Q.9 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will outline the City Council's plans to build sport and play capacity to meet the increasing numbers of children and adults looking to participate in clubs such as Cambridge FC and Pats CY?

**Reply:**

A comprehensive review of the city council's sports and recreation infrastructure has commenced. This will inform strategic sports infrastructural planning into the future, taking cognisance of changing demographics, examine emerging opportunities within the sporting environment and develop strategies to improve outcomes from future sporting infrastructure investment.

In parallel with the infrastructural strategy, a new Dublin City Sports Plan will be developed and aligned with the City Development Plan and incorporate a review of the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership. The strategies, when complete, will be presented to the appropriate SPC's later in 2022.

**Q.10 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he has investigated the safety concerns of residents of Lombard Court regarding entry and exit due to recent changes in road space use and allocation; his conclusions on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply:**

The Active Travel Programme office has identified improvements to the road markings at the junction of Lombard Street East and Lombard Court. These changes will be implemented immediately.

Designs for the Townsend Street section of this scheme are currently being finalised and we hope to be able to share the new design with the residents very soon. When this work is complete, an independent road safety audit of the entire route will be completed.

The Road Safety Audit will assess the issues raised by the residents of Lombard Court and the Active Travel Programme Offices will address any recommendations.

**Q.11 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the status of DCC's plans regarding the installation of solar panels on DCC properties; progress on a funded programme of fitting solar panels to DCC housing for the use of residents in such complexes or the reason why such a programme will not be pursued; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply:**

Photovoltaic panels (i.e. a form of solar panel) are installed on DCC regeneration and new-build housing developments on a case by case basis. These installations are included as one means of compliance with current building regulations which require the provision of on-site renewable energy. They are currently being provided in approximately 50% of new developments that are in design or construction. Where they are not provided, this is because an alternative renewable energy source is being provided. For all new build public buildings it is part of the design brief to include for renewables, which may be included as solar panels.

The Part 8 permission for the Fruit and Vegetable Market includes for extensive solar panels to the roof. It is proposed that these solar panels will be included as part of the implementation of the Part 8 works by the Planning and Property Management Department. For all new build public buildings it is part of the design brief to include for renewables, which may be included as solar panels.

Housing Maintenance does not have any involvement with solar panels and they are not part of the Retrofitting/Energy Efficiency Programme.

**Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the problem at the traffic lights on Ranelagh Road at the junction of Northbrook Road that are concealed by the leaves on the nearby trees to be resolved by an active bit of tree pruning.

**Reply:**

Parks staff have carried out pruning on this tree to address the issue.

**Q.13 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to examine installing subtle, low-form no-parking signs or parking barriers at the green space along Strand Street after Chapel Avenue to protect the area from parking and damage which is preventing use of the space and planting of community flower beds .

**Reply:**

Following an assessment by the TAG Area Engineer it is not recommended to install no parking signs because prohibition on parking is already in place under the Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph(2) (i); "A vehicle shall not be parked on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;". In addition to the parking restriction, there are double yellow lines installed along Strand Road from Chapel Avenue

to Kerlogue Road. Infringements should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services Tel no. 01 6022500 or the Gardaí as they occur.

**Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to respond with suggestions as to how the traffic issues identified on Charleston Avenue in Ranelagh can be resolved.

I am a resident of Charleston Avenue in Ranelagh along with my wife and our two young children.

You might remember I called you a few months ago to discuss my request that the council would consider some traffic calming measures for Charleston Road. My children, along with many others from the area, attend school and Montessori locally and walk, scoot or cycle along Charleston Road when going to or coming from their schools or Montessori. I understand that the speed limit is 50k per hour on Charleston Avenue. This is quite high in my opinion particularly bearing in mind the narrow footpaths which are less than smooth on each side of the road but particularly on the right hand side as you head into Ranelagh village. There is no speed limit sign on the road as far as I can see and I have very often witnessed cars picking up speeds far greater than the limit as it's a relatively long stretch of road with no speed bumps or warnings on the road. Myself and my wife are genuinely concerned about the safety of our children on this road which they need to use on a daily basis. I would very much like something to be done that encourages road users to slow down when using this road, whether that is a reminder of their speed (akin to what is in place on Sandford Road), or speed bumps, or a sign to say that children are crossing or schools are in the area.

**Reply:**

Charleston Road is a single lane carriageway in both directions with a 50 KPH speed limit between the villages of Ranelagh and Rathmines. The average footpath width on the south side of the road is 1.8 m wide and on the northside of the road is 2.0 m wide. There is a high volume of traffic that use this road during morning and evening peak in both directions. From site visits, vehicles were observed to be travelling at speeds less than the 50 KPH speed limit, this is helped by the use of signalised crossings at either end of Charleston Road which controls the amount of vehicle that pass through each green signal phase. 50 KPH speed limit signs are only put up where there is a change in speed limits and the surrounding roads of Ranelagh Road and Rathmines Road are already designated 50 KPH.

There is no further requirement to implement further signage as there is no change in speed limit on Charleston Road. There are no current plans to implement speed bumps on this route as it is a bus route. If further safety measures are required the Traffic Advisory Team will implement when necessary.

**Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager organise a clean-up of the gardens in Bishop Street flats which are now overgrown? Many elderly live in these ground floor flats and don't have the wherewithal to maintain these gardens. Also, can the manager initiate a meeting of the residents of the Bishop Street flats to get their input into the upgrading of children play area and garden area of the flats going forward?

**Reply:**

The Area Office has asked Housing Maintenance to arrange a clean-up of the gardens in Bishop Street and I am awaiting a response.

In relation to the upgrading of the children's play and garden area, I will arrange a meeting with Councillors to discuss this issue. We have funding in this year's Discretionary Fund to upgrade play equipment and for the upkeep of green spaces in Bishop Street.

**Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full update report with regards the redevelopment of Andrew's Court, former senior citizens' flat complex?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council received Stage 1 approval from the Department of Heritage, Local Government and Heritage for the regeneration of St Andrews Court. Subsequently, an integrated design team were appointed to progress the design of the new housing scheme. The proposal is for the demolition of the existing housing block and the construction of 32 new apartments.

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**Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager give a full update with regards accessibility for the residents of York Street apartments to access their roof gardens?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance is currently completing repair works on these roofs. Once the repairs are completed, the feasibility of access will be assessed.

**Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager assist in having the Eircom pole removed from Camden Row which is in a very dilapidated and dangerous state? Residents' fear here that this pole is about to fall and needs to be replaced.

**Reply:**

Following an inspection of pole number 00580395 by a member of the IMU team on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, this wooden pole outside 22/23 Camden Row has been referred to EIR for immediate attention.

**Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager get a full copy of all the read outs from the noise and dust monitors at the Kevin Street DIT development site? Many residents here are complaining about dust and dirt in their homes and excessive noise levels. Can the manager also ascertain whether this construction company, Bennets, are using best practice considerate construction methods and whether they are obliged to put up dust nets/protectors etc. around this substantial site?

**Reply:**

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit received a complaint about the noise and dust levels associated with this site.

An inspection of the site will be carried out to ensure best practice is taking place to minimise noise and dust levels as outlined in the construction management plan. The noise and dust level readings will be looked at to ensure limits are complied with.

**Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager have the runners removed from the wires in and around Avalon House, Whitefriar Place and the YMCA and other areas within the Whitefriar area?

**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to have the foot-ware removed from the overhead wires.

Dublin City Council has arranged to have over 30 pairs of runners removed from the wires in the vicinity of the Avalon House and YMCA.

**Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the ongoing anti-social behaviour, drug taking and drug dealing and criminality in and around Avalon House and the YMCA at Peters Row and Whitefriar Place? Many residents here are complaining about the increased levels of drug dealing in this vicinity.

**Reply:**

The two properties mentioned are not operated by Dublin City Council. The South East Area Office will liaise with An Garda Síochána in Kevin Street with regard to anti-social behaviour in this area.

**Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate the procedure to install cameras in and around the Long Lane, Camden Row area? This area is the subject to much anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. Wing mirror of cars are being destroyed and there is a general feeling of hostility. This seems to be very much associated with the ongoing evening activities within the hospitality sector. The area is being constantly used as a lavatory, graffiti, buy and selling of drugs and general disregard for the residential neighbourhood. Many residents are now requesting that preventative measures such as cameras be installed.

**Reply:**

This issue has been referred to the Gardaí through the South East Area Joint Policing Committee for consideration. Next meeting is due on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.

**Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager liaise with the Department of Justice Victim support unit and request that they offer such report to victims of crime in Dublin City Councils' housing estates and social housing settings? Given the level of anti-social behaviour and criminality, intimidation that is reported within our estates and flat complexes it is high time that the victims of such crime, many of our social housing tenants, are given back up and support from their landlord DCC and other bodies.

**Reply:**

The Garda National Protective Services Bureau (GNPSB) provides advice, guidance and assistance to Gardaí investigating Support for Victims of Crime. The Bureau leads the investigation in more complex cases. The Bureau also liaises with relevant Government Departments, State Bodies and voluntary groups, embracing the essential multi-agency approach to tackling these crimes and their causes.

There are independent free victim support services, including the Crime Victims Helpline, are available countrywide. The Crime Victims Helpline is a confidential national helpline that offers support to victims of crime in Ireland. By calling the Freephone helpline number 116 006 a wide range of support services can be accessed by speaking confidentially to one of the trained volunteers. The helpline can provide details of victim support services available both nationally and locally, including specialist services for victims of particular crimes such as domestic violence, sexual abuse and rape.

It is our policy to respond as quickly as possible to incidents of serious antisocial behaviour by our tenants. Where serious criminal activity is reported, we will engage An Garda Síochána as a matter of course.

Where a tenant of Dublin City Council reports that they are a victim of crime, they will be signposted to either report this directly to An Garda Síochána or, if people are reluctant to report to An Garda Síochána, they can engage with independent victim support organisations who have the skills and knowledge to support victims of crime. Dublin City Council Housing Staff are not qualified or trained to deal with support for victims of crime.

**Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager re-initiate the local safety forum meetings following on from our recent Zoom meeting? Also, can the manager look at the possibility that these meetings can be conducted through Zoom etc.?

**Reply:**

Three Community Safety Fora in the South East Area; Ringsend/Irishtown, Pearse Street and Charlemont/Whitefriars, liaise with the JPC and exchange reports ahead of quarterly meetings.

The South East Area Committee previously nominated Cllr. Daniel Ceitinn to the Pearse Street CSF; Cllr. Kevin Donoghue to the Ringsend/Irishtown CSF while Cllr. Mannix Flynn is the Chair for Charlemont/Whitefriar CSF.

Few meetings were held during pandemic times. Retirements / promotions / transfers among Dublin City Council, Garda and community and business representatives also meant that memberships needed to be addressed.

Representatives of the fora met on 26th May 2022 with the steering group to consider what is working/not working for them, what could be improved and how the Joint Policing Subcommittee can provide assistance in getting the Safety Fora up and running once again.

It was agreed going forward that each fora should be represented by the Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, the Drugs Task Force, and a broad range of business and community groups and the South East Area Office will assist with the arrangements.

While they have run very separately heretofore, it was felt that sharing information and experience of issues affecting all three areas would be useful and it was agreed to arrange another such meeting down the line to monitor and report the progress being made in reconvening all three fora.

The meetings of the three fora are administered by their secretaries and a Zoom option is a matter for them.

**Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to an enquiry from a constituent.

He writes,

As part of Dodder Bridge construction that appropriate flood protection measures will be built into the overall design, to protect the area.

**Reply:**

The Dodder Bridge Project has been sized to cater for a 200 year tidal flood event and will not result in increased flooding or flood risk from the Dodder or Liffey rivers.

The OPW has approved the Dodder Bridge proposal under Section 50 of the Arterial Drainage Act 1945.

A flood gate is included as part of the project in front of the Portview Apartments, which will assist in protecting the area against flooding.

**Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

He writes,

“What is the status of the Martello Tower in Sandymount and its possible reopening?”

**Reply:**

The council is endeavouring to re-engage with the owner of the Martello Tower with a view to exploring options around the re-opening of the building.

**Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent of road resurfacing at Dodder View Cottages, Ballsbridge.

He writes,

"I've had a number of residents approach me in relation to having the roads resurfaced which after 50 years are beginning to breakup. I would be obliged if you could have this matter listed for mention at the next monthly meeting."

**Reply:**

Dodder View Cottages carriageway has been inspected and will be put forward for consideration for inclusion on our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

**Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

She writes,

"I live at the end of Richelieu Park, Sandymount which is a cul de sac. Some years ago the council put double yellow lines opposite my house so that I could reverse out.

The Council extended the lines a bit.

Over the past few months a huge amount of building, in the form of extensions, has taken place both opposite and beside me. A big number of lorries, sometimes dripping cement, have parked on the yellow lines and obliterated them.

I am afraid now that the old story of parking directly opposite my house will commence once more and I will be trapped."

**Reply:**

Transport Advisory Group will get Dublin City Council's Road Lining and Marking Team to re-install the road markings.

**Q.29 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will examine the signage at the coach parking on Mespil Road to see if the exiting signage which has signage indicating parking on the Poles and faded coach only parking painted on the ground can be made clearer. There have been several incidents of cars being clamped at this location and in fairness it is nearly impossible for drivers not used to the area to know that they cannot park there.

**Reply:**

There should be no issue with the signage/road markings for No Parking "Except Coaches" both were revamped and fully completed in early 2022.

**Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue.

Four years ago I raised concerns over the condition of an unoccupied house at 13 St Marys Road Ballsbridge.

The house is on the record of protected structures, and has been unoccupied for 15 years. It had been on DCC register of derelict sites and was subsequently removed from the register.

Will the conservation section re-examine the house with a view to

1: Re-entering it on the derelict sites register.

2: Carry out an in depth inspection of the interior to determine if the house should be entered on its building at risk register.

3: Ascertain whether LPT has been paid to revenue.

**Reply:**

Derelict Sites Section Unit will arrange to have the site inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

The matter has been referred to the Buildings-at-Risk Officer to liaise with Derelict Sites Section and arrange a new inspection for assessment under Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) – re: endangerment of this Protected Structure, Ref. No. 7729 on the City Council's Record of Protected Structures.

**Q.31 Councillor Tara Deacy**

The speed of and number of cars using Terenure Road West has been raised at this area meeting previously. Walking with children, buggies, people walking their dogs, those wishing to cycle have all reported the dangerous speed levels on this stretch. Are there any plans at present to put traffic calming measures in place? Could a digital speed sign be installed here?

**Reply:**

This request (Enquiry Ref No 7027126) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

**Q.32 Councillor Tara Deacy**

A resident from an apartment complex living on Leinster Road West has been in touch regarding obtaining a parking permit due to the lack of available parking spacing attached to their complex. What is DCC's policy regarding parking permits and who is the best person within the organisation to discuss this in more detail?

**Reply:**

The resident, is not eligible for a residential parking permit. The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020 govern eligibility of residents parking permits. Under these bye-laws, residents of purpose built apartment complexes with off road parking available (regardless of who has access to these spaces) are not eligible for residents' parking permits.

**Q.33 Councillor Tara Deacy**

On May 25<sup>th</sup> a resident from Spire View Lane, Rathgar Road reported the road had collapsed at number nine Spire view, has this been repaired?

**Reply:**

The defect at this location has been inspected and has been recorded on our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

**Q.34 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the trees at the green on Lansdowne Place can be inspected, as the residents are fearful that trees, if diseased, may fall on their homes.

**Reply:**

The trees at the above location appear to be growing in a private housing complex. If the councillor could confirm the address is correct Parks can arrange an inspection at an alternative location if required.

**Q.35 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the signs at the green on Lansdowne Place re cleaning up after dogs can be also written in English, at the moment they're only an Irish and as the area is frequented by people who may not speak Irish, can they please also be in English?

**Reply:**

All signage is bi-lingual in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003. As the signage in relation to dog fouling was large, two signs were produced, one in English and one in Irish and were to appear back to back on poles or side by side on railings. I have requested the crew to ensure that all signage appears in both languages.

**Q.36 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if arrangements can be made for an outdoor tap to be fitted to the rear of Ringsend Library to enable the local tidy towns group to water flowers etc.

**Reply:**

Libraries will consider this proposal and report back.

**Q.37 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager when the decorative lamps lights previously on Ballsbridge Bridge will be replaced as promised to me a year or so ago.

**Reply:**

It was planned to replace the parapet lights on the bridge in Ballsbridge. Following an assessment, it became apparent that some structural repair works around the base supports for the parapet lights would be required on the bridge to ensure that these lights could be adequately supported.

The cost of just doing the structural repairs (this doesn't include the lights and pedestal units that the lights are mounted on which is extra) was estimated to be in the region of €150,000. This extra cost wasn't allowed for and the work was put on hold (the Covid pandemic didn't help).

It should be noted that the street lighting columns either end of the bridge provide the general level of lighting for the road and footpaths on the bridge with the parapet lights providing an additional feature element to the bridge.

The matter has been passed on to our Bridges & Structures Section to reassess the extent of structural repairs required and associated costs. We await an update from our colleagues on this matter.

**Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager how many additional public toilets have been installed in the South East Area since summer 2021 and can he outline what plans are in place.

**Reply:**

A café with a public toilet is to open at Clonmel Street. It has been delayed due to issues with the installation of utilities. Toilets in the pavilion at Eamon Ceannt Park are now open to the public and supervised by the Container Café adjacent to the pavilion.

Environment & Transport Department, in partnership with City Recovery, plan to go to the market for solutions for public toilets in the high footfall areas in the City Centre which includes parts of Dublin 2.

**Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what plans are in place to improve cycling infrastructure in D'Olier Street.

**Reply:**

The Active Travel Programme Office is currently finalising plans to provide, where feasible a protected southbound cycle lane on D'Olier Street under the programme of temporary

pending permanent schemes. A review of the traffic signal phasing on approaches to D'Olier Street will be carried out to evaluate if dedicated cyclist signals can be facilitated.

**Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the redevelopment of St. Andrew's Court.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council received Stage 1 approval from the Department of Heritage, Local Government and Heritage for the regeneration of St Andrews Court. Subsequently, an integrated design team were appointed to progress the design of the new housing scheme. The proposal is for the demolition of the existing housing block and the construction of 32 new apartments.

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**Q.41 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the area adjacent to 262-264 Sundrive Road where a tree was removed several years ago have a similar Silver Birch tree replanted there?

**Reply:**

Parks have inspected the above location and found the footpath is unsuitable for replanting, dishing and services running through it.

**Q.42 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Given the poor state of the laneway between St. Mary's Road and Willie Pearse Park can our Public Domain Section look at ways of enhancing this lane with a view to stopping illegal dumping and improving the experience for those using it to access and exit the park?

**Reply:**

Waste Management have been asked to increase their cleansing activities in the laneway. The Litter Wardens will continue to monitor this laneway and The Litter Prevention Officer will look at erecting additional signage to deter illegal dumping

**Q.43 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the footpath build out at the junction of Ravensdale and Captains Road have the kerb painted so that motorists can see it clearly? Residents report that there have been instances here where cars have accidentally mounted the footpath. There is also graffiti on the wall at this location can it be removed?

**Reply:**

The graffiti at this location will be addressed.

The issue of highlighting the build out will be examined and the Councillor will be notified of the outcome.

**Q.44 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can public seating be installed at suitable locations on Sundrive Road?

**Reply:**

The issue of public seating on Sundrive Road will be considered. Any installations will be dependent on the availability of funding.

**Q.45 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans to replace trees along Bangor Drive that were removed some time ago. Initially snapped in an act of vandalism, the damaged trees were never replaced, and subsequently further tree removal took place when DCC were repairing footpaths, with the end result that Bangor Drive now has no trees. The residents are keen to see a programme of tree replacement, for the acknowledged environmental and societal benefits, and they also feel trees could help prevent people parking on the footpath, which has become a regular occurrence since their removal.

**Reply:**

Parks have inspected the above location and found that there are too many services running through the footpath to easily plant replacement trees. As the footpath is relatively wide it would be a good candidate for tree planting, but this would be part of a bigger project than parks outdoor staff can undertake and would be subject to capital funding.

**Q.46 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for a status update on the drainage works which were due to take place in Eaton Square Park. There have been long-term, persistent issues with drainage, which were due to be addressed and followed up by relaying of grass in the affected areas.

**Reply:**

The above mentioned park has received a number of shockwave treatments since commitment was made to address the compaction. To re-sow seed/relay turf will require closing the park to all users for a number of weeks to allow for the turf to establish properly. Parks propose that this should happen after the busy summer months have passed.

**Q.47 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if Parks can give a timeline for plans to provide for wildflower corners in Eaton Square Park, which was agreed with residents at a meeting in the park. Residents are keen for clarification as to whether Parks will sow or otherwise provide and maintain the wildflowers, or what an alternative option might be.

**Reply:**

Parks have ordered more than 1000 pollinator bulbs for planting in this park in the coming autumn. Parks will also carry out wildflower seeding at this time.

**Q.48 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the Traffic department is aware of the following safety risks at the AIB bank in Crumlin village, where people are using the carpark to avoid having to wait at the traffic lights at the junction of Cromwellsfort Road and St Agnes Road:

- Reducing safety in the car park itself as vehicles are using it as a through road; using it in both directions at the same time; and the wide, curved entrance at Cromwellsfort Road does not encourage drivers to slow to enter.
- Reducing safety for pedestrians as many more vehicles than use the car park are blocking the footpath while waiting for a gap to exit to a busy road.
- Causing safety issues for other road users by circumventing the signalised junction and interrupting the flow of traffic.

Google Maps has the car park marked as a road (see attached) and may be directing people to use it in this way. Can the traffic team notify Google that this small corner car park is not a road, and can they propose a suitable intervention which would prevent people using it in this way, such as changing the layout of the car park to discourage its use as a through road, and/or making it in/out at one entrance only?

**Reply:**

Vehicles are allowed to access the parking spaces at the AIB bank from St. Agnes Road and from Cromwellsfort Road. The Transport Advisory Group Engineer monitored on site the car park on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and did not observe any vehicles rat running through the car park, to skip the signalised pedestrian crossing, at St. Agnes Road / Cromwellsfort Road junction. The Transport Advisory Group Engineer will contact Google Maps to inform them that this small corner car park is not a road for vehicles to rat run.

**Q.49 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update and timeline on the accessible playground upgrade for Eamonn Ceannt Park. Can Parks confirm what accessible play equipment has been ordered and when it will be installed in the park?

**Reply:**

Parks have met the supplier of the GoSwing who advised that the lead in time for this equipment is in the region of 12 weeks. Parks anticipate that installation should be before year end, but are reluctant to give a specific date. The footprint of the GoSwing is very large and will leave very little space for additional units to be included. However, works will be carried out to improve accessibility on and off the paths and a number of smaller interactive pieces are being looked at. Parks are preparing the tender at the moment with the view to awarding contract by end summer. These new additions will augment the existing provision of inclusive play opportunities provided in the playground.

**Q.50 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if something can be done to improve the safety for cyclists on Kildare Road, between Windmill Road and Crumlin Road, where a combination of speeding and on-street parking have left no space for cyclists to safely use the road.

**Reply:**

This matter is being examined and a full reply will issue to the Councillor in advance of the July meeting of the South East Area Committee.

**Q.51 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if bollards can be installed separating the bus-lane on Rathfarnham Road (heading northbound towards Terenure, from the Dodder river) from the other north-bound lane of traffic. This bus-lane is consistently blocked with traffic each morning at commute time, mostly due to cars turning right towards the city coming from Churchtown direction. Cyclists cannot use this road safely as there is insufficient space in the bus lane, forcing them to dismount and use the pavement to get past this junction.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group at the June Traffic Advisory Group Meeting will contact the Garda Síochána in relation to vehicles driving in the bus lane on Rathfarnham Road northbound after the Dodder River which hinders cyclists using the bus lane forcing them to dismount and use the pavement to get past this junction. There is currently no plan to introduce bollards at the edge of the bus lane.

**Q.52 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if Ferns Road can be evaluated by an engineer for traffic calming measures? There has been a huge increase in traffic on the road, most notably at peak commute times, with drivers taking the road at speed and using it as a rat run to avoid the traffic lights at the Stannaway Road/Sundrive Road junction. Two speed ramps on Ferns Road have proved ineffectual at curbing the speed along Ferns Road, presenting a danger to both young and old along this road. Residents would like to see some intervention to slow down drivers and have suggested peak hours 'No Left Turn' signage on Stannaway Road (at junction of Ferns Rd) and on Sundrive Road /Ferns Road (at Kurdish barbers), general 'go slow' signage, or other low traffic or traffic calming solutions.

**Reply:**

This request (Enquiry Ref No 7027125) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

**Q.53 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I had asked last year if DCC had the capacity to engage in an information campaign on the impact of the installation of masts locally, particularly from a health perspective. Has there been any developments on this?

**Reply:**

The Telecoms Unit has a dedicated section on Dublin City Council's website [www.dublincity.ie/telecoms](http://www.dublincity.ie/telecoms) which contains information and guidance on telecoms. We are also preparing an information pack that will be released shortly that captures more comprehensive information on how telecoms installations are monitored and regulated.

The unit has also facilitated presentations to area committees when requested so this is something that we could arrange.

**Q.54 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he could send the attached images of a proposed sculpture of the boxer, and global icon, Katie Taylor, to relevant stakeholders including Sport Ireland, Dublin Town, Fáilte Ireland, GAA and Irish Athletic Boxing Association to explore whether, even on a temporary basis, a life size version of the sculpture could be commissioned to celebrate her unique achievements for global female participation in sport.

**Reply:**

Under the council's formal policy on commemorations and commemorative naming, a person must have died twenty years previously before a sculpture in their honour will be considered.

**Q.55 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager for an update in respect of the issues raised below:

**Reply:**

This matter is being examined and a full reply will issue to the Councillor in advance of the July meeting of the South East Area Committee

**Q.56 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager for an update in respect of the reply given to this question detailed below:

**Question to the Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee  
Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Q.23 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager further to question 23 on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 whether a speed survey was carried out on Brighton Road, the outcome of that survey and what decision has been made following the carrying out of the survey.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group will organise a speed survey to be carried out on Brighton Road in the next few weeks.

Currently there is a 30km/h residential speed sign in place on the west side of Brighton Road, close to the junction with Terenure Road East.



A report will be issued to the Councillor when the speed survey is completed.

**Reply:**

The speed surveys are done in groups / batches for the Traffic Advisory Group. The survey has not been completed yet. Once the survey has been completed and verified, a report will be issued to the public representative.

**Q.57 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager to examine a rodent issue which has seen two dead rats found on the pavement on the corner of Rathgar Avenue and almost at the cross roads of Garville Avenue (just before traffic lights at crossroads, on right hand side as you go up to Rathgar village) and make contact with the HSE pest control insofar as necessary as this is adjacent to a school.

**Reply:**

This matter was reported to HSE Pest Control on 01/06/2022.

**Q.58 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he could liaise with appropriate colleagues in Irish Water and Dublin Bus in respect of the temporary changes, the notification of those changes and alternatives raised in this email below.

Yesterday afternoon 19.05.2022 when I arrived home I found all the parking spaces on one side of Saint John's Road blocked off with yellow "Garda" parking cones, with no explanation. Today, the attached letter was dropped through my door.

There are several issues with this. The first is to ask how water works on Gilford Road necessitate the diversion of buses, when buses do not travel on that road? The second is that parking on Saint John's Road is already at a premium at certain times, with users of the Westwood gym particularly taking up nearly all of the parking on the street in the evening after office hours. This frequently means that residents cannot find parking on the road. Let it be remembered that these same residents must pay an annual fee for the privilege of parking outside their homes.

The third, and most obvious issue, is that before the Strand Road cycle path debacle, buses passed up and down Saint John's Road all day, with cars parked on both sides of the street, with no problem. The complete unsuitability of Park Avenue for buses at all, and the fact that bus routes should resume on Strand Road forthwith is another discussion entirely.

The fact that there was **no prior consultation** about the suspension of parking on the street, and that the letter presents it as a *fait accompli*, suggesting that we contact the contractor with any queries, only adds insult to injury.

As my representative, I am asking you to intervene in this matter and ensure that parking on the road is not restricted. As I said, I pay a fee to park outside my home, and already I am regularly denied this privilege by gym-goers. That situation will only be worsened if this arbitrary and unnecessary action by Irish Water and their contractors is allowed.

**Reply:**

This matter is being examined and a full reply will issue to the Councillor in advance of the July meeting of the South East Area Committee.

**Contact:**

Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department, email: [ciaran.mcgoldrick@dublincity.ie](mailto:ciaran.mcgoldrick@dublincity.ie)

**Q.59 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager of the Belmont Avenue Traffic Calming plans are on schedule and if he could detail the commencement date.

**Reply:**

Unfortunately the date of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 for the installation of the proposed traffic calming scheme on Belmont Avenue was not achievable. We are working with external consultants to finalise arrangements for this scheme at this time with the aim of installing the scheme (on a trial basis) in the short term. The objective would be to commence the traffic calming scheme on Belmont Avenue during the summer months.

**Q.60 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if there is an update on Phase 1 and Phase 2 of flood relief works on Sandymount Strand.

**Reply:**

Regarding Phase 1, Sandymount Promenade, new wave overtopping modelling is completed as requested with the OPW and meetings are ongoing on outstanding design issues to progress the scheme, which will include some raising of the existing wall, a new wall around the Martello Tower and new flood gates along the promenade. New rock armour may have to be installed to achieve national compliance as part of Phase 2.

With regard to Phase 2 which goes from north of the promenade to Sean Moore Park, preliminary contract documents to appoint a consultant are completed and have been sent to the OPW for comments before going to tender on same.

**Q.61 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he could set out in tabular form, the number of planning approvals for new residential units by residency and tenure type in the Ballsbridge area in the last 5 years.

**Reply:**

Due to the volume of records that need to be analysed from the APAS planning system, the Planning Department will require further time to provide the information requested.

Councillor Geoghegan will be contacted directly with the information within the next fortnight.

The information below relates to Planning Permissions where Part V units are due. There may be additional approvals detailed in the response to the Member from the Planning Department.

<b>Address</b>	<b>Planning Reference</b>	<b>Commenced On Site</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>Part V Units Due</b>	<b>Part V Agreement In Place</b>
98 Merrion Road	3671/17	No	Apartments	20	2	No
169-177 Merrion Road	4477/19	Yes	Apartments	43	4	In Negotiations
143 Merrion Road	4240/19	Yes	Apartments	63	6	In Negotiations

**Q.62 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he will address the issues raised in this email and make contact with Dublin Bus insofar as is necessary or appropriate.

All day yesterday Saturday and today Sunday 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 the office block with Sky on Burlington Road has been power washed resulting in a droning noise all day. I thought anything like this was forbidden after 2 on a Saturday but obviously I am wrong as we continuously have work carried out on the Office Blocks at weekends. Could you please have some system in place that this does not happen? For the past 22 years we have had buildings knocked down and replaced and had really had enough When all building are finished now it maintenance that causes grief.

The Council really should consider residents when they give planning permission. It would be nice to be able to sit outside and have peace and quiet. Also the bus terminus was supposed to be a temporary measure. It now has increased to two lanes of buses parked in Burlington Road at peak times. The smell of urine walking along the bus stops is appalling.

**Reply:**

The Dublin City Council Development Plan cites the hours for construction as 7-00 a.m. to 6-00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8-00 a.m. to 2-00 p.m. Saturday and this is reflected in the planning conditions for the construction phase of a development.

With respect to noisy activities during the development phase such as power washing and maintenance work the Planning Department may condition the operating hours for a business/development and this can be checked using the below link.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/planning-applications/find-planning-application/view-or-search-planning-applications>

If conditions apply complaints should be referred to Planning Enforcement.

In the absence of a relevant planning condition the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit can deal with complaints under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 (Noise) Regulations 1994. If the complainant's contact details are forwarded to the Unit the complaints will be investigated.

Dublin City Council will make contact with Dublin Bus about buses parked on Burlington Road. It is my understanding that Dublin Bus drivers use the toilet facilities in the nearby hotel.

The rest of the question really needs to be taken up with the office block management company directly.

**Q.63 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he will address the issues raised in this email.

I am writing to you as an owner-resident of Brighton Gardens in Rathgar, Dublin 6.

I wish to contact you in relation to the increasing difficulty that residents of Brighton Gardens are having in relation to parking on the street. As you may be aware, Brighton Gardens is a designated free parking zone and unfortunately in recent years this situation has been much abused by people outside of the precinct who choose to park on the street to access retail facilities in either Rathgar or Terenure. As a home owner on Brighton Gardens. I am frustrated in not being able to find a park (especially after 17:30 and on weekends) and am often forced to park in paid/permit areas instead, such as the adjacent streets like Tower Avenue. The operation of permit zones in the surrounding streets means that Brighton Gardens is in high demand for people wishing to freely park vehicles, including trucks and utility vehicles.

I would like to request that you bring this matter to the attention of the Council with the view that residents of Brighton Gardens (and possibly Whitton Road to which Brighton Gardens adjoins) are issued with one car park permit per household in which to avail of free parking on their own street. Failure to do this should result in a fine or some other mechanism in which to dissuade others for abusing what ought to be a free public good for the residents of this street.

Grateful if you can please take the matter to the Council and revert with any update on the same. I am also sending this email to other members on the Council in order to more widely publicise this issue.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council can consider the introduction of a scheme on a road and if recommended arrange for subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 35% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road. A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

It is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a Scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents on some roads.

Please note that Residential Permit Parking Schemes also include Pay and Display so it is not possible to designate a public road for residents use only.

**Q.64 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to have a specific tree pruned as quickly as possible please on the west side of the pavement on Parkmore Drive at the junction of Terenure Road West).

**Reply:**

I will arrange an inspection in the next week or so and revert with my findings.

**Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to consider issuing a parking permit for Leinster Road to a resident of details supplied. There is insufficient parking in the complex on the road, but there is generally a lot of vacant spaces on Leinster Road. The issue is presenting a great deal of inconvenience for the resident who has to have a car for 'care' responsibilities.

**Reply:**

The resident, is not eligible for a residential parking permit. The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020 govern eligibility of residents parking permits. Under these Bye-Laws residents of purpose built apartment complexes with off road parking available (regardless of who has access to these spaces) are not eligible for residents parking permits.

**Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the gates at the entrance to Ringsend Park from Ropewalk Place can be a painted please.

**Reply:**

Parks have secured a price for painting the entrance gate at the above location and will endeavour to get the contractor to site before the end of the year.