

Q.1 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager of Baggot Lane, Dublin 4, particularly outside 102 – 124 Baggot Lane, could be cleaned as a matter of urgency given the state it is currently in as evidenced by the attached photographs and if the frequency for the lane cleaning could be examined and increased if necessary.



Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the following items could be dealt with:

- 1) Paint barriers / railings at entrance to Irishtown Nature Park opposite Marine Drive.
- 2) Clean graffiti from Notice board at same area.
- 3) Remove the large yellow Dump bag with weeds now growing from it at Car Park at Sandymount Strand.
- 4) Remove dirt now congealed at furthest Southern car Park along Sandymount / Merrion Strand.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Further to previous replies to questions on the issue of road and footpath sweeping in Ranelagh (details below), I am told that there have been no improvements. To ask the Manager to respond positively to these repeated requests:

- A. Sweeping of Ranelagh. The sweeping of streets in Ranelagh seems to have disappeared completely. In the run-up to Christmas they were just in an appalling state but on Christmas Eve gutters were swept but of course not the cycle lanes.

Below is the reply of November 12th 2019.

Q.38 Councillor Dermot Lacey
To ask the Manager the following:

1. The frequency of sweeping the kerbside of the following roads in Ranelagh:
 - a) The main street of Ranelagh from Marlborough Road to the Luas station
 - b) Chelmsford Road
 - c) Oakley Road
 - d) Charleston Road
 - e) Any other road kerbsides leading into Ranelagh village
2. The designated day of the week or month for such sweeping of each of the above.
3. The frequency of sweeping the following footpaths:
 - a) Footpaths in Ranelagh village from Marlborough Road to the Luas bridge
 - b) Chelmsford Road footpaths
 - c) Charleston Road footpaths
 - d) Any other footpaths leading into Ranelagh village
4. The designated day of the week or month for such sweeping of each of the above.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the kerbside and footpaths of the main street Ranelagh swept on a daily basis.

Waste Management Services have the kerbside and footpaths of Chelmsford Road and Charleston Road swept five days a week, Monday to Friday.

Waste Management Services have the kerbside and footpaths of Oakley Road swept once a week, usually on a day when the parking isn't too heavy.

Contact:

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So you might ask if this official rota still applies or what the current rota is?

- B. In relation to Ranelagh sweeping you also asked in 2020 about sweeping of cycle lanes in Ranelagh you received the following reply:
Meeting 12th October 2020

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will outline how it is intended to sweep the streets and roadside of Ranelagh in the locations where the new white bollards are now in place and if he will arrange for a clean sweep of the area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services sweep the streets and roadside of Ranelagh with one of our regular compact sweepers. We currently litter pick the new

protected cycle lane there as our current compact sweeper is too big for these new cycle lanes.

We recently trialled two sub compact road sweeper to assist with the cleaning of the new protected cycle lanes such as the one in Ranelagh. Both sweepers are smaller than the current compact sweeper. We are in discussions with fleet management services as to how these can be procured so that we can sweep these new protected cycle lanes.

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Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can respond positively to the requests previously submitted for improvements to road signage at the following locations

- a) Street sign for Mornington Road at entry from Ashfield - No sign at all at the moment.
- b) Street sign for Mornington at the upper end-junction. Current sign unreadable as lettering removed.
- c) Street sign for Chelmsford Lane at junction with Sallymount Avenue, current sign unreadable as above.
- d) Two street signs on Triangle (over Quillsenens estate agent).
- e) Saying Cullenswood Road - the official name for that short section and ii) Saying Charleston Road with arrow as Charleston Road starts after Luas bridge.
- f) There are no signs on Edenvale and Mountain View Road at the junctions with Albany Road. This means that if on Albany Road, there is no indication of what roads are being entered.
- g) There is no sign on Albany Road for it when entering from Edenvale or Mountainview.
- h) Replace disintegrated sign for Winton Road at junction with Appian Way.
- i) Ranelagh Road goes from the Luas Bridge to Charlemont Bridge. There is no sign for it at either end.

Q.5 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Director of Services what engagement, if any, Dublin City Council has had with the owners of Crumlin Shopping Centre regarding lapsed planning permissions for the site. While one retail unit remains operational, the vast majority of the site is underutilised and has been a derelict eyesore for some time, including the former swimming pool building which has lay derelict for more than 10 years. Can the Director confirm what engagement DCC has had with the owner, whether DCC has considered CPOing the site and whether it has been partially entered onto the Derelict Sites Register?

Q.6 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for an update on proposed works to take place in City Quay and a timeline for the same.

Q.7 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Development Department update us on present status and action derelict site on south corner of Le Vere Terrace Harold's Cross. I have taken this issue up several times in the past and wonder why it hasn't been designated a derelict site.

Q.8 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Law Agent update us on the Council site in Dartry beside the Dodder and the request to acquire it by a local professional office?

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager in relation to the works at Beach Road / Strand Road, Sandymount:

1. To confirm the actual positions of the traffic counters and sound monitors during the course of the Irish Water main works, as traffic is diverted during the progression of the works.
2. To confirm that these monitors are in working order and that data has and is being logged.
3. To confirm that ongoing functionality will continue to be confirmed on a frequent basis.
4. To confirm that any additional monitors, as needed by works progression, as may be needed to supplement the data set, will be provided to facilitate the post works analysis, needed to underpin decisions around the impact of the cycle-route in particular.
5. To report this data and commit to full analysis of this data and reporting of that to Councillors and residents shortly after the diversionary works are complete.

Q.10 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Litter Warden to increase the number of patrols around Erne Terrace. There is persistent issues with dumping and 'no dumping' signs are being ignored.

Q.11 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager to arrange for cleaning of the lanes in South Lotts; residents have reported high levels of detritus and the presence of rodents in the lanes.

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

In recognition of the legitimacy of the issues but also in acknowledging the huge commitment of the active volunteers of the Dodder Action Group, to ask the Manager if he will respond positively to the following issues raised by them:

"For the past five years Dodder Action has run monthly clean-ups of the Milltown area. We have repeatedly asked that the recycling bins in Milltown car park be moved from their position at the top of a slope which acts as a chute to the River Dodder. Further, as the bins act as cover, dumping goes on behind them on a daily basis. Each month two volunteers spend all of their time in the Dublin City Council-run car park cleaning up around and behind the recycling bins when they should really be working up and down the river. Each month DCC promptly collects our bags from beside the recycling bins. The bins are extremely badly located.

Between the bins and the river the slope is covered in weed mat which could not be worse for biodiversity and conducts the junk towards the river. We frequently find used nappies behind the bins as well as stacks of clothes dumped when the clothes bins are full. We also find furniture, paint and building materials. This week we found a candelabra and a mirror.

The whole area is a magnet for vermin and there are often notices announcing the application of rat poison.

It would be hard to provide a worse backdrop for the Dodder Greenway, a wildlife corridor from mountains to sea, a public amenity for the people of Dublin and a local beauty spot.

We request again that the recycling bins be moved away from the river, even to either side of the car park where dumping would not go on unobserved.

We also request that the clothing bins be REMOVED as they are not emptied often enough and their provision encourages people to think of the facility as a general dump.

Please respond to our request.

We will be monitoring the area regularly and plan if necessary to engage the public in a campaign for their removal.

We request your help in this matter,
Yours,
Dodder Action
(The pictures are from Saturday January 21st).”



Q.13 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the maintenance issues at this property (details supplied) to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Q.14 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

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Q.15 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can a cage be installed in Bishop Street Flats, Dublin 8 to store the bins away, which hopefully help with the rat infestation in the complex, and if he will arrange for the moss to be cleaned from the public areas of the complex.

Q.16 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the repair of the banister at (details supplied) as a matter of urgency.

Q.17 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to ensure that the Montague Court, Montague Street, Dublin 8 complex is made accessible for fire and ambulance emergency services. A resident of Montague Court rang an ambulance for her mother on 31/12/2022 but the ambulance could not get access to the complex as bollards were blocking one entrance and the ambulance couldn't fit through the other entrance due to the adjoining new building.

Q.18 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update as to when this tenant's (details supplied) new windows will be installed.

Q.19 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the repair of the foot path at the entrance to Glover's Court, Off York Street, Dublin 2 as a matter of urgency, as a resident recently fell over it and was seriously injured.

Q.20 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for a new back door to be installed at this property (details supplied), as the current one is broken and is unable to be locked, which creates a major safety concern for this tenant.

Q.21 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the lights to be repaired / replaced at the entrance to the balconies in Block S & J in Pearse House, as well as the lights in the car park of those blocks which have been broken for some time.

Q.22 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the front glass door of Block 1, Mercer House, Mercer Street, Dublin 2 to please be repaired as a matter of urgency after it has been vandalised on a number of occasions.

Q.23 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will permit the installation of minor play equipment in Elizabeth O'Farrell Park which is keenly sought by the local residents and which could be funded through the local area discretionary fund, subject to agreement of the Parks manager and the Area Committee; if he will engage with the local area office to agree and advance this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Q.24 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for a significant clean-up of Sean Moore Park, as requested in the detailed email submitted with this question. As we head into the spring and summer season the park will be more used by children and adults and the need for a clean and safe park will be more and more important.

"To call the situation in Sean Moore Park a litter situation is a vast understatement. I went for a walk there today, and not only did I fail to walk 3 metres without seeing a piece of litter, I saw burnt out sofas, abandoned pieces of luggage, areas clearly still being used as toilets, and so on.

Although I realise the council is not responsible for the rubbish being there - and I can't understand how people can treat a public amenity like this - I have seen no effort to add new bins, and the park is in need of a big clean up, both of litter, and undergrowth holding the litter in place.

I would encourage yourself and other councillors to visit the park and put some force behind this situation being resolved. If not, I will need to start collecting a photo diary, and making some noise about this, as this is where my family and I call home."

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a constituent.

She writes,

"As the traffic calming trial on Belmont Avenue comes to a close, I thought it appropriate to give you some feedback on the impact I have seen. Firstly, thank you for listening to the residents of Belmont Avenue and surrounding areas to come to some solution for the road.

I live in Vergemount Park, and have a daughter in St. Mary's. We cycle her to school on a cargo bike or standard bike with seat. Sometimes she cycles her own bike but until the Clonskeagh road is safer for cycling this is rare.

However, she can now cycle down Belmont Avenue to school. Once we turn onto Belmont it's like a country road. Children are so much happier and safer. There is no long aggressive driving, cars beeping, log jams of cars. The school crossing is clear. Beyond the school drop of times, it is a lot calmer also. As a driver as well as I cyclist, it is much more reliable to drive up from Donnybrook than in the past.

The only challenge I have is with turning right by bike from Sandford Road. The current build out is designed to accommodate cyclists coming from Ranelagh but not from the Eglinton Road direction. It's fairly tricky to manoeuvre, especially with the cargo bike or if there is a vehicle blocking the yellow box.

I'm very supportive of the measures introduced and hope they can remain a permanent fixture."

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a constituent.

He writes,

"The Park Avenue Action Group (PAAG) wish to log an official complaint concerning Uisce Éireann's traffic management arising from the closure of the Northbound Lane of the Strand Road.

We understand that the water works need to be completed as a matter of urgency, and due to the complexity of the traffic management, with Strand Road being an arterial road and an inner relief road of the city, the northbound lane onto Strand Road from Merrion Gates needs to be closed.

The traffic travelling northbound has thus been re-directed along the Merrion Road down Serpentine Avenue / Tritonville Road which are narrow residential roads. Since the introduction of this change in traffic layout, major traffic delays have been recorded on Tritonville Road.

In the last three days there have been two incidents of cars crashing at the Tritonville / Newbridge Avenue junction. We have also seen major backlogs of traffic at the junction of Merrion Road / Serpentine Avenue where vehicles are waiting to turn right down Serpentine Avenue.

These excessive traffic jams on Merrion Road are leading vehicles to turn left up Ailesbury Road and make U-turns to go down Sydney Parade. The same is happening on Simmonscourt Road where frustrated drivers are doing u-turns to go down Sandymount Avenue. This is leading to rat running and excessive speeds on residential roads.

When we attended the consultation meeting with the bodies responsible for the works on Strand Road, we specifically asked about Merrion Gates and were told they would be closed for 6 weeks allowing work in that area.

We now ask for clarification on the stage of the works, the further plans for the works and the expected date for the return of Merrion Gates to two way traffic.

The excessive traffic on Merrion Road and surrounding area confirms that Strand Road is an arterial route, so we also ask that in the interim, a stop / go system be operated on Strand Road so motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and local residents no longer have to tolerate this poorly planned traffic management system."

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue.

"As a long term resident of Sandymount living on Sandymount Avenue close to the tee junction of Gilford Road and Sandymount Avenue, I want to log and report the unprecedented increase in traffic flow at that junction including severe traffic congestion and delays in all three directions, increased car speeding, a discovered new rat run to circumvent traffic congestion elsewhere. The significant increase in bus traffic (no's 47, 18, C1, C2 and other empty buses leaving and entering service) is also compounding the problem.

I myself have on one occasion had a 12 minute wait to get out of my drive at number 84. I can also report that the safety of pedestrians crossing the road at this busy junction is increasingly challenged by irate drivers that do not give them road crossing precedence – it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs at this uncontrolled junction.

I am also concerned that the Strand / Beach Road water improvement project (and any other future traffic diversion project) has led to increased risk to public health on a number of fronts – namely; increased noise, increased pollution, increased traffic counts negotiating the narrow Sandymount residential road-network, wear and tear on many road surfaces producing large potholes and their associated dangers, vehicles mounting footpath, cars crashing, etc.

I ask DCC, have they installed vehicle counting monitors, pollution monitors (PM and NO2 etc.) and noise monitors along the routes that diverted traffic is travelling? Where

are these monitors installed, how often are they read, and is the collected data available for to be inspected by Sandymounters?

Environmental protection is required, and its function is to protect and improve air quality in the GDA, and in particular when huge volumes of traffic are diverted through Sandymount Village and environ. The general health of Sandymount is been compromised by a down turn in air quality, by an increase in noise, and the safety of pedestrians is been challenged daily by huge increases in diverted traffic flow.”

Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

“Here is a random set of photographs that I took on Sunday in Sandymount. I could have taken hundreds more but this selection is typical of the total neglect of the basic maintenance of the Public Realm by Dublin City Council: soden leaves that are not only unsightly but dangerous where they make footpaths unsafe to walk, sodden leaves in the gutters even at pedestrian lights, park railings left unpainted, park notice boards left with graffiti, flood protection sandbags left for so long that the weeds growing out of them have become shrubs, kerbs overgrown with weeds. I could have taken photographs of the ridiculous sight of the derelict baths covered in graffiti on Merrion Strand.

It's not good enough for a European Capital City. It's not good enough for any civilised community.

Will any of you undertake to deal with this?

I don't mean a one-off blitz. I mean, pressurising Dublin City Council to initiate a proper everyday maintenance of the city.

There is obviously money available there just seems to be an absence of interest and / or proper management.”

See pics below:



Q.29 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the following issue.

“A Greyhound truck was collecting black bins at 5.40am this morning on Belgrave Square, Dublin 6. I know they do really essential and hard work. But this is very early

and wakes hard working residents up. I would really appreciate if you could ask them to collect from 7am (there is no email address on their website). This avoids sleep deprivation and let's individuals and families have healthier lives.

I'm really disappointed that contract hours may have been changed recently without consultation with residents or customers (fait accompli text only received by Greyhound) and that they are now going further and operating outside contracted hours. Citybin trucks (green and brown buns) were also out this morning before 6am. Fair play to the hard workers out early on a bank holiday Monday but please can you ask them to respect peoples' need to sleep."

Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to concerns from Cairn developers over their contention that the councils DCS (development construction scheme) has not been correctly applied on former RTE lands at Donnybrook. As part of the permission DCC required Cairn homes to pay 9.97 million euro to the local authority in planning development contributions. Cairn homes say that the correct charge should be 4.1 million euro, less at 5.86 million euro. Please explain to Cllrs how such a large discrepancy occurs.

Q.31 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Chief Executive if he will investigate (and initiate if possible) if the cabling for electric charging points could be installed in conjunction with the preparatory and installation works for the Clonskeagh to City Centre Cycle route along the route and in particular at Vergemount. (This is the stretch of Road from Ashton's Pub to Vergemount Park.

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the use of the Staircase building in Aungier Street to house asylum seekers? This building is a highly listed building and in recent years have been the subject of much controversy. The building is in private ownership and was refurbished some years back by Dublin Civic Trust as a Grade A listed building. No local people were informed of this move by anyone in the local authority or anyone in charge of providing services to would be asylum seekers. Why is this the case? That all local Councillors were not informed? Was Dublin City Council informed of this move? And if so, why were all local Councillors not informed? This last of local information and consultation with local residents and businesses has a very negative impact and in certain cases allows unsavoury elements like the far right to exploit the situation and create hostile protests leaving very little room for the many local residents and businesses to raise their concerns of the impact of creating this service in an area that is already choc-o-block with similar facilities and equal disadvantage. All that is being asked for here by the many is to be included and informed and be part of the solution rather than be kept in the dark, disrespected and disregarded by the State and this in charge of providing provision to those in need. Everybody here should have equal rights to transparent and open information. This scenario unfortunately is being played out throughout the country creating a negative image of communities and residents who simply want information. Its time now that this kind of unacceptable behaviour by the State and local authority changes for the better.

Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager look at the possibility of extending the build out of the footpaths on the eastern side (left hand side) of Drury Street?

Q.34 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full update with regards the intended works at resurfacing the dilapidated carriageway at Sir John Rogerson's Quay. This roadway has become very dangerous particularly during downpours as the surface has completely eroded.

Q.35 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ensure that all residents of Smock Alley apartments are made fully aware and included in the process of any building out of the social housing site on Fishamble Street? Recent media reports would indicate that the Peter McVerry Trust are to develop this site with Dublin City Council. Local residents of Smock Alley are very concerned with the impact that this big development will have on their local resources and particularly the loss of light in their homes. They wish to be included in all stages of the design and development of this site.

Q.36 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager look at the possibility of making the road carriage way safer for pedestrians at Stephens Green west beside the Royal College of Surgeons? This stretch of roadway gives entry to the carparks and also gives an exit point out on to lower Mercer Street. This can be a heavily congested area for pedestrians, cyclists and those using the Luas. Unfortunately it is appallingly laid out and very dark and difficult to read.

Q.37 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ensure that the street traders in Grafton Street are given full access to their stalls and work places during the rebuilding / refurbishment public improvement works, pedestrianisation of the Duke Street / Anne Street area of Grafton Street? Also, to ensure that once this build out is finished that the predominant nature of this area is pedestrian and that under no circumstances should this unique heritage area of Dublin be saturated by barrels and unsightly street furniture that are simply advertisements for alcohol beverages. A certain standard needs to be set now for all street furniture that would prohibit barrels and street furniture that is willy nilly strewn across the streets. And that all advertisement on street furniture and wind breakers be subject to advertisement license and permits except where the premises themselves are advertising their own name. Further, can these observations be added to the public consultation process that took place regarding this project that closed on the 25th January 2023?

Q.38 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update regarding the intended reconfiguration and public safety works that are envisaged to take place on lower Mercer Street and Noel Purcell Way? This area is still an absolute nightmare for pedestrians and vulnerable road users. Children have to be extra careful because of the volumes of traffic in this particular location. It is extremely dangerous and confusing with the entrance and exit to the Stephens Green shopping centre car park and College of Surgeons Carpark. It has now become a rat run for many cars, motor cyclists and cyclists trying to exit and enter the city. Rush hour is a nightmare and there is simply no safety infrastructure for pedestrians.

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a process of CPO for the derelict dilapidated building No 24 Aungier Street? This building has been vacant and dilapidated for the past 20 odd years. Its rare heritage infrastructure was undermined and damaged by the owners which resulted in DCC placing enforcement notices on them. Since then this unique building has lain idle. This unique 18th century heritage street. Indeed, there has been many architectural reports relating to the unique heritage of Aungier Street in particular

DCC's own report. Indeed, Dublin Civic Trust showed us the possibility of this street and its building gems when they successfully saved The Staircase No 21 from demolition and restored it to its former glory. The Swan Bar intends to refurbish its own premises. Equally the Marlin Hotel that owns the adjoining properties on Aungier Street are to be completely refurbished and brought back into use. The building in question which is dilapidated (No 24) will seriously undermine these refurbishment works as it would appear the owner has no intention of fixing up his building. It is imperative that DCC initiate the CPO order on this property without further delay.

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full update with regards the request by me some time back to have coach parking facilities installed on Harcourt Street? This area is a hotel area and hospitality area that is in dire need of coach parking and stop off facilities. Many tourists and those visiting the city for conferences who are accommodated in this area have no way of getting to area in groups as there is no coach parking facilities. Coach parking was available in the area until recently but for some odd reason was removed.

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full report with regards the policy of erecting advertising signs over public houses, restaurants etc.? Many listed buildings particularly in the Dame Street area are being subjected to new advertising signs outside their premises. Some of these signs are digital, very bright and scrolling screens or TV screens. They give off a very bright light and undermine the integrity of the facades of these buildings. I made a recent observation to the planning department of DCC and was informed that these were minor infringements and the case was closed. Can the manager furnish me with the policy regarding 'minor infringements' and any discretion DCC's planning enforcement have regarding these signs and their retention. It is obvious that these signs are in clear breach of the law and that planning needs to be obtained or retention sought bearing in mind the new generation of digital advertisement, small or large, at the negative impact that this new signage is creating in our environment.

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards Google's engagement with the local community at Ringsend and the Pearse Street area? This report to include what initiatives Google have created in the area for the community? What contact, if any, Google and its officers have had with Dublin City Council with regards community projects. Many local people are concerned that Google is seeking to control the community engagement process while at the same time semi privatising the neighbourhoods. There is a potential issue here and conflict of overlap and DCC's community section needs to indicate that it is the lead in this area regarding community development and that it is not being siphoned off to a Google outreach programme.

Q.43 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Local Area Manager to bring these details to the Parks Department and receive a response for the publication date of the Bushy Park Pavilion tender.

The co-founder of PADEL360 states that they are supportive in relation to all the communities in Dublin and beyond. However, the only Padel is in Terenure.

The co-founder stated on 31st January 2023:

Publication date of the Pavilion tender "was supposed to be released last year but there has been nothing published on eTenders as of yet. We were hoping it would be released early this year in order to submit our application. We feel we have the right team to manage the pavilion and integrate the local community into our Padel360 vision."

Q.44 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address a parking anomaly on Castlewood Avenue which is causing access, exit and safety problems for residents. Castlewood Avenue is a very busy road connecting Rathmines and Ranelagh. On the south side of the street, there are double yellow lines and on the other, there are not. For some reason, people are able to park on the north side of the road on Sunday (and after 4 pm), causing significant traffic jams and disruption with parked cars blocking driveways. Even if there is enough space to exit, it is extremely dangerous reversing onto a busy road behind parked cars. At 7m wide, it is not a wide road, with ambulances, fire engines, and public transport regularly stuck behind parked cars. Towing trucks are regularly required. There is ample parking on Sunday in the area so there is no need for a parking derogation on the north side of the road on Sundays or after 4pm. Double yellow lines should also be considered on the north side of the road.

Q.45 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to schedule repair of the traffic calming bumps / speed ramps on the Terenure end of Bushy Park Road. These are in a terrible state for car users and should be brought up to a safe standard like the others on the road.

Q.46 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for repainting of the yellow lines on Rathdown Avenue. In some cases they have disintegrated entirely which allows car owners to ignore them and this is not helping the ongoing traffic / parking problems on this road, particularly with increased usage of Bushy Park going into the spring and summer. While I appreciate that the lines were repainted around the entrances, they have not been repainted on other stretches of the road where previously yellow lines were clearly visible.

Q.47 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the park on Neagh Road, a quiet residential area, locked at night and reopened in the morning as is the case on Corrib road. On a number of occasions anti-social behaviour has taken place in the park at night-time, including damage to the playground equipment.

Q.48 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address the issue of an untaxed and uninsured storage unit parked on details supplied.

Q.49 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager, in light of the launch of the national EV Charging Infrastructure Strategy, what are the plans for the provision of EV charging in the South East Area?

Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please repaint and extend the yellow box outside the entrance to the Iveagh Trust on New Bride Street. It has become difficult to see due to the development across the road and is causing traffic safety issues

Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install '30km per hour' signs on New Bride Street as speeding is an issue here.

Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the plans for this piece of vacant land on Little Ship Street (see photo attached)?



Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will the damage done by a utility company on the recently resurfaced Long Lane be fixed? This road was only resurfaced a year ago and is now destroyed at the junction of New Bride Street by shoddy workmanship.

Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee Calls on the Area Manager to install bike parking on Lennox Street. These are mostly terraced houses with no gardens so people are locking their bikes on lamp posts on narrow pathways. There is a clear demand for bike parking here.

Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he install a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Lennox Street and Richmond Street South?

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please fixed the footpaths at the junction of Trinity Street and St. Andrew's Lane as it is serious disrepair?

Q.57 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please state what steps are being taken to designate the site at the entrance on the south side Le Bas Terrace, Harold's Cross a derelict building? The building has been derelict for years and is the cause of rodents in the area from time to time. Furthermore this is a site that could provide a much needed home.

Q.58 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues from a Ballsbridge resident.

He writes:

1. When are the lamps that were removed from Ballsbridge some months ago due to be reinstated?
2. To arrange to have the potholes in the middle of the bridge repaired.
3. Who is responsible for the cleaning of Ballsbridge (cleaning / sweeping the streets with a brush, as a mechanical sweeping machine is ineffective where there are parked cars).

Please note I have been in contact with the Manager's office and the return email, dated the 24th of January stated Shelbourne Road is scheduled for daily cleaning and is mechanically swept daily. This is most certainly not the case. Shelbourne Road has not been cleaned since the very poor attempt after the Leinster v Racing rugby match. If there is a litter management plan in place please adhere to the schedule.

Q.59 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Area Manager to provide an update in respect of the disabled parking bay application with reference number 7029538; if he can outline when the Area Engineer will be examining this application, and when it can be expected that the Applicant will be responded to concerning their application for a parking space.

Q.60 Councillor Tara Deacy

A local couple have been in touch highlighting they bought their house in Crumlin in 2021 and the mains water pressure is very poor - approx. 3 litres/min from the kitchen tap. They have been told this is common in the Crumlin area. Are DCC aware of any planned works to increase the water pressure?

Q.61 Councillor Tara Deacy

Prince Arthur Terrace, Rathmines

The appalling condition of Prince Arthur Terrace has been brought to my attention by the local residents. In the summer of 2022 DCC sent a road crew out and patch worked in some repairs, this is totally unsuitable solution as it just moves the water around to diffuse locations on the terrace. The full road needs to be re surfaced.

Q.62 Councillor Tara Deacy

Villiers Road

A number of residents have raised concerns about the speed of cars using Villiers Road and the danger this poses to local children, the Gardaí have a role here clearly but can DCC please visit this site and see if we can add any traffic calming measures, are there any speed ramps present etc.? What can we do as an organisation to assist?

Q.63 Councillor Tara Deacy

The advertising board, located on Rathmines Road Lower has been brought to our attention again with some residents saying it is continuing to beam bright light into houses beside it. I know DCC responded to previous objections about the board by

introducing a 'fade' transition, in order to prevent the bright flash emitted between adverts appearing on screen. Has this been monitored by DCC or have any conversations or feedback been given to DCC from local residents.

Q.64 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the manager undertake to write to the providers of bin collection services in Dublin and remind them that they are only allowed to operate between the hours of 6am and 9pm and outline what measures are currently in place to ensure that collections are only taking place during these hours? This is on foot of reports to councillors of collections taking place from 5am, disturbing the sleep of residents.

Q.65 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the manager provide an update as to when the resurfacing of Orwell Road (scheduled for Q4 of 2022) will take place?

Q.66 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the manager agree to assess and identify a suitable location to install at least two bins in the environs of Dolphin Road and Herberton Road? Bins are required for the disposal of general waste and dog waste, as footfall in the area has increased recently with football teams, health enthusiasts and dog walkers using the area. With a significant pedestrian upgrade occurring here, more footfall is likely in the future, and dumping on the Dolphin Road green is already a huge problem. Tidy Drimnagh volunteers disposed of 53 bags of dog waste in a recent litter pick.

Q.67 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager provide an update on the plans to replace the laurel hedging in Palmerston Park? Can this hedging be replaced with native, traditional hedge which could enhance the biodiversity of the park?

Q.68 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager offer an explanation as to why the internet access in Rathmines library is so poor? Users complain of a 20 minute wait time trying to connect, frequently dropped connections, and areas of the library where the Wi-Fi isn't available. Internet access is one of the vital modern public services that people should be able to rely on their libraries to provide, and in 2023 it is not acceptable that this service is not reliable in one of the city's biggest and best libraries.

Q.69 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the traffic engineers for the area assess and propose a solution to the use of Villiers Road as a through road connecting Rathmines Road Upper and Highfield Road? The current traffic management plan is causing Villiers Road to be used as a rat run, with vehicles travelling at an unreasonably high speed for such a narrow road. In recent weeks this has resulted in damage to two vehicles parked on the road.

Q.70 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager please instruct housing to deal with the mould problem at (address supplied)? The tenants have been complaining about this issue and the health implications for some time now.

Q.71 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the following can be addressed,

Scaffolding and hoardings were recently erected on the Charlemont Square site, reducing the usable footpath space to less than an arm's width. This is well below the

minimum footway width of 1.8m as specified by the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (Section 4.3.1, May 2019 Version 1.1).

This is a high-traffic footpath which serves as a critical link between stops for the 9, 16, 68, 122, and 125 busses, the Luas, and the many employers, schools, and business nearby. Locals, as well as commuters from as far afield as Newbridge, Greenogue, Cabra, Balinteer, and the airport expect to be able to safely and quickly use this footpath to go about their day.

The hoardings are almost certainly necessary to progress the construction works on the site. But the footpath that they encroach on is adjacent to a carriageway which has 4 lanes of one-way traffic. Four lanes, in the city center!!!! I ask that just one of these 4 lanes is closed for so long as the hoardings are present. This 25% reduction in road space allocated to motor vehicles would more than double the space available to pedestrians, ensuring safer and more efficient movement for all along this busy block.

Q.72 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for an update on the housing position of details supplied, who is on the housing list since 2008,

Q.73 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager If monitored cameras could be placed on traffic lights at the junction of Haddington Road Grand Canal Street, South Lotts Road and Shelbourne Road. Residents report consistent breaking of red lights at this junction, with many near misses involving the elderly and children.

Q.74 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager of a traffic island could be placed at the Haddington Road side of Shelbourne road. Residents report that as the road is quite wide at this section there is not enough time for many pedestrians to cross the road.

Q.75 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the junction of Wexford Street and Kevin Street could be inspected, there appears to be water leak there.

Q.76 Councillor Mary Freehill

Could the manager find out what progress the Minister for Culture has made in re-establishing 1% for public art as part of Irish Water projects? She told us a long time ago that a working group was established to examine it. Irish water has reneged on their responsibilities and it is unacceptable that the Minister allows them get off the hook by not getting this group to complete its work.

Q.77 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager with the success or Belmont Avenue traffic change that said changes be kept but that assessment be made on Marlborough Road and work for an overall traffic management plan for the three parallel roads running from Donnybrook Road to Ranelagh Road (Marlborough, Eglinton and Belmont).

Q.78 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to review the possibilities of putting in a glass recycling facility in Donnybrook.

Q.79 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to repair or reseed the green area in Mountpleasant Square and investigate and put in more play facilities.

Q.80 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to work with the Swan Leisure to investigate and put in play facilities at the small green area off Williams Park. St Louis School and Safari Crèche children both use the park and it would be beneficial for them to have play facilities.

Q.81 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager how many dog fines were issued in the South East Area and how many wardens do we have in those areas

Q.82 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if the 94sq.m of footpath area identified by Area engineers which merits renewal on Cowper Gardens could be added to the programme for works.

Q.83 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager what can be done about dumping of clothes around the clothes bin located in the Milltown Car Park which is regularly overflowing with volunteers regularly cleaning up as per the photo attached and email below in details supplied.

Q.84 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he could address the issues raised in this email below (details supplied).

Q.85 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he could address the specific question raised in the email below (details supplied).

Q.86 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he can address the issues raised in the email below and photo attached (details supplied).

Q.87 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if the issues raised in the email and photo attached below could be addressed (details supplied).