

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th February 2023

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for a detailed update on the proposed new community centre for the Kilbarrack area”

Reply

North Central Area office have contracted Mazars to conduct a cost & demand analysis for the proposed new community centre in the Kilbarrack area. We are awaiting their findings. It is hoped to have this report by Q2 2023.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
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Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager what action has been taken to date regarding the vacant properties at **(details supplied)**; if they are aware of the concerns of the local residents; and when works will take place to return these houses to the active housing stock”

Reply

Two of the properties at the **(details supplied)** have already been refurbished and they are with the Local Area Office for letting. Housing Maintenance currently has contractors on-site and they are working through the remaining two properties. It is envisaged that the remaining two properties will be refurbished in Q1 2023. These properties will remain steeled up throughout the refurbishment and pending occupation to maintain security.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 222 3517
Email: Clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

The contractor commenced refurbishment works on **(details supplied)** on 14th February 2023. Fencing is in the process of being erected around the property.

Works are complete on 179 **(details supplied)** and this property has been advertised under the Choice Based Letting scheme. Closing date for applications 24/02/23

202 **(details supplied)** has recently been handed over to the contractor for refurbishment.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran, Acting Area Housing Manager
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Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

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Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to investigate the potential damage caused to **(details supplied)** as a result of roots from a tree outside this property. The roots of this tree have cracked the cobble lock and moved the gate pillar of the adjacent house. Can these damages be repaired?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the public footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

The location was inspected and a slight displacement of the pillar and cobble lock paving was noted however the cause of which was not immediately apparent. It was further observed that the street tree had been vandalised with all of the major limbs hacked off the stem. The Parks Service does not carry out repair works to private property. If the property owner wished to make a claim against the Council for remedy contact should be made with the Parks Service on the email below and request that a claim form be posted out. Once the claim has been initiated the matter will be fully investigated by an independent claims assessor.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager if there is any plans to update the street lighting in the Grange Park estate in Raheny. There are particular areas in the estate where the roads and paths are in poor condition, and the lack of lighting increases a tripping hazard.”

Reply

The public lighting on the following roads in the Grange Park Estate, are planned to be upgraded to LED.

- Grange Park Close
- Grange Park Drive
- Grange Park Green
- Grange Park Rise
- Grange Park Road
- Grange Park View
- Grange Park Walk

These works are expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.

Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

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Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager if there has been any contact with Clongriffin Athletics Club in respect of facilities for them.”

Reply

The community team have been in contact with Clongriffin AC regarding funding and additional grants that may be available to them through DCC's Sports & Wellbeing however they have no information about facilities which I think was raised at the November Belmayne/Clongriffin Safety Forum.

Contact: Sheila Duffy, Senior Staff Officer
Tel: 222 8556
Email: Sheila.duffy@dublincity.ie

Dublin City Council through the Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Manager Aideen O'Connor has had ongoing direct contact with Clongriffin Athletics club since their start up. DCSWP has provided support, assistance and advocated for the club in terms of accessing the Trinity Astro to use as a training facility, in which it is understood they were allocated a training slot.

Contact: Aideen O'Connor, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 7870
Email: Aideen.oconnor@dublincity.ie

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Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange reinstatement of the yellow box at the junction of Shanowen Road and Shanowen Drive following road resurfacing?”

Reply

EU Networks have scheduled the permanent reinstatement of their carriageway temporary reinstatement on the Shanowen Road for the weekend of 18th February 2023. This will include the repainting of the yellow box at the junction with Shanowen Drive.

Contact: Deri Flood, SEE, IMU, RMS
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Email: deri.flood@dublincity.ie

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Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to reinstate the green filter light for traffic turning left from Shanowen Road to Swords Road to alleviate congestion on Shanowen Road?”

Reply

In May 2020 the traffic signal operation was revised to run the left turn filter signal from Shanowen Rd to Swords Rd whilst right turn traffic was moving from Swords Rd to Shanowen Rd.

This revision had to be removed a week later following An Garda Siochana intervention citing road user safety concerns regarding lack of turning circle room for larger vehicles, including buses, exiting left from Shanowen Rd to Swords Rd.

Left turning traffic from Shanowen Rd currently exits along with right turn traffic to Swords Rd.

The traffic signal timings have, however, now been edited to allocate extra timings to the Shanowen Road exit when required.

We will also monitor the operation of the traffic signals at this location and make further changes, as required, where there is scope to do so.

**Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Environment and
Transportation Department.**

Tel: 222 6198.

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

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Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the request for speed ramps/traffic calming on Shanliss Drive and Shanliss Avenue?”

Reply

The area engineer is currently assessing service requests for Dublin North Central. The area engineer will assess the issues raised in relation to Shanliss Drive and Shanliss Avenue as soon as current workload allows.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed new playground for the Kilmore West, which is an area severely lacking in accessible community facilities & whose population is due to increase significantly with proposed residential developments amounting to over one thousand new homes which are due to be completed within a short period of time”.

Reply

The Parks Service committed to the provision of a small playground in Kilmore subject to matching funding from the discretionary fund 2023. It is intended to commence consultations locally in the coming weeks.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a manual sweeping of the road as it meets the footpath along **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned as requested on 7th February 2023.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 222 4240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to advise how often the litter wardens monitor litter levels in Coolock Village and along the Malahide Road towards the junction with the Kilmore Road - there are very many takeaways and convenience shops along this stretch and a visible level of discarded food containers, cans and other food rubbish”.

Reply

A litter warden patrols this stretch of shops at least three days a week. All these businesses were visited last year and reminded of their responsibilities under the Litter Acts. Our litter warden regularly witnesses shops here cleaning up after school going children have left after lunch. He will call to them again over the coming weeks to ensure everything possible is being done to reduce the litter emanating from their premises.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to liaise with local takeaways and convenience shops with regard to the disposal of takeaway litter on the footpaths by the patrons and perhaps suggest supportive signage in their shops”.

Reply

The Public Domain section will request the local litter warden to call to local takeaway and convenience shops to remind them of their responsibilities under the litter act.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Phone: 222 8866
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Our Litter Enforcement Manager will get a litter warden to call to takeaway and convenience shops in the Coolock Village and Malahide Road area in the coming weeks. He will ensure they are doing all they can to prevent littering by patrons of their premises.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager If he will arrange for the following works regarding footpath repairs at (**details supplied**) to be carried out”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at (**details supplied**). If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

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Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager If he will arrange for the following works regarding road markings at (**details supplied**) to be carried out”.

Reply

These locations will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for re-painting will be carried out within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of 20th of February 2023.

Contact: Paul Doyle, Road Markings Section, Traffic Transportation.
Email: paul.doyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager If he will arrange for the following works regarding gully cleaning at (**details supplied**) to be carried out”.

Reply

Twelve of twelve gullies at the locations above were cleaned on 10/02/2023 by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew. No defects were found.

Contact: Richard Sheehy
Email: Richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie

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Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager If he will arrange for the following works regarding public lighting at **(details supplied)** to be carried out”.

Reply

A night check was carried out on all the lights on **(details supplied)** on 8th February 2023 and all lights were found to be operating normally.

Contact: **Seamus MacSweeney**
Tel: **086 8343154**
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

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Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to liaise with the residents at **(details supplied)** with regard to the removal of bollards in front of their houses”

Reply

It has been agreed with residents to remove the bollards facing **(details supplied)** on a permanent basis. This will be done over the next two weeks.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran, Acting Area Housing Manager
Tel: 086 8556560
Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

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Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for stepping stones to be put in along the very short desire line from the pedestrian entrance into **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services would not install stepping stones as these would not conform to Dublin City Council construction standards for Road and Street works.

To install a paved area at this location would formalise an informal crossing. This request should be directed to TAG who can assess the need for a formal crossing and consider this for inclusion in their future works programs.

Contact: Shane Satell, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

The area engineer does not consider the location of an uncontrolled crossing on the aforementioned road to be a suitable location for a crossing point due to its proximity to the acute bend in road which has a restricted line of sight at the bend.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.
Tel: 087 2615965.
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the sweeping of the built up autumn leaves on the footpath on **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned as requested on 8th February 2023.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager can he arrange for the kerbings along **(details supplied)** to get repaired”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have no plans in place to repair the kerbs at **(details supplied)**. RMS will however note this location and consider the kerbs for repair if additional funding becomes available in 2023.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.**
Tel: **222 3898.**
Email: **derek.horan@dublincity.ie**

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Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager can he arrange for the road surfaces at **(details supplied)** to be examined and any necessary repairs scheduled as soon as possible”.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have no plans in place to complete carriageway repair works at **(details supplied)**. RMS will however note this location and consider the estate for repair if additional funding becomes available in 2023.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.**
Tel: **222 3898.**
Email: **derek.horan@dublincity.ie**

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Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager can he arrange for the repair of the broken barriers along (details supplied) which have fallen into disrepair”.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services does not install or maintain these wooden barriers.

Contact: Shane Satell, Senior Executive Engineer.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

Traffic Section of Environment & Transportation Department do not install or maintain the type of infrastructure referred to.

Contact: Michael J. O'Brien, Traffic Officer.
Email: michael.obrien@dublincity.ie

Traffic Section do not install wooden barriers to prevent illegal parking.

Contact: Bernard Lester, A/ Senior Engineer, Transportation.
Tel: 222 5871.
Email: bernard.lester@dublincity.ie

Parks Services does not install or maintain these wooden barriers and would suggest that this barriers be removed as they have come to end of life.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

The Area Office will engage a contractor to have these wooden barriers removed and grass reinstated.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Phone: 222 8866
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

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Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager can he confirm at what stage the feasibility study is for the installation of **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Following a consultation with the local community in recent years a perimeter path, new gates, seating and adult exercise equipment have been installed which has greatly increased footfall and improved the perception of safety in the park. The Parks Service has also examined the feasibility of a floodlit training facility for the use of the school and local clubs that would not interfere with the existing grass pitches which are of a good standard and in high demand.

A draft plan for the park including an all-weather facility will be brought to the Area Committee in Q2 2023 for discussion.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: fergus.ocarroll@dublincity.ie

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Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager can he arrange for **(details supplied)** to be litter picked”

Reply

Waste Management Services had this cleaning carried out as requested on the 9th February 2023.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 222 4240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the reconfigured cycle plan at Clontarf baths and the issues with proposed land transfer”

Reply

Engagement with the developer is ongoing and due diligence is continuing with regard to land ownership and acquisition of the land in question.

A further update on progress should be available by the end of Q1 2023.

Contact: **Rónán Costello, Assistant Engineer**
 Active Travel Programme Office
Email: activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

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Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager could an update be provided on the completion of the Griffith Avenue and Collins Avenue active transport route”.

Reply

Griffith Avenue:

The road markings on the section of Griffith Avenue between Charlemont and the Malahide Road (section 5) are due to be complete by Friday 24th of February.

Other outstanding works that remain to be completed during 2023 include:

- Completion of the laying of buff and red coloured surfacing in the cycle lanes which is due to re-commence later this month assuming the weather improves sufficiently
- Installation of a concrete extruded kerb on the southern side of Griffith Avenue in Section 5
- Installation of planters to protect the bays of parking along Griffith Avenue

Bus Connects proposes to upgrade the junction of Griffith Avenue and the Malahide Road as part of the Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. Griffith Avenue is a section on the Glasnevin to Clontarf Active Travel Route. While it is expected that there will be limited opportunities for installing further protected cycle lanes east of the Malahide Road or west of Ballygall Road these sections will be investigated in the coming months.

Contact: Alec Dundon. Acting Senior Executive Engineer
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Email: Alec.Dundon@dublincity.ie

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Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on reinstalling school zone markings on Seafield Avenue after the Irish water works and safe routes to school plans for St Joseph’s school Marino and St Bridget’s school as reported in latest NTA round of funding”

Reply

An inspection will be carried out on Seafield Avenue and any of the markings removed by water works will be reinstated within 30 days of the NCAC meeting on 20th February 2023.

Contact: Paul Doyle, Road Markings Section, Traffic Transportation.
Email: paul.doyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a list of all planned zebra crossings and other pedestrians crossings for 2023 in the North central Area to the councillor”.

Reply

Currently there are no Zebra Crossings planned for the North Central Area as part of the first set of site installations for the trail of zebra Crossings as presented at the Januarys SPC Traffic & Transportation Group.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.
Tel: 087 2615965.
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on Fairview park tea rooms and planned library”.

Reply

A feasibility study for new library facilities at Fairview Park was carried out. The study looked at integrating a library building alongside the previous part 8 application for tearooms in Fairview Park. The feasibility study is being reviewed by libraries' and parks' management.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Tel: 222 4816
Email: Brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the installing of we go accessible swings agreed in 2022”

Reply

We are in the process of procuring an accessible and inclusive swing that facilitates up to four users. Allowing time for procurement of same and installation, these units could be in place by Q3 2023. The number of these units will depend on tender prices and available funding. The locations will be confirmed in due course.

Contact: Debby Clarke – DCC Play Development Officer
Mobile: 086 8150997
Email: debbie.clarke@dublincity.ie

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Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to ongoing parking difficulties at **(details supplied)** and say what action he can take to rectify the parking problem at this point and say if permanent bollards could be considered”.

Reply

The Parking Enforcement Inspector has advised that the situation has improved at this location in the last few months. He has been out on site on multiple occasions in 2022 and had logged continuous enforcement requests throughout that time. It is often the case that when Dublin Street Parking Services go out on site the driver returns to the vehicle or the vehicle has moved and the area is clear. Vehicles are permitted to stop on Double Yellow Lines if they are unloading or loading for a certain period of time. Dublin Street Parking Services will continue to monitor and patrol the area and take the necessary enforcement action where they can.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

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Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to entrance location at **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to remove the mulched up leaves etc on the footpath which is a danger to vulnerable pedestrians”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleared of leaves on 9th February 2023.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to refer to tree at location at **(details supplied)** and say if will consider seriously lopping/pruning same as
(a) tree is enormous and
(b) footpath is in seriously dangerous condition with tree root protrusion and is an accident waiting to happen
and if he will also arrange to have the footpath at **(details supplied)** repaired”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the public footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

The adopted tree policy does not consider the size of a tree to be a valid reason to prune or fell an otherwise healthy tree. An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager, in relation to promised works on grass verges at **(details supplied)**, please now arrange to have same reinstated as was promised and consider the erection of some type of bollards, (similar to that erected around the verges on Griffith Avenue) for the protection against damage of same”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services have reviewed the condition of the grass verges at **(details supplied)** following completion of localised footpath repair works. Road Maintenance Services can report that:

- A number of cars are parking illegally on the reinstated grass verges and this is causing disturbance and damage. Road Maintenance Services will bring this issue to the attention of Dublin City Council’s Parking Enforcement Division for investigation and follow-up.
- A number of the vehicular dishings, which facilitate access to the driveways of houses along this road, have been found to be narrow. This is resulting in cars disturbing the grass verges as they access/ exit driveways. Road Maintenance Services intends arranging for these vehicular dishings to be widened in the coming weeks.
- The grass verges that have been disturbed will be reseeded in circa April, when the weather has improved.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.**
Tel: **222 3898.**
Email: **derek.horan@dublincity.ie**

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Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please arrange for replacement of shore and repair of deep/dangerous groove in the road at location as per **(details supplied)** (which I have requested be repaired now on at least 4 occasions) as the groove in the road at this point is a serious danger to cyclists, particularly during wet weather”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have plans in place to complete joint sealing works at **(details supplied)**. RMS will liaise with our contractor to try to have these works implemented as soon as possible.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

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Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to request from my constituent to relocate traffic calming ramp at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if it is the intention to relocate same during the installation of additional ramps at **(details supplied)** and can the manager give me the exact location and date for the installation of the new ramps”

Reply

The area engineer has looked into the issues raised by the resident regarding the speed ramp located on **(details supplied)**. The speed ramp which is being objected to has been present at this location since 2009.

As such the area engineer will not be recommending removal of this speed ramp to another location.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart - North City Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to housing applicant as per **(details supplied)** and say

- (a) What his position on the housing list is
- (b) When he is likely to be made an offer of accommodation.
- (c) If the manager can get a housing official to communicate directly with **(details supplied)**”

Reply

We have tried to contact the applicant by phone with no success. I have sent a letter detailing the required documentation. The application is currently deferred pending the submission of additional documentation to enable us to assess the application correctly. We require proof of income (Employment Detail Summary 2022 and Statement of Liability 2022) and confirmation of who he resides with in the family home.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2226
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

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Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to **(details supplied)**, say if consideration can be given to installing a pedestrian crossing at this location as pedestrians naturally graduate to crossing the road at this point”

Reply

The request for pedestrian crossing at **(details supplied)** has been added to the area engineer’s list of requests for pedestrian crossings throughout Dublin North Central.

Once the area engineer has been informed of the funding available to him, a decision will be made in relation to future pedestrian crossings.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.
Tel: 087 2615965.
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to replace the “H” hydrant sign at location as per **(details supplied)**”

Reply

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

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

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

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

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

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Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to tree to be replaced at location as per **(details supplied)**, to say when this tree will be replaced and can he also say if the pillars surrounding the grass verge at **(details supplied)** are to be placed around all other grass verges to protect same”

Reply

The previous mature tree was surrounded by tarmac and was only recently removed so it is unlikely that the major roots and root plate have degraded sufficiently to allow for immediate replanting.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding planning (**Details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply

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

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

Contact: Fiona Murphy, Administrative Officer, Planning Decisions,
Planning & Property Development Dept.
Tel: 222 5233
Email: Fiona.murphy@dublincity.ie

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Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Planning for Housing at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply

Report to Councillor due to details supplied.

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Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Senior citizens complex at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply

The community room in **(details supplied)** was opened on Monday 13th February 2023. Meals will be served Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 noon to 2pm. We hope to commence other activities in the community room shortly.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran – Acting Area Housing Manager
Tel: 086 8556560
Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

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Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Senior Citizens complexes and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Can I be supplied with an updated report re: listing the plans to revamp ALL senior citizens complexes in the NCA? Are there plans in place to revamp them all to make them more energy efficient and more comfortable and a Timeframe?

Reply

All Older Person complexes in the Area are currently being examined as part of a wider housing regeneration programme review whereby together with the City Architects Division, Area Housing Managers, Housing Maintenance and our Planning Department, the Housing Regeneration team are examining its programme with the aim of recommending a strategic regeneration plan for the next 30 years. Upon completion of this review, the findings will be discussed and shared with the local elected representatives.

Current status of Regeneration projects in the North Central Area:

Older Person Complex	Project Details	Project Status
Glin Court, Dublin 17	The project is for the full demolition of two of the existing three housing blocks and the construction of 32 new homes for Older Persons and a new community room.	The Stage 4 application has been submitted to the DHLGH and subject to approval, we envisage starting onsite end of Q1 2023
St. Anne's Court, Dublin 5	The proposal is for the full demolition of the existing housing blocks and the construction of a new build Older Person housing scheme with approximately 102 homes including a community space.	Stage 1 DHLGH Approval has been received and an integrated design team have been appointed to progress designs towards planning application
Mount Dillon Court, Dublin 5	DCC City Architects are finalising a feasibility study for the redevelopment of this Older Persons scheme. Once completed, a review of the options will take place, which will determine the best development option and delivery mechanism for the site.	At feasibility stage
Gorsefield Court, Dublin 5	DCC City Architects are finalising their feasibility study for the redevelopment of	At feasibility stage

	this Older Persons scheme. Once completed, a review of the options will take place, which will determine the best development option and delivery mechanism for the site.	
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Contact: Alice Simington, SEO Housing Regeneration
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Email: alice.simington@dublincity.ie

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Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding cleaning and if he will make a statement on the matter”

How many crews are actively sweeping in the NCA on a daily basis? Are machines used and are we happy that all black spots are being tackled? How many hand carts are being used?

Reply

Waste Management Services have one inspector, three supervisors and thirty eight outdoor staff working in the North Central area from 6am-2pm. We have a Public Domain team consisting of one inspector, one supervisor and six outdoor staff working there from 2pm-9pm.

The machines used here are three large road sweepers and two small road sweepers. There are fourteen side loaders and one bin truck which is dedicated to clearing the illegal dumping black spots as quickly as possible.

There are two hand carts operating in this area.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 222 4240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding a playground and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Kilmore West – Can I get an update re: plans to provide one for Cromcastle / Kilbarron. Will the residents in Castletimon be able to use the playground to be constructed on the Oscar Traynor lands?

Reply

Regarding the sites at Cromcastle Court and Cromcastle Underpass, there are currently no plans to provide a public play facilities as part of these developments. Regarding Oscar Traynor Road Development, yes the 3.6 Ha park and 3 pocket parks (Kilmore gardens, Lawrence Gardens and Castle Gardens) and their associate play and MUGA facilities will be available for use by the public.

Contact: Martin Donlon
Tel: 222 3943
Email: martin.donlon@dublincity.ie

The Parks Service committed to the provision of a small playground in Kilmore subject to matching funding from the discretionary fund 2023. It is intended to commence consultations locally in the coming weeks. Other than age requirements for certain play items there are no restrictions as to who may avail of public playgrounds.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Roads and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Swords Road –from Drumcondra to Santry village. Are there any plans to resurface this large stretch of road? Parts of it have potholes or is the plan just to fix the potholes for now?

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have no plans in place to complete carriageway repair works at **(details supplied)**. RMS will however note this location and consider the estate for repair if additional funding becomes available in 2023. An inspection will also be carried out to assess the need for temporary repairs and to make the potholes safe as required.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th February 2023

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager for a report re: derelict buildings and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Industrial units next to St Pappin’s Church, Santry Village. Are there any plans to deal with these empty buildings and refurbish them? Is the owner being hit with levies? Are they on the derelict buildings register? The derelict buildings are in a prime location that stretch onto the main street of Santry village.

Reply

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

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3941
Email: nial.dully@dublincity.ie

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Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager if there are plans to cut shrubbery as outlined below and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Oakpark estate, Santry. Are there plans to clean and cut back some of the shrubbery that has gone out of hand in the estate and on the other side on the M1 motorway. Are there any plans to provide more flowers in this estate?

Reply

The shrubbery area on the estate side was inspected and found to be neatly flailed back. A couple of items a tyre/small amount of litter was observed which will be cleared in the coming week as schedule allows. The motorway side is growing in a healthy natural condition and there are no plans to cut same. In addition to the positive biodiversity aspect this band provides it also provides sound abatement from motorway noise.

There are no plans to plant flowers.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Roundabouts and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Are there any plans to improve the appearance of the roundabouts in the NCA? Has the naming of roundabouts ever being considered to help visitors etc?

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have no plans in place to improve the appearance of the roundabouts in the North Central Area. Road Maintenance would prefer to target defect repairs given the limited budget available.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

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Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding shrubbery and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Hedging/Trees/Flowers on the Malahide Road from the Artane Roundabout to Darndale Roundabout. Are there any plans to clean the rubbish from this large area and cut back the shrubbery and plant more trees and flowers etc.?

Reply

The median is maintained by contract and is regularly cleaned. The matter will be raised with the contractor. The hedging was recently cut back to ensure it will not interfere with the public road. Wildflower seeding was recently carried out on the Darndale Roundabout.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will dish the raised platform in the centre of Saint Joseph’s Square, Clontarf to allow cars to park there.”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) would not be in favour of dishing the area located in the centre of Saint Joseph’s Square. Road Maintenance would prefer to target defect repairs given the limited budget available.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

The area engineer has a limited budget for 2023 and currently has no plans to increase parking spaces at this location.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: Gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager will the Council replace the tree that is missing outside a residence at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The location was inspected and will be included in the current street tree planting programme Nov 22-Mar 23 as schedules and weather allows.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager will the Council prune the trees outside a residence at (details supplied)”

Reply

This tree was recently inspected and found to be in an acceptable condition with no tree works required or recommended at this time.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager will the Council prune the trees outside a residence at (details supplied)”

Reply

This tree was recently inspected and found to be in an acceptable condition with no tree works required or recommended at this time.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will remove a tree outside a residence at **(details supplied)** where the tree has lifted and cracked the footpath”

Reply

The tree was recently inspected and found to be in acceptable condition and structurally sound. No issues that would warrant the removal of this tree were observed on site.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if assistance can be given to an elderly person at **(details supplied)** with having her windows replaced”

Reply

The application **(details supplied)** received under the *Housing Aid for Older People* Scheme was assessed by the Loans & Grants Section in accordance with the guidance issued by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage.

The purpose of the Scheme is stated as

“To assist older people living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs carried out where, in the opinion of the authority, the repairs, whilst less than those appropriate to render the house fit in every respect, constitute repairs it considers are reasonably necessary to prolong the useful life of the house for the applicant.”

On inspection it was determined that the windows at **(details supplied)** are not at ‘end of life’ and therefore not in need of replacement but may be eligible for repair i.e. replacement of seals, handles hinges.

The applicant was advised of this by the Loans & Grants Section by letter dated 22nd October 2022 but to date has not followed up with a revised application.

Contact: Deirdre Cahill, Senior Staff Officer
Tel: 222 2640
Email: deirdre.cahill@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if consideration will be given to the signalisation of pedestrian lights at the following location - On Griffith Avenue near the junction with The Rise

Reply

The request for pedestrian lights at this location has been added to the area engineer’s list of requests for pedestrian crossings throughout Dublin North Central.

Once the area engineer has been informed of the funding available to him, a decision will be made in relation to future pedestrian crossings.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if he will respond to matters raised from a resident regarding Ellenfield Park and what are the council’s plans to address the issues raised”

The playground in Ellenfield Park is not fit for purpose, broken equipment and graffiti everywhere. Ground is covered in moss and painted designs on ground cannot be seen. It needs an overhaul and an update as the equipment is outdated and sparse.

Reply

Ellenfield Playground is certainly one of the older playgrounds in the area but still scores quite well on the annual safety inspections. There are no current plans for an upgrade at this time as other poorer quality playgrounds are considered a higher priority. An inspection will be arranged later this spring with a view to scheduling a deep clean of the equipment and surfacing before the summer months.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to furnish a report on the discretionary spending allocated to **(details supplied)** last year and why this has not been spent”

Reply

In the 2022 discretionary budget, funding was set aside by both Councillors and the Parks Department from their works budget to develop a teen scene and to carry out some landscaping works, benches etc within the park. Due to resource issues the Parks Department never got around to this project but they have agreed to include **(details supplied)** in this year's work plan and the Area Office will carry forward the funding from the discretionary budget for the project. Councillors may wish to add to this funding also through the 2023 discretionary budget.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall LEA
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Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding lead pipes and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Are lead pipes being actively being replaced in the NCA? Is all this work carried out by Irish water staff only i.e. no DCC involvement? What is the budget for 2023? What checks are carried out by DCC staff, if any, to ensure that the footpath is returned to the same state before the works? Are photos taken etc? Before/ after. Is the inspection a desk exercise or carried out in person?

Reply

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

Please call the telephone number on [0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578](tel:0818178178) and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water’s Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

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

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Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: [@IrishWater](https://twitter.com/IrishWater)
Postal Address: **Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork**

The Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU) inspectorate in RMS inspect all completed utility reinstatements to ensure that all reinstatements are carried out to the required standard as set out in *The Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads 2017*, published by the Department of Transport, which stipulates that the footpaths must be reinstated to match the existing path. On average 20,000 inspections are carried out by the IMU inspectorate annually. Photos are taken prior, during and end of completed works. The post works inspections are initiated utility inputs on the online roadworks system. The scheduling of inspections is a desk exercise carried out daily but the inspections are in person.

Contact: **Deri Flood. SEE, IMU, RMS**
Tel: **222 2558**
Email: Deri.flood@dublincity.ie

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Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Housing and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Mould in all DCC Housing. What measures does DCC take when mould in housing is reported by tenants? Are we satisfied that we always get to the root cause of it?

Reply

When a tenant reports issues of mould DCC will arrange an inspection of the property and carry out a report on the causes of the mould.

It is imperative that any property has the 3 characteristics that are required to reduce the chances of condensation occurring. They are:

- Adequate ventilation
- Adequate insulation
- Adequate heating

If any of these 3 are not present, there is a possibility that condensation will affect the property. This is normally due to moisture created by daily lifestyle practices. (showers, cooking, internally drying clothes etc.).

Dublin City Council is very aware of issues that our tenants can have with condensation in our units. A sizeable proportion of DCC's housing stock was constructed between 1930 and 1977 accounting for 50% of the total stock. 81% of our dwellings were built before the introduction of the Building Regulations in 1991. Construction prior to the 1960's tended to be in solid wall, this type of construction is not great for retaining heat in units. Dublin City Council are very keen to work closely with our tenants in helping to combat mould issues in our units. It is imperative that any property has the 3 characteristics that are required to reduce the chances of condensation occurring. They are:

• Adequate ventilation, • Adequate insulation, • Adequate heating. If any of these 3 are not present, there is a possibility that condensation will affect the property. In recent years we have carried out various works (outlined below), to help eliminate condensation.

As part of our Energy Efficiency Programme we have:

- Phase I Complete – 8,057 Units Upgraded. (Phase 1 entails insulating the cavities with pumped bead insulation and attic insulation)
- Phase II – 1110 Units Upgraded up to the end of 2022 (Phase 2 entails wrapping houses and upgrading windows)
- Total of 9,076 Upgraded to date under Phase I and Phase II of the programme up to the end of 2022
- Average BER improvement from an F to a D1 for Phase One and an F to a C1 rating achieved on Phase II (F to a C3 overall; B2 or cost optimal now and going forward)
- Approximately 80% of our houses have now been upgraded under the programme up to the end of 2022
- Estimated €64.3 Million saved in energy bills for our tenants up to the end of 2021 (*Source: Codema)

As part of our Voids Programme:

- 772 number upgrades done in 2022. This work involves upgrading our units to a minimum of The Standards of Rented Houses in 2019.
- Between 2017-2021 we upgraded 4,636 voids in Dublin City.

As part of our Sub Condensation Group:

A Housing Sub-condensation group was established in 2017 to help alleviate condensation in our units. This group inspected our properties and carried out conditional surveys on over 20,000 units. As well as a conditional survey we carried out specific damp reports on 2,500 units. Following on from these 2,500 units we have installed mechanical ventilation in just over 1,300 units.

Contact **Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance**
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Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Parks and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Donaghmede Park. To commend the staff involved in the recent clean-up of Donaghmede Park after the random acts of vandalism. Is there anything DCC can do to prevent this type of crime i.e. installation of CCTV. Are there plans to re-install the Parks Warden service which added great value to the safety in our parks?

Reply

Traditionally the Parks Service does not install CCTV on such spaces as there is no one to monitor same. There are no current plans to introduce a ranger or warden service to Donaghmede Park.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Housing (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply

There is no record of an applicant with these details on the Housing List.

Contact: **Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**
Tel: **222 2226**
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

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Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Senior Citizen complex and if he will make a statement on the matter”

New Millwood Court complex, Raheny. Can I get an update re: what works have been carried out to date and whether residents are being communicated with what is happening at proposed at the very stages?

Reply

FOLD Housing have completed their tender and have engaged a contractor who will commence work on site in the coming weeks. FOLD Housing have a residents liaison group set up and have held a number of meetings over the last couple of months to advise and inform residents on the programme for the delivery of this new housing development.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
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Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th February 2023

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding charging infrastructure and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Electric Vehicle – charging points. Are there any plans to provide public charging points within the NCA and within DCC owned complexes? Are there any plans for a pilot project etc.

Reply

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

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

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now complete and available here: www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/electric-vehicle-charging-information

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

Specifically, in relation to the City Council's housing complexes, there are two ways new electric vehicle charging points could be installed. The first would be where a new housing complex was being built or where an existing housing complex was being regenerated and as part of improved sustainability features, new electric vehicle charging points would be installed.

The second way, would be new electric vehicle charging points being installed in an existing housing complex as part of a trial or pilot and Housing Maintenance are open to this and to working with our colleagues in the Environment & Transportation department as part of the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy to try to identify funding and a mechanism through which this could be delivered.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy has been completed. The executive Summary and the full report are available for download via the Council website: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/electric-vehicle-charging-information>

The findings of the research will enable each Local Authority in the Dublin Metropolitan Region to develop plans for EV infrastructure and align with mobility plans being implemented across the region.

Dublin City Council's implementation plan will include the identification of Council and community facilities that are suitable for EV charging infrastructure.

Dublin City Council will work 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 shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

Members of the public are able to suggest locations for EV charging via a mapping tool on our web site (see link above). This is not a guarantee that a charge point will be provided at a requested location. Proposed locations will be considered in the context of existing infrastructure, the City Development Plan and relevant mobility plans, to determine the suitability of the requested location.

Dublin City Council has been engaging with the Department for Environment, Climate and Communications and the SEAI in relation to funding schemes and a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure.

In terms of Dublin City Council owned complexes, a pilot for a community mobility hub is under way in Finglas. There are two chargers; AC (nominally 22KW with 2 charging spaces) and DC 75KW (with 2 charging spaces). A dedicated Car Share Club EV charging space (one of the AC spaces), to be rotated between all 3 licenced operators in Dublin City across the pilot duration and a dedicated eBike commuter hub with 8 eBikes under the brand HubX (owned by ESB), in association with Bleeper Bikes complete the Hub. The outcomes of this pilot will inform future projects.

Contact: Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Coordinator
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Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding grant aid and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Can the list of grant that various organisations can avail of and the criteria please be advised. You might also please advise where further information can be found.

Reply

Arts Grants are normally open for application from mid-September to mid-November each year. They are publicly advertised and further information is available at artsoffice@dublincity.ie

Contact: Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer.
Email: ray.yeates@dublincity.ie

Information pertaining to all available community grant funding streams are available on Dublin City Council’s website. See link below for details.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/community-grants-and-funding#a24613-24619>

Contact: Simon Clarke, Administrative Officer
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Email: simon.clarke@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th February 2023

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Roads and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Malahide Road from Balgriffin to Hilton Hotel. When will stretch of road be resurfaced and improved upon? At present it is very dangerous and busy especially at the turn off towards Parkview coming from the Hilton Hotel.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have no plans in place to complete carriageway repair works at **(details supplied)**. RMS will however note this location and consider for repair if additional funding becomes available in 2023.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

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Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Industrial Estate and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Can this Cllr please be supplied with the proposal for Malahide Road industrial Park off Greencastle Road, Dublin 17? Where does it currently stand? What is the update?

Reply

The only current planning application in **(details supplied)** is at the former Bunzl Premises on Newtown Road. The application under plan ref. 5528/22 includes: the demolition of existing buildings and external canopy area; construction of 2 new dock leveller/loading bays; and over cladding of existing office elevations with new external metal cladding. The decision due date is 24-Feb-2023.

Most the **(details supplied)** estate is zoned Z6 ‘Employment’, however a broadly rectangular area at the southern end of the estate between Greencastle Parade, Greencastle Road and the Malahide Road is zoned Z10 ‘Inner Suburban Mixed Uses’ in the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028.

Contact: Bryan Ward, Senior Planner
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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Parks and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Edenmore Park. Pitch n putt. Can I get an update as to how the new pitch n putt course is operating? Numbers of players etc. by month since it opened. What is the next proposal/ imitative in the pipeline for improving Edenmore Park?

Reply

As was agreed the pitch and putt course has been allocated on licence to the Grange Woodbine Pitch and Putt Club who control access.

It is intended to continue with the tree works within the park to improve sightlines and perceptions of safety for visitors who may feel more vulnerable.

Requests have been received for additional seating in the park which will be installed later in the spring as schedules allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Roads and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Roseglen/Briarfield. Are there any plans to improve the roads, plant more trees and greenery in this area?

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have no plans in place to complete carriageway repair works at **(details supplied)**. RMS will however note this location and consider for repair if additional funding becomes available in 2023.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

A number of trees are scheduled to be planted in this area as part of the current tree planting season.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the toilet facilities in Father Collins Park. Can they be upgraded and opened to the public”

Reply

These toilets have not been in service for many years due to repeated attack and damage. Investigations and repairs are ongoing at the moment and it is hoped that they will be serviceable in the coming months barring the discovery of further challenges or obstacles. It is intended that the toilets will be made available to the public during events in the park in the first instance only until a supervisory structure can be put in place.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“Question withdrawn by Councillor 10/02/23”

Reply

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Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask Area Manager if the TAG Division will examine the installation of double yellow lines at **(details supplied)**? This location at the school gates can't get into and out of the school because of car parking issues”

Reply

A School Keep Clear road marking is provided at the entrance of **(Details supplied)** for 26 metres, and a second one, provided opposite side at the entrance to St. Michael's House.

These parking restriction combined with the staggered vehicular parking acts as a traffic calming measures by physically narrowing the width of the carriageway. Further restrictions on this section of the road would lead to increased traffic speeds, whereas parking tends to have a calming effect helping to slow down the traffic in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidelines.

Any instances of illegal parking (blocking school gates/parking on the pavement) should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services (Tel no. 01 602-2500) or email: info@dsps.ie for enforcement under the current Road Traffic Regulations.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to examine the parking measures on Dollymount strand to ensure sufficient Disabled Park and examine possibility of an allocation of age friendly car parking slots at the top of the road to allow easier access to the beach”

Reply

There are eight number dedicated disabled car parking spaces at the end of the causeway road next to the entrances to the beach and four number at the end of the Bull Wall next to the café. It is understood that age-friendly parking refers to courtesy spaces where it is hoped that other motorists would leave them free for older persons close to amenities. It is not clear how this might work at Dollymount Strand. There remains approximately an acre and a half of on-beach parking at the end of the Bull Wall which provides the best access to the beach for older visitors.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if the Drainage Division will examine and fix the problems at **(details supplied)**? As there is consistent flooding and blockage outside”

Reply

DCC Drainage Maintenance have investigated the matter and found the Surface Water & Foul public sewers both to be in good working order. Any issues associated with private drains/connections are outside the remit of DCC Drainage Maintenance.

Contact: Siham Ahmed, Executive Engineer, Drainage Division.
Tel: 222 3646.
Email: siham.ahmed@dublincity.ie

Housing Maintenance will log this blockage for the Choke Car Service to investigate and all necessary works will be undertaken here.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Tel: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

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Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if the TAG Division will examine the installation of Traffic calming measures at Belmayne Main Street, D13). This location will be a busy location and residents are concerned about speed of Vehicles”

Reply

The requirement for traffic calming measures will be investigated following completion of the works. It should be noted that once the road markings are installed the carriageway will have two lanes in each direction. The lane widths have been design to discourage speeding.

Contact: Karen Kennedy, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Design & Construction Division.

Tel: 222 2601.

Email: karen.kennedy@dublincity.ie

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20th February 2023

Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if a replacement light on **(details supplied)** be replaced and examine the possibility of an upgrade to LED lights in the Area”

Reply

Pole 6 at above location was repaired 12th February 2023.

The existing public lighting on **(details supplied)** will be upgraded to LED under the upcoming Lighting Upgrade Project, although an exact timeframe for these future improvements cannot be provided at this time.

Until such time as the existing lights on **(details supplied)** are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services
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Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

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Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if a replacement light on **(details supplied)** be replaced and examine the possibility of an upgrade to LED lights in the Area”

Reply

Pole 6 at above location was repaired on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

The existing public lighting on **(details supplied)** will be upgraded to LED under the upcoming Lighting Upgrade Project, although an exact timeframe for these future improvements cannot be provided at this time.

Until such time as the existing lights on **(details supplied)** are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services
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Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if the TAG Division will examine the installation of single yellow line for **(details supplied)**? This location will be a busy location and residents are concerned about primary health care centre at the adjacent location which is causing parking problems. More details and photos can be provided”.

Reply

Following on from previous site visits by the area engineer, no adverse issues regarding parking were observed at this location (slip road).

On-street parking serves as a traffic calming measure and allows local residents to park close to their homes. Removal of on-street parking can potentially have the unintended outcome of increasing driver speeds resulting in a less safe environment for vulnerable road users.

For this reason a balanced approach must be taken with respect to the installation of parking restrictions.

The appropriate measure to deal with the issues raised is the introduction of a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme. The purpose of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme is to eliminate long term commuter parking in residential areas such **(details supplied)**.

If residents would like to apply for a Residential Parking Scheme details of the criteria can be found on the DCC website:

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

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Email: Gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if a Parks Dept will remove Crab apple tree outside **(details supplied)** as they are causing problem local for residents in the locality”.

Reply

There does not appear to be any immediate rationale to remove these trees however a detailed inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/24.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if a schedule of works for road sweeping and the team cleaning the roads in the locality be sent to Grangemore, Ardara, Cedar, The Donahies & Streamville Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13 & Edenmore Dublin 5”.

Reply

Waste Management Services have the main roads in the (**details supplied**) areas cleaned on a daily basis. Residential areas here are on an eight week cleaning schedule. The road sweeping machine goes through the above areas once a week. The above mentioned locations are monitored regularly and staff are directed to heavily littered areas for extra cleaning in between scheduled cleanings.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 222 4240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to provide the acquisition list of the 2 and 3 bed properties in Area B since January 2022”

Reply

See below details of Acquisitions closed in Area B from January 2022 to date; two and three bedroom properties

District	Post Code	Number of Rooms	Reason for Purchase
Larch Hill	Dublin 17	2 bedroom	Social
Donaghmede	Dublin 13	2 bedroom	TIS
Larch Hill	Dublin 17	2 bedroom	Social
Whitehall	Dublin 9	2 bedroom	Social
Malahide Road	Dublin 17	2 bedroom	Social
Darndale	Dublin 17	2 bedroom	TIS

District	Post Code	Number of Rooms	Reason for Purchase
Priorswood	Dublin 17	3 bedroom	Social
Coolock	Dublin 17	3 bedroom	Social
Artane	Dublin 5	3 bedroom	Social
Coolock	Dublin 5	3 bedroom	Social
Coolock	Dublin 17	3 bedroom	De-tenanting
Whitehall	Dublin 9	3 bedroom	Social
Artane	Dublin 5	3 bedroom	TIS
Clarehall	Dublin 13	3 bedroom	TIS

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
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Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

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Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager In relation to my previous 2 x questions regarding ivy growing from the public green area in Grace Park Heights into the rear garden of **(details supplied)** which is causing great difficulty for a local resident; can DCC confirm if the ivy has now been removed”

Reply

It is understood that the site was visited last year and ivy removed. Parks have recently visited the site but were unable to make contact with the resident and will try again in the near future.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to please organise for renewal of the road markings referenced in the correspondence below at **(details supplied)** to address congestion at this location”

Reply

We will request the Contractor who resurfaced the road to reinstate the markings.

Contact: Paul Doyle, Road Markings Section, Traffic Transportation.
Email: paul.doyle@dublincity.ie

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) have instructed the contractor who completed these works to have the double yellow lines reinstated as soon as possible.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

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Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to please answer the following questions relating to the proposed upgrade of the entrance/parking area for the Clontarf Baths as set out in the correspondence below **(details supplied)** from a local residents association. The questions relate to (a) angle of entry to the area (b) softening of kinks to provide safe passing for cyclists and (c) provision of a pedestrian crossing here as originally envisioned”

Reply

Engagement with the developer is ongoing and due diligence is continuing with regard to land ownership and acquisition of the land in question.

A further update on progress should be available by the end of Q1 2023.

Contact: Rónán Costello, Active Travel Programme Office
Tel: 222 6464
Email: ronan.costello@dublincity.ie

The design of a new pedestrian crossing at the Clontraf Road/Oulton Road junction is currently being prepared.

Contact: Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport Projects.
Email: claire.french@dublincity.ie

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Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager outline the position with respect to dangerous dog breeds being in City Parks e.g. St Anne’s Park, Albert College etc. Does the concept of a dangerous breed exist under either local byelaws or national legislation and if so, what are the stipulations RE muzzling and control and who is responsible for enforcing offences”

Reply

The [Control of Dogs Regulations, 1998 S.I. No. 442 1998](#) (Article 5) sets out the list of dog breeds below together with the stipulations re leashing and muzzling specific to these breeds.

- (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

Article 5.2 states A person shall not permit a dog to which this article applies to be in a public place unless *such dog is*:—

- (i) securely muzzled; and*
- (ii) being led by a sufficiently strong chain or leash, not exceeding two metres in length, by a person over the age of sixteen years who is capable of controlling the said dog.*

[Parks & Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2002](#) (Sec.4.7) also provides for Control of Dogs in Parks.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, S.E.O., Housing & Community Services
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Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager if DCC are aware of parking/congestion difficulties at Merville Avenue as set out in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**? Can DCC assess for localised measures to provide some improvement/relief for local residents”

Reply

The Parking Enforcement Inspector has advised that the situation has improved at this location in the last few months. He has been out on site on multiple occasions in 2022 and had logged continuous enforcement requests throughout that time. It is often the case that when Dublin Street Parking Services go out on site the driver returns to the vehicle or the vehicle has moved and the area is clear. Vehicles are permitted to stop on Double Yellow Lines if they are unloading or loading for a certain period of time. Dublin Street Parking Services will continue to monitor and patrol the area and take the necessary enforcement action where they can.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

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Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager ask DCC Parks to confirm if cycling on pathways is legal (a) on the pathways within St Anne’s Park and (b) on the pathway near the Clontarf Promenade? I understand that these surfaces are subject to parks-related bye-laws rather than road-traffic-related laws”

Reply

While cycling in parks is precluded under the byelaws in reality cycling has been taking place within St. Anne’s Park for many years and it is promoted as part of the DCC Active Travel programme. The majority of this cycling appears to be younger, school children and indeed older cyclists cycling at lower speeds on wide paths and on the main avenue. For the most part such cycling is tolerated providing it is done in a considerate manner with speed moderated to suit the location. This is very much in keeping with the Parks Service initiative of introducing ‘Share with Care’ routes through amenity settings. It is intended to bring proposals to the Area Committee later this year to formally designate certain ‘Share with Care’ routes through the park most likely on the main wider paths and restrict cycling on the narrower paths and in high traffic areas such as the Rose Garden.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to please request that the appropriate section within DCC take action to deal with poor bin management processes at the entrance to Windsor Lane (off Fairview Avenue Lower) as set out in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Our Litter Enforcement Manager will get a litter warden to investigate this matter and do all he can to resolve this matter satisfactorily.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 222 4240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to please organise for an assessment & installation of a pedestrian crossing on the Howth Road near the Garda Retirement Home to facilitate a safe crossing to St Anne's Estate"

Reply

The request for pedestrian crossing(s) on Howth Road near the Garda Retirement Home has been added to the area engineer's list of requests for pedestrian crossings throughout Dublin North Central.

Once the area engineer has been informed of the funding available to him, a decision will be made in relation to future pedestrian crossings.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.
Tel: 087 2615965.
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

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Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to please provide an update on DCC assessment of damage caused by tree roots to the boundary wall at **(details supplied)** this has been raised by me previously and also directly by the resident at the above address”

Reply

While cracks are evident at a number of locations in the wall render it is not clear if these extend into the blockwork. It would be most unusual for tree roots to be able to overcome the sheer weight of such a heavily loaded structure and cause such damage through secondary thickening to a wall properly constructed on an adequate foundation.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm the exact type of replacement tree planted recently in the Ennafort Estate; the tree is located up from **(details supplied)** nearly on the corner with Ennafort Avenue. Is this a fruit tree which will bear and shed fruit? I'm fully supportive of new tree planting but fruit trees are subject to a replacement programme

Reply

The tree planted at this address is an ornamental crab apple variety 'Profusion'. This is a small-canopy slow-growing variety eminently suitable for restricted spaces. The tree has renowned ornamental and biodiversity value with dark pink showy blossom in spring of great value to bees, purple/green foliage all summer, good autumn colour and small maroon-coloured fruit that persist on the tree over winter unless eaten by birds.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie