



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2023**

- 1 **With reference to the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2023.**
ORDER: Agreed.
- 2 **With reference to the questions to the Area Managers.**
ORDER; Noted.
- 3 **With reference to the disposal of fee simple of a plot and grant of a right of way and wayleave at a site at Red House Square, Montpelier Hill, Dublin 7.**
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 4 **With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of the Ilac Centre Multi Storey Car Park, Dublin 1 to Park Rite.**
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 5 **With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way over a walkway/desire lines and carpark on the site known as Dominick Street (West) The site contains the now void properties 109-198 Dominick street Lower, Dublin 1.**
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 6 **With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of houses at 27-33 West Road, East Wall, Dublin 3.**
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 7 **With reference to a naming and numbering proposal for a development at the site known as No.1 St. Josephs Cottages, Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7, D07 V02C.**
ORDER: Agreed.
- 8 **With reference to Motions to the Area Managers.**

The following Emergency Motions to the Area Manager were tabled.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Janice Boylan

That this Area Committee:

Stands in solidarity with FÓRSA members of Dublin City Council and other local authorities across the state as they commence industrial action to address issues around job evaluation and pay; supports their call for a formal job evaluation process to ensure workers jobs are properly graded and enumerated; calls on Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien, the LGMA and the executive of Dublin City Council to return to negotiations with FÓRSA and to agree a mechanism for progressing the job evaluation process.

Calls on the chairperson of the Central Area Committee to write to both the LGMA and Minister O'Brien urging them to engage with FÓRSA to resolve this dispute as soon as possible.

ORDER: Agreed.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Eimer McCormack

This Central Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to ensure that the new, interim, location for the Bring Centre at Grangegorman include all services currently available to the public at its current location.

The committee calls on Dublin City Council to maintain its commitment to provide sufficient re-cycling facilities to the residents of the Dublin Central area.

ORDER: Withdrawn. Meeting to be scheduled with all stakeholders.

The following Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

This Central Area Committee agrees the allocation of €500 from the discretionary fund to Fergus Dowd to assist in production of a film on the Dublin Monaghan Bombings.

ORDER: Agreed

The following Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

Item 1

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

The Central Area Committee, welcomes the expansion of the Cargo Bike Initiative, welcomes the free community bike being made available in Crumlin. Calls for a second free community cargo bike to be made available in Phibsborough.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 2

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner

This area committee calls for a meeting with representatives from Lidl to discuss the ongoing vacancy of their site in Ballybough and calls for construction to begin ASAP.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 3

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner

This area committee declares a litter and dumping emergency in the North Inner City and calls on the Minister with responsibility for the circular economy to prepare an emergency intervention plan to address the issues in the area.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 4

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner

This area committee calls for a comprehensive plan for Abbey Street to be brought forward in tandem with proposal for the extinguishment of the right of way of Harbour Court to deal with the anti-social, drug consumption, criminality and open defecation in the area. We cannot simply shut down public space without also identifying ways to improve and elevate the area more generally.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 5

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner

That this area committee calls for an action plan to tackle vacancy and dereliction and improve the public realm on Parnell Street - particularly between O'Connell St and Marlborough. There should be a report brought back to this committee by the end of the year identifying key actions and interventions to bring back to life this important avenue for the city core.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 6

Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

Motion Withdrawn

Item 7

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

That the Central Area Committee agrees that the manager will investigate the skate park in the Bogies and report back on why it is not in use. That an attempt should be made to re-open it as there is a demand for this facility in the area.

ORDER: Motion Deferred.

Item 8

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That the Area Manager immediately contacts Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail and inform them of the continuing anti-social behaviour of people accessing the tracks running parallel to West Road. The track is being accessed via openings at the fencing on Ossory Road. The Area Manager is instructed to request Iarnród Éireann to immediately secure these fences to ensure that the tracks are inaccessible from Ossory Road or indeed anywhere along the line.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 9

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That ball stop netting be installed over the playground at Portland Place as currently children are losing footballs when miskicked into the canal and some children have tried to retrieve the ball which has its own safety implications.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 10

Motion in the name of Councillors Colm O'Rourke & Ray McAdam

That the Central Area Committee agree that resident's requests for a greening strategy be put in place for St. Columba's Road Lower, Dublin 9, and that Council staff work with residents to achieve this.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 11

Motion in the name of Councillor Colm O'Rourke

That the Central Area Committee agree that a greening strategy be extended to all areas in Dublin 7 that are not included in the current greening strategy and that we refer this motion to the Planning and Urban Form SPC.

ORDER: Agreed.

9 **With reference to The Area Management reports.**

ORDER: Reports noted.

10 **With reference to a verbal update on Bye-Laws in relation to the Smithfield Horse Fair.**

ORDER: Update noted.

11 **With reference to the Traffic Advisory Group minutes.**

ORDER: Report noted.

12 **With reference to Sports in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

13 **With reference Elizabeth Street Greening Update.**

ORDER: Report noted.

Councillor Séamas McGrattan

Chairperson

12th September 2023

Attendance

Members

Séamas McGrattan
Nial Ring
Eimer McCormack
Ray McAdam

Janet Horner
Janice Boylan
Cat O'Driscoll

Joe Costello
Colm O'Rourke
Darcy Lonergan

Christy Burke
Cieran Perry
Declan Meenagh

Officers

David Forde
Gráinne O'Grady
Cathy Cassidy
Karl Mitchell
Paul White

Lorraine Brogan
Maria Browne
Frank Lambe
John McPartlan
Marion Foran

Marie Kavanagh
Will Mangan
Maggie O'Donnell
Seán Walsh
Joao Brescia

Brendan Doggett
Veronica Hand
Deirdre Prince
Muskan Sahdev

Questions to the Area Manager
Central Area Committee Meeting
12th September 2023

Q1 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager, when works will be completed regarding (**details supplied**)

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Heating section has arranged for a new radiator to be installation for the tenant this week.

Q2 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager that the road works on (**details supplied**)

Reply:

This request for (**details supplied**) to be resurfaced in 2023 will be considered when drafting the 2023 Works Programme.

Q3 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager when will a safe crossing be installed at (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The pedestrian crossing at the aforementioned location were recommended and included on the list for future pedestrian crossings for the Central Area. These civil works will be progressed when future funding is made available.

Q4 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager when will works commence regarding (**details supplied**)

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have this work completed as soon as possible.

Q5 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager what plans do DCC have regarding (**details supplied**)

Reply:

There are currently no plans for greening projects. Does Cllr Burke have any specific complexes in mind, this is something that the area office could examine in 2024 with possible discretionary expenditure

Q6 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager to arrange review and inspection, via the Traffic Department, regarding (**details supplied**)

Reply:

An enquiry (ref. 11142970) has been created for defects on footpaths & carriageways on (**details supplied**) and referred to the Area Inspector for inspection.

This street will be considered when drafting the 2024 works programme.

Q7 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager what plans DCC have regarding (**details supplied**)

Reply:

I am meeting with the DCC Public Art Manager in early September to examine how to progress this project.

Q8 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager what progress is being made (**details supplied**)

Reply:

A report namely [Design Considerations for Bus Stop Ref. 617 and 4384](#) was circulated to Councillors on 28th June. As was outlined in the report the design process for the Scheme has been defined by the planning consent which was obtained in late 2017, requiring amendments so that '*The locations of bus stops shall be examined and all bus stops along the route shall be redesigned to segregate buses and bicycles...*'. The proposal to remove bus stop 617 and 4384 was subsequently incorporated into the scheme detailed design since 2019.

The report circulated on 28th June 2023 was intended to summarise a further design review of the original design proposals. A constrained bus stop at the location of original bus stop 617 and 4384 was mentioned in this report. However, as was outlined in the report it was concluded that there are a number of reasons as to why it is believed that the installation of these bus stops at their original location is deemed not to be desirable.

Please see summary as per below of this further review of the bus stops proposed to be removed on North Strand Road as was outlined in the report referenced above;

- **Bus stop 617, (inbound) at the corner of Strandville Avenue**
There are a number of concerns if a bus stop were to be installed at this location. These concerns make the proposal undesirable;
 - The location at bus stop 617 is constrained on one side by Strandville Avenue and by private landings and a vehicular access / dishing on the other side. The size of the preferred bus platform would therefore need to be considerably reduced as a result of the limited available space. This constraint raises safety concerns that if a group were to congregate at the stops or alight from a bus that (i) the proximity of the bus stop to the Strandville Avenue junction would be a concern and also (ii) the potential for conflict between pedestrians and cyclists would be greatly increased given the restricted platform space
 - The constrained design would only provide for a single crossing point from the footpath across the cycletrack to reach the bus island. As mentioned then if passenger numbers were significant this has the potential to lead to undesirable crossing of the cycle track by passengers alighting from the buses and likely conflict with passing cyclists.

- The maximum length of the full height bus kerb that can be installed at this location is approximately 13m and as such only one bus can stop at this stop and allow passengers to board/alight at a time. With buses queuing to gain access to the stop it is likely to lead to bus delays. The delays caused by the queuing will affect journey times and reliability, resulting in operational difficulties, particularly during peak hours.

In addition to the points outlined above, in order to accommodate the outbound segregated cycle-track through North Strand Road it was necessary to reduce the amount of previously available parking. Parking which was previously available between Bayview Avenue and Waterloo Avenue on the outbound side shall need to be removed. With stop 617 proposed to be removed for the reasons outlined above it was deemed of benefit then that the space could then be used to compensate for parking removed elsewhere on the road. Without the spaces now provided at the location of bus stop 617 there would be no other parking available for the post office and businesses between Newcomen Bridge and Annesley Place.

Restrictions on the permitted duration of parking (or similar) shall be investigated to apply to these spaces if it was deemed helpful to keep a turnover of cars. This would likely be of benefit to local businesses and those wishing to avail of the parking.

All of the footways on North Strand are to be fully re-constructed with the crossing of side roads made considerably easier due to the design of the raised tables i.e. the footpath remains at the same level when crossing roads.

With bus stop 617 removed the alternative bus stops are outlined below;

- The closest stop nearest to town is stop 618 (located outside James Larkin House). The distance from bus stop 617 to stop 618 is approximately 316m. This equates to a walking time of approximately 3.8mins.
- The closest stop in the Marino direction is stop 616 (located outside North Strand Road Fire Station). The distance from bus stop 617 to stop 616 is approximately 276m. This equates to a walking time of approximately 3.4mins

- **Bus Stop 4384 (outbound) – between Charleville Avenue and Bayview Avenue**

Unlike bus stop 617 on the inbound side, there is no property setback space available for use by the Scheme Designers at bus stop 4384 on the outbound side. Therefore, after providing for the segregated cycle-track and footway a further review has concluded that there is no space remaining to construct even a constrained bus stop at this location. Without accounting for a new cycle-track the existing bus stop shelter occupies a large portion of the existing footway.

With bus stop 4384 removed the alternative bus stops are outlined below;

- The closest stop nearest to town (from 4384, once removed) is stop 516 (which is to be re-located to the corner of Charleville Mall). The distance from bus stop 4384 to the proposed new location of stop 516 is approximately 221m. This equates to a walking time of approximately 2.5mins.

(It is noted that the existing stop located outside the Health Centre on North Strand Road, Stop 516 is to be moved by approximately 100m closer in the direction of bus stop 4384).

- The closest stop in the Marino direction (from 4384, once removed) is stop 519 (located opposite North Strand Road Fire Station). The distance from bus stop 4384 to stop 519 is approximately 365m. This equates to a walking time of approximately 4.5mins.

- **Bus Stop 518 (outbound) – adjacent to Nottingham Street beneath Railbridge**

In addition to bus stop 617 and 4384 it is also proposed to remove bus stop 518. Reference to bus stop 518 is accounted for in the bus stop spacing report ([Bus Stop Spacing Report](#)). The reason for the removal of bus stop 518 is that insufficient space is available in terms of length for a quality bus stop and the required segregated cycle track. For example there is insufficient space available between a private entrance dishing (and private parking), and the mouth of Nottingham Street to provide adequate space for an accessible bus stop and only 12m available for standard full height bus kerb, where the standard length along this route is between 15 to 30 metres of bus kerbing. Next new stop is no. 519 which is a 2 minute walk from the current location. The previous bus stop is no 516, which has been moved to Newcomen Bridge, a 5 minute walk from the existing bus stop

In addition to details relating to the rationalisation of bus stops including stop 617 and 4384 on North Strand Road it is also worth noting;

- All footways on North Strand shall be reconstructed. At side-roads there is no drop to cross the road and instead the footway is to be raised and on one level. Without a kerb at the side road crossings this should make walking on the footway an easier and more pleasant experience.
- The reorganisation of bus stops will result in a significantly faster and more reliable bus service in both directions
- The bus stop platform, or 'island' will also be of a higher quality and standard, thus improving the passenger experience while boarding, alighting and waiting for a bus.

In summary, with regard to stop 617, 4384 and 518, it is acknowledged that the bus stops were convenient for those residents of North Strand Road and surrounding environs. However, after a further review of options there are design considerations which are deemed not favourable for the Scheme to progress with the incorporation of stop 617, 4384 and 518 into the new Scheme. It is believed that there is risk to public safety, specifically the bus-users, pedestrians and cyclists if this constrained option was pursued. The lack of available parking for the post office and businesses, lack of available space and the potential to impact the reliability of the bus service are also factors which have been considered.

Q9 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager when will the DCC depot on (**details supplied**)

Reply: This Depot officially moved to the on the 1st August 2023. However it has not yet moved in its entirety. Our Dangerous Building Section still have a store on site. I will issue Councillor with additional information/changes over the next few weeks

Q10 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager for a full explanation of the works currently taking place (**details supplied**).

Reply: The delay in finishing this junction was due to a shortage of traffic signal poles which have been difficult to obtain. There are new deliveries of stock to our stores expected this week which will allow work to recommence.

Q11 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager for details of the timeline for changes to (**details supplied**)

Reply

A contractor (Cairn construction) has been appointed for the first phase of the interim upgrades between (**details supplied**) Works are due to commence on the 4th of September 2023 and take 10 – 12 weeks. A drop in session for local businesses and residents was held on the 28th August as well, any suggestions and feedback is currently being assessed to see if any final changes are required.

Q12 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to write to Irish Rail requesting information on (**details supplied**) noting that it is in a poor state of disrepair at the moment.

Reply

The CCE Regional Manager for the Dublin Infrastructure Division has advised that **Railway Bridge UBO24 at (details supplied)** was painted & refurbished last year - we believe the bridge that's referred to in your correspondence is **UBO25 on (details supplied)**.

The Regional Manager has confirmed that **UBO25 (photos below)** was inspected in February of this year and it currently has only minor paint loss and structurally is in good condition. As you may be aware there is a mural here celebrating Jim Gavan and Dublin GAA which was completed in a partnership between Iarnród Éireann and Dublin City Council. There is some graffiti tags particularly on the track facing elevations of the bridge however, these are not readily visible from the public footpath.



The Regional Manager has advised that we currently don't have any plans for works on this bridge – however, if there is a specific issue please let us know and we will look into this further.

For your information, the Chief Executive was in contact with Mr Brian Hanney in Dublin City Council in June regarding the cleaning and refurbishment of rail bridges in the Dublin Division, I have attached a copy for your information which outlines recent work undertaken.

Regards,

ÍÉ Oireachtas Liaison



Brian Hanney - DCC
- Cleaning and Refu

Q13 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager for more parking enforcement at **(details supplied)**

Reply

Dublin Street Parking Services have been requested to patrol this area and carry out enforcement action where motorists are parked causing obstruction. The Parking Enforcement Inspector will also visit location to observe and report back his observations.

Q14 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager for the footpath the be resurfaced where it is presenting a tripping hazard along **(details supplied)**

Reply

An enquiry (ref.11142972) has been created & forwarded to Area Inspector for inspection. Any necessary repairs will be carried out thereafter. This will then be added to a list & necessary repairs carried out when a crew is working in the locus.

Q15 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager for a list of all trees removed in **(details supplied)** over the past 2 years and any which have been planted.

Reply

The trees that were removed in **(details supplied)** were removed as part of roads/footpath improvement works. Parks services have engaged Bernard Seymour Landscape Architects to carry out a Greening Strategy for the area and Details will follow as the project progresses.

Q16 Councillor Declan Meenagh

Could an engineer's report be commissioned to investigate the installation of a traffic island or pedestrian crossing to be located at or close to the exit from **(details supplied)**

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref No 7034922) will be 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 in due course.

Q17 Councillor Declan Meenagh

Can a filter traffic light be added for traffic turning right from **(details supplied)**

Reply

A review of the signal sequence will be undertaken at this location to establish can improvements be made to assist vehicles turning tight into **(details supplied)** however it is not intended to install a right turn filter due to the likely delays it would cause to bus routes on this busy public transport corridor.

Q18 Councillor Declan Meenagh

On foot of interest expressed by residents, can a greening strategy be put in place for **(details supplied)**

Reply

The narrow footpaths located along **(details supplied)** do not provide enough space for the successful planting. The current road layout provides for car parking along both sides of this narrow street, providing no opportunities for tree planting. Alterations to the public road design are a matter for the Environment and Transport Department.

Q19 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for an up to date progress report on **(details supplied)**

Reply

The Contractor for the *Clontarf to City Centre Scheme* continues to progress with the works. Over long stretches of the Scheme works have moved to the outbound carriageway with large portions of the inbound side now substantially complete. Currently there is approximately 1.5km

of cycle-track which is open and in use by cyclists. There is a greater extent of new footway also in use.

The section of footway between Leinster Avenue and Northbrook Avenue is one of the final sections of footway to be completed on the inbound side. The Contractor is currently working in this area (inbound between Leinster Avenue and Northbrook Avenue) and it is anticipated that by end of September the footway shall be substantially completed.

It is hoped that the majority of the inbound side of the Scheme can be substantially completed by early October and almost all of the 2.7km of inbound cycle-track and footway opened. The new retaining wall at the CIE Headquarters building at the corner of Sheriff Street Lower is progressing well and the remaining inbound section of Amiens Street inbound right outside Connolly Station is likely to commence in early 2024.



Fig 1 – Inbound Amiens Street Substantially Complete

With regard to the Outbound side considerable resources have been assigned by the Contractor to progress the necessary works. In summary;

- Amiens Street outbound between Buckingham Street and Five Lamps is progressing well with the new bus stop complete and in operation. Watermain, public lighting and surface water drainage have been installed. Long stretches of the cycle-track and kerbing are also progressing well in this Section.
- Plans are being developed to commence works in the vicinity of the Amiens Street / Talbot Street junction and back to the rail-bridge.
- The top of Killarney Street at Portland Row is almost complete except for some tree planting and landscaping
- Five Lamps Junction outbound is progressing well with works well underway on the new plaza area. Duct crossings at the junction were undertaken last weekend.
- There are crews all the way along the outbound of North Strand Road to progress with the necessary works including kerbing, public lighting, watermains, tree pits and

landscaping, pedestrian crossing upgrades, new bus-stops, cycle-track construction and full-depth road construction.

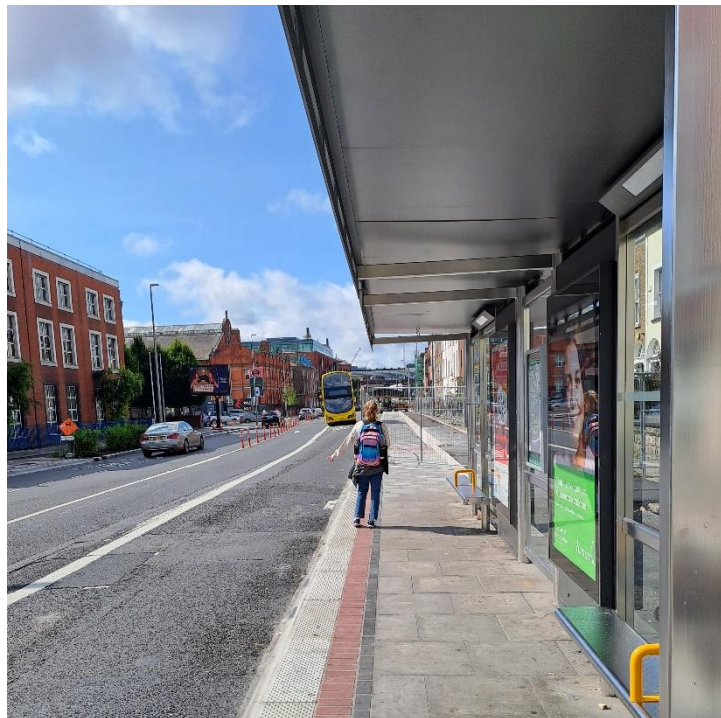


Fig 1 – Inbound Amiens Street Substantially Complete

The Contractor is working hard to reach a substantial completion date for the Scheme of end Q1, early Q2 in 2024. There is a workforce of greater than 100 to progress the Scheme as quickly as is feasible all in a difficult urban environment with traffic, pedestrian and other needs to be maintained.

The Contractor continues to work 6/7-days each week and the out-of-hours programme shall ramp up further in the next few weeks to try progress drainage, watermain works, duct crossings and road construction works.

The Clontarf to City Centre Project intends to deliver significant and enduring improvements to the North Strand Road area with the provision of new footpath, cycling and bus infrastructure. Impacts associated with the delivery of a large scale construction project are acknowledged by the DCC Active Travel Project Office and the Contractor, and we are extremely grateful to the local communities on North Strand and all along the route for their patience and cooperation. We have endeavoured to keep disruption to local residents and business to a minimum and we are available to address any concerns or queries as a result of the works.

The budget for the *Clontarf to City Centre Scheme* is provided by the NTA. The approved scheme budget remains at €62m and the Project Team are working to keep as close as possible within this current allocated budget.

The Scheme is delivering significant and enduring improvements to the footpath, cycling facilities, bus infrastructure and water supply infrastructure between Alfie Byrne Road and Talbot Street.

The disruption to locals and commuters to facilitate the construction of the Scheme is acknowledged. It is believed that the finished Scheme shall result in significant and enduring benefits to local communities and commuters alike.

Q20 Councillor Nial Ring

Following my Motion which was approved and resulted in the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 now including an objective to **(details supplied)**

Reply

The inclusion of the objective will be brought to the attention of An Bord Pleanála at the oral hearing for DART + West; which is imminent. The submission of the Rail Order pre-dated the making of the 2022 Development Plan and therefore was not included in the original paperwork. An update will be made to the Inspector that identifies this objective.

Q21 Councillor Nial Ring

Following my previous Motion which was agreed and resulted in the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 now including under SDRA 10, Chapter 13, **(details supplied)**

Reply

The land in question is zoned objective Z10: To consolidate and facilitate the development of inner city and inner suburban sites for mixed-uses and is located to the rear of the Croke Park Hotel. The purpose of this zoning is to promote mixed-use in order to deliver sustainable patterns of development in line with the principles of the 15-minute city. The concept of mixed-use will be central to the development or redevelopment of these sites and mono uses, either all residential or all employment/office use, shall not generally be permitted.

The site also adjoins the Royal Canal which is a conservation area.

Under SDRA 10, guiding principles for this site (site no.2) are included and state:

The site presents an opportunity for well integrated development benefitting from views over the Royal Canal. Any future redevelopment of this site shall investigate access from both Drumcondra Park to the west and Jones Road to the east, and should maximise pedestrian access options. The indicative building line should follow a courtyard layout with a linear southern elevation overlooking the Royal Canal, ensuring a degree of passive supervision. A central communal open space should be provided. Building height to the south of Russell Avenue shall take into consideration impacts on the residential amenities of the existing two storey housing. Amplified height can be accommodated on the south eastern corner of the block where impacts on amenities would be least, this element providing visual variety as seen from the Royal Canal. That the provision of community facilities such as a children's' playground and/or community garden be incorporated/included in any future development.

In relation to the receipt of any pre planning proposals for a development on this site, any such plans remain confidential under Section 247 of the Planning & development Act 2000, as amended, until such time as an application is lodged. As such, the Planning Department cannot comment further on this matter.

Q22 Councillor Ring

To ask the Area Manager if **(details supplied)**

Reply

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services staff have not been relocated to the North City Operations Depot, Parks are not aware of the storage arrangements (details supplied)

Further Reply

was removed in the course of the Dublin Port Tunnel Works. It was not in a condition that permitted storage and reconstruction. It was the proposal at the time of the Port Tunnel Project in the park, and is currently, to include a "bandstand"/performance feature/area in the improvements project on that area of the park close to the boundary with Fairview Strand which was impacted by the Dublin Port Tunnel Project. Other improvements include the placement of a children's playground, seasonal bedding area, lawn area, interactive play area, small skateboard feature, pathway system, lighting and woodland walk. This project is at the latter stages of procurement and it is anticipated that the main contractor for the project will be shortly on site.

Q23 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the renovation and redevelopment of the former **(details supplied)**

Reply

Dublin City Council's Project Team envisage that Stage 2 of the Tender process for the redevelopment of the former **(details supplied)** will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Further updates will be provided in due course.

Q24 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to detail the results of **(details supplied)**

Reply

Real time air quality monitoring in the Central Area is carried out at the following five locations **(details supplied)**

The sample periods and results are in 15 minute format and there is too much information to document this in hard copy. The air quality at these locations is generally good.

The possibility of providing an update on air quality and how it is monitored, as an information leaflet will be looked at.

Q25 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager for a progress report on the Traffic Survey and Traffic Management Plan for **(details supplied)**

Reply

In relation to Neighbourhood Transport Schemes, a 6 month filtered permeability trial is currently being proposed for **(details supplied)**. It is anticipated that we will be in a position to implement a trial in this area in Q4 2023 if there is support from local residents and Councillors.

Following completion of the scheme, we will consider other residential areas for implementation of a scheme.

Q26 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager if **(details supplied)**

Reply

TII have agreed that they would undertake a once off leaflet drop to the local area giving details of how information regarding the tunnel closures can be accessed including a phone number for queries. It is not feasible or practical to do a leaflet drop for each and every closure.

Q27 **Councillor Ring**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the **(details supplied)**

Reply

As of the 8th September a total of €347,000 has been spent from the NIC Discretionary fund from a total budget of €495,000.

As agreed at the March Area Committee meeting, a progress report will be brought to the Committee in Q4 detailing the progress of each project.

Q28 **Councillor Séamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager when insulation will be provided for **(details supplied)**

Reply

This is not a Dublin City Council owned property. The Home Grants section does not provide grants for insulation. The home owner should contact Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland on 01 808 2004 for information on the wall and roof insulation grant.

Q29 **Councillor Séamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to repair (**details supplied**)

Reply

An enquiry (ref.11143208) has been created & forwarded to Area Inspector for inspection. Any necessary repairs will be carried out thereafter. This will then be added to a list & necessary repairs carried out when a crew is working in the locus.

Q30 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to provide (**details supplied**)

Reply

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at this location to see if there is a requirement for extra bins there. We also will have a litter warden include this location as part of his patrol to deal with people dumping their packaging there, after collecting parcels.

Q31 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to consider an upgrade to the dressing rooms in (**details supplied**)

Reply

The dressing rooms at (**details supplied**) are housed within the Parkside Community Sports Centre, under the management of our Sports section.

Q32 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to prune the trees on (**details supplied**)

Reply

According to our records, the trees on (**details supplied**) are not in need of any significant pruning but will be checked for any basal growth or low hanging branches that may cause issue to passing pedestrians. With regard to the trees on (**details supplied**), Parks have listed these trees for inspection; any necessary work will be added to our Tree Care programme for the area.

Q33 Councillor McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to have the gullies cleared on (**details supplied**)

Reply

(**details supplied**) 6 of 7 gullies cleaned on 05/09/2023, one covered by a parked car.
No defects found.

(details supplied) 11 of 14 gullies cleaned on 01/09/2023, 2 gullies covered by a parked car and 1 gully covered by the concrete of the kerb. This gully has been forwarded to *Drainage Services Division* to have the concrete of the kerb removed from the gully. No other defects found.

(details supplied) 4 of 4 gullies cleaned on 01/09/2023. No defects found.

(details supplied) 30 of 30 gullies cleaned on 01/09/2023. No defects found.

(details supplied) 14 of 14 gullies cleaned on 01/09/2023. No defects found.

Q34 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to provide (details supplied)

Reply

The provision of additional parking at this location for users not visiting the housing complex would create increased traffic movements and this would add higher risks to the residents, some of whom have specific mobility requirements.

If the construction of additional parking bays was to proceed, it would involve a number of mature trees having to be removed. This would cause a sizeable reduction in the amenity and ambience for the residents of the complex.

The complex has 11 parking bays, including 1 disabled parking bay within the complex and another 5 parking bays on the periphery of the complex. At the time of our inspection, 6 of the bays were not occupied.

As there has been no requests for additional parking bays from the residents and given the environmental and amenity effect of removing mature trees or green space, we have no plans to provide additional parking bays at this time.

Q35 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager for an update regarding the disabled parking bay outside (details supplied)

Reply

There is a driveway at this address and therefore it does not qualify for a Disabled Parking Bay under Dublin City Council's criteria for installation of Disabled Parking Bays outside private residences.

Q36 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to take charge of the waste land area behind (**details supplied**)

Reply

The housing team are currently engaging with the residents effected and have made a number of site visits one of which included the Public Domain Officer, they have also linked in with the HSE. We are currently looking at various options to address the issue and I will update you as soon as we have an agreed plan in place.

Q37 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager what are the future plans for the (**details supplied**)

Reply: Marks Lane Depot is still housed in the Portland Row Depot, while our Dangerous Building Section still have a store on site. Marks Lane will be moving to Bannow Road in approx. 8-12 weeks.

Q38 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager (**details supplied**)

Reply

Were a development in the ownership of an Approved Housing Body it is the responsibility of the AHB housing teams to carry out all maintenance and repairs, in these circumstances DCC has no direct contractual relationship with the tenants of AHB's. However, as part of the Payment and Availability agreement which AHBs enter into with DCC as part of their CALF funding arrangements they are obliged to maintain units to a good standard.

Q39 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the area manager if they would consider placing (**details supplied**)

Reply Having sought H&S advice, the following was provided;

Defibrillators are provided at various locations throughout Dublin City Council workplaces for the benefit of DCC employees. In some instances they are *also* provided in *public* buildings run by DCC such as swimming pools or other buildings that provide a service where members of the public have to enter the building such as previously for Motor tax. Section 2 (Scope) of The Dublin City Council Automated External Defibrillator Policy Guidance Document explains this in more detail.

(**details supplied**) was described as a public area with residents in private houses. As such, and in every way, this type of location/situation would not come under the definition of a DCC work place or a public service building such as a swimming pool or motor tax office for

example. Therefore there is no *requirement* for Local Area Management to provide a defibrillator for this Housing Complex.

In fact, Local Area Management would find it extremely difficult to reach compliance with the applicable legislation (section 3 of the Guidance Doc), the purchasing section responsibilities (section 4.2) and AED operator responsibilities which are listed in this DCC Guidance Document, if it were to place an AED in such a location. All Local Area Offices are expected to aim to be in full compliance with the numerous DCC's Health and Safety Guidance and Procedures Documents at all time, including the Automated External Defibrillator Policy Guidance Document.

As a consequence of the reasons outlined above, H&S would advise not to grant this request by the local residents in the area.

Again please note:

H&S in DCC is entirely an advisory role; H&S Officers hold no management authority and therefore cannot make decisions for local management. Local Area Office Managers can make their own decisions on how they choose to manage their Area Office based on *advice* they accept from their H&S Unit.



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Q40 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the area manager to fix a loose manhole cover just before the junction of (**details supplied**)

Reply

The manhole has been repaired on Tuesday 5th September.

Q41 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the area manager if any traffic calming measures are being considered on (**details supplied**).

Reply

The area engineer has assessed the issues raised on (**details supplied**). The traffic volumes on this road are low. This road does not meet the criteria for new speed ramps. This area has SLOW road markings, Slow Zone traffic signs (30 km/h residential speed sign warning drivers) and School Zone road markings at St. Patrick's BNS and St Patricks NS (Junior).

Dublin City Council has a limited budget for 2023 therefore unable to recommend any further traffic calming at the aforementioned location at this time.

Q42 Councillor Eimer McCormack

Can the Area Manager advise who is responsible for the maintenance and management of **(details supplied)**

Reply

Water Pollution Control (WPC), within the Protection of Water Bodies Office is responsible for protection of waters within Dublin City Council's administrative area. 'Waters' includes rivers, streams, ponds, groundwater, estuarine, tidal and bathing waters. A function of the section includes; Cleaning of obstructions (fallen trees, bulky waste, trolleys etc.) that may give rise to flooding or result in the significant impediment of the rivers flow. River racks and weirs are also maintained to protect downstream infrastructure and mitigate risk of flooding.

WPC received correspondence regarding a suspected obstruction on the Tolka River between Frank Flood Bridge and Griffith Park Bridge on 9th of July 2023. A prompt investigation was conducted at the location, where the Inspector confirmed no obstructions to flow were present. These findings were communicated to the customer, who was satisfied with the response.

The River Tolka is routinely monitored and maintained by the section. The river is inspected on at least a monthly basis, in conjunction with statutory water framework directive monitoring in Griffith Park. Where an impediment to flow is identified by the section, work to remove the obstruction is actioned as soon as practicably possible. The river was last maintained on 13th and 14th of July, on the section between Frank Flood Bridge and Griffith Park Bridge. A significant quantity of bulky waste was removed from the channel including pallets, shopping trollies, and tyres. Pictures of the waste identified and removed from the river have been included in the end of the report for reference.

Regarding the report of overgrowth of trees and alluvial deposits, WPC shall only remove a tree where it has fallen into the river and obstructs flow. Flora and Fauna is extremely important to rivers under the EU Water Framework Directive and thus removal of such within the riparian zone is not conducted unless absolutely necessary. To date, WPC have not observed alluvial deposits causing an obstruction to flow. However, should there be evidence to the contrary, please provide directly to waterpollution@dublincity.ie for investigation.



Q43 Councillor Eimer McCormack

Can the Area Manager examine the possibility of providing **(details supplied)**

Reply

The bins which were replaced here actually have the same capacity as the original bins here. We are not installing any further big belly bins at this time. We will monitor the situation here to see if there is a requirement for an additional bin here.

Q44 Councillor Eimer McCormack

Can the Area Manager report on an alternative site for **(details supplied)**

Reply

Waste Management Services is committed to recycling and providing the best infrastructure we can in a busy urban environment. However the reality is that finding sites for new bottle and clothes banks in the city is very problematic. Publicly owned land is at a premium. The majority of these recycling banks in the city are located on privately owned land and we rely on the good will of property owners to provide recycling infrastructure in some areas.

We are restricted to where we can place bottle banks in particular regarding planning regulations and our service provider needs to be able to service all sites in a safe manner. The area must be free of overhead cables and overhanging trees, must not conflict with bus or cycle lanes and must be directly accessible by HGV.

Our Public Domain Officer is happy to work with the Area Office to identify any alternative site in this general area and investigate any feasible suggestions from elected representatives or members of the public. In the meantime we will endeavour to keep this site as clean and tidy as possible.

Q45 Councillor Eimer McCormack

Can the Area Manager please report on when the pruning of trees will occur on **(details supplied)**

Reply

Parks services have checked our records and have these trees listed for pruning works due 2024 at the earliest. All trees works are carried out on a prioritised basis, subject to available budget.

Q46 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the manager that the **(details supplied)**

Reply

(1) Gullies

(details supplied) 5 of 5 gullies cleaned on 04/09/2023. No defects found.

(details supplied) 5 of 5 gullies cleaned on 04/09/2023. No defects found.

(details supplied) 5 of 5 gullies cleaned on 04/09/2023. No defects found.

Q47 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a comprehensive update on **(Details Supplied)**

Reply

The redevelopment of (details supplied) achieved Part 8 planning permission at the April 2023 Council meeting.

The project proposal is for a mixture of deep retrofit, amalgamation and infill of the three existing housing blocks and for the provision of new housing blocks on the site. It is not intended for any demolition works to take place. It is proposed that the project will be completed in two phases. The first phase involves the amalgamation and redevelopment of the northern housing block (block nearest to Broadstone depot) and a new apartment block on the northern end of the site. A multi-use childcare space will be provided as part of Phase 1. The second phase will provide for the redevelopment of the two other housing blocks, along with a new apartment block to the south of the site and a row of mews houses along the boundary wall at the rear of the site. It is not intended for any demolition works to take place. The new scheme will provide 100% social housing, with a mix of one, two and three bedroom homes.

The regeneration project has received Stage 2 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) funding for the complete project and it is anticipated that the Stage 3 application will be submitted to the DHLGH in March 2024. Upon receipt of Stage 3 approval, the tender process will commence for Phase 1 of the project.

The Area Housing Manager is leading out on the de-tenanting of the estate having discussed the options with DCC Housing Allocations section. Decanting status has now been given to residents of Block 1 and there are currently 4 tenancies remaining. The Area Housing Manager

is working with these remaining tenants to identify alternative accommodation. Block 1 currently has 26 void units.

Presently, preliminary investigations works are due to commence in the coming weeks which will inform the tender for the main contractor. It is anticipated following final design development, procurement and DHLGH approvals that a contractor will start Phase 1 in 2024 and complete in Q2 2026.

Q48 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on **(details supplied)**

Reply

Dublin City Council (DCC) proposes three new LAPs to be prepared during the lifetime of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (the Development Plan):

- Naas Road lands (City Edge).
- Dublin Industrial Estate, Glasnevin.
- North East Inner City (NEIC).

To date, except for the process for the adoption of the Development Plan, no engagement has taken place with relevant stakeholders on the NEIC LAP. Some preliminary technical land use planning analysis was undertaken of the NEIC to inform the Development Plan. It is anticipated that work on the NEIC will commence in Q1 2024 subject to resources.

In the interim, the Development Plan contains a robust policy position to manage the development of public and private land in the NEIC.

Q49 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to indicate what progress the **(details supplied)**

Reply

Our Elected Representatives met in March last to advance the scheme of priorities which establishes the eligibility criteria for Affordable Homes purchasers. The scheme was subsequently agreed at a meeting of the Housing SPC and is to go before Full Council for adoption in the next month. Once adopted it will be advertised through the Dublin City Council website [Your Council | Dublin City Council](#) DCC public forum sites twitter, Instagram etc. interest can be registered through the website.

It is expected the process will be set up by end of 2023.

Q50 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide an update as to the status and indicative timeframe **(details supplied)**

Reply

Parks, Landscape & Biodiversity Services are working in partnership with the Protection of Water Bodies Office (PWBO) to implement a traffic calming and Sustainable Urban Drainage scheme (SuDS) pilot on (details supplied) an important East-West route and has been identified as a candidate for tree planting and traffic calming as part of the Stoneybatter Greening Strategy. There are significant traffic issues on this street that residents, Cllrs, and Minister Pascal Donohoe requested are addressed as part of works proposal.

Parks have engaged road engineers Atkins to detail the layout to address road and traffic issues such as speeding, unsafe/narrow footpaths, wide road with no designated crossing points, unregulated parking, congestion, and visibility at the road's east end, at the junction with (details supplied) to improve walking and cycling facilitates along this route.

The proposed traffic calming and Sustainable Drainage Scheme design for (details supplied) is currently being updated by Atkins engineers following non-statutory public engagement feedback received via Citizen Space portal and a public meeting held with residents on July 18th.

The scheme will be finalised in review with DCC's technical departments, Traffic Department, Protection of Water Bodies Office)

Screenings for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) have been carried out and recommended that both an EIA report and AA are not required for Montpellier Hill.

DCC Planning concur with this assessment and that the project is exempted development under Section 4(1)(e) and Section 179(6)(bb) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Thus, consent from the Traffic executive managed has been requested to implement works on (details supplied) under the provisions of the Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994.

The final scheme design will be subject to the cost estimate securing funding and a procurement process. We intend to progress to the project construction stage in the first quarter of 2024

Q51 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to indicate the progress made to date this year on planned works associated with **(Details Supplied)**

Reply

Projects due for delivery in 2023:

- **(details supplied)**

The below projects are at detailed design/tender stage:

- **(details supplied)**

I will be going on maternity leave in mid-December. As we have not yet confirmed a replacement resource, the timeline for the progression of the above works remains uncertain.

Design development & consultation for street tree planting on the following streets is ongoing with intention to deliver in 2024 -2025:

- **(details supplied)**

Q52 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to outline the progress that has been made **(Details Supplied)**

Reply

Parks Services are currently progressing consultations with local communities and depending on the outcome, will progress the tree planting projects over the next tree planting season.

Q53 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to outline where things currently stand with **(Details Supplied)**

Reply

Two different concept designs are being developed to eliminate cut-through traffic in the **(details supplied)** for a 6 month trial period. This includes two different filtered permeability proposals at the following two locations **(details supplied)**

Non-Statutory Public Consultation with local stakeholders will be carried out in Sept 2023, and will run for a period of 2 weeks. This includes a letter drop to local residents and a survey on the DCC Consultation Hub. The aim of the consultation is to gauge support for a scheme and to indicate which of the two locations respondents would prefer a filtered permeability trial to be installed.

A report summarising the feedback will be circulated to councillors via the central area office in Oct 2023. Councillors will be given time to review and discuss the report with local residents and stakeholders. Following this, we will seek feedback from councillors on the report and to agree whether to proceed with the implementation of a trial.

Q54 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager whether he is aware of **(Details Supplied)**;

Reply

The area office are receiving very few complaints or reports in relation to this issues. However, through our ongoing work with the Garda we identified one household involved in anti-social activity and this was dealt with under our anti-social behaviour strategy. Once DCC receive a complaint we will address the anti-social behaviour issue. Dublin City Council and the Garda continue to work in partnership to reduce and stop anti-social behaviour within our housing complexes and estates.

Q55 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manger the current status of plans for **(Details Supplied)**

Reply

The (details supplied)is at draft stage and will be presented to the next Area Committee Meeting in advance of public consultation.

There will be circa 12 individual projects of various sizes included in the Plan some are greening projects, some warrant full roads reconstruction and others upgrade to street fabric. It is not possible at this time to quantify the level of greening or tree planting as this is subject to survey of the individual locations. The heritage fabric, cobble and granite requires careful handling and it is also an area of Archaeological significance and regeneration. Live planning

permissions and applications will need to be considered in the phased delivery of the Plans so that it has longevity. The greening at the Four Courts was delivered as an example of what is proposed and a similar approach is considered for Greek Street as an exemplar project.

The Plan has received URDF Funding with a delivery timeline to 2030

Q56 **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to detail the status of plans to upgrade and enhance **(Details Attached)**

Reply

Parks Services are currently reviewing the overall design of **(details supplied)** with a view to delivering an enhanced park and play space for the community. The proposal is still at very early stages and as part of developing the scheme, there will be local consultation with the residents in due course.

Q57 **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager whether he is aware of **(Details Supplied)**

Reply (1)

As the APAS planning system would require a specific site location to enable Dublin City Council to determine if planning permission exists for advertising hoardings/billboards in the **(details supplied)**, Cllr. McAdam is asked to identify the location of any such advertising structures that he wishes to be investigated for the appropriate permissions.

Reply(2)

It would be helpful if the Councillor could identify any specific billboards that have been raised as a concern in the areas outlined, as an initial check by the planning enforcement section has not revealed any current live enforcement cases relating to unauthorised billboards in the area outlined. If the councillor has any further information he is requested to forward it on to the Planning Enforcement Manager for the City, John Downey at email address john.downey@dublincity.ie. If he wishes to discuss this matter further he can contact John Downey by phone to discuss.