



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 JULY 2022

- 1 **Presentation on LRD6004/22-S3 Fortfield Road**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Clonskeagh to Charlemont Cycle Route**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Active Travel Area Committee Briefing**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 13th June 2022**
Order: Agreed.
- 5 **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the South East Area Committee held on 20th June 2022**
Order: Agreed.
- 6 **Election of Chairperson**
Order: Cllr. Dermot Lacey elected as Chairperson.
- 7 **Election of Vice-Chairperson**
Order: Cllr. Danny Byrne elected as Vice-Chairperson.
- 8 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 28th June 2022.
Order: Noted.
- 9 **South East Area Office Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services Central and South East Areas.
Order: Noted.
- 10 **Motions**

Motion1 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: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Recognizing the related impact of the urgent requirements for flood protection measures along Sandymount and Merrion Strand – incorporating an extended promenade to Irishtown Nature Park, the desire for the a cycleway route along same and the need to tackle the ongoing and unacceptable pollution of the beach along this area and the need for an integrated approach to all of these issues, this Committee requests the Chief Executive to initiate the establishment of a task force that would enable an integrated plan and work programme to be implemented and involving all statutory bodies that have a role in these matters.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Motion 9

That the Roads Department engage with the SEAC to discuss the standard of maintenance of footpaths necessary, to maintain a safe standard for pedestrians especially older and disabled people who may be unsteady on their feet.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That a full repair of Leahy's Terrace, Sandymount road surface be included in a future works programme. It is full of potholes.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That this area committee, in line with the ongoing documentation of the history and heritage of Dublin City through bronze footpath plaques such as those in place across the city including the South East Area (South Anne Street, South King St, Kildare St, Grafton St, Molesworth St, Donor Ave, O Connell Street, Sackville St, Moore St, Westmoreland St, Dame St, to name a few) agrees that DCC southside roads should facilitate the Cabra Historical Society in the placing of a plaque outside the birth place of Irish National Invincible Tim Kelly at 12 Redmond's Hill.

Order: Agreed and refer to Commemorations & Naming Committee.

Motion 6 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

This Committee seeks a report on the works at the Beach Road/Sean Moore Road junction and why this has commenced prior to the current Strand Road Court case being finalised; further, this Committee requests the data which underpins the assumption by the City Council that the closure of the left slip lane at this location will not contribute to congestion and a time series analysis which demonstrates the impact, or supposed lack of impact, of the closure of the left slip lane off Sean Moore road towards Strand Road, to be presented at the September meeting.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Claire O'Connor taken with Motions 16 and 17

This Committee resolves that Elmwood Avenue Lower in Ranelagh be selected as a location for the erection of a BikeBunker on a trial basis at a suitable location on the road during Phase 1 of the service noting that, although the road is not located

"within the canals", there are a number of compelling reasons which makes Elmwood Avenue especially suitable for a BikeBunker, including:

(a) Multiple local residents have registered their interest in having a BikeBunker here;

(b) Owing to the demographics of the road, many residents do not have a car but do use bicycles, as is evident from the sheer number of bikes visible chained to railings outside houses and on the road; and

(c) Elmwood Avenue is an L-shaped road. On the strip of the road which runs parallel to the Luas like there is only one row of housing, but two rows of parking (i.e. both alongside the houses and alongside the Luas wall). Therefore, the ratio of car parking spaces to houses is higher than most other residential roads in Ranelagh, and therefore any concerns about a loss of car parking space are significantly diminished.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That double yellow lines be installed on Grosvenor Lane at the entrance to Cathal Brugha GAA pitch. The level of parking is so heavy that it is dangerous for young footballers trying to access the gates of the pitch.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Motion 3.

In recognition of the active HX Age Friendly group that we agree to establish a pilot area around the Harold's Cross area to provide public seating suitable for older people taking account of height and need for arm rests and seeking best practice in relation to this seating.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Parks Department examine public seating in Tranquilla Park on Upper Rathmines Road. I have had complaints from people who have had hip replacements that the height of the seats are too low and it is extremely difficult to stand up from the seat.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this LAC seek to set up a working group with HSE in relation to the development of their site on Terenure Road North for a Primary Care Centre. This is a great opportunity to review local health services, the activities of the senior citizens' centre and community venues in general.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to provide an update on the motion below agreed in March 2022. Can he outline the progress of discussions with Brown Thomas / Grafton Street Car Park to facilitate the pedestrianisation of South William Street?

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
14th March 2022

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee reiterates its support for the full pedestrianisation of South William Street and agrees to write to the new owners of Brown Thomas to formally request that they reverse the traffic flow from the exit of their car park

towards Wicklow Street / Clarendon Street to facilitate the full pedestrianisation of South William Street.

Report:

Dublin City Council Traffic Department fully support the proposal to write to the owners of the carpark and will engage in discussions with the owner to try and increase the area of pedestrianisation of South William Street. Note this carpark is now called the "Grafton Carpark" and is not owned by the same owners as the Brown Thomas store.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to install a Bike Bunker on Cambridge Road. The following location has been proposed by local residents off the road beside Cambridge Works (<https://goo.gl/maps/3QtMVFphdzbJi4im9>). This would provide safe secure bike parking for the local residents who live in the terraced houses here.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager can he please provide a full list of and a response to following:

- Outstanding unfinished road and pathway resurfacing projects that are due to be fixed by utility companies in the South East Inner City
- What is the status of each of these projects?
- What are the barriers to completion?
- What is being done to speed these process up to improve road and footpath surfaces in the area?

Order: Deferred to September 2022 meeting.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to significantly ramp up street cleaning in the South East Inner City. The city is very dirty with litter and urine all over the streets.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Paddy McCartan taken with Motions 7 and 17.

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Motion 17 from Councillor James Geoghegan taken with Motions 7 and 16.

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Motion 18 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area committee agrees to introduce a clock for speaking time for councillors at our area committee meeting limited to a time period specified by the Chair for each item on the agenda and that the speaking time is rigidly enforced by the chair; that indicatively the time for speaking for each Cllr for most or all items could be limited to 90 seconds with a maximum of 2 minutes allocated for the proposer of a motion.

Order: Agreed.

11 **Questions to the Chief Executive 11th July 2022**
Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey
Chairperson
Monday 11 July 2022

Attendance:

Members:

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

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

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

Officers

John MacEvilly
John Flanagan
Chris Manzira
Eileen Buck

Jennifer Wall
Madeline McNamara
Andy Walsh
Padraig O'Brien

Brian Hanney
Paul McCann
John Gillick
Pat O'Halloran

Conor Lynch
Iva Geci

Zsolt Szombatfalvi

Gerry McEntaggart

Apologies:

Non-Members:

Niall Geraghty Aecom
Mick Dunne Aecom

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the parking space to the rear of (details supplied) be removed as the new resident wishes to restore the garage that backs on to the lane and the parking space inhibits that. On a visit, I noticed only a few parking spaces were in use and that there were also options for relocating spaces. Given that it is the policy of the council to encourage inner city living, this request is in line with that policy.

Reply:

Each application to permanently rescind a pay and display parking bay is considered on an individual basis by the Parking Enforcement Officer. Consideration is given to the amount of spaces on the street and the amount of permits issued and to the potential overall loss of spaces on the street.

Details supplied is located on a street on a high demand area based on the amount of permits issued for spaces available and given this the Parking Enforcement Officer would not be in favour of rescinding a pay and display parking bay at this location.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can see if more EV charging points can be installed along Marlborough Road, Donnybrook.

Reply:

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on progress in relation to Electric Vehicle charging in Dublin City Council's administrative area.

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now complete. This research piece will enable each Local Authority in the Dublin Metropolitan Area to develop related but distinct implementation plans, based on local needs and related policies.

Where commonality of approach allows, the DMA working group will collaborate to improve efficiency (for example in the area of procurement).

The DCC implementation plan will include the identification of Council and community facilities that may allow scope for facilitating the siting of EV charge points.

In due course, DCC understands that the Department of Transport's recently published National Strategy, which sets out potential new sources of funding and capacity building measures to enable the transition, will allow DCC to facilitate the installation of chargers.

Furthermore, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge point enabled.

Dublin City Council will work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to enable and facilitate an increase in the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments will be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

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

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study, to deliver an EV charging solution for the Dublin Metropolitan Area. Therefore it is premature to comment on the local issue of whether or not more EV charging points can be installed along Marlborough Road, Donnybrook.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for a reply to be issued to this question. With regard to the café proposals we note that there is to be a Security Alarm. In the event of activation at night who will turn off the alarm? It must be noted that Palmerston Park is a Quiet Area Designation.

Reply:

Once the tea room is operational a contract with a security company will be put in place to monitor the alarm and provide a key holding service if it goes off out of hours.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for an examination of the road surface of the lane on Anglesea Road leading from the main road to the LVA headquarters as local residents believe that the road at this location is very weak and that a weight restriction should apply.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services Division will arrange a site inspection and assessment of the road surface on the section of the lane from Anglesea Road to the entrance to the LVA property. Any defects noted, will be added to a repair works list and completed when a crew is next available in this area.

There is not a large volume of HGV's using this on the lane off Anglesea Road to the entrance of the Licenced Vintner Association. The Transport Advisory Group are not considering putting in a weight restriction.

Q.5 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager supply a full report with regards the recent court decision regarding the Peter McVerry Trust attempt to create a hotel citing that it was exempt from planning? This report to include the impact of the court's decision with regards the future development of these two particular buildings on Baggot Street and the effects, if any, on homeless services in the Dublin Regional area.

Reply:

The name of the case is: HT Financial Services Limited and Get The Tables Limited v Dublin City Council (Respondent) and Peter McVerry Trust (Notice Party) (High Court 2021/1120JR).

On the 23rd March 2022 Justice Meenan granted leave to the applicant to take Judicial Review proceedings against DCC. The applicant was seeking various orders including an order quashing the decision of the respondent declaring that the proposal, the subject matter of a Section 5 application, is exempt from the requirement to seek planning permission (use of the premises as a hotel). On legal advice and in order to mitigate costs, the respondent conceded the case before the matter was heard before

the court. By Order perfected on the 2nd June 2022, Justice Meenan quashed the decision made by the respondent on or about the 1st November, 2021, to declare the development at 99-100 Baggot Street, the subject of a Section 5 reference, to be exempted development and also granted costs to the applicant.

It is now a matter for the Peter McVerry Trust to decide on the planning approach, but the DRHE has confirmed its need for emergency accommodation.

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager investigate whether the Time Hostel on Camden Street has full planning permission for turning this particular premises into a permanent homeless hostel? Also, can the manager ascertain whether planning permission was sought by this hostel for the conversion of two houses in Camden Villas into hostel provision?

Reply:

The DRHE are using this hostel, in compliance with its Class 6 use.

Planning permission (2152/20) was granted on the 30th June 2020, for the proposed works in the two houses in Camden Villas, as part of this class 6 hostel.

In relation to use, the current permitted use is Class 6 hostel. A new permission would be required for any material change of use.

SITE PLANNING HISTORY:

Plan No. 2286/14 / An Bord Pleanála Ref PL29S.243665: Retention permission refused by Dublin City Council and granted on appeal by An Bord Pleanála for Retention permission for change of use from residential to guest house/hostel use at first floor of No.6; Ground and first floor of No.7 and first floor of No.9 Camden Place; first and second floor of No.16 Camden Street and No's 2, 3, 4 Camden Villas, as an extension to existing guest house/hostel at No's 8 and 8a Camden Place, Dublin 2.

Plan No. 3863/15: Retention permission granted for change of use from office to guest house/hostel use at ground floor of No.6 Camden Place as an extension to existing guest house/hostel at Nos. 6-9 Camden Place, first and second floor of No.16 Camden Street and Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Camden Villas.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the closure of the children's section of the Kevin Street library? Further, can the manager issue a full report in relation to the ongoing issues that have arisen with the developer of the former Kevin Street DIT site and Dublin City Council planning department and library services?

Reply:

Kevin Street Library is currently operating in challenging circumstances, due to the large building development adjacent to the library on three sides. However, the library remains open to the public. Due to the need to install a new fire escape from the Junior Library, including the planning of a new escape route from the site on to the street, this section of the library has been closed since the 6th April. Work is being carried out to the highest standard for this heritage building, with advice from DCC Architects. While this part of the library has been inaccessible, staff have made provision for children and young people elsewhere in the library, including stock and a reading area. The Junior Library is due to re-open in early July.

The developer is currently engaging with DCC in regard to various issues involved with the development in proximity to DCC sites, including the library. Care of this historical

building is a priority for Dublin City Libraries and all decisions will be taken in the best interests of this valuable asset.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the rights of way for the public at Cooper Lane off Barrow Street? This right of way for the public gives access to the waterfront and this access is being eroded and interfered with by the Google company whose private security have a tendency to question people when they use this particular public right of way. Also, can the manager find out why this particular public asset was not included in the Barrow Street precinct improvement Part 8?

Reply:

Coopers Lane is not and has not been in the charge of Dublin City Council. The lane is approximately 12.5m wide and is in the ownership of Google. The Part VIII for Barrow Street relates only to Barrow Street and not any of the adjacent streets either in public or private ownership.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to what efforts Dublin City Council are making to combat racism within its housing estates and flat complexes, in particular Glovers Court?

Reply:

In accordance with Dublin City Council's Estate Management Strategy 2022 – 2027, racism is classified as a "LEVEL 2: Anti-Social Behaviour and/or Persistent Breaches of Tenancy"

5.4.1.1 LEVEL 2: Anti-Social Behaviour and/or Persistent Breaches of Tenancy

Level 2 refers to all incidents that relate to violence, threats and intimidation, repeated breaches of tenancy, persistent or serious impairment of neighbours' enjoyment of their homes, damage to property, racism or harassment on any of the nine equality grounds (gender, marital status, family status, age disability, sexual orientation, race, religion, and membership of the Traveller community), obstruction of local authority officials, contractors, or any other such agency carrying out work with the permission of the council. It will also include persistent breaches of tenancy or persistent low level complaints that have not been resolved by Level 1 responses.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the process for full traffic calming measures at Mercer Street lower, York Street and Noel Purcell Way? The traffic issue here is now absolutely deplorable with many using it as a rat run etc. There is a number of car parks in the area that are attached to the shopping centre and the College of Surgeons which brings much traffic into the area which is predominantly residential with many many young children. The traffic issues here and indeed the environment issue here have been absolutely neglected. It beggars belief as to how such a detrimental traffic arrangement was allowed in the first place. With the various initiatives now being rolled out around the city it is high time that DCC addressed the environmental impacts of their decisions in this locality.

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7027643) 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.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to whether DCC has brought in extra protocols for construction traffic within the city centre area? With many constructions and developments taking place and heavy machinery and trucks moving about tight areas of the city centre particularly where there are residents a proper visible protocol must be put in place as a matter of policy enforceable by Dublin City Council. This should include a suite of measures that would make it much safer for pedestrians, residents and road users.

Reply:

Current DCC Transportation protocols for managing construction traffic include:

- Planning condition requirement for developers/contractors to submit a Construction Management Plan, including Construction Traffic Management Plan for agreement with DCC Traffic. The CMP is considered a working document to be upgraded & revised as necessary.
- HGV cordon restrictions and Abnormal Load Licence requirements.
- Roadworks Control Directives

Traffic Section is currently investigating additional conditions/restrictions that can be implemented to further improve construction traffic management in Dublin.

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will respond positively to the two requests for serious tree pruning on Temple Road and on Orchard Road junction as illustrated in the two photographs submitted with this question.

Photograph 1) shows that the old trees on the road have branched out so far from the base that they are blocking the footpaths. It is not possible for a wheelchair user to navigate them or even see if there is a runner, a scooter, or whatever coming. There are numerous different trees exactly like this and in the same condition on Temple Road.

Photo 2 shows a tree at the junction of Orchard Road and Temple Road. The tree is blocking the view for any driver of a car turning from Orchard Road on to Temple Road. The condition of the tree means the driver is blind to any oncoming traffic or cyclist. It is an accident waiting to happen.

Reply:

The subject trees have been prioritised for removal of the suckers in the coming weeks as local schedules allow.

Q.13 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager when the promised upgrading of the footpaths - condition of which is illustrated in the photograph submitted with this question - on Temple Road promised some years ago will be carried out.

Photo 3 is an example of the state of the footpaths on Temple Road. The footpaths are very old and are broken up by trees. Some years ago the council advised you in an answer to your representation that they would be upgrading the footpath on Temple Road but we have waited years now and nothing has happened.

Reply:

Temple Road will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our future Footpath Renewal Programmes. In the interim, if address details for defects shown in the

photographs can be provided, these locations will be inspected and local repairs at these locations will be scheduled as required.

Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Could the heights barriers in car parks on the Strand Road be closed as the car parks are now becoming motor home parks? Tonight there are up to 14 vans parked. My concern as a local resident and daily walker is the waste water which is drained directly on the car park which only feeds the already rat problem on the strand.

Reply:

The issues with illegal parking and antisocial behaviour on car parks at Strand Road Sandymount should be reported to Roads and Traffic Department and An Garda Síochána (Irish Police Service). Parks staff have no powers to enforce laws relating to illegal parking.

There are three gate entrances to the two car parks on Sandymount promenade, two of which have overhead barriers which are welded open as they have not been in use for many years. There is no barrier on one entrance.

It is intended to consult with the local Gardaí and if the problem becomes persistent a new overhead barrier will have to be procured and the others reinstated with keys provided to the Flood Protection Office and the company managing the recycling bins.

Any other information on this matter can be emailed to the undersigned.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager investigate whether private CCTV cameras have been placed on the walls at Mercer House? Given the recent shooting incident in this area, many residents are very alarmed that cameras not belonging to DCC have been placed on the walls in the flat complex.

Reply:

Upon inspection one camera was found outside one flat in Mercer House. We have engaged with the tenant to find a solution to removing the camera.

Q.16 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if councillors can have a pre-SEAC July meeting presentation on the first LRD in our city council at Fortfield Road LRD6004/22-S3. Land is zoned Z15 and enquirer requests notification if this is in the criteria of Z15.

Reply:

A presentation of the current LRD planning application for Fortfield Road, Terenure to the South East Area Committee has been arranged for the 11th July (closing date for submissions - 18th July). It is not possible at this time to facilitate a second presentation to the Area Committee on the same application.

Q.17 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager how the Crumlin Swimming Pool is being involved with Swan Leisure Centre and full details to be provided in relation to cost increase or decrease for access to swimming and swimming lessons for children, adults, elderly and families.

Reply:

Dublin City Council have agreed the handover of operations of Crumlin Swimming Pool to Dublin City Sports & Leisure Services CLG, trading as Swan Leisure, for a three year period from the beginning of August 2022 until the end of July 2025. Swan Leisure

will manage all operational elements of the service, including staffing, swimming lessons, promotion etc. The following is a summary of the new arrangements –

- Opening hours and public swimming hours will be substantially extended.
- Existing bookings with clubs & schools will be reserved.
- Admission rates in line with other DCC run sports facilities.
- Membership options will be available, which will provide dual access to Swan Leisure @ Crumlin and Swan Leisure Rathmines.
- Swimming lessons directly run by Swan Leisure.
- Some minor capital improvements are being undertaken during August which will require temporary closure of the pool, which will reopen in September.

For bookings and enquiries going forward please contact Gavin Finn at gavin@swanlaisure.ie

Q.18 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if site notices can be provided in Bushy Park in relation to dogs being kept on leads, as a 2-year-old child was almost 'nipped' by a dog off a leash, which I was notified about by local resident. Or can there be a separate space in the park for dogs to be off leads within an internal dog boundary park?

Information request by enquirer:

“In Bushy Park (both during and outside the allowed off leash hours) I have witnessed a number of dog owners who do not keep their dog under effective control and allow their dog to approach, chase, scare or harass a small child. This occurs more often on weekends.

While it is often quoted that serious incidents of conflict between dogs and children are rare, this belies the chilling effect that even a small number of dogs not under effective control have on children's rights to play and learn in the park without threat of harm. I'm scared to allow my son to go more than a few feet from me in Bushy Park, as the park allows dogs who are off leash, and this often does not allow owners to maintain effective control of their dog.

Given the limited size of the Bushy Park, and the high volume of users, allowing dogs off leash does not allow for their effective control by the owner. The policy of allowing dogs off leash in Bushy Park is a child safety issue which infringes on children's rights under the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child.

In this context, this correspondence is:

- a complaint about the policy of allowing dogs off leash in Bushy Park,
- and a request for the council to move to ensure the protection of children from dogs (at all times) in Bushy Park by ensuring dogs are under the effective control of their owner (by means of a leash due to the limited space available in Bushy Park and the high volume of users).”

Reply:

Bushy Park is restricted in terms of available space and there are currently no plans to implement Dog Park within parks environs.

In accordance with the Council's Control of Dogs Bye-Laws, dog-owners are allowed to let their animals off the leash in the park between 8am-11am each day and the last hour before closing times provided that such dog must still be under the effectual

control of the person-in-charge of the dog. Existing signage is advertising times for dogs off leads.

The Dog Warden service has been informed of the incident and requested that they patrol the park over the coming weeks. Parks staff have no powers to prosecute dog owners and if a member of the public witnesses a violation of our Bye-laws the issue should be brought to the direct attention of the Animal Welfare Dog Unit if possible, so action can be taken.

Q.19 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager when extra bins will be installed in Mount Argus Park. Enquirer states that there are not enough in the park at present.

Reply:

The bin has been ordered and Parks is awaiting for the delivery of the same to be installed.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issues from the Ailesbury Road. Residents' Association.

They write,

"We have approval for a 3.5 tonne truck limit coming up Ailesbury Road (March 2017) but no sign has been put in place.

As this has been authorised over 5 years ago, could this be dealt with as a matter of urgency?"

Reply:

All access roads into Sandymount from Merrion Road & Strand Road which includes Ailesbury Road have 3.5t Bans Axle bans in place. Adequate signage is in place and it is therefore not proposed erect further signage.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Approximately 2 years ago I raised an issue in relation to the footpath outside 8 Gilford Drive, Sandymount. The path has been upended by the growth of a tree. The matter was minuted by the council but nothing has been done. Could the manager expedite repairs at this location?

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection on site and we have noted and recorded the defect. This defect has been added to our works programme for repair.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the concerns expressed about the state of Herbert Park, Ballsbridge,

- 1; Tree dumping all over the park, anything that is cut down is just left there.
- 2; Dirt from the pond is left in a pile and never cleaned up.
- 3: Broken glass from anti-social behaviour.
- 4: Smashed glass along the Dodder walkway.
- 5: Grass edges are destroyed by cars driving over them.
- 6: The area around by the dressing rooms is filthy.
- 7: All the signs in the park are either faded or broken.

Reply:

Herbert Park is Green Flag Award-winning Park. The Green Flag award scheme recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces internationally. This demonstrates that it is managed in line with a range of strict criteria including horticultural, cleanliness, biodiversity, and safety standards.

Item 1

Parks services in Herbert Park do not dispose of green waste off site as general waste or transport materials off site for shredding and/or composting. All landscape materials and trimmings are managed and reused on site. Bigger fallen timber and decaying stumps/logs are left in the park after its removal to provide habitat for wildlife; insects, fungi, mosses and lichens.

Item 2

Parks section is not aware of any pile of waste from the pond claimed to be left lying around. Further clarification (more details) on the raised matter is needed.

Item 3

Broken glass is unfortunately a regular find in the park. Park Services carry out daily checks of Herbert Park including emptying of bins and litter (broken glass) picking.

Item 4

The walkaway along River Dodder is not in Parks charge.

Item 5

Parts of grass edging along the pathways can get sometimes damaged as the result of paths being too narrow to accommodate motorised traffic as well as from the Food Market that is taking place every Sunday.

Item 6

Parks section is not aware of any area around the Dressing Pavilion claimed to be 'filthy'. Further clarification (more details regarding the location) on the raised matter is needed.

Item 7

The Parks Team regularly review signage in Herbert Park to ensure that it is well maintained and contain sufficient relevant information for all park visitors.

The newest addition are directional fingerposts manufactured in accordance with the Department of Transport specifications, approved for outdoor use to protect from vandalism, and painted in the traditional dark green colour for the Edwardian period.

There is room for improvement regarding the signage with several actions being under way which will be implemented on a phased basis. The aim is to eventually provide more unified signage throughout the park, reduce clutter where feasible and appropriate, promote heritage and biodiversity within the park to educate visitors, and provide a good amount of information needed for an enjoyable and safe experience.

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Motor tax is collected by DCC on behalf of the Department of Transport and caters for vehicles registered in Dublin. Could the manager respond to the following issue raised by a motorist and seek a response from the Department of Transport on the issue of arrears as there seems to be no appeals procedure?

He writes,

“I left my car in for an NCT in December 21, it failed due to faulty shock absorbers. I then left the car into Mounttown Motors to have the shocks replaced. Because my car had a special upgrade I knew the replacement shocks would have to come from Aston-Martin UK. They sent new shocks, however, they were not suitable for my car due to the previous upgrade and were returned to AM. I then contacted AM, who put me in contact with an ex AM employee who was an expert regarding upgraded shocks. He is in Nice, south of France. I made contact with him, and was assured that that he could either repair my shocks or provide suitable replacements. I had to use him as Koni, the original supplier no longer stock the shocks on my car. I contacted Gareth in early January 22 and was assured that he could either upgrade my original shocks, which I had sent to him, or give me replacements. He asked for payment, and was duly paid. January/ February came and went and despite numerous emails and phone calls to France he failed to deliver. Meanwhile, my car was taking up valuable space at Mounttown Motors. I finally got on to AM in the UK to see if they could exert pressure on Gareth to perform. Finally, two weeks ago the shocks arrived after 5 months! They are being fitted now. My road tax expired end of January 22. When I went to renew my car tax I was told I had to pay back tax for February/ March/ April, because I had not declared the car “off the road “. Amounting to over €500. I think that this extra charge should be repaid. The motor tax office in Smithfield were helpful, but said that the Dept. of Transport was totally inflexible. This is a case of bad law and needs to be amended.”

Reply:

Declaration of non-use (SORD) (Statutory Off Road Declaration) of a motor vehicle is set out in the Non-Use of Motor Vehicles Act 2013. A declaration of non-use must be made during the last month of a current vehicle licence or a previously made declaration of non-use and must be furnished to a licensing authority in advance of the commencement of the proposed period of non-use of the vehicle. There are exceptions in the case of a declaration of non-use immediately following registration of a new/imported vehicle or immediately following purchase of a second-hand vehicle. Alternatively a declaration of non-use (SORD) can be made online at www.motortax.ie.

The declaration can be made for any number of calendar months between 3 and 12 months i.e. it cannot be made for a period of 1 or 2 months. If a vehicle is subsequently required to be put back on the road, the declaration can be broken at any time simply by taxing the vehicle. If the declaration is not made in time vehicle arrears will accrue.

The legislation which sets out the circumstances for refunds of motor tax provides for a refund of motor tax in certain limited circumstances, where:

- the vehicle has been scrapped or destroyed,
- the vehicle has been permanently exported,
- the vehicle has been stolen and has not been recovered by the owner,
- a vehicle in respect of which a tax disc has been taken out has not been used in a public place at any time since the issue of the disc,

- the owner of the vehicle has ceased, because of illness, injury or other physical disability, to use the vehicle,
- the owner of the vehicle has ceased, because of absence from the state for business or educational purposes, to use the vehicle,
- the owner of the vehicle has ceased, because of service overseas with the Defence Forces, to use the vehicle.

In order to obtain a refund, there must also be a minimum of three months remaining on a disc at the time of surrender of the disc to the licensing authority.

There are no plans currently to amend the legislation to extend the grounds for the granting of a refund. This was last communicated to the Authorised Officers of all Motor Tax Offices in Ireland, in April 2020 from the Motor Tax Policy Division, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. In the event that someone wants to appeal the decision of the Motor Tax Office not to grant refund or SORD they should be directed to write to Minister of Transport, Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport, Motor Tax Policy, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue raised by residents on Ailesbury Road, Donnybrook

They write:

“There has been a lot of commentary regarding a traffic sign that does not allow a left access turn onto Shrewsbury road from Ailesbury road between 7-10am coming from Donnybrook Church

The result is that all traffic has to continue down to the end of Ailesbury Road which is already super busy with St Michael's Junior School and senior school access there. The other option is that cars are doing a u- turn on Ailesbury Road just past the sign and then taking a right turn down Shrewsbury Road.....

No one appears to know or understand the reasoning for this restriction of access during these hours.”

Reply:

According to the meeting of Transport Advisory Group, held on 23/11/2021 the “No Left Turn” from 07.00 -10.00 Monday to Saturday was recommended to prevent Shrewsbury Road being used as a rat run. Issue was that commuters were turning left from Ailesbury Road commuting from N11 south bound. The “No Left Turn” will force drivers along Ailesbury Road to junction with Merrion Road.

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the issues at the car parks on Strand Road, Sandymount as raised by a constituent.

She writes,

“Could the heights barriers in the car parks on the Strand Road be closed as the car parks are now becoming motor home parks? Tonight there are up to 14 vans parked. My concern as a local resident and daily walker is the waste water which is drained directly on the car park which only feeds the already rat problem on the strand.

Reply:

The issues with illegal parking and antisocial behaviour on car parks at Strand Road Sandymount should be reported to Roads and Traffic Department and An Garda Síochána (Irish Police Service). Parks staff have no powers to enforce laws relating to illegal parking.

Outreach services are liaising.

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the issues raised in this email. Having expressed my concerns, I will continue to highlight these issues until they are comprehensively addressed.

Residents write:

“The road and footpaths in Pembroke Gardens, Ballsbridge have been neglected for years and are in an atrocious and dangerous condition.

We want more extensive work to be done

Main issues:

A petition has been signed by the full community to have the roads x 2 on Pembroke Gardens resurfaced and footpaths repaired and extra gullies installed to prevent full scale flood after heavy rain - it is impossible to exit houses without getting wet due to extent of water retention. I have lived here since 1994 and never had it been resurfaced. Last time I appealed to you and road maintenance (Sept 2020 Red 11098852 + 11114818) someone came with a bucket and patched it - not good enough it needs resurfacing

I reported a dead tree outside no 46/47 Pembroke Gardens that needs replacement back in 2020 which was passed to Parks Officer (Oct 2021 and nothing has been done.

I noticed this morning that the footpath outside no 40 and 46 needs repair urgently as they are very cracked and dangerous

The tree outside no 9 needs branches cut as they hit you in face when one passes on footpath.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has carried out an inspection of this road and number of temporary pothole repairs were completed in April of this year. The carriageway is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. Road Maintenance Services will liaise with our colleagues in the Drainage Division to assess the need for installation of additional gullies in advance of any resurfacing works.

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection of the footpath at no. 40 and no.46 on site and we have noted and recorded the defects. These defects have been added to our works programme for repair.

The subject trees (outside house number 9 and 46/47 Pembroke Gardens) will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works/removal deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to indicate what the plans are for the refurbishment of the bandstand in Herbert Park, Ballsbridge? It is currently in a sorry state of dereliction and weeds are growing from the roof and tiles are missing from the roof and wooden supports are rotting. It is vital that it be restored to its former glory.

See pic,



Reply:

The octagonal bandstand located at the east end of the pond is most prominent building in the park is the Edwardian Arts and Crafts style. Conservation and Management Plan proposed number of options for consideration to improve the parks settings. In relation to progressing our conservation plan for Herbert Park. Parks Services will be preparing detailed plans for the conservation and improvement of the environs of the pond, including the bandstand, and these plans will be brought to public consultation in due course to seek planning approval.

Q.28 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to arrange for the replacement of the path directly across the road from the residential dwellings of 51-58 Power's Court, Dublin as it is in a very poor condition.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection of the footpath opposite no.51 to no.58 Power's Court and we have noted and recorded the defects. These defects have been added to our works programme for repair.

Q.29 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if a house transfer can be arranged for details supplied. The tenant needs to be closer to family supports as he has had significant health issues.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer Older List, with an application date of 08/11/2021. However, the applicant's application is currently deferred as there is outstanding documentation required.

The applicant was forwarded a letter to this effect on 09/05/2022 requesting the outstanding documentation, upon receipt of same the application will be reviewed.

It is noted that the applicant has submitted a medical priority application with his housing transfer application, this will be reviewed upon the application being reinstated.

Q.30 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if details supplied can be considered for the tenancy below.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Homeless HAP Transfer List, with an application date of 03/01/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
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Area H	3	31
Area M	3	19

The applicant's interest in the above area has been noted on her file which is a 2 bed property. The applicant recently contacted Housing Allocations and stated that she wished to remain in a 2 bed property, she was to submit written confirmation of same. However, it has not been received to date. The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.31 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide an update in relation to Rathdown traffic review.

Reply:

The Rathdown traffic review showed support from 60% of residents of Rathdown Estate for changes to the existing Pay & Display & Permit Parking Scheme on Rathdown Avenue. It is now proposed to amend the existing scheme. However, in order to amend an existing scheme, an application must be submitted to Dublin City Council, along with supporting documentation showing 35% of residents on Rathdown Avenue are in support of amending the scheme. See link below to criteria for a new Pay & Display and Permit Parking Scheme, the same information is required for extending an existing scheme.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme/criteria>

Q.32 Councillor Pat Dunne

The street lamps on St Agnes Park are very old and very dim. In winter months walking in this area is very dark and residents report that they feel unsafe. The lights should be updated appropriately to illuminate the street without inconveniencing those who live in the houses.

Reply:

The street lamps on St. Agnes Park will be upgraded under the upcoming Lighting Upgrade Project to LED Street Lights. Unfortunately, an exact timeframe for this upgrade cannot be provided at this stage but will be carried out in the next couple of years.

In the meantime, the lamps in the existing street light lanterns, that haven't been changed for a few years on this road, will be replaced with new lamps in the coming weeks and that should address the issue with dim lamps.

Q.33 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review the decision taken to return the single yellow line section on Winton Avenue and carry out a plebiscite of residents of Winton Avenue with regard to restoring permit parking on this section of the road in line with the agreement with Parking Enforcements last year.

Reply:

There are currently no plans to remove the single yellow lines on Winton Avenue.

Q.34 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager when tree pruning on Lavarna Grove will take place so as to allow light from the street lamp to be seen on the dark stretch close to the junction with Terenure Road West (side wall of Terenure Nursing Home). Also, to request that additional street lighting be added on the opposite side of the road as this section of the road is in pitch darkness when daylight goes and is potentially dangerous for pedestrians.

Reply:

A lighting assessment will be carried out on Lavarna Grove and the results of that assessment will inform the need for additional lighting.

Parks Services will be carrying out work to most of the trees in the estate, including the subject trees, as they would benefit from some pruning work in keeping with best arboricultural practice. This work is included in 2022/23 tree care programme.

Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update in relation to the request for pedestrian lights at the junction of Terenure with Rathfarnham Road and Terenure Road East; and at the KCR junction with Fortfield Road. Two dangerous junctions that can't wait for Bus Connects implementation as a solution. DCC must provide safe pedestrian crossings at busy junctions.

Reply:

The Traffic Section currently does not have a budget to carry out the proposed works at the locations requested by Cllr. Feeney.

Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide a listing of all planned pavement and road repairs and resurfacing in the Kimmage Rathmines area for 2022 and 2023.

Reply:

Please find below extract from our 2022 South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing Programme and Footpath Renewal Programme showing locations in the vicinity of the Kimmage Rathmines Area. Our 2023 South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Renewal Programmes have not yet been drafted.

Carriageway Resurfacing

Chelmsford Lane (Between Ranelagh and Sallymount Avenue)
Orwell Road (Between Dodder River and Zion Road)
Rathgar Road (Junction with Orwell Road)
Sandford Road (Between Marlborough Road and Sallymount Avenue)

Footway Renewal

Annesley Park (Between Dunville Avenue and Ormond Road South)
Canal Road (Between Ranelagh Road and Mount Pleasant Avenue Lower)
Dartmouth Square (Dartmouth Square North and South)
Lavarna Grove (Various Locations in Estate)
Orwell Road (Between Marianella and Zion Road)
Ramleh Park/Close (Various Sections within the Estate)
St. Martin's Park (Between No. 35 and Kimmage Road Lower)

Q.37 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide big belly bins close to all schools and bus stops near schools in the Kimmage Rathmines area to assist Tidy Towns groups in keeping the area tidy at all times.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels in the Kimmage Rathmines area particularly in areas near schools to see if there is a requirement for additional bins.

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the Area Manager please confirm whether the EV charging points on Sir John Rogerson's Quay are fully functioning, if they are not can he explain what the problem is and when they might be working?

Reply:

The EV Charge points at Sir John Rogerson's Quay are managed and operated by ESB eCars. The South East Area Office contacted ESB eCars by email on 5th July 2022 and asked them to revert directly to the councillor.

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could update me on progress with the feasibility study that the CEO undertook to carry out in 2022 on the potential locations, facilities, costs, timeframes etc. for an alternative facility in the likely event of the need to replace Markievicz Pool due to the Metrolink Project?"

Reply:

Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department have received a draft of the feasibility report and are in the process of review. Following this review the report will be presented to the Area Committee. The report will include a site appraisal, costs and a timeframe for the delivery of an alternative location to replace Markievicz Pool. Separate discussions will be held with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and DCC in relation to the findings within in the context of the planning and delivery of Metro Link.

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the Area Manager outline progress with the provision of a district heating system using waste heat from facilities on the Poolbeg peninsula including the Waste-to-Energy Plant and what legislative, regulatory or funding impediments are slowing progress?

Reply:

There will be a comprehensive report to include the matters raised in the Question given to the Climate Action, Energy and Environment Strategic Policy Committee at the meeting to be held on 22nd July 2022.

The report can be circulated to the members of the South East Area Committee thereafter if so desired.

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install a speed camera on Pembroke Road / Fitzwilliam Square and install traffic calming measures. Cars and motorbikes turning onto the street from Baggot Street pick up a lot speed due to the one way system and it is causing disturbance to the residents and is a safety risk.

Reply:

This request for traffic calming measures (Enquiry Ref: 7019820) 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.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please reduce or stop the use of leaf blowers in Fitzwilliam Square. They are used very frequently and cause noise disturbance to the local residents.

Reply:

All trees and shrubbery on Fitzwilliam Square are contained exclusively within the private space managed by the Fitzwilliam Square Association, the board of which is comprised of owners of property on the Square. The Parks Department have no remit in this respect.

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will investigate noise complaints under the provisions of Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 (*Noise*) Regulations, 1994. The below link will advise how to make a complaint.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/air-quality-monitoring-and-noise-control-unit/making-noise-pollution-complaint>

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please resurface the cycle lanes on Leeson Street, Stephen's Green East and Cuffe Street. This cycle lane is very bad condition in the west direction, mostly it seems from utility companies shoddy work, and is dangerous.

Reply:

Leeson Street, Stephen's Green East and Cuffe Street will be put forwarded for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

There are a number of utility openings in need of attention and the relevant utility organisation will be pursued by Road Maintenance Infrastructure Management Unit to restore the openings to the required standard. Some other localised defects, not related to utility works have been identified and these have been added to a repair works list.

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what rules are in place in Bushy Park in terms of dogs off the leash and can the Manager outline whether there are plans to introduce an off the leash dog run in the park.

Reply:

In accordance with the Council's Control of Dogs Bye-Laws: A person in charge of a dog [except (a) American Pit-bull Terrier, (b) Bull Mastiff, (c) Doberman Pinscher, (d) English Bull Terrier, (e) German Shepherd (Alsatian), (f) Japanese Akita, (g) Japanese Tosa, (h) Rhodesian Ridgeback, (i) Rottweiler, (j) Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and to every dog of the type commonly known as a Ban Dog (or Bandog) and to every other strain or cross of every breed of every type of dog described above] shall keep the dog on a sufficiently strong chain or leash, not exceeding two metres in length if a fixed leash, or ten metres if retractable, while in the park, except during the 8.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. and for the last hour before closing when the dog may be unleashed provided that such dog must still be under the effectual control of the person-in-charge of the dog.

There are currently no plans to implement Dog Park within Bushy Park environs.

Q.45 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange to have a Sheffield Stand or similar for cycle parking installed in around the shopping area on Old County Road, Crumlin?

Reply:

Dublin City Council shall install cycle parking on footpaths that are a minimum of 3.3m wide for locations that are on non-busy roads/outside city centre and 3.4m for busy roads/city centre. This ensures that a pedestrian footpath width of 2.2m is maintained.

There is insufficient space adjacent to the commercial premises along Old County Road, Crumlin to install Sheffield Stands on either the carriageway or footpaths.

Q.46 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Derelict Site section inspect the property at 60 Old County Road and request that the property be brought into use or we instigate a CPO process? In addition, can we carry out works to control the overgrown trees and vegetation to the rear of this house that is overhanging into 58?

Reply:

The Derelict Sites Section will arrange to have the site inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. As this is private property, the council is unable to enter the lands and carry out any works to control overgrown trees and vegetation. Any issues of overgrowth from a derelict sites perspective will be addressed directly with the owner following inspection. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

Q.47 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Derelict Site Section inspect the property to the side of 203 Crumlin Road (corner of Crumlin Road and Clonard Road) and request that the property be brought into use or we instigate a CPO process? The hoarding around this site is covered with graffiti which should be removed immediately.

Reply:

The Derelict Sites Section 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.

Q.48 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Traffic Management Section survey St. Teresa's Road in Crumlin and put in place traffic calming measures? This road is used as a rat run from Kimmage Road West to Stannaway Avenue.

Following previous commitments can the Area Manager give exact details as to when the work to install pedestrian lights at Dolphin/Herberton and Sally's Bridges will commence?

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7018069) 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.49 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Parks Section upgrade the existing intersecting pathways on Leighlin / Kells Green? These paths need recovering with new tarmacadam. Can additional planting be done along the edges of these footpaths?

Reply:

The area concerned has been listed for examination and a reply will be issued directly to the councillor in the near future.

Q.50 Councillor Pat Dunne

Following previous commitments can the Area Manager give exact details as to when the work to install pedestrian lights at Dolphin/Herberton and Sally's Bridges will commence?

Reply:

Dublin City Council and the National Transport Authority have appointed a contractor to construct a programme of pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements along the Grand Canal. The work involves the upgrade of seven major and seven minor junctions on a 3.8km section of the Grand Canal from Suir Road/Slievenamon Road to Leeson Street. Work began on site in June 2022 and the programme of works is due to last 12 months.

Dolphin Road/Herberton Road

The Dolphin Road Herberton Road junction upgrade will provide signalised pedestrian crossing on all four arms of the junction. The work will also include extending the footpaths (shown in blue in the drawing below) and narrowing the traffic lanes to provide shorter, safer, controlled crossing routes for vulnerable road users. See Figure 1: Dolphin Road Herberton Road Junction for details on the new layout of the junction. The safety of people with disabilities will be improved by the installation of dropped kerbs, tactile paving and audible signals at each crossing. Construction of the new footpaths, islands and installation of the pedestrian crossings is due to begin in August 2022 and is expected to be completed in November 2022. Resurfacing of this junction will be completed in the summer of 2023 when all junctions are upgraded.

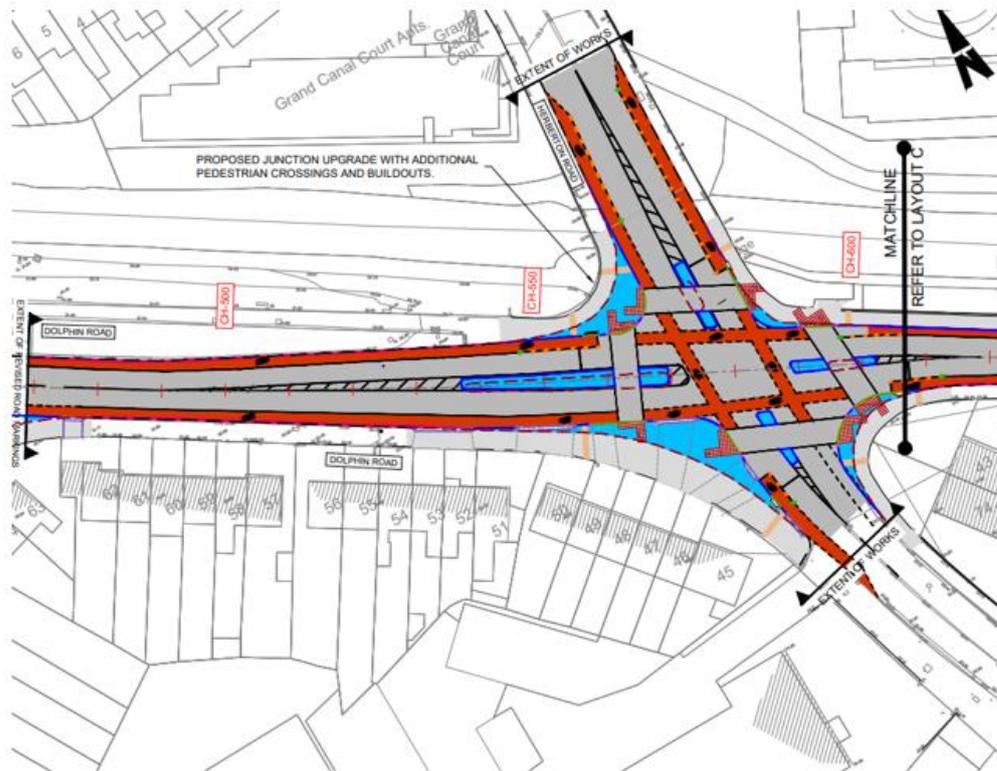


Figure 1: Dolphin Road Herberton Road Junction

Parnell Road/Clogher Road (Sally's Bridge)

The Parnell Road Clogher road junction upgrade will also provide signalled pedestrian crossing on all four arms of the junction. The work will also include extending the footpaths (shown in blue in the drawing below) and narrowing the traffic lanes to provide shorter, safer, controlled crossing routes for vulnerable road users.

The safety of people with disabilities will be improved by the installation of dropped kerbs, tactile paving and audible signals at each crossing

See Figure 2: Parnell Road Clogher Road Junction for details on the new layout of the junction. Work will begin on the underground services at this location in August 2022 and then construction of the new footpaths and installation of the pedestrian crossings is due to begin in January 2023 and is expected to be completed within 2 months. Resurfacing of this junction will also be completed in the summer of 2023.

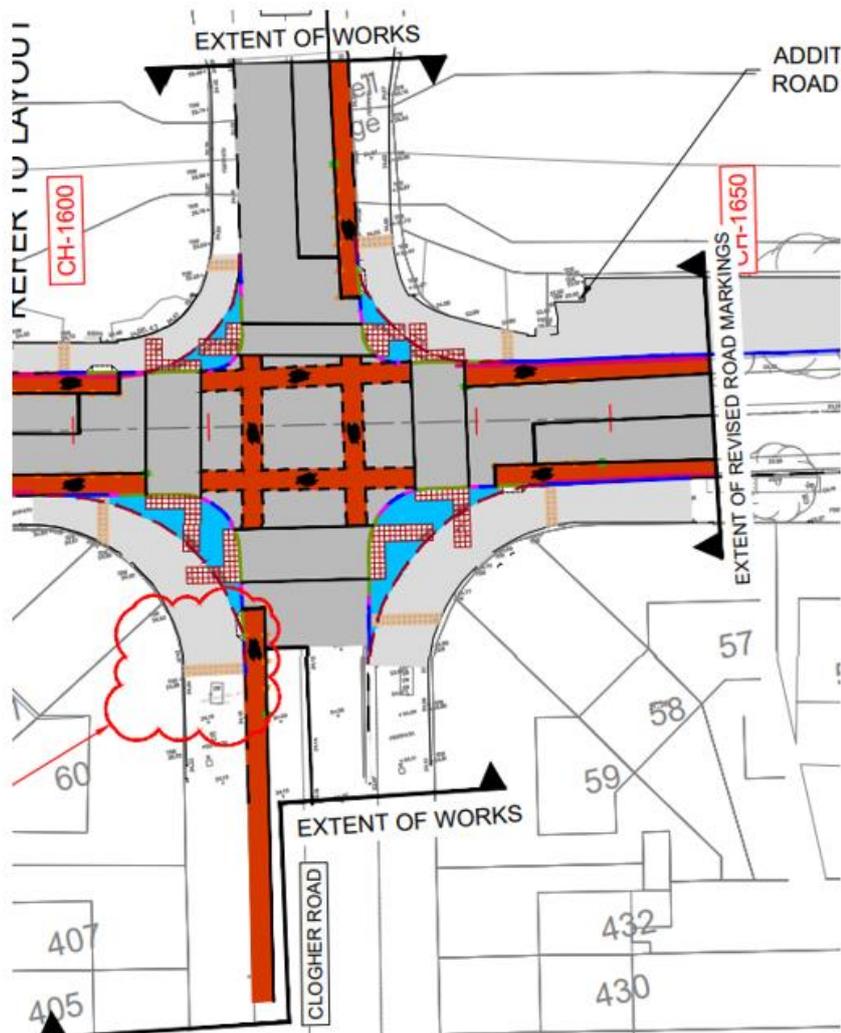


Figure 2: Parnell Road Clogher Road Junction (Sally's bridge)

Q.51 Councillor Pat Dunne

The road where Sundrive Road meets Clogher Road (at the traffic lights) is in need of repair. As heavy vehicles, trucks and buses pass through these crossroads day & night, the noise of these vehicles going over the potholes and broken road often wakes local residents. Can heavy vehicles be restricted from going down Clogher Road, as the road is small and purely residential between Kildare Road and Sundrive?

Reply:

This section of road has been inspected and is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

With regard to heavy vehicle restrictions, this request (Ref 7027752) has been referred to the area engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group. A reply will then issue to the Councillor.

Q.52 Councillor Pat Dunne

What is our policy regarding spraying the area under trees both in the parks and along the roadways? Many people now see these as little nature areas where wildflowers thrive which, in turn, support pollinators and other biodiversity.

Reply:

In 2019 Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services eliminated the use of chemical-based glyphosate as herbicide by implementing a combination of alternative methodologies for weed control using manual methods, electric trimmers, mulching, and plant-based products for spraying such as concentrations of vinegar at hard surfaced areas.

Where feasible, mowing regimes are being adjusted to allow the grasses and suppressed wildflower species to grow and provide habitat and food for insects, including around many of our trees, however, it should be noted that not all locations are suitable for this treatment due to differing uses and space constraints.

The weed control contractor (Greentown Environmental Ltd) is engaged to deal with visible weed growth around the base of trees. The contractor is currently under instruction to manage any uncultivated tree pits that are on the street scheduled.

Q.53 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the area manager address the following issue (details supplied)?

Reply:

This location will be inspected during wet conditions to examine the cause of the problem and identify a solution. If the resident has any photographs of the location in wet condition please send them to madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie or Whats App to 087 1326 041 if convenient.

Q.54 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can pedestrian lights please be added on Stannaway / Lorcan O'Toole to allow safer crossing to Stannaway Park?

Reply:

A controlled pedestrian crossing is planned under future works programme at the junction of Lorcan O'Toole Park and Kimmage Park West. The scheme is currently at design stage.

Q.55 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can speed ramps or children at play signs be installed on Clonfert/Kilfenora Road? There are number of children on this road and parents have requested some action be taken to keep them safe.

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7027644) 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.56 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager arrange an inspection of the pedestrian crossing between Blackhorse Luas Stop and the entrance of Lansdowne Valley Park? The signalised crossing no longer beeps to indicate safe crossing for the vision impaired.

Reply:

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Our traffic signals maintenance contractor attended site on 30.06.22 and repaired the fault with the audible signals. Our contractor has verified that the audible signal is now working correctly.

Q.57 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager please look at the issue of dumping of household waste in Mount Argus Park? The removal of the Big Belly Bin from Mount Argus due to people using it for their household waste has now led to people leaving their household waste in open-topped bags beside the smaller bins in the park, leading to further and dispersed littering. Can the Big Belly Bin be reinstated urgently, and can a specific solution to the dumping of household waste be proposed?

Reply:

The bin has been ordered and Parks is awaiting for the delivery of the same to be installed.

Q.58 Councillor Tara Deacy

Captain's Road is lacking street trees. Can we look at new trees being planted along this stretch starting where trees were once in place and on the old square gaps in the footpath where concrete seems to have been poured?

Reply:

The area concerned has been listed for examination and a reply will be issued directly to the councillor in the near future.

Q.59 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager whether Leeson Park will be added to the road resurfacing list for this year or next year.

Reply:

Leeson Park will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, if addresses of any specific areas of concern are provided, these can be inspected and logged for local repair as required.

Q.60 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager further to question 23 on the 14th of February 2022 and 11th of October 2021 if a speed survey has been carried out on Brighton Road, the outcome of that survey, what decision has been made following the carrying out of that survey.

Reply:

A speed survey has been requested on Brighton Road but it has not been carried out yet. The survey will be done when students return to schools in the third quarter of 2022. A report will be issued to the councillor on completion of the survey.

Q.61 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if the grassy verges on the islands along Stillorgan Road (Stillorgan Dual Carriageway) could be inspected and cut.

Reply:

Parks have inspected the above area and it has been confirmed that it is cut.

Q.62 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if we are still on track to introduce the trial one way road in Belmont Avenue on the date that was promised and if that date can now be re-confirmed.

Reply:

Dublin City Council (DCC) propose to install a Restricted Access traffic calming

intervention on Belmont Avenue. This will prevent all motorised vehicles entering Belmont Avenue from Sandford Road while still allowing motorised vehicles exit from Belmont Avenue onto Sandford Road.

There has been a provisional date given for the installation of this scheme of the 24th July 2022 to allow the scheme to establish itself while schools are on holidays and traffic volumes are low. DCC are working with an external consultant to finalise the design and therefore please note this date is subject to change while the final preparations are being made. All elected Councillors in the South East electoral area and relevant stakeholders will be notified prior to the installation.

Q.63 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if more frequent bin collections and/or additional bins can be considered for Ranelagh Gardens.

Reply:

The bin in Ranelagh Gardens Park is emptied daily which should be sufficient given the size of this open space. There are currently no plans for more bins within the park.

Q.64 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for a response to the following reports from residents such as that below:

“I would like to bring to your attention the new campsite /mobile home park that exists on Strand Road, Sandymount. Every day, hordes of European camper vans park here for nothing, throw their rubbish around and pay nothing. We the locals pay property tax, insurance, waste, etc. There are several solutions, including signs that say no overnight parking. Close the height barriers, clamp people not paying for parking. These vans block cars from parking and are not an addition to the area.”

Reply:

The issues with illegal parking and antisocial behaviour on car parks at Strand Road Sandymount should be reported to Roads and Traffic Department and An Garda Síochána (Irish Police Service). Parks staff have no powers to enforce laws relating to illegal parking.

There are three gate entrances to the two car parks on Sandymount promenade, two of which have overhead barriers which are welded open as they have not been in use for many years. There is no barrier on one entrance.

It is intended to consult with the local Gardaí and if the problem becomes persistent a new overhead barrier will have to be procured and the others reinstated with keys provided to the Flood Protection Office and the company managing the recycling bins.

Any other information on this matter can be emailed to the undersigned.

Q.65 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the manager to give an up to date progress report on getting signage for Parnell Avenue, Harold's Cross. This was the subject of a motion I got agreed at least 2 years ago but the sign has not yet appeared.

Reply:

There was a new sign erected recently on Parnell Avenue on the low level wall adjacent to the petrol station, see pictured. The location of the current green sign, at the opposite side of the road, is surrounded by a private hedge and placing the new

sign here would require cutting that hedge which is the householder's property and not in charge to DCC.



Q.66 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have DCC's enforcement section and the fire prevention officers visit the Snug Accommodation in Stephen Street? This premises is being used by homeless people and refugees and it is 'alleged' that there is no fire escape here and that the conditions within the building are entirely unsafe.

Reply:

Dublin Fire Brigade will follow our normal processes to investigate and ensure fire safety systems necessary are in place at this address.

We have a range of powers of enforcement available as provided under the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003 which we use judiciously but as necessary.

We are actively engaging with the persons in control of this address, who are the persons responsible for fire safety at the premises.