

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
15th May 2024

Q1 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services for an updated schedule for the delivery of the Dolphins Barn and Newmarket public realm schemes. The projects have been funded and planning has been approved, with no progress for 6-7 years in either.

Reply

Dolphins Barn and Newmarket public realm schemes are on the Road Design priority list and they will be progressed when resources are available.

Contact: Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer, Road Design Division
Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the industrial railings/gates at Myra Close be painted as was previously agreed some years back?

Reply

A Public Domain Officer will review this area and schedule repainting of the railings for the coming months.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, SWIC
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that illegal dumping signs be erected at Darley's Tce, D8 (at the cul-de-sac area)?

Reply

Waste Management Services will arrange to have this requested signage erected at the above mentioned location.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an updated report on the agreed reinstatement of the green space at Rialto Cottages as previously agreed?

Reply

A concept study to look at the opportunities to add greening and street trees to the streets in this area of Rialto was completed for the Area Office in late 2023. This included outline proposals for 12-29 Rialto Cottages.

It is now hoped to work with Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services to progressively realise some of these proposals. However, all greening and landscaping work in the SWIC is subject to the limited staff resources available to manage the projects, the feasibility of locations with regard to underground utilities etc, and the availability of funding.

We will continue to push the matter with Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services, however at present there is no firm timeline for the delivery of additional landscaping projects in this area.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, SWIC
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that **(details supplied)** ceiling and 1st floor be insulated to reduced noise and vibration?"

Reply

Housing Maintenance are not aware of any prior complaints of noise and vibration-related nuisance at the property. We will investigate the reported issue and report back on our findings. However it is unlikely that sound insulation works would be instigated as part of Housing Maintenance routine repair and maintenance programmes.

Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance
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Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a site visit be arranged with locals at Mayfield Road D8 and the Traffic Section to discuss safety issues and solutions?

Reply

A site visit to discuss safety issues and solutions for Mayfield Road may be organised through the Area Office. It would assist greatly if a description of issues could be forwarded in advance.

Ref. No. 7039120

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that trees be replanted with consideration be given to an "adoption/sponsored scheme" along Margaret Kennedy Way, D8?

Reply

It was extremely disappointing that the trees were vandalised to such an extent. We do intend to try and replace the trees at some point in the future and will be seeking advice from the Parks Section regarding suitable specimens with more protection to give them the best possible chance of survival.

We will also examine ways of ensuring community support for any replanting. Replacement of the trees can only occur when it is deemed such an exercise will have some prospect of success. Hopefully a joint approach by the City Council and the local community will be beneficial.

Contact: *Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, South West Inner City.*
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Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to follow up on the request and secure a date for a meeting with DCC Traffic, NTA and residents of CIE Works, Inchicore to discuss and agree solutions to the many difficulties posed by the Bus Connects proposals?

Reply

Following agreement of Motion 321 at the March 2024 South Central Area Committee Meeting, Dublin City Council wrote to the National Transportation Authority. An acknowledgement was received on 18th April, 2024. A formal response is awaited and will issue to all Councillors when received.

Contact: *Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;*
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Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the requested heritage lanterns at Ceannt Fort be scheduled for installation with the costs met by the recent awarding of a discretionary grant for this purpose?

Reply

If discretionary funding is made available Public Lighting Services can proceed with the design and procurement of new heritage lanterns and brackets for installation on the existing housing poles. The work will also require replacement of the existing fuse boxes (and cabling) that are installed on the existing houses.

Proceeding with the above works will be subject to the Residents Association getting agreement from the affected residents / homeowners to install replacement fuse boxes and cables on their houses. The houses affected can be identified easily by the overhead cables running from the nearby lighting poles to the houses themselves.

Once agreement is confirmed by the Residents Association quotes will be sought for the heritage lanterns and brackets. It should be noted that delivery times of heritage lanterns and brackets are typically 12 to 16 weeks upon placement of an order with the lantern manufacturer.

Contact: *Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting*
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the footpath at entrance to Mountshannon Rd (from Rialto end) be built out so as to further deter an illegal Left Turn. This space could be considered by residents for sympathetic planting or a bike bunker.

Reply

This request has been 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.

Ref. No. 11157715

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q 11 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on public lighting blackspot at **(details supplied)**

Reply

There are three street lights on **(details supplied)** One of these is a concrete lighting column that is due to be replaced under the Public Lighting Upgrade Project within the next 18 months or so. As part of that project works the street lighting on the road will be upgraded to ensure that it is to a satisfactory standard.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q 12 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services when public lighting will be upgraded at **(details supplied)** where the old dim orange lights remain and have not yet been replaced by LEDs.

Reply

Street lights in the Dublin City Council area will be upgraded to LED street lights under the current Public Lighting Upgrade project. This includes the street lighting on **(details supplied)** However an exact timeframe for the upgrade of street lights to LED on this street cannot be provided at present except to say that they will be upgraded in the next five years or so. In the meantime the existing street lighting will continue to be maintained in accordance with current maintenance regimes.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q 13 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update as to what the plans are for the allotments along the canal at Dolphin Avenue, off South Circular Road. Residents report there are plans for a walk-way at this location but have not been informed where the allotments will be relocated. Can the Director please provide an updated on the plans?

Reply

The allotments along the Grand Canal are owned and managed by Waterways Ireland. However this area between Donore Avenue and Dolphins Barn is within the study area of the Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse to Portobello).

The Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse to Portobello) is currently at the Concept Development and Options Selection Phase. This project will progress the extension of the existing premium cycle route east of Portobello. This scheme's objective is to deliver a high quality off road Greenway cycle and pedestrian route along the canal that is attractive to commuters, school children, recreational and family users.

The Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) appointed a design team to this project in 2024. The design team's first task is to review all options and routes to achieve the project objectives. This process is expected to be finished later this year and one of the outcomes will be a new emerging preferred route. This route and other options considered will be shared with Elected Representatives and then the local community through a non-statutory public consultation process.

The review is necessary as a number of the project requirements have changed since a previous design was developed in 2015. Exact details of the route and any impact on the allotments along the Grand Canal between Donore Avenue and Dolphins Barn will not be known until the route options selection process is completed.

In the event that this area is identified as a preferred route, the project team will work with the local community and Waterways Ireland to minimise any impact.

As the project progresses updates will be added to the Active Travel website <https://www.dublincity.ie/activetravel>

Contact: Brian Ahearn, Active Travel Programme Office
Email: brian.ahearn@dublincity.ie

Q 14 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to urgently deal with ongoing illegal dumping at **details supplied**. Can DCC remove the illegal dumping and can it be maintained this way?

Reply

The nature of the items dumped doesn't give the Litter Wardens the chance to try and gather evidence of the offender. CCTV would be the best tool available to the council to try and deter or prosecute the person responsible. At the moment, CCTV is unavailable to Dublin City Council at present but this area will be added to the list for a camera in the future.

Contact: Stephen Kavanagh, Litter Enforcement Inspector, Waste Management
Email: stephen.kavanagh@dublincity.ie

Q 15 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to address the following-

-Can DCC engage with Gaelscoil Inse Chór regarding the need for a traffic warden at the crossing from South Circular Road over Con Colbert Road towards Islandbridge? This is a location where motorists regularly break the red light as they turn left onto Con Colbert even though the green has only gone for driving straight. This puts pedestrians at risk. A traffic warden at this location in the mornings and at school's out would greatly assist.

-Can DCC Traffic investigate a permanent way to make this junction safer as this left turn which is regularly broken is a danger for not only passing schoolchildren but all pedestrians? The spot is a regular crosspoint for locals and tourists heading from Kilmainham to Phoenix Park and War Memorial Gardens.

Reply

A request for a school warden to assist children will be assessed and referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Laura Masterson, School Warden Coordinator, Env. & Transportation
Email: Laura.masterson@dublincity.ie

The School Zone team is currently resourced to deliver School Zones to Round 2 schools on the Safe Routes to School programme, which is funded by the National Transport Authority. Once this Safe Routes to School list is completed, the team will have capacity to engage with other schools, including Gaelscoil Inse Chór, about safety measures at their school, subject to the availability of resources.

Contact: Deirdre Kelly, Administrative Officer, Env. & Transportation
Email: deirdre.kelly@dublincity.ie

This junction has been provided with pedestrian crossing facilities and these facilities are to standard. The Transport Advisory Group will raise the matter of breaking traffic signals with An Garda Síochána to ensure that enforcement occurs at this location. In the meantime, illegal or dangerous driving, such as non-compliance with traffic signals should be reported to An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

Ref. No. 7039123

Contact: *Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group*
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q 16 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if the gate to Lansdowne Valley Park on Slievebloom Road, Drimnagh could be reopened for use by local residents (photos attached). This gate was previously closed due to anti-social behaviour but has had the unfair impact of preventing many of the new young families and older citizens from using the park. Many local children are playing on roads and residents have to walk to Blackhorse to access the park. This would open back up a great amenity for the community. The Council could lock this gate at set times and light the area to prevent antisocial behaviour.

Reply

Parks are working on plans to reopen the section of Lansdowne Valley Park that was formerly a Pitch and Putt course as part of the wider Lansdowne Valley Park. As part of this a new network of footpaths will need to be designed, tendered and constructed. The Councillor will be updated in due course.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q 17 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if the tree on Ballyfermot Road (location attached) could be pruned as it is hindering access to the cycle lane which merges here. Also,

if the cycle lane at this location can be cleaned due to debris gathering under this tree.

Reply

Parks will organise for a crown raise at this location over the coming weeks.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Exec Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q 18 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services what plans, if any, there are for road maintenance on Errigal Road. Water works were conducted at the attached location near the shops a few years ago, and the road is in very poor condition at this location as a result.

Reply

An inspection of Errigal Road was carried out by The Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU) on 3/5/24, in response to this question. A temporarily reinstated trench was noted and has been referred to Uisce Éireann for permanent reinstatement.

Contact: *Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance Services*
Email: deri.flood@dublincity.ie

Q 19 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if housing maintenance can visit the property (details/photos attached) due to a serious issue with black mould spreading throughout this home. The resident has only lived at this older person's complex for three months so this is concerning **(details supplied)**

Reply

Housing Maintenance is aware of similar issues affecting a number of other properties in this block. Investigations are being carried out to establish the cause and the outcome will be communicated to affected tenants including this unit as soon as possible.

Contact: *Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance*
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q 20 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to address poor quality of road surfacing on James's Street in the cycle lane adjacent to the Luas Tracks. Between the Luas tracks, and the road quality, this is a very dangerous stretch for cyclists and in need of urgent roads resurfacing.

Reply

The Road Maintenance Services, Area Engineer has recently carried out an inspection of this section of carriageway. The Area Engineers inspection deems that this section of carriageway is in need of resurfacing. If additional funding becomes available during 2024 the works will be carried out as part of the 2024 programme and if not they will be added to the 2025 programme.

Contact: *Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Environment & Transportation;*
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q 21 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for public lighting to install additional public lighting on St. Thomas Road, the Tenters. There is no street light for a considerable stretch of road - see photograph attached - which is where a Dublin Bus Stop is. This has been flagged by local residents with the Council for years, but still remains in darkness. Can this be addressed?

Reply

The concrete columns on St. Thomas Road are due to be replaced under the Public Lighting Upgrade Project in the next 18 months or so. As part of that work a lighting assessment will be carried out to ensure that the light levels on the road are to a satisfactory standard.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to confirm that DCC have requested developers at the former De La Salle site is regularly dampened down in order to ensure the dust is kept to a minimum.

Reply

I can confirm that the Contractor on the De La Salle site has dust monitors and a dust suppression system in place.

Contact: Liam Hendrick, Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office
Email: liam.hendrick@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to request that an automatic wheel wash is installed on the former De La Salle site.

Reply

As per the March public domain report to the South Central Area Committee, the Public Domain Officer requested that a static wheel wash system be installed within the De La Salle site to prevent material being deposited onto the public footpaths and streets.

I can confirm that the static wheel wash system was installed and is operational.

I can also confirm that the building and surfacing of phase 1 site roads has been completed, and that the contractor continues to maintain the operation of a road sweeping truck and power washing of footpaths.

Contact: Liam Hendrick, Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office
Email: liam.hendrick@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to contact the developers at the former De La Salle site to ensure that no works are carried out on the site before the agreed 7am.

Reply

The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area is engaging regularly with the developer of this site. There has been a number of breaches of working hours reported since the commencement of the development, and a response has been instigated. We will send a further reminder to the developer following the Councillors question above in respect of any early working hours breaches.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager, Planning & Development.

Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to contact the developers at the former De La Salle site and have it confirmed that all trees removed will be replaced with similar aged trees after construction is finished.

Reply

Landscaping for the development, which includes proposals for the provision of semi-mature trees, will be carried out in accordance with landscaping proposals in relation to Conditions 21 of the permission ABP-313320-22 in agreement with the Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services Division

Contact: Nicola Conlon/ Senior Planner, Planning & Development

Email: nicola.conlon@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to contact the developers at the former De La Salle site to clarify what actions have been taken to mitigate vibrations in line with planning condition 30(i), felt by local residents at the Steeples, from construction work.

Reply

30(i) of ABP-313320-22 for the site are outlined in Section 4 of the Construction Environmental Management Plan submitted as compliance for the above mentioned condition in August 2023 (documents available to view on the planning portal under Planning Register Reference SHD0011/22). Monitoring of these elements and records of same are kept by the developer and are available for inspection by the Environmental Health Officer as and when required.

Contact: Nicola Conlon/ Senior Planner, Planning & Development

Email: nicola.conlon@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to install a yellow box at the intersection of Moeran Road in Cromwellsfort. What measures can be taken to make it safe for road users coming in and out of there? A new apartment block will open soon to elderly residents.

Reply

It is not recommended to install a yellow box at the junction of Moeran Road and Cromwellsfort Road as there is already a large yellow box in the vicinity on the junction of Cherry Grove and Cromwellsfort Road. An additional yellow box at this location

would exacerbate dangerous driver behaviours on Cromwellsfort Road such as speeding across the yellow box to make the green light at the signalised crossing just east of the junction with Moeran Road.

Furthermore, the Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 7.9.3 regarding suitable locations for yellow boxes states: "Where a succession of locations gives rise to blocking a series of yellow boxes may be considered provided at least 20 metres storage can be maintained between successive boxes." This criteria cannot be met at this location. As such, no measures are recommended at this time.

Ref. No. 7039126

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to find a temporary space to provide allotments during construction at the Bluebell Waterways. To communicate as soon as possible the plan for the transition as allotments holders have permaculture there and will need to plan to transfer plants. The architect of the projects mentioned the location behind the Community Centre.

Reply

The possibility of providing temporary allotments during the construction phase of the project was considered in detail but it is not feasible to do so. The area adjacent to the community centre was considered as a possible meanwhile location. However upon review, the design team have advised that, due to site constraints, this area will be required as a site compound during the construction stage of the project. Some queries have been received from allotment holders and are being responded to. The LDA will continue to engage with the allotment holders.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Office
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services if DCC would be interested in buying the side garden of **(details supplied)**. It is too much for the resident to look after and the site is big enough to build a home on it.

Reply

The Housing Development Section is not in a position to develop this site for housing at this time.

Contact: Aisling Browne A/Senior Executive Officer,
Housing & Community Services
Email: aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services when will the electrical repair at **(details supplied)** the plug socket in the kitchen, the outdoor lighting that was never rewired back up when the houses were insulated. When will the front door will be replaced as it was chewed up by the next door DCC tenants neighbours restricted dogs broke out and chewed through it. The letter box is torn apart and broken plastic sticks out.

Reply

Electrical Services called to repair the plug socket but could not gain access, they left a card for the tenant to rearrange a suitable time for repair to be carried out. The re-wiring of the outside light has been reported also, but again there are issues with access to carry out works at this property. Contact will be made with the tenant again to try and gain entry.

The door repair / replacement request has been referred to the Joinery Workshop.

Contact: *Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance*
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to liaise with Cluid to make sure they provide an interpreter for **(details supplied)**

Reply

The applicant is a tenant with Cluid Housing, she needs to liaise directly with her Cluid Housing Officer to resolve any issues she may be experiencing in her tenancy.

Contact: *Sandra Barry A/Allocations Officer, Housing & Community Services*
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to inspect the footpath at Dowland Road as a lot of the footpath need to be fixed as they are trip hazards. I am happy to put DCC in contact with resident to have a walk around.

Reply

Road Maintenance inspected the footpaths and carriageway on Dowland Road and noted a large number of tree trips due to the growth of tree roots. These defects have been added to our works list for repair by direct labour.

I will put forward Dowland Road for possible inclusion in our 2025 minor works contract. This selection will be based on funding being available at that time.

Contact: *Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Environment & Transport Dept.*
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services when **(details supplied)** will get the wrap up. Staff told the resident 3 months ago when they came for measurements that it would be done about now.

Reply

I confirm that **(details supplied)** is on our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Works Programme for 2024. Due to the volume of properties involved, it is not possible to provide a specific start date for the works however our Energy Liaison Officer for that

area will be in contact with the tenant directly in the coming weeks and will confirm specific dates for the works in agreement with the tenant.

Contact: *Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance*
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q 34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for Dublin City Council to please ensure that the recently removed public litter bin removed from Bunting Park Walkinstown Dublin 12 is replaced and can DCC please ensure in future Councillors and adjoining residents are informed when a bin is taken out of commission, residents have told me a large amount of bagged dog poo is now left on the ground and whilst not acceptable not having a bin in a busy location is not cost effective.

Reply

This litter bin was causing annoyance to some residents on Balfe Avenue and as a compromise we had it relocated to Bunting Road which will continue to cater for dog walkers in Bunting Park.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,*
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q 35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for Dublin City Council to look at doing a major enhancement of Walkinstown Park Dublin 12 the current facility has had very little funding spent on it for many years and needs to be brought up to a good standard.

Reply

Walkinstown Park has received a good allocation of parks budget for various improvements over the last number of years. These include, mass bulb planting, installation of a tree trail, resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts, installation of a drinking water fountain, upgrade works to the changing pavilion, additional benches and installation of a goal lock up area. Unfortunately from time to time parks attract anti-social behaviour as described above. These issues should be reported to the Gardaí who are best placed to deal with them.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q 36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for Dublin City Council to look at the Jim Mitchell Park on Ring Street Inchicore Dublin 8. I recently met a group of local residents who asked that the Park and Play facility be up graded to include:

- New work surface on the Soccer / Basketball Play area
- New Play Equipment in the Playground inc ZIP LINE
- Additional Seating / Picnic Benches
- Removal of 1 tree to allow a kick about area

The local residents do a great job in keeping the area clean and tidy and the local Youth Club use the area for fun events throughout the summer. I would ask that a funding line be provided in the 2025 to allow works proceed in consultation with local residents.

Reply

Parks can review the suggestions made above in relation to the facilities provided in the context of 2025 budget allocation. In the most recent annual inspection for safety the surface of the muga area was given full marks. I can acknowledge the playground is somewhat dated but in the most recent independent audit also received very high marks so is not a priority for upgrade currently.

Additional seating can be organised. As there is already a muga in place I am reluctant to remove a tree to facilitate kickabout.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q 37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for the manager to please give an update on where we are with the proposed re-development of Labre Park Kylemore Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10 residents are waiting years to see the works that place which will give them a chance of a good quality of life.

Reply

Stage 2 funding application was submitted to the Department of Housing with a response received in July 2023. There was a significant difference between the application budget and recommended budget which was mainly attributed to:

- The inclusion of flood preventative works which were considered outside the remit of the Department.
- Environmental issues associated with contaminated soil between Labre Park and the Gallanstown Stream.

Cluid and their design team have continued to work through best options for the regeneration, conducting further investigations, awaiting results of the River Camac flood alleviation study and redesigning the site plan.

DCC have agreed an updated proposal which alters the site boundary and relocates to the 'back of footpath' line within Labre Park (i.e. current location temporary bays will be outside Labre Park). A proposed new flood wall will be provided at this location reducing the flood risk to Labre Park. The contamination issues will also be mainly outside the remit of this development/funding stream.

The new proposal provides 14 new build homes along with the refurbishment/energy upgrade of 19 existing homes. Subject to funding, a proposed new community centre will also be constructed at the front of the estate.

There are currently 2 issues awaiting advice from the local planner:

1. Rezoning of former community centre site to allow construction of new 2 homes.
2. Meeting 'open space' requirements for residential developments.

Pending recommendations on the planning issues and finalisation of design and supporting information, a new stage 2 application will be submitted to the DHLGH late May.

Interim improvement works to the bays are currently being investigated by the TAU team which will upgrade welfare facilities, surfacing etc. These works will aim to provide better quality living conditions for the residents while awaiting the completion of the wider Labre Park regeneration.

Additionally, a contractor has been procured and location agreed for the installation of a new playground. The playground will be located near the entrance of Labre Park within the fenced green.

Contact: Stephen Wearen (Project Manager), Housing & Community Services;
Email: stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie

Q 38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for DCC please look at the very dangerous Road markings at the Junction of the Slievebloom Park / Long Mile Road Dublin 12. I have like other members had residents contact me in relation to the serious dangers the current junction poses for all hence I would welcome from our engineers what can be done to make the area safer.

Reply

The school zone and surrounding road markings on Slievebloom Park were installed to standard and no changes are recommended at this time.

Ref. No. 7039127

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q 39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to please give a full report on what improvements we propose to do in the Camac Park area of Bluebell Dublin 12. I have never seen an area so poorly looked after and I like some residents feel very little funding is ever spent here. To sum it up one resident said they feel forgotten about at this location which is located right beside the City Edge Proposed sites.

Reply

The Public Domain Officer has been active in this area since his appointment in July 2023. Below is a list of recent engagements with locals, including works/improvements carried out, and planned works for the Camac Park area.

- *Public Domain Officer actively engages and supports the Camac Park Environmental group, supporting numerous community clean up collections and providing equipment to support the group's activities.*
- *The Public Domain Officer recently arranged for the installation of a Public Bin on Camac Park/Bluebell Lane at the request of the Environmental group.*
- *In December '23 the Public Domain Officer appointed a private contractor to mechanically weed the roads and footpaths of the area, including the cutting back of a very large overgrown hedge from a private vacant house which had made the public footpath practically impassable.*
- *Over the last Halloween period the Public Domain Officer removed large quantities of pallets, tyres and other potential bonfire materials from a vacant site in Camac Park.*
- *More recently, on foot of reports received, the Public Domain Officer has engaged with a private homeowner and a site developer in Camac Park to remove illegal dumping from these sites.*
- *The Public Domain Officer has made enquiries and representations of behalf of locals and Cllrs with regard to the resurfacing of the roads at Camac Park.*

The planned resurfacing of same was announced at the last area meeting and is due to commence shortly.

- *The Public Domain Office is providing funding for a commemorative stone to be placed at the front of Camac Park to commemorate the estates 100th year.*
- *The Public Domain Officer has also dealt with numerous anti-social/nuisance issues such as graffiti and/or damage to utility company infrastructure.*

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

I can confirm that the main road from John F. Kennedy Drive to Bluebell Avenue has been included in our 2024 resurfacing contract and is currently in the tender process. Road Maintenance Services will arrange temporary repairs to be carried out to the carriageway on Camac Park.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer.
E-mail: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

If the residents have particular improvements they would like to suggest for the small open space at the entrance to Camac Park, then parks can review in the context of 2025 budget. There are plans for a welcome stone to be placed here this year.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q 40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can Dublin City Council offer any support to **(details supplied)**

Reply

This is not a Dublin City Council owned property and therefore it is not possible for Dublin City Council to undertake this work.

The householders could try contacting Age Action at:

<https://www.ageaction.ie/how-we-can-help/care-and-repair/book-callback> on 01-4756989 between 9.00am-5pm Monday to Friday

OR Friends of the Elderly at:

<https://friendsoftheelderly.ie/contact/> (01) 873 1855

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central;
Tel: 2223654
Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Q 41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for Dublin City Council to please come back with an indication of when the 1% public art scheme will be enacted for developments that have taken place in the South Central Area over the past few years and can we also

seek when suburban communities like Ballyfermot / Drimnagh might get some space for artists in residence etc.

Reply

The Public Art guidelines adopted by Dublin City Council provide that monies from the different 1% schemes throughout the city are pooled to allow for a citywide programme of commissions and are not locally designated.

Under the Development Plan 5% of all new developments must be provided for community/cultural/creative building provision and this is the best potential opportunity for new Arts buildings throughout the City. Planning applications to include Arts infrastructure are increasingly referred to the Arts Office and will be a feature of new developments in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh.

Contact: Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Email: ray.yeates@dublincity.ie

Q42 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services if he would be willing to look into a site for a secondary school in Dublin 8 if residents get funding agreement from the department of education.

Reply

The Department of Education will take the lead on this in terms of funding and sourcing a site. If they require assistance from Dublin City Council they will make contact directly.

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area
Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Q43 Councillor Kelsey May Daly

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the talks taking place with the Warrenmount Board on the status of the centre?

Reply

The Executive Manager has recently been in touch with the management of Warrenmount Adult Education Centre regarding this matter. The Adult Education Centre have explained that the owners intend to take back the premises for their own use and it is not for sale.

The City Council recognise the invaluable service provided to local communities and will assist the Adult Education Centre Management to locate new premises so that the service can remain in Dublin 8.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Executive Manager, South Central Area
Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q44 Councillor Kelsey May Daly

To ask the Director of Services if the area office will consider resurfacing and upgrading the playground and pitch outside Michael Malin Flats under the recent Dublin City Sports development plan?

Reply

There are no firm plans in place to redesign/refurbish the kick-about area at Michael Malin flats. A proposal by the Area Office and Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services (set out as a greening opportunity/action in The Liberties Greening Strategy) to redesign the area as a public space has not progressed due to complications around the sequencing of development sites bounding the space and capacity within the Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, South Central Area Office

Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q45 Councillor Kelsey May Daly

To ask the Director of Services why following the fire at Weaver Square Park, the playground was not restored to its original design?

Reply

The main item of play equipment in Weaver Park was a bespoke unit that took the Billy Houses as its inspiration. The unit maximised play value on a very tight site by extending upwards. This resulted in an enclosed upper level which created a number of unforeseen problems from a policing point of view and allowed fires and other damage to be caused easily as there was little to no passive surveillance on the upper levels. The original designers have attempted to work within the design concept to provide an alternative that addressed these issues, but no satisfactory design was provided. A tender is being prepared to procure alternative play equipment for the space. It is hoped that the equipment will be installed by the end of the year.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q46 Councillor Kelsey May Daly

To ask the Director of Services for a reason as to why the council is removing mature native trees from Newmarket square and replacing them with non-native trees and who authorized this removal?

Reply

A number of mature trees (Acer platanoides – non native) were removed from Newmarket following serious damage to their root zone during works on the adjacent site. Following an inspection by the Dublin City Council Tree Officer the decision was made that in the interests of health and safety the trees should be removed. This decision was communicated to all local Councillors and Resident Groups on the 2nd February. A large specimen Gleditsia has been planted as a replacement for each removed tree at the expense of the contractor. This tree was chosen as it is tolerant of urban environments and has a suitable growing habit for close proximity to buildings.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer

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Q47 Councillor Kelsey May Daly

To ask the Director of Services why there are so many studio apartments, unfit for long term living, are being included in the Emmet Road Development?

Reply

Dublin City Council obtained planning consent on the 6th July 2023 from An Bord Pleanála (Ref. 314791) for 578 no. residential units, library/community hub, childcare facility, supermarket, 5 no. retail units, 2 no. café / restaurant units and new open spaces.

The residential mix comprises 110 no. studio apartments, 172 no. 1 bed apartments, 250 no. 2 bedroom apartments (including 17 no. duplex apartments) and 46 no. 3 bedroom apartments. This unit mix is consistent with the Section 28 Ministerial Planning Guidelines namely the “Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2020” and the pertinent statutory Dublin City Development Plan.

It is noted that detailed demographic and census analysis, including the City Council’s Social Housing Waiting and Transfer List figures, informed the scheme’s unit mix.

The permitted scheme will also provide a mix of housing that reflects a balanced approach that incorporates a variety of housing types, including cost-rental and social homes

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