

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 10 JULY 2023

- Presentation on Part 8 Notification re Mansion House universal access works
 Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 2 Presentation on a development on a site at Milltown Park Sandford Road Reg. Ref. LRD6026-23-S3

Order: Noted.

- 3 Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 12.06.2023 Order: Agreed.
- 4 Election of Chairperson

Order: Cllr. Dermot Lacey elected as Chairperson.

5 **Election of Vice Chairperson**

Order: Cllr. Anne Feeney elected as Vice Chairperson.

- 6 Environment & Transportation Department Matters
 - Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 27th June 2023.
 Order: Noted.
 - ii. Update on collection of green waste. Order: Noted.

7 Chief Executive's Department Matters

i. Part 8 notification re conservation and adaptation works to St. Werburgh's Church.

Order: Agreed to initiate Part 8 process.

ii. Report on proposed redevelopment / repurposing of St. Werburgh's Church, Werburgh Street. Order: Noted.

8 Planning & Development Department Matters

 Report on proposed disposal of fee simple in part of site at Gulistan Terrace.
 Order: Agreed to refer to City Council without recommendation pending meeting with HSE.

9 Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department Matters

 Update on Donnybrook Graveyard Columbarium Walls Project. Order: Noted.

ii. Report on public art in the South East Area.

Order: Noted. Cllr. Mannix Flynn nominated to sit on the Commission for Lemon Street selection panel.

10 South East Area Matters

. Report of Director of Services.

Order: Noted.

ii. Report on proposal to name and number a development at 120,122 & 124 Merrion Road as 1-8 Merrion Gardens.

Order: Agreed.

11 Motions 10.07.2023

Motion 1 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee:

- supports the residents of Brighton Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6 in their request to Dublin City Council, to have a 'Playful Street Pilot Scheme', like what is operating in Fingal County Council;
- agrees, as part of such a pilot scheme, to support the residents' request to limit access to vehicles for a few hours, along the stretch of that road between the junctions of Harrison Row and Garville Avenue Upper, on Saturday the 2nd of September 2023, ideally between the hours of 1pm and 5pm; and
- Recognises that the Brighton Road residents are ready to work together
 with the relevant departments within Dublin City Council, along with local
 Gardaí, to deliver and implement this pilot scheme to encourage local
 children to play outside, while at the same time promoting a stronger
 community in the area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Recognizing their importance locally and across Dublin and the unique Dublin Bay Biosphere this committee requests a serious action plan in relation to Sandymount and Merrion beaches and adjacent areas. Such a plan would to have immediate and medium term objectives to include tackling

- The horrendous stench (sewage like smell) possibly emanating from a sewage / water outlet at far end of Sandymount Strand near the top of Sydney Parade Avenue.
- It is not clear if this is meant to be a water overflow outlet but recently raw sewage has appeared on the beach near it, together with many rats and a very bad stench. The stench worsens at certain times of the day which may be associated with release times.
- Sufficient waste bins.
- Agreed cleansing programme.
- Update and plan of action from EPA.
- Integrated agree plan with OPW.

And any other matter the Manager would like to report on in relation to this issue.

And to request that action be taken prior to this meeting and through notification by this motion to deal with the smell issue before the real summer period commences Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the board of the Swan Leisure Centre and Dublin City Council to prepare a precinct improvement and public access / use plan for the area in front of the centre to create an attractive, accessible public space.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a comprehensive report on what action will be taken to deal with the issues detailed in the submission attached to this motion relating to Dartmouth Square Park.

"I am sending you a selection of photos taken in Dartmouth Square over the past few weeks.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words which is just as well as I'm not sure that I can adequately express my dismay, frustration, and disappointment at the condition of the park.

- The bin on the west side of the square is regularly overflowing with general rubbish, coffee cups and bags of dog faeces.
- The hedge is grown wild with full sized shrubs/trees that have been thriving for at least one year, possibly two.
- The 'flower beds' are quite simply a mass of weeds. Several residents planted bulbs in the spring, it was impossible to enjoy these as they were swamped by the weeds.
- Such signage that exists, is of poor quality and fails to convey important information. There is nothing to indicate the regulations about times when dogs are allowed off leash.
- A few magnolia trees which were planted about 2 years ago are in fact, dead and should probably be removed. However, they are probably an appropriate metaphor for the state of the park.

I could go on. I have lost count of the occasions over the years that my neighbours and I have met with members of the Parks Team. We have walked the park, discussed the issues of concern. Plans and promises were made, and we looked forward to their implementation. Sadly, we have been badly let down. This is particularly ironic given the many contributions – including financial – that residents have made over the years.

Dartmouth Square is at the heart of an Architectural Conservation Area and could be a jewel in the crown of Dublin city parks. Rather it is a source of shame and embarrassment to DCC."

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Tara Deacy, Pat Dunne, Deirdre Conroy, Fiona Connelly and Carolyn Moore

That this committee agrees once again to address the serious and life-threatening issues that continue to occur on the Crumlin Road in relation to traffic calming.

Background: 18 months ago, Cllr. Dunne and I submitted a motion to deal with the traffic calming issues on the Crumlin Road. The suggestions we made to deal with this ongoing dangerous situation were not implemented and I believe the only measure that was introduced was the employment of a lollypop lady at the school.

We said at that time that it is an accident waiting to happen and several incidents have occurred since, most recently on Sunday June 18th a very serious accident occurred (outside 57 Crumlin Road) involving a young child on his bike out for a cycle with his parents on Father's Day. The Crumlin Road is unsafe and is unfit for local residents to use.

Can we please revisit the traffic calming measures, can something meaningful please be done this time before there is a fatality. Please don't reply with 'Bus connects' will fix it.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

Many users of Dublin city libraries, students in particular, could be using refillable water bottles while they use the library services, so to promote a circular economy and reduce waste, this committee agrees that drinking water taps, fountains or bottle refill stations should be available in all our libraries in the South East Area. In particular a drinking water fountain / bottle refill station should made available to users of Rathmines Library, similar to what is currently available in Kevin Street, before the start of the next academic year.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee notes with concern the major flooding events in the Dublin 12 area that occurred on 13 June 2023.

It would appear that the gully drainage system was unable to handle the volume of rainfall that fell. In particular Slivenamon Road, Crumlin village, Windmill Road and Sundrive Road were badly affected.

These locations have a history of flooding and we ask that a full investigation in the adequacy of the drainage system be carried out and that long term remedial actions be undertaken.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee once again asks that the Part 8 development for 30 parking spaces at the Rutland Grove entrance to Eamonn Ceannt Park be actioned. Commitments in the past have faltered and the frustration of local residents due to lack of progress is understandable. We now call on the relevant sections of the council to prioritise this plan.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee agrees that the Parks Department will spend the money that was allocated to them by the South East Area discretionary budget to add clasps to the gates of Sandymount Green to enable the gates automatically close for safety purposes for young children and children with additional needs, while ensuring access for persons to the green with physical disabilities is not compromised, and that this will be done before the end of the summer.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to please install coloured road markings to signify the contraflow cycle lane on Molesworth Street. It is very dangerous for cyclists travelling towards Dawson Street facing traffic turning on to the street who aren't aware of the contraflow lane.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to please fix the pathway outside Mr. Chippies on Camden Street at the gyratory as a matter of urgency. The pathway has been left in disrepair seemingly since the installation of the digital advertising totem and there are sandbags and signs there also. This is unsightly and unsafe.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to give a full report on the plans for the Donnybrook Graveyard and to outline why it has been allowed to deteriorate to its present condition that has led to no tours of same for first time in many years (apart from Covid period).

Reply:

As a condition of the Part 8 planning application for the proposed pilot columbarium wall in Donnybrook cemetery an ecology report was commissioned. Maintenance of the graveyard now references this report & several actions recommended in this report have been implemented to date, these include:

- Tree maintenance works, including the removing of the undesirable trees and shrubs which are of little value to biodiversity.
- General safety related maintenance works to the remaining trees.
- Adapting a biodiversity friendly management and mowing regime for grassland, involving mowing only in April and September and taking away cuttings.
- Adoption of a no herbicide policy for the cemetery to benefit biodiversity.

This graveyard is currently maintained under the grass maintenance contract. Only a small area of grass is cut. Other areas are maintained weed and litter free. The path currently is not included for any maintenance as there is little public access, however it is kept weed free and access is retained through the complete site by DCC Parks staff.

This year, to date areas under contract have been strimmed twice, at the end of March and again only a few weeks ago at the end of May.

To facilitate the forthcoming construction of the columbarium wall the contractor has been asked to keep the vegetation low and maintain good access. To achieve this and to preserve biodiversity areas have been cut very low, this does however gives the graveyard an unkempt appearance.

Once construction begins there will be no access to the public until the contractor hands back the site. As part of the installation of the columbarium wall overgrown Hebe's (also identified for removal in the biodiversity report) will be removed, this will be done in the coming weeks.

The operator who previously organised tours of the graveyard has not recently requested council permission and there is no record of any operator providing DCC with public liability insurance to carry out tours within this graveyard.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if a full reply could be issued to this query regarding a vacant and derelict property (details supplied).

Reply:

Details supplied 1, Ranelagh, is a Protected Structure; Ref: details supplied 2 (above) on the Record of Protected Structures.

The dwelling is in private ownership and responsibility for the maintenance and security of the Protected Structure lies with the owner (and occupiers if any) of the building under Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

An Officer from the Conservation / Enforcement Section of DCC has conducted several external inspections of the premises. The owner has been written to several times to make him aware of his responsibilities in respect of the protected structure and has been requested to ensure that the site remains safe, secure and maintained. Another letter will be issued on the same basis shortly. However, planning enforcement action and the serve of a statutory notice can only occur where the protected structure is clearly becoming endangered; - which is not the case in this instance.

Q.3 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he will detail the total number of parking permits currently in issuance for Mountpleasant Square, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

Reply:

There are 79 permits issued for Mountpleasant Square, Dublin 6.

Q.4 Councillor Fiona Connelly

To ask the Manager if he will request the TAG to examine the junction at Rathgar Avenue and Garville Avenue in Dublin 6 to review the accessibility of the junction for pedestrians and consider installing a pedestrian crossing to improve safety for pedestrians.

Reply:

This will be put on our Tams system for assessment by the Transport Advisory Group.

The Transport Advisory Group will assess Rathgar Avenue and Garville Avenue to see if the junction meets the warrant for a pedestrian crossings.

This assessment will be carried out in autumn 2023, when school traffic and the children are walking and commuting to schools.

If the junction meets the warrant, the pedestrian crossing at this location will be put on a list of junctions for the South East Area so that funding can be sought.

This may be either incorporated into an Active Travel Scheme or funded by Bus Connects or directly by the National Transport Authority via the pedestrian improvement project which again next year Dublin City Council expect to receive funding.

Finally, for your information, there is a fully signalised pedestrian crossing only 170m to the north on Rathgar Ave towards Rathmines Village.

Q.5 Councillor Fiona Connelly

To ask the Manager will he review the safety measures on St. Teresa's Road adjacent to Stannaway Park in Crumlin? The speed ramps are in need of repair and there is high demand on these roads in particular when football matches are on.

Reply:

Transport Advisory Group have assessed St. Teresa's Road. St. Teresa's Road is a very narrow road and has numerous traffic calming measures in place. Entering from Kimmage Road West, the appropriate signage is in place such as 30 kph slow zone residential signage, ramps signage, a 3.5

tonne limit signage, no parking of 3.5 tonne vehicle on the corner from Kimmage Road West.

There are 5 ramps at suitable locations on St. Teresa's Road. The condition of the ramps are in poor condition and need repair and Transport Advisory Group have requested Road Maintenance team to investigate and consider repair.

Road Maintenance Services will add the 5 no. ramps on St. Teresa's Road to the ramp resurfacing to be included in our 2023 South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.6 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for street sweepers and the street sweeper vehicle to go down to sweep Sandford Avenue - off Marlborough Road, Donnybrook - as due to the pot holes etc. there is a lot of scree on the road making it very dusty etc. before this question is reached and replied to.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Sandford Avenue swept by the road sweeping machine on the 26th June 2023.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager provide me with a full written report regards the rollout of the so called 'gull bags' bin bags that took place in the SEA Castle Street, South William Street, Fade Street etc.?

There has been much negative reaction from the public and indeed business owners regarding the roll out of this initiative. It is extremely unclear to the conscripted users of these bin bags as to who is responsible for this and who is managing this.

This report to include a full breakdown of all those consulted prior to the roll out of this scheme. What public consultation if any took place in the Dublin 8 area? Who conducted the data and survey and questionnaire that was associated with this initiative? Also, can DCC provide the service level agreement contract with those that are associated with this product? Those agreements to include any commercial contracts with the BID Company or arrangements and any other private entity. Also, the overall cost of this initiative including supply of the bin bags and who owns the bin bags. Finally, what planning permission or consent was given to DCC or any private entity to drill holes in the walls of private commercial premises or residential premises that are protected structures in a grade A architectural area?

Reply:

On the 21/6/23 Dublin City Council announced that it is supporting a new 'BagBin' initiative to remove unprotected plastic waste bags being left for collection on certain streets in the city-centre. The Council has been engaging with the four Waste Collection companies that provide waste services to customers in the Dublin City Council Central Business District to provide the new service. Dublin City Council, the business representative group Dublin Town and the four Waste Collectors are embarking on the new initiative together.

The "BagBin" receptacle is made of heavy duty plastic, and was proposed as a solution by waste industry professionals after an advertisement by Dublin City Council welcoming innovators to propose a solution to this problem. A 6 month trial was undertaken in 2021/22 and the results of the findings were published and are attached herewith for information, and although some issues were identified, for the most part the results of the trial were favourable.

This current initiative is being advanced as a continuation of the trial, and due to the continued and persistent littering caused by waste being presented in unprotected plastic bags. The scheme being rolled out at present is as a result of collaboration between Dublin Town, Dublin City Council, the private waste collectors and professionals from the waste industry. The management and operation of the scheme will be undertaken by the waste collectors and industry professionals in conjunction with their customers. Dublin Town are assisting with communications and consultations with the retailers/customers of the waste collectors in the central commercial district, which is part of phase 1 of the scheme. Dublin City Council's role is to comply with our statutory obligations in terms of enforcing waste legislation and any associated bye-laws, and facilitate and promote where possible any scheme that can reduce littering on the streets of Dublin.

Advancing a solution to waste being presented in unprotected plastic bags is necessary due to impending legislation on waste presentation together with a necessity by Dublin City Council to remove a derogation which allows a retailer to present waste in unprotected plastic bags. Dublin City Council are mindful of the fact that by continuing to allow the derogation to remain, circumvents the preferred legislative requirements, thus removing any leverage or reason to find a solution to this problem. In our opinion this practise must discontinue and is not sustainable.

The impending removal of the derogation has focused the waste collectors and the industry to find a solution and the "BagBin" proposal is one proven intervention. Dublin town who are a significant stake holder in the phase 1 area of the scheme have consulted with all retailers.

The design of any waste receptacle and production and provision of same, is a matter for the waste industry and the waste collectors. As this receptacle was successfully trialled with no significant operational issues, then it was accepted that this initiative could be advanced further. The ownership and responsibility for the "BagBin" is a matter for the waste collectors and their customers, similar to the use of a wheelie bin. Dublin City Council intend to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the waste collectors outlining the terms conditions of the initiative and rolls and responsibilities of all stakeholders.

The fixing to hold the "BagBin" in place once the receptacle is collapsed and emptied removes the "BagBin" from the street and pavements and is a system that has been suggested by the waste industry. Dublin City Council are happy to facilitate this request so long as the fixing complies with all statutory consents and statutory restrictions that applies to the front facade of buildings. Dublin City Council welcomes alternative solutions that facilitate the urgent removal of the bag bin from the city's streets and other options are being considered at present.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding any updates for the Bishop Street greening playground initiative? This report to include any contact DCC has had with the developers at former DIT Kevin Street who would appear are willing to support this project. What plans have been advanced by DCC Parks Department for this area? And bearing in mind the ongoing issues of the cabbage patch garden park - the greening of this area for the residents would give many in the area a safe alternative.

Reply:

This matter is currently being examined and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report as to what progress has been made with An Garda Síochána in relation to the ongoing issues of criminal damage to parked cars and wholesale anti-social behaviour that is continuing to take place on Long Lane area?

Reply:

We have been liaising with An Garda Síochána in Kevin Street regarding issues in the Long Lane area and an update will issue to the Councillor shortly.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a written report regarding the placing of a bicycle rack on the loading bay at Parliament Street? This report also to include a written report in relation to DCC's desires for Parliament Street.

Reply:

Following refusal of the street furniture licence the space was assessed for the best use for the public space. This occurs at all locations where outdoor dining protection is refused (either as premises no longer require it or a licence isn't granted). The most sustainable option was to put in temporary bike racks until something more permanent can be put in place.

As Parliament Street currently has a bus service in it we are limited in doing anything too major until Bus Connects network redesign removes it. Also because of the nature of the street rapid interventions are not really that possible and it needs a proper redesign to get some benefits out of it. However we are working with the NTA to have two way cycling on Parliament Street, removal of the bus service and enhanced footpath space. This will be include as part of the city centre study which should be issued for public consultation late August/September and we can then start a formal process for the street.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager address the ongoing issues of illegal dumping of litter and rubbish and waste in and around St. Kevin's Parade.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean and remove dumped rubbish from St. Kevin's Parade at least two or three days a week. Our litter warden will include this area as part of his regular patrol in a bid to identify those responsible for this illegal dumping.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report as to what services are being provided by the likes of BID (we are Dublin town) and other such private companies to clean the streets of the City Centre? This report to include a full breakdown of all streets that these private companies may have cleaned. The times, cost and the dates and how many staff were involved. Also what products do these companies use to clean down the streets and are these products environmentally friendly and to provide evidence of same?

Reply:

The Office of City Recovery are currently working alongside Waste Management to ensure the Public Domain in the City is kept to a high standard. It is necessary at times (particularly in Summer Months) to supplement the service with outside contractors/service providers. We work with Dublin Town, Temple Bar Company and PMAC to fulfil the requirement.

With regard to the number of operatives involved it varies from week to week.

Street washing takes place 7 nights a week during the Summer Season.

Twice Weekly	Weekly
Barnardo Square	Aungier Street
Camden Street	Clarendon Street
Capel Street	Coppinger Row
Castle Market	Dame Court
Clarendon Street	Dame Street
Duke St	Dawson Street
Grafton Street	Exchequer Street
Henry Street	Fade Street
O' Connell Street	Harry Street
South Anne Street	Johnson Place
Wexford Street	Lemon Street
	Liffey Street
	Mary Street
	Middle Abbey Street
	Moore Street
	North Earl Street
	Parliament Street
	Parnell Street
	Redmonds Hill
	South Great Georges Street
	South King Street
	South William Street
	Suffolk Street
	Talbot Street

Extra areas to be done on demand as requested by Public Domain Enforcement Officer

Waste Management have supplementary cleaning for specialised gum removal on a planned frequency and locational route is in place. This involves set routes in high footfall areas across the City based on monthly, bi monthly and quarterly cleaning. Additionally graffiti removal arrangements are made by the Area Offices for specialised removal. Both are carried out by PMAC. Both contracts are due to go out for procurement

this year and costings would be deemed commercially sensitive at this stage.

Seasonally, the need for additional power washing commences when dry periods arrive and the City becomes busier. Since pandemic and the reopening of the City, extra wash programmes and blitzes have been arranged by the Office of City recovery in conjunction with waste management services to increase provisions in dry periods. This seasonal additional programme is supported by PMAC.

A report for a street by street and time of cleaning is not available from waste management services.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manger have DCC's noise department investigate increased noise levels such as loud music and loud crowd noise emanating from a number of public houses on Camden Street and particularly Wexford Street?

With the very hot weather many of these bars and night clubs because of lack of air conditioning opened their windows and doors and the music was blasting out onto the streets and surrounding residential areas such as Camden Row, Bishop Street, Digges Street, O'Carroll Villas and surround St. Kevin's area and Camden Street causing great nuisance and annoyance, so much so that residents cannot enjoy the comfort of their own homes.

Indeed, in many cases these tenants not only have to put up with this noise but they cannot enjoy the fresh air and have to close their own windows in order to mitigate the desperate noise racket.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit can investigate complaints about music noise under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 (Noise) Regulations 1994.

Complaints about crowd noise are not dealt with under this legislation. This is dealt with under licencing legislation.

If the complainant's contact details are provided the officer for the area will make contact and the complaint and the investigation can be discussed.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate a full clean out of Stella Gardens in Irishtown, Ringsend and deal with the ongoing issue down there of illegal dumping and littering?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Stella Gardens cleaned up on the 27th June 2023. We clean and remove dumped rubbish from here when necessary to do so. Our litter warden will include this area as part of his regular patrol in a bid to identify those responsible for this illegal dumping.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report and update with regards meetings that were held by the Minister for Housing, Dara O Broin, TD and Jim O Callaghan, TD with DCCs staff and tenants at Glovers Court to discuss the serious issues of dilapidation there. This report also to include how DCC

came to the decision to reopen 8 flats in Glovers Court that had been recently condemned. This report to include what process of consultation with the tenants took place, if any? What Councillors were aware of this? And what will be the overall cost to this particular initiative that has caused great alarm with the residents of Glovers Court.

Reply:

No meeting was held between Minister Darragh O'Brien, Deputy Jim O'Callaghan TD, Dublin City Council and tenants.

Dublin City Council attended a meeting with Minister Darragh O'Brien and Deputy Jim O'Callaghan TD regarding timelines for redevelopment of Glovers Court. The matter of voids was not discussed.

Voids: Housing Maintenance processed the eight void housing units that were identified in Glovers Court as it would other void housing units. This involves the units being examined by one of our Voids Area Maintenance Officers and the housing unit then being assigned to a contractor to undertake the relevant refurbishment works. As there were no real works undertaken, there was no cost to this initiative.

Following the refurbishment works not proceeding, a meeting took place between the tenants, local Councillors and Housing Management. Housing Management then reviewed the situation in Glovers Court and clarified in writing that the Council would not be renovating or tenanting the currently vacant units in Glovers Court before regeneration happens.

Regeneration: Plans for the regeneration of Glovers Court continue as before and Dublin City Council will meet residents and public representatives in the coming weeks to give an update on timeframe and discuss options.

The regeneration of Glovers Court has Stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).

The proposal is a deep retrofit of current dwellings with additionally at either of existing blocks and an additional floor. This plan will see the construction of 50 units comprising of a mix of one, two and three bed units.

A tender process is currently under way via the E-Tenders platform for the engagement of an Integrated Design Team. A decision on this process will be made by September 2023.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the process of the extinguishing of the public right of way of No Name Lane beside Beaux Lane which is adjacent to the Glovers Court flat complex? Many residents in the area and businesses have experienced massive ongoing anti-social behaviour at this spot.

The lane has been temporarily closed over the past number of years and this has greatly assisted tackling anti-social behaviour and criminality at this site. The location itself is a cul-de-sac that is separated from the flats by an ugly Harris fence railing that again was put in place in order to deal with anti-social behaviour.

It is hoped that these blocks of flats would be demolished or indeed constitutionally retro fitted and that the community would remain in place.

In the meantime, any effort to counteract the ongoing issues are greatly appreciated by all.

Reply:

The request to initiate the process of extinguishing the public right of way of No Name Lane beside Beaux Lane which is adjacent to the Glovers Court flat complex will be examined and I will revert to the Councillor in due course regarding this matter.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report as to how DCC in collaboration with other stake holders intend to address the ongoing criminality and anti-social behaviour and assaults that are taking place from the stretch at City Quay into Pearse Street and into the Grand Canal Dock area which has been the subject of many complaints by local residents at City Quay, and the Grand Canal dock and Pearse Street?

This report to include a full breakdown of all meetings DCC officials have had with residents and businesses in this area in relation to this serious issue.

All correspondence to be supplied regarding contacts between DCC and Waterways Ireland and how Waterways Ireland intends to manage this issue going forward bearing in mind the vulnerability of residents in house boats who have been regularly attacked in recent times. This is a very serious matter and I'd like a full report as to how we intend to protect our citizens, the victims of this anti-social behaviour.

Reply:

The South East Area Office engages proactively with An Garda Síochána in relation to anti-social behaviour issues in the vicinity of City Quay and Pearse Street. We will also liaise with Waterways Ireland regarding Grand Canal Dock and issues with the house boats in this area.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the following email from a constituent re the MacMahon Bridge.

"I am surprised that having returned from an extended period away from our apartment in Millennium Tower that the bridge still remains grossly neglected. Again I am surprised that none of your supporters or yourself have not noticed this neglect over the years.

We are resident over 20 years. I do not have to remind you of the businesses operating in our area and the visitors to Bord Gáis theatre. Please get this problem attended to and I would appreciate a report as to why this problem has not been attended to over the years."

Reply:

It will be arranged for the paths etc. to be cleaned at and on MacMahon Bridge. A quotation has been requested for the cleaning and once received and agreed the cleaning will be carried out.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To as the Manager to respond to the following from a constituent from Rugby Villas Ranelagh.

"I want to bring to your attention the lack of DCC service to this area:

- 1. The lack of street cleaning
- 2. Weeds on cracked footpaths
- 3. Footpaths in a hazardous condition and a serious threat to the safety of the local residents.
- 4. Grass area poorly maintained.
- 5. Pay for parking in Rugby Villas but not in an adjacent street why preferential treatment in Swan Grove?
- 6. The road surface on the approach road to Rugby Villas need urgent attention & repair as well.

This area is completely neglected. They are paying their Local Property Tax and not receiving the services required."

Reply:

Waste Management Services inspected Rugby Villas on the 28th June 2023 and found it to be litter free. We will monitor this street to ensure that it ids kept as clean as possible.

Rugby Villas is scheduled for weed control in 2023. The contractor Greentown Environmental Ltd is active in the South East Area at the moment.

Rugby Villas will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes.

In the interim, the carriageway and footpath will be inspected. Any defects present will be recorded and added to our Works List for local repairs to be carried out.

This area is maintained under the Parks grass maintenance contract, the contractor has been advised to visit this location and carry out a strimming works, paying particular attention to the boundary areas and bollards and a second strimming will be carried out later in the year at the end of the growing season as per the terms contact.

Pay & Display / Permit Parking was introduced in Rugby Villas on 11/05/2015 on foot of a ballot of residents. The ballot was requested by residents and was carried out in October 2014. No request for a Pay & Display and Permit Parking scheme has been received for Swan Grove.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the following email from a constituent. He writes,

"In each of the 3 public car parks along the Strand Road, as we run into the holiday season - there is an endless stream of motorhomes and campervans which are using the beach car parks for overnight stays. In many cases multiple nights. Quite apart from the inappropriate use of the car bays, intended primarily for short term visitors to the promenade area, waste material is usually just dumped either in the car park itself or deposited in the bushes. Quite apart from the unsightly levels of litter, the main consequence is to attract rodents which migrate from the beach rockarmour area. It was never intended that the car parks would be used in this way and there are no waste facilities provided.

The simple fix would be to restore the entry gate height barriers which have been left open since the Covid pandemic period. These barriers have

suffered some damage and require some maintenance but the much larger problem described above could be quickly remedied, if this was acted upon.

Before the problem escalates during the summer season, SAMRA requests a motion at the next SEAC for your support and urgent action."

Reply:

Parks will have the barriers inspected to see if they are in working condition and have repairs carried out if deemed necessary before considering the option of closing all or some of them over the summer months.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the following issues in Dartmouth Square Park Ranelagh.

- The bin on the west side of the square is regularly overflowing with general rubbish, coffee cups and bags of dog faeces.
- The hedge is grown wild with full sized shrubs / trees that have been thriving for at least one year, possibly two.
- The 'flower beds' are quite simply a mass of weeds. Several residents planted bulbs in the spring, it was impossible to enjoy these as they were swamped by the weeds.
- Such signage that exists, is of poor quality and fails to convey important information. There is nothing to indicate the regulations about times when dogs are allowed off leash.
- A few magnolia trees which were planted about 2 years ago are in fact, dead and should probably be removed. However, they are probably an appropriate metaphor for the state of the park.

Reply:

Some time ago the local residents committee decided that they didn't want more bins and would instead implement the Tidy Town's project "LEAVE NO TRACE". To date they have been happy with the response and have got positive feedback from people using the park.

The amount of bins currently in the park is due to this original request by local residents to remove bins and have a leave no trace litter policy. The remaining bins are emptied by DCC staff on a daily rota.

Hedges are cut between October - February so as not to interfere with nesting birds.

Hedge trimming of the Laurel hedge which is undertaken annually in October / November and outside the bird nesting season. In previous years a 'flail mower' was used to cut the hedge. This is a very quick and cost effective method of hedge cutting however it does not provide a high quality cut to the foliage. As we have been requested by the local Residents' Association to improve the maintenance within the park we now use an alternative hedge trimming machine. This gives an excellent cut, however it is a slower and more time consuming process as the trimmings have to be collected and transported off site.

Due to current staff shortages a contractor has been employed in Dartmouth square, and is currently weeding the boundaries inside the railings. They are incorporating the removal of the ivy on trees, in this works contract.

We can look into what signage is located in the park currently and upgrade if necessary. However in the Parks Department's experience, no amount of signage prevents the public from having dogs off lead if they wish to do so. The public know they must have dogs under adequate control at all times in the public realm. Parks are in the process of reducing the amount of unnecessary visual clutter by reducing signage that does not serve its function.

Tree works, unless they have specific public safety concerns, are undertaken after the bird nesting from September to February. Unfortunately not all trees planted survive, for a variety of reasons. All requests to remove dead or dying trees are included in our tree works programme for recommended pruning or removal if necessary. We will include this Magnolia.

We endeavour to maintain and manage public parks, open spaces and roadside / parkland tree planting to the highest standards in compliance with strategic / policy guidelines and legal requirements. However, despite best efforts this standard may fall short of expectations demanded by some local residents' groups who focus on their local park without recognising that this is only one park among many in the area which are being maintained by local park staff.

Q.22 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Road Maintenance Section resurface or replace the tarmac area on Devenish Road between nos. 7 - 16 (see photo). The surface is in a bad state of repair.



Reply:

This area will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.23 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Housing Maintenance Section make safe the footpath and entrance to our tenant's home (details and photo supplied). The drop to the drive-in is dangerous. It is a fall hazard, particularly in the dark; there needs to be either railings or wall to make this safe.

Reply:

This driveway was inspected by the local Housing Maintenance area depot. Following this inspection, a request was sent to the Steel & Fleet depot to examine if railings could be installed here.

Q.24 Councillor Pat Dunne

The resident in (details and screenshot supplied) reports that there is overgrown vegetation along part of his back garden boundary wall with the FOLD housing complex. He says "this isn't part of landscaping and wasn't part of any planning permission granted. This is a weed they've previously cut down but allowed to grow back and is now out of control".

Can DCC contact FOLD and request that they remove this vegetation which is causing a nuisance and blocking sunlight for the resident?

Reply:

Dublin City Council will make contact with FOLD Housing and alert them to the situation.

Q.25 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Housing Maintenance Section inspect the back boundary wall that is part of the entrance to CCMA and our tenant's house at (details supplied)?

Our tenant reports that part of this brick wall was damaged when our staff had removed some trees. She fears that the wall may collapse and is a danger to persons on both sides.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance are examining the matter and we will undertake any necessary works.

Q.26 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

Ask the Manager to repair hole in pavement at the entrance to the park in South Dock Street.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of the footpath at this location. Any defects recorded will be added to our Works List for local repairs to be carried out.

Q.27 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

Ask the Manager when will the work be carried out on the public domain outside Tesco on South Lotts Road as per planning permission?

Reply:

The relevant planning permission is Reg. Ref 3068/19 ABP Ref 30592719.

Condition 4 stated as follows:

4. Prior to the commencement of development, full details of works to the public road and public realm shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority. The developer shall liaise with the applicable utility provider with regard to the removal/relocation of electricity public lighting column adjacent to the site, and the undergrounding or relocation of overhead cables. All works shall be carried out at the developer's expense.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

This condition required a compliance submission which was received on 30/03/21. Dublin City Council Parks Division agreed a revised proposal on 31/05/2022.

The South East Area Office will be in contact with the developer to ensure that works to the public realm at South Lotts Road are carried to the satisfaction of all relevant Dublin City Council departments. You will be notified of a timeline for the works in due course.

Q.28 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local Area Manager and Bins Department in regard to resolving the removal of bins in the Terenure and Rathgar and others in South East Area, the enquirer has brought on major issue:

"Over the past two years DCC have been gradually removing bins from Terenure. We appreciate we have an issue with people putting their domestic waste in these bins throughout Dublin.

But removing the bins is not the answer, the streets still need the bins to encourage anti-littering. The traders pay very large rates in the village and these rates are on a power with the city centre. Unlike the traders in the city most of the business owners in Terenure live and work in the community.

This means we are invested in our area (unlike the city). It is an indictment on the council to be removing these bins to make life easier. An alternative solution must be put in place. I'm not in a position to suggest, but other counties and also towns in Ireland have solutions for these issues.

(There are answer / suggestions / alternatives / solutions available to be implemented).

Simple removing bins is not the answer. The village and surrounding areas are now littered to the point the area looks rundown and uncared for.

We do our best; our Tidy Towns group are out and about but we are not at the level of commercial and domestic clean up.

I have mentioned this before. When we announced we had a Tidy Towns Group; the DCC road sweepers that came twice a week disappeared over night. The council make it increasingly more difficult to keep our environment clean, by removing services. DCC take it away, which then encourages bad feeling.

The city centre can't be the only area the council are concerned with. While we are very grateful for the clean-up apparatus provided by DCC to the Tidy Towns, i.e. litter pickers, bags... This very small group can't be held responsible for the entire clean-up of Terenure and Rathgar and the surrounding areas on no budget a few litter pickers.

Also, these people are volunteers, they are not paid workers, most are elderly and can't be expected to do the heavy lifting.

Removing the bins has forced their wonderful intentions and enormous efforts to just go about 'picking up litter'. They have no time for the real environmental issues that they actually could help with.

Reply:

Waste Management Services would remove a litter bin if it was being used primarily for the dumping of domestic waste into and around the bin and actually becoming a focal point for dumping. We also would remove a bin which was constantly vandalised and set on fire. Bins also found to be hindering pedestrian or wheelchair access on footpaths would have to be removed. Also a traffic change such as a new cycle lane for example could mean that a bin would have to be removed as it could no longer be serviced safely. It should be noted that the removal of a litter bin is seen very much as a last resort.

Any damaged bins which were removed from the Terenure and Rathgar areas will be replaced as the new supply of bins arrive.

Q.29 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local Area Manager and Parks Department in regard to enquiry about the health and safety in the area of the playground in Harold's Cross Park.

I am notified that the surface of the playground is covered in wood chips. There have been several minor accidents where children have fallen on the wood and injured themselves. Children also use the wood chips to throw at each other, and there have been instances where eye injuries have occurred. The enquirer is asking that Dublin County Council remove the wood chips and cover the playground with a suitable surface that is safe for children.

Reply:

Bark Mulch is a suitable, natural, safe & approved fall surface in playgrounds. All play involves a low level of risk to allow for a dynamic risk assessment by children, playgrounds must providing the opportunity of learning through doing. Minor falls and scrapes are part of the learning experience provided by a controlled play environment. The design of playgrounds is not intended to prevent minor injury but to allow free play while reducing the risk of serious injury. Natural play environments are far more beneficial to children's development. In this location it would not be suitable to replace this surface with a sealed rubber surface, without reducing the overall play value of the space.

Q.30 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local Area Manager and Parks Department in relation to the weeds on Larkfield Grove.

The enquirer has requested to know if / when they are going to be removed? It is notified that they are making the area look very unkempt and enquirer noticed some locals (including enquirer) remove them outside of their own properties. They are particularly bad where Larkfield Grove meets Larkfield Gardens.

Secondly, enquirer requests if there is a plan to fix the footpath at the same intersection? It is noted that it was done on the Larkfield Gardens side but not on the Grove side.

Reply:

Footpath reconstruction on Larkfield Grove, up to the junction with Larkfield Gardens is included in this year's Road Maintenance Annual Works Programme in the South East Area. This work will be done under contract and tender documents are now being prepared.

Larkfield Grove is on our Weed Control list to be done and our contractor is currently active in the area and will get to it in due course.

Q.31 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local Area Manager and Roads Department in regard to pedestrianisation of Wynnefield Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6, which is brought on by elderly people in the area needing nearby parking.

The enquirer and neighbours object to the proposal. The enquirer lives over their shop and it has been their family home since 1991. It was not possible to park outside their property, they parked on Wynnefield Road and when paid parking was introduced in the mid 1990's they were issued with two permits, one of which surrendered as husband can no longer drive. This facility has been essential to us being able to live where we do and it is even more vital now due to our age, re husband lack of mobility and enquirer own health issues. The enquirer states that the closure would also mean the exit onto the Rathgar Road / Charleville Road / Grosvenor Road junction may have to be revisited - in light of the Bus Connect plans it may raise issues this could cause a form of land lock - an example being if they park on Charleville Road and need to bring husband out it would entail having to drive out onto to Leinster Road, to Grosvenor Place, to Grosvenor Road, to Rathgar Road and pulling into the top of Wynnefield, illegally of course. Enquirer fully appreciates the need to reduce car usage and promote other means of transport but there are going to be victims of these policies and request they are to be taken into consideration.

Reply:

The Bus Connects scheme does not propose to pedestrianise Wynnefield Road.

Q.32 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local Area Manager and Roads Department in regard to the poor condition of the footpaths on Upper Rathmines Road and Lower Rathmines Road. The enquirer notes that in places they are quite hazardous - some paving stones are not level and are creating a tripping hazard for pedestrians. Also where works have been carried out, the repairs have not been well finished and the repaired areas are not in fact level with the existing pavement.

On 6th June 2023 the enquirer in the morning tripped and fell but fortunately was not seriously hurt but it could well have been otherwise. Enquirer notes that it won't be long before there is a serious incident.

It is noted that it would be good if an engineer could assess the situation all along Upper and Lower Rathmines Roads and see to it that the problem areas are finished to a proper standard.

Reply:

Footpaths on Upper Rathmines Road and Lower Rathmines Road will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Footpath Reconstruction Programmes. In the meantime, if specific locations of concern are pinpointed, these will be inspected and local repairs arranged as necessary.

Q.33 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local Area Manager in regard to Tivoli Avenue, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W with enquirer who is seeking advice on getting the road and foot pavement resurfaced and is in serious need of maintenance.

"It is a one way road that is a very busy through way for surrounding roads to the main Harold's Cross Road. There is only a footpath on one side of the road which has a dangerous raised piece on concrete left from where a post / concrete post once stood. It was removed but not cleanly and is a trip or fall hazard."

Enquirer has stated that she has tripped over this several times. Enquirer has been in contact with road maintenance in Dublin City Council and has been advised that they are short staffed and that there is only one Engineer currently looking after the South East Area.

Enquirer has been advised to follow up in three months' time if they have not had a response.

Reply:

Tivoli Avenue will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes.

In the interim, the footpath will be inspected and any defects recorded will be added to our Works List for local repairs to be carried out.

Q.34 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local Area Manager and Traffic Department again, about Stannaway Avenue.

As stated in my enquiry a year ago, enquirer currently lives on St. Teresa's Road in Crumlin. It is notified that there is a very sharp bend on St. Teresa's Road and traffic moves very fast from Stannaway Avenue.

Former request for speed ramp on the road near there as it has become very dangerous with cars driving around when traffic is busy from St. Agnes Road i.e. a short cut to avoid traffic.

The council marked speed limit in white paint on the road.

This is considered a negative alternative to putting a ramp there, as there are ramps on most parts of the road except for the bottom part.

It is considered extremely dangerous and cars continue to drive dangerously around the bend.

Secondly the whole road needs the ramps upgraded or repaired as they are in serious damage and are considered useless at this point.

Enquirer has talked to residents who would be in favour of both and is wondering what could be done.

Enquirer requests would it be possible to get extra ramps and upgrade the already damaged ramps as it has become very dangerous the last few months with cars speeding up and down. There are ramps to a certain point but there should be one or two more.

Reply:

We will add the 5 no. ramps on St. Teresa's Road to the ramp resurfacing to be included in our 2023 SEA Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Please refer request for installation of new ramps to TAG.

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for a speed survey, assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.35 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the new re developed Portobello Harbour will be accessible to people with disabilities and if it will conform to the 7 principles of universal design.

Reply:

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services have commissioned Ait Urbanism and Landscape to develop proposals for the refurbishment of Portobello Harbour. This is a multi-disciplinary design team with extensive landscape architectural and engineering experience. The design team was procured from a panel of prequalified design teams, all of which have extensive experience in the delivery of public realm projects and in designing for people with disabilities. Providing a public space that is accessible to all is a key objective of the project and our design teams always design to the principles of universal design standards. This includes a particular emphasis on equitable use, flexibly use, simple and intuitive design with an inbuilt tolerance for error. This is in addition to specific engagement with DPO's as part of the design process to ensure accessibility for all.

Q.36 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to address the following matters:

1. That a system of business and residential passes be a condition of granting licences by DCC for any events that involve the closure of footpaths and that the organisers of such events should be required to contact all affected parties through direct leafleting.

Reason: The closure of footpaths for public events is a major issue for impacted residents and businesses. It can prevent residents from accessing their own homes as they wish and can be detrimental to businesses which are effectively closed by DCC for the duration of such events.

2. As a condition of granting a licence for events by DCC that involve the suspension of parking or traffic diversions, notices are prominently displayed along the event route 14 days in advance of event day detailing the traffic and parking plans, so that residents and businesses are adequately informed of the event plans.

Reason: Given the varying means of how people access news today, placing notices along event routes or directly leafleting along the route is the only way that all impacted residents and businesses will be made aware of the event.

When conditions attached to the granting of a licence by DCC are breached, a clear penalty clause is in place for the failure of the organisers to adhere to such conditions.

Reason: It appears that if the organisers of events fail to adhere to the conditions of their licence and no penalty is paid by the organisers for their failure to adhere to the conditions of the licence.

Reply:

 Local access is maintained for all affected businesses and residents as a matter of course for all events that take place in the City that Dublin City Council is involved with, as either the event organisers, funder or licencing authority. There may be times during the course of an event when it may not be safe to allow access for short periods of time, at these times An Garda Siochana or event security/stewards on the ground advise the local resident concerned of this and assist them in gaining access at the earliest reasonable time when it is safe to do so. Leaflet drops are already done for events to locals or businesses where the scale of the event and the level of possible disruption requires that this should be done.

- This is already done for most major street events by way of prominent VMS traffic signage on and adjacent to the route of road closures/required diversions. The traffic management plan and associated details of diversions also forms part of any letter drop to residents/businesses in the area where appropriate.
- 3. As above this is already done for most major street events by way of prominent VMS traffic signage on and adjacent to the route of road closures/required diversions. The traffic management plan and associated details of diversions also forms part of any letter drop to residents/businesses in the area where appropriate.

Dublin City Council operates a proactive inspection regime to ensure that conditions associated with grants for licenced events are complied with. If the Councillor wishes to discuss any specific breach of licenced conditions for events he can contact John Downey who is the Outdoor Event Licencing Officer for Dublin City Council john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q.37 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the intersection of Rathgar Avenue and Garville Avenue can be assessed for a pedestrian crossing? Currently, there is no pedestrian crossing signal available on any arm of this junction, preventing safe crossing by pedestrians.

Reply:

This will be put on our Tams system for assessment by the Transport Advisory Group.

The Transport Advisory Group will assess Rathgar Avenue and Garville Avenue to see if the junction meets the warrant for a pedestrian crossings.

This assessment will be carried out in autumn 2023, when school traffic and the children are walking and commuting to schools.

If the junction meets the warrant, the pedestrian crossing at this location will be put on a list of junctions for the South East Area so that funding can be sought.

This may be either incorporated into an Active Travel Scheme or funded by Bus Connects or directly by the National Transport Authority via the pedestrian improvement project which again next year Dublin City Council expect to receive funding.

Finally, for your information, there is a fully signalised pedestrian crossing only 170m to the north on Rathgar Ave towards Rathmines Village.

Q.38 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager, further to a question asked in February about the quality and reliability of internet service in Rathmines library, what is the

timeline for completing the upgrade to a fibre connection? For reference the reply in February was:

"Libraries has commissioned a technical survey of the building. Two issues were highlighted, in that some equipment needs to be replaced, and the line into the building needs to be upgraded to fibre (from copper). New equipment is being ordered and we are in discussion with our telecoms providers about the installation of a fibre connection."

Will this work be completed ahead of the next academic year so that students have access to this facility?

Reply:

An order for the new equipment has been placed and we expect it to be delivered and installed shortly.

A solution to the connectivity problems has been identified and we are awaiting a date for installation.

We expect the work to be completed by the end of July.

Q.39 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the property at (details supplied 1) is on the list to receive external insulation? A contractor (details supplied 2) has been carrying out surveys recently on nearby houses but failed to call to this home, where the resident has health issues and requires better insulation.

Reply:

1. We are pleased to confirm that details supplied 1 is a property which is eligible for upgrade works under our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme subject to a site survey by our Energy Liaison Officer. However, due to the overall volume of properties involved, which is 12,000 houses approximately, the scheme operates as a full roll out programme.

The programme has proved hugely successful to date and will run for a number of years, subject to continued departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion. The timeframe for this will be dependent on the annual allocation of funding received. Consequently, it is not feasible to target individual properties in any area / estate citywide or confirm an accurate timeframe for upgrade works to commence on any individual property. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible and are developing plans to increase the speed of the rollout programme.

2. Details supplied 2 is one of our contractors carrying out upgrade works under our current framework for our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme. Prior to works being allocated to this or any contractor on our framework, Dublin City Council's Energy Liaison Officer for the respective area must firstly conduct a site survey to deem the property suitable for upgrade works. As Cashel Avenue is an area / estate we are currently working on, our Energy Liaison Officer has contacted the tenant and is due to carry out a site survey (on Friday the 30th of June @ 11am) to progress, which the tenant is satisfied with. Should the property be deemed suitable, our Energy Liaison Officer will progress accordingly and advise the tenant of the process directly.

Q.40 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if Road Maintenance can carry out an assessment of the road surface and footpath at Tivoli Avenue, Harold's Cross, as both road and footpath are in a very poor state and require resurfacing and / or maintenance. Tivoli Avenue is a busy through way for surrounding roads to access the main Harold's Cross Road and the footpath is cracked, broken and has a dangerous concrete protrusion from where a post / concrete post once stood, presenting a clear trip hazard.

Reply:

Tivoli Avenue will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes.

In the interim, the footpath will be inspected. Any defects recorded will be added to our Works List for local repairs to be carried out.

Q.41 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if a Dog Warden can attend Stannaway Park between the hours of 9am and 11am on a number of consecutive days to have a presence in the park and ensure that restricted dog breeds are being kept on a lead, and to follow up with a report listing the dates and times of the warden visit, along with breeds observed. Regular park users report that large, heavy, restricted breeds are being exercised off-lead on a daily basis in the park, causing a risk to other park users.

Reply:

The Animal Welfare Unit has been made aware of issues in Stannaway Park relating to dogs on the restricted breeds list as defined under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. The Dog Warden Service has been directed to carry out regular patrols and the Warden will be advised to focus attention on the park between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Q.42 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if two large areas of pavement at the junction of Leinster Road West and Effra Road (see image attached) could be considered for mixed planting and tree pits to improve drainage, shelter, shade and biodiversity on this road?





Reply:

A combination of street lamp posts coupled with underground & overhead facilities located at both sides of this junction make it an unsuitable location for the addition of tree pits or soft landscaping.

Q.43 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if Traffic Engineers can carry out a speed assessment on St. Theresa's Road in Crumlin with a view to establishing if additional speed ramps are needed on the approach to the acute bend outside numbers 51 and 60? Residents report that drivers approach this bend at speed from Stannaway Avenue and would like to see traffic calmed, or access to through traffic restricted.

Reply:

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for a speed survey, assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.44 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager, in light of the prolonged dry weather, if the recently planted trees on Clonmacnoise Road can be watered to ensure they establish and thrive, as they currently look to be in poor condition.

Reply:

We will have these trees looked at to try identify the issues involved. It may not be that they just need watering.

Q.45 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if legal parking spaces can be demarcated and if some physical infrastructure can be installed to prevent double parking and parking on a corner at the junction with Ferns Road and Sundrive Road (see location map attached).

Double parking is an ongoing issue here and blocks visibility for pedestrians and other road users. Repeated requests for enforcement here have not resulted in any change in parking habits.

Reply:

Following an on-site investigation, no issue with regards to parking in the indented parking bay at Ferns Road and Sundrive Road was observed. A parking restriction in the form of a continuous centre line has been provided for 10m on Ferns Road from the junction with Sundrive Road. Under Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997 section 36:2: d "A vehicle shall not be parked - on a section of roadway with less than 3 traffic lanes and where traffic sign number RRM 001 [continuous white line] has been provided;". It is not recommended to install parking restrictions at this location as it would remove parking amenity for customers of the shops nearby.

Furthermore, Dublin City Council do not install physical measures to prevent double parking. Instances of illegal or obstructive parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, DSPS (email info@dsps.ie or tel. no. 01 602 2500) or An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

Q.46 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update in relation to the placement of CCTV at litter black spots and crime black spots (e.g. bicycle racks; laneways etc.).

Reply:

The Circular Economy & Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, which was enacted in July 2022 requires Codes of Practice in respect of the use of CCTV cameras for the purpose of prosecutions. These are being agreed on behalf of the local authority sector under the auspices of the LGMA.

Q.47 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for a list of road and pavement repairs / resurfacing in the Kimmage Rathmines LEA between now and end of 2023.

Reply:

Please find below list of roads included in the 2023 South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing Programme:

- Monasterboice Road
- Winton Avenue
- Elm Park Terrace (Massey gates to Terenure Road North)

Please find below list of roads included in the 2023 South East Area Footpath Reconstruction Programme:

- Larkfield Grove
- Frankfort Avenue at Tesco
- Kells Road (cul de sac details supplied)
- Lismore Road (Clonmacnoise Road to Bangor Road)
- Mount Tallant Avenue

We are currently at the design stage preparing documents for the tender competition for both the Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes. When the tender and procurement process are complete, a contractor for the works will be appointed. At this stage, the contractor will provide a schedule of dates for the works on each road and footpath.

Q.48 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to engage with the NTA and Dublin Bus re pruning overhanging trees at bus stops, particularly where the trees are blocking the timetables and digital boards e.g. Harold's Cross Road near Mount Drummond junction.

Reply:

These trees will be pruned as part of our tree maintenance programme.

Q.49 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update from Parks in relation to the commitment to move a bench from its current location in Mount Argus Park to a location away from the houses adjacent to the park. The commitment was given in early 2022 but so far has not been progressed.

Reply:

This work will be carried out in early autumn, apologies for the delay.

Q.50 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to install pedestrian lights at the junction between Rathgar Avenue and Garville Avenue. This is a very busy junction at peak traffic times.

Reply:

This will be put on our Tams system for assessment by the Transport Advisory Group.

The Transport Advisory Group will assess Rathgar Avenue and Garville Avenue to see if the junction meets the warrant for a pedestrian crossings.

This assessment will be carried out in autumn 2023, when school traffic and the children are walking and commuting to schools.

If the junction meets the warrant, the pedestrian crossing at this location will be put on a list of junctions for the South East Area so that funding can be sought.

This may be either incorporated into an Active Travel Scheme or funded by Bus Connects or directly by the National Transport Authority via the pedestrian improvement project which again next year Dublin City Council expect to receive funding.

Finally, for your information, there is a fully signalised pedestrian crossing only 170m to the north on Rathgar Ave towards Rathmines Village.

Q.51 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to make available a dog warden in Stannaway Park from 9 - 11am on random days to deal with the issue of dangerous dogs off lead in the park. This issue is restricting other users of the park who feel unsafe while this unregulated activity is going on.

Reply:

The Animal Welfare Unit has been made aware of issues in Stannaway Park relating to dogs on the restricted breeds list as defined under the Control of Dogs Act 1986.

The Dog Warden Service has been directed to carry out regular patrols and the Warden will be advised to focus attention on the park between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Q.52 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to put a new speed ramp on St. Teresa's Road at the junction with Stannaway Avenue to address the danger at this bend in the road and slow traffic down. Also the other ramps on the road need resurfacing.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will add the 5 no. ramps on St. Teresa's Road to the ramp resurfacing to be included in our 2023 SEA Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer (TAG) for a speed survey, assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.53 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to schedule footpath and road repairs on Tivoli Avenue, Harold's Cross. There is only a footpath on one side and there is a raised piece of concrete on it which is a serious trip hazard.

Reply:

Tivoli Avenue will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes.

In the interim, the footpath will be inspected. Any defects recorded will be added to our Works List for local repairs to be carried out.

Q.54 Councillor Tara Deacy

I raised the issues on Harold's Cross Road at June's meeting but want to raise them again in July.

- There are four primary schools within 300m on the R137 with several children walking and cycling to school.
- There is extremely low road safety in the Harold's Cross area and in specific on the R817 and R137 due to high traffic volumes and high traffic speed.
- Road safety for the children and in general for vulnerable road users is further aggravated by the poor cycling infrastructure, low footpath space due to aggressive illegal parking on footpaths.

Can I request to decrease the speed limit on the R137 and R817 to 30kph in proximity to the schools to increase the road safety for children and other vulnerable road users in the area?

Can I once again request to deploy traffic calming measures on the R137 and R817 in proximity to the schools to increase the road safety for children and other vulnerable road users in the area?

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services patrol Harold's Cross Road and will take enforcement action on illegally park vehicles.

The R817 and R137 are part of a major strategic arterial routes into / out of Dublin City centre with significant traffic volumes and therefore have a speed limit of 50kph.

These are arterial route with high traffic volumes and introduction of physical traffic calming measures would not be appropriate and are not recommended. The Ambulance Service, generally, is not in favour of ramps and has concerns about the effect of ramps on people with spinal injuries travelling over ramps. The Fire Services are also concerned that ramps delay the response time of their fire tenders.

There are 10 pedestrian crossings / traffic lights that act as a traffic calming measures on the R137 between Terenure village and the Grand Canal. Similarly there are 9 pedestrian crossings / traffic lights that act as a traffic calming measures on the R817.

These crossings are positioned at a strategic points along these roads in order to facilitate safe crossings for pedestrians.

Q.55 Councillor Tara Deacy

Residents from St. Teresa's Road in Crumlin have once again been in touch regarding the very sharp bend on road with traffic moving very fast from Stannaway Avenue. It is creating anxiety and stress for residents and is unsafe. They are seeking once again put another speed ramp on the road near the corner; it has become very dangerous with cars driving around when traffic is busy from St. Agnes Road i.e. a short cut to avoid traffic.

Since I last raised this the council marked speed limit in white paint on the road. This is a ridiculous alternative to putting a ramp there as there is ramps on most parts of the road except for the bottom part. It is extremely dangerous, and cars continue to drive dangerously around the bend.

Secondly the whole road needs the ramps upgraded or repaired as they are in serious damage and are useless at this point.

Again, I would ask that this be addressed.

Reply:

We will add the 5 no. ramps on St. Teresa's Road to the ramp resurfacing to be included in our 2023 SEA Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer (TAG) for a speed survey, assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.56 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can Tivoli Avenue, Harold's Cross Dublin 6W road and foot pavement be listed for resurfacing, it is in serious need of maintenance?

Reply:

Tivoli Avenue will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes.

In the interim, the carriageway and footpaths will be inspected. Any defects recorded will be added to our Works List for local repairs to be carried out.

Q.57 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Road Maintenance Section replace the old red brick traffic calming ramps on Stannaway Avenue and St. Teresa's Road with the tarmac version? Many of these ramps are crumbling and a danger to motorists and cyclists.

Reply:

The ramps on St. Teresa's Road will be included in this year's South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. The ramps on Stannaway Avenue will be inspected and if they are found to be in a similar condition, then it would make sense to include these as well.

Q.58 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Parks Section arrange for some wildflowers to be planted at the entrance of Old County Glen in Dublin 12? Parks staff previously agreed to do this with residents during Covid, but it never happened. Residents would be delighted.

Reply:

This area will be examined and if deemed suitable, the relevant planting will be undertaken at the appropriate time.

Q.59 Councillor Pat Dunne

There are a large number of Virgin Media utility boxes that have not been painted in Crumlin for over a decade. These locations have been supplied to DCC Public Domain. As a matter of priority could Virgin be contacted to ensure that these are painted or removed and replaced where necessary?

Reply:

This matter has been referred to Virgin Media who regularly replace, repair, remove and / or paint cabinets across the wider Dublin area and work closely with our colleagues in DCC and other local authorities on same. Virgin Media will action the locations provided to them.

Virgin Media have been contacted along with the other utility companies to address issues with their boxes identified. A significant proportion of the boxes have already been dealt with by Virgin Media and any outstanding issues will be followed up by the Public Domain Unit.

Q.60 Councillor Pat Dunne

Regarding the new Traffic Lights on Sally's Bridge a constituent wrote. Can the synchronisation of these lights be adjusted to address this problem?

He wrote.

"When coming from South Circular Road (SCR) and looking to turn right on Parnell Road, vehicles wait in the middle of the junction for a gap in traffic of vehicles (travelling in the opposite direction from Clogher road to the SCR). The lights are not in sync here in both directions, so the lights turn red when coming from the SCR and the lights from Clogher to SCR remain green for a number of seconds afterwards. This is confusing drivers, trying to turn right at Parnell Road and likely to cause an accident. Could this be reviewed by the Traffic Department?"

Reply:

A review of this junction was carried out, the phasing at this junction allows cars coming from Clogher Road and SCR to run together before SCR shuts down and Clogher Road gets a dedicated right turn arrow. The reason for this is that if cars turning right from Clogher Road get an opportunity to go during the full green, the demand for the dedicated right turn is cancelled, this in turn will give more time to SCR which makes the junction more efficient.

We will not be making any changes at this time but will continue to review the operation and make changes where necessary to improve traffic flow.

Q.61 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the rat infestation in Markievicz House, Townsend Street, Dublin 2 to be treated and eradicated as a matter of urgency, given the increase in the rat population in this complex?

Reply:

The Team Leader for the Southside Mobile Squad Crew will call to the complex and treat as per normal practice. Following a recent survey of the drains/sewers all necessary repairs have been carried out. The Team

Leader is also liaising with the Public Domain Officer for the South East Area as the source of the infestation maybe associated with a private site adjacent to the complex. The Team Leader will continue to monitor the complex in conjunction with the Public Domain Officer.

Q.62 <u>Councillor Daniel Ceitinn</u>

To ask the Manager can he arrange for a disabled parking bay to be installed at Pearse Street and Macken Street, Dublin 2, given the high level of wheelchairs users in the area and the lack of disabled parking bays there currently.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer has proposed to install a disabled parking bay for Macken Street, on the east side of the carriageway, north of the junction with Pearse Street to assist residents of the Gallery Quay building and wheelchair users in the area.

This has to go through the Transport Advisory Group process for recommendation.

Q.63 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for a "Do not feed the pigeons or other birds by Order" sign at Hastings Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4.

Reply:

Leaflets were distributed to every property on Hastings Street in May 2023 to advise against the feeding of wild birds in a public place.

The Litter Warden had been asked to monitor this location to enforce the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Q.64 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for a tree outside the property at (details supplied) to be pruned.

Reply:

This tree will be inspected and if deemed necessary to have it pruned, it will be included in our tree works programme.

Q.65 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the communal area courtyard of Ross Road, Christchurch, Dublin 8 to be de-weeded, cleaned up and put on a regular cleaning schedule.

Reply:

An inspection of Ross Road was carried out on Monday 3rd July 2023. Following on from this all necessary works will be carried out.

Q.66 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the ground floor gardens and communal green areas in O'Carroll Villas, Cuffe Street, Dublin 2 to be deweeded, cleaned up and put on a regular cleaning schedule as they are attracting rats.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Caretaking Section has recently completed significant works in the ground floor gardens and communal green areas in

O'Carroll Villas, see photo attached. The complex will continue to be weeded and cleaned on a regular basis as per normal practice.



Q.67 <u>Councillor Daniel Ceitinn</u>

To ask the Manager if the traffic arrangements for Derry Drive could be reviewed. Many residents have raised both speeding and congestion as issues at various points throughout an average day. Could consideration be given for speed bumps to be installed around the green area, and whether a one-way system around the green would be feasible, allowing for necessary consultation with local residents?

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group have noted that the green area does not meet the criteria for speed ramps which are

- The road should be a straight run of 200m.
- The road traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles/per hour.

It was also observed that vehicles are parking on the pavements and if the vehicles were to park on the road, it would help lower the speed around the green area.

The green was original designed for two way traffic and there is currently no plans to make it a one way road system as this could lead to a further increase in speed on the 5 metre wide road.

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will monitor the road to see if further measures are required.

Q.68 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Further to Q.102 from the City Council meeting on 8th May 2023, could it be ensured that the area of road on Herberton Drive directly outside (details supplied) is resurfaced, as the road quality here in particular is extremely dangerous?

Reply:

The road outside details supplied will be inspected and if necessary remedial measures will be undertaken.

Q.69 <u>Councillor Daniel Ceitinn</u>

The small green areas at the entrance to Old County Glen (i.e. adjacent to the side walls of the Ostman Wood complex and the side wall of 86 Old County Road) are quite neglected. Could this area please be cleaned and could new plants be placed in parts where the plants seem to be completely dead?

Reply:

Cleaning of this area will be undertaken as soon as resources allow, the area will also be examined and if deemed suitable, the relevant planting will be undertaken in at the appropriate time.

Q.70 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if the Grand Canal graving docks are protected structures and if not if he would consider them for listing as they are a unique remnant of Dublin's maritime heritage.

Reply:

The Graving Docks in Grand Canal Dock are on the Record of Protected Structures (Ref: 8886). The description for the RPS states "Grand Canal Graving Docks (including infilled southern dock), stone boundary walls and historic gateways".

Q.71 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please resurface the footpaths on Havelock Square? There were potholes which were fixed on a temporary basis but the whole square needs to be resurfaced as this has not been done since 1976. Can this work be included in the capital budget for this year or next year?

Reply:

Havelock Square footpaths are included in our 2023 South East Area Footpath Reconstruction Programme.

Q.72 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate complaints about breaches of working hours on developments around Wilton Place / Lower Baggot Street and the lack of sufficient communication with the residents?

Reply:

There are a number of developments in the area concerned. It would be very beneficial if the Councillor could indicate the specific site or sites that the alleged breaches are taking place at. Once this information is received the planning enforcement section will investigate them forthwith.

Please send on the information concerned to: planningenforcement@dublincity.ie and cc. john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q.73 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what plans, if any, are in place for nature restoration in the South East Area parks and can he please provide a full list of these projects?

Reply:

I will discuss with Cllr. Byrne what her specific requirements are on this topic & then this information can be collected, collated and forwarded when compiled.

Q.74 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the start date for permanent scheme for the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route and can he provide timelines for completion?

Reply:

The tender competition for the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route is now closed and the Active Travel Programme Office is currently conducting the tender review process. The preferred contractor is expected to be appointed in Q3 2023, subject to approval from the National Transport Authority (NTA). The programme for the completion of the work is twelve months.

Councillors will be kept updated as works progress and information will also be available on the Dublin City Council website: dublincity.ie/activetravel

Q.75 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to improve safety for cyclists at the junction of Patrick Street / Winetavern Street / Christchurch. Since the traffic changes were made to accommodate the contra flow bus lane, which is very welcome, it has become even more difficult and dangerous for cyclists travelling towards the city centre to turn right safely onto Lord Edward Street. Can the Area Manager look into this and respond please?

Reply:

As part of the contra flow bus lane on Winetavern Street the cycle lanes on Nicholas Street approaching the Christchurch junction were widened to 2m and bollards installed. At the point where left turn vehicles cross the cycle lane the turn was made much sharper and bollards installed to slow vehicles down which has worked.

In addition, traffic calming measures by reducing the number of approach lanes and using bollards to maintain lane discipline for traffic for within these lanes has given a positive improvement for this approach.

The alternative route for cyclists who want to avoid this junction is via the contraflow on Bull Alley Street, the protected cycle lane on Bride Road, the protected contraflow on Werburgh Street and the protected contraflow on Castle Street which brings cyclists to City Hall. These measures in both areas have improved cycle facilities. However the Nicholas Street / Christchurch junction continues to be monitored and improvement will be made if required.

Q.76 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he could provide copies of all correspondence sent and received from the area office and the ETB Sports Grounds VEC in Templeogue; and request from the Parks Department to provide all correspondence sent and received between the ETB Sports Grounds VEC in Templeogue following the passage of recent motions.

Reply:

This matter is currently being examined and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.

Q.77 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager further to the reply given to question 95 on the 8th of May 2023, whether planters can be placed on the existing double-yellow lines themselves, not the footpaths, and the footpath would remain unobstructed and the planter would prevent anyone parking on the lines.

Question to Chief Executive

South East Area Committee

Meeting 8th May 2023

Q.95 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he can provide an update as to what actions have taken place since the reply to question 51 on 3rd of April 2023.

Q.51 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if the road surfacing of Morehampton Terrace can be formally inspected with a view to adding this small road for refurbishment and resurfacing works; if the corner of Morehampton Terrace as indicated in the photograph below where double yellow lines are located could be examined for possible solutions to further disincentivise illegal parking on this spot, including but not limiting to the placement of planter at this spot which the residents would be happy to support.



Reply

The road surface of Morehampton Terrace will be inspected and will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement section will liaise with the area engineer about enforcement measures.

Reply 08/05/2023:

Morehampton Terrace road surface was inspected and is listed for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

The double yellow lines will be reinstated once the road surface has been repaired. Transport Advisory Group do not recommend the placement of planters on the footpath at this spot as the footpath width is to narrow and would hinder pedestrian movement.

The Transport Advisory Group will liaise with Parking Policy and Enforcement section about enforcement measures.

Reply 10/07/2023:

The double yellow lines are the appropriate traffic measure on the narrow Morehampton Terrace. Instances of illegal or obstructive parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, DSPS (email info@dsps.ie or tel. no. 01 602 2500) or An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

The Transport Advisory Group does not recommend the placement of planters on the public road at this spot as the road width is very narrow and could create a visibility issue on the road.