

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 3 APRIL 2023

- 1 **Presentation on proposed relocation of Markievicz Leisure Centre**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 13th March 2023**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 21st March 2023.
Order: Noted.
- 4 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposal to name a development at York Road as Dodder House.
Order: Agree to defer.
 - iii. Report on proposal to name a development at Hawkins Street, Townsend Street as College Square, Ref: Theatre Royal Way
Order: Agreed.
- 5 **Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillors Kevin Donoghue, Danny Byrne, Mannix Flynn, Claire Byrne and Daniel Ceitinn (carried forward from March SEAC meeting)

This area committee agrees that an oversight and consultative committee for the development of the Irish Glass Bottle site and Poolbeg West SDZ shall be established, as previously committed to.

The composition of the oversight and consultative committee should include:

 1. An independent chairperson
 2. Councillors from the SEIC
 3. Local residents
 4. Members of the IGB housing action group
 5. Other appropriate members

as determined and finalised at a meeting of local area councillors and relevant management to be held within 3 weeks of the passage of this motion, with a view to establishing the committee within 6 weeks.

Order: Withdrawn.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That in view of the elderly population in the area and the proximity to the Nursing Home that the Council would take urgent action to upgrade the footpaths along Merrion Road between the junction with Ailesbury Road and the Merrion Roman Catholic Church.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That the South East Area Committee of DCC calls on the BID company (We Are Dublin Town) to give right-offs and rate reductions to the many businesses in the BID district that suffered a downturn of trade during the pandemic and who are continuing to this day to be impacted financially and negatively in their business. Given the cost of energy prices staffing etc. and the increase in goods the customer demand is down as are business revenues. The Government have given initiatives and indeed certain cases subsidised certain business activities and services. Indeed DCC in many instances, are very empathetic and give considerations to reductions and right-offs taking into account each specific circumstance.

The BID levy is a double levy and a double rate on top of the DCC rate which means that businesses are unfairly impacted on by this BID levy. It not warrants a special consideration for reductions and right-offs who are members of the BID district and are forced to pay this levy.

This committee hereby calls upon the BID executive and board to work with struggling businesses with the view to rates reductions and indeed, where appropriate, right-offs.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this South East Area Committee of DCC agrees to erect a plaque on the site of the former Focus Theatre at 6A Pembroke Place, Dublin. Deirdre O'Connell was to the forefront on innovative theatre practices in Dublin for decades. She formed the Focus Theatre in 1963 which went on to become one of the most successful theatre companies in Ireland, which led to the discovery of renowned actor / artists such as Tom Hickey, Gabriel Byrne, Johnny Murphy, First Lady Sabina Higgins to name but a few. She specialized in classical European theatre and also gave a very warm welcome to new Irish writing and emerging Irish acting talent.

The Focus Theatre was always a welcoming place and Deirdre was always present for those seeking a career in the arts and also to welcome her audiences. Deirdre was married to Luke Kelly, the world renowned balladeer. Deirdre died in 2001 leaving behind one of the most extraordinary legacies of independent theatre in Ireland.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

The lack of oversight requirement by Uisce Éireann regarding service to the consumer is causing serious distress for many families and individuals. This committee agrees that we receive a detailed report on the working agreement between Dublin City Council and Irish Water giving a clear line of individual institutional responsibilities. Also giving an outline of how the system will work when the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with local authorities terminates later this year.

Furthermore that this council agrees to contact the Minister for Local Government outlining the inadequate generic customer and Politicians representation structure to deal with emergencies and out of hours service. The establishment of Uisce Éireann only requires oversight by Finance and Climate Regulators. The lack of oversight of service to the consumer and the fact that the service operates outside the democratic system shows up a serious gap in accountability.

It would also help if this issue was raised by the County Managers' Association at their meeting with the Minister's Department.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an update and timeline for the upgrade works and installation of Columbarium walls at the Donnybrook Cemetery.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department helps in resolving the need for an all-day loading bay in Harold's Cross village. Specifically to facilitate the cargo bikes delivering and collecting from Washboard.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Location of public seating is most valuable on routes that don't have any public transport; I have come across many older people who find this walk too long without seating for a rest.

Therefore it is agreed that the local area committee finds appropriate seating spaces along the canal on Grove Road half way between Harold's Cross Bridge and Portobello Bridge as well as on Canal Road between Portobello and Charlemont Bridges.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to please install a signalised pedestrian crossing at the junction of Sean Moore Road and Bayview / R802 to improve accessibility and pedestrian safety.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee condemns Irish Water's removal of trees on Strasbourg Terrace, Ringsend and calls on the Area Manager to outline whether Dublin City Council were aware of Irish Water's intention to remove the trees, and what plans are in place to replace the trees and can he provide a timeline for tree replacement.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to please expedite works to solve the ongoing drainage issues on Bath Street.

Report: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That DCC agrees to write to Minister for Local Government requesting the Government to revisit terms of reference and responsibilities of Uisce Éireann setting out their responsibilities to consumers. Currently their only oversight is to the Finance and Climate Change Regulators. Therefore it is agreed to ask that an

oversight body which would include input from elected members and officials of local authorities be established. Also state clearer divisions of responsibilities with their service level agreement (SLA) bodies.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee agrees to write to Irish Water;

- Requesting that the asbestos pipe discovered on Tritonville Road during the ongoing Irish Water works is replaced as part of the current body of work taking place;
- seeking commitments about a full resurfacing of the Tritonville Road following the completion of the works and that Irish Water; and
- Insisting that Irish Water improve their direct communication and information flow with residents of Tritonville Road affected by the ongoing works.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee agrees to write a supportive letter, further to the efforts of the Parks Department, to the City of Dublin Education & Training Board (CDETb) reflecting the unanimous view of all elected members in the South East Area that the sports grounds located in Terenure be put to greater use in partnership with Dublin City Council to meet the significant needs of local clubs throughout the area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee agrees that Parks will meet with councillors and local residents to agree a timeline and programme of works for reseedling of grass and enhancement of biodiversity in Eaton Square Park before the summer months. Last summer I was given an update that Parks had ordered 1000 wildflower bulbs for the square for planting in the autumn, and also that the re-sowing of seed/relaying of turf following shockwave treatments would occur after the busy summer months had passed. Can Parks outline why these works did not take place and agree to a meeting to ensure these works are prioritised.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Hazel Chu

That the interim scheme of the Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Cycleway use an alternative material instead of the proposed wands for the route. During the interim phase of cycle routes in Dun Laoghaire materials were used for the route to blend into the rest of the environment. Plastic wands for interim routes are perceived as unsightly and sometimes generate negative sentiments for interim routes. Usage of better materials will encourage communities to support the route and also provide more safety for cyclists.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Hazel Chu

Due to lack of parking for school teachers at Lios na nÓg, previously they had an arrangement with Health Services Executive (HSE) and then Beechwood Parish but unfortunately both have lapsed. Teachers who have to drive to school are being clamped and it is an extra cost and becoming unaffordable for them. I move that this council allows for Lios na nÓg and schools in residential zones be allowed a set number of residential disc parking a year so as to aide their recruitment and retention of teachers who cannot afford to live in the local vicinity and have no other mode of transport but to drive.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire O'Connor

What are we going to do about Sandymount?

Sandymount village and especially Serpentine / Tritonville road and Sydney Parade Avenue have had to deal with excessive traffic in the last few months. No traffic management plan is in place other than diverting traffic through these completely unsuitable roads.

The Dart line creates a particular boundary for Sandymount and in itself has led to extensive traffic queues at each crossing. The impact of traffic standing still waiting to move is unsafe as it creates rat running, Serpentine Avenue being particularly badly effected due to the extended closures on this junction. Drivers trying to beat the lights are regularly crashing here.

These roads are now being used by heavy vehicles, including 8 wheeler dump trucks and double decker buses because there is no control of access. Tritonville Road is now dealing with the impact of this. There has been at least 7 burst pipe events on the road since October with water flowing freely overnight.

Sandymount roads are unsafe to use for pedestrians, cyclists and residents. Traffic jams from Strand Road to St. Vincent's are now featuring on traffic reports in the morning. St. Vincent's is now becoming a rat run, as are other roads in the Ballsbridge area to allow access to Sandymount that eliminates Serpentine from journeys.

Order: Deferred to May South East Area Committee meeting.

Emergency Motion 1 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Health Services Executive (HSE) agrees to urgently establish a working group with officials from HSE and DCC along with appointed HSE Forum / DCC local area committee members to find a way to progress the building of the Primary Care Centre (PCC) on the Gulistan Site in Rathmines. Unless this is progressed it will have implications for the provision of public housing as well as health care services

BACKGROUND

HSE closed their health centre on upper Rathmines Road years ago because the building had poor physical access. They sold the building and rented rooms in the Swan Shopping Centre in Rathmines, always hoping to find a site to building on locally. This building is now the subject of a planning appeal for a hotel, if successful, Rathmines which has a population similar to Drogheda could be without local Primary Health Care Services.

The terms of the transfer of the site transferred from DCC on 10 May 2021 was that HSE issue a report (155/4/2021) 9 months after Council approval on progress by design team and agreed that planning application be lodged within 18 months. No such report has been received by DCC. HSE is now proposing that a new agreement be entered into to extend these terms until Q2 2030.

The serious implications for Rathmines is that DCC through a housing agency will shortly commence construction of step-down housing for older people and family homes on part of this site. It was planned that all construction could be carried out at the same time as construction at a later date would have serious implications for older residents on this site. Furthermore planning access and egress on the site with absence of PCC will be difficult and have dangerous implications. This will

also impact on the progress of the St. Michael's housing site in Inchicore as this was part of an inter site transfer agreement of the two sites with the HSE.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

6 Questions to the Chief Executive

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 3 April 2023

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
James Geoghegan

Members:

Claire O'Connor
Danny Byrne
Tara Deacy
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Carolyn Moore
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mary Freehill

Officers

Mark Ginnetty
John MacEvilly
Sean Reid

Brian Hanney
Karl Mitchell

Leah Johnston
Neil O'Donoghue

Apologies:

Hazel Chu

Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager to contact Eir in relation to the current state of the phone box in Ringsend in Library Square. It is in a very poor state.

Reply:

Eir will commence the removal of a number of kiosks from around the city in the coming weeks and the Ringsend one at Library Square is included. Power has been disconnected and once permits to commence works are in place, recoveries will begin in the coming weeks.

Q.2 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager for an update on the old Bernard Shaw site.

Reply:

The former Bambrick's / Bernard Shaw Public House at 11 / 12 Richmond Street South is part of property owned by Gordon Properties Limited and it is their intention to redevelop the city block at 8 - 17 Richmond Street South which includes the pub subject to planning permission being obtained. The Council has agreed to dispose of its freehold interest in part of the site, comprising No. 15 and rear No. 14 Richmond Street South. The Contract for Sale was issued to Gordon Properties Limited on 15th February 2023. A term in the disposal requires Gordon Properties Limited to lodge a valid planning application within nine months of City Council approval to the disposal and, accordingly, they have until 3rd July 2023 to lodge the application.

Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if it would be possible to install better lighting in Temple Bar Square and Fownes Street / Cope Street along with signage highlighting CCTV. Businesses in the area are reporting serious anti-social behaviour.

Reply:

The lighting in Temple Bar Square will be upgraded as part of the planned public realm improvements to the square and that will capture the section of Fownes Street bordering the square that currently has a gap in the lighting.

A lighting assessment will be carried out on the lighting along Cope Street. Note that a large section of the footpath on the south side of Cope Street is in the 'old Central bank footprint' and is private and low lighting levels on this section of private footpath will be a matter for the new owners.

Reply:

The South East Area Office is proactively engaging with An Garda Síochána and local businesses in Temple Bar regarding anti-social behaviour in the area.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

The east side of the (Sandymount) Green is now very busy with Pete's re-opened, Borza's re-opened as Artybaker plus established Mario's, Butler's Pantry and Bujos all trading busily and some with outside tables. All great facilities but one drawback, there is no litter bin along that side of green. There used to be a belly bin at Borza's but for some daft reason it was removed about 15 months ago.

Could you please request DCC to reinstate this Belly bin and even better put a second one in as well?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the big belly bin removed from outside Borza's at Sandymount Green to facilitate new pedestrian crossing works there. It was moved nearby to the corner outside Sandymount House. This bin will be moved back to its original position and there are no current plans for additional bins at this location.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager when the actions promised in these replies of October 2021 will actually be carried out in full.

"Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 10th October 2021

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to arrange for an audit of the footpaths on Annesley Park, Ranelagh and for all necessary repairs to be carried out as a matter of some urgency.

Reply:

The footpaths on Annesley Park have been inspected and defects identified have been recorded in our asset management system and will be attended to as soon as possible.

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
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Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will have the painting of the lampposts on Annesley Park, Ranelagh included on the work programme for the coming year.

Reply:

We will examine the public lighting columns on Annesley Park and if the columns are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 10th October 2021

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have the trees on Annesley Park, Ranelagh seriously pruned due to their current overhanging and in some cases dangerous conditions.

Reply:

There are No. 29 Malus trees on this road. Following the ground inspection, low branches that could potentially cause obstruction have not been identified and therefore no immediate attention is required. However, to preserve the natural form of the subject trees, crown reshaping will be undertaken as part of 2022 tree pruning programme."

Reply to Q1

The footpaths on Annesley Park (between Dunville Avenue and Ormond Road South) were upgraded as part of our 2022 Footpath Renewal Programme.

Reply to Q2

There are six no. columns on Annesley Park and painting had commenced with one lighting column primed. However there have been access issues, due largely to parked cars that

have prevented us from carrying the painting works (painting signs were put up asking for the areas around the columns to be kept clear but to no avail). The South East Area will be asked for assistance in organising access so that the painting works can be completed on these columns.

Reply to Q3

An update on the tree pruning on Annesley Park will be sought from Parks and a response will be circulated on receipt.

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report with regards the removal of street furniture from outside of Hogan's premises and the Guileton restaurant on Fade Street on the 28th February? This report to include what efforts were made to liaise with the business before this furniture was removed. What were the reasons for the removal of the furniture? What discretion, if any, can the Street Furniture Section apply to struggling businesses? What protocols are in place with regards operating this enforcement in a much more amicable manner bearing in mind the stress and strain that businesses are facing while attempting to trade.

It is clearly acknowledge that DCC Street Furniture Section are charged with a very difficult task and perhaps it is time now to take a look at how this law is enforced now that the pandemic is over. This report also to include the payment of fines for the retrieval of furniture. This fines mechanism to retrieve furniture in this instance was to the tune of €900. This is a vast amount of money for a struggling business. A full comprehensive report on the full operations of the Street Furniture Section of the South East Area would be most welcome.

Reply:

The Street Furniture Licensing Unit is tasked with administering the licensing of outdoor dining and issuing Street Furniture Licences throughout the city. Fees for Street furniture Licences were waived during the Covid Pandemic, this waiver continued until 31st December 22. Dublin City Council welcomes street furniture applications from businesses and facilitates the issuing of street furniture licences wherever possible.

There is, in general, very high compliance by relevant businesses with the terms and conditions which apply to street furniture licences. However, Dublin City Council does operate an enforcement policy with regards to unlicensed furniture or to breaches of the terms and conditions and there are occasions when enforcement action is required.

Businesses who place unlicensed furniture on the public footpath are advised to apply for a licence. Businesses with a Street Furniture licence who are found in breach of the terms and conditions are advised to regularise the situation. Where such requests are not complied with, written notices are issued requiring action on the part of the business. Often, a follow up final notice is issued and then if the business still fails to take the necessary action, Dublin City Council will take action to remove unlicensed street furniture. Impounded furniture may be recovered on payment of a removal and storage fee.

In relation to the business on Fade Street, a street furniture licence was held by the business which expired on 23rd July 2022.

On 27th July 2022, the business was contacted by email and invited to apply for renewal. No renewal application was received.

On 28th November 2022, the business was contacted and advised again that the licence had expired and that unlicensed furniture would be removed. No response was received.

On 16th January 2023, a Warning Notice was issued to the business confirming that unlicensed furniture would be removed. No response was received.

On 28th February 2023, enforcement action was taken with the removal of a total of 9 items of unlicensed street furniture.

On 1st March 2023, the furniture was returned to the business by arrangement and on payment of the relevant amount of €900. The fee payable for the return of street furniture is set out in the Notice issued on 16th January, (€100.00 per item + storage costs of €35.00 per week or part thereof). No fines were imposed by Dublin City Council and no storage fee was charged on this occasion.

If the Councillor has any further queries, please contact the undersigned.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a report as to what services, if any, DCC are supplying to the residents of the Staircase in Aungier Street? Also, can DCC state clearly the status of this building as to whether this building is being used by Direct Provision? Whether the building is being used to house Ukrainian refugees? Or whether the building is being used to house undocumented asylum seekers? Or whether the building is just being used as a bed and breakfast?

It is vitally important that clarity and clear information is supplied here in order not to give rise to any anti-refugee sentiment to any far right grouping. The residential and business community in this area has always been welcoming to many destitute individuals and are merely seeking a due process of information in these instances. It is the duty of the local authority and indeed central government to supply accurate and appropriate information, particularly now, regarding these matters. It is simple due process and inclusion, participation. And indeed, how can we engage in diversity and inclusion if we are not given appropriate information regarding those new communities who are coming to live with us. Withholding of information or the non-supplying of the information leads to disinformation and fear.

Reply:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) / Dublin City Council is not supplying any services in the Staircase, Aungier Street and is not aware of the building's current use.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager have planning enforcement visit the Ha'penny Bridge Bar with regards the unlawful construction of a super pub and a beer garden at the back? This public house recently acquired the Camelian Restaurant which is adjacent to the Regent Barbers in Temple Bar. These set of buildings are highly listed and are rare within the Temple Bar area. Beer LED signs have been erected onto the facade of the building replacing the restaurant sign and there are clear signs of construction activity in this architecturally sensitive area. Further, the ground and the lands at the back of this premises are not in the ownership of the owner of the Camelian restaurant but would appear to the property by default of Temple Bar Cultural Trust formerly Temple Bar renewal, and therefore possibly lands owned by Dublin City Council.

DCC are reconstructing and renewing a whole new public square in this area formerly Temple Bar Square. The last thing this pedestrian area and public amenity area needs is another super pub dispensing alcohol. The area is saturated with public houses and is crying out for other amenities and offerings.

Reply:

An enforcement file will be opened relating to the issues raised by the Councillor and a full investigation into the issues raised will commence. The Councillor will be updated in due course of our findings in due course.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report as to how many CCTV cameras are operated by DCC along the stretch of the canal within Dublin's South East Area remit? This report also to include how many CCTV cameras have been installed by Waterways Ireland and are controlled and monitored by Waterways Ireland along this stretch of the canal which is part of their estate?

This report also to include - what security lighting, if any, is in operation along this stretch of water which is widely used by the public. Bearing in mind the levels of anti-social behaviour, serious criminal assaults along the canal stretches it is time that Waterways Ireland upgrade their CCTV cameras and their public safety remit.

Reply:

I am not aware of any CCTV cameras operated by Dublin City Council along the Canal within the South East Area. This question will be referred to Waterways Ireland and the response will be circulated upon reply.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report as to how many benches and seats DCC have installed by way of public amenity within the South East Area. There is huge deficit of seats and benches for people to sit within the city. This has happened over the last number of years due to levels of anti-social behaviour where seats were removed or simply not installed. It has now become a serious issue in the city for many older persons and people with disabilities who find it very difficult to find a place to rest on our city streets. On top of that there is a diabolical issue of public lavatories which are nonexistent.

Can DCC give a full audit of all public benches, seats and public lavatories? These public lavatories to include those that are open 24 hours a day.

Further, can DCC roll out an initiative over the summer within the SEA to supply seating in the same way as they are supply temporary bike parking or cycling lanes. DCC cannot continue to pursue a detrimental policy of able bodyism.

Reply:

Waste Management Services control 3 public conveniences in the city, this includes

- St Stephens Green temporary unit
- Bull Island APC, open 24 hours
- Sandymount APC, open 24 hours

Additional DCC units are also in place across Parks, Area Offices, Libraries, DCC Leisure centres a listing can be found at <https://www.dublincity.ie/publictoilets>

External providers to DCC (not including private industry) include Museums, Bus and Rail stations, significant shopping centres (where planning indicated provision). Further research and market consultation is ongoing regarding provisions.

Report:

Please see below list of the locations of Public Seating identified in the South East Area Public Domain.

Address	Specific Location	Numbers/type of seats
Ballsbridge Ave	beside WOOD FIRE PIZZA	2 wooden curved seats
Bangor Circle	green area	1 seat
Barnardo Square	Dame Street	granite seating
Beach Road	along Coast wall, opposite Newgrove Avenue	1 metal seat

Beech Hill	Beechill Estate entrance	2 metal seats
Cecilia Street	near SEAFOOD CAFÉ	Historic metal seat, 1992
Chatham Street		wooden seats, granite bases
Charlemont Mall	Charlemont Court up to Barge	2 wooden benches
Charlemont Place	Hilton up to Adelaide Rd Jct	3 wooden benches
Chelmsford Road	at side Brown Sugar, off Ranelagh Rd	1 seat , planters either side
City Quay	Campshires to Samuel Beckett Bridge	wood, metal benches
Clyde Road	Wellington Rd end	1 wooden seat
Crumlin Road	Old County green area @ DID	2 wooden seats
Dolphin Road	3 inset along canal walk	3 metal seats
Donnybrook Road	at plaza	Semi-circular seating
Drury Street	near Arcade entrance	2 granite seats
Dunville Avenue	opposite shops	wooden seating , planters
Eglinton Road	Sandford Rd end	1 metal seat
Fleet Street	opposite Rorys	metal shaped seats
Georges Quay	Campshires, opposite Custom House	4 wooden seating
Grosvenor Road	off Rathgar Road	1 metal seat
Haddington Road	near Northumberland junction	1 metal seat
Hanover Quay	Campshires	3 Benches
Irishtown Road	bus stop opposite George Reynolds House	1 metal seat
Johnsons Place		2 large black Granite block seats
Leeson Park	Chelmsford Rd end , beside post box	1 wooden seat
Merrion Road	at Bank centre , opposite RDS	1 seat
Merrion Road	at Ailesbury Junction , beside bus stop	1 seat, wooden
Merrion Road	outside RDS , near Serpentine Junction	1 seat
Merrion Row	outside Huguenot cemetery	1 wrought iron seat
Mespil Road /Wilton Terrace	along canal walk	20 benches
Morehampton Road	opposite 52 , outside Hotel	1 seat , flower boxes either end
Morehampton Road	at Herbert Road jct, beside Phone booths	1 seat , flower boxes either end
Morehampton Road	opposite Auburn RD, up from Gastropub	1 seat , flower boxes either end
Mornington Road, Ranelagh	on green space at junction Ashfield RD	2 metal seats
Northumberland Road	near HADDINGTON Rd junction	1 metal seat

Northumberland Road	near Schoolhouse Restaurant / Estate Cottages	1 metal seat
Park Drive, Sandymount	near bus stop St. John's Church	1 wooden
Parnell Road	along Canal , near garage	2 metal seats
Patrick Street	outside Park	granite bench
Percy Place / Warrington Place	along canal walk	wrought iron & wooden seating
Portobello Harbour	Portobello Square	4 large squares raised seating
	Portobello Square	1 wooden planter seat
	inside lock chains	2 wooden seats
Portobello Road	Portobello Harbour to Windsor Terrace	5 wrought iron
Ranelagh Village	at triangle	3 wooden seats , stone ends
Ranelagh Village	outside Best Coffee	1 wooden seat aside Planter
Ranelagh Village	at Church, at tunnel into Ranelagh Gardens	1 wooden seat
Rathmines Road Lower	at Swan Leisure centre	3 wooden slatted seats remain
Ringsend Village	at library plaza	5 large stone seats
Sandford Road , Ranelagh	along green area, opposite 84 and 68	2 seats, 1 metal, 1 wooden
Simmonscourt Road	Anglesea end, at church	1 wooden seat
Sandymount Road	at Tesco	2 metal seats
Sir John Rogerson's Quay	Campshires Beckett Bridge to end	9 long metal benches
South Great George's Street	outside Dunnes, near arcade	2 granite plinths
South King Street	at Luke Kelly statue	4 granite seats
South King Street		5 benches
Stillorgan Road	outside church	1 metal seat
St. Agnes Road	outside An Post , Outside Funeral directors	3 metals seats x 2
Strand Rd	Sandymount Promenade	wooden stone seating
Strand Rd	along Coast wall, opposite Newgrove Avenue	2 metal seats
Temple Bar Square	For redevelopment 2023	metal Palm Tree & fruit
Wellington Road	Pembroke Road end	1 metal seat
Williams Park	behind Swan leisure pool	2 wooden seats
Wellington Road	Wellington Place /Clyde Road end	2 metal seats
Wilton Terrace / Mespil Rd	along canal walk	wrought iron & wooden seating
Wilton Terrace / Mespil Rd	at canal lock	2 seats, 1 metal, 1 wooden
Woodstock Gardens	just at turn in off Sandford Rd	1 wooden seat
Essex Quay	At bus stop	Viking ship seating
York Road	Cambridge Rd jct/ Ringsend College railings	wooden seating

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report as to how DCC Waste Management and Litter sections are dealing with the scourge and rise in discarded e-cigarette canisters? These e-canisters are being discarded all over the streets. The product is being used by very young people including children of school going age. They are akin to alcopops in the way they are advertised having sweet fruity flavours and harmless when in actual fact they do cause harm both environmentally and recent scientific evidence suggest that they cause health issues by way of addiction and other ailments.

It is high time that DCC had a policy on this matter particularly in relation to the disposal of the canisters and indeed, their toxic content. The industry that supplies and manufactures these must be held to account along similar lines as we hold the chewing gum industry to account.

Reply:

Electronic cigarette devices are considered electronic waste as they contain single-use or rechargeable batteries. These devices should be safely recycled when they reach the end of life. WEEE Ireland facilitate the free take back of Vape & E-Cigarette Device for recycling through their Blue Battery Box System.

Residents will find the WEEE Ireland Blue Battery Boxes in most newsagents, supermarkets, electrical retailers and also at Dublin City Council's network of Bring Centres/Civic Amenity Sites. A map showing the location of the all free household collection points for electronic, battery and lighting waste recycling in Dublin City are listed on <https://www.weeeireland.ie/household-recycling/where-can-i-recycle>. Retailers of vapes and e-cigarette devices are obliged to take back disposable, single-use, rechargeable vape and/or e-cigarette devices on a one-for-one, like-for-like basis. Retailers can also recycle these waste devices through WEEE Ireland's Blue Battery Boxes. Free Vape & E-Cigarette Device Recycling - WEEE Ireland.

Waste Management Services has contacted the communications section in WEEE Ireland and will collaborate with them directly to promote the recycling of vape & e-cigarette devices.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full update on the premises that Dublin City Council handed over to the resource centre at Pearse Street some years back? This premises was known as the Space and was to be brought into usage as a youth facility. It would appear that this premises is not in use?

Reply:

Clarification was sought from the Councillor, upon receipt of which a reply will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report as to how many homes or premises used as homes or accommodation have been acquired and acquisitioned by DCC in the past five years in the South East Area? This report to include any monies or resources that were supplied to approved housing bodies or homeless services such as the Peter McVerry Trust or De Paul Ireland. This report to include all surveys of these buildings and homes and the amount of money that was paid for each premises and also the process that was used for such acquisitions.

Reply:

A reply will issue to the Councillor within two weeks of the meeting.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report as to what protocols are in place by Dublin Regional Homeless Executive and any of the approved housing bodies and charitable organisations such as De Paul, Simon Community, Peter McVerry Trust, Drug Rehabilitation – Merchants Quay that are initiated and are used in the event of death of individuals who are using their services?

Those that are in emergency accommodation, homeless services accommodation and those that are using residential rehabilitation programmes that are financially supported by Dublin City Council. This report to include what protocols are used by way of contacting families of deceased individuals? What other statutory agencies are involved or contacted? And can Dublin City Council produce this protocol and guideline?

Reply:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) collates reports of every death of a person experiencing homelessness and shares these with the HSE. The reports detail the time, date and known circumstances of the death. It was agreed following the **Interim report on Mortality in Single Homeless population 2020** that the *Health Research Board* was the appropriate body to collect, review and analyse deaths among homeless service users and make recommendations on the prevention of deaths among the Homeless population at a national level. The HSE has appointed a drugs death Coordinator in a HSE funded project to work alongside Dr Austin O'Carroll to implement the recommendations from the report. Please see link to report below:

<https://www.homelessdublin.ie/content/files/Interim-Report-on-Mortality-in-Single-Homeless-Population-2020-Dr-Austin-OCarroll.pdf>

Under the protocol agreed with the HSE, it is An Garda Síochána that makes initial contact with families of persons deceased.

Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for an action included response to the issues raised in the email submitted with this question in relation to Sean Moore Park:

“Over the weekend I took a walk around Sean Moore Park and around the Children’s Playground. I was shocked and horrified at the sight that I was presented with. Firstly, I thought that there were some posts missing from the lovely wicket fence, until I did a complete walk around the perimeter. Whole sections adjoining the two entry gates completely gone. At the main entrance, the metal gate does not close simply because it was hammered out of line and the catch mechanism no longer meets the gate post.

About 37 vertical boards missing but more so on the beach-side of the playground. About 7 complete sections of the fence gone and no sighting of the removed posts are anywhere to be seen.

And then the graffiti, most of which is **high-end porn graffiti** – totally inappropriate in a children’s playground. To verify this, see attached photographs.

While I took some photos of the fence on Sunday evening (see attached), the Community Garda was also there on his bike and was observing and engaging with a gang of teenage boys (not sure if he was called to the playground) or merely policing in his normal course of duty.

This playground was our pride and joy and STTCA were so proud at getting this project started and finished. We were so grateful to Covanta for €227,000 and we worked so well with the Dublin Waste to Energy Liaison Office and all relevant officials in the Parks Department of Dublin City Council during the course of this project.

While the safety of the children who enter the playground is the responsibility of parents / minders etc., once inside the swing gates, the smaller children were safely enclosed. Not so anymore with all the huge gaps in the fence.

For a relatively new playground, and with such a large amount of money being spent on it, it is such a pity to see it in its current state. As with the nature of playgrounds, and particularly in the winter season, they are vacated by children by late afternoon, and can only assume that the vandalism and graffiti is done at a later hour by young adults, as evidenced by the graffiti content.

I am writing to you to firstly make you aware of the situation, and secondly if you are in a position to help with repairing the fence. For information purposes, I will be copying this mail to Irishtown Garda Station."

I would welcome a reply from your office at your earliest convenience.

Reply:

DCC Parks Section is aware of the recent vandalism and the state of the playground at Sean Moore Park. Acts of vandalism and destruction are never acceptable. Parks Section have already taken steps in the direction to repair and restore the play area. Loose and fallen panels and sections from the wooden picket fence have been removed not to pose H&S risk and it is intention to have them reinstalled promptly. Furthermore, the removal of the graffiti and repair to the units/elements are underway.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent.

He writes:

"The east side of Sandymount Green is now very busy with Pete's re-opened, Borza's re-opened as Artybaker plus established Mario's, Butler's Pantry and Bujos all trading busily and some with outside tables. All great facilities but one drawback, there is no litter bin along that side of the green. There used to be a belly bin at Borza's but for some daft reason it was removed about 15 months ago.

Could you please request DCC to reinstate this belly bin and even better put a second one in as well?"

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the big belly bin removed from outside Borza's at Sandymount Green to facilitate new pedestrian crossing works there. It was moved nearby to the corner outside Sandymount House. This bin will be moved back to its original position and there are no current plans for additional bins at this location.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue at Lakelands school at the junction of Durham and Gilford Road, Sandymount.

Several years ago these pavements were dished to facilitate buggies, wheelchairs etc. Today the concrete was replaced but as you can see from the photo, it's no longer dished. Also the concrete is not covered with hessian or plastic to cure it for durable wearing surface as it's now raining on top of unprotected and still soft surface. To call this sloppy work is being kind. It's a waste of public money.



Reply:

The section of concrete footpath, at the junction of Durham and Gilford Road, Sandymount, is a permanent reinstatement carried out by Eir's contractor. Eir have been made aware of the error in relation to the missing dropped kerb at the pedestrian dishing and will be required to remedy the defect prior to the area being taken back in charge by Road Maintenance Services (RMS). EIR have also been reminded of the requirement to protect wet concrete from rain damage.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue on Strand Road, Sandymount.

He writes:

Resulting from heavy machinery and trucks driving on and turning, the footpath on the left hand side of the road from Eland Lodge to Merrion Gates has been severely damaged and is in dangerous condition. The road surface likewise has suffered resulting in large pools of water accumulating after every shower.

If the necessary repairs are the responsibility of the pipe laying company I suggest that they be made aware of this before the completion of this section of work. If it is the responsibility of DCC I advise that it be repaired before the first accident and subsequent claim.

Today we are informed that the Merrion Gates will be closed in both directions for almost three weeks in April. This will no doubt add to the already chaotic traffic jams on Merrion Road. If sense prevailed the bus lanes in both directions from Trimbleston Avenue to Sandymount Avenue would be suspended until the gates are fully operational again. In turn this would allow a suspension of the No Right Turn from Merrion Road on to Ailesbury Road for traffic destined for the Toll Bridge via Strand Road without diverting through Tritonville Road or Sandymount.

Reply:

The footpath and carriageway issues have been referred to Irish Water for immediate action.

The closure of Merrion Gates (Level Crossing, Strand Road) Dublin 4 is to facilitate a water main installation project by Irish Water / GMC and the closure period occurs during the Easter School Holidays, from midnight on Friday 31st March to midnight on Sunday 16th April, when traffic volumes are low. The traffic management plan does not involve the suspension of bus lanes or "turn bans".

Q.19 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Road Maintenance Section to replace the footpath outside (details supplied) which is in a bad state of repair?

Reply:

The footpath at (details supplied) was inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition with no major defects.

Q.20 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager outline the road safety measures that are now planned following the recent on-site meeting held in the Crumlin Area with the Traffic Engineer?

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Engineer has met with the Councillors in the Crumlin Area. The issue of vehicles parking too close to junctions was discussed with the Councillors.

The appropriate road measures that will be installed will consist of yield road marking RRM 018 and continuous centre white line RRM 001 at the junctions of:

Glenealy Road / Rutland Avenue junction.

Rathdrum Road / Glenealy Road junction.

Derry Drive / Derry Park Junction.

Inbound on Derry Drive onto the large roundabout / gyratory.

The appropriate road measures that will be installed will consist of stop road markings RRM 017 and continuous centre white line RRM 001 and Stop Sign RUS 027 will be installed at the junction of Aughavannagh Road / Parnell.

The Transport Advisory Group will recommend to have the above measures installed.

The Transport Advisory Engineer will assess the suitability of a yellow box at Seagull House onto the Crumlin Road.

Q.21 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could consider installing a cycle lane on Leinster Road to facilitate safe cycling to the local schools.

Reply:

This will be further examined and a report will be issued.

Q.22 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager, given the recent policy decision to end the use of kissing gates in Dublin City Council parks, when will the kissing gate in Ringsend Park be removed?

Reply:

While it is not the preference of the Parks Service to have 'kissing gates' as entrances to parks, there are situations where the local community have requested same to protect their park and families from indiscriminate biking.

The policy of the Parks Service is to gradually remove 'kissing gates' where possible in consultation with local communities, however there has been no policy change to eliminate the use of 'kissing gates' completely or by a given date.

In relation to Ringsend Park there are no 'kissing gates' in place. In Sean Moore Park there are two 'kissing gates' as well as fully accessible entrances. The clubs that use the park are going to be consulted about the removal of these gates. Subject to consensus that this would not have any adverse impact on the playing pitches and the children using the park facilities we will arrange to remove the gates on a trial basis as we have successfully done in other parks.

Q.23 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could please examine the possibility of privatising the laneway (details supplied). The residents are keen to have an input in to the redesign of the laneway when the neighbouring development is completed and have some ideas and suggestions. Would the Area Manager meet with the local residents to discuss options and ideas?

Reply:

The laneway known as Garden Terrace (off Clanbrassil Street) is "in charge" of Dublin City Council which means that a public right of way exists over it. In order that it may be closed by any means, the public right of way would have to be extinguished. There is a legal procedure involved (under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993), which includes a formal written

application being submitted to Dublin City Council requesting that the City Council consider extinguishing the public right of way at the location in question.

Planning Reg. Ref. 3619/20 granted planning permission for a mixed use development to the south of Garden Terrace. As part of that development it was proposed to give over part of the site for a widened Garden Terrace laneway. The site has already received planning permission for the widening and upgrade of the laneway and it is envisaged that it will then be taken-in-charge when the development is complete.

Q.24 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the issue of the following licenced vendor consistently parking on the footpath or in the cycle lane (details supplied)?

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement section will investigate this issue and carry out enforcement action where possible.

Q.25 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager could he please consider installing some low level lighting on the Grand Canal between Baggot Street Bridge to Huband Bridge as means to improve safety and reduce anti-social behaviour along this stretch.

Reply:

It is the policy of Dublin City Council not to install low-level bollard lighting due to safety considerations and it is also an inefficient means of lighting a space.

The provision of lighting along the towpath of the Grand Canal is a matter for Waterways Ireland.

Q.26 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate complaints by local residents about dust and hazardous material coming from the following development (details supplied)?

Reply:

The Planning Enforcement Section will liaise with the Environmental Health Air Quality and Noise Section of Dublin City Council and carry out an investigation into the issues raised above.

Q.27 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager why the gates to Corrib Road Park have recently been padlocked open using chains and poles, where previously park users could close the gates behind them? The space is used by many local people to exercise their dogs safely off-leash, which they can no longer do as the gates are permanently open.

Reply:

We have received numerous complaints about dogs being let off the lead to run loose in the park and the Animal Welfare Section has been requested to send the Dog Warden to patrol and monitor the situation.

Unfortunately, a young boy was hospitalised due to an attack by a dog off-lead in this park and so for the safety of park users we decided to install a mechanism to keep the gates open.

Dublin City Council's Control of Dogs Bye-Laws states: "A person in charge of a dog shall keep the dog on a sufficiently strong chain or leash, except during the 8.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. and for the last hour before closing when the dog may be unleashed provided that such dog must still be under the effectual control of the person-in-charge of the dog."

Q.28 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can traffic engineers assess the stretch of Upper Rathmines Road approaching and exiting the signalised crossing at Rathmines Close and continuing around the bend and past the shops? Speeding is an issue here and pedestrians are unable to cross the road safely at the shops due to the blind bend. Ideally a second signalised crossing would service the shops. Are there any other measures that could be taken to slow the traffic here and increase the safety of pedestrians?

Reply:

This question is currently with the Active Travel Programme Office for consideration in the context of the proposed rollout of Dublin City Active Travel Network. A more detailed response will be issued to the Elected Member and the South East Area Committee in the coming weeks.

Q.29 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if lighting can be installed in the laneway running from William Pearse Park to St. Mary's Road / Crumlin Road, to increase safety for users and decrease dumping and anti-social behaviour?

Reply:

New street lighting has just been installed in this laneway in the last few weeks and is now fully operational.

Q.30 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the pavement outside the Bank of Ireland at 1 Rathfarnham Road can be dished to allow wheelchair users to cross at the junction of Rathfarnham Road and Terenure Road? While this is not an active signalised crossing (despite the best efforts of this committee) it is nonetheless a place where people cross, but while the island is dished, and the footpath outside Hidden Hearing is dished, there is no route off the pavement for wheelchair users for at least 100m, at which point there are no lights and no opportunity to cross. For the safety and accessibility of all footpath users, can this be rectified as a matter of urgency?

Reply:

We will liaise with our colleagues in the Traffic Division to examine this request.

Q.31 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager for an update on the social housing application of (details supplied), the applicant has been on the housing list since 2008. The applicant wishes to be considered for the property at details attached as this property is available / becoming available.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 04/09/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area M	1	40
Area N	1	48
Area P	1	31

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

vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

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

The applicant's interest is noted in the property requested.

Q.32 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if a bin could be installed inside Sunshine Park on Corrib Road, Dublin 6W.

Reply:

There are no plans at this time to place bin in the local green space at Corrib Road which is very small in size situated in the residential area and DCC Parks are of opinion that it is visited mostly by the immediate residents who are encouraged to bring their waste home for disposal where it can be more efficiently recycled rather than going to land fill or incineration.

Q.33 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if a review of traffic arrangements could be made for Greenmount Lane in Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W, as there have been a number of accidents in recent months plus the lane has become a magnet for rat-runs; if this review includes an examination of the feasibility of new traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps, footpath widening or a one-way system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group Engineer will carry out an assessment of Greenmount Lane. A report will then be issued to the elected representative (enquiry ref. 7032301).

Q.34 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager if an update could be provided in relation to Question 41, from the 14th November 2022, on traffic calming measures for Kilfenora Road and Devenish Road.

Reply:

The request for traffic calming at the above locations is listed on the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer under enquiry nos.: 7032215 and 7032216 respectively.

The Councillor will receive the final recommendation of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Q.35 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager, in relation to the number of trees which have been removed from Captain's Road in Dublin 12 in recent years, if some trees will be re-planted at this location.

Reply:

Following the removal of a tree from the streetscape Parks allow for the roots to die back naturally, a process that can take up to 3 years, in some cases longer depending on site conditions. Unfortunately it is not always possible to replant into existing tree pits as the number of services running underground through the footpath have increased. Other considerations are width of footpath, overhead services and the presence of driveways. Parks will review on a case by case basis but unfortunately it is not always possible to replant given the limitations outlined above.

Q.36 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to provide an update as to when work will commence on the new playground for St. Vincent's Street South Flats, Dublin 8.

Reply:

The work here will commence late May and is expected to take 12 weeks to complete.

Q.37 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange to have signs erected in South Lotts Park in line with the City Council's policy on off-lead times for dogs; and if he can arrange for the removal of vines which are creeping over the walls and towards adjacent properties.

Reply:

DCC Parks Section has contacted the councillor directly to clarify issues surrounding this question. A reply will issue directly to the councillor.

Q.38 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the removal of parking bays and provision of double yellow lines and a yellow box at Enable Ireland Sandymount school exit gate.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group Engineer will carry out an assessment at Enable Ireland Sandymount School. A report will then be issued to the elected representative (enquiry ref. 7032304).

Q.39 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for Mount Argus Park, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W to be weeded, and a general clean-up of the park be undertaken.

Reply:

Parks have carried out clearance work in Mount Argus earlier in the season – cutting back vegetation close to the path at the rear, reducing height of shrubberies, raising canopies of trees to ensure clear sightlines. As we are now in nesting season, no further clearance will be carried out with the exception of some light cutting back to keep pathways clear. We will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the park is kept to an adequate standard.

Q.40 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for a bin located at Ross Road, Dublin 8, opposite the playground to be removed as the bin is continuously overflowing as a result of people using it to dump their household waste in?

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have the usage of the above mentioned litter bin monitored over the coming weeks. We also will see if a Litter Warden can find any evidence of who is responsible for dumping here. Removal of a litter bin on these grounds is seen very much as a last resort.

Q.41 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to provide an update as to when work will commence on the new playground for Leo Fitzgerald House, Hogan Place, Dublin 2.

Reply:

Works here should commence directly after the playground is complete in St. Vincent Street South. I would expect this to commence sometime around late July early August.

Q.42 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if the planned playground for Digges Street Flats, Dublin 8 will be placed in the garden, rather than on the football pitch, as residents don't want it in the centre of the complex; if residents have been engaged and consulted directly on the location of the playground; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

Dublin City Council will arrange a meeting between the residents and council officials with regards to the layout and positioning of the playground.

Q.43 Councillor Carolyn Moore

With regard to the removal and replanting of street trees, can the Manager outline how an individual or group of residents should go about getting an empty tree pit replanted?

- Can the Manager further state does the council actively keep a record of empty tree pits;
- what is the criteria that Parks use for replanting vs concreting an empty tree pit where a tree has been removed;
- Is there a replanting strategy in place to ensure that the maximum number of street trees are replanted vs concreting?

Reply:

Parks keep records of tree removal and tree planting as part of managing the tree canopy. A lot of trees that are removed have been growing in tree pits that are too small to accommodate them. When coming to replant, which is our preference, the number of services overhead and underground, along with the width of the pavement are all considered in the decision to replant or not. It is done on a case by case basis.

Unfortunately, with an increasing number of services in our footpaths it is not always possible to replant.

Q.44 Councillor Carolyn Moore

The Dublin City Development Plan 2022 to 2028 lists 21 areas for the preparation of proposed Local Environmental Improvement Plans. Can the Area Manager outline the decision-making criteria for moving ahead with the preparation of an LEIP and state what is the timeline for preparation of an LEIP for Crumlin-Kimmage and Terenure under the current Development Plan?

Reply:

The Council has recently completed the preparation of the new City Development Plan 2023. Following this completion, a number of judicial reviews of the plan are now taking place.

The Development Plan contains many action based objectives and policies; including statutory local plans. Three priority statutory plans are already agreed within the Development Plan. There are a further 15 Local Area Plan / Village Improvement Plans listed alongside a further 23 Local Environmental Improvement Plans. Work has commenced on two of the three priority plans identified in the plan.

The Chief Executive will work closely with the Elected Members to agree other priority forward plan projects for the coming years; taking into account key issues of regeneration, housing delivery and physical and social renewal and resources. It is proposed that a paper prepared by the Planning Section in partnership with the Area Offices will be brought to the Planning SPC later this year to outline a proposed programme of forward planning for the following years.

In recent years the South East Area Office has undertaken a Village Improvement Plan (VIP) for Rathgar, adopted in 2015, and the Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement

Plan (LEIP), which was adopted by the South East Area Committee in June 2017. The Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028, sets the following objective CS05: “Local Environmental Improvement Plans (LEIPS) or other appropriate plans will be prepared in collaboration with and consultation with the local area committee, in so far as priorities and resources permit...” At present, as the Library Square Project moves from Preliminary design towards Part 8, the South East Area Office does not currently have sufficient resources to commence a new Local Environment Improvement Plan.

Q.45 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the grass verges on Clonmacnoise Road be repaired and cut? After the paths were repaired many were uneven, without grass and in need of maintenance.

Reply:

Parks are aware of this issue and are in the process of organising required repairs.

Q.46 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the kerb and the wall capstone be repaired around Bangor Circle green - opposite (details supplied)?

Reply:

The repair of the kerbstone at (details supplied) is on our Works List.

The location has been listed for inspection. Repairs found necessary will be added to the local parks works programme for the coming period.

Q.47 Councillor Pat Dunne

What is the policy of residents and businesses removing street signage off their property without replacing them? Can the following locations be replaced and reviewed (details supplied).

Reply:

The erection of new nameplates on these properties shall be included in our next Nameplate Renewal Contract and we shall liaise with the property owners in this regard.

Q.48 Councillor Pat Dunne

Given that part of the planning application by Better Value Unlimited Company for the re-development of Crumlin Shopping Centre includes mention of the provision of a library with flexible exhibition / community / arts space can DCC engage with them in the context that DCC have advanced plans to develop a similar library also on the Crumlin Road? Can we ensure that we make maximum use of both proposals to increase community facilities in the area? Can the Better Value proposal be in the form of a Civic Centre with meeting facilities etc.?

Reply:

Dublin City Council has no plans for a library in Crumlin Shopping Centre and had nothing to do with the inclusion of a library in this planning application.

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

DCC Architects are working on preliminary designs and feasibility. We hope to be in a position to lodge a Part 8 application in 2023, with building to commence in 2024.

A planning application, reg. ref. 3372/23, was lodged on 14th March at Crumlin Shopping Centre for the following proposed development:

The development will consist of the overall demolition of existing buildings and structures on site (11,444 sq.m) and the construction of a Shopping Centre with an overall height of 12.9m and an overall gross floor area of 16,892.8 sq.m (of which the shopping centre building is 16,678.4 sq.m, with the remaining 214.4 sq.m forming detached ancillary accommodation outside the footprint of the main shopping centre building), comprising the following:

Provision of a new anchor retail unit at ground floor and part first floor (10,245.8sq.m) comprising 8,983.1 sq.m retail floor space (grocery and textile) including off-licence, 2no retail concession stalls (112.7 total sq.m) and ancillary café area (135.6 sq.m) associated with the anchor retail unit and an online grocery pick up room located to the rear of the proposed development (224.4 sq.m). The anchor retail unit will be served by all associated ancillary accommodation located at ground and first floor levels (1,262.7 sq.m) including storage areas comprising freezer rooms, fresh produce room, dairy room and cold meat room, loading areas, switch rooms, ESB meter rooms, water storage room and staff facilities including toilet, shower and changing facilities, kitchen, lockers and associated offices and break out rooms.

Provision of a 'Food Market' (1,149.7 sq.m) with 7 no. kitchens on ground floor level located within the proposed shopping centre with associated 'food court' including food counter and seating area located off main mall area (265.9 sq.m) for consumption of hot food on and off premises including and off premises including ancillary take away function and associated ancillary accommodation including offices, store rooms, chill and freezer rooms, water storage room, F.M calorifier room, ESB rooms, switch rooms and staff toilet and changing facilities. In addition, dedicated and enclosed courier parking to serve the Food Market is located to the rear of the proposed shopping centre.

Provision of a cafe unit (413.2 sq.m) with kitchen serving area and stores with independent access via Crumlin Road on southern elevation and 4 no. independent retail units (ranging from 107.3 sq.m to 182.4 sq.m each, totalling 545.2 sq.m) with associated staff areas located on the ground floor adjacent to the entrance on western elevation with access via main internal mall area;

Provision of a library facility with flexible exhibition/community/ arts and cultural multi-function space (1,046.7 sq.m) located on the ground and first floor of the proposed development with independent access located on ground floor level at the south- eastern corner fronting on to Crumlin Road. The library will also include all associated ancillary accommodation including lobbies, stores, a water storage facility, toilet and changing facilities, a staff room and Provision of a gym facility (1,620.7 sq.m) located on the ground and first floor of the proposed development with independent access located on ground floor level on the western elevation.

The gym facility will also include all associated ancillary accommodation including lobbies, store rooms, a water storage facility, offices, shower, toilet and changing facilities. The proposed shopping centre will be served by a public toilet block (215.5 sq.m) with associated accommodation including cleaning, parent and sensory rooms, wheelchair accessible toilet and changing facilities, a reverse vending machine, mall and circulation floor space including service corridors, associated stair / lift cores and fire exit corridors, a CCTV and security room, a gas meter room, and a loading bay to the rear with associated pallet areas (to be served via existing service entrance adjacent to south- eastern boundary of site on Crumlin Road), totalling 1,657.1.

The proposed development includes a sprinkler tank, pump room, ESB substations, switch rooms, a generator and transformer and a recycling bottle bank all located to the rear of the proposed development, totalling 214.4 sq.m.

The proposed development also includes the provision of a mobility hub located adjacent to the western entrance to the development on the southern boundary which will provide safe and secure bicycle parking, a taxi rank, an interactive map, a USB charging facility, a pump, parcel lockers and scooter parking.

In addition, the proposed development includes the retention of 400 no. existing car parking spaces on site (loss of 103 no. existing car parking spaces) which will be upgraded with the provision of 80 no. EV Charging car parking spaces, family car parking spaces, 'click-and-collect' car parking spaces and online delivery infrastructure, wheelchair accessible car parking spaces and car share scheme car parking spaces. The proposals also include 20 no. motorcycle parking spaces and 267 no. bicycle parking spaces including 6 no. cargo bicycle parking spaces. The bicycle parking spaces will be accommodated in dedicated bicycle parking stores (44.5 sq.m + 35.18 sq.m) located to the rear and adjacent to the northern boundary respectively, and through the provision of external bicycle stands.

The development will be served by the existing vehicular and pedestrian access off Crumlin Road with proposed upgrades including a raised table at entrance. A separate access for deliveries and services is also proposed which will be located on the south-eastern corner of the site on to Crumlin Road with proposed upgrades including a raised table and service yard gate.

The development will also involve the provision of urban realm upgrades and improvements including hard and soft landscaping to the south of the proposed building along the Crumlin Road, provision of associated signage on western and southern façades including a 6m high totem pole located adjacent to the main vehicular entrance on Crumlin Road and a 3m high totem pole located adjacent to the entrance on the western façade, boundary treatments, public lighting, solar panels on roof, green roofs / SUDs treatments, retention of existing taxi rank on Crumlin Road and provision of foul, surface water and water services on site with connections and modifications to existing.

A decision is due on this application by 8th May.

Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he can write to Pest Control in the HSE to investigate rodent issues along Sandymount Strand and adjacent to the promenade on Sandymount Strand following reports of increased sightings of rats.

Reply:

Parks services will engage with a licensed pest control company to carry out baiting at Sandymount Strand parking lots.

Q.50 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if further to my email of the 15th of March 2023, if a reply to the substantive issues can be furnished.

Resulting from heavy machinery and trucks driving on and turning, the footpath on the left hand side of the road from Eland Lodge to Merrion Gates has been severely damaged and is in dangerous condition. The road surface likewise has suffered resulting in large pools of water accumulating after every shower.

If the necessary repairs are the responsibility of the pipe-laying company I suggest that they be made aware of this before the completion of this section of work. If repair it is the responsibility of DCC I advise that it be repaired before the first accident and subsequent claim.

Today we are informed that the Merrion Gates will be closed in both directions for almost three weeks in April. This will no doubt add to the already chaotic traffic jams on Merrion

Road. If sense prevailed the bus lanes in both directions from Trimbleston Avenue to Sandymount Avenue would be suspended until the gates are fully operational again. In turn this would allow a suspension of the “No Right Turn” from Merrion Road on to Ailesbury Road for traffic destined for the toll bridge via Strand Road without diverting through Tritonville Road or Sandymount.

Reply:

The footpath and carriageway issues have been referred to Irish Water for immediate action.

The closure of Merrion Gates (Level Crossing, Strand Road) Dublin 4 is to facilitate a water main installation project by Irish Water / GMC and the closure period occurs during the Easter School Holidays, from midnight on Friday 31st March to midnight on Sunday 16th April, when traffic volumes are low. The traffic management plan does not involve the suspension of bus lanes or “turn bans”.

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.

Q.52 Councillor Hazel Chu

Can the Manager provide a timeframe for resurfacing of Wellington Road?

Reply:

Wellington Road will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.53 Councillor Hazel Chu

Can the Manager put the footpaths on Ranelagh Road beside Mountpleasant Square on an urgent repairs list? I know the footpaths would be looked at during the construction of the proposed cycle route, but this section is heavily used route for schools and community and currently it is an immediate hazard.

Reply:

The footpaths at this location will be inspected and defects founds will be added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

Q.54 Councillor Hazel Chu

Can the Manager provide an update of the previously proposed traffic count for Tritonville and surrounding roads since the water works have been in place?

Reply:

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

Please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific email address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie

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

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @IrishWater
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

The traffic counts that have shown that from comparing before the water works started to February 2023 for the morning peak hour:

- Traffic increased by 5% on Tritonville Road.
- Traffic decreased by 22% on Merrion Road.
- Traffic decreased by 47% on Sandymount Road.
- Traffic decreased by 41% on Strand Road.

Q.55 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our traffic section look at the junction on Monasterboice Road at the entrance to the cul de sac with a view to stopping the practice of the parking of big commercial vehicles there? Can a cul de sac sign be erected and some yield road markings?

Reply:

Based on Area Engineer assessment, TAG recommends the installation of cul de sac sign (F350), on the north-eastern side of Monasterboice Road outside details supplied.

Q.56 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager if further to question 59 on the last area meeting if we will be supplied with terms of reference.

Reply:

The Environment and Transportation Department are still in the process of finalising the terms of reference with stakeholders for issue to the South East Area manager and distribution to the South East Area Committee.

Q.57 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Committee meeting if an update can be supplied in respect of the below question.

"Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee Meeting
14th November 2022

Q.80 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he will consider the issues raised in the emails below and attached images (details supplied).

Reply:

This request (details supplied) is referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

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

Reply:

This request (details supplied) is still listed with the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

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