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

"To ask the Manager to arrange for a pedestrian crossing at the All Saints Church, as this is a dangerous crossing (crossing to the shops in Raheny)"

#### Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035483) 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.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory

Group

Email: Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie

### Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the path to be fixed outside (details supplied)"

### Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11144182) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the locus and assign the repairs to a crew.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: <a href="mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie">ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie</a>

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

"To ask the Manager if the McAuley park playground has gone out to tender and when the work is expected to be completed."

#### **Reply**

The tenders for the proposed playgrounds at Harmonstown and Kilmore West have been received and assessed. The tenderers have been contacted and advised of the results of the assessment. At the end of the 2 week statutory standstill period the preferred tenderer will be appointed and local consultations can commence. Once these have been completed a timeframe for delivery can be agreed.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

### Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to have the tree pruned at (details supplied)"

### Reply

Arrangements have been made to have the trees in this and the adjacent estate fully and independently assessed. Any recommendations made by the consulting arborist as part of this assessment will be programmed as per the assigned priority rating.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Manager if the Steel barriers at the end of Griffith Avenue will be continued all the way to Philipsburgh Ave."

### **Reply**

There are currently no proposals to extend the installation of bollards on Griffith Ave.

**Contact:** Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager

Tel: 222 8840

Email: mick.carrol@dublincity.ie

#### **DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**

# DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE 16th October 2023

### Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager if the active travel department have plans to develop a Cycle Lane for Grace Park Road"

#### Reply

Grace Park Road is not situated on Dublin City Council's Active Travel Network. As a result, the Active Travel Programme Office currently has no plans to develop a cycle lane along the road.

It is noted that Grace Park Road is identified as a secondary route on the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan 2022. This may result in the road being considered for upgrades that will improve the experience of walking, wheeling and cycling in the future; however, the current primary objective of the Active Travel Programme Office is the delivery of the existing Active Travel Network.

Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Deputy Director for the Active Travel

**Programme** 

Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

### Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to follow up on the funding in 2022 for the visual improvement to take place at Shanrath Green, this was very simply a couple of raised flower beds and the path to be re-surfaced with some sort of glow in the dark paint or solar lights to help people see walking through it at night, lot of elderly people in the area"

### **Reply**

The area office are waiting for the Councillor to provide contact details for residents in this area so that staff can meet them on site.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager

Tel: 222 8546

Email: <u>derek.farrell@dublincity.ie</u>

### Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to assess the over-crowding at **(details supplied)** and the antisocial behaviour taking place"

### Reply

An inspection will be arranged of the property at **(details supplied)**, to check for compliance with the provisions of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. Issues regarding anti-social behaviour in privately rented properties do not fall under the remit of the Environmental Health Section of Dublin City Council, and may be dealt with under the disputes resolution process with the Residential Tenancies Board.

Contact: Michelle McNally, A/Principal Environmental Health

Officer

Tel: 222 3753

Email: michelle.mcnally@dublincity.ie

#### Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager about a festival in Ellenfield Park, I attend the family fun day in Grace Field in Drumcondra, and I understand the council supported this, I don't think there needs to be much more than this, arranging ice cream van etc. and it could be a lovely event. I understand there is an integration fund so having some culture dancing or singing would be lovely. The Lord Mayor is very much about spreading the Kind city so it could be marketed as a Kindness festival. If someone can come back to me on this and some of the local business are happy to support this."

#### Reply

The Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) are more than happy to work with the relevant departments and Councillor Batten on a festival for Ellenfield Park in 2024. The Area Community & Social Development Officer will commit to organising a meeting in early 2024 to progress further.

Contact: Niamh Reilly, Area Community & Social Development Officer –

Artane/Whitehall LEA

Tel: 2228841 / 086-3880982 Email: niamhp.reilly@dublincity.ie

The Parks Events Team will happily work with the organisers of any such proposed event to guide them through the necessary event management planning to ensure a safe and successful event.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

### Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager if he can accelerate the purchase and use of **(details supplied)** for use as a social house"

#### **Reply**

The site is entered on the Derelict Sites Register and is one of a number of sites that have been identified for acquisition as part of the Council's ongoing acquisitions strategy to tackle dereliction. The Derelict Sites Unit has initiated the statutory compulsory acquisition process as provided for in the Derelict Sites Act 1990; a Public Notice of Intention to Acquire the site compulsorily was published on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023 and a formal notice served on the owner and affixed to the property on the same date. The last day for objections to the compulsory acquisition is 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023.

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer

Phone: 222 3941

Email: <u>nial.dully@dublincity.ie</u>

The City Council will endeavour to finalise matters as regards the acquisition of this property and return it to use in a timely manner.

Contact: John Ryan, Administrative Officer

Tel: 222 5367.

Email: john.ryan@dublincity.ie

#### Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for a detailed update on the proposed new playground for the Kilmore West area"

#### Reply

The tenders for the proposed playgrounds at Harmonstown and Kilmore West have been received and assessed. The tenderers have been contacted and advised of the results of the assessment. At the end of the two week statutory standstill period the preferred tenderer will be appointed and local consultations can commence. Once these have been completed a timeframe for delivery can be agreed.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for a report on the proposed leasing arrangements for the Oscar Traynor Coaching & Development Centre and what provisions have been made to facilitate its use by local clubs Kilmore Celtic FC and St. John Vianney"

#### Reply

Under Indenture of Lease dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2003 the site at Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 17, was demised by Dublin City Council to The Oscar Traynor Coaching & Development Centre Limited for a term of 99 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 subject to an abated rent provided the site is used entirely as an Association Football Coaching, Development and Administration Centre

While the Council is aware that members of the board may change from time to time, there is no change in the tenant company and they comply with the covenants and conditions in the lease. The operation of the Centre is a matter for the lessee.

**Contact:** Margaret Mooney

Tel: 222 2852

Email: <u>property.management@dublincity</u>

### Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for an inspection of the public lighting along Marigold Crescent as I've received reports that a number of the street lights aren't working"

### Reply

We will arrange for a night inspection of the public lighting in Marigold Crescent to be undertaken to identify any lights that may be out. Any repairs required will then be scheduled.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services

Tel: 222 4539

Email: <u>karen.leeson@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to **(details supplied)** if he can refer to response provided by the CE to question 69 at September City Council meeting and if he can consider increasing the green light time for motorists (as opposed to green man time for pedestrians) at both junctions"

#### Reply

Dublin City Council policy priorities sustainable and Active Travel modes of transportation within the city.

Vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists receive the highest priority at traffic signalised junctions and crossings.

However, following evaluation of the two junctions in question on Griffith Ave, some amendments to traffic signal operation and timings have been made to lessen any congestion on Grace Park Rd / Philipsburgh Ave.

The operation of the traffic signal operation at these junctions will be monitored and further changes made, as required, to assist all road users, where there is scope to do so.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation.

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

#### Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to grant application as per **(details supplied)**, say if grant assistance can be provided in the circumstances"

#### Reply

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

A completed application form has not been received in Home Grants for (details supplied). I wish to confirm that we have forwarded a new application form to (details supplied) if they require assistance completing the application form, I would suggest that they contact Ms. Eimear McCormack, the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator.

Ms. McCormack can be contacted on 085 8622844.

I have attached the hyperlink to the Housing Aid for older people Grant (Private Houses) for further information.

https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/housing/i-own-my-home/grants-homeowners/housing-aid-older-people-grant

Contact: Deirdre Cahill, Senior Staff Officer

Tel: 222 2640

Email: deirdre.cahill@dublincity.ie

#### Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to location as per (details supplied), arrange to have clear updated signage erected advising park users of bye-laws in relation to maintaining control over their pets as pets are being allowed off leash on a regular basis and if animal welfare officer can be asked to visit same to advise dog owners of their responsibilities"

#### Reply

The Animal Welfare Unit will increase the number of Dog Warden patrols in **(details)** Park over the coming weeks and engage with dog owners to advise on responsible dog ownership under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and subsequent amendments.

**Contact:** Richard Herlihy, Administrative Officer

Tel: 222 6553

Email: richard.herlihy@dublincity.ie

The Parks Service is aware of this disappointing and inconsiderate behaviour by a very small number of dog owners and local supervisors have spoken to certain individuals on a number of occasions. Temporary signage has been erected in the recent past but is often removed by persons unknown. Permanent no dog signage has been ordered and will be erected in the coming weeks. The Animal Welfare service has been advised of this behaviour and does patrol the park on a not infrequent basis.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

### Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to **(details supplied)**, say if/how he can help bring about an improvement in the poor appearance/condition of the landing at same".

### **Reply**

The area in question is a private landing & not the responsibility of DCC.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2576

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

#### Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager to refer to footpaths and low wall at **(details supplied)** and say if he can agree to arrange for repair of same."

#### Reply

The low wall at this locus will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any necessary repairs will be listed on the repair programme for the area.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

An enquiry defect (ref. 11144550) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the above locations and create a jobs list for same & assign to a crew when they are next available in the locus.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North

City

Tel: 222 2576

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

### Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager to arrange to cut/spray/remove the overgrowth of weeds at **(details supplied)**."

### Reply

The area is maintained by contract which provides for strimming of such weed growth during the growing season, the matter has been referred to the contracts manager and will be attended to in the coming weeks as schedules allow.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

#### Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for an update on the plan to remove the illegal dump at Belcamp Gardens, Dublin 17."

### Reply

A Part 8 application to construct a new boundary wall at Belcamp Park was lodged on 9<sup>th</sup> August'23. The period for submissions has now closed and a Planners Report is being prepared.

An update on the part 8 will be presented to Councillors at the 16th October meeting.

A consultant team is preparing tender documents for the construction of the wall and the removal of the waste.

**Contact:** Marie Gavin, Senior Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 2577

Email: marie.gavin@dublincity.ie

### Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to please revert back to (**details supplied**) in relation to repairing a wall that was cracked as a result of work being done on the path"

### Reply

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has contacted Uisce Eireann customer services on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 and notified them of the alleged damage to the wall at the address supplied and requested what action(s) they propose to undertake.

**Contact:** Finan Dooley, Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 6727

Email: finan.dooley@dublincity.ie

### Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to arrange for contact to be made with **(details supplied)** to ensure that the residences are satisfied with the facilities being provided and there is a resolution to the kitchen being closed and they are not using a bucket to clean their cups.

#### **Reply**

Under our Health and Safety regulations we are unable to give the tenants access to the kitchen as it is used by the Meals on Wheels service.

**Contact:** Gillian Corcoran, Acting Area Housing Manager

Tel: 222 6942

Email: <u>Gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to follow up on the request from last year where (**details supplied**) that the path repairs where going on to the works program for 2023, and come back with a date when this work will be done."

#### **Reply**

An enquiry defect (ref. 11144692) has been created for **(details supplied)** and forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection and create a list of works and assign to a crew for repair.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 2576

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

### Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to ensure that there is an update at the JPC of where we are at with additional Garda presence in the Dublin 9 area in the night time, given the increase in criminal activities in the area lately"

#### **Reply**

This question is for the JPC and not for the Area Committee as the Gardai are not answerable to area committee questions. The question can be brought up with Senior Gardai on Monday at the JPC.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager

Tel: 222 8546

Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

### Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to arrange for a traffic safety review to take place in **(details supplied)**, to ensure that blind spots are not taking place with parking, and consider putting double yellow lines on the both corners and they are extended to the first house.

#### Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035333) 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.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory

Group

Email: Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie

#### Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to direct the traffic department to conduct a traffic assessment at rush hour, along Coolock Village and Beech Park Avenue, and consider the request of residence for ramps on the road."

#### Reply

Main Street (Coolock Village) is currently traffic calmed with 3 No. speed ramps placed at the appropriate distances for optimum traffic calming. At the junction with Beech Park Avenue/Coolock Village is traffic calmed by virtue of a raised table (large ramp). There is a pedestrian crossing near Ulster Bank on Main St. Which further aids in traffic calming.

Main Street has on street parking which effectively acts as traffic calming by physically narrowing the carriageway and reducing drivers forward visibility in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets guidelines.

Main Street is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists the road is a residential area and to expect children.

These signs are clearly marked at entrance from Malahide Road and Oscar Traynor Road. It is therefore not recommended to introduce traffic calming measures on Main Street at this time.

Regarding "speed ramps Beech Park Avenue", this request will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

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

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

#### Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to direct the traffic department to conduct a traffic assessment of Montrose Drive for Jazzer lines and double Yellow Lines at both corners, there is issues with the school Parking and there needs to be some action to address the dangerous parking."

#### Reply

It is not recommended to install parking restrictions, such as providing double yellow lines where restrictions are already covered under the law.

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2); a vehicle shall not be parked:

- (c) Within 5 metres of a road junction;
- (i) On a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;

Any instances of illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services (Tel No. 01 602-2500) or email info@dsps.ie for enforcement under the Regulations.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

### Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to direct the traffic department to conduct a traffic assessment at Ardmore Drive, Artane existing out on to the Kilmore road, this is a huge estate and there is no filter light for residence to access the main road. There has been a number of near misses."

#### Reply

The aforementioned location will be assessed in due course and if warranted will be placed on a list of Controlled Pedestrian Crossings for funding.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: <u>gerald.mcentagart@dubluncity.ie</u>

#### Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for a detailed update on the proposal for a new community centre for the Kilbarrack area."

#### **Reply**

The Area Office met with Northside Partnership to establish their level of interest in becoming anchor tenant of any proposed new community facility in Kilbarrack.

DCC Architects Department have since been requested to examine whether their office/space requirements could be incorporated into the initial design/plans for the Community Centre which were drawn up in 2018, taking into account that the childcare facility space would no longer be needed.

**Contact:** Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer.

Tel: 222 8845

Email: deirdre\_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

### Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager to have the back windows at **(details supplied)** replaced. They are in very bad condition. The front windows were replaced a number of years ago."

#### Reply

Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot will carry out an inspection of the windows at this property. If they are in need of replacement, all necessary works will be carried out.

**Contact:** Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 2223517

Email: <u>clive.ahern@dublincity.ie</u>

### Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager to make provision for extra litter bins at (details supplied)."

### Reply

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned roads assessed and litter levels monitored there over the coming weeks to see if there is a requirement for extra litter bins.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

### Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** and say if the area can be given closer attention for street sweeping and cleansing."

#### Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned at the end of September 2023. We will monitor litter levels there between scheduled cleanings and arrange extra cleaning if necessary.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

### Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager to make provision for the following at **(details supplied)**, some of the paths are in a very dangerous condition as a lot of the residents use walking aids etc."

#### **Reply**

An enquiry defect (ref.11144820) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection of footpaths in **(details supplied)** estate and create a list of defects for repair.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 2576

Email: <u>ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager to respond to this housing application of **(details supplied)** who is awaiting a Medical Priority and is currently commencing Dialysis. Can the manager indicate when they will be offered suitable accommodation?"

### **Reply**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a medical priority, with an application date of 01/03/2023, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
В	1	28
E	1	32
Н	1	27

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list 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.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Acting Allocations Officer

Tel: 222 2201

Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

#### Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager can the overgrown tree at **(details supplied)** be removed or adequately pruned"

**Details: 23 Cromcastle Close.** 

#### **Reply**

Estate Management have asked a contractor to inspect the tree in the front garden, with a view to prune/remove it. Tenant will be contacted directly.

**Contact:** Gillian Corcoran, Acting Area Housing Manager

Tel: 086 8556560

Email: <u>gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie</u>

Housing Maintenance will call out to undertake an assessment. If the tree is in the garden, we will inspect it to see if we can undertake any works. If the tree is outside the property boundary on the public footpath, we will forward this onto Parks for their review.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 2223517

Email: <u>clive.ahern@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager about three of the beautiful but old trees on Saint Lawrence Road which have fallen in the last 2/3 months with the various storms and high winds that we've been having. Every time a tree has fallen it's taken out a car, a railing or a front window. The trees are so tall and so heavy that a person would not stand a chance if they happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Tree surgeons from DCC surveyed the fallen trees after they fell and said both had root rot - these were at either ends of the road. So it's not beyond the realms of possibility to think that further trees on the road could have the same. Can someone come out and assess the safety of the current trees?

#### Reply

Arrangements have been made to have the trees on this road fully and independently assessed. Any recommendations made by the consulting arborist as part of this assessment will be programmed as per the assigned priority rating.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager to make provision for a speed bump/ramp at (details supplied)"

Details: Brookwood Lawn, Dublin 5. This is a small cul de sac with a green area. Used by small children as a play area.

#### Reply

The above location is short in length which is not conducive to speed and does not meet the criteria for the provision of speed ramps (it does not have a straight run of more than 200 metres). It is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking, which reduces the carriageway width for drivers and increases driver caution/awareness.

Considering the above, further measures such as speed ramps are not recommended.

The Area Engineer has recommended provision of a cul de sac sign on above location at junction with Rosemount Ave to reduce the instances of drivers entering the area in error due to lack of signage and to alert drivers that this location is a residential area.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart - North City Executive Engineer

Email: <u>gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie</u>

### Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to clean up Maryville Road, the full road, especially the start of it at (details supplied), the paths are full of weeds in the cracks."

Details: Requested by number 15 Maryville Road.

### <u>Reply</u>

An enquiry defect (ref.11144878) has been created for **(details supplied)** & forwarded to the Area Inspector for inspection. A list of jobs will be created & assigned to a crew for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services will arrange cleaning here by the middle of October 2023.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

### Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager to have a full traffic study carried out at **(details supplied)** with a view to installing pedestrian/traffic lights. This is a very busy junction adjacent to schools, shops, two bus stops (on a very busy bus route) and a church. The road layout can be very hazardous for traffic manoeuvres."

Details: See map Clonshaugh Ave/Priorswood Road/Glin Road

### Reply

The aforementioned location will be assessed in due course and if warranted will be placed on a list of Controlled Pedestrian Crossings for funding.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: gerald.mcentagart@dubluncity.ie

### Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager to have a maintenance inspection carried out at **(details supplied)** and an investigation into opening up the play area around the block, which is currently closed."

**Details: 33 Cromcastle Court** 

#### Reply

Housing Maintenance will carry out an inspection at this property and all necessary works will be undertaken.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 3517

Email: <u>clive.ahern@dublincity.ie</u>

A maintenance inspection has been organised, for the play area at above location, with a view to re-opening it.

**Contact:** Gillian Corcoran, Acting Housing Manager

Tel: 086 8556560

Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

## Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide an update on the installation of (details supplied)"

Details: bollards to protect the grass verge opposite the the Mace shop on Shantall Rd

## **Reply**

The manager is liaising with parks and roads re the proposed provision of extra bollards to prevent parking on the grass verge.

**Contact:** Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager

Tel: 222 8546

Email: <u>derek.farrell@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide an update on the decanting of Cromcastle Court and the reallocation of tenants"

#### **Reply**

The regeneration of the first phase of Cromcastle Court and the Coalyard site received Stage 2 approval in August 2023.

In Phase 1 it is proposed to demolish three existing blocks and rebuild in their place, new blocks with capacity for 115 homes.

An integrated design team has been progressing with design proposals and are preparing to commence the planning process which will be through the Section 179a planning approval process.

The three blocks which are earmarked for demolition have now been fully decanted.

Contact: Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer

Tel: 222 3695

Email: <u>alice.simington@dublincity.ie</u>

There are 3 fully de-tenanted blocks in Cromcastle Court (Blocks 6,7 8). The remaining 5 blocks are being de-tenantated on an on-going basis. There are 54 units of the remaining 80 units occupied. Block 5 has the least number of occupied units with only 4 tenants remaining. We continue to de-tenant the remaining blocks when suitable vacancies arise to fit the needs of the remaining tenants.

**Contact:** Gillian Corcoran, Acting Area Housing Manger

Tel: 222 6942

Email: Gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

## Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the investigation of foul sewage smells coming from the drains along (details supplied)"

**Details: 6 The Close, Beaumont Woods** 

### Reply

DCC Drainage responded to a work order relating to malodours at above location on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. Local foul sewer was found to be choked and this has now been cleared. Odours in the locality may continue for a day or two before dissipating.

**Contact:** Jack Mills, Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 2842

Email: jack.mills@dublincity.ie

## Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide an update on the housing maintenance audit requested last month for (details supplied)"

**Details: 16 Belcamp Avenue** 

### Reply

The Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot will carry out a full maintenance check at this property to include plumbing, electrical and heating, and all necessary work will be carried out.

**Contact:** Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 2223517

Email: <u>clive.ahern@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the cleaning of gullies at (details supplied)"

## Reply

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

- (details 1) 32 of 32 Gullies cleaned and inspected on 05/10/2023
- (details 2) 21 of 22 Gullies cleaned and inspected on 05/10/2023.

All Gullies mentioned above are in good working order.

Contact: Kevin Vallely, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood

**Incident Management Division** 

Tel: 222 7504

Email: kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie

## Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the fixing of the pavement at (details supplied)"

## <u>Reply</u>

An enquiry (ref.11144960) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector for inspection.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 2576

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

## Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the cutting back of the tree branches at **(details supplied)**"

### Reply

This tree was fully inspected on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 22 and recorded to our digital inventory of street trees. The tree was assessed to be of moderate quality with no works required or recommended. The tree is not due to be re-inspected until 2026.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

#### Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to **(details supplied)** say when necessary improvements can be carried out to dwelling"

### Reply

The above address was acquired by Clanmil Housing Association Ireland Ltd in 2020 using Capital Assistance Scheme funding. A leak, from a privately owned apartment on an upper floor, damaged the property in May 2022. The AHB extensively engaged with the Property Management Company but efforts to have the leak repaired were protracted. Ultimately, the leak was repaired in August 2023, this enabled installation of new flooring, wall treatment and painting to be completed in the subject property on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Other issues raised by the tenant in August 2023 relate to areas outside of the apartment and have been reported to the Property Management Company.

Contact: Aisling Browne, A/Senior Staff Officer

Tel: 222 6530

Email: <u>aisling.browne@dublincity.ie</u>

### Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

"To ask the Manager what effort the Council is making to ensure that the vacant former credit union building in Ayrfield is returned to community use; what is the status of ownership and lease; is the executive aware that Ayrfield United FC and Ayrfield Youth Club lack suitable premises and are examples of possible future use for the building; and if a full report will be given."

#### **Reply**

Dublin City Council granted a lease of premises at Blunden Drive for use as a credit union for a term of 35 years from 17th February 1993 to Ayrfield Credit Union Limited (later changed to Member First Credit Union Limited). This lease is due to expire in 2028. Property Development is aware that the premises is closed and no longer operational as a credit union and are engaging with the legal representatives of Member First Credit Union Limited in relation to the terms and conditions and residue of their lease. Future uses of this premises cannot be progressed until matters with the current lessee are resolved.

Contact: Bronagh Corry, Senior Executive Officer

Phone: 222 3488

Email: <u>bronagh.corry@dublincity.ie</u>

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#### Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

"To ask the Manager if there is a timetable for the opening of Belmayne Main Street; if clarity will be provided on the report from the Roads Construction Division given to the recent community forum which claimed that reopening is dependent on both completion of various local construction projects and planning approval for Bus Connects; if he is aware of the huge disruption to residents in this densely populated area and if he will help ensure that the road is opened without further undue delay."

#### Reply

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Belmayne Avenue and Churchwell Rise is open to the Public.

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Belmayne Avenue and Priory Hall in the interest of everybody's safety is planned to open to the Public by the end of 2023.

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Churchwell Rise and Malahide Road in the interest of everybody's safety is planned to open to the Public by the end of 2024.

Contact: Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer

Tel: 086 3860696

Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

## Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager to remove the branches and debris brought down onto the far green in Grace Park Heights during recent storms (photos attached)."

### Reply

The clean-up after the recent storm events is ongoing and will take a number of weeks to complete.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

### Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager to remove and clear tree stumps left in Grace Park Heights following recent storms. In the interests of clarity these stumps are unrooted, not still in the ground, and according to residents there are 10 in total between the two estates. Some of the locations include (**details supplied**)"

### **Reply**

Due to the not insignificant number of trees that failed here during the recent storm events arrangements have been made to have all of the trees in this estate independently surveyed. Ideally the stumps will be left in situ to allow an examination of same by the consulting arborist. Once the survey has been completed arrangements will be made to have these and other stumps in the area removed.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

## Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager to arrange immediate repairs of dangerous footpaths in Grace Park Heights and Meadows where damage has been done by trees being uprooted in the storm."

### **Reply**

An enquiry (ref. 11144963) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection of both these estates and assign repairs to a crew.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

## Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager to arrange clean-up of leaves on the footpaths in Grace Park Heights and Meadows."

## Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure the above mentioned roads are included as often as possible during the leaf removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

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

Tel: 2224240

Email: <u>mick.boyle@dublincityt.ie</u>

## Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager to send a claims form to **(details supplied)** who wishes to have the damage from tree roots to his cobble lock assessed for a potential claim"

## **Reply**

Arrangements will be made to post out the claim forms.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

## Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager to arrange a street sweeper for Donnycarney Road due to heavy fall of hazelnuts."

## Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure hazelnuts are cleared from Donnycarney Road as often as possible as part of the leaf removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: <u>mick.boyle@dublincityt.ie</u>

## Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager if the Council will prune the tree at (details supplied)?"

### Reply

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager if the Council will review and prune a tree at **(details supplied)** that produces a large volume of tree sap? The resident had a bad fall due to slipping on the sap and has been in hospital on account of very serious injury."

### Reply

Dublin City's Tree Policy adopted as policy in 2016 does not consider the reduction or removal of Honeydew as a valid reason to remove an otherwise healthy tree. Leaves, seeds and honeydew are defined in the policy as 'natural and seasonal occurrences and are judged to be a relatively-minor, short-lived inconvenience when considering the many benefits of having trees in the urban environment'.

Objective 3.7.6 states that 'the Council will not prune of fell a Council owned tree solely to remove or reduce honeydew or other sticky residue from trees'. The tree at this location has been inspected a number of times this summer, including after each recent storm event on foot of concerns raised by the resident and each time no excessive sap/honeydew was observed and the tree was found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

### Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager if the Council will dish the footpath at the pedestrian entrance to the Coolock Primary Care Centre on Cromcastle Road, as it is currently an accessibility issue?"

### **Reply**

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035533) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

### Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager what the schedule is for removal of leaves in the cycle lanes on Griffith Avenue as every year there are issues with the cycle lane becoming clogged due to heavy leaf fall. When combined with heavy rains this makes the cycle track unusable and forces cyclists out onto the carriageway. It would be good to get ahead of the issue."

#### Reply

Waste Management Services remove leaves from Griffith Avenue on a daily basis during the leaf removal programme over the autumn and winter months. We will ensure that as much priority as possible is given to the cycle lanes there.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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#### Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager for an update on the removal of the tree at **(details supplied)** The resident was informed last year that the tree was scheduled for removal in the 'winter of 2023/2024' (see below for reply given last year). Can the parks superintendent please confirm this will go ahead as the resident has significant issues with the tree including touching off power lines and very heavy fruit fall (see pictures attached)"

A Theachta,

DCC's Parks Service agreed a multi-annual phased replacement programme of all of the problematic pear trees in Marino. The residents association devised the schedule after consulting with their residents to prioritise the worst trees where the most vulnerable residents lived and so as not to remove too many from one street at one time.

The tree at (**details supplied**) is listed in the agreed plan for removal in the winter of 2023/24

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Fergus O'Carroll Senior Executive Parks Superintendent North City Parks District

#### Reply

It is fully intended to schedule the annual tranche of tree replacements this winter 2023/24 as has been agreed with the residents as part of the multi-annual phased replacement programme of problematic trees in the area.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

### Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager to please prune the tree at (details supplied)"

### Reply

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if the Council will fix the trip hazard and prune the tree at a location (details supplied)"

### Reply

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

An enquiry (ref. 1114489) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will inspect this footpath and add the work list.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 2576

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

### Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if the tree at the end of Clonrosse Court close to two houses at

(**Details supplied**) can be inspected? Residents are concerned that the part covered in moss may be rotting, weak and pose a danger."

### **Reply**

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

## Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if the Council will repair the surface of the green at Slademore Avenue - work was previously carried out by the Council and there are holes and unlevel surfaces remaining on the grass."

### Reply

The area will be inspected and any works deemed necessary to make the area safe will be listed for inclusion in the works programme for the area.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

## Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if the Council will restore the grass verge outside (**details supplied**) properly after a tree was removed"

## Reply

An inspection of the locus will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in works schedule for the area.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

### Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

To ask the manager to reinstate (**details supplied**) on the list of roadworks to be carried out in the coming 12 months"

## Reply

Sections of **(details supplied)** are included in the C10-22 North City Civils Works, which is currently underway. This contract includes sections of footpath repairs which should be completed in 2023. Carriageway repairs will be considered when drafting the 2024 works programme. Attached is a copy of the 2023 works programme with associated costs.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: <a href="mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie">ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie</a>

#### Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager if the following property at **(details supplied)** could be upgraded to reinstate a downstairs bathroom and upgrade the current insulation as the lady who shares this property with her daughter's family suffers from chronic illnesses, letters concerning which have been provided to Allocations Office and is unable to access the upstairs bathroom"

#### Reply

The above property is leased by the Council under a long term lease agreement. By virtue of the lease the Council is responsible for internal repair and maintenance and the owner/lessor has obligation for all structural repairs. The owner has previously declined our requests to reinstate the downstairs bathroom. The property originally had a downstairs toilet, which did not comply with building regulations. At the request of the Council, the owner removed the toilet in order for the property to be considered suitable. This is a four bedroom house, three bedrooms upstairs and one downstairs. The tenant signed and agreed that the accommodation was suitable to their needs.

Contact: Aisling Browne, A/Senior Staff Officer

Tel: 222 6530

Email: <u>aisling.browne@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager to provide an update on the work being undertaken by the Council to address issues related to a property at **(details supplied)**"

## **Reply**

The property was secured with steel shutters and graffiti removed. Housing Acquisitions are inspecting the property in the coming days.

**Contact:** Gillian Corcoran, Acting Housing Manager

Tel: 0868556560

Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

#### Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager if he will take steps to address parking issues at **(details supplied)**, in Dublin 9"

#### Reply

Dublin Street Parking Services are active in this area and regularly patrol and enforce illegal parking. They will be requested to continue to focus patrols on the roads in this estate. This estate does not have restricted parking and therefore vehicles are permitted to park on the public road, however if vehicles are causing obstruction to driveways, Dublin Street Parking Services should be contacted and the obstruction reported. Contact details 01 6022500 info@ dsps.ie

Contact: Linda McDonald, Acting Parking Enforcement Officer

Tel: 222 2238

Email: <u>linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie</u>

The appropriate measure to deal with the issues raised is the introduction of a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme. The purpose of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme is to eliminate long term commuter parking.

If residents would like to apply for a Residential Parking Scheme details of the criteria can be found on the DCC website:

https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme

Illegal parking/speeding should be referred to the local Gardai as and when they occur

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

### Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager to provide speed ramps on **(details supplied).** It is the only road of the surrounding roads which does not have ramps and consequently, is used by more by speeding Traffic. It is the one road in the immediate area with a green and therefore has a lot more children at play and could do with traffic calming.

### **Reply**

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035474) 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.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory

Group

Email: Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie

### Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager for an update on the provision of a playground for McAuley Park"

### Reply

The tenders for the proposed playgrounds at Harmonstown and Kilmore West have been received and assessed. The tenderers have been contacted and advised of the results of the assessment. At the end of the 2 week statutory standstill period the preferred tenderer will be appointed and local consultations can commence. Once these have been completed a timeframe for delivery can be agreed.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to please request the Tree at (details supplied) be removed and or Loped and branches cut back as impacting serious to neighbouring residents.

#### **Reply**

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

## Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager at the Junction of (**details supplied**) that we commit to a Dublin Canvass box at the entrance of the estate. I had requested numerous time previously and it a great location for the box."

## **Reply**

This Public Domain Team have noted the request and have referred it to Dublin Canvas for consideration for artwork in the 2024 programme.

Contact: Joanne O'Sullivan, Environmental Liaison Officer

Tel: 0872868325

Email: joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie

## Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to seek Traffic calming measures at (**Details Supplied**) as resident are complaining about the consistent speeding. Can we also engage for installation of the Yellow Pencils to help with this matter?"

## Reply

Recently a speed survey was conducted on above location. The resultant 85% percentile speed was found to be 33.4 km/h and did not indicated the presence of speeding vehicles which suggests that the road is compliant with the speed limit.

Therefore, the provision of any traffic calming measures is not recommended at this time.

Provision of Yellow Pencils – will be referred to Safe Routes to School Team for assessment

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive

Email: <u>gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie</u>

## **DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**

# DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE 16th October 2023

## Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to have Road maintenance at (**Details Supplied**) as path needs repair as a dip into resident's garden and causing a water to hold at end of driveway."

## **Reply**

An enquiry (ref. 11144998) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will investigate this matter.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: <u>ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to request parking enforcement to inspect illegal parking of cars at (**details supplied**) as resident complaining about dangerous parking on a bend of a junction in the estate. Exact location and photos can be provided.

## Reply

The parking enforcement inspector will visit the junction of **(details supplied)** and investigate, where illegal parking is observed parking enforcement action will be requested.

Contact: Linda McDonald, Acting Parking Enforcement Officer

Tel: 222 2238

Email: <u>linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to request parking enforcement to inspect illegal parking of cars at (**details supplied**) as resident complaining about dangerous parking on a junction on the road. Big HGV Vehicles. Exact location and photos can be provided"

#### Reply

This location is not in charge of Dublin City Council and the enforcement contractor has no authority to carry out enforcement action here. Residents should contact An Garda Siochána in relation to dangerous parking.

Contact: Linda McDonald, Acting Parking Enforcement Officer

Tel: 222 2238

Email: <u>linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie</u>

# Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager for an update on Belmayne Main Street, Dublin 13 as these works should have been complete already and when will the road open to public"

## **Reply**

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Belmayne Avenue and Churchwell Rise is open to the Public.

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Belmayne Avenue and Priory Hall in the interest of everybody's safety is planned to open to the Public by the end of 2023.

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Churchwell Rise and Malahide Road in the interest of everybody's safety is planned to open to the Public by the end of 2024.

**Contact:** Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer

Tel: 086 3860696

Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

## Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to update (**Details Supplied**) for the Greenspace keen to see progress on works here and improvements on this space. The greenspace is suffering with drainage issues for many years and require the works to be carried out".

### **Reply**

The pitches at this location have been included in the annual pitch maintenance programme for 2024 currently underway and it is expected that surface amelioration works and topdressing will be carried out in the coming weeks, weather permitting.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

# Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to provide an updated list of Void within Area B and projected turnaround of these voids for year-end 2023"

#### Reply

Please see attached voids report for the North Central Area.

**Contact** Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 3708

Email: <a href="mailto:robert.buckle@dublincity.ie">robert.buckle@dublincity.ie</a>

## Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to seek Traffic calming measures at (**Details Supplied**) as resident are complaining about the consistent speeding. Can we also engage for installation of the Yellow Pencils to help with this matter?"

#### Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7017176) 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.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory

Group

Email: Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie

#### Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to request If any additional EV Charging pointing will be installed by DCC or a requests have been sought ESB Networks In north Central Area"

#### Reply

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy commissioned by DCC, DLRCC, FCC, SDCC, Smart Dublin and CARO established an overview of the anticipated demand for public EV charging equipment up to 2030.

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

The Dublin Local Authorities and our energy agency Codema are also in the process of procuring commercial partners for the supply, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of Public Destination Electric Vehicle Charge Points at locations across the City and County. Locations considered for the pilot scheme will be prioritised to optimise the benefit to all EV drivers in the County and to support a just transition to a low carbon national fleet.

Contact: Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 6116

Email: <u>darby.mullen@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding sweeping at cyclelanes (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter."

#### **Reply**

Waste Management Services clean all cycle lanes on main thoroughfares on a daily basis. Cycle lanes on residential roads are also cleaned regularly. We pay as much attention as possible to the cleaning of cycle lanes particularly during leaf fall season.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

#### Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding roundabout **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

#### Reply

The practice of painting kerbside infrastructure has been phased out over the years with the introduction and installation of electrical illuminated bollards and the option of erecting high resolution traffic chevrons where appropriate.

(The impact of the adherence to Health & Safety associated with construction regulations, when working near or on carriageways, deems it necessary to implement essential and comprehensive traffic management. This includes the submission of traffic management plans and method statements - as a condition - to qualify for the appropriate T2 license to carry out this type of maintenance. In addition - it is expensive)

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

## Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding double parking at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

## Reply

The parking enforcement inspector will visit the junction of **(details supplied)** and investigate, where illegal parking is observed parking enforcement action will be requested.

Contact: Linda McDonald, Acting Parking Enforcement Officer

Tel: 222 2238

Email: <u>linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Traffic (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter."

#### Reply

Following on from previous site investigations, it was observed that the above location is not conducive to speed and is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking which act as passive traffic calming measures. Thus reducing carriageway width for motorists and increasing driver caution in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidelines; in addition, the bends near house Nos. 39, 20 and 90 (details supplied) act as a traffic calming measures by causing drivers to slow to navigate the bends at this location.

The above location has a posted 30 km/h speed limit with corresponding road traffic signage at the junctions with Ardlea Road and Mayfield Cres. Alerting drivers the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone and to expect children.

A previous speed survey indicated drivers travelled at an 85th percentile of 32 km/h and therefore the provision of any extra traffic calming measures is not recommended at this time.

Enforcement of speed limits is a matter for An Garda Síochána, and TAG will raise the Councillor's concern with them at the next TAG Meeting.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: gerald.mcentagart@dubluncity.ie

#### Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding tree removal at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

#### Reply

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

## Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding noise issue at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

## **Reply**

This matter will be investigated to ascertain if there is a practical solution to this issue which might be actioned as part of a future works programme.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

## Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding traffic lights at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

## Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035477) 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.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory

Group

Email: Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie

## Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding lights in parks (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

## Reply

As parks are officially closed at night the Parks Service does not light up parks for use after dark. There are two number lit commuter routes across this park providing connections for local residents.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

#### Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

## Reply

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

#### Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding footpath repair/tree pruning at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

#### Reply

A tree inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

An enquiry (ref. 11145001) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will investigate this matter.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

## Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding footpath repair (**(details supplied)**) and if he will make a statement on the matter."

## Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11145002) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection at this address & assign a crew to repair same.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

# Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding tree pruning at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

#### Reply

This adopted tree policy does not consider the reduction or removal of leaf fall as a valid reason to prune or remove an otherwise healthy tree. Leaves, seeds and honeydew are defined in the policy as 'natural and seasonal occurrences and are judged to be a relatively-minor, short-lived inconvenience when considering the many benefits of having trees in the urban environment'. An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

# Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding grass cutting at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

## Reply

This location is within the Fingal Administrative area.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

## Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding footpath reinstatement at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

## Reply

Road Maintenance Services has been in communication with Irish Water on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 to carry out remedial works on the reinstatement at this location.

**Contact:** Finán Dooley, Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 6727

Email: <u>finan.dooley@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding grass verge outside his house **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

## Reply

Road Maintenance Services does not have a roadworks record of KN Circet working on behalf of a Utility at this location. Road Maintenance Services will investigate further what utility was working at the address specified.

Contact: Finán Dooley, Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 6727

Email: finan.dooley@dublincity.ie

## Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to list and respond to the following regarding the provision of bins at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

## Reply

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned roads assessed and litter levels monitored over the coming weeks to see if there is a requirement for extra litter bins.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

#### Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding housing (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter."

#### Reply

The above applicant is on the Oder Persons Housing List with an application date of 30/6/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	20
Area D	1	12

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.

**Contact:** Sandra Barry, Acting Allocations Officer

Tel: 222 2201

Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

#### Q.101 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding tree / footpath issues at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

#### **Reply**

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

**Contact:** Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

An enquiry (ref.11145005) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection & assign the repairs to a crew.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

## Q.102 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding tree pruning at **(Details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

## Reply

This tree was fully inspected on the 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 22 and recorded to our digital inventory of street trees. The tree was assessed to be of moderate quality with no works required or recommended. The tree is not due to be re-inspected until 2026.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 6625

## Q.103 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding dangerous footpath at (**Details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter."

# **Reply**

An enquiry (ref. 11145001) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of this locus and add to a works list for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

# Q.104 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding dangerous footpath at (**Details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter."

# **Reply**

An enquiry (ref. 11145007) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector for repair.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMS

Tel: 222 2297

Email: <u>ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.105 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding manhole issue at (**Details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

#### Reply

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has been in communication with Irish Water on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 to carry out remedial works on the manhole cover and frame at the location details provided.

Contact: Finán Dooley Tel: 222 6727

Email: <u>finan.dooley@dublincity.ie</u>

DCC Drainage have investigated this manhole and found that it is on part of the foul sewerage network. The frame has sunken in the roadway and it has been scheduled for exchange by Irish Water who own this asset.

Contact: Jack Mills, Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 2842

Email: jack.mills@dublincity.ie

## Q.106 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Manager could the Clontarf promenade car park that is due to be dug up as part of the phase 2 wad culvert works be replaced with permeable surface and safe pavement be provided through the car park to the seafront from the road to facilitate those using the bus and with pushchairs or wheelchairs" images provided"

#### Reply

As part of the Wad Phase 2 works at the Clontarf promenade, the design team will ensure that an appropriate pedestrian and car park surface is in place within the areas that are effected by the works.

**Contact:** James Nolan, Executive Manager

Tel: 222 4858

Email: james.nolan@dublincity.ie

#### Q.107 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Manager could I have an update from the Coolock to Clontarf cycleway team?"

#### Reply

The DCC Active Travel Programme Office recently appointed a consultant Jacobs to provide Engineering services for the Coolock to Clontarf Walking & Cycling Scheme. The scheme will now be delivered in 3 phases:

# <u>Phase 1- Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue, Sybill Hill and a short section of Vernon Avenue.</u>

The non-statutory Public Consultation for this Phase was carried out from 6th June to 31st July, 2023. A public information event was held in Artane Coolock Family Resource Centre on Tuesday 25th July, 2023 with over eighty persons attending. Over 800 submissions have been received. These are being reviewed and the Public Consultation report is currently being prepared.

Jacobs to develop the Detailed Design over Q4 2023 and Q1 2024.

# Phase 2- Vernon Avenue to Clontarf Road and Phase 3- Ardlea Rd/Kilmore Rd / Oscar Traynor Road and

Jacobs to commence the Concept Development and Option Selection for Phase 2 and 3 in 2024.

Contact: Grainne O'Brien, Senior Engineer.

Tel: 222 8607

Email: grainne.obrien@dublincity.ie

#### Q.108 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Manager could I have an update on when we will have a meeting/ workshop to discuss the Vernon avenue village design project as agreed previously"

#### Reply

Active Travel recently appointed a consultant to provide Engineering services for the Coolock to Clontarf Walking & Cycling Scheme. The scheme will be delivered in 3 phases:

The consultant will commence the Concept Development and Option Selection for Phase 2 **Vernon Avenue to Clontarf Road** in 2024.

The DCC Active Travel Programme Office will work with the DCC department that is leading the Vernon Avenue Village Design Project so that it can incorporate the requirements of the walking & cycling scheme.

A meeting will be arranged with the local Councillors in the coming weeks to discuss the feasibility of developing a public realm project at this location.

**Contact:** Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager

Tel: 222 8840

Email: <u>mick.carrol@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q.109 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Manager could the large dip on Clontarf road opposite Alfie Byrne road be looked at on the newly resurfaced pavements as it could be a trip hazard due the shape gradient and could the proper tactile markings be put where the pavements cross over the cycle way at the Alfie Byrne road, I blind man showed me he has no way of knowing he is crossing over, see photo attached"

### **Reply**

With regard to the two queries as outlined we would be grateful for an opportunity to review the items raised. The Clontarf to City Centre Project would be happy to come back with a full response once a review of the items has been undertaken.

Contact: Joe Mernagh, Executive Engineer Email: <u>ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie</u>