

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th April 2023

Q1 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services if there is a solution to the problem of cars regularly driving across the busy footpath to access car parking at the Centra on the junction of Moeran and Cromwellsfort Roads? The footpath is very busy, often blocked with other cars, and is driven over frequently to access the parking, leading to many conflicts with pedestrians, including those going to the nearby national school.

Reply

Vehicles are driving over the footpath to access the private landings which are outside of the Centra. We cannot deal with it via the Transport Advisory Group, as we cannot restrict access to the private landings. There are dropped kerbs at the location and the only avenue open would be to engage with the Centra to reconfigure the parking outside their building.

Vehicles that are driving across the footpath is an enforcement issue for An Garda Síochána.

Vehicles that are illegally parked on the footpath is an issue for Parking Enforcement. Contact Dublin Street Parking Services (www.dsps.ie or call 01 602 2500) to enforce penalties on illegal parking.

*Contact: Máire Nic Réamoinn, South Central Area Engineer,
Transport Advisory Group, Department of Environment and Transport*
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Q2 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services for a review of the sequencing of the traffic lights at the intersection of Jamestown Road and Tyrconnell Road (R810) in Inchicore for pedestrian safety.

Reply

The pedestrian timings at this junction have been checked and it has been found that the current amber/clearance time settings reflect the standard times used at pedestrian crossing which is calculated at 1m per second walking speed. There is also a 4s all red before the pedestrian phase runs which allows vehicles to safely clear the junction before the pedestrian green aspect comes on. The site is close to a Luas junction and has to drop into a similar fall back mode when the nearby Luas junction does the same. The consequence of this was less optimal wait times for the pedestrian than in normal junction operation. After this review, changes have been made to improve operation due to these circumstances and that the pedestrian delay will now be reduced. Please let us know if there is any further issues which you would like us to address.

Contact: Susanne Hickey, Executive ITS Officer.
Email: susanne.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services for a traffic engineer to examine and expand the disabled parking bay at (details supplied). The bay appears unusually small and has been causing the user some difficulty.

Reply

The disabled parking bay in question will be inspected by the Area Engineer, enquiry No. (details supplied) refers, and a report on the matter will be brought to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome.

Contact: Mary Boyle, A/Senior Staff Officer, Transport Advisory Group
Email: mary.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the gates at rear of property (details supplied) be installed please? They were measured up and agreed to last April.

Reply

Housing Maintenance will have the request examined and the necessary works undertaken, which may include repair or replacement of the relevant gates.

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

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the following issues at (details supplied)

- Lock to entrance must be robust as many of the issues outlined below are a direct result of uninvited access and consequential loitering.
- Solar Panels
- Ease of access to area under stairs for cleaning
- Maintenance/Cleaning lift
- Cause of spot flooding interior public areas.
- Identification and timely removal of illegally dumped rubbish bags in the interior courtyard

Reply

- The South Central Area Office engaged a specialist door company to assess the front door of (details supplied). The Area Office are awaiting their report outlining recommendations. Please note this door lock has been continually vandalised. The South Central Area Office has had this door repaired on a constant basis and have also had the lock modified in an event to stop this vandalism.
- Solar panels were replaced in February 2023.
- The Design Team have scheduled a site visit to assess the possibility of modifications to the area under the stairs without compromising the integrity of the building.

- The caretaker carries out daily cleaning of the building. The lift is cleaned on a regular basis.
- The Area Office nor Housing Maintenance have received any reports of spot flooding in interior public areas. Any of these reports should be sent to Housing Maintenance.
- Illegally dumped bags are removed from the interior courtyard by the caretaker on a daily basis. Where the individuals doing this can be identified, the matter will be taken further. Hopefully this issue ceases once issue with the door lock is rectified.

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

Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to provide a consultant to produce initial concept plans for the reinstatement of the green space at 12-29 Rialto Cottages please?

Reply

A meeting has been arranged for an on-site inspection with a landscape architect to produce a concept plan for the greening project.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area Office
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to contact the owner of the old Rialto Cinema regarding the development of the derelict building as per planning permission granted in 2019.

Reply

An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission in November 2019 for a Strategic Housing Development (317 student bedspaces) at the former Rialto Cinema, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

It is my understanding that the owner of the site is considering his options in relation to the permission.

It should be noted that the lands are on the Derelicts Sites Register since January 2021.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area
Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the playground/space at Ceannt Fort, D8 as requested in July 2021?

Reply

The potential upgrading of Ceannt Fort Play Area has now been reviewed and included in the 2023 playground upgrade list. The total budget for upgrading this play area is €40,000 which includes local area office discretionary funding contribution of

€10,000. As this process began during Covid19 Pandemic there were limitations in respect of local engagement. Therefore the information gleaned from online consultation for Dublin City Play Strategy and local engagement in respect of initial upgrading of this play facility, have informed design brief and subsequent design proposal for Ceannt Fort Play Area.

Local residents, especially children and young people have been informed of progress and will also be invited to review the new design proposal for upgrading/additional play opportunities at Ceannt Fort in the coming weeks. This will inform final detail design proposal. Completion of proposed upgrading works at this play facility is estimated for end of Q3 2023.

Contact: Debby Clarke, Play Development Officer
Email: debbie.clarke@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update with regards to Planning Enforcement that instructed the applicant to remove a structure by June 2022 at (details supplied)

Reply

Dublin City Council have recently granted retention planning permission following us issuing an enforcement notice. Planning Register Reference (details supplied) refers. It is still within the appeal period but we will not be taking further action until final determination of same.

A further update will be sent to the Councillor in due course.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Enforcement
Email: maryb.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the following agreed items be completed at (details supplied)

- Gate be screened so that it prevents unwanted trespass.
- Screening of identified balconies to provide privacy.
- Surrounding fencing to be painted with anti-climb substance.
- Planting of trees so as to afford privacy to surrounding units.

Reply sent to Councillor

Q11 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services to clarify if, in awarding the tender to Panda for waste collection, Dublin City Council took account of the obligations of Panda to the workforce currently involved in bin collections under TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings) legislation and that workers involved will be guaranteed their existing pay and conditions etc?

Reply

The award of a new contract in respect of waste collection from designated Dublin City Council residential properties is currently subject to legal proceedings.

Therefore, unfortunately, it would not be appropriate to comment on the tender process at this time.

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

Q12 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services why the proposal, following public consultation, to extend the cycle lane across the junction where South Circular Road meets Suir Road never materialised. It was considered necessary in order to give cyclists better protection from left turning traffic on SCR turning across them.

Reply

The Active Travel Programme office propose to engage Consultants to develop designs to upgrade the junction of Suir Road/ SCR. This upgrade would tie into the Suir Road to Thomas Street interim Walking & Cycling route at Grand Canal View.

Contact: *Niall Kinsella, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office.*
Email: activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm what action DCC is taking to work with central Government to ensure horse and carriage drivers operating in the city as a whole, but the Liberties in particular, are licensed and adhering to the strict use of so-called 'manure bags' so as to keep streets clear of horse manure?

Reply

The proposed **Horse Drawn Carriages Bill** is listed on the [Government Legislation Programme - Spring Session 2023](#) (Pg. 17) published on 18th January 2023. The purpose of the legislation is *to repeal the Dublin Carriage Acts 1853-55 and relieve An Garda Síochána of responsibility for the regulation and licensing of horse-drawn carriages in Dublin and assert the power of local authorities, including Dublin City Council.* The status is listed on the Programme as "Work is ongoing". It is not included in the 'Legislation for Priority Drafting this Session – Spring 2023' category so it is unlikely to progress to Draft Bill in 2023.

The new legislation and subsequent Dublin City Council Bye-Laws that will be necessary to introduce a licensing requirement is the long term solution and it will be some time before it is in place. In the interim we will continue to do what we can in collaboration with our colleagues in An Garda Síochána and other agencies under existing legislation i.e. Control of Horses Act 1996 and relevant Road Traffic Acts.

A senior ranking representative of An Garda Síochána has recently been appointed by the Assistant Commissioner Dublin Metropolitan Region to liaise with Dublin City Council on Animal Welfare matters including Horse Drawn Carriages. A number of Garda led multi-agency checkpoints have been conducted targeting horse drawn carriages operators for non-compliance with animal welfare legislation and other illegalities. These multi-agency operations will continue as resources permit.

Contact: *Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services*
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

Can the Director of Services confirm how regularly the streets of (details supplied) are cleaned given horse manure is a daily occurrence?

Reply

Waste Management Services clean the above mentioned streets on a daily basis and any horse manure there is removed during the course of this daily cleaning.

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

Q15 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to investigate the installation of additional traffic calming measures at Carman's Hall, Dublin 8 with speeding a major issue for local residents.

Reply

The request for traffic calming at the above location has been referred to the Area Engineer for report and recommendation to the Transport Advisory Group (enquiry No. 7032493 refers) for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome.

Contact: Mary Boyle, A/Senior Staff Officer, Transport Advisory Group
Email: mary.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to provide localised bin storage units accessible only by key, at locations where residents in terraced housing are not permitted black, green and brown wheelie bins (details supplied). Instead, residents must leave out plastic bags, which are often ripped apart by foxes or seagulls causing a huge mess. Localised bin storage units would greatly assist and should be looked into and delivered by DCC.

Reply

While Dublin City Council no longer provides a domestic or commercial waste collection service, we do of course recognise that there are a range of problems relating to waste presentation. Waste collection is an open market and operators are regulated by the National Waste Collection Permit Office.

Communal bins services work where central waste charges are in place at source and single operator exists.

Localised bin storage facilities in the public realm and provided by Dublin City Council are not under consideration at this time.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services
Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to engage with an elderly resident at (details supplied) regarding the installation of a disabled parking space outside her home.

Reply

The criteria for the installation of a disabled persons' parking bay outside a residence has been forwarded to the occupant of the address provided, including a contact number for our office, should the applicant require further assistance.

Contact: Mary Boyle, A/Senior Staff Officer, Transport Advisory Group

Email: mary.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm how many resident parking permits have been issued for on-street parking at (details supplied)

Reply

There are 28 permits issued for (details supplied)

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.

Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide, in tabular form year on year from July 2019 to so far in 2023, how many planning applications have been lodged in the South Central Area for use of properties as short-term tourist lets and how many of these applications received planning permission?

Reply

Set out below are the details regarding planning applications lodged for the period 2019 – 2023 for the use of properties as short-term tourist lets in the South Central Area. Details have also been included for Section 5 declarations for exemption from planning permission for such uses.

South Central Area

	Planning Apps	Invalid	Granted	Refused	Appeals
2019	3	1	1*	1	
2020	1	-	-	1	Granted on Appeal
2021	1	-	-	1	
2022	1	-	-	1	
2023	0	-	-	-	
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	Section 5 Declaration re Exemption	Invalid	Granted	Refused	Appeals
2019	-	-	-	-	
2020	2		2		1 Section 5 Appealed and Granted by APB
2021	1	-	Split Decision	-	

2022	-	-	-	-	
2023	-	-	-	-	
	3				

* SHD application

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

Q20 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the proposed development of housing and the library on the former Scoil Eanna & undertakers site on Crumlin Road.

Reply

As set out in the capital plan, the Council proposes to develop a public library on the old Scoil Eanna site on Crumlin Road. Development levies have been allocated to this new library project, which will involve the renovation of the two-storey house and the construction of an adjacent new modular public library space of c.800 m2, with landscaped gardens for public use.

DCC Architects have completed preliminary designs and a feasibility study. We hope to be in a position to lodge a part 8 application in 2023, with building to commence in 2024.

Contact: *Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian*
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Dublin City Council received Stage 1 initial project and budget approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the delivery of a social housing scheme on this site. The project proposal is to provide a new social housing scheme providing 39 new homes, with a mix of one, two and three bedroom dwellings.

An integrated design team has been progressing with design proposals and are currently working to ensure Stage 2 approval to enable us to continue with the planning approval process.

Contact: *Alice Simington, SEO Housing Regeneration*
Email: alice.simington@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to remove weeds & provide regular street cleaning in Rossmore Drive, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure Rossmore Drive is monitored and cleaned on a more regular basis.

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

Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for a detailed update on progress made with the proposed development of the Sons of Divine Providence site Sarsfield Rd, Inchicore.

Reply

The Sarsfield development land is a 1.5 ha site bounded by Sarsfield Road, First Avenue, Sarsfield House and Long Meadows Pitch and Putt grounds in Ballyfermot. The Sons of Divine Providence (SDP) have ownership of most of the site under a 250 year Leasehold from Dublin City Council and have Freehold ownership of other parts of it.

Dublin City Council is developing the site in partnership with SDP and it is envisaged that approx. 176 dwellings will be provided there as part of an intergenerational housing scheme. Dublin City Council would own 116 and SDP 60 of the proposed dwellings.

The Title situation needed to be resolved in order to progress plans for the site and qualify the respective DCC and SDP dwellings for funding. An agreement in principle was reached between DCC and SDP on this matter in 2022 and, following the submission of a detailed Strategic Assessment Report to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), Stage 1 approval was granted for the proposals on 29th August 2022.

While this represented a significant milestone in the project, a number of issues needed to be resolved before the project could proceed to Stage 2. Significant progress has been made on these issues. These include:

CPO Order

DCC and SDP had received correspondence from the National Transport Authority indicating that a Temporary CPO would be made for part of the Sarsfield Lands to facilitate a temporary compound needed for the construction of a Bus Connects route on Sarsfield Avenue. This would have caused significant delays to the development of the site for housing. DCC discussed this in detail with NTA and this requirement was not included in the CPO Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála. The proposed CPO does not present a significant obstacle to the development of the site.

Development Model for Sarsfield Lands Site

The Stage 1 approval received on 29th August 2021 from DHLGH noted the different ownership models on the site and directed DCC to address this at Stage 2. The option of separating the development into two sites (one a Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) and the other an Approved Housing Body) would have resulted in uneven development of the site.

In addition, efficiencies and savings can be delivered by having a single design, planning, tender, construction management and certification process. DCC, following consultation with DHLGH, have agreed with SDP that DCC will manage the project as a Central Purchasing Body. This will require a Memorandum of Understanding being agreed between the parties. This model will allow for the uniform development of the site under SHIP and Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) funding.

Heads of Terms

DCC Housing has held meetings with the Valuers Section to progress the Agreement in Principle reached on the future Title. SDP has also been consulted at all stages of this process resulting in the identification and resolution of several issues. These include future Taking in Charge, Access and maintenance. Considerable progress has been made on these and the parties are now in a position to commence negotiation on formal Heads of Terms.

Following agreement on Heads of Terms it is proposed to proceed to the appointment of a Design Team and DCC Housing anticipates further updating the Area Committee on the Sarsfield Lands proposals in the near future.

Contact: David Dinnigan, Executive Manager, Housing Delivery
Email: dave.dinnigan@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on progress made with the proposed development of park opposite St. Ultan's School, Cherry Orchard.

Reply

The green space opposite St. Ultan's School is LAP Site 2. This site is part of the National Social Housing PPP Bundle 5. The PPP Project Team are in the process of carrying out a review of the newly adopted City Development Plan and appraisals from a series of site surveys are ongoing. The Local Area Plan requirements will be included into the overall design for the site.

The current programme for the PPP Bundle 5 sets out the initiation of planning in Q4 2023. The said site remains on programme. The PPP Project Team will be in contact with the Area Office & Councillors, in advance of initiating planning to present the preferred design proposal for the site.

Contact: Gareth Rowan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Delivery
Email: ppphousing@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the development of Cherry Orchard Park and to outline the timeframe for the completion on agreed works.

Reply

The Project Manager for this project is currently on leave and will revert directly to the Councillor with an update upon their return.

Contact: Iva Geci, Landscape Architect, A/Assistant Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services how many properties were bought in Dublin South Central under the 'tenant in situ' scheme for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 & so far in 2023?

Reply

Since the tenant in situ scheme commenced in DCC area in 2018, there has been a total of 198 properties acquired under this scheme across the city.

57 of these properties were acquired in the South Central Area

2023 – 3

2022 – 5

2021 – 12

2020 – 10

2019 – 19

2018 - 8

Contact: *Aisling Browne, Administrative Officer, Housing Acquisitions*

Email: Aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the maintenance issues and insulation programme being carried out in Lissadel Maisonettes?

Reply

A significant amount of housing maintenance and energy efficiency insulation upgrades have been completed and continue to be undertaken at Lissadel Maisonettes.

The housing maintenance works were undertaken across a number of properties and covered a broad range of works, including plumbing, carpentry, painting and many other individual works that had been identified and are now resolved.

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) insulation upgrade is continuing to be carried out in Lissadel Maisonettes. We can confirm that three of the five blocks are now completed, the post works results have in some cases upgraded dwellings from a pre works BER rating of F to a post works rating of B2 and in general the post upgrade results to date are BER ratings of B3. These are very significant improvements in the energy efficiency ratings of the properties and should greatly assist tenants with warmer homes and reduced heating bills.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme Summary:

- Lissadel Road Block 1 Units 2-16: Works have commenced on the insulation of the roofs and upgrade is currently being carried out.

- Lissadel Road Block 2 Units 18-32: Works have commenced with the installation of new windows, and insulation works are due to commence next month. We are awaiting ESB Networks to finish moving electrical mains cables prior to same.
- Lissadel Road Block 3 Units 34-48: Completed
- Lissadel Road Block 4 Units 50-64: Completed
- Lissadel Road Block 5 Units 66-80: Completed

In addition to the above Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme works the following additional maintenance measures were also carried out and are now completed:

- Painting of canopies over entrance doors for units 52-80, remaining units will also be actioned.
- Removal of rubbish and overgrowth in the environs of units 34-80.
- Replacement / repair of capping stones along walls adjoining footpaths.
- Rebuilding damaged boundary wall.

For Housing Maintenance, the above works are a new scheme that we have developed called an Enhanced Works Programme that seeks to undertake repairs and improvements inside the properties, outside the properties and in the immediate area surrounding the properties, and these works are intended to make important improvements both for the general area and especially for our tenants.

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

Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the following (details supplied)

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 08/02/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	2	354
Area K	2	459
Area N	2	425

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

The applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice. They are advertised every Friday and remain advertised for a period of 3 weeks.

If the applicants Landlord is willing to sell to DCC, we could support a TIS application subject to the usual checks etc. The landlord should contact acquisitions@dublincity.ie if interested

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look into putting the Lawns Park and Markievicz Parks in Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 on the list for repainting of the Park Railings. The work done a couple of years ago appears to be of poor quality leaving the perimeter looking worse for wear. I am aware this is a difficult job to keep on top of but we must try and maintain the areas in our ownership / care.

Reply

The request for repainting of park railings at Le Fanu and Markievicz can be considered in the context of future Park Improvements Programme, however, this would require significant investment and is not viable in terms of a limited Parks budget. If necessary funding can be secured perhaps through local funding this could be explored as advised above.

Contact: Iva Geci, Landscape Architect, A/Assistant Parks Superintendent

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give an update on the heritage signs for the Ballyfermot Area, finger signs etc. I was assured a few months ago this work was in progress, however, I still yet to see some movement. The Lawns Park, Ballyfermot contains the remnants of Ballyfermot Castle, the old Cemetery etc. we must exploit the origins of the area from the Middle Ages to the construction of the Grand Canal, the Dublin Cork Railway etc.

Reply

The Ballyfermot Heritage Group, Dublin City Council's *Historians-in-Residence Cathy Scuffil* and the Ballyfermot community team are finalising the design and route of the heritage walking trail map. Once the map is completed we will install the heritage sign in the centre of Ballyfermot.

Contact: Scott Watson, A/Senior Community Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office

Email: scott.watson@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give me (details supplied)

Reply

Most of the subject issues occur in the evening/night-time when DCC staff are not present, therefore, the residents are advised to report any anti-social behaviour to An

Garda Síochána so they can provide immediate assistance and take appropriate action.

Contact: *Iva Geci, Landscape Architect, A/Assistant Parks Superintendent*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please have a Shop Front improvement Scheme for traders in the Ballyfermot Area. Similar to Inchicore and the South Inner City the shopping district is awaiting years for the Bus Connects / full QBC to come into operation with all the hope of a prescient improvement however if it will ever happen is your guess.

Reply

The shop front improvement scheme is funded by the discretionary fund which has been agreed for 2023. The area office will examine the feasibility of establishing a pilot scheme in relation to Ballyfermot Road and report to the members as part of the preparation of the discretionary fund 2024.

Contact: *Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office*
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services please give me an update on the long-awaited Play Ground for the Chapelizod Area next to Liffey Vale Park. Is it envisaged that this would be done in tandem with the refurbishment / re-development of Liffey Vale House on the banks of the river Liffey and have we any indication on when the Bio-Diversity Centre project will commence?

Reply

It is anticipated that the Liffey Vale 'Cois Abhann' project will commence construction in the autumn of 2023. This project will provide informal opportunities for play within the grounds, but the emphasis there is on biodiversity education and raising awareness of the riverine ecosystem.

Separately, a playground is proposed in the vicinity of the Donore Harriers track within the Liffey Valley Park. There will be a local engagement with children and the wider community to develop design plans for this project which will precede construction works later in 2023.

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

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the badly worn surface at Grange Cross, Ballyfermot at the intersection between Le Fanu Road and Ballyfermot Road opposite the Iceland Food Store. I have noticed over the past few weeks that the surface is starting to fail in certain areas.

Reply

Road Maintenance inspected this location today and have logged the two potholes to our works list for repair. These defects are within the pedestrian crossing so we will tend to these as soon as possible.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer.
Email: Roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to Domain look at the possibility of power washing the front footpaths in the Ballyfermot Area facing the shops on Ballyfermot Road, Decies Road, Claddagh Green and Drumfinn Park. Some traders have recently done this work on Decies Road and the area has greatly improved.

Reply

The urban village intensive cleaning programme 2023 will include Ballyfermot Road and Claddagh Green Shops. The other locations will be given consideration resource pending.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central
Email: southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to indicate where the re-location of the Civil Defence to Ballyfermot will take place as mentioned in the DCC annual report recently. And also, if there would be a possibility of doing a recruitment drive in order to alert the public of the very valuable role Civil Defence makes in the running of our City / County.

Reply

The Dublin Civil Defence Headquarters will move from its current location in The Esplanade to Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate, Ballyfermot. The site is the old DCC Traffic Department, who are moving to the new North City Operations Depot in Ballymun.

This move should be complete by end of summer this year. The premises is a very large industrial unit with more than adequate internal and external facilities for their requirements.

A recruitment drive for Dublin Civil Defence is a matter for the Chief Civil Defence Officer, who constantly assesses their volunteer status and resilience capabilities.

Contact: Karen Munds, Staff Officer, Dublin Fire Brigade
Email: dfbfeedback@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Service to please look at (details supplied)

Reply

Housing Maintenance will visit the property to see if the requested measures are possible. If they are possible, the works can take some time, but we will seek to undertake those works within a timely manner.

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