



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 **Presentation on Belmont Avenue Final Report**
Order: Noted
- 2 **Presentation on John's Lane East Open Space Refurbishment Proposal**
Order: Deferred to October South East Area Committee Meeting
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 10.07.2023**
Order: Agreed
- 4 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - I. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 29/08/2023.
Order: Noted
 - II. Update on Bus Infrastructure Measures.
Order: Noted
 - III. Update on Sandymount Task Force.
Order: Noted
- 5 **Planning & Development Department Matters**
 - I. Report on proposed grant of lease of kiosk and public toilets, junction of Adelaide Road and Leeson Street.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - II. Report on proposed grant of lease of Dawson Street Car Park.
Order: Councillors agreed this item could proceed to City Council for further discussion.
- 6 **South East Area Matters**
 - I. Report of Director of Services.
Order: Noted
 - II. Report on proposal to name and number a development at 153-155 Harold's Cross Road as 1-35 Rosemount Gate.
Order: Agreed

- III. Report on proposal to name and number a development at 47-53 Keeper Road as 1-41 Brickfield Court.
Order: Agreed
- IV. Nomination of Councillor Danny Byrne for Chairperson of Whitefriar / Charlemont Community Safety Forum.
Order: Agreed
- V. Nomination of Councillor Fiona Connelly to replace Councillor Mary Freehill on the Dublin South City Partnership.
Order: Agreed
- VI. Nomination of Councillor for Docklands Oversight Committee.
Order: Cllr. Daniel Ceitinn selected for this role.

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Motions 11.09.2023

Motion 1 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

This meeting of the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council, Housing Department and Approved Housing Bodies to address the issue of discrimination and inequality regarding Part 5 tenancies and the like, who are experiencing exclusion from amenities that are attached to the apartment complexes; further that a clear policy regarding pet ownership for such tenants be initiated so as to give clarity to rights and due process to affected tenants. Also that a full audit of Part 5 tenants who have been excluded from amenities as a result of Dublin City Council initial agreement be initiated by the council immediately to address this issue of othering and inequality.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to include Rugby Road and adjoining roads on the next resurfacing programme (as detailed in the photographs and email submitted with this motion) and to report to the Committee on any aspects of this that may be relevant.

"I am contacting you about the state of Rugby Road (of which I am a resident) and the surrounding roads of Oxford Road and Mountpleasant Place (next to the Hill pub) in Ranelagh.

I attach photos of just my street (Rugby Road) to show how bad things have become after multiple construction jobs on the street over the last few years. The road is in a bad state and needs a complete resurface- not just a patch-up job which seems to have been the policy in the past and makes the street look worse."

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

I would like to propose a motion that the Traffic Department examine the no right turn from the Lower Kimmage Road onto Aideen Avenue, as it is posing a danger to residents in particular children who are playing out as drivers use the illegal turn as a rat run. Could the Traffic Department consider interventions that would create a safer space for all residents of Aideen Avenue and Aideen Drive? This illegal turn impacts on many adjacent roads in the area as the cars continue east bound through the estate onto the Harold's Cross Road.

Order: Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing 11th September, this item has not been completed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee thanks the many DCC staff for their work during and following Storm Betty. In order to try and minimise future damage and destruction the committee requests a full analysis of those areas close to Sandymount Strand, including Marine Drive and Lea and Gilford Road and Avenue, that are prone to flooding, involving appropriate assessment of dangerous trees and blocked drains that add to the problems.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 5 from Councillor Fiona Connelly and Dermot Lacey

We have heard there are plans to move the Community Gardaí from Rathmines Garda Station to Terenure.

This would be a very serious retrograde step for the Rathmines Community and the decision needs to be urgently reversed. The whole concept of Community Gardaí is that they know the area this is developed by having their office located locally which gives them every opportunity to pick up on what is happening on the ground.

It's also important that the local community have easy access to their Community Garda. If they are in Terenure this will not happen.

Rathmines has suffered very badly from state withdrawal of public services locally over recent years, the local Citizens Information Office (CIB) was closed despite the DCC area committee making representations to the Minister for Social & Family Affairs, sadly without success. The Area Partnership Office was removed from Rathmines to Crumlin which terminated Home Work clubs and Mothers and Babies Support groups.

Since the CIB office closed people are relying on the Gardaí to help fill up forms, this should not be the work of Gardaí but it goes to show when one arm of Government decides to terminate public service that the need doesn't go away.

Therefore this committee calls on the Superintendent to urgently reverse the decision and agree that our Community Gardaí stay in Rathmines Garda Station. Rathmines is a community like everywhere else and needs the protection of the Gardaí.

Order: Refer to South East Area Joint Policing Committee.

Motion 6 from Councillor Hazel Chu

A temporary segregated bike lane by wands for Milltown Road, Dublin 6 especially heading into the city centre. Understand that the plans for the Dodder Greenway when constructed would provide for cycle infrastructure for residents to commute but the direct route for many school children to and from Milltown Road. Currently there is part of a cycle lane from Alexandra College to Ranelagh that does not continue all the way and between 8am to 9am the narrow road operates as a dual carriageway by drivers in parts, posing a danger to cyclists. I ask that a continuous segregated cycle lane be trialled for the whole stretch.

Order: Agreed

Motion 7 from Councillor Hazel Chu

That the Manager develops a traffic management plan for Milltown Village and Road. Starting from Ranelagh Road down to the junction of Alexandra College.

Order: Report to Councillor

Motion 8 from Councillor Hazel Chu

That cycling be made not illegal in Herbert Park and a segregated lane be provided through or on the periphery of the park.

Order: Report to Councillor. Refer to Active Travel Unit.

Motion 9 from Councillor Hazel Chu

For the reinstatement of appointed resident group members opening and closing of Ranelagh Park. Since the change from resident closing to one individual designated by DCC closing and opening the park, the park has seen an increase of antisocial behaviour and also later opening and earlier closing times, which means during winter times the park will close at 4.30pm. Ranelagh Park being a safe access route for residents and school children should not be closed so early and the residents who were in charge of opening and closing previously catered to that. I would motion for that protocol to be reinstated.

Order: Motion referred back to Parks.

Motion 10 from Councillor Hazel Chu

For a temporary two way road sign for local access be placed on Belmont Avenue outside St. Mary's School. Currently there are road markings which many drivers do not pay attention to and residents at Belmont Gardens have reported that the face abuse for travelling down towards Donnybrook from drivers coming towards them. Understand the report to determine a decision of the future traffic plans for Belmont Avenue is to be presented to Councillors soon but there will still be a period before an enacted decision. I am proposing that a temporary sign be erected to ease the tensions and it can be reviewed once a decision is made.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests urgent action by DCC, the Environmental Protection Agency, National Parks and Wildlife Service and any other relevant body to initiate appropriate efficient removal of harmful opportunistic algal sludge to the rear of the houses at the Merrion Gates end of Strand Road and to deal with the causes of same, with regular public updates on progress. Details of same and photographs supplied with this motion.

Order: Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing 11th September, this item has not been completed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Carolyn Moore, Tara Deacey, Fiona Connelly and Pat Dunne

That this committee congratulates the Bloomin' Crumlin group on the publication of its Biodiversity Action Plan and commends the group for its ongoing efforts working to improve biodiversity, provide access to nature and enhance the public realm in the local area. In welcoming the publication of this plan, this committee undertakes to use this report to inform us in our decision-making, working together with the local community to support the delivery of key actions to improve the biodiversity of the Crumlin and Kimmage areas.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to put in place more bins along the walkway along the Irishtown Nature Reserve to the Poolbeg Lighthouse and to increase the frequency of emptying the bins.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to resurface the road on Lincoln Place and Westland Row. The pot holes are absolutely lethal for cyclists on this route.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee supports the reintroduction of the 9% vat rate for food related businesses and that we write to the Minister for Finance requesting that the 9% rate be extended to the end of 2024.

Order: Not agreed.

Emergency Motion from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee write urgently to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth;

- urging the Minister and relevant officials to engage with representatives of early childhood education providers, particularly sessional pre-school education providers, concerning their current funding regime;
- acknowledging that there are a number of smaller independent pre-school education providers within the South East Area and Dublin which have expressed major concerns about their future viability;
- recognising that parental choice and flexibility for parents is extremely important in the provision of childcare to support working parents; and
- pressing the Minister and officials to provide solutions that will forestall proposed organised protest that will see many childcare providers shut on the 26th of September.

Order: South East Area Committee write to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

8 **Questions to the Chief Executive 11.09.2023**

Q.1 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if the trees at details supplied could be inspected for possible pruning insofar as necessary or possible, as per the photos attached.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to serve a Hedge Cutting Notice to the property owner responsible for these trees.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

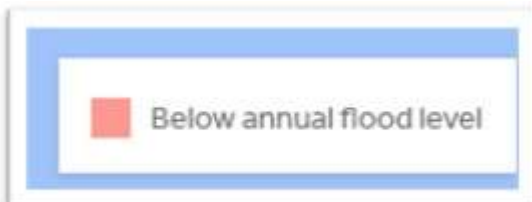
To ask the Manager if he can supply a comprehensive response to the very serious issues relating to flooding in Dublin as detailed in the email submitted with this Question.

Reading through some recent reports on rising sea levels I'm somewhat concerned by the lack of action by Dublin City Council to put in place solutions to lessen the impact of sea level increases projected to impact Dublin.

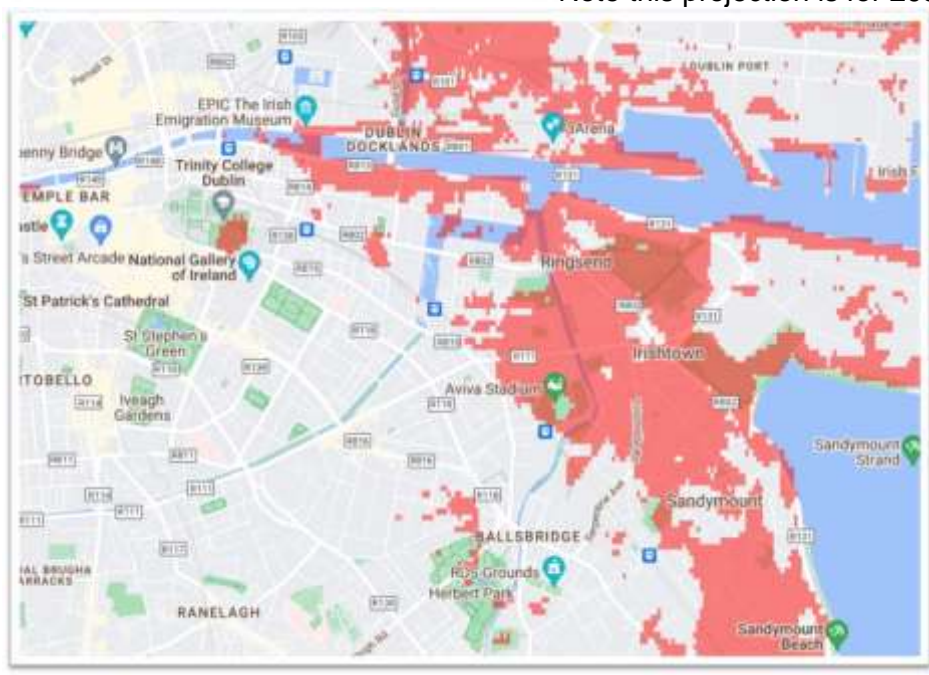
Looking at the map showing what we could expect for 2030 (https://coastal.climatecentral.org/map/16/-6.2194/53.33/?theme=sea_level_rise&map_type=year&basemap=roadmap&contiguous=false&elevation_model=best_available&forecast_year=2030&pathway=rcp45&percentile=p50&refresh=true&return_level=return_level_1&rl_model=qtsr&slr_model=kopp_2014) and taking into account how long it took Dublin City to deal with the Dodder river flood relief works I think it is safe to say we don't have much time on this one.

COASTAL RISK SCREENING TOOL

LAND PROJECTED TO BE BELOW ANNUAL FLOOD LEVEL IN 2030



Note this projection is for 2030.



Looking at Dublin City’s “CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2019-2024” it seems a bit light on action that needs to happen ASAP. It is 128 pages long so I could have missed some relevant bits.

The plan talks about an average 4 to 4mm rise, which is miniscule (unless I am missing something here)

| Sea Level Rise | | | | |
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| Sea Level Rise | Seas and oceans surrounding Ireland are rising and will keep doing so | High | Future projections indicate a sea level rise of an average of 3-4 mm per year worldwide, but a 6-7 mm rise per year in Dublin Bay was recorded between the years 2000 and 2016 | |
| Wave Heights | Sea waves and wave height are determined by wind speed and direction. As wind speeds and wind storms become more frequent, wave heights also increase | Medium | Projected changes in wave heights remain uncertain. However, significant wave heights (the mean height of the highest 1/3 of waves) show an increasing trend of 14 cm per decade | |
| Tides | Increasing sea levels are resulting in record high tides (greater than 2.9 metres) | High | Sea levels will continue to rise and will result in increased levels of high tides | |
| Storm Surges | Surges can become more frequent as extreme weather events, such as intense rainfall and high wind speeds, become more frequent | Low | The frequency of intense cyclones and strong winds is expected to rise in the north-east Atlantic. By 2050, storm surge heights between 50 and 100 cm are likely to increase in frequency | |

But this article https://www.wired.com/story/an-abandoned-arctic-military-base-just-spilled-a-scientific-secret/?utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=social&utm_brand=wired&utm_social-type=owned&utm_content=linkedin-newsletter would indicate a higher sea levels can be expected.

“Previously, scientists reckoned that Greenland iced over some 2.5 million years ago, and has been that way since. In 2021, Bierman and his colleagues determined that it was actually ice-free sometime in the past million years. Now, they’ve dated the tundra ecosystem captured in the Camp Century core to a mere 416,000 years ago—so north-western Greenland couldn’t have been locked in ice then.

Scientists also know that at that time, global temperatures were similar or slightly warmer than what they are today. However, back then, atmospheric concentrations of planet-warming carbon dioxide were about 280 parts per million, compared to today’s 422 parts per million—a number that continues to skyrocket. Because humans have so dramatically and rapidly warmed the climate, we’re exceeding the conditions that had previously led to the wide-scale melting of Greenland’s ice sheet and gave rise to the tundra ecosystem. “It’s a forewarning,” says Utah State University geoscientist Tammy Rittenour, a co-author of the new paper. “This can happen under much lower CO2 conditions than our current state.”

That melting could be incredibly perilous. The new study finds that the Greenland ice melt 400,000 years ago caused at least 5 feet of sea level rise, but perhaps as much as 20 feet. “These findings raise additional concern that we could be coming perilously close to the threshold for collapse of the Greenland ice sheet and massive additional sea level rise of a meter or more,” says University of Pennsylvania climate scientist Michael Mann, who wasn’t involved in the research. Today, less than a foot of global sea level rise is already causing serious flooding and storm surge problems for coastal cities—and that’s without the potential for an additional 20 feet.”

If we delay too long, we may find we don’t have the necessary resources (man power), materials or the tools necessary for a project as big as this and this would truly be a large project by Irish standards.

What action is being taken now to protect our properties and city infrastructure against increases in sea level?

Reply:

The annual National Sea Level Rise conference in Maynooth University, which was held on the 22nd and 23rd of June 2023 set out that predications nationally are for around 250mm of Sea Level rise by 2050 and 1m of Sea Level rise by 2100 to 2120. Increases in wave height and speed have also to be taken into account where a flood defence is open to the sea. The likely increase in average sea level in Dublin Bay to the year 2030 using recent observations is likely to be of the order of +50mm.

The Lower Dodder Flood Alleviation scheme was constructed with a 650mm allowance for Sea Level Rise in its tidal area of which around 130mm has occurred to date.

The Office of Public Works (OPW) Guidelines specify an allowance of 500mm for sea level rise to be accommodated in all coastal schemes or that

these schemes are quickly adaptable to catering for this. OPW guidelines also limit the amount of wave overtopping to International standards.

Unfortunately, sea level rise is likely to continue for a long time into the future as once it is started it is very slow to stop even if greenhouse gas emissions were returned to 280ppm but these allowances for sea level rise once implemented should reduce coastal flood risk frequency for the mid-term future.

In addition, Dublin City Council is currently finalising a tender with the Office of Public Works to procure a consultant to carry out preliminary design and prepare a planning application for new coastal flood defences along the Sandymount Promenade and the section north of it to Sean Moore Park. It is programed to have this appointment in place by the end of 2023.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could give a comprehensive answer and positive response to the issues contained in the email relating to Holyrood Park submitted with this question in details supplied.

Reply:

Parks will have staff look at this location on the corner of Holyrood Park and Sandymount Avenue during the dormant season and remedial works on the shrubbery will be carried out.

Q4. Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager for cleansing to be carried out in the Ringsend Irishtown areas, as the paths have become quite dirty.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean the Ringsend / Irishtown areas on a regular basis and will ensure that the paths there are kept as clean as possible.

Q.5 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for a status update on the traffic light crossing promised on Chelmsford Road at the crossroads with Ranelagh Road. Drop pin location <https://scanner.topsec.com/?d=1962&r=show&u=https%3A%2F%2Fmaps.app.goo.gl%2Fo1nXxpD5G6SbuPiK6&t=d6fb2ed3faeea195885493735d0cfef43581a16f>

This pedestrian light has been asked and promised for quite a while and recently saw further near misses of pedestrians crossing the road. The elderly and those with buggies, wheelchairs or small children find it almost impossible to cross safely there. I would urge the Manager to try install a crossing here as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to have the sea wall along the stretch between Gilford Avenue and Lea Road examined and appropriate repairs carried out as residents believe the current condition to seriously compromise the safety and flood protection of the area and to further report on where we are at in

relation to the full implementation of the full Flood Protection Scheme for Sandymount strand.

Reply:

A survey of the sea wall between Gilford Avenue and Marine Drive will be carried out with a view to strengthening it up in places damaged by recent storms. This wall is very wide at the base and the damage to it does not currently appear to reduce its coastal flood reducing capacity.

Dublin City Council is currently finalising a tender with the Office of Public Works to procure a consultant to carry out preliminary design and prepare a planning application for new coastal flood defences along the Sandymount Promenade and the section north of it to Sean Moore Park. It is programed to have this appointment in place by the end of 2023.

Q.7 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to upgrade the lighting on Arranmore Road, Donnybrook to LED lighting.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.8 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to repair the footpaths in Pembroke Gardens, Ballsbridge many of which are in a dangerous state causing trip hazards to residents and to replace the footpath outside details supplied, where a tree was removed several years ago but the footpath was not restored.

Reply:

Pembroke Gardens will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Footpath Reconstruction Programme. In the interim, arrangements will be made to carry out a repair at the redundant tree pit at details supplied.

Q.9 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to reinstate the lights on the bridge over the Dodder at Ballsbridge, as they were removed some time ago.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.10 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could you please put forward a complaint about the weeds in the Dodderview Cottages and surrounding areas (Dodder walk, Beatty's Avenue Ballsbridge Avenue) the area is a disgrace? I have already complained to Dublin City Council on their web page but got no response. We had this issue last year and after lots of complaining it eventually was done. This is an ongoing problem and they need to do it on a regular basis. Also the overgrowth on the Dodder Banks from the bridge itself to Lansdowne Station needs to be managed as it will eventually cause another flood.

Reply:

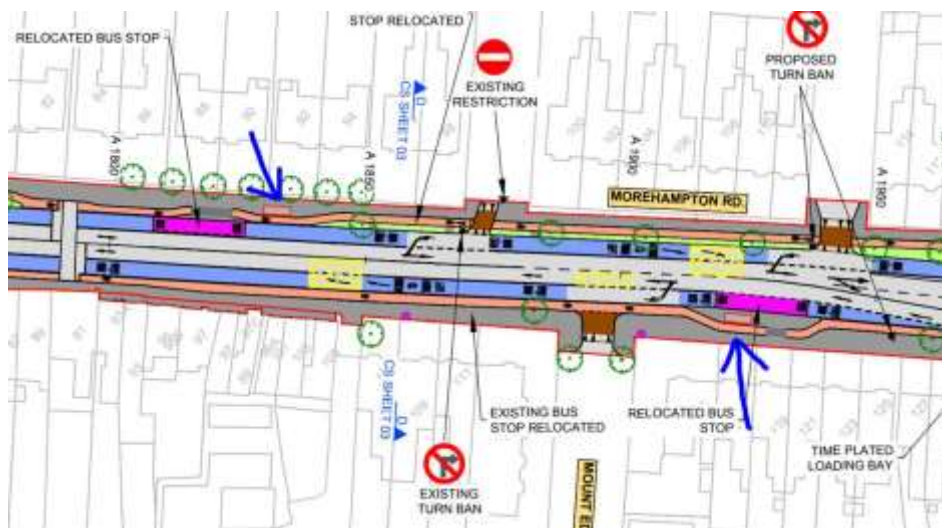
The areas identified by the Councillor were manually cleared in the week commencing 21st August 2023. This includes the Dodder Walkway from Beatty's Avenue to Newbridge Avenue.

Q.11 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to write to Transport for Ireland (TFI) and request a bus shelter to be installed on Morehampton Road / Mount Eden Road junction, Donnybrook.

Reply:

From reviewing the Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme drawings for Bus Connects, bus shelters are to be installed on both the inbound section and outbound section of Morehampton Road near the Mt Eden Road junction.



Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to include Sandymount Court in the weeding schedule for Sandymount.

Reply:

Sandymount Court will be considered for the supplementary weed control programme.

Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to investigate and mitigate against the ongoing flooding issues on Shelbourne Avenue at its junction with Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge as a matter of urgency, before inclement autumn and winter weather causes further problems.

Reply:

DCC Drainage and Surface Water Divisions will investigate the existing gullies serving the junction of Selbourne Road and Selbourne Avenue. This will include an assessment of the capacity of existing gullies and connections to the public sewer. Any identified repairs will be actioned by DCC Drainage accordingly. Furthermore, DCC Drainage will assess the feasibility of increasing the capacity of this existing gully and/or the installation of an additional gully/gullies at this location, as determined by the above investigations.

It is noted that road re-surfacing works were carried out at this junction between April and August 2023, and that these works may in some part be contributing to the reported problem. This query will be forwarded to our South City Road Maintenance colleagues for follow up investigation to

determine if the current road profile is contributing to the issue. Any repairs to the road surface resulting from the aforementioned investigation are the responsibility of DCC's Road Maintenance Department.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to prioritise the repair of the footpaths and road surface at Cullenswood Park Ranelagh, as it is in extremely poor condition, and further deteriorating due to the road being used as a vehicular short cut to Ranelagh village.

Reply:

Cullenswood Park has been inspected and is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes.

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to carry out resurfacing on Nutley Lane Donnybrook, which is in a very poor state of repair.

Reply:

Nutley Lane from Merrion Road to St. Vincent's Hospital entrance is included in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to add Northbrook Road, Ranelagh to the schedule of road resurfacing.

Reply:

Northbrook Road has been inspected and is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with an issue in Ranelagh that I raised 4 and a half years ago.

The constituent writes:

"I realise it is 4 and a half years since I last spoke to you re the absolute appalling state of the concrete lampposts on Lower Beachwood Avenue in Ranelagh. Nothing has changed, except the situation is even worse. More black plastic bags and Clingfilm are being employed by DCC to hold them together.

Are there any plans in place to sort this out? Before a chunk of concrete falls off and kills a passing pedestrian?"

Reply:

The City Council has approximately 1100 concrete lampposts around the city. This particular column type has been identified as needing replacement. These concrete lampposts will be replaced with new lighting columns and LED street lights under the Public Lighting Upgrade Project. An exact timeframe for the replacement of concrete lampposts in Beachwood Avenue Lower cannot be provided at this time. However it is expected to commence the replacement of these columns around the city towards the end of 2024 and works will take up to 3 years to complete.

Q.18 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) to examine removing one car parking space on Greenfield Park at the entrance to Donnybrook Gardens and one space at the entrance to Greenfield Manor to improve the safe access to and exit from same.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.19 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the lights at the back walkway of Bremen Avenue, along the pathway down to Irishtown stadium to be repaired as a matter of urgency?

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.20 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange to remove the double yellow lines opposite (details supplied), or put a yellow box outside this property's gate to force traffic to give way and allow this resident access to his home.

Reply:

Following an assessment by the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) engineering team, it is not recommended to install a Yellow Box outside details supplied.

The criteria used to prioritize the installation of a yellow box are as follows:

- 1. Junction Blocking Occurrence:** Yellow box markings are considered when there is regular, daily blocking of a junction, especially during peak periods.
- 2. Significant Side Road Traffic Flow:** The presence of a substantial volume of side road traffic is essential, and the side road should serve a minimum of fifty houses or a major traffic-generating facility.
- 3. Visibility Impairment by Parked Vehicles:** Yellow box markings are evaluated if parked vehicles obstruct the visibility of approaching vehicles at a junction, causing congestion and safety concerns.

A yellow box is not recommended for this location as the criteria mentioned above are not satisfied.

Q.21 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manger can he arrange for the playground to be reinstated into Gloucester Street South Complex, Dublin 2?

Reply:

We have spoken to the South East Area Office and they have reported that there wasn't a playground there, but there was a wooden train and a bench that were removed from this complex a number of years ago due to anti-social behaviour. There are no plans to reinstate these items at this time.

Q.22 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the double yellow lines outside a location (details supplied) to be removed as these were not requested by the residents nor were they consulted in the process.

Reply:

The South East Area Engineer attended the site (details supplied) on the 25th of August for inspection, the Double Yellow Lines outside details supplied were removed by the traffic signing and lining team, as depicted in the site photo (shown in details supplied).

Q.23 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manger if he has considered segregated cycle lanes on Harold's Cross Road between Harold's Cross Park and the canal.

Reply:

This request is currently being examined and a reply will issue to the Councillor in advance of the October meeting of the South East Area Committee

Q.24 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager are there any plans for external insulation to be done to the duplexes at City Quay and Lombard Court, Dublin 2.

Reply:

According to our records, both City Quay and Lombard Court are of cavity wall construction and were upgraded under Phase One of the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme. Consequently, they are not eligible for external insulation works under the current phase of the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme.

Q.25 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for a ramp to be installed at the front entrance to Pearse Street Library to allow better access to users who have mobility issues and for parents with buggies.

Reply:

The feasibility of installing a ramp at the front of the building was considered in 2000 - 2004 when the building was refurbished.

The difference in levels arising from 4 external steps and 3 internal steps would have required a ramp of substantial length for which there is limited external and internal space. This arrangement would have likely ruled out a ramp at this original historic entrance early on in the design process.

Notwithstanding the historic setting, and even with extensive revision, had it been permitted, a compliant solution would most likely not have been achievable.

At that time it was decided that the best solution was the provision of ramped access at the office reception to the rear, and the central internal lift providing access to all floors.

The access to the rear is via the entrance to our public office and provides easy access to the branch library; the casual study area; the conference room, and the public toilets, all on the ground floor, and to the lift going to the reading room on the first floor.

Q.26 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for the steps at Ringsend Library plaza to be made trip-proof and more visible in an effort to avoid any more falls from occurring.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to paint the steps at Ringsend Library to increase their visibility.

Q.27 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for an Electric Charging Point be installed in the car park of George Reynolds House, Irishtown Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4 for use by all the residents of the complex.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Engineering Section will look at the feasibility of installing an Electric Charging Point in George Reynolds House. We will report on the findings at a future South East Area Meeting.

Q.28 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for the trees on Irishtown Road to be pruned following the nesting season, in particular those opposite the credit union.

Reply:

Trees on Irishtown road were pruned in 2022 and are included in our tree maintenance schedule for attention again in 2027. This is to maintain the trees continuing health and is to recommended tree care standards. Over reduction of tree crowns leads to regrowth of numerous structurally weak shoots. Therefore it is generally recommended to prune trees on a 5 yearly cycle.

Q.29 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for public realm improvements for Howard Street South, including road cleaning, resurfacing, and the placement of shores in the footpath for drainage from roofs.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will monitor the cleaning of Howard Street South to ensure it is kept as clean as possible.

Howard Street has been inspected and is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes.

Q.30 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the status of the school zone application for Clyde Lane, Dublin 4.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.31 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the status of rodent infestation in Ranelagh Park and the schedule for sanitation during infestation.

Reply:

The contractor is continuing to fill the traps with poison. However locals & park users are ignoring 'the do not feed the wildlife signs' and until this activity is stopped it will be difficult to eradicate the rat problem.

Sanitation of the playground is extremely costly so we may have to consider closing the playground until we are advised of a noticeable improvement in the situation by our contractor.

Q.32 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the wall capping by the bottle banks on Clanbrassil Street can be properly fixed, capping is loose.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.33 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for placement of double yellow lines on the side closest to Crosbie House between details supplied and Crosbie House.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group engineering team has assessed the current parking arrangement, along the western boundary of Crosbie House on Northbrook Avenue, the road already has a speed limit of 30kph in place, which serves as a regulatory measure to ensure safe driving speeds, and the presence of on-street parking along the road contributes to naturally reducing the speed of traffic by creating a narrower roadway and requiring vehicles to manoeuvre carefully.

The Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) do not recommend installing Double Yellow Lines long the Western boundary of Crosbie House on Northbrook Avenue, however, TAG will continue to monitor the situation on Northbrook Avenue.



Q.34 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager on the status of the rebuilding of the collapsed archway at Ranelagh Road and Price's Place.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.35 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the constant flooding on the junction of Carlton Mews, Shelbourne Avenue and for DCC to work with Irish Water to upgrade the drainage at that junction.

Reply:

DCC Drainage will examine the condition of the existing road gully (located in the southbound lane) at the junction of Shelbourne Avenue and Shelbourne Road. This examination will involve a thorough cleaning of the gully and associated pipework and a follow-up CCTV video survey of the pipework to determine its structural condition. Any identified repairs will be actioned by DCC Drainage accordingly. Furthermore, DCC Drainage will assess the feasibility of increasing the capacity of this existing gully and/or the installation of an additional gully/gullies at this location, as determined by the above investigations.

Q.36 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Housing Department in regard to enquirer to have house restored on details supplied.

The property at details supplied 1 is vacant and boarded-up since 2020. Enquirer states that Dublin City Council purchased it from the Criminal Assets Bureau at this time. It had previously been owned by details supplied 2.

A query to DCC in October 2022 received this response from the Housing Maintenance Section:

"The unit at details supplied 1 was issued to a contractor for works to be completed under the refurbishment maintenance framework. The contractor cannot begin work on site as there are safety concerns. This project will not continue until site safety can be secured."

The property could provide a good home. It would be helpful if DCC's Housing Maintenance Section could elaborate on the nature of the 'safety concerns', and when it is planned to address those concerns.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has actively engaged with a number of contractors to take on this project. However, to date none of these contractors are willing to take on this job. Housing Maintenance is still actively pursuing a number of alternative contractors who may be interested.

Q.37 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department in regard to enquirer questions on traffic lights on Orwell Road.

Orwell Road from the Dodder up the hill to the lights, once had a double yellow line on it but since it was resurfaced, cars are parking on both sides and it has become dangerous for everyone.

There are often times when two cars can't pass each other because of the parking, and cyclists are being squeezed into the middle of the road. Trucks and buses simply can't pass until traffic clears.

The enquirer states that there is ample parking up the other side of the hill that wouldn't disrupt anyone.

Reply:

We are currently liaising with our contractor to ensure all road markings that were present prior to our carriageway resurfacing works are reinstated.

Q.38 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Derelict Sites staff, the enquirer and neighbours have provided an issue of a run-down building in Terenure (details supplied).

Enquirer states that:

“The rear of the property was extensively damaged by fire in January of this year. The rear garden is very overgrown. Had the fire not been quickly brought under control by Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB), it could have easily spread to trees and extended the fire to adjoining properties (see photo attached). Neighbours are also extremely concerned about the foxes and vermin now occupying the property from the rear.”

The enquirer requests a meeting with Area Manager or staff with his neighbours to see what further action can be taken to deem this property dangerous and derelict, in order to be restored and re-used.

Reply:

The Derelict Sites Unit is dealing with a complaint received regarding the condition of this site. An inspection of the front of the site was carried out but it was not possible to access the rear of the site which we understand is in poor condition. An inspection of the rear of the site is required in order to conclude the assessment.

The unit is in the process of agreeing arrangements which will facilitate this access and it is anticipated that the inspection will be carried out as soon as possible.

A full report on the assessment of the condition of the site will issue to the Councillor.

Q.39 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Traffic Department in regard to an enquiry about the traffic lights on the section of Rathmines towards Rathmines Road Upper and towards Rathgar, enquirer asks:

“What happened to the traffic lights as you head south from the city? You have lights if you are turning left towards Dartry but nothing if you are heading to Terenure...”

Enquirer states he was: “in a panic when he found a truck turning left and he was heading straight but had no visual sight of a red, amber or green light.”



I include an image of the road section here and the point where driving goes both ways.

Reply:

This issue has been referred to our Traffic Officers for on site assessment. We will issue a final response via TAMS when this assessment is complete.

Q.40 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

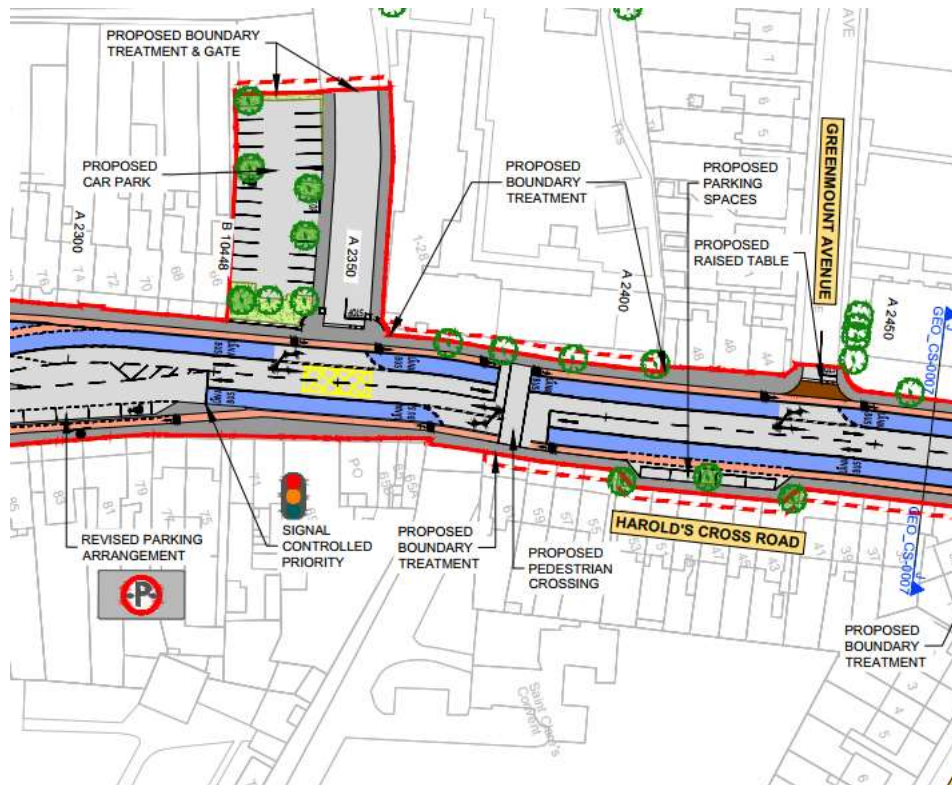
To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department, in regard to the enquirer, and many other enquiries brought on in the past re the necessity for Harold's Cross Road to have safe walking distance for children going to school and elderly walking.

The enquirer states:

“That since 2019, we still cannot bring our children safely to school or participate in active travel in the Harold's Cross area. Harold's Cross Road is a wide road that includes St. Clare's National School and the Educate Together. The road also serves people coming from Ballinteer, Rathfarnham, Rathgar, Terenure and Kimmage. There is huge potential to make this road safe and accessible for families and workers to choose public transport and active travel over car use.”

Reply:

The BusConnects Core Bus Corridor, Kimmage to City Centre, has proposals for a new pedestrian crossing adjacent to the entrance to the St Clare's National School, protected cycling lanes and public transportation priority measures as presented below in the general arrangements map no. 7.



These proposals have been submitted to An Bord Pleanála as per the planning process and more details can be found on the website at; <https://kimmagescheme.ie/>

Harold's Cross Educate Together is on the priority list for the Safe Routes to School programme, and plans for implementing front of school safety measures as part of this programme are in development at the moment.

Q.41 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department in regard to enquiry on Aideen Drive / Aideen Avenue junction, Dublin 6W, and to ensure that majority of residents required this alteration.

The enquirer states:

“Opinion that Aideen Drive should be converted to a cul de sac, and closed at the Aideen Avenue end. Countless houses have been purchased in the last number of years on Aideen Drive and the number of young children playing on the road is increasing rapidly. The corner from Aideen Avenue right onto Aideen drive is extremely narrow. Very often, to turn left off Aideen Drive, onto Aideen Avenue to drive out to Kimmage Road, motorists have come from Kimmage Road onto Aideen Avenue and take the right onto Aideen Drive on the wrong side of the road at excessive speed.

When heading City Centre bound, there is no right turn allowed off Kimmage Road right onto Aideen Avenue Mon-Sat 7am-10am. This is blatantly ignored by hundreds of motorists every morning. In the past few months a small Garda presence here policing the law during those hours, however it has not reduced the problem. I think that making Aideen Drive a cul de sac at the Aideen Avenue end would deter motorists from using this rat run slightly.

It is worth noting that being able to drive from Kimmage Road, east-bound through this residential area and onto Harold's Cross Road, and vice versa, is very handy for residents. By closing Aideen Drive at the Aideen Avenue

end, this would still be possible and would not completely cut half of the residents off from the other side.

Reply:

The area of Aideen Avenue / Aideen drive and surrounding areas will be assessed by an Engineer from the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme Team to assess whether the area outlined is suitable for transport related traffic calming interventions. The Engineer will advise the Councillor of the results of this assessment.

Q.42 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department in regard to enquirer on replacement parking on Parnell Court in Harold's Cross.

The enquirer states:

"The estate we are in is free parking (driveways and street). We are located with no house directly across from us just the opposite footpath so it attracts everyone to park here. On doing this, it is really impacting us trying to get in and out of our own driveway even when everyone on the estate has a driveway, and also they can park on the footpath at their own house if more than one vehicle. As a result of this, my partner is having to reverse a van up the whole estate round corners as we cannot directly come out of our driveway and turn right to exit."

Enquirer asks:

"Is there any way we can apply to put a cone out due to having large construction vehicles in our driveway that don't have back windows so it's extremely hard and also dangerous to reverse the whole estate?"



Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group engineering team conducted a site visit back in May 2023 to assess the parking arrangement on Parnell Court, Harold's Cross, Dublin 12, it was observed that a residential development was under construction, and that construction workers were using both of Parnell Court and Parnell Avenue roads to park their vans around, however, vehicles were not observed to block driveways. The construction works are expected to be completed during October 2023, if the issue persists the residents may consider applying for a P&D scheme to regulate the parking around the area and prevent misusing the space in the vicinity of the houses.

The Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) will continue to monitor the situation on Parnell Court, Harold's Cross.

Q.43 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department, in regard to enquiry from Rutland Grove.

Rutland Grove Residents Association request that Dublin City Council must seek:

“a resolution to this ongoing, unsafe and annoying problem on the continuous reports of the illegal parking of large commercial vehicles, at the entrance to our estate, and they continue to return on a weekly basis.”

It is noted that Rutland Grove RA have forwarded many documents and images in the area, to Dublin City Council, therefore, as a councillor, I would appreciate what can be done to make the area safe.

Reply:

Efforts are continuing to reduce the volume of Trucks utilising the hydrant by installing one in the Depot. However this will only impact on a number of the smaller vehicles.

Therefore the need to utilise the hydrant will not be eliminated.

It is also noted that a number of vehicles identified recently by the residents are not registered as DCC fleet. This information including the relevant registrations have been forwarded to the Residents Group which DCC continue to work closely with.

A meeting also took place between the Residents Group, Parks, The Area Manager and the Contractor for the new Depot to seek to minimise disruption during the construction phase.

Q.44 Councillor Tara Deacy

Why was the seating from outside Leo Burdocks / Butler’s coffee shop / Hanna’s bookshop in Rathmines removed? Are there plans to reinstall them or install proper seated area there? Could DCC expand the pedestrian pathway to take in that cordoned off section also?

Reply:

There are no current Street Furniture Licences in place at this location. If businesses want to apply for a Street Furniture Licence they can contact: streetfurniture@dublincity.ie

Q.45 Councillor Tara Deacy

Given the distinct lack of pedestrianised areas within Rathmines, would it be possible to pedestrianize Wynnefield Road? It has very little traffic on it, and yet is surrounded by many restaurants / cafés. It would make a great amenity for the area, could this be considered?

Reply:

This road will be included in the Neighbourhood scheme programme to be assessed for its suitability for Traffic Free/Filtered permeability/ reduction in traffic and an update will be provided to the Councillor following this assessment.

Q.46 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could I get clarity regarding the disparities in residential parking permit costs across the four councils?

| | |
|--------------|----------------|
| Dublin city: | 80 for 2 years |
| Fingal: | 30 for 2 years |
| DLRC: | 75 for 2 years |
| SDCC: | 40 for 2 years |

On what basis are these costs derived?

Reply:

Each Local Authority is responsible for setting the costs of residents parking permits in their own area.

Dublin City Council sets the cost of the residents parking permits in the Dublin City Council area by determining what value it sets for use of its on street space and associated services e.g. introduction of pay and display/permit parking schemes, provision of lines and signs and ticket machines and administration fees. The value of a two year permit in the Dublin City Council area is effectively €40 per year, this fee, compared to parking all day for 1 year in even the lowest tariff location represents a significantly lower fee.

Q.47 Councillor Tara Deacy

The property at details supplied is vacant and boarded-up since 2020. A query to DCC in October 2022 received this response from the Housing Maintenance Section: "The unit at details supplied was issued to a contractor for works to be completed under the refurbishment maintenance framework. The contractor cannot begin work on site as there are safety concerns. This project will not continue until site safety can be secured."

Can I get an update on when this house will be ready for occupants?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Section has actively engaged with a number of contractors to take on this project. However, to date none of these contractors are willing to take on this job. Housing Maintenance Section is still actively pursuing a number of alternative contractors who may be interested.

Q.48 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can I get a rough date as to when the footpath outside details supplied will be repaired; the resident is a wheelchair user and finds the path difficult to navigate at present

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs to the footpath at this location within the next 3 months.

Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give an update in relation to the intending lighting upgrade for the St. Kevin's Parade area? This also to include the Long Lane area. Both areas are suffering from anti-social behavior, illegal dumping and acts of vandalism and could well do with lighting upgrade.

Reply:

It is planned to upgrade all street lights in the City Council's administrative area to LED street lights under the Lighting Upgrade Project over the course of the next 5 to 8 years.

The first few years of the upgrade project primarily focusses on the high volume standard street lights that you see around the city in particular in residential areas.

While the street lights in St. Kevin's Parade are standard street lights they are installed on lighting column infrastructure that will not be worked on until later in the project and an exact timeframe for the upgrade of these cannot be provided at this time.

The street lights on Long Lane Close, however, are due to be upgraded in the next 6 months or so.

In the meantime the existing lights will continue to be maintained in accordance with normal maintenance regimes.

Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with the ongoing redesign and planning for the environmental improvements in and around the Bishop Street flats area? This report to include any contributions from the development company that are on the old Kevin Street technology site.

Reply:

Discussions are ongoing between the City Valuer's Office and the Developer of the former Dublin Institute of Technology site including possible environmental improvements in and around the Bishop Street Flats area. When those discussions are finalised, Councillors will be briefed on the outcome.

A Section 48 development contribution in the amount of €4,305,355.20 was incurred on both applications (2682/20 & 3565/22). Due to a rate change at the time of commencement (due to indexation), the Section 48 development contribution now due was €4,640,910.70. Our records show that €2,300,000.00 has been paid to date.

Q.51 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report regarding all negotiations, meetings, building assessments and evaluations, structural assessments and dilapidation assessments including architectural conservation reports that are associated with the Werburgh Street Church, taken in charge and upgrade report. This report also to include a real time, realistic financial valuation on the costs of all of these works. Also, a detailed plan as to how DCC's cultural company or any other entity intend to manage and run this facility and what involvement, if any, will the local community have in engaging with this building as a potential community centre resource.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.52 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report with regards the ongoing vermin infestation at Glovers Court and how DCC along with the Health Services Executive intend to deal with this issue?

Reply:

The Environmental Health Section in Dublin City Council has no statutory powers in relation to pest control.

The Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919 is enforced by the Health Service Executive, Environmental Health, Pest Control Section, Unit 13F,

Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Tel: 01 809 8300.

The Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew attended this location two weeks ago and treated the complex for pest control issues and they have reported no current evidence of pests. The crew also removed hedging to ensure no pests were present and confirmed that all bins had the relevant bungs in them.

The area office has been in contact with the owner of a local business and the owners of a vacant site where work had commenced, and they requested that they treat the area for pest control as well.

Q.53 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give an update with regards the derelict building (details supplied 1)? This building has been vacant and dilapidated for over 20 years and is an absolute disgrace. The owners have made no effort whatsoever to address the many ongoing issues relating to this building including the fact that DCC halted works 20 odd years ago that were illegal regarding this building and instructed the owner to make good the damage caused to this listed structure.

In recent years a request was made by myself that DCC compulsory purchase the building bearing in mind its significance to the street as being a 17th century intact structure on par with The Staircase building which is on the record of monuments and listed protected structures.

It is imperative the DCC take action here as the delay in dealing with this building is having a negative impact on the redevelopment of a set of 4 buildings on this street which are being refurbished and renovated by the Merlin Hotel and are being brought back into use for residents as residential. Indeed, the Swan Bar public house is also in the process of making their overhead floors suitable for accommodation but works are sporadic because of the dereliction and negative impact of details supplied.

This report to include, what contact DCC have had with the owners. What vacancy levies have been applied to this building and collected? What progress, if any, has been made by DCC in acquiring this building by way of compulsory purchase order?

Reply:

It is assumed from previous correspondence that the Councillor is referring to details supplied 2.

There is ongoing liaison between the Derelict Sites and Conservation Sections in relation to this site which is a protected structure. The property is not currently entered on either the Derelict Sites or Vacant Sites Registers and does not therefore attract derelict or vacant sites levies. The property is not the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Councillor will be aware from an earlier reply that the Derelict Sites Section served a S.8(2) Notice of Intention to enter the site on the Derelict Sites Register and that the owner's Architect made representations against entry on the owner's behalf on the basis that a planning application was ready to be submitted and sought a pre-application meeting with the Conservation Officer in relation to same. The case will be reviewed in conjunction with the Conservation Section following the pre-planning

meeting to consider the most appropriate course of action in light of the owner's proposals for the property.

Q.54 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can DCC write to An Garda Síochána and the Minister for Justice requesting that they include fireworks and unlawful possession of fireworks in the same footing as a fire arms offence? In recent years, fireworks have been used to assault people under the guise of a bit of harmless fun and have resulted in individuals being seriously injured. There was a serious attack on the canal area recently which is being well documented in the media and with Halloween fast approaching, it's time that the seriousness of the use of fireworks as a weapon be appropriately dealt with.

Reply:

The South East Area Office will communicate with An Garda Síochána and the Minister for Justice on this matter.

Q.55 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report as to the costs to DCC regarding the facilitating of the American football event in DCC's centre Temple Bar?

Reply:

A free, public, non-ticketed outdoor event took place in Dame Street on Saturday 26th August 1200-1800. The event was a tailgating type event which formed part of the American College Football game between Notre Dame and Navy Football. The ultimate cost to Dublin City Council for this tailgating event was €75,000 + VAT.

Q.56 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report regarding the closing of the Meeting House Square market to facilitate the USA football event in the city? This report to include: what contact was made with the traders? What redress, if any, was offered to the traders for the inconvenience caused and who was responsible for the management of this particular issue regarding the closing down of the market?

Reply:

The issue of litter being reported as being generated by the businesses on Sundrive Road at the location identified by the Councillor will be addressed by the Litter Enforcement Manager. The Litter Wardens will visit the premises and address the issues under the Litter Prevention by laws.

Q.57 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give an update and progress report regarding the school zones initiative for St. Enda's School, Whitefriar Street? This safe schools zoning was agreed some time back and it would appear there is very little progress in this matter. This report also to include any progress on the greening initiative that was also agreed for this environment and area.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager why the following (details supplied) were refused a Dublin City Council loan and can he outline what other options are available to this couple in securing a home

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager who owns the land outside the old Beggars Bush Barracks? If it is the ownership of Dublin City Council, could they liaise with the local residents to explore planting trees here and to turn it into a public green space for the local community?

Reply:

The land outside the old Beggars Bush Barracks is in private ownership.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a report on the Ringsend allotments? Can the Manager outline when will a survey of the allotments be carried out to assess which plots are underused and what is the situation with the waiting list?

Reply:

The allotments are inspected several times a year by Dublin City Council, and any allotments that are not being managed according to the plot licence agreements, are sent a letter reminding them of their responsibilities, and given a time limit to carry out any necessary work to their plot. A further inspection is then carried out.

Letters for Ringsend Allotments were issued two weeks ago.

The waiting list for the allotments in Ringsend Park is currently full.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will the footpath upgrades to Havelock square be completed?

Reply:

Havelock Square footpaths are included in our 2023 Footpath Reconstruction Programme. We are currently in the process of appointing a contractor for these works. Once a contractor is appointed, we will have a programme detailing dates for these works.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager why the historic the gas vent pole which was directly in front of the St. Patrick's Rowing Club in Ringsend has been removed. It had been in situ from 1909.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will there be decision on the taking in charge application by Camden Lock apartment complex in Ringsend.

Reply:

The applicant has been notified of the decision of Dublin City Council in relation to the 'Taking in Charge' request.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can the weeds along the footpath on Camden Row at the corner with New Bride Street be tended to? They are unsightly and tend to trap litter which adds to their unsightly nature.

Reply:

The weed control contractor is active in the South East Area at the moment. The area identified by the Councillor is scheduled for treatment

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is the Council's policy is concerning a Council tenant who goes into a nursing home on a long term basis, as they are unable to care for themselves. Does the property go back to the Council to be given to another person on the housing list?

Reply:

Yes, if the tenant is the only person on the rent account for the tenancy, the property will be surrendered. When it has been refurbished, it will be allocated to an applicant on the Social Housing Lists as per the Allocations Scheme.

If there are subtenants on the Rent Account for the address. They may be eligible to apply to succeed the tenancy.

Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install "plaque / tablet / stone" at the Syria memorial tree that was planted in Merrion Square.

Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.67 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager for an update on the housing position of details supplied.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Transfer HAP List with an application date of 19/6/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| Area | Bed size | Position |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Area M | 2 | 10 |
| Area N | 2 | 20 |

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.

Q.68 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the below can be carried out please?

Along by Portobello Harbour and in front of the new hotel (that is under construction), as you head away from town, the no-cycling signs have nearly faded away on the footpath. Lots of families, buggies, young children etc. walking along there and bikes are flying past. It is a disaster waiting to happen. Can these no cycling signs on the footpath be repainted please?

Reply: Road markings have been redone at this location and signs have been checked.

Q.69 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to please write, on behalf of this committee, to the CEO of Eir, to request the urgent removal or remediation of a disused double Eir phone kiosk which has fallen into a state of extreme disrepair on Leinster Road, opposite the turn to Grosvenor Square, in Rathmines. (See image attached)



Reply:

Due to Fórsa industrial action commencing today, this item has not been completed.

Q.70 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the following streets / estates can be prioritised for inclusion on the schedule of deep cleans, including cleaning, weed treatment and graffiti removal:

Greenmount Avenue, Greenmount Court, Greenmount Lane, Limekiln Lane, Harold's Cross Cottages, Darley Street, Drummond Place, Ashworth Place.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned locations cleaned by the middle of September 2023.

The graffiti element has been forwarded to the Public Domain Officer to inspect and action.

Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager what is the current status of the outdoor seating area outside Leo Burdocks and Butler's cafe at 268 Rathmines Road? The outdoor seating here has recently been removed from the former loading bay - can the Manager let this committee know if the loading bay is being reinstated, if the outdoor seating license has been revoked, or if these premises no longer require access to outdoor seating?

Reply:

There are no current Street Furniture Licences in place at this location. If businesses want to apply for a Street Furniture Licence they can contact: streetfurniture@dublincity.ie

Q.72 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager to outline the specific nature of the safety concerns which are currently preventing the refurbishment for habitation of a council-owned property at (details supplied), and an estimated timeline for when the safety of the site can be secured so that work can commence? The house occupies a corner position at the junction of three residential streets, and asides from being an eyesore in its current boarded up state, every effort should be made to bring this house back into residential use.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has actively engaged with a number of contractors to take on this project. However, to date none of these contractors are willing to take on this job. Housing Maintenance is still actively pursuing a number of alternative contractors who may be interested.

Q.73 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if a litter bin can be installed to service the through roads of Harold's Cross Cottages and / or Mount Drummond Avenue, which is used by dog walkers, in addition to the many pedestrians that use this route to cut through from Harold's Cross village to Grosvenor Square, or vice versa? No bin or dog poo bin is currently available in this enclave.

Reply:

Waste Management Services would not be in favour of installing a litter bin in this residential area as there is ongoing illegal dumping there and a litter bin would actually become a focal point for this dumping.

Q.74 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the concrete traffic islands on Kildare Road (2 x traffic islands at the junction with Clogher Road and 1 x traffic island at the junction with Cashel Road) can have a permanent greening treatment applied, similar to the biodiverse mixed planting applied to the traffic island outside Busáras? Even if these islands are not suitable for tree planting due to underground services / road visibility, some low level planting would help counteract the deficit of street trees in this area

Reply:

The Public Domain Officer identified the Clogher Road / Kildare Road Island last month as an area that might be improved with some greening and an initial conversation already has commenced with the local residents' group which will involve the adjoining houses.

Funding permitting, the other area will be viewed in the coming week. Environment & Transportation Department will need to be consulted also.

Q.75 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if Aughavannagh Road, which currently has no street trees, can be considered for a 'green wall' treatment, similar to that recently planted on Cork Street. This road has no trees, and a long, bare wall running behind the cemetery and alongside Scoil Íosagáin. A greening treatment here would improve biodiversity, counteract the deficit of street trees, and provide visual amenity on a busy school route

Reply:

Parks can investigate this suggestion further to see if the footpath widths are compatible with the proposal in consultation with Environment & Transportation Department, and if so, seek funding to execute in the 2024 parks improvements.

Q.76 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if a mattress collection event could be run before Halloween whereby mattresses could be collected for recycling? These have proven popular in recent years and have reduced the level of dumping at Halloween.

Reply:

A mattress recycling campaign was carried out across the entire in the South East Area in the week 22nd to 26th May 2023. Mattresses were collected at participants' addresses by a company called Ecomattress. A total of 170 mattresses were collected and recycled.

There are no plans to carry out another campaign in 2023.

Q.77 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to tackle the litter issues caused in Harold's Cross Cottages and surrounding streets by individuals and householders leaving bagged bins out on a Friday evening for a Monday collection day? Residents report this is a consistent and ongoing problem, as bags are ripped open by gulls and foxes across the weekend.

Can the Litter Warden be instructed to visit Harold's Cross Cottages (details supplied) to observe the extent of the problem, and can DCC arrange a leaflet drop reminding householders of the litter bye-laws and the fines for littering and dumping?

Reply:

The Litter Enforcement Manager will draw up a letter detailing the presentation times according to the Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste 2018. The letter will also detail a person's responsibilities for disposing of their waste and the penalties should anyone be caught illegally dumping. These will be delivered to houses in the area as soon as possible.

Q.78 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if bicycle traffic lights can be added to the main lights at the T-junction of Harold's Cross Road and Mount Drummond Avenue to ensure that the pedestrian crossing here is prioritised and can be used safely.

Reply:

The Intelligent Transportation Systems team have reviewed the operation of the traffic signals at this junction. Please note that the addition of cycle signals is not appropriate in this context due to the absence of a dedicated cycle lane. Cyclists turning onto or moving along Harold's Cross Road must obey the main vehicle traffic signals that are in place. Failure to do so is an issue for An Garda Síochána Enforcement. Please note this is the typical traffic signal arrangement for this type of scenario across the city.

Q.79 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager outline what the process would be for the residents of Devenish Road to have bollards creating a cul de sac effect installed? Is there provision for a plebiscite and what percentage of residents need to agree?

Currently many residents complain that the road is being used as a rat-run to and from Bangor Road, where motorists come through Devenish to avoid the traffic lights at the Bangor Stannaway junction.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group engineering team will conduct a site assessment and further analysis of the traffic situation on Devenish Road.

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

Q.80 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager outline what the process would be for the residents of Ferns Road to have bollards creating a cul de Sac effect installed? Is there provision for a plebiscite and what percentage of residents need to agree?

Currently many residents complain that the road is being used as a rat-run to and from Stannaway Road, where motorists come through Devenish to avoid the traffic lights at the Stannaway / Sundrive junction and the new traffic lights on Sundrive Road which are close to the end of Ferns Road.

The no left hand turn that was installed at the Ferns / Stannaway junction which was installed to prevent rat-running at peak morning times has been ignored by many motorists and has not solved the problem.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group will make contact with the Garda Síochána for enforcement of the No Left Turn RUS 013 at the Ferns / Stannaway junction.

The area of Ferns Road / Stannaway Road may be suitable for consideration under the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme Projects. These schemes focus on reducing rat running, speeding, congestion and dangerous driver behaviour on residential roads.

Councillors can apply for such projects by submitting a request through the online service request form at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/tag/5e122f7d/> or by sending a request via email to traffic@dublincity.ie

Q.81 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager confirm that enhancement works to improve the laneway from St. Agnes Road (Crumlin Village) to Windmill Park will be completed this year and can he outline the description of these works?

Reply:

The laneway from St. Agnes Road (Crumlin Village) to Windmill Park is being included in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. The laneway will be resurfaced in asphalt.

The area office has requested that the re-surfacing of the laneway is included in the Road Maintenance schedule and they have confirmed they will include it.

It is anticipated that this work can be done this year but as Dublin City Council currently preparing to go to tender for our South East Area 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme, a timeline for these works cannot be guaranteed to fall within the calendar year.

Public Lighting have been requested to paint the poles

Both adjoining residents have been approached in relation to painting of the railings and have agreed. It will be necessary to trim back the bushes prior to this and this has been arranged.

Graffiti will be removed from surfaces and was already removed from the ESB sub-station.

The bollard will be repainted but does not require replacing after inspection.

Q.82 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Road Maintenance Section replace the road ramp on Larkfield Gardens, the one close to the grass bank? This is one of the old redbrick ramps and is currently in a bad state of repair and is a danger to road users. Can other similar road ramps in the area be inspected and repaired if necessary?

Reply:

The ramps on Larkfield Gardens have been inspected and will be included in our 2023 Ramp Resurfacing Programme.

Q.83 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the vacant and void house at details supplied be brought back into stock and can recently painted graffiti along the garden wall be removed immediately? The reason given for the delay in having this house refurbished was a security issue; it's now past time for these works to be started.

Reply:

The graffiti has been removed by Housing Maintenance and the garden cleaned.

Housing Maintenance has actively engaged with a number of contractors to take on this project. However, to date none of these contractors are willing to take on this job. Housing Maintenance is still actively pursuing a number of alternative contractors who may be interested.

Q.84 Councillor Pat Dunne

The cycle stand outside of Tesco on Lower Kimmage Road was crashed into by a car and badly damaged over the last week or so. Can it be replaced - and ideally with an extra cycle stand or two added? See photo below.



Reply:

The Environment & Transportation Department will arrange for the damaged stand to be replaced and an additional 2 stands installed.

Q.85 Councillor Pat Dunne

When will the promised resurfacing of the roadway on Monasterboice Road be done. This was originally scheduled for 2022 and is still undone. There are also empty tree pits along this road can suitable new trees be planted there when the road is been resurfaced.

Reply:

Monasterboice Road is included in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. We are currently preparing to go to tender for these works. When the tender process is complete and a contractor has been appointed, we will be in a position to advise of scheduled dates for the works.

Q.86 Councillor Pat Dunne

Regarding Sundrive Road - beside Capri takeaway; at the pedestrian crossing outside Capri takeaway on Sundrive Road, cars are driving from the small parking area directly through the pedestrian crossing path area. The area has been left wide enough for cars to get through - a bollard would prevent this significant danger to pedestrians occurring. Cars are parking on the new buildout path / pedestrian area outside Perfect Pizza (Sundrive Road) due to a lack of bollards or greening to prevent this.



Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group will assess and consider the reinstallation of the Bollard at the pedestrian crossing outside the Capri takeaway on Sundrive Road.

Q.87 Councillor Pat Dunne

Regarding Clogher Road, Sundrive Road and Kildare Road; a lot of litter at the Kildare Road end of Clogher Road - the shops and businesses on Sundrive Road opposite Ceannt Park could do more and should all have bins outside.

Can our Public domain officer seek a solution to this problem?

Reply:

The issue of litter being reported as being generated by the businesses on Sundrive Road at the location identified by the Councillor will be addressed

by the Litter Enforcement Manager. The Litter Wardens will visit the premises and address the issues under the Litter Prevention by laws.

Q.88 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the uneven footpath from the Eir / telecom network upgrade be repaired? This work is required as a result of poor reinstatement of path work outside (details supplied)

Reply:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has been in communication with Eir on the 6th of September 2023 to carry out remedial works on the temporary reinstatement at the location (details supplied).

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 11 September 2023

Attendance:

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Fiona Connelly
Tara Deacy
James Geoghegan

Members:

Danny Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Pat Dunne
Paddy McCartan

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Hazel Chu
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