

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will have the road surface in the area of Seafort Avenue/ Dromard Terrace examined with a view to repair and improvement of the road surface.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will give a detailed response to the issues raised in the email submitted with this question that was also subject to a direct request to DCC in July of this year.

Details:

I got in touch with DCC last week. The stretch of road on Seafort Avenue that runs from Beach Road to Dromard Terrace is one-way, with entry from Beach Road. There's parking on one side, it's quite narrow as you can imagine. The signage at the point of entry on Beach Road shows all drivers that there is a 3.5 tonne vehicle limit. It's never respected, in the last 30 minutes I've seen 6 huge trucks drive by, and just now while typing, 2 cement trucks.

My ask to DCC below, was to implement a solution - whether it's a camera and fines, or reversing the current entry - so entry is from Seafort Avenue/ Dromard Terrace and making it a cul-de-sac to reduce the rat-run (there's a huge turning circle in the making, at the Beach Road end of this road). I don't know what your thoughts are on the feasibility of either of these options, whether DCC ever does any of the above, or what we can do to prevent the current issue.

The related problem is that people enter from the end with the no-entry sign, but human nature being what it is, they drive at huge speed to presumably avoid detection/ blockage and it creates a dangerous situation, it's really a matter of time before someone is seriously injured, as of course we're less inclined to look for vehicles approaching from that end.

I also separately lodged an enquiry to see when we are due resurfacing, as it's a concrete road, so all the noise and weight from the above makes getting any peace very difficult. I don't know if you have any background on the DCC approach to the above and road resurfacing, but any Intel would be super helpful.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will arrange to have the redundant Bus Stop at St. Johns Road to be removed officially in order to facilitate the development envisaged under Planning Application (Details Supplied) as detailed in the email submitted with this question

Details:

I wanted to give you an update on the driveway at our house at (Details Supplied) St Johns Road. I spoke with Dublin City Council and the planner was supportive of a new application if we could look to extinguish the redundant bus stop on St Johns Road and if this could become available as on street parking.

They said that this sort of decision needs to be raised at council and to get in touch with my councillor and it is in that respect I write. I do not know the procedure to raise but I thought I would get in touch to ask your opinion. I attach some pictures of the ex-bus stop to refresh you.



Q.4 Councillor Rory Hogan

To ask the Manager to fill in the four holes on the surface of lane between the back of Elmpark Avenue and Elmwood Avenue Lower outside the rear of [details supplied], as shown in the attached photographs. These holes are accessible to and can provide shelter to rodents. They are also a dangerous trip hazard.

Details: (Details Supplied) Elmwood Avenue Lower, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.



Q.5 Councillor Rory Hogan

To ask the Manager to trim the trees outside both [details supplied] in circumstances where, as shown in the attached photographs, at present the trees completely conceal the street lighting on the tree side of these lights. Coming into the autumn and winter this is extremely dangerous, especially with slippery leaves on dark footpaths.

Details: (Details Supplied) Elmwood Avenue Lower, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.



Q.6 Councillor Rory Hogan

To ask the Manager whether the traffic lights at (a) the top of Wellington Place at the turn onto Morehampton Road/Leeson Street Upper; and (b) the top of Serpentine Avenue at the turn onto Merrion Road are activated by sensors, as residents have reported that when a cyclist is waiting for these lights to change and there is no car waiting behind it the lights continue to remain red and do not change. It is only whenever a car approaches the lights that they change to green.

Q.7 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager for an update on the plans for Guilstan Depot and to supply any of the latest reports of the same to this committee electronically, and to residents of the surrounding area (Guilstan Cottages, Guilstan Place, Guilstan Terrace, Castlewood Terrace) by post.

Q.8 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager if the pathway at the south western corner of Beech Hill Drive as it enters UCD could be repaved.

Q.9 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager to remove illegal dumping of a chest of drawers from the laneway at the rear of (Details Supplied) Gordon Street.

Q.10 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager what plan has been put in place to replace the deteriorating concrete lamposts on Beechwood Avenue. It was reported to me by a local resident that this issue has been ongoing for many years, raised by other councillors in the past, and has not been resolved. Remedial action replacing the lamposts would be greatly appreciated.

Q.11 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager to implement additional speed reduction measures on Frankfort Avenue, Rathgar. There have been two major accidents since June damaging residents' cars from speeding vehicles on the road.

Q.12 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager to resurface the speedbumps on Hazelbrook Road as they have become worn and ineffective in slowing cars down.

Q.13 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager what supports from the Council - financial or otherwise - might be given to a pensioner couple whose home on York Avenue has been graffitied repeatedly in the recent past with racist remarks, most recently the morning of 17 Aug.

(Details Supplied)

Q.14 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager Dublin City Council's policy on how to resurface footpaths to a level condition when roots of trees have lifted the footpath, or (in some cases) even the walls of gardens of residents, for example at (Details Supplied) Bushy Park Road, and to take action on same.

Q.15 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager to review the request of the residents of Terenure Gate to take the estate in charge, specifically relating to its road maintenance.

Q.16 Councillor Eoin Hayes

To ask the manager what the schedule is for the repaving of Oaklands Drive, Rathgar, the stretch from Highfield Road to the entrance of St Luke's Hospital, and if it's not to be completed this quarter that it is repaved as soon as possible. Local Residents had reported to me that they had been asking for some time now and heavy vehicles from the hospital was making it quite a poor surface.

Q.17 Councillor Punam Rane

To ask the chief executive what plans are in place regarding the maintenance of the trees in Herzog Park. I specifically ask about the trimming/lopping of the trees which are on council land and have been cut back on the tennis court side but not on Rathgar Park side?

Q.18 Councillor Punam Rane

To ask the chief executive for an update on Safer Routes to School and School Zones in Dublin 6 / Dublin 6W area. And if timeline could be provided for the projects that have been proposed to start?

Q.19 Councillor Punam Rane

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to upgrade the footpaths on Orwell Road as they are in a very poor condition.

Q.20 Councillor Punam Rane

To ask the chief executive if consideration has been given to allocate license for a coffee shop in Bushy Park which is one of major requirements for the people using this park facilities.

Q.21 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for an update on the housing application of (Details Supplied)

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To ask the Manager if City Quay National school could be considered for a school safety zone. There have been many near misses at this very busy location.

Q.24 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager for an update on my previous request for additional garden allotments. In addition if the unused allotments in Ringsend Park could be reallocated to people on the waiting list for them.

Q.25 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager what is the current status regarding the provision of public toilet facilities in Eamon Ceannt Park? What are the current operating hours of the Tram Cafe; is the Tram Cafe still responsible for providing and maintaining standalone toilet access, and what are the plans to ensure visitors to this Green Flag park can access a public toilet during their visit?

Q.26 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if there are plans to make the cinder athletics track situated in the velodrome at Eamonn Ceannt Park a publicly accessible facility? The green field in the velodrome is marked for field athletics but the track is not used and is in a state of disrepair. Bringing this into use could introduce a facility that isn't otherwise available in the area and encourage greater participation in sport.

Q.27 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager the reasons for the removal of a tree outside (Details Supplied) Leighlin Road, Crumlin, which followed the removal of another tree outside (Details Supplied) Leighlin Road last year. Can the area manager say when new trees will be replanted in these spaces, and will they be of the same maturity and offering the same amenity value as those that were removed?

Q.28 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager what is the plan for replacing removed trees across the Drimnagh area? In recent months six empty tree pits at the roundabout on Mourne Road were cemented over, to the disappointment of residents who hoped to see replanting there. Two tree stumps on Galtymore Road have been there for 10 years, and two further trees on Keeper Road were removed in recent months.

Q.29 Councillor Carolyn Moore

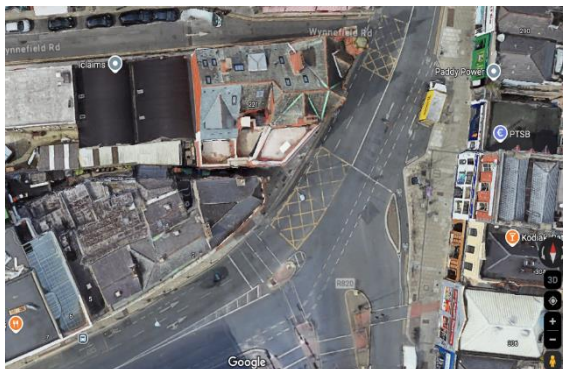
To ask the area manager if, at an appropriate juncture now that nesting season is over, Parks can carry out maintenance and trimming of trees and vegetation growing out into the shared bus and cycle lane that runs alongside Harold's Cross Park opposite Peggy Kelly's. Overhanging and protruding vegetation is now taking significant space from the lane. While this doesn't impact buses it is increasingly a risk to cyclists sharing that lane.

Q.30 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if 'no dumping' signage can be added to the triangle of green space at the intersection of Larkfield Gardens and Grove with Derravaragh Road. In recent months this has become a dumping blackspot. Residents are grateful for the quick response of our Waste teams in the removal of the waste but would appreciate a proactive intervention to deter dumpers.

Q.31 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if bollards can be positioned at the junction of Rathgar Road and Rathmines Road upper to prevent drivers turning off Rathgar Road onto Rathmines Road upper from 'squeezing' cyclists on this turn. The painted cycle lane at this turn is narrow and unprotected, and motor vehicles infringe on the cycle lane while turning this corner resulting in dangerous close passes by vehicles including buses.



Q.32 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the Double Yellow Lines on Leinster Square can be reinstated in full following recent resurfacing. The DYLS previous ran around the corner and up to the bicycle stands but currently stop short of the bicycle stands leading to dangerous parking in the space between the DYLS and the bicycle stands.

Q.33 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the kerbs at the corners of Airfield Road, where it meets Rathgar Avenue, can be dishd, levelled and have tactile paving added if needed. The kerbs currently are uneven and in generally bad condition and elderly residents and those with mobility aids are struggling to safely cross this small junction.



Q.34 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager about the maintenance schedule for planters that provide segregation on cycle lanes and / or greening on concrete islands. It would appear that many of the planters that were installed to provide segregation of cycle lanes before the summer received no watering or maintenance and the vegetation is now completely dead. Will these be replanted ahead of winter and what will the maintenance schedule be?

Q.35 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager arrange for the relevant environmental section to investigate and recommend a solution to the following problem (Details Supplied).

Details

The Brickfield Drive apartment building development constructed by Durkan's is nearing completion. Part of this building contains an underground car park which exits onto Brickfield Drive and this exit faces several houses. In recent weeks very bright lights have been on during the night. I understand that Durkan's have been made aware of this and are trying to find a more suitable type of light.

Can DCC work with them to ensure that a solution is found that will eliminate light pollution so that residents can sleep at night.

Q.36 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager ask our Street Sign section to replace the street sign on (Details Supplied) Glenealy Road Crumlin as the old sign is badly worn.

Q.37 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager ask our vacant homes section to investigate if (details supplied) is vacant.

Details: Tonguefield Road Kimmage Dublin 12

Q.38 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the manager ask our Street Lighting section to upgrade the street lighting on Old County Road opposite the shops? Residents report poor lighting at this location.

Q.39 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager ask our traffic engineers to undertake a full traffic and parking study to come up with a solution to the traffic and parking issues on Windmill Road, Crumlin. Residents living on Windmill Road regularly find it impossible to access their homes due to traffic congestion and illegal parking when there are football matches and training sessions in Willie Pearse Park. The section close to the swimming pool is most effected as this serves Soccer, GAA and Boxing clubs as well as patrons of the swimming pool.

Commitments have been made in the past to deal with these issues, but no meaningful solution has been found. Given that now is the beginning of a new council term. Efforts should be made to work with residents and the sporting clubs to find a solution to this problem

Q.40 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to arrange for the trees at the green (details supplied) to be trimmed. There have been many incidents of falling branches.

Details Supplied: Lansdowne Park.

Q.41 Councillor Rory Hogan

To ask the area manager if the new agreed hedging for Dartmouth Square (Sarcococca Confusa, also known as Sweet Box) will be planted in spring 2025. It was agreed with the Dartmouth Square Residents Committee that this would happen in spring 2024. However, in May of this year the Parks Department informed the Dartmouth Square Committee that Sweet Box was too expensive and that Dublin City Council would proceed with Beech hedging instead.

The Dartmouth Square Committee received independent expert advice that Beech hedging is not appropriate (very fast growing and too expensive to maintain) and wish to note and propose the following:

- The estimate for Sarcococca is between EUR13,500 and EUR17,000
- DCC set aside a budget of EUR7,000 for planting this year in Dartmouth Square none of this has been used to our knowledge;
- A budget of up to EUR 17,000 could be agreed for next year (comprising the unused budget of EUR 7,000 plus an additional EUR 10, 000). Given the overall budget of the Parks Department is approximately EUR 30 million we do not feel that this is an excessive amount to spend on what has been a neglected public amenity (which DCC itself has designated as a conservation area);
- DCC has indicated previously that it was purchasing Ballylusk paving for the square. This is expensive and a cheaper paving solution should be explored and the cost savings applied to the purchase of Sweet Box; and
- Sweet Box will be a lot cheaper to maintain than Beech hedging - again we have independent expert advice confirming that Beech hedging is very fast growing, expensive to maintain and unsuitable for an urban park;
- DCC no longer pays for the opening and locking of the gates on Dartmouth Square and this should be factored in to the cost of purchasing Sweet Box.

Q.42 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could the potholes at Brighton Square be inspected and included on a list of works as they are posing a danger to cyclists and drivers. These potholes could potentially cause significant damage to vehicles.

Q.43 Councillor Fiona Connelly

What legislation governs the use of lanes regarding parking and through access? As mews houses are developed and people are making use of existing space in our city these lanes are coming under higher usage. How can we promote safe parking to maintain access for emergency services? How can we ensure that pedestrians using these lanes are safe from passing vehicles?

Q.44 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Is there an update on the bin audit that was agreed to take place in Rathgar? What is the working timeframe for this to be completed and the findings of the audit to be implemented?

Q.45 Councillor Fiona Connelly

I welcome recent adjustments to the lights sequence at the junction of Kimmage Cross Road however I am still receiving complaints about how difficult it is to navigate this junction as a pedestrian. Could DCC collaborate with South Dublin County Council to ensure that this junction is as safe as possible for pedestrians and cyclists. I understand that bus connects will impact the area but in the meantime it is important that we make every measure possible to promote safety.

Q.46 Councillor Fiona Connelly

How are decisions made about where exactly lampposts/ road signs installed? I have had a few different complaints about lampposts/road signs being placed directly outside a property either obstructing a driveway or a view. If the lamppost/sign was placed directly between properties it would alleviate the issue and not block a potential driveway/view/access to a property.

Q.47 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could the traffic sequencing and flow of traffic be investigated at the entrance to Mount Jerome in Harold's Cross? Many residents have raised the issue of congestion and not being able to leave their roads due to ineffective traffic light sequencing in particular when the yellow box is not adhered to by visitors to Mount Jerome. Is there anything that could be done to improve traffic flow in particular during busy times.

Q.48 Councillor Fiona Connelly

Could more effective enforcement/signage in respect of the one-way system on Beechwood Avenue Lower be installed as a matter of urgency? There are regular instances of cars driving down the road towards Ranelagh against the one-way traffic. Could DCC prioritise this issue as it has a huge impact on safety.