

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
17th April 2023

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager for an urgent update on what work is planned to address the issue of flooding at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) have been in contact with this customer back in December 2022 and again in March 2023. A temporary solution was completed which was not successful. Road Maintenance now intends to return to complete the permanent repair within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

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Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to provide the following information regarding the two new playgrounds for Kilmore West and Harmonstown:

- Has a budget for each playground been agreed?
- Can the budgets be increased?
- Have preliminary designs been drafted?
- Has work been carried out to identify suitable location sites?
- What form will proposed community consultation take and who will it include?
- What commencement and finish dates have been agreed”

Reply

- Budgets have just been agreed with contributions from Parks Service and the Discretionary Fund.
- Budgets cannot now be increased.
- There is no preliminary design as the tender will be a design and build contract.
- The site in Harmonstown has been agreed with local residents and consultations completed and a preferred site in Kilmore identified.
- Such consultations generally focus on nearby schools, crèches and any other similar local facilities.
- Start and finish dates will depend on the selected tenderer’s works programme and lead in times etc.

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Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager what is position of **(details supplied)** on the housing list and if there is any additional documents that need to be submitted”

Reply

The Allocations section require a statement confirming the applicant has a clear rent account.

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Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager to give a detailed update on the following regarding taking in charge (**details supplied**)”

Reply

Clongriffin:

The taking in charge process for Main Street, Clongriffin is still underway. Gannon’s and the various service divisions from DCC are in regular contact and all are eager for this to be completed. The taking in charge of Clongriffin will be done a sequential basis, once Main Street has been taken in charge, Gannon Homes will then apply for Marrisfield followed by Bell Tree and Beau Park to be taken in charge.

Belmayne

The North Central Area Office are co-ordinating efforts to regularise the taking in charge of some of the main streets in Belmayne: Belmayne Main Street, Belmayne Avenue, Parkside Boulevard and two sections of Greenway.

Belmayne has had a number of landowners including Shannon Homes, Stanley and Nama. Many of the main roads were left unfinished during the economic crash in 2008 and were never taken in charge. The current main landowner is Cairn Homes who in 2015 bought various portfolios in Belmayne, however, as other landowners are also involved, it makes the situation even more complex.

If financially viable a taking in charge process may be progressed by declaring the roads to be public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, which is a reserved function rather than the regular taking in charge process, whereby the Developer applies to the Local Authority, Planning and Development Taking in Charge Section. As this process, Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, only applies to declaring roads to be public roads it will not be applicable to taking the playground in Belmayne in charge.

In order to establish the financial implications of the proposed declaration, the Area Office has been co-ordinating meetings with the various operational departments impacted by this proposal. .

Following an extensive survey of the Belmayne area, a map of the roads there that are proposed to be declared public is now being finalised. The next step is to conduct a public consultation stating that objections or representations may be made in writing to the road authority in relation to the proposed declaration. A report will then be prepared on the public consultation, considering any objections and representations made, before a recommendation is made to the Council on whether the proposal should proceed. This process will take approximately three months. It is expected that the map will be finalised this month and that the public consultation process can then begin next month.

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

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on Q19 from December City Council meeting (see attached) in relation to the progress of the water main works/cycleway in the Clontarf/Fairview area”

Reply

The C2CC Project is progressing well, and as such the Project Team recently prepared leaflet number 4 which is uploaded to the City Council webpage, and was delivered to 52,000 homes and businesses (a link to it is below).

The leaflet contains an indicative program of works for the next few months. In brief, works are continuing along the inbound bus lane almost all the way along the proposed route. In February and March major traffic management measures were in place during weekends at the Malahide Road and Howth Road Junctions and along North Strand, similar works will continue for the next few months at various locations. Works on the limestone sea wall along North Strand also commenced in January 2023 and are complete, works have commenced outside CIE headquarters. As works between Buckingham Street and Five lamps junction are nearing completion on the Amiens Street inbound footway, cycle track and bus lane works swapped to the outbound side of Amiens Street in early February 2023. Works between Edges corner and Malahide road along Fairview have also switched to the outbound side on Monday the 20th of March, the remaining sections will switch in the middle of June.

In March along Fairview Park, significant progress has been made on the cycle path on the inbound side of the project with 800m opened to the public. Sections of the track have been largely completed on Amiens Street but have not been opened as further works are required to enable cyclist to safely return to the bus/cycle lane at the end of the area than has been completed.

To date construction works have concentrated on the into town side (inbound) of the project, which has resulted in the installation of the majority (circa 75%) of the water mains, connections and fittings on that inbound side of the road. We are currently in the process of switching works for the out of town side (outbound), where works on the water mains on this half of the C2Cc corridor can commence, with the first outbound water mains being installed on Amiens Street.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/active-travel/projects/clontarf-city-centre-project/project-information>

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Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the installation of a belly bin at (**details supplied**)”

Reply

The Parks Service do not install bins in such local parks within residential areas. As stated there is a bin at the entrance to the north of the park and it appears that there are 3 street bins at the school and garage to the south of the park. Perhaps waste management might consider relocating one of these bins to the southern gate of this small park.

Contact:	Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the installation of bollards to protect the grass verge along (**details supplied**)”

Reply

The area office will look into this issue and will come back to the Councillor with a reply.

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Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for public lighting pole no. 5 outside **(details supplied)**, (pictures attached) to be fixed as it is always on”

Reply

The street light outside **(details supplied)** is scheduled to be attended to within the week.

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Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the investigation of traffic flow at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

It is the policy of Dublin City Council to promote a modal shift from private car use towards increased use of more sustainable forms of transport such as active mobility and public transport. While it can be inconvenient for the private car user to be caught behind a bus with up to 80 passengers on board this is the best location for stop 1622 as it serves a large residential area adjacent to Shanowen Road.

The stop will not be relocated as there is no alternative location to move the stop to and the stop will not be removed as this would lead to an unacceptable gap between stops 220 and stop 1623.

A bus priority intervention is in place to assist buses outbound on approach to Shanowen Road by giving additional green time to the outbound movement. Dublin City Council will continue to promote public transport options wherever possible ahead of private car traffic.

The Bus Connects proposal for this location can be viewed on the NTA's website.

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Bus shelters are managed and maintained by the NTA and any queries about their use should be sent directly to the NTA for them to look into.

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Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the road resurfacing at Bus Stop 242 on the Beaumont Road - I previously requested this several months ago and was assured that it would be done when a crew was next in the area. I wish to advise that the surface is particularly badly broken with some quite deep crevices and is continuously deteriorating and poses a significant hazard for cyclists with many having to go further out into the middle of the road to avoid it. I am concerned a cyclist will get injured as they travel over this section of road or by having to juggle other road users”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) have asked the inspector to complete a temporary repair at this location while the Area Engineer organises a permanent repair by contractor. It will take number of weeks to organise the permanent repair.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.**
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Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the following road marking works to be carried out **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for re-marking will be carried out within 30 workings days of the NCAC meeting of the 17/03/23.

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Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the following footpath works to be carried out (**details supplied**)”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection at this location. Jobs numbers 41161587 and 41116650 has been scheduled for when a works crew is available in the area. There is currently a backlog of repairs, which works crews are working through.

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Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a new tree to be planted outside **(details supplied)**”.

Reply

The locus will be inspected over the summer months and if deemed suitable will be listed for inclusion in the street tree planting programme Nov 23 – Mar 24.

Contact:	Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

““To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on sewage issues at (**details supplied**)”.

Reply

Dublin City Council Drainage Division will carry out detailed investigation of public sewer in the area of (**details supplied**) School.

Drainage Division will follow up directly with the Councillor as the investigation progresses.

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Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on communication sent to and received from the NTA with regard to establishing an additional city centre route westbound on the Oscar Traynor Road and taking the slip road in the city centre via Drumcondra so as to serve the future residents of the Oscar Traynor Road development.”

Reply

Please see updated below from the NTA.

This site is close to stops on new route A1 along Castletimon Road / Lorcan Avenue and also to route N6 and new route D4 along Oscar Traynor Road. Routes A1 and D4 will give links to and from the city centre via either the Swords Road and Drumcondra (A1) or Beaumont and the Malahide Road (D4). Route N6 gives orbital connections to Howth Junction, Coolock, Ballymun and Finglas. The Authority believes that this provides good overall access to the local bus network and there are no plans to add a further service on the slip road.

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Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to outline the public realm planting/greening intention for the corner areas at the much welcomed upgraded junction at Gracepark Road and Collins Avenue and a timeline for when this will be completed.”

Reply

The Traffic Department are upgrading the junction at Gracepark Road and Collins Avenue. As part of these works 2 No. section of grass were top soiled and reseeded with grass seed. The Civil works will be completed by Friday the 21st of April 2023. It is estimated that these lights should be operational by the end of May 2023.

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Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the work in Ellenfield Park, to include the repair of a number of playground equipment?”

Reply

The water bottle filling station will be installed in the coming weeks once a contractor can be appointed. Proposals for the ‘teen area’ will be put out to tender in Q2 2023. It is not clear what repairs to the playground are referred to above. Necessary repairs to playground equipment are scheduled as a matter of priority and which may or may require the piece of equipment being taken out of use in the interim on safety grounds.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager if there is anything that can be done to help traffic across from Colmcille G.A.A on Collins Avenue D09 W688 to get onto the Swords Road in the morning to head to Drumcondra?”

Reply

The ITS section have reviewed the operation of the traffic signals at this junction to determine if there is scope to amend the operation, timings and/or sequences to address your concerns. This review is summarised below.

The traffic signals at this junction are controlled by City Council's Urban Traffic Management System, SCATS. SCATS is an adaptive traffic control system that automatically alters signal timings, in real time, based on traffic demand taken from on street vehicle detectors. The Swords Rd is a major city artery with heavy north / south / airport traffic and is a major public transport route. Consequently, it receives a majority of available green time and traffic signal bus priority measures also allocate extra green time to the Swords Rd on detection of an approaching bus. Due to the large volumes of traffic travelling inbound during the AM peak, extra green signal timing is also allocated to inbound traffic on Swords Rd during this peak.

Please note that the volume of traffic, coupled with the need to service demands from pedestrians, cyclists, and public transport operator's means that SCATS needs to balance the needs of various users on different approaches and various modes of transport, and it is therefore not always possible to prioritise one mode or approach over another. Taken together these measures limit the available green time for vehicles on Collins Ave approaches to the junction, however, all measures are consistent with Dublin City Council's policy of prioritising active and sustainable travel modes in the city.

We see very little scope to alter the operation of timings of this junction without negatively impacting all modes on Swords Road. We will, however, continue to monitor the junction and make changes as necessary to improve the overall operation.

Finally, please note that, traffic in the city is monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by the City Council's Traffic Control Centre, and amendments are made in SCATS in response to incidents and problems / congestion as they arise.

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Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to improve the following in Shanowen Grove:

- a) The footpaths in Shanowen Grove are in a bad way and are in desperate need of repair.
- b) The street lighting is very poor on the street, is there any way of increasing the lighting?
- c) The street corner which meets Shanard Avenue - people are regularly parking on both sides of the road, on the corner. It is difficult to drive in and out of the street and it would definitely be a problem for emergency services. Is it an option to get the solid white line put on the road to stop people from parking there?”

Reply

- a. Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have no plans in place to complete footpath repairs in **(details supplied)**. RMS will however note these two locations for consideration if additional funding becomes available in 2023 or to be part of the 2024 programme of works.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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- b. The street lighting on Shanowen Grove will be upgraded this year as part of the Lighting Upgrade project. Until the upgrade works are completed routine maintenance work on the existing street lighting will continue to be carried out.

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Public Lighting Services,
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- c. This request TAMS ref no 7032478 will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

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Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area manager in relation to Shanrath Road when the repairs will be done?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have no plans in place to complete footpath repairs in **(details supplied)**. RMS will however note this location for consideration if additional funding becomes available in 2023 or to be part of the 2024 programme of works.

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Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area manager to consider making the commercial block in the Bloomfield complex (new complex at the Bonnington Hotel on the Swords Road, Dublin 9) into a child care facility due to the lack of places in the area?”

Reply

Permission was granted with 26 conditions by An Bord Pleanála (reg ref TA29N.306721, DCC ref SHD0002/20) for a build-to-rent development on the former car park of the Bonnington Hotel. This included 124 apartments (48 one-beds, and 76 two-beds), communal residential facilities in the form of a management office, post room, children’s room, games room, coffee dock, reading/media room, group/yoga room, DIY bicycle repair room and garden room located on the lower ground floor of the southern block, extending to c. 268 sqm, as well as outdoor amenity space with landscaping, seating, and a play area, as well as car and cycle parking, and site development works. There were no commercial facilities granted. The ground floor facilities are intended as communal residential facilities. As noted in the Ministerial Guidelines (Design Standards for New Apartments 2018) *“The provision of such facilities contributes to the creation of a shared environment where individual renters become more integrated and develop a sense of belonging with their neighbours in the scheme. This provides the opportunity for renters to be part of a community and seek to remain a tenant in the longer term, rather than a more transient development characterised by shorter duration tenancies that are less compatible with a long term investment model.”*

The development, now known as Broomhill House, is nearing completion.

Permission was subsequently granted by Dublin City Council (reg ref LRD6021/22-S3A) for retention of amendments to some materials, some window placements, and the entrance door. There was no change to the number of residential units or the permitted use.

A crèche and community audit was submitted with the original application, which concluded that the development would be likely to accommodate circa 11 children of preschool age. The audit found 28 operational facilities within a 1.5 k radius of the site, with a capacity of 1,043 places, with 57 places available at the time of writing. It also noted a new crèche due to be constructed on foot of permission 3269/10, on the site to the north of Highfield Hospital, known as the Barina site or Hartfield Place. That permission has since lapsed, but a subsequent application on that site (SHD0010/22 (ABP-313289-22)) has permitted 472 apartments and a crèche of 445 sqm (63 full time places).

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Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area manager if he can look at the disturbance at Seven Oaks at night, due to late night tournaments taking place in the Bonnington Hotel, Swords Road, located beside the estate?”

Reply

Dublin City Council previously took legal action in respect of the holding poker events in the conference centre at the Hotel. Following appeal to the Circuit Court in February 2010 Judge O’Sullivan heard the matter and acceded to the Appellant’s (the Hotel owners) appeal on the grounds that condition no.2 of the planning permission granted was broad enough to cover the use of the premises for the poker tournament that took place. Judge O’Sullivan focused to a large extent on the definition of what amounted to a function and whether a tournament such as the one that occurred came within that definition. He held that the conference rooms and meeting rooms were held to be function rooms and the planning permission granted contained a condition that the proposed meeting rooms were to be used for their stated purpose only, for reasons of residential amenity. Accordingly, in his view the hotel permitted conferences and meetings entailing a large footfall from the hotel and the controlling the numbers of persons was not the intention of the condition imposed in the planning permission. He held that the condition was drafted obscurely in limiting the use of the function rooms but not entitling them to be used as dance halls without further permission. Accordingly, anything short of music must be permitted by the condition and this function had to include a tournament. Accordingly the court deemed that the use for the purposes of accommodating a poker tournament was within the parameters of the permission and associated conditions.

Dublin City Council has no intention of pursuing a similar case in respect of the proposed poker tournaments taking place at this location as the Courts have already determined the legality of the use concerned previously.

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Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area manager to provide an update on the proposed publicly-owned all-weather football facility for the Artane-Whitehall area. Report should include details on how and when to apply for capital funding, the exploration of possible site locations and a timeline for the project”.

Reply

The area office are liaising with the Parks Department and Property development in relation to the preferred locations for training facilities for football clubs within the Artane/Whitehall area. Property Development are to answer queries on the use of the OTCDC by local clubs. The area office are also awaiting word from the Arch-diocese on the possible development of an astro pitch within the grounds of Scoil Fhursa/Scoil Ide in Kilmore. A letter will issue to the football clubs shortly in answer to the queries put to us by the clubs at the recent meeting. The area manager will come back to the Councillor with details of the three year capital budget.

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Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area manager to provide an update on the proposed regeneration of Cromcastle Court and the Old Coal Yard site and to request that face-to-face consultation takes place with the residents of Cromcastle Court as soon as possible”.

Reply

Dublin City Council has initial funding and project approval for the redevelopment of Phase 1 Cromcastle Court, which includes the development of the old coal yard site. The current proposals show for 116 homes on the Cromcastle Court site, a mix of one, two and three bedroom homes, while it is planned to provide for 34 older person homes on the old coal yard site. An integrated design team has been working to progress design development to bring it to the Planning approval stage. DCC and the design team are currently responding to queries following the submission of the Stage 2 application to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Upon receipt of Stage 2 approval, further consultation will be arranged through the Local Housing Manager and her office with the residents of Cromcastle Court and local elected members.

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Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager please refer to housing applicant as per (**details supplied**) and say when it is likely she will be accommodated and if the overcrowded conditions details attached is living under are being taken into account as part of her housing need?

Reply

The above applicant is on the Band 2 of the Housing List with an application date of 05/09/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	73
Area H	3	36

The applicant is on band 2 which reflects the applicants overcrowding situation. 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.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

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Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to footpath at location as per **(details supplied)**, can the manager please refer to smashed pathway which followed works carried out by Dublin City Council (contracted by Irish Water) and carry out the necessary repairs to same as elder resident is unable to cope with the poor workmanship left by City Council operatives.

Reply

The path outside **(details)** Avenue East was inspected by the Infrastructure Management Unit in response to this question. Irish Water carried a permanent reinstatement of the concrete, which has contributed to the ponding situation on the path outside the complainant’s house. This matter has been referred to Irish Water for repair.

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Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** where a disabled parking space was removed and say why it was removed and when same will be replaced?”

Reply

The disabled bay outside **(details supplied)** school was not removed but relocated to allow for the provision of a protected cycle lane past the school. The new location was agreed on site with members of staff from the school.

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Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please arrange for the sweeping/cleaning/washing of road as per **(details supplied)** as elder residents are upset that same has not taken place there for some time now and the elder residents are not in a position to do so themselves.

Reply

Waste Management Services had **(details supplied)** swept and cleaned on the 6th April 2023. It wasn't deemed necessary to have the road washed.

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Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager can the manager please install electric car charging points on Bull Island near Happy Out and near the causeway entrance and also in the car parks surrounding St Anne’s Park as given the time it takes for a car to charge, it makes sense to have easy access to charging points where you can also avail of Bull Island and St Anne’s for a walk and/or a coffee.

Reply

Dublin City Council is aware of the challenges EV drivers have finding local charging facilities. The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy commissioned by DCC, DLRCC, FCC, SDCC, Smart Dublin and CARO established an overview of the anticipated demand for public EV charging equipment up to 2030.

DCC offered members of the public an opportunity to identify locations where public EV charging could be most beneficial through an online application form. Locations submitted would be considered in the context of existing EV charging provisions, available space, local area and mobility plans.

DCC are currently working with Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI), ESB Networks and other key industry stakeholders to enable and facilitate an increase in the number of public EV charge points across the City.

The four DLAs have advertised on e-tenders.ie an initial project for the supply, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of up to 200 Public Destination Electric Vehicle Charge Points at 50 locations across the County.

Publicly accessible EV charging facilities are currently provided close to Bull Island at Kincora Road, Clontarf.

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Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager, in relation to the unbearable, hazardous and chronic traffic problems on Richmond Road, Dublin 3 please say if he can

- 1) Confirm that there is a HGV/3 ton limit ban on Richmond Road
- 2) If he can arrange for the installation of a physical barrier/structure at the Fairview/Ballybough entry to Richmond Road, (similar to that which is installed at the corner of Griffith Avenue and Swords Road) to prevent HGVs turning left onto Richmond Road
- 3) If he can arrange for the installation of a physical barrier/structure at the top of Richmond Road, at Drumcondra Road (similar to that which is installed at the corner of Griffith Avenue and Swords Road) to prevent HGVs turning right onto Drumcondra Road
- 4) Consider the installation of a temporary “stop/go” system on Richmond Road to alleviate the chaos and impending danger to pedestrians, particularly vulnerable pedestrians using this road
- 5) Immediately install the agreed residential parking scheme on this road

Reply

Richmond Road it is covered by the 3.5 tonne ban from the both entrances (Drumcondra Road and Fairview/Ballybough), signage that currently complies with the Traffic Signs Manual. It should be noted that the weight limit does not apply to vehicles wishing to access a particular road to make a delivery. The enforcement of height and weight restrictions for vehicles breaking the ban is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

As part of the proposed Pay and Display/Permit Parking Scheme, parking restrictions were combined with staggered parking in order to mitigate the traffic and safety issues and currently Transport Advisory Group has no plans to implement a temporary “stop/go” system.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart, Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

The plebiscite for this scheme was carried out in December 2022, and the design was agreed by both residents and the local elected representatives. After completion of this plebiscite, it was necessary to engage with internal stakeholders and An Garda Síochána for final approval of the scheme and this process was only recently satisfactorily completed.

I wish to confirm that arrangements are being made for the installation of the necessary signage and lining and it is anticipated that the scheme will become operational on 19th June to accommodate the introduction of new city wide Parking Permit IT Software.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to refer to issue with tree replacements/inspections in locations as per **(details supplied)**”.

Reply

1. There are no current plans to replace the street trees on this cul-de-sac. These trees are not similar to those replaced on **(details)** Walk. The chestnut trees on **(details)** Walk were much, much larger and older than the street trees on the cul-de-sac and were originally associated with the institutional lands to the north and predate the construction of the housing estate by many years. Over the decades since the construction of the **(details)** Estate next to these trees their condition did decline to the point where the decision was made to replace them on safety grounds. These trees have been examined on a number of occasions in recent years and the trees were not considered dangerous and no evidence of disease or rot was observed.
2. The most recent inspections carried out were visual only and did not generate a written report. However a full detailed survey will be carried out in the coming weeks once the pavement works have been completed.
3. This operational decision is a matter for Road Maintenance.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Roads Maintenance Services is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the public footpaths and roadways. We have received a number of complaints regarding damaged footpaths at **(details supplied)** which we are in the process of repairing. All repairs will be completed in concrete to match the existing footpaths.

Issues regarding the removal or pruning of trees will be dealt with separately by Dublin City Council Parks Department. Road Maintenance Services has no involvement in the maintenance of trees.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager to report on the following please. Further to my question to the January NCAC, I note Parks Department view re the appropriateness of including the land art sculpture in a proposed Part 8 for St Anne's. Could the manager please advise whether the Planning Department has determined that Planning Permission is legally required? Could the manager also please indicate whether previous land art pieces have been installed in Dublin City and whether planning permission was or was not sought in each case and that basis for deciding on the need for planning permission?”

Reply

There are a number of proposals in the vicinity of the Red Stables in St. Anne's Park that have been subject to initial pre-part 8 consultation, including potential toilets, refreshments outlet & car parking. There is also a proposal to construct a 'land sculpture' in this area. The land sculpture may form part of a wider Part 8 proposal in order to provide a more comprehensive overview of proposals in this part of St. Anne's Park. Furthermore, there is the potential to reuse soil waste (which otherwise may need to be removed off site) in the construction of any land sculpture.

Notwithstanding the above, the proposed land sculpture may be provided without the need to go through the Part 8 procedure assuming the cost of providing the sculpture is below €126,000. Alternatively, a sculpture proposal within a public park may be an exempt development under the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 36 contained in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager to report on the following please. Further to my question to the January NCAC, while I appreciate that a meeting of the Area Committee to discuss the proposed Part 8 for St Anne's Park will be facilitated, could the manager please indicate whether DCC will or will not facilitate a public meeting please”

Reply

While it is not intended to hold a public meeting before the consultative Part 8 process an information session with key local stakeholders can be facilitated.

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

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Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager to please provide the traffic report that was referenced at the recent meeting of the North Bull Island Forum”

Reply

The North Bull Island Nature Reserve Oversight Forum has discussed the matter of traffic, car parking and emergency access on the 'Wooden Bridge' access to the island and it was agreed that when a draft report is completed by a consulting engineer that this will be discussed at the Forum and obviously any outcome from that would be brought to the North Central Area Committee. At present, there is no 'traffic report' which sheds any light on the issues in question.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager to please provide the ecological reports that were carried out during the concerts in St Anne's Park in 2022”

Reply

The ecological report will be circulated to the committee.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager the following please, further to my question to the December NCAC, (see attached) there seems to be some confusion over the matter raised. A request for an increased traffic phase is not being made. The request is simply that a filter arrow be provided so that the drivers in the inbound lane at the green light know that the outbound lane has a red light and it is therefore safe for them to make the right hand turn into Mount Prospect Avenue”

Reply

Thank you for your follow up query. Please note that this junction operates an early cut off to the green traffic signals outbound on Clontarf Road to permit some additional time for road users wishing to make the right turn to Mount Prospect Avenue while showing the opposing traffic a red signal.

The installation of a filter arrow is not recommended at this location as it would require the introduction of an extra traffic phase which would require a minimum green time for the filter traffic signal, which is longer than the current early cut off & which may cause delays to public transport along the main road.

We will, however, continue to monitor this junction with a view to optimising the overall performance for users on all approaches.

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

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Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on DCC’s planning enforcement protocols / view in respect of Bike Sheds in front gardens. Active travel has been very successful and many families have multiple bikes with nowhere to store them. I’m aware of enforcement files / cases against individual homeowners for erecting bike sheds and I’d appreciate DCC’s comprehensive view / report please”

Reply

Class 3 of the exempted development regulations allow for the placing of sheds and stores etc. within the grounds of a house subject to certain size restrictions, however, one of the relevant conditions is that they must not be located to the front of a house. Therefore, Class 3 does not apply to the provision of bike storage units to the front of a house.

A case could be made that a bike storage unit to the front of a property is exempt development under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act ‘*works which affect only the interior of the structure or which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures*’. A section 5 declaration could be lodged to determine each case from the point of view as to whether the development does or does not require permission. Each set of circumstances will be different from the point of view of the size and shape and finish of the structure, its location, visibility and whether it materially *affects the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures*. There is a risk that the outcome of the process in some instances will be that a proposal is not exempt development and requires planning permission. It should also be noted that some structures may be considered to be a breach of planning but may also be considered to be minor or trivial in nature and therefore unenforceable. That is a determination that is made on a case by case basis.

Planning permission can be sought for a bike storage unit located to the front of a house. Planning permission may be granted subject to the proposal complying with the provisions of the city development plan. In this regard, the storage unit should be of an appropriate design to integrate with the house, garden and wider streetscape. As with all proposed developments each case would be assessed on its merits having regard to the policies and objectives of the City Development Plan, Ministerial guidelines and relevant legislation.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the branches of a tree can be pruned back at **(details supplied)** as they are protruding onto the property.

Section 3.7.5 ‘Public Trees Overhanging Private Property’ of the adopted tree policy states ‘*The Council will not prune trees that overhang neighbouring properties unless the trees are dangerous or are causing an actionable nuisance*’. The tree will be inspected 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 2023-24.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will fix the footpath and a wall at (**details supplied**) as the roots from the tree outside have broken them”

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. The wall is not a matter for Road Maintenance.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will fix the footpath at a location **(details supplied)** as the footpath has been lifted by tree roots creating a serious trip hazard”

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.
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Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will inspect a location and meet with local residents (**detail supplied**), as there are several very large trees on the road causing a number of problems including broken footpaths, a diseased tree and possible pipe damage”

Reply

It is intended to carry out a full detailed survey of the trees on this cul-de-sac in the coming weeks once the pavement works have been completed. The results of which will be discussed and shared with the residents.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will repair the footpath at a **location (details supplied)** as nearby tree roots have lifted the path”

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. The wall is not a matter for Road Maintenance.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will prune the large branches of the trees along a residential road **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The trees along this road have been recently examined and were found generally to be in an acceptable condition well lifted above the public footpath with no works required or recommended at this time.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the yellow box can be re-instated at **(details supplied)** in Dublin 9?

Reply

The junction of **(details)** Drive / **(details)** Road was monitored and vehicles were observed exiting/entering the estate without any difficulty. It is not recommended to extend the yellow box at this location.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart, Executive Engineer
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Reply

The Yellow box at the junction has been replaced by the contractor for EU networks as part of their permanent reinstatement, as per photograph below taken by IMU on 12th April 2023



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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager what are the rental rates for apartments leased by Dublin City Council and allocated through the Choice Based Lettings scheme in a new development in Area E **(details supplied)**”

Reply

A long term lease has not yet exchanged for the scheme at **(details)** House, **(details)** Road. It is anticipated that the units will be ready for delivery in the next few weeks.

Release of agreed market rents could result in giving other market actors a competitive advantage in proposing properties to DCC and agreeing rental levels and may result in material and financial loss to the Council.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to install a litter bin at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Waste Management Services have litter bins at the shops and take away locations in this area as these are considered the significant litter generators in this area. There are no plans at this time to install additional litter bins between the above mentioned shopping locations.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to have painted 30km road signed installed at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Slow road markings have been provided at strategic locations on the approaches to the bend near no. 67, no. 54 and no. 39 of **(details 1)** Road.

A supplementary “SLOW” road markings was recommended and painted on **(details 2)** Road before the bend near no. 32 and a painted 30km/h roundel on **(details 2)** Road at the entrance from the Thatch Road.

(Details 1) Road is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists the road is a residential area and to expect children. The sign is clearly marked at entrance from Shantalla Road.

Therefore, to avoid the proliferation of signage extra signage, it is not recommended an additional 30 km/h signage at this location.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart, Executive Engineer
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager on foot of the findings from the recent local traffic studies, to issue the traffic mitigation plans, if any, to be implemented on the Oscar Traynor Road to alleviate the inevitable significant rise in usage and congestion on this road from the M1 to the Clonshaugh Industrial estate during the construction phases and then the delivery of the circa 800 homes on Oscar Traynor Road Development known locally as the Lawrence lands. Residents groups from Aulden Grange, Santry Court, Larch Hill, Woodlawn and the Kilmore area have expressed concerns on the negative impact the increased traffic congestion on this already busy thoroughfare will have on them and require solutions”

Reply

A number of sustainable transport initiatives are proposed to improve access to the Oscar Traynor Road area.

In the short term, TII, in conjunction with Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council are developing a proposal to upgrade and signalise the Coolock Interchange. This will improve traffic flows and provide safe pedestrian facilities between Santry and Coolock. These works are planned to take place in 2023.

In the medium term, the BusConnects Swords to City Centre CBC project will deliver premium public transport and cycling facilities to the area, providing a more sustainable solution to the traffic congestion problems in the area.

Contact: Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer, Road Design and Construction Division
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Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager can provision be made to extend the space for private traffic on the bus lane - turning left into the estate. It is very dangerous crossing the bus lane so close to the junction”

Reply

80 metres are provided for left-turning vehicles into **(details supplied)**. This is more than adequate for drivers to move into the left-turning lane. No changes are planned.

Contact: Niall Bolger - Acting Senior Executive ITS Officer
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Extending the space for private traffic on the bus lane is not recommended. There is an acceptable distance of approx. 80 metres to allow cars to accommodate on the left side of the road and enter the estate without any difficulty.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart, Executive Engineer
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager to organise to have a driveway kerb / dishing replaced in respect of a residence at **(details supplied)** for the applicable fee etc”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Band 2 of the Housing List with an application date of 05/09/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	73
Area H	3	36

The applicant is on band 2 which reflects the applicants overcrowding situation. 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.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager to organise the cutting back of two trees which are encroaching on a residential property / causing damage etc please at **(details supplied)** adjacent junction with Clontarf Road”

Reply

The tree will be inspected 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 2023-24.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager to report on a property at **(details supplied)** please which i understand is being used by DRHE or IPAS. To include who will be managing the property, contact details etc and how many families are being housed”

Reply

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive is not using the property at **(details supplied)** and is not aware of any details in relation to the building's current use.

Contact: Mary Hayes
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager could the kissing gate be removed and an accessible entrance be put in place at the football pitches on the Alfie Byrne road”

Reply

There isn't currently a kissing gate at this location. The Parks Service is currently in discussions with the football club with a pitch allocation at this location as to how best to improve accessibility for their members. The club are to discuss as to how it is felt their access needs might be met while also restricting motorbikes and scramblers access to the pitches and preventing the type of damage to public pitches recently witnessed across the road in Fairview Park.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

A number of sustainable transport initiatives are proposed to improve access to the Oscar Traynor Road area.

In the short term, TII, in conjunction with Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council are developing a proposal to upgrade and signalise the Coolock Interchange. This will improve traffic flows and provide safe pedestrian facilities between Santry and Coolock. These works are planned to take place in 2023.

In the medium term, the BusConnects Swords to City Centre CBC project will deliver premium public transport and cycling facilities to the area, providing a more sustainable solution to the traffic congestion problems in the area.

Contact: Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer, Road Design and Construction Division
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Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

Regarding Donaghmede wards, it's important to note that it falls outside the administrative area of Dublin City Council and instead, Fingal County Council would be the appropriate authority to direct any inquiries to about the area.

a) In relation to increase signage and markings in 30kph at Artane Whitehall. As part of In response to the question about increasing signage and markings in 30kph areas in Artane Whitehall, it's worth mentioning that Dublin City Council installed all the required 30kph signage as per the Traffic Signs Advice Note Speed Limit Sign as part of the Special Limit Bye-Laws 2020. The Slow Zone Sign (F 403) has been used in housing estates to implement a 30 km/h speed limit and create a "Slow Zone" with the aim of reducing the incidence and severity of crashes and enhancing the quality of life. This sign has been installed at the entry points to self-contained (cul-de-sac) housing estates where a 30 km/h speed limit is being implemented.

The Road Safety Engineer has reviewed the area of Artane Whitehall, and all the necessary signage is in place. It's worth noting that Dublin City Council's policy is to avoid erecting repeater signs, as this could lead to excessive signage proliferation throughout the city.

b) Dublin City Council has been gradually implementing 30km/h speed limits in various areas of the city, guided by the 'Guidelines for Setting & Managing Speed Limits in Ireland' (March 2015) published by the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport. In line with this, the Council has already introduced 30km/h speed limits for all residential areas of Dublin. The most recent Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws were adopted in January 2020, and more information about these can be found at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/speed-limits-dublin-city>.

However, it's important to note that the arterial roads in Dublin City, which currently have a speed limit of 50 km/h, are yet to be converted to 30 km/h. The Council is currently waiting for the release of new guidelines on how to implement 30 km/h speed limits in urban villages, and will likely take action to convert arterial roads once these guidelines are released.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

(Details a & c)

The Senior Art Group meet every Monday and Friday in the library. Age Action computer Classes take place each Tuesday and Wednesday.

We have two book clubs that meet monthly, the morning group was set up to attract an older membership who may not feel as comfortable meeting at 7.00pm, especially in the winter months.

Although not aimed specifically at senior citizens, senior citizens are among those attending the Crochet Group and The Sewing Groups who meet weekly.

The following meet in Coolock Library on a weekly basis.

Monday	Coolock Library Toddler Group at 10.30am
	Senior Art Group at 10.30am
	Challenger Programme Group 1 at 5.30pm
	Challenger Programme Group 2 at 6.30pm
Tuesday	St Vincent de Paul at 10.00am
	Age Action Computer Class at 10.30am
	Sister Shed at 10.30am
	Communiversity at 5.30pm
Wednesday	Failte Isteach English Class at 10.00am
	CBT Group at 10.15am
	Age Action Computer Class at 10.30am
	Game On Games Night at 6.00pm
Thursday	Failte Isteach English class at 10.00am
	Crochet Group at 10.00am
	Coolock Library Toddler Group at 10.30am
	Sewing Group at 5.00pm
Friday	Failte Isteach English Class at 10.00am

In addition, a number of groups meet monthly.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
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(Details b & d)

In the year 2022 the following senior citizens in Coolock applied and received funding:

- Kilmore Place Environmental group.
- Coolock Library Art Group.

At present Martina McHugh Acting Area Community & Social Development Officer.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The adopted tree policy required that at least 1 tree is planted to replace each one that is removed whereas in fact many more are planted each year. However the objectives of the annual tree planting programme are not simply about the numbers of trees planted but ensuring that the right tree is planted in the right location. Poor species choices and planning decisions in the past have left a legacy of challenging issues in certain areas. One focus of the tree replacement programmes in such area is to replace certain species identified as problematic with species more appropriate for the location that can establish and thrive and ultimately contribute positively to the environment for decades. It does not appear to be generally appreciated that it takes a good many years for a newly planted tree to achieve carbon neutrality and begin sequestering carbon and removing particulate and gaseous pollution from the local environment. Replacing such trees not best suited for their locations with better selected varieties also has the benefit of improving the health and condition of the urban forest. In many such circumstances street trees are being replaced with smaller canopied specimens less likely to lead to the types of conflicts regularly reported but could lead to a reduction in canopy cover across the city. Larger canopy trees are planted within parks and open spaces to compensate. With regard to tree audits there is no complete survey of the NCA however the Parks Service is currently creating a digital inventory of the entire tree stock in the city through the surveying of approximately 4-5,000 trees in the area per annum. This will take a number of years to complete but will form the basis for tracking such objectives over time.

The Parks Service has provided trees to communities in the past in certain areas where there was no opportunities to plant trees in the public realm. There are no current proposals to extend this initiative across the area more generally.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

The ITS section will monitor and review the operation of the traffic signals at this location and will amend operation as required, where there is scope to do so.

A response will be issued via the TAG query system.

Thank you for the query.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation.
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding footpath repairs & potholes at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) have completed localised carriageway and footpath repairs at **(details supplied A & B)** as part of the 2021 works programme and currently have no plans in place to complete further footpath or carriageway repairs at this location. Road Maintenance Services will however complete an inspection of the carriageway to assess the current condition of the carriageway with the view to have any potholes present made safe.

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) also have no plans in place to resurface **(details supplied C)**. RMS will however note this location for consideration if additional funding becomes available in 2023 or to be part of the 2024 programme of works.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding big belly bins & if he will make a statement on the matter”

- a) How many there are in the NCA?
- b) Are there plans to increase the number this year? Can you advise of locations?
- c) Can I ask how often a bin audit is carried out in the NCA? Can I be supplied with a copy of the last one?
- d) Are bins in large footfall areas marked in Red and emptied more regularly than bins in a housing estate?

Reply

- a) Waste Management Services have fifty one big belly bins in the North Central area.
- b) There are no plans to increase the number of big belly bins there.
- c) Assessment of bin needs is carried out on an ongoing basis. Our supervisory staff arrange new litter bins for locations which require them. Requests for bins by public representatives or members are assessed on a case by case basis.
- d) Litter bins in large footfall and shopping areas are emptied on a daily basis, including several times during the day, particularly in the city centre. Litter bins in housing estates are emptied daily, Monday to Friday.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

There are numerous clubs for teenagers throughout the areas mentioned, however, these are not funded by Dublin City Council and are run by external agencies. Dublin City Council’s Community Section support the following external groups that work with youths:

- Get Kilmore going covering Kilmore & Beaumont
- Creative Places covering Darndale Belcamp & Priorswood and Archways.

There are youth Workers in the Kilmore West Youth Project who are funded by CDYSB & who also cover the Beaumont area. In Darndale there are youth workers in Sphere 17 who are also funded by CDYSB and who also cover Moatview and Belcamp.

There are numerous football clubs within these areas providing soccer training, development and competitive/non-competitive matches in leagues etc. Dublin City Council, the Gardaí and the FAI provide late night soccer leagues in numerous areas including Darndale. The City Council do not fund sports clubs but the Sports Council, Sports Partnerships and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media along with some of the parent organisations provide grant funding to them.

The community team have discussed the potential for after-hours community use with numerous schools, however, to date they are reluctant to engage due to insurance concerns.

Contact: Martina McHugh
Email: martina.mchugh@dublincity.ie

Please see list of clubs in the area that DCSWP has provided funding to in last 6 years (2017 -2022).

All of the football clubs marked in yellow (see below) facilitate for teenagers.

3 Bridges Boxing Club, ABC Junior Badminton Club, **Artane/Beaumont Football Club**, Celtic Taekwondo Santry, Clarehall Celtic, Clongriffin Athletics Club, Darndale Boxing Club, **Darndale Football Club**, DCU Athletic Boxing Club, DCU Sub-Aqua Club, **Donnycarney Football Club**, Edenmore Boxing Club, **FC Dhúlaigh**, Glin Amateur Boxing Club, **Grange Woodbine Football Club**, **Home Farm Football Club**, **Killester Donnycarney Football Club**, **Kilmore Celtic Football Club**, Kilmore West

Karate Club, Naomh Barrog GAA Club, Priorswood School Boys/Girls FC, Santry Volleyball Club, Sports Link FC, St Francis Moatview Boys/Girls Football Club, St John Vianney Football Club, St Laurence O'Toole GAA Club, St Malachys AFC, St Monica's GAA Club, St Vincent's GAA Club, Trinity Donaghmede FC, Whitehall Celtic FC, Whitehall Colmcille GAA Club, Whitehall Martial Arts Club, Woodlawn Sports Link FC.

Contact: David Moran
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Many of the library's makerspace events are aimed at teenagers. For example, three workshops are scheduled for Friday 14 April: 'Race to the Finish' is for ages 9 to 15, while the other two workshops 'Introductions to 3D Printing' and 'Introduction to Programming and Electronics' just require under 18s to be accompanied by an adult.

Game On, a weekly games night, is for ages 10 to 14.

We are also in the process of setting up a book club for teenagers: books have been ordered in, posters made and promotion will begin shortly.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following re; senior complexes (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply

No regeneration of older persons complexes was carried out between 2019 and now.

For regeneration please note the following:

All complexes are currently being examined as part of a housing regeneration programme review with the aim of recommending a strategic regeneration plan for the next 30 years. All older people’s complexes are part of this review.

In terms of regeneration projects currently in process we have:

- St. Finbarr’s Court – commencement on site Q2, 2023
- Glin Court – commencement on site Q2, 2023
- St. Anne’s – plan for commencement on site Q1, 2025

Contact: Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community
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Clontarf & Donaghmede LEAs

We implemented a full maintenance programme and upgrades with our Housing Maintenance Department for 2022 for all 13 Senior Citizens complexes, in Clontarf and Donaghmede LEAs. See below list of works carried out in all complexes. All works were completed by the Q4 of 2022.

Works carried out included

- All balconies and stairwells in complexes if required have been resealed and upgraded.

- New paving and tarmac is installed throughout complexes were required.
- All new gutters were installed blocks in the complexes if required
- All rooftops were washed down to remove moss and debris in the complexes, this has been the cause of numerous flooding issues throughout the years when moss and debris would fall from the roof in winter and block the surface water drainpipes and the drainage system below.
- Followed up by a major interdepartmental Surface Water Programme carried out, by DCC Drainage Surface Water team and Housing Maintenance team in this complexes, all gullies, surface water and foul drainage systems were cleanout and any repairs needed were completed.

New lights were installed In St Gabriel's Court on the driveway into complex on the Avenue for better visibility in winter.

All grounds, shrubbery and gardens were attended to regularly and a winter maintenance programme is in place.

Enhancement Projects for Senior Citizens Complexes 2022

Starting with Raheny Court, Greendale Court, and Gabriel's Court. This enhancement project has been funded from Discretionary Budget, as part of requests from Councillors to enhance the grounds of the complexes to encourage residents to enjoy the open spaces provided.

This project included the provision of bird feeders, planters, wheelchair accessible herb garden planter, bike racks, outdoor chessboard table, ornamental penny farthing bikes, hanging baskets, wheelchair accessible picnic tables etc. This work will continue in 2023 if funding is available.

Contact: Patrick Smith, Area Housing Manager Clontarf & Donaghmede LEAs

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Artane Whitehall LEA

I can confirm that the following improvement works were completed in our senior citizen complexes over the last 4 years:-

- **Kilbarron Court** - Refurbishment of our community room by a contractor. Residents have access to the community room for bingo, art and other activities. Tree and hedge trimming and landscaping of the gardens. New raised beds for planting with wheelchair access in the internal garden. New paving is currently being put down in the complex and there are reflective strips/grips on the stairs.
- **St Luke's Court** – Landscaping of the garden, new flower beds, trimming of the trees and new hanging baskets. All ground floor apartments now have ramps at the front door and we installed a mobility scooter shed.
- **Hampstead Court** - Refurbishment of our community room by our Civic Maintenance team. Residents have access to the room 1 to 6pm daily for activities. Trimming of trees, new paving slabs in the courtyard, painting of hand

rails, reflective strips/grips on stairs, new flower beds, planting, new bench and supply of plants and compost to the gardening committee.

- **Gorsefield Court** - Refurbishment of our community room by our Civic Maintenance team. Northside Homecare Services run meals for the residents Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunchtime. Landscaping of gardens, new flower beds, reflective strips/grips on the stairs, new front doors, removal of rubbish and overgrown areas and supply of a new secure bin shed, plants and compost to the gardening committee.
- **Lismeen Grove** - Painting of the community room, 2 new benches, repair to the pool table, reflective strips/grips on the stairs, landscaping of the gardens, new paving slabs in the internal garden and supply of plants and compost to the gardening committee.
- **Mount Dillon Court** - New planter boxes at the entrance to the complex, new paving slabs in the communal areas, painting of the community room, reflective strips/grips on the stairs, landscaping of the gardens, new meter room doors, tree and hedge trimming and supply of plants and compost to the gardening committee. Power washing of the roofs and new guttering.
- **Albert College Court** - New windows in all apartments, painting of the outside of the complex, power wash the paving in the courtyard, landscaping of flower beds in the courtyard and side gardens, painting of the community room and new hanging baskets.
- **Domville Court** – New large planter boxes at the entrance to the complex, landscaping of the gardens, supply of plants and compost to the gardening committee.
- **Glin Court** – New front doors, new paving and reflective/grips on stairs.
- **Kilmore Place** – Landscaping and planting in the shared court yard and installation of a mobility scooter shed.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a list of what groups operate from the Kilmore West Centre, Dublin 17. And to outline what plans there are to improve the centre including capital works.

b) With the new plans for a leisure centre on this site will local clubs only be able to use the facilities or will other clubs who currently have no facilities but have players from the local area. Will there be a certain amount of public hours available for the usage of the 2 astro turf pitches that are proposed?

Reply

List of user groups

- St Luke’s A.R.A (Bowls)
- Kilmore West Youth Service
- Karate
- Mental Health Group (HSE)
- Scoil Fhursa
- NSP Healthy Cookery Class
- Kilmore Celtic
- Kilmore Celtic Academy
- Vianney FC
- Dynamis Coaching
- Yoga
- Scoil Ide
- NSP Quit Smoking
- Nomads BB
- DCC Sports Officer
- Change 4 Life

The improvements to the Kilmore West Recreation Centre were included in the report for the Coolock Swimming Pool presented to the North Central Area Committee at the March Area Committee meeting.

Regarding the access to the pitch and bookings, this will be addressed as part of the overall plan and will be developed during the design phase of the facility. It is envisioned that access to the facilities will be in line with the new sports plan currently being developed and expected to be completed by end of year.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to convene a meeting between DCC officials, Coolock-based members of An Garda Síochána and interested local councillors to specifically address the ongoing and persistent problems experienced by residents of Bunratty Road, Coolock: scramblers racing up and down the road, drug dealing, intimidation and general anti-social behaviour, all of which continues to make life very difficult for the majority of families living in the area”

Reply

The Area Manager will contact the Garda with a view to setting up a meeting. When this is confirmed the Councillors will be informed.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
17th April 2023

Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to treat with great urgency the very precarious housing situation that (details supplied) and her family are currently experiencing: with a notice to quit of early May, the family are facing into homelessness. However, their current position for Area B Band 2 Housing for a 4-bed home is No.15. Can we ensure that the city council reach her with an offer of a new family home before they are evicted into homelessness?”

Reply

The Area Office has been made aware of the case of **(details supplied)**. 4 bedroom homes are in short supply and those ready to let in Area B are under offer. Allocations has reviewed the list and there are other households ahead of Ms Hennessy, with a 4 bedroom need, already in homeless services or in receipt of a Notice of Termination who will need to be offered first.

A Tenant in Situ acquisition will not be an option in this case as the Landlord intends to use for a family member.

We strongly advise **(details supplied)** to contact the Local Authority's Family Support Team (01-2226977) in relation to Homeless HAP.

Choice Based lettings are advertised each week on

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/housing/i-am-looking-home/choice-based-lettings>

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17th April 2023

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to request a maintenance inspection of **(details supplied)**, with a particular focus on the replacement of the back door, the landing door, the living room door and the boiler. Such work was scheduled to be done in January of this year but never happened.”

Reply

Housing Maintenance carried out a repair on the back door of this property on 24th February this year. We do not have any logged request in respect of internal doors, but Housing Maintenance will undertake an inspection of all the doors referenced here and repairs or replacements will be carried out.

The Housing Maintenance Heating section will arrange for the boiler to be inspected in the next week and all necessary works will also be completed.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the new residential development on Bunratty Road: when will the remedial works be complete, what is the status of the Choice-Based Letting applications made for these new homes and when will they be allocated”

Reply

Bunratty Road is one of four housing construction contracts being delivered by John Sisk & Son (Sisk) for DCC. The others are Bonham Street, Cork Street and Springvale Chapelizod. DCC tendered the four projects as a bundle to be delivered by one contractor using ‘volumetric system build’ construction under four separate **Design and Build** contracts (Public Works Contract Form PW CF 2).

The development has 78 Dwellings, which are as follows:

14 X 3 Bedroom homes

- 64 Apartments in the complex, providing a mix of 1,2&3 bedroom homes

Due to the nature of the ongoing contract, further details cannot be provided at this time, however, the contractor is currently reporting an anticipated completion in late Q2, early Q3. 2023.

Contact: Keith Fay, Project Manager
Tel: 086-8150695
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Due to the nature of the ongoing contract, for the Bunratty Road Development, further details cannot be provided at this time, however, the contractor is currently reporting an anticipated completion in late Q2, early Q3. 2023.

It was agreed with Housing Allocations that’s these units will be advertised again, through the Choice Based Letting Scheme. They will be advertised mid-April and previous applicants need not apply, as these applications are still valid and on file.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran A/Housing Manager
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to request that the city council ensure the vehicular dishing and gate removal of **(details supplied)**, who had to transfer from her old home”

Reply

The dishing of kerbs are not carried out by Housing Maintenance. A request to have the kerb dished outside your home requires Planning Permission and needs to be applied into the Planning Section of DCC by the tenant. Housing Maintenance also needs to be notified in writing by the tenant when they intend to carry out alterations to the property so that we can inspect the property by an engineer prior to any works commencing and approve.

Contact: Robert Buckle
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to the junction of Copeland Avenue and the Malahide Road can the Manager ask ITS to add some additional seconds before the pedestrian green man is activated on the Malahide Road northbound side (after the westbound green-orange-red phase on Copeland Avenue completes) as cars can currently get delayed turning right up the Malahide Road at this point and end up cutting into the pedestrian phase.”

Reply

The ITS section has increased the delay time for the pedestrian crossing across the north side of the junction in question.

The operation of the traffic signals at this location will be monitored and further changes made if required.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation.
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager for the Traffic Department to assess the Copeland Avenue/Malahide Road junction for the addition of a right-hand-turn filter for traffic turning to go up the Malahide Road”

Reply

The ITS section have reviewed the operation of this junction. The addition of a dedicated right turn movement from Copeland Avenue to Malahide Road would require separating the current Copeland Avenue/Griffith Avenue traffic phase into two separate movements. This would lead to a reduction of green time on the Malahide Road traffic phase.

Please note that the Malahide Road carries large volumes of public transport routes and also is the alternative route for large HGVs to / from Dublin Port, in the event of a Port Tunnel closure. Therefore, consideration cannot be given at this time, to altering the operation of the traffic signal phases at this location.

However, the ITS section will continue to monitor the junction with a view to allocating additional green time to the side roads, when it is possible to do so, without compromising the performance of the Malahide Road corridor.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation.
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for the double-yellow road markings and the single white line at the entrance to Copeland Grove to be renewed please as they have worn away over time”

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for re-marking will be carried out within 30 workings days of the NCAC meeting of the 17/04/23.
(Weather permitting)

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager the following; The footpaths on Charlemont Road appear to have been marked for repair and this is very welcome – can the Manager confirm that (a) this is correct and (b) that the heritage granite kerbing at this location will be kept in situ as part of any footpath repair work”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services have plans in place to complete footpath repairs at **(details supplied)** as part of the 2023 programme of works. The existing granite kerbing will remain in place or will be reset if needed.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to please replace the water fountain on the Bull Wall opposite the Men’s Bathing Shelter that was recently removed with the installation of a shower”

Reply

The tap at the bathing shelter was replaced with the shower unit which can be used to fill water bottles etc. There are no current proposals to install an additional tap.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to please provide a co-ordinated response from the DCC departments involved to the trees-related issue in Thorndale Crescent as highlighted in correspondence to DCC **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the public footpaths and roadways. We have received a number of complaints regarding damaged footpaths in **(details supplied)** which are in the process of being repaired. All repairs will be completed in concrete to match the existing footpaths.

Issues regarding the removal or pruning of trees will be dealt with separately by Dublin City Council Parks Division. Road Maintenance Services has no involvement in the maintenance of trees.

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

It is intended to carry out a full detailed survey of the trees on this cul-de-sac in the coming weeks once the pavement works have been completed. The results of which will be discussed and shared with the residents.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager In relation to the junction of Griffith Avenue and the Drumcondra Road can the Manager request that ITS add some additional time to the green phase for those travelling west-bound on Griffith Avenue as local residents tell me that it is very short resulting in cars in the main traffic lane running up on the outside and encroaching on the eastbound lane in their efforts to make the right-hand filter”

Reply

Thank you for your query. Dublin City Council policy priorities Active and Sustainable Travel modes across the city.

In line with this policy, Active Travel measures have been implemented at the junction of Swords Road / Griffith Avenue. An extra pedestrian crossing has been added on the south side approach and all the traffic islands have been removed.

Additionally, Griffith Avenue now has protected cycle lanes in each direction. Cyclists along Griffith Avenue are offered a green ‘early start’, protecting cyclists from left turning vehicles.

The above measures have slightly reduced the green time available to vehicles each cycle of the traffic signals (Traffic signal cycle is the time whereby all approaches and the pedestrian crossings are serviced before cycle restarts)

The Swords Road is a major city artery with heavy north / south / airport traffic and is a major public transport route. Consequently, it receives a majority of available green time and traffic signal bus priority measures also allocate extra green time to the Swords Road on detection of an approaching bus.

These measures can result in some loss of available green time for vehicles approaching on Griffith Avenue approaches to the junction, but all measures onsite are in line with Dublin City Council’s policy of prioritising active and sustainable travel modes in the city. Driver behaviour such as driving up the outside of traffic in order to get ahead of a queue of traffic is an unsafe manoeuvre and is a matter for roads policing, which is the remit of An Garda Síochána. A request will be submitted to An Garda Síochána to monitor this location.

The traffic signals at the junction are controlled by City Council's Urban Traffic Management System, SCATS. SCATS is an adaptive traffic control system that automatically alters signal timings, in real time, based on traffic demand taken from on street vehicle detectors.

In addition, traffic in the city is monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by the City Council's Traffic Control Centre and amendments are made in SCATS in response to incidents and problems / congestion as they arise.

The ITS section will continue to monitor the junction operation and amend traffic signal timings and sequences as required, where there is scope to do so.

Contact: **Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation.**
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm that there will be no hedge or shrub-cutting in St Anne’s between 1st March and 31st of August in line with national legislation as set out in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The Parks Service takes its responsibilities under the Wildlife Act more than seriously. However, it can be necessary to schedule a light trim of the perimeter hedge during the nesting season both to ensure that briars do not become a hazard to pedestrians and to prevent the hedge providing cover for bad actors particularly around bus stops after dark, where vulnerable commuters or pedestrians can feel unsafe if there are not clear views in or out of the park.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for the planting of two additional trees in Ennafort as requested below **(details supplied)**.”

Reply

12 trees were planted in this estate as part of the tree planting programme Nov 22 – Mar 23 which just ended. The 2 sites have been examined and are listed for inclusion in next winter’s tree planting programme Nov 23 – Mar 24.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to outline if Dublin City Council as the local authority has any role to play in the management of problems with seagulls as set out in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**. If not, can the Manager refer me to the appropriate public agency?”

Reply

Seagulls are legally protected under the EU’s Birds Directive. All gulls and their active nests are protected in law by National and European Wildlife Legislation/Directives. The most common gull in urban areas is the Herring Gull whose conservation status is red listed in Ireland due to a large decline in breeding numbers. The Council has no responsibility or statutory obligation to control gulls and cannot offer any practical assistance regarding gull deterrents or the removal of nests from private property. It is understood that there are deterrent measures available from specialist contractors such as spikes, wire and netting systems.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to ask Drainage to check their records to see if (a) they have a map of the sewage lines in this particular neighbourhood and (b) if they have any records/reports relating to recent drainage problems on this road? Local residents have contacted me in relation to problems with vermin infestation at **(details supplied)** and there seems to be concerns emerging that it relates to structural problems with the sewage network”

Reply

- a) DCC Drainage have reviewed records of this area and have records of public sewers only. Private drain network is not shown on current GIS records. Since 2014 Dublin City Council is only responsible for the surface water public sewer network with Uisce Eireann now the statutory body responsible for the foul and combined sewer network. Neither Uisce Eireann nor DCC Drainage keep records of private drains (whether foul, surface or combined) as they are not the legal responsibility of these bodies. Private drains are the responsibility of the owners/occupiers of the premises served by those drains (see s.43 of the Water Services Act 2007).
- b) DCC Drainage are aware of ongoing issues in relation to rodents at the given address and have attended this location twice in recent weeks. The local sewer network has been investigated and presence of rodents with sewer network has been confirmed. Area is currently undergoing rat baiting which commenced on 2nd March. A detailed CCTV survey of the local sewer network is ongoing and results of such will be relayed to the councillor directly. Outfall manhole serving shared private drain was investigated and found to be missing cap in rodding eye of broads trap. DCC Drainage called into resident at **(details supplied)** but were unable to make contact. Printed information was given to resident adjacent and findings in relation the condition of the outfall manhole.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will prune the overhanging branches at **(details supplied)** as they are causing problems for people walking past?”

Reply

This tree was inspected and found to be in an acceptable condition, well lifted above the public footpath and with no works required or recommended at this time.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will remove or grind down the large tree stump (**details supplied**) which has been there for almost 10 years?”

Reply

Such stumps in very small planting pits cut into the concrete paving are very difficult to grind down or remove due to access restrictions. Unfortunately they must be allowed to decay to the point where they can be safely removed without damaging infrastructure or underground services of which data cables and fibre are particularly vulnerable. The locus will be examined as local schedules allow to ascertain if this stump can now be safely removed.

Contact:	Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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17th April 2023

Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will resurface the all-weather pitch in Donaghmede Park as the surface has fallen into disrepair?”

Reply

The facility is not considered to be in a state of disrepair. Some damage was experienced over the winter months which has been recently repaired.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will dish the footpath on the green that runs from Temple View Park to Temple View Green as it is currently inaccessible for many residents?”

Reply

The traffic division would need to assess suitability, design requirements and install these dishing's/pedestrian crossings on the footpath at **(details supplied)**.

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

The Transport Advisory Group will assess the suitability of pedestrian dishing at this location.

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, South City Engineer, TAG
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Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if maintenance will be carried out on the pitches on the Marino park and greens, as they are in poor condition for the players?”

Reply

Provision has been made in the 2023 pitch improvement programme and the discretionary fund to carry out improvement works on both greens. This work is dependent on weather and ground conditions and will be scheduled in the coming months when ground conditions allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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17th April 2023

Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will provide benches and a small playground in Belmayne park and Parkside park in consultation with the local residents?”

Reply

These areas have not been taken in charge and are managed and maintained by management companies.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will prune the tree at **(details supplied)** as it is the largest in the estate?”

Reply

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 2023-24.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager for a statement outlining the public consultation steps that have taken place with respect to the rainscapes project for Macauley Park in Harmonstown, specifically relating to the removal of car parking space in the cul-de-sac at **(details supplied)**. The houses here have no driveways and I have heard from residents who are concerned that the greening of this space, while welcome, will leave them with nowhere to park their cars and work van.”

Reply

Our [Rainscapes Project](#) commenced in April 2021 with the appointment of the consultant to the project. The Consultants remit is to deliver a number of nature based solutions to highlight more sustainable and environmentally friendly methods of managing our surface water across Dublin. McAuley Park, **(details)** Road and Lein Road are included in this project.

An essential component of this project has been in relation to community engagement and our development of the projects amenity value. The other essential components of a Nature Based Solution being water quality, biodiversity and surface water management to reduce flooding risk.

Our initial engagement with the public was in May 2021. Residents in both the Santry and Dodder catchments were notified through the Area Offices and via letter drop that consultation was taking place and were asked to register their interest in attending. That consultation took place virtually as it occurred during lockdown.

During this first round of non-statutory consultation, residents were made aware of the objectives of the project and asked for early input. This feedback was included in the design process for these sites. Residents were informed that, before any formal or statutory consultation took place, they would be consulted for further feedback on the proposed designs.

Further feedback was requested at our second consultation when the emerging preferred design option was presented at an in-person event at the Parish Hall, St. John the Evangelist Church, Tonlegee Road on the 28th March last. In advance, a presentation was made to the North Central Area Committee and their committee meeting held on the 13th March.

At that event on the 28th of March, attendees from **(details)** Road did expressed concern that proposed parking arrangements raised concerns with regard to the current off-road parking arrangements not being accommodated in the design. This feedback was recorded and has been returned to the Consultant for consideration and, if necessary, amendment to the design.

It is *not* intended to reduce parking spaces in the cul-de-sacs along **(details)** Road. However, parking will need to be better delineated and re-arranged through the use parking bays constructed with permeable paving.

We have distributed our contact details to residents within the project area and we continue to accept design input or address any queries the public may have through our website and project email.

Once the emerging preferred design option is finalised and an “*Appropriate Assessment Screening*” exercise complete, our project team will then be in a position to determine the appropriate formal planning route to undertake with the project. At that time we will return to the Area Committee to ensure they are informed of our next steps and we will than highlight how we have best addressed any and all concerns as possible, while ensuring the project meets its objectives also.

Contact: Roy O’Connor, Senior Engineer, Protection of Water Bodies
Office

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Project website: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/protection-water-bodies/green-infastructure/river-santry-and-river-dodder-rainscapes> - [LINK](#)

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Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager to clarify if it is permissible to use the concrete apron on the cul-de-sac at **(details supplied)** for the long term storage of cars and vans in varying states of disrepair. Specifically, is this a public road or is this council property? If it is not a public road, what enforcement action can the council take to stop this property being used to operate a long-term storage facility for untaxed and uninsured vehicles?”

Reply

Waste Management Service, Abandoned Vehicle Unit will investigate and will take appropriate action at **(details supplied)**

The Parking Enforcement Unit will liaise with Dublin Street Parking Services and An Garda Síochána with a view to resolving the issues at **(details supplied)**

Contact: Kevin Meade, Senior Executive Officer, Environment & Transportation Department.

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Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Please see attached **(details supplied)** Scheme March 2023 update that was sent to the North Central Area Office recently.

The target opening date for this scheme is July 2023.

Contact: Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer, Road Design and Construction Division
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Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding sustainable energy & parks improvements at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The maintenance contract for the turbines has recently been extended for 5 years and it is envisaged that they will continue to be maintained as an educational resource and demonstration example of how such parks and public facilities can be designed to be more sustainable.

The turbines are working safely and as efficiently as can be expected from turbines of this size and age surrounded by residential development.

The turbines are subject to a regular maintenance programme where safety is the primary concern.

The plans for the park for 2023 include investigations into feasibility of bringing the toilet block into service for events etc. and necessary repairs and improvements to the playground and other facilities.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

(a & b)

Clongriffin

The taking in charge process for Main Street, Clongriffin is still underway. Gannon's and the various service divisions from DCC are in regular contact and all are eager for this to be completed. The taking in charge of Clongriffin will be done a sequential basis, once Main Street has been taken in charge, Gannon Homes will then apply for Marrsfield followed by Bell Tree and Beau Park to be taken in charge.

Belmayne

The North Central Area Office are co-ordinating efforts to regularise the taking in charge of some of the main streets in Belmayne: Belmayne Main Street, Belmayne Avenue, Parkside Boulevard and two sections of Greenway.

Belmayne has had a number of landowners including Shannon Homes, Stanley and Nama. Many of the main roads were left unfinished during the economic crash in 2008 and were never taken in charge. The current main landowner is Cairn Homes who in 2015 bought various portfolios in Belmayne, however, as other landowners are also involved, it makes the situation even more complex.

If financially viable a taking in charge process may be progressed by declaring the roads to be public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, which is a reserved function rather than the regular taking in charge process, whereby the Developer applies to the Local Authority, Planning and Development Taking in Charge Section.

In order to establish the financial implications of the proposed declaration, the Area Office has been co-ordinating meetings with the various operational departments impacted by this proposal. Once an estimate for upgrading the roads to an acceptable standard is completed by each operational department the proposal will be brought to the Area Committee for consideration.

c) - Smart property look after the retail units for Gannon Homes and are actively seeking/negotiating with prospective tenants for vacant units.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 8845
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c) - There are 4 Retail units at New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13.

These units are advertised for letting by Mason Owen & Lyons Estate Agents on behalf of Dublin City Council and a number of viewings have been arranged by the Agents this week.

Contact: Bláthnaid Conlon, Senior Staff Officer, Property Disposals.
Tel: 222 3408
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Following an extensive survey of the Belmayne area, a map of the roads there that are proposed to be declared public is now being finalised. The next step is to conduct a public consultation stating that objections or representations may be made in writing to the road authority in relation to the proposed declaration. A report will then be prepared on the public consultation, considering any objections and representations made, before a recommendation is made to the Council on whether the proposal should proceed. This process will take approximately three months. It is expected that the map will be finalised this month and that the public consultation process can then begin next month.

Contact: Eric Lavelle Engineer, Road Design and Construction Division,
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Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Dublin City Council has a Vacant Homes Section who are responsible for the administrative area pertaining to the City Council.

12 long term vacant properties have been acquired by the City Council in the North Central Area and to date, 9 have been refurbished and returned to use and the remaining 3 properties are currently undergoing refurbishment works and will be returned to use in the near future.

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Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The C2CC Project is progressing well, and as such the Project Team recently prepared leaflet number 4 which is uploaded to the City Council webpage, and was delivered to 52,000 homes and businesses (a link to it is below). The aim of the leaflet is to provide information on the Project's progress, to give some information on milestones, and provide some information on proposed upcoming traffic management plans. It also contained a 'thank you to the community' acknowledging the continuing cooperation and patience of the local and the wider community. Projects of this scale come with unavoidable temporary disruption, and the focus of the Project Team is to keep this to a minimum, which ensuring the Project can progress in a safe, timely and an efficient manner as possible.

The leaflet contains an indicative program of works for the next few months. In brief, works are continuing along the inbound bus lane almost all the way along the proposed route. In February and March major traffic management measures were in place during weekends at the Malahide Road and Howth Road Junctions and along North Strand, similar works will continue for the next few months at various locations. Works on the limestone sea wall along North Strand also commenced in January 2023 and are complete, works have commenced outside CIE headquarters. As works between Buckingham Street and Five lamps junction are nearing completion on the Amiens Street inbound footway, cycle track and bus lane works swapped to the outbound side of Amiens Street in early February 2023. Works between Edges corner and Malahide road along Fairview have also switched to the outbound side on Monday the 20th of March, the remaining sections will switch in the middle of June.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/active-travel/projects/clontarf-city-centre-project/project-information>

We previously advised that the C2CC Project budget is €62.5m, and the project is scheduled for completion in Q1 2024. There are currently no changes to these dates and figures

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Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The title of **(details)** House was transferred from the Health Service Executive to Dublin City Council’s Housing and Community Services Department.

Our City Architects Division have carried out a preliminary inspection of the property to assess the development options of the house. It is intended that the redevelopment of the site will form part of a further phase in the regeneration of **(details)** Court.

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Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The approval by the elected members to proceed with the signing of the Host City Agreement is part of the tournaments bid requirements. The final bid dossier was submitted to UEFA on 12th April 2023. This is a competitive process and the announcement of the Host of UEFA EURO 2028 is not expected till October 2023

If the Ireland & UK bid is successful, Dublin City Councils Sports Section will engage with both the area committee’s and the relevant SPC on the legacy plans for the project and how the plans will specifically benefit the community.

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Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The Ayrfield development named as “Churchwell Gardens” was delivered under the National Social Housing Public Private Partnership, Bundle 1. The development has 150 homes fully occupied, a crèche, a community room & a multi-use games area. The crèche & community facilities provided, as part of the PPP development will be operational in 2023.

The PPP Project Team have engaged with the North Central Area Office with regard to the community rooms. The Area Office nominated their preferred local community organisation, Kilmore West Youth organisation. The community organisation will take up occupancy in Q2 of this year.

The PPP Project Team are working closely the crèche operator First Steps Academy Crèche & Montessori Ltd., with the expected opening date September 2023. As per the terms of the Lease, priority for places in the crèche will be available to residents located within the Ayrfield (Churchwell Gardens) Development, along with a 10% discount on the childcare fees.

Contact: Gareth Rowan, Senior Executive Officer
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17th April 2023

Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The Santry greenway is being delivered as part of the Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project. The tender process for this project was completed and the successful tenderer for the project commenced work in July 2022.

The Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project is intended to provide approximately 6.4km of high quality pedestrian and cycle facilities from North Bull Island Special Area of Conservation to Santry, through Raheny and Coolock. The scheme will be developed with Fingal County Council to provide an onward connection to Santry Demesne.

The greenway will be delivered in parallel with the river restoration work to provide enhanced biodiversity, water quality and flood alleviation benefits along the Santry River.

The route option selection and design work is expected to be completed within 24 months of the design team's appointment. The outputs of the option selection and design work will determine the programme and costs for the construction phase of the project

A series of public engagement events were held in September & October 2022 to gather feedback to inform the route option selection and design. Public consultations with the local communities and elected representatives will continue throughout the project phases. For the latest news, updates on the project and notice of public events please visit www.santryriver.ie

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Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The Housing Grant Section administers three Housing Grants Schemes designed to provide assistance to people making adaptations to their privately owned homes to meet their medical needs and to older people in poor housing conditions carrying out essential repairs to their owner occupied homes. These measures enable people to stay in their own communities and prevent or delay their placement in residential care thereby reducing social segregation, assisting their carer’s and strengthening families.

I wish to confirm that an application form for a Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People and People with a Disability has been sent to the above named.

The Housing Adaptation Grant is for people with a physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual disability.

A person can qualify for this grant if their home is:-

- Privately owned (you or your family own it).
- Rented from a landlord with a current tenancy agreement registered with the Residential Tenancy Board (RTB) and have the landlords permission to make the changes;
- Provided by an Approved Housing Body (AHB)
- A communal residence – accommodation where people live together in group homes.

An Occupational Therapist will need to assess the Applicant if the Applicant is applying for any of the following:

- A stair lift
- An extension
- A big change to the use of a room in the home

If the grant application is successful, Dublin City Council will pay the applicant up to €250 towards the cost of this assessment as part of the grant. A grant is not available if the household income is more than €60,000, after the disregards and deductions are applied.

I have attached the hyperlink to the Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People and People with a Disability if further information is required.

[Housing Adaptation Grants for older people and people with a disability \(Private Houses\)](#)

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Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

The **(details supplied)** cycleway project has been replaced with the East Coast Trail national cycle route. The East Coast Trail is part of Corridor 5 in the National cycle Network and runs from Arklow in the south to Drogheda to the north.

Within Dublin City Council’s administrative area The Active Travel Programme Office have a number of schemes on their Active Travel Network which are along the coast from the border with Fingal Co. Co. at Sutton to Fairview:

- Dollymount to Kilbarrack – This route has not yet started. It is earmarked to commence between 2025 and 2027
- Clontarf Road & James Larkin (Causeway Road to the Wooden Bridge)- This section is complete
- East Coast Trail, Clontarf (Wooden Bridge to Fairview) – A team are progressing with a scheme at Clontarf Baths. However the remainder of this route has not yet started. The Delivery of this scheme is post 2027.

Contact: Active Travel Programme office
Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

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Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

Housing Maintenance has a depot in Coolock that serves the majority of the North Central Area. This depot is due to close towards the end of the summer and the depot and the staff will move to the new North City Operations Depot based in Ballymun.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie
Tel: 2223517

In response to part b) above:

- Excluding vehicles operated by the Civil Defence, Irish Water and Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB), Dublin City Council currently operate a fleet of approximately 800 road and municipal / grass care vehicles.
- Of these ~800 vehicles 300 are owned outright and 500 were procured via various rental agreements.
- DCC's fleet can be broken down as follows:

Type	Approximate Number
Light Commercial Vehicle (LCV)	530
Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV)	145
Municipal / Grass Care Vehicle	125
Total	800

- Electrification has thus far focused on DCC's LCV fleet, with 45 or 8.5% of Dublin City Council's Light Commercial Vehicle fleet being EVs.
- Of DCC's ~800 vehicle total, 214 vehicles, or approx. 27% of the entire fleet, are operated by Waste Management Services.

- Of Waste Management Services' entire fleet of 214 vehicles, 142, or approx. 66% are Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs).
- Of Waste Management Services' 142 LCV fleet then 12 or ~8.5%, are EVs.
- Waste Management are due to take delivery of ten (10) small side loader (cage body) vehicles in Q2 of this year. These will replace old diesel vehicles and six of these will be EVs.
- On delivery of these vehicles 18 of 142 (almost 13%) of Waste Management's Light Commercial Vehicle will be 100% electric.
- Tenders are currently being drafted for the procurement of more electric municipal / grass care vehicles.
- There are plans for significant further electrification of DCC's Light Commercial Vehicle fleet with the changeover of approximately 250 leased LCVs (~100 of which are operated by WMS) in the coming 12 to 18 months.

On the whole, the EVs that have been added to our Light Commercial Vehicle fleet to date have been very reliable. Operationally we have had very few problems when compared to diesel vehicles of the same type.

The major obstacle to greater/more prompt electrification of DCC's fleet has been the lack of spare electrical capacity to charge a large number of EVs at the (older) depots where DCC's vehicles are currently based.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Contact: Cathal McCoy | Head of Fleet Management Services (Acting)
Tel: 01 2227501
Email: Cathal.mccoy@dublincity.ie.

Collins Avenue and Slaney Road depots are to close when the new Northside Depot comes into operation. This will be approximately mid to late summer 2023.

Waste Management have a fleet of 245 vehicles of which 25 are electric, which is almost 10% of the overall fleet. They are generally found to be reliable and we will be acquiring 4 more electric vehicles in the near future.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
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