

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st October 2024

Q1. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Director of Services for a report on the housing file of **(details supplied)** and if consideration can be made in reaching him with an offer of accommodation at Glin Court, Coolock, Dublin 17.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List and in receipt of homeless hap, with an application date of 07/11/2020, the applicant holds the following position on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
B	2	695
E	2	830

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.

Whilst the applicant may have submitted an application in respect of the choice based letting at 42 Moatview Drive, if a number of applicants apply for the same property on a Choice Based Lettings competition, the final offer will be made to the applicant with the highest position on list.

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Q2. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Director of Services to request the installation of at least two public bins along Kilmore Drive. The field along this road provides a number of football pitches for the children of St. John Vianney FC, so due to the levels of activity and consequent foot fall, the area requires bins. The club's volunteer coaches are always engaged in cleaning the area so public bins would be of great assistance.

Reply

As Kilmore Drive is residential in nature, it does not meet our criteria for installation of new bins. Installing bins in residential areas leads to illegal dumping of household waste in and around these bins which in itself can become a bigger problem.

Contact Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
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Q3. Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

To ask the Director of Services if the earlier opening of Father Collins Park will be considered in order to facilitate children travelling to school and in the same regard, if action will be taken to end parking in cycle lanes in Clongriffin.

Reply

The park is currently opened at 8am as soon as staff arrive on location in the morning some 2 hours before the official opening time to facilitate local children travelling to school. The Parks Service does not have staff resources in place to open the park any earlier.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
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Parking Enforcement will request that DSPS patrol the area and enforce any and all illegal parking in that area.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
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Q4. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Director of Services to request a report on the footpath repairs carried out in the North Central Area in 2022 and 2023, how much was spent on the work in each of these years and details on how to secure additional funding for footpath repairs in 2025.

Reply

The footpath repair expenditure in the North Central Area was €1.2m in 2022, of which a proportion was work carried over from 2021. The expenditure in 2023 was €806,000. Funding for footpath repairs in 2025 will be determined for 2025 in the Annual budget 2025, currently in draft form.

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Q5. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Director of Services to arrange the trimming of the trees along the Oscar Traynor Road which are currently reaching over the boundary wall of **(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.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q6. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Director of Services for a report on the works required in Darndale Park to address the problems related to the pond and flooding. Report should include details of short-medium-and-long-term actions required and a timeline for their implementation.

Reply

The hydrology of Darndale Park has been a challenge for many years and a good number of small scale interventions have been affected over this time, some more successful than others, to address localised problems within the park. The football pitch is actively drained and a number of rounds of surface decompaction and topdressing with sand have been carried out in recent years to keep the pitch fit for purpose. More recently drainage and a sump was installed at the western end of the park where a path used by the park run was frequently flooded. A section of path here was also resurfaced and raised slightly which seems to have alleviated this particular issue. A small section of drainage was affected in the vicinity of the playground to divert water away from the MUGA which also seems to have helped with this issue.

The pond is kept topped up by a well and pump which is turned on by the fishing club when the water level drops. However as the pond overflows during wet weather there must be other inputs into the pond which are not known. It is possible that previous unrecorded drainage interventions drained areas into the pond. The pond was constructed with railway sleepers forming the banks which have significantly decayed leading to subsidence of the surrounding path in locations. It is thought that the pond may well be compromised and that water is seeping out. While this could be contributing to why areas downhill of the pond are waterlogged during the winter it does not explain why areas uphill of the pond such as between the playground and the football pitch are so wet. The overflow pipework from the pond also seems to have been under-specified and regularly is blocked by litter and weed from the pond further exacerbating the situation.

A number of attempts have been made in the last few years to control the invasive pond weed that is choking the pond. The previous attempt to smother the weed with jute was unsuccessful and physical removal and great expense only provided temporary relief. It appears from available literature on the subject that the only way to affect a complete removal of this weed is to drain the pond and leave it dry for a number of months effectively killing all of the weed and refilling with uncontaminated water.

At a fundamental level the hydrology of Darndale Park is not well understood and it is not possible to assert with any degree of certainty why this park is wetter during the winter than other similar parks in the area. Given that the issue seems to be across the entire park rather very localised it would suggest that the cause is unlikely to be a leak or similar. The planting event held last winter in the east of the park also revealed that there appears to be a considerable amount of spoil containing builders waste making up the ground at least in this area. This might suggest that the area

was overly compacted during the construction phase of the housing and may have compromised the natural field drainage. In the short to medium term the Parks Service will continue to intervene locally to divert excess waters away from recreation facilities and to keep the pitch fit for purpose through an ongoing programme of surface improvements when necessary. Paths which pond because they are lower than the surrounding ground levels could be raised in the medium term but this work is expensive and will require a significant budget line.

The long term and possibly most sustainable solution to these issues is to create a system of ponds and wetlands along the lower northern edge of the park parallel with the R139. This would allow the existing pond to be replaced and provide a natural and biodiverse area to drain wetter areas of the park towards. Excavated soil could also be used to raise other areas. There is no timeline on such work as detailed studies would be required to feed into a design. Consultations with user groups would also be necessary along with a significant budget.

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Q7. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Director of Services to ensure that the flood lights around the MUGA in Darndale Park are all working and only come on at appropriate times.

Reply

The lighting has been inspected by electrical services and blown contacts have been identified. Replacements have been ordered and will be installed in the coming weeks.

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Q8. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Director of Services to increase the height of the walls along the laneway between Macroom Road and Ferrycarrig Road in Coolock in lieu of the closing of the laneway which was attempted several times over many years by residents, councillors and DCC officials to ensure the safety and security of the homes adjacent to the laneway at both ends but was never successfully completed.

Reply

The walls abutting the laneway between Macroom Road & Ferrycarrig Road are in private ownership and accordingly are not under the remit of Dublin City Council.

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Q9. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Director of Services to ensure that the overgrowth on the wall at the end of Millbrook Grove and the overgrowth at the end of Howth View Park/Grange Road is cut back and maintained.

Reply

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow with a view to including necessary works in the autumn/winter shrubbery maintenance programme for the area.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q10. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Director of Services for an assessment of the safety of the section of road at Millbrook Road-Millbrook Grove-Millbrook Avenue and exploration of possible road safety measures to enhance the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, residents and motorists alike as they travel along and across this section of road

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7041962) 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.

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Q11. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the trimming of trees in Collinswood Estate in particular sections (**details supplied**) as they are encroaching on apartments on Collins Avenue.

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.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q12. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services arrange for a STOP sign at the end of Craigford Drive, Killester, as the cars do not always stop.

Reply

Under the Road Traffic Regulations, motorists must give way to traffic on a road that concludes with a T-junction. A stop sign is not necessary where normal rules of the road apply; moreover, such signs are only provided on approaches to major junctions. If signs were installed at every minor junction it would lead to a proliferation of signs throughout residential estates. Therefore, a Stop sign is not recommended at this location.

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Q13. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to advise why yellow lines have been placed on Watermill Drive, Raheny as the residents were not informed of this happening, and they are not happy.

Reply

Double Yellow Lines were installed on Watermill Drive between Watermill Road and Watermill Avenue to prevent the hazard created by the parked cars and in order to assist the visibility near the school warden stand where the children are crossing.

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Q14. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to redo the yellow lines at the entrance of Collinswood estate as they are well worn, and the residents want them made longer as parking is an issue in this location.

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for renewal will take place within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of the 21/10/24

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Q15. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to arrange a survey of the parking on the top part of Killester Avenue near the Malahide Road, as cars park there using the pitches, and it is very hard to see when coming from Craigford.

Reply

Following a site visit, no major issues regarding parking were observed. Few cars were observed to be parked illegally on the footpath, and Dublin Street Parking Services will be instructed to enforce against illegal parking at the mentioned location.

It should be noted that on-street parking has a passive traffic calming effect on the area (in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets) and the removal of large sections of on-street parking can in fact exacerbate issues of speeding and can move the issue further into residential areas.

However, a balanced approach must be taken to the installation of parking restrictions; the appropriate measure to deal with the issues raised is the introduction of a Pay & Display and Permit Parking Scheme. If residents would like to apply for a Pay & Display and Permit 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>

In the meantime, instances of illegal parking should be reported directly to Dublin Street Parking Services by phone 01 602 2500 or e-mail info@dsps.ie, or to An Garda Síochána, as infringements occur.

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Q16. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for removal of the very large tree remains, on Craigford Avenue, on the small green. They that have been left there for some time after being cut down.

Reply

Such trunks are often left in situ for their biodiversity value or even as informal play features. Arrangements have been made to have some removed in the coming weeks.

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Q17. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to explore the feasibility of placing a running track in St Annes Park for runners of all ages to train. It is a much-needed facility in the community for running clubs. We might encourage more Olympians.

Reply

The Parks Service carried out a full independent feasibility study of this proposal in 2021 which concluded that there is nowhere in St. Anne's Park which could receive such a large-scale facility without severely impacting on existing pitches or compromising historic tree lines associated with the preserved 19th Century demesne landscape. The study also looked at other possible locations in the North Central area and identified Belcamp Park as being a suitable location with sufficient space to develop an athletics facility with a dedicated entrance and car parking accessed from Clonshaugh Road.

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Q18. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services about the moving a lamppost on (**details supplied**)
With the new cycle lane due to commence, the resident has been refused a driveway as the lamppost is close. A driveway is essential here.

Reply

Planning permission is normally required for a driveway or the widening of an existing driveway. DCC Planning Dept have confirmed that they have not received a planning application for the driveway at this location.

If Planning permission is approved the resident can be asked to contact Roads Maintenance with regard to dishing of the kerbs, if this is required, and Public Lighting Services where a street light may need to be relocated. With respect to the relocation of the street light the resident needs to complete a form for this that is located at the link below (the resident is required to quote the Planning Reference Number in the form)

www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/street-lights/apply-street-light-be-relocated-private

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Q19. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to place extra speed and children crossing signage along All Saints Road, Raheny. Especially before the entrances to St Annes Park, as it is a danger along that stretch.

Reply

This request (7026549) 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
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Q20. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to arrange to fix a hole in the path at (details supplied), as it is very overgrown with weeds and is a danger, as pedestrians cannot see the hole.

Reply

An enquiry (ref_11166681) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add any urgent repair to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
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Q21. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to review the recent laying of Tarmacadam at Oulton Road, Clontarf.

Reply

An inquiry (ref. 11166682) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector. The recent resurfacing on Oulton Road will be reviewed as requested.

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Q22. Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

To ask Director of Services to provide clarification on the specific drainage issues cited by DCC as a reason for the delay in the taking in charge (TIC) process for Belmayne Avenue and Parkside Boulevard? Given that all units, including schools in the area, currently have sufficient drainage, what complexities are preventing this process from moving forward?

Reply

Firstly, the drainage for the roads in question is only one aspect of the taking in charge process.

Regarding the drainage issue specifically, prior to the taking in charge of any infrastructure it is standard Dublin City Council procedure to ascertain the condition of that infrastructure. The Developer has been informed a number of times of Dublin City Council's specific requirements for the taking in charge of the surface water drainage infrastructure. These include the provision of accurate records and condition surveys of the infrastructure, and resolution of known foul contamination in the surface water network. Dublin City Council is eager to progress the matter, and continues to engage with the Developer in order to obtain the necessary information. Unfortunately, very little information has been provided to date, and key concerns remained unresolved despite multiple requests. Until we have received detailed information on the surface water infrastructure we cannot progress the matter further.

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Q23. Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

To ask the Director of Services what steps are being taken to ensure that Cairn Homes resurfaces the damaged sections of Belmayne Avenue, particularly given that much of the damage is caused by third-party vehicular traffic related to their developments. Can DCC enforce Cairn Homes to expedite the resurfacing work, considering the safety concerns expressed by local residents?

Reply

The majority of Belmayne Avenue is currently not in the charge of Dublin City Council. Discussions are ongoing between Cairn Homes and Dublin City Council in relation to taking in charge of Belmayne. The condition of the carriageway will be raised with Cairn so that they can arrange for its repair in advance of any taking in charge.

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Q24. Question in the name of Councillor Supriya Singh

To ask the Director of Services to confirm whether Cairn Homes will be required to reopen the paths along the side of the new Parkside Apartments, and when this work is expected to be completed?

Reply

The footpaths on Belmayne Avenue and Main Street adjacent to the apartment blocks currently under construction by Cairn Homes are required to be opened as part of the public realm. Cairn Homes have advised that these footways will open in Q3 2025.

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Q25. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to install clear signage at the junction of Clontarf Road and Mount Prospect Avenue, where pedestrians crossing the Clontarf Road must cross the cycle path to access the footpath next to sea wall. This signage should indicate cyclists must yield to pedestrians crossing the cycle path. To further ask the Manager to install yellow bump strips at this point to slow down cyclists.

Reply

On approach to the Mount Prospect Avenue junction, cyclists is presented with a Yield road marking, requiring cyclists to yield to other road users already in the space ahead. In addition, an upright sign with a blue background which advises that the space can be used by pedestrians and cyclists, that there is no separation of spaces and that cyclists should yield to pedestrians has been installed.

The Active Travel Programme Office will consider a recommendation for the implementation of yellow rumble strips. An update will be issued before the December North central Area Committee meeting.



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Q26. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to install play equipment in the Foxfield estate, either at Foxfield Park or the green space at Foxfield Road.

Reply

The Parks Service does not install play equipment with such residential estates rather play facilities are provided in destination and neighbourhood parks to serve the wider community.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q27. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to explain the reason for the change in light sequencing at Raheny crossroads (junction of Howth Rd with Raheny Rd / Main St). The frequency of the pedestrian lights has been halved – the pedestrian light is only available after traffic has passed through the crossroads in each direction - north/south and east/west. Previously it was available after each phase of traffic. On the same point, can the pedestrian light to the traffic island be synchronised with the other pedestrian lights to allow pedestrians to cross fully, through the traffic island rather than getting stuck on the traffic island?

Reply

At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency and resulting large reductions in traffic volumes, the operation of the pedestrian signals at some locations in the city were amended to permit the crossing signals to operate, if demanded, twice per cycle of the signals, where it was feasible to do so. The rationale for this was to reduce the time persons would need to be in close contact standing at the crossings.

Once the emergency had passed and traffic levels returned to normal, this facility was, generally, removed at signal sites in the city.

In some cases, the facility to run twice per cycle remained active however it was found to cause some issues with the actual operation of the traffic signals as original operation was not designed for such a facility. For example, at Raheny village, the operation of the pedestrian crossing twice per cycle was found to very negatively impact public transport journey times through the junction as it decreased the available green time available to traffic and buses each cycle of the traffic signals. Dublin City Council prioritises all users of sustainable and active travel modes and, at busy junctions such as this one, a balance needs to be struck between minimising delays to bus passengers while providing for pedestrians and cyclists. This balance can only be struck in this situation by running the pedestrian crossing once per cycle.

However, we will review the operation of the slip road pedestrian crossing to ensure that, where possible, pedestrians will not have to wait on the traffic island.

Thank you for your query.

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Q28. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to ensure the routine maintenance and upkeep of the Malahide Road between Northern Cross and the Fingal boundary. This area is largely neglected and maintenance should include regular grass cutting, verge maintenance, central island clean-up, litter collection and weeding.

Reply

There is one section of grassed verge on the east side of the road which is maintained under a landscape maintenance contract managed by the Parks Service. This verge receives regular maintenance under the terms of the contract.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q29. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to install physical segregation, such as bollards, between the cars parked at St. Anne's tennis courts and the fencing at the tennis courts. This will allow for an unbroken continuation of the pathway from the arboretum to the tennis pavilion.

Reply

This matter will be given consideration and will be investigated to ascertain if the parking can be reordered to facilitate same.

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Q30. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager for a report on progress on new toilet facilities in St. Anne's Park, including those near Woodside, and the plan for the renovation and opening of public toilets at the tennis courts pavilion.

Reply

The procurement of the toilets at the Red Stables has been completed and we are working with the architect and contractor on final design iterations. Once the design has been finalised contracts etc. will be signed with a delivery date in the first half of 2025.

The design and procurement of changing and toilet facility proposed for at Woodside will commence once the Red Stables Toilets project has been finalised.

The toilets at the tennis courts are currently open and available to the public.

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Q31. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to reinstall plaques marking the names and varieties of trees in the Millennium Arboretum in St. Anne's Park. These plaques could link to an app or website allowing park visitors to discover more about the arboretum, its history, purpose and the trees therein.

Reply

The trees have been surveyed and uploaded to DCC's GIS based digital inventory of trees. The surveying process proved somewhat problematic as the tablet struggled to connect to the GIS satellites due to the tree canopy cover. So before modern solutions are explored it is planned to have the trees labelled which will allow lists, maps etc be published and then maybe an online version. It is planned to label the herbaceous planting in the double border at the clock tower and then begin labelling the trees in the arboretum in 2025.

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Q32. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to organise the repair of the path and roadway on St Margaret's Avenue. The entire road is in a state of significant disrepair and residents are of the view that it has been neglected because of challenges presented by the trees on the island running the length of the road. While safeguarding the trees is paramount, it is important the path and roadway are maintained.

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11166683) has been created for this matter. St. Margaret's Avenue has been added to the list that will be reviewed before drafting the 2025 Works Programme.

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Q33. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to organise the removal of a tree stump at **(details supplied)** and to replace this with a new tree.

Reply

This stump has been inspected and is listed for removal in the coming weeks. The locus will then be assessed for suitability for replanting this winter.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q34. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to ensure that Fr Collins park opens consistently at or before 8am every weekday. Local residents report that while this is the case most weekdays it is not the case on Fridays and this unpredictability negatively impacts on parents taking their children to school through the park. In view of the active travel commitments of Dublin City Council we should ensure that everything possible is done to give people alternatives to using their car whenever possible.

Reply

The park is currently opened at 8am as soon as staff arrive on location in the morning some 2 hours before the official opening time to facilitate local children travelling to school. On the rare occasions when local staff are not available due to illness or annual leave the Park is opened by staff from other parks which does mean the park is opened a little later on those mornings.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q35. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the manager to examine the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing at **(details supplied)** as local residents find it difficult to cross the road at this point.

Reply

A design is beng carried out for this junction. Any works at this location will be subject to available funding.

Contact: Claire French

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21st October 2024

Q36. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the manager to say what can be done to reduce/deal with the speeding on **(details supplied)**, where residents feel is an accident waiting to happen.

Reply

This request (Ref 7042275) 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
Email: Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q37. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the manager to say if he can clear weeds from (**details supplied**) as residents feel the area is being continuously neglected.

Reply

Both these locations were treated for weed removal earlier in the summer and arrangements have been made to have a second treatment carried out in the coming days.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Area Manager Clontarf and Donaghmede LEAs

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21st October 2024

Q38. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager to refer to say if he will install a 'slow sign' at (**details supplied**) as residents are concerned about the constant speeding traffic entering same.

Reply

This request (Ref 7042276) 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
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Q39. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

Can the manager provide an update on Kilmore Celtic, what is being done to improve the facilities?

Reply

The Parks Service have carried out a couple of rounds of surface decompaction and topdressing of the grass pitches at Oscar Traynor Road in recent years. Consideration will be given to same as part of the pitch improvement programme for 2026.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

The Area Office will be arranging a meeting with the Local Councillors and the four clubs to move forward with the proposed All Weather pitch on Glin Road.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Area Manager
Contact No: 01 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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21st October 2024

Q40. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

Can the manager provide a tree of hope for Ellenfield Park. There have been a number of requests from residents for this tree. They feel very strongly that this should go ahead and there is great support locally for this to happen.

Reply

The Memorials in Parks Guidelines outlines the Council's position with regard to such memorials and while the Council supports the principle of allowing memorial trees in Parks the guidelines further state that parks are not cemeteries and should not duplicate their commemorative function and that plaques or other memorabilia will not be permitted in the vicinity of the tree. The Parks Service is conscious of particular sensitivities associated with this park but is happy to facilitate a memorial tree that accords with the guidelines. If the local residents wish to make contact with at parks@dublincity.ie a copy of the guidelines can be furnished to begin this process.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q41. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

Can the manager provide an update on the housing application for (**detail supplied**).

Detail supplied: Daniel Copperthwaite, housing reference number 167448.

I'm writing to you today seeking assistance with my housing application. I unfortunately have a long standing health condition which makes life difficult for me on a day to day basis but I do my best to give back to the community as best I can in the form of working for leinster Rugby on a part time basis teaching rugby in local school and with local community groups St.Michaels house etc.
I would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide as my current living situation is untenable.

Reply

A housing application was received in respect of the above applicant on the 10/05/2024, the application is currently deferred as the following documentation remains outstanding –

- Correspondence from Meath County Council setting out that the applicant does not have a housing application with them

Upon receipt of same the application will be reassessed with a view to having the deferral removed.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Director DRHE

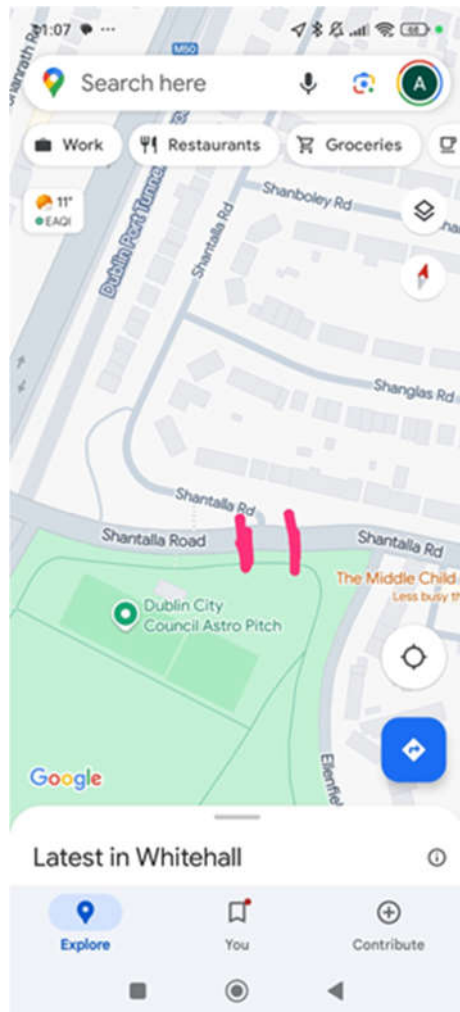
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q42. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

Can the manager provide an update on dangerous pedestrian crossings located on Shantalla Road - near the entrance to Ellenfield Park.



There is an issue in heavy traffic when traffic gets stuck between the two crossings and when traffic begins to move again the cars inside the junction automatically move and don't look for or ignore the fact that they have a red light and the pedestrian lights are green. Residents report near misses as a result.

A yellow box is needed so that cars do not drive into the junction until it is clear.

Reply

This request (Ref 7042277) 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
Email: Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q43. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the manager for an update on the proposed traffic solution and pedestrian crossing for Ardmore estate.

Reply

The fully signalisation of the junction of Ardmore Drive and the Kilmore Road, including pedestrian crossings on all arms of the junction, is part of the first package of pedestrian crossings that recently went to tender. Tenders were received on Friday the 11th of October and are currently being assessed. It is intended to award the tender and commence work later this quarter.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer

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21st October 2024

Q44. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the manager for an update on the noise investigation coming from the Oscar Traynor site.

Reply

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit received complaints about noise associated with the Glenveagh Homes Construction Site, Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 5. The first complaint was made to the Unit on 01/03/2024.

For the control of noise, the works must be carried out in accordance with the mitigation measures in the approved Construction Management Plan submitted with the application. The plan was written having regard to the Unit's Construction and Demolition Good Practice Guide for Construction Sites.

Link to Guide: [Good Practice Guide for Construction and Demolition | Dublin City Council](#)

Officers of the Unit and Planning Enforcement have carried out frequent joint inspections to determine that the mitigation measures outlined in the Construction Management Plan are implemented.

Where it was identified that mitigation measures were not fully implemented, warnings were given and follow up inspections were carried out.

The plan specifies a daily Construction Noise Level not to be exceeded. The monitoring is done by an independent Environmental Engineer employed by the Contractor. The monitoring locations are chosen (and approved by the Unit's Case Officer) to accurately represent the construction noise level emanating from the site.

Monthly noise monitoring reports are submitted to the Unit detailing the daily construction noise levels. On a number of occasions exceedances were identified and an explanation was given to clarify the reasons. This was associated with pile driving and follow up inspections were carried out to ensure when pile driving was taking place, best practice measures were implemented. This included mitigation at source and ensuring that the pile driving methods were the quietest possible for the task.

Contact: Paul Rutherford, Acting Principal Environmental Health Officer, Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q45. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the manager to provide an up to date traffic plan for the Oscar Traynor road and Santry.

Reply

The Oscar Traynor Road and surrounding areas have recently seen increased traffic levels likely due to an increase in demand from key trip attractors in the area such as schools, sports facilities and employment zones. It is anticipated that some of this increased demand will be met over time by the introduction of the new N6 Orbital Bus Route. It is also anticipated that there will be an increased number of journeys to local schools made by Active Modes with the imminent switch on of the new pedestrian crossings on the M50 J2 interchange - making the journey to school for parents and children considerably safer and more attractive.

Other factors leading to recent traffic volume increases are the construction of new homes on the Oscar Traynor Woods site particularly construction traffic exiting/entering the works near the existing pedestrian crossing on Coolock Lane. The contractor has recently made us aware that they have almost completed their works to facilitate the opening of a new traffic signal controlled T junction at this location and this too will assist in the management of traffic along Oscar Traynor Road.

The City Council also liaised closely with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in the previous months to create an additional traffic lane on Coolock Lane by re-marking the existing alignment along OTR from the M50 junction to the junction with Oscar Traynor Woods.

This downstream capacity from the interchange has assisted with providing additional stacking/queuing capacity for traffic coming from the M50 and Santry. With the new signals at M50 J2 due to be switched on during the week commencing 21.10.24 we will also be carrying out a full review of the operation of all traffic signalised junctions along the route in the next two weeks and will further refine and optimise the operation as much as possible.

We will also continue to monitor traffic signal operation along this busy route and implement further changes as required.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation
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Q46. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the manager to advise when the lights will ~~b~~he operational at the Santry roundabout.

Reply

The new pedestrian signals at this location are scheduled for switch on during the week commencing 21.10.24.

Thank you for your query.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q47. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

What is the plan for the Shanowen lands which are zoned for employment?

Reply

The lands referenced at Shanowen Road are not in the ownership of DCC. Any proposal regarding the use of these lands or relating to the Enterprise & Employment zoning is a matter for the owners of these lands to initiate.

No pre-planning or planning applications have been recently made on these lands nor have the owners been in touch with the Planning Department to engage on any proposal.

The current zoning policy supports the future development of the lands for enterprise if any planning application was proposed for such a use.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q48. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the manager when a local area plan for Santry will be produced.

Reply

The 2022-2028 City Development includes Table 2-13 which identified 3 priority statutory Local Area Plans and in Table 2-14 a schedule of 15 proposed other Local Area Plans/ Village Improvement Plans to be prepared, as resources permit, which includes Santry/Whitehall. Work is now underway on the 3 plans in Table 2-13; in line with their prioritisation in the Development Plan.

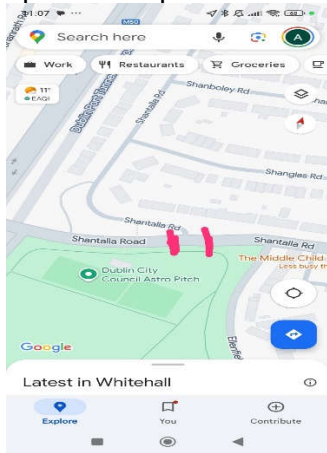
Decisions in relation to prioritisation of the other 15 LAPs will be examined by the incoming Planning SPC, in line with the criteria specified in the Development Plan. It would be premature at this stage to advise the possible outcome of such decision as to which LAPs from this list will be identified to progress.

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Q49. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask the Director of Services to consider the installation of a full set of traffic lights at Shantalla road see map attached. Safety is an extreme concern. I received three communications in the last month reporting cars not stopping. A lot of people use this pedestrian crossing to access local park but traffic levels are also very high in the area. While waiting on the response can regular maintenance of the current lights be scheduled. Residents are experiencing ongoing issues, broken, missing parts, or out of alignment with oncoming traffic. This crossing is too dangerous not to have an operational pedestrian crossing.



Reply

A technician has visited the site and assessed operation and configuration of signals in light of your query.

The only issue observed was one slightly mis-aligned pedestrian lamp signal head – the technician realigned this lamp.

All lamps, Pedestrian Push Buttons (PBU), Pedestrian audio beacons and vehicle detection are working correctly.

The technician noted that pedestrian kerbside detectors are onsite. These detectors cancel the demand for pedestrian crossing if the pedestrian pushes the PBU button and walks away out of range of the detector (usually crosses on a red signal)

The technician reconfigured the detection zones of two of these kerbside detectors to ensure pedestrian presence was noted and not cancelled.

No other issues were noted and therefore perhaps clarification of specific issues could be sought from users of the pedestrian crossings at this location.

Thank you for your query.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

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21st October 2024

Q50. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask the Director of services for a response to residents who submitted a request for change of parking restrictions (details supplied), 7 months ago and have yet to receive any response.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group will finalise the new proposed scheme for this location in the next two weeks.

Following that, the Parking Enforcement sector will receive the detailed scheme design from the Engineer. The residents vote for/against this design. More details will be available once the Parking Enforcement sector finalises the process.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer

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Q51. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask Director of services to remove low hanging branches at (details supplied) that are a danger to pedestrians walking on the footpath. See photo with (details supplied). Resident submitted a request in August and to date has had no response.

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. Works deemed necessary for the safety of pedestrians will of course be expedited.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q52. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask the Director of services to install lighting in Belcamp Park similar to that installed in Rockfield park. As the winter months approach, many residents who utilise the park for various activities - such as football , dog walking, running/walking clubs, exercise machines, playgrounds, astro pitch etc are concerned about safety during the darker evenings. Currently, the lack of lighting limits residents ability to use the park effectively and safely during these times. Installing lights in the park would not only enhance safety but also encourage continued community engagement and activity during the winter months. This improvement would benefit numerous local groups and residents who rely on this space.

Reply

As parks are officially closed after dark the Parks Service does not install such lighting unless there is a recognised commuter route connecting residential areas to transport links etc. such as those in Rockfield.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q53. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask the Director of Services for a traffic management plan for the residents of Clonshaugh Road who face intolerable levels of traffic daily. Assurances were given by DCC to residents a number of years ago that a traffic management plan would be put in place. The result from that has been a sign with 3.5 ton limit. Signs are being ignored. Residents find it difficult to get in and out of driveways due to the high level of cars cutting through the estate. This action has had no significant impact on the traffic situation and I ask that a new traffic management plan be considered as a matter of urgency.

Reply

Clonshaugh Road is a strategic arterial route linking R139, Clonshaugh Avenue, and Oscar Traynor Road. Clonshaugh Road is used as a through-road and for this reason, the provision of any other traffic measures are not recommended at this time. Clonshaugh Road is covered by the 3.5tonne maximum gross weight restriction and signage is in place. The enforcement of the existing 3.5 tonne restriction is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q54. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask the Director of Services for a copy of the strategy plan dealing with the complex ongoing issue of the illegal keeping of horses in the Belcamp/Darndale housing estates, open greens and public parks, along with an update on the current situation and actions being taken.

Reply

Dublin City Council are obliged under the Control of Horses 1996 Act to monitor and manage the licensing and keeping of horses throughout the city. The Animal Welfare & Control Services Unit have engaged with the Darndale Area Office to keep a log of where horses are being illegally kept. This log shows the difficulty of keeping track of where the horses are on any given night. The Animal Welfare Unit studies the movement of these horse to identify patterns and to highlight areas where numbers of animals are kept on a regular basis. The Animal Welfare inspector is in regular contact with the local Gardaí and a number of operations have taken place to remove both horses and stray dogs in the area over the past months. Each operation is held following a detailed risk assessment by our contractor and on advice from our colleagues in An Garda Síochána. The Council will continue to plan operations to seize horses in the Darndale area while being mindful of the safety of our officers and colleagues.

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Q55. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the proposed design for Shantall Road/Mace shops area (details attached in separated document). The situation is extremely dangerous with cars using it as a short cut onto Beaumont road to avoid traffic lights.

Reply

The proposed works at the Mace Shops along the Shantalla Road are part of the Minor Works Package 11. These works are currently at Design Stage. Once the design is finalised DCC will engage with a contractor to carry out these works. The design of these works is planned to be finalised by Q1 2025, with construction to begin in Q2 2025.

Contact: Will Mangan – Senior Executive Engineer for the North City

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Q56. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask the Director of Services for a water tap to be installed in Beaumont Community Garden to support ongoing development of the garden which has been recognised for outstanding work to enhance the green and community engagement.

Reply

The water supply has to be connected and approved by Uisce Eireann and this can take between six to twelve months to complete. Due to the cost and nature of these installations that this request should be submitted under the Councillors Discretionary request for 2025

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Officer
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Q57. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask the Director of Services for an update on when the full assessment for the request ref (**details supplied**) will take place for the pay and display and permit parking request for (**details supplied**). The resident received an update in June 2024 to state it was referred to Area Engineers for a full assessment. I followed up and was informed at the beginning of this month that it was still in the list for a full assessment.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group will finalise the new proposed scheme for this location in the next two weeks. Following that, the Parking Enforcement sector will receive the detailed scheme design from the Engineer. The Residents can vote for/or against the design. More details will be available once the Parking Enforcement sector will finalise the process.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer

E-mail: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q58. Question in the name of Councillor Aishling Silke

To ask the Director of Services for an update in relation the action that is been taken to resolve the issue to illegal parking of caravans which are connected to (**details supplied**).

Reply

Dublin City Council are the owner/landlord of (details supplied).

The investigation of the use of caravans and the illegal parking on (details supplied) is ongoing. We are working closely with An Gara Siochana for the removal of these Caravans from the public road. There are multiple internal departments also involved. This is a complex case for investigating and is currently with our Law Department. Estate Management monitor the situation on a weekly basis and the family in question have been interviewed on numerous occasions. We will continue to monitor the situation and will act on advice received from our Law Department.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q59. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

To ask the Manager to examine the boat slipway off Clontarf Promenade. As you swim out to sea there is a dangerous concrete bollard in the water which is very dangerous, can the matter be examined with a view to arranging removal of same for health and safety reasons

Reply

The slipway at Clontarf is intended for the launching and berthing of water craft and it is considered that swimming at this location conflicts with the main activity here and poses a significant health and safety risk to the operators of water craft. The Parks Service is unaware of the intended purpose of this bollard located below the high water line, an area which falls under the department of the marine.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q60. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

To ask the Manager when (**details supplied**), will be repaired, as promised previously (over 2 years or more ago as part of my discretionary fund spend) and can he make a statement on the matter.

Reply

A meeting will be arranged with the Parks Department to determine the precise scope of the works at this location.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Area Manager, Clontarf and Donaghmede

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Q61. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

To ask the Manager to refer to request for installation of DYLS or reinstatement of single white line at (**details supplied**) and say if he can accommodate same.

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for renewal will take place within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of the 21/10/24

*Contact: Paul Doyle, Road Markings Section, Traffic Transportation.
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q62. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager please refer to request for planting in park as per (details supplied) and say if he can provide same.

Reply

Local Residents in collaboration with the Area Office have completed the installation of trellises and the planting of climbers along this boundary wall.

Contact: Mick Carroll Area Manager

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Q63. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

To ask the Manager, in relation to (details supplied), to re-examine the option purchasing scheme same (as requested on a number of occasions in the past) so as same can be put to positive community use.

Details Supplied: Legion Hall, Killester, Dublin 5.

Reply

This property was entered onto the Derelict Sites Register on 13th February 2024. At that time the owner had responded indicating that works to the property were under consideration however a recent inspection has revealed that no works have progressed. The Derelict Sites section has contacted the owner again to determine the current position with regard to bringing this property back into use. The Derelict Sites Section will liaise with the Area Office to determine whether the option of acquiring the property is a consideration based on local need, etc.

Contact: Margaret Mooney
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q64. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

To ask the manager, in relation to the bin that used to be at (details supplied A) attached, to say why same was removed and if there is any opportunity to provide a bin at (details supplied B) attached.

Reply

Waste Management Services have a bin at the green area at (details supplied A). As regards (details supplied B), we don't have any bins small enough that wouldn't impede wheelchair users on this narrow footpath.

Contact Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel 2224240 mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q65. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager please refer to traffic lights at location as per (details supplied A) attached and say if he can examine same with a view to making it less stressful for traffic exiting entering (details supplied B) attached as residents say there is a problem with the signalling at this junction.

Reply

The operation of the traffic signals at this junction is via our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System (SCATS). We have reviewed the operation of the signals in SCATS and note the following.

The (details supplied B) and (details supplied C) approaches operate concurrently in a single traffic signal phase which typically receives a minimum of 22% of the total traffic signal cycle time each cycle of the signals, subject to demand. Along with the two approaches in question, the (details supplied D) approaches, right turn movements from (details supplied D), the (details supplied E) exit and pedestrian crossing all need to be serviced at this location each cycle of the traffic signals.

Allocation of extra green time to the (details supplied B) road approach would necessitate the reduction in green signal time available to the (details supplied D) approaches each cycle of the traffic signals thereby increasing public transport journey times through the junction, contrary to Dublin City Council policy to prioritise all sustainable modes of transportation across the city. Therefore, we see no further scope to alter the timings for (details supplied B) under the typical plans provided for in SCATS. However, upon reviewing the junction operation we have noticed some intermittent communications issues between our signals and our SCATS system which may have recently lead the junction to operate sub optimally. We have raised faults for these issues and we will continue to monitor traffic / pedestrian movements at this location and make further changes as required where there is scope to do so.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

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Q66. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager please say, in relation to roads as per (details supplied A. and B) attached, if both can be resurfaced as same are in dreadful condition.

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11166695) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add any defects on the above-mentioned section of (details supplied B)

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
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Q67. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

To ask the manager to please say when the safe routes to school project for (details supplied) will be installed and explain why there seems to be such a delay in installing same as parents are anxious that the scheme be installed as soon as possible as the scheme was finalised and approved in March 2022 and if he can make a statement on the matter to include the possibility of providing a traffic warden/lollipop person at the school at 1:30 pm in the meantime.

Reply

The school warden service is provided for unaccompanied children, over the age of 8, crossing to and from school. School children in the junior side of primary school cannot leave unaccompanied, and therefore we would not supply a school warden at this time.

Contact: Carmel Curran, School Warden Coordinator, Environment & Transportation Dept.

Tel: 08711466053

Email: carmel.curran@dublincity.ie

Reply

The School Zone team is currently resourced to deliver front of school safety interventions to Round 2 schools on the Safe Routes to School programme, which is funded by the National Transport Authority. Each year DCC is allocated a number of schools to progress front of school safety interventions through this programme. As (**details supplied**) is not on our current list of schools for these treatments, the team is not currently in a position to progress School Zone works at this location. However we hope to be in a position to engage with (**details supplied**) Infants in the future, subject to the availability of future resources.

The team is also keen to manage expectations in terms of the impact that School Zones can make. While they can improve the situation at schools, they are only one of many solutions to the traffic challenges that school communities face. Ultimately there is a need to reduce the number of cars causing congestion at the school gate which creates the unsafe environment for children. Some softer measures to help reducing the number of students being driven to school, such as Park and Strides, walking busses and cycling busses, could also help to improve the situation. We encourage school communities to work with the parents and children in developing and trying out these solutions. If schools would like more information on these initiatives or support with getting them started, please email sustainablemobility@dublincity.ie

Contact: Deirdre Kelly, Administrative Officer

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Q68. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

Can the manager please refer to pedestrian crossing at (**details supplied**) and say if he can increase the 'green man' time for pedestrians as requested by local residents.

Reply

Dublin City Council's ITS section has assessed the junction in light of your query.

Following assessment, in the interest of enhancing pedestrian crossing safety, both the green minimum crossing time and the amber safety times at all pedestrian crossings at this location have been slightly increased.

This additional crossing time will operate when all the pedestrian crossings operate together and will facilitate pedestrians to commence crossing of the second part of the 'staggered' crossings whilst still having sufficient amber safety time to complete their crossing.

We will, of course, continue to monitor traffic / pedestrian movements and make further changes as required where there is scope to do so.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

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21st October 2024

Q69. Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

To ask the manager to please refer to tree at (**details supplied**) which has a large deep crack on left hand side and a hole at the bottom of same, and say that he will immediately inspect the tree with a view to its removal as residents are fearful the tree will come down as a similar one opposite was removed by City Council for the same reason 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. Works deemed necessary for safety will of course be expedited.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q70. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager for a planter to be placed at the corner of Mask Crescent and Mask Avenue.

Reply

A planter box can be considered for this location pending a site visit to assess the footpath for suitability and I will require contact details for the local residents association/environmental group or a committed resident who is willing to maintain the box into the future.

Contact: Joanne O'Sullivan
Tel: 0872868325
Email: joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie

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21st October 2024

Q71. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to fix the footpath (**details supplied**). The footpath is a trip hazard and has already caused accidents for local residents.

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11166715) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection, and add this to a works list for repair, as soon as possible.

Contact: Ugurhan ILHAN, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
Tel: 2222576
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q72. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager what is the delay in the playgrounds being provided at Kilmore West and McAuley Park. The proposed playgrounds were due in the summer, now in October I am told that they won't be beginning until next year. This is unacceptable. Residents have already been waiting for years on these and should not have to wait any longer. The residents deserve a definitive time frame for construction.

Reply

Delays in processing the tender and contract documentation prepared by the Parks Service under the new procurement and finance system introduced this summer led to inordinate delays in issuing the order to the preferred contractor. The contractor understandably did not place the order with the suppliers for the necessary equipment until the order was confirmed. The supplier has confirmed that the equipment will be dispatched to Ireland in January 2025 and will be with the contractor a week later. While we do not have a firm start date from the contractor as yet as they have not fixed their work programmes for early 2025 it is expected that the works will commence soon thereafter and the playground will be in place for the improving weather in spring 2025.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q73. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to supply planters for the Castletimon area of Kilmore West. These were promised two years ago but never materialised. The remainder of the area have been supplied with great success.

Reply

The planter boxes that were placed in the Kilmore West Area in July 2023 were given on a pilot basis to Get Kilmore Going. We have been monitoring the planter boxes to see if residents are maintaining them- including watering, weeding and replenishing plants as the seasons change. Some boxes are doing well but others are not doing so well.

Planter boxes are a big undertaking for groups. If there is a committed group in the Castletimon Area that would be willing to take on the responsibility of maintaining more planter boxes then it can be given consideration in 2025. It would also be helpful if a local counsellor could allocate some of their discretionary funding in 2025 to this project to allow it to be extended to the Castletimon area.

Contact: Joanne O'Sullivan
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21st October 2024

Q74. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to resurface Ballyshannon Road. A number of residents have been in touch to complain about the road surface and the number of holes along the stretch of road.

Reply

An enquiry(ref. 11166874) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add any defects to a works list for repair.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

Tel: 2222576

Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q75. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to resurface Lorcan Avenue. A number of residents have been in touch to complain about the road surface and the number of holes along the stretch of road.

Reply

An enquiry (ref_11166689) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add any urgent repair to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
Tel: 2222576
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q76. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager for an update on the refurbishment of a property at (**details supplied**). The property was purchased by DCC with Tenant in situ and has had no work done to the property to bring it up to fire and safety regulations.

Reply

Housing Maintenance carried out an inspection of this property on Wednesday 16th October 2024. A programme of works has been drawn up and these works will be carried out on a phased basis.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Tel: 222 2095

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Q77. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to install speed ramps on Kilmore Drive. Local residents are already putting together a petition to have these installed. Kilmore Drive is the only street in the estate which does not have speed ramps and as such is used by speeding drivers who try to avoid the ramps elsewhere. The street has a very high number of children on the street on a daily basis as St John Vianney Football Club is located here. Any measures which would assist the children and other pedestrians in the area accessing Kilmore Drive would be very much appreciated by the residents.

Reply

This request (Ref 11152901) 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
Email: Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q78. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager for a yellow box to be painted at the pedestrian crossing on Shantalla Road (at Ellenfield Road). The reason for this is that when traffic is heavy, traffic gets stuck inside the junction between both pedestrian crossings and when traffic begins to move again the cars inside the junction automatically move and don't look for or ignore the fact that they have a red light and the pedestrian lights are green. If a yellow box was painted it would assist pedestrians in crossing to the park safely.

Reply

This request (Ref 7042277) 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
Email: Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q79. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager to address pedestrian safety concerns at the entrance to Ellenfield Park on Shantalla Road. Can a yellow box be installed between the three sets of lights as drivers have been driving through on pedestrian green lights?

Reply

This request (Ref 7042277) 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
Email: Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q80. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager if the barriers at the Crown Paints site can be adjusted as there is currently no safe way for people with prams and wheelchairs to pass without being forced in to the road.

Reply

The Area Office will attempt to reach out to the contractor with regards to movement of the barriers on what is a private site.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Area Manager
Tel: 01 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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21st October 2024

Q81. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager if there is an update on the application for a one way traffic system at the shops on Shantalla Road near the junction with Beaumont Road.

Reply

The proposed works at the Mace Shops along the Shantalla Road are part of the Minor Works Package 11. These works are currently at the design stage. Once the design is finalised, Dublin City Council will engage with a Contractor to carry out these works. The design of these works is planned to be finalised by Q1 2025 with construction to begin in Q2 2025

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer

E-mail: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q82. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager for a report on any parking enforcement that has taken place on Shanliss Road over the last month.

Reply

There have been six requests for enforcement at Shanliss Road in the last month. Patrols were carried out on two occasions and when inspected, there were no enforceable offences found.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement

Tel: 01 222 7075

Email: suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q83. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

To ask Area Manager to:

1. Confirm that the request to prune the trees at (**details supplied 1**) was recorded by DCC when notified to the customer service centre
2. Plan an inspection of the tree and follow-up action to address the issues as highlighted in correspondence (**details supplied 2**).

Reply

1. Such a punning request has not been recorded within Parks.
2. An inspection will be arrange 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. However it should be noted that the 'Topping' is not a recommended arboricultural practice and merely results in a rapid flush of weakly attached regrowth which can break off in high winds. **Objective 3,6,5 - Quality of Work** of the adopted tree policy states '*Topping is only considered where trees have serious defects that cannot be otherwise addressed and their short term retention is essential or highly desirable*'. *The Dublin City Tree Strategy further recognises the need to provide for renewable energy but also highlights the importance of street trees in contributing to tackling climate change and meeting national targets in this regard.* **3.7.14 Trees and Solar Panels** states *The Council will not prune or fell a Council owned/managed tree to facilitate installation or improve natural light to a solar panel.*

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q84. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

To ask Area Manager to please provide an update on my request reference (**details supplied 1**) as raised via the Citizens Hub for assessment of the tree outside (**details supplied 1**) to address the issues as highlighted in (**details supplied 2**).

Reply

The tree was inspected on foot of this request on the 2nd of October and was found to be in fair condition with only a minor crown lift above the public footpath recommended.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q85. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

To ask Area Manager to please organise for the repair of the broken footpath outside (**details supplied 1**) as highlighted to the Council in previous correspondence attached (**details supplied 2**). Photo attached.

Reply

An enquiry (ref-11166690) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add any urgent repair to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
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Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q86. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

To ask Area Manager to consider Tuscany Downs for the North Central 2025 roads maintenance works programme as the road surface there is in very poor condition.

Reply

Tuscany Downs has been added to the list that we will review before drafting the 2025 Works Programme.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
Tel: 2222576
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q87. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

Can the Area Manager please organise for the removal of the dead branches from the tree outside (**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.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q88. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

To ask the Area Manager to provide a definite timeline as to when the roads-related issues raised under reference (**details supplied**) with DCC over a year ago as set out in (**details supplied**) below will finally be resolved.

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11166719) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list ASAP.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
Tel: 2222576
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

Parking Enforcement will request that DSPS patrol the area and enforce all illegal parking in this area.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement

Tel: 01 222 7075

Email: suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

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Q89. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

To ask the Area Manager to organise for an inspection of the tree outside (**details supplied**) as it is causing damage to the public footpath and the boundary wall at this location.

Reply

The tree at this location was assessed in 2022 and found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at the time of inspection. The tree is not due for re-inspection until April 2025.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 01 222 6625

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q90. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

To ask the Area Manager to organise for:

1. Marking of double-yellow lines at the bottom and middle of Calderwood Rd (Griffith Avenue and Sion Hill Rd junctions respectively)
2. The issuing of a notice in relation to cutting back of overhanging growth on Grace Park Road (western side) between Respond entrance and High Park.
3. To address the issues as highlighted in the correspondence below (**details supplied**).

Reply

The Area Inspector will issue an enforcement notice under Section 70 of The Roads Act 1993 regarding the overgrown branches.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, RMS North Central Area, Assistant Engineer

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Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

This request (Ref 7042281) 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

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Q91. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

To ask the Area Manager to plan the works required to deal with the following issues on Copeland Avenue near the junction with Malahide Road:

1. Footpaths are in poor condition
2. Verges are subject to regular damage from parking vehicles
3. Double-yellow lines have worn away at this location over time

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for renewal will be carried out within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of 21 October 24.

Contact: Damien Cooney
Traffic Officer

Tel: 01 222 2222

Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

An enquiry(ref. 11166694) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, RMS North Central Area
Tel: 2222576
Email: ugurhan.ilhan@dublincity.ie

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Q92. Question in the name of Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí

To ask the Area Manager to organise for planting of a new tree outside (**details supplied**) – a tree was removed from that location some years ago and never replaced.

Reply

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow to ascertain the suitability of including this location in this winter's street tree planting programme.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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21st October 2024

Q93. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

To ask the Area Manager to arrange the immediate repair of the large hole in the paved area outside (**details supplied**), which has been causing concern for residents.

Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11166720) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area

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Q94. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

To ask the Area Manager to investigate safety concerns raised by residents exiting Gracefield Court, where several near-misses with schoolchildren have occurred. The entrance may need to be updated with safety precautions or other traffic measures to improve safety.

Reply

This request (Ref 7042282) 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
Email: Catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q95. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the use of the new machinery designed to improve pitch playability in St. Anne's Park. Specifically, how many times it has been used, whether any data demonstrates its effectiveness, and what additional measures are in place to ensure full pitch playability for the multiple sports clubs using the park during the winter.

Reply

The pitch improvement programme currently underway in St. Anne's has been designed to address the specific and well understood challenges to these pitches specifically surface compaction due to overplay leading to poor infiltration of water and waterlogging in the surface layers. The programme includes surface de-compaction, top-dressing with 30 tonnes of sand per pitch per application to open the surface soil texture aiding infiltration, over-seeding with modern tetraploid grass varieties which better tolerate shearing stresses of football activities reducing bald spots, and seasonally appropriate fertilization to improve sward density and root growth leading to a better quality playing surface. The programme has been ongoing over the summer months as conditions and resources allowed and to date 2/3 of the pitches have been de-compacted and half of these have been topdressed. There topdresser was actually recalled by the supplier last month and the hydraulic spreading motor which had been giving issues replaced which delayed this activity by a couple of weeks. However the programme remains on track to have all pitches in the park de-compacted and topdressed over the next few weeks. The autumn/winter fertilizing programme will commence at the end of the month.

Aside from the comprehensive pitch maintenance program outlined above the main measure to protect these pitches is the weekly inspection regime and calling pitches on and off to ensure the pitches are not damaged through play when conditions do not allow same. It is not clear what is meant by 'full playability' in the question above as pitches cannot be considered playable during periods of heavy rain. However the works as outlined will minimize the amount of time pitches remain called off after such rain events. The effects of such a programme is cumulative and as it is repeated each year the quality of the pitches will greatly improve.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q96. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the current obstacles delaying the installation of additional toilets and changing rooms in St. Anne's Park. Thousands of children play there each weekend, and the lack of basic amenities discourages youth and older members from participating in sports, which impacts community involvement and socialisation.

Reply

There are no obstacles as such rather the process, is by necessity, complex and exacting both from a design point of view, involving the input of architectural and engineering professionals, ensuring the aesthetics are appropriate for an historic demesne, that the facility is robust and fit for purpose and meets the most modern standards of accessibility etc. and from a procurement and contracts standpoint to ensure that all requirements of public procurement policy and fairness are met ensuring value for money for the public purse.

The current status of these projects is that the procurement of the toilets at the Red Stables has been completed and we are working with the architect and contractor on final design iterations. Once the design has been finalised contracts etc. will be signed with a delivery date in the first half of 2025.

The design and procurement of changing and toilet facility proposed for at Woodside will commence once the Red Stables Toilets project has been finalised.

In the interim toilets remain available to the public at the Red Stables and the tennis courts.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q97. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the traffic measures being implemented throughout Marino, particularly addressing concerns about cars using Marino Park as a rat run. Several near misses have alarmed residents.

Reply

This request (Ref 7042283) 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
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Q98. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

To ask the Area Manager to initiate an investigation by the traffic team into solutions for the persistent road traffic congestion on Station Road, Raheny.

Reply

Thank you for your query.

The ITS Section will assess the operation of the traffic signals at Raheny Village (Station Road / Howth Road junction) and determine what changes can be made via our SCATS traffic management system to optimise operation and improve journey times through the junction.

A response will be issued shortly via our TAMS query system.
Query Reference number 7042308 applies.

Thanks again.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

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Q99. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

To ask the Area Manager to support the installation of pencil-shaped bollards and planters outside Scoil Chaitríona Infants, as these measures should help alleviate issues at the school gates.

Reply

The School Zone team is currently resourced to deliver front of school safety interventions to Round 2 schools on the Safe Routes to School programme, which is funded by the National Transport Authority. Scoil Chaitríona Infants is not on our current list of schools for these treatments, so the team is not currently in a position to progress School Zone works at this location. However we hope to be in a position to engage with Scoil Chaitríona Infants in the future, subject to the availability of future resources.

The team is also keen to manage expectations in terms of the impact that School Zones can make. While they can improve the situation at schools, they are only one of many solutions to the traffic challenges that school communities face. Ultimately there is a need to reduce the number of cars causing congestion at the school gate which creates the unsafe environment for children. Some softer measures to help reducing the number of students being driven to school, such as Park and Strides, walking busses and cycling busses, could also help to improve the situation. We encourage school communities to work with the parents and children in developing and trying out these solutions. If schools would like more information on these initiatives or support with getting them started, please email sustainablemobility@dublincity.ie

Contact: Deirdre Kelly, Administrative Officer

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Q100. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the traffic light sequence at the Griffith Avenue and Swords Road junction, as the short sequence is causing bottlenecks and significant delays.

Reply

Following the introduction of the N2 orbital route, our Bus Priority team assessed the operation of the junction in question and I'm happy to report that interventions have been applied, via our SCATS traffic management system, to increase available green signal timings, on a trial basis, on the Griffith Ave approaches (Eastbound and Westbound).

These interventions are triggered by the detection of an approaching bus (N2 or No.13) and will assist with minimising journey times for the N2 route through the junction. Consequently, these changes to assist the N2 bus will also assist with keeping traffic moving along Griffith Avenue. Please note that this is in addition to some additional time which has been allocated to Griffith Avenue approaches recently.

The operation of the traffic signals and potential impacts on the busy Swords Road public transport corridor, will continue to be monitored during this trial and further changes will be made as necessary to assist sustainable transportation modes on all approaches.

Thank you for raising this matter

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

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Q101. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Heneghan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on bin installation and litter collection in the Artane area, as several residents have expressed concerns about the current system.

Reply

The frequency of cleaning of streets and footpaths in the Artane area is determined by the category of each individual street involved. Main thoroughfares and shopping areas are on a daily cleaning schedule. Secondary streets and side turns here are on varying cleaning schedules as appropriate. Cleaning schedules for specific streets in this area can be found on our website www.dublicity.ie. It should be noted that residential areas are regularly monitored and extra cleaning is arranged when necessary between scheduled cleanings. Litter bins in this area are serviced a few times daily on the main thoroughfares and shopping areas. Any litter bins on secondary streets in this area are serviced daily, Monday to Friday.

We consider that there are sufficient litter bins in the Artane area at this time. However if it is considered that more bins are needed in this area, requests for specific locations can be submitted to Waste Management Services. Requests for litter bins are examined on a case by case basis. It should be noted that new litter bins are provided in areas of high footfall such as shop fronts, pubs, churches, bus stops etc. We generally don't install new litter bins in residential areas.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q102. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if they can Provide an update on progress on road and path improvements in the North Central Area?

Reply

80% of footpath reconstruction works, and 70% of carriageway resurfacing works have been completed in the past 3 months in the North Central Area.
These works will be completed in the next few weeks.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
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21st October 2024

Q103. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if Parks Dept could include the replacement of the railing at (details supplied), as this has now become dangerous to public onto main road. The material used is below standard versus other railing and fencing used by DCC. I am concerned this is now a Health and Safety concern to local children.

Reply

The sections of fencing were removed and not replaced by the contractor affecting the new road crossing at this location. The Parks Service will pursue this matter and endeavour to have the missing fencing returned and reinstalled.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st October 2024

Q104. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if the Roads Division will examine the need to install Double Yellow Lines on (details supplied).

Reply

The Area Engineer has requested additional information and will reply directly to the Councillor on receipt of the information requested.

Contact: Lynda Drysdale, Senior Staff Officer, North Central Area Office
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q105. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if the tree at **(Details Supplied)** will be inspected and see if can be pruned by the Parks Dept?

Also, the roads Engineer would examine measures to deal with parking situation in the estate is now becoming dangerous to the residents within the estate. Potentially looking at double yellow lines for one side of the road.

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.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

This request (Ref 7042339) 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
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UBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q106. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if the pedestrian and filter lights can be installed at the entrance to (details supplied) as this would allow for pedestrians to cross more safely and also help traffic turning into the estate.

Reply

This request (Ref 7042284) 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
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q107. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if a Parks Dept. can install additional paths and replace existing ones in the playground at (details supplied).

Reply

The Parks Service has met with local residents who have highlighted access difficulties at the northern end of the playground space. This section of path is to be upgraded as part of the current paths upgrade and repair programme. Works are expected to be completed on site in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q108. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services will request a review of (details supplied) as it is extremely dangerous driving on the road. With young children playing. Please request traffic calming measures for road.

Reply

This road has a speed limit of 50km/h and is currently traffic calmed with a number of speed ramps and speed cushions placed at appropriate distances for optimum traffic calming.

In addition a speed survey was conducted on this road. The resultant 85% percentile speed was found to be 48.5 km/h and has not indicated the presence of speeding 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.

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Q109. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services when proposed works at (details supplied) will be commenced on reinstatement of the new playground at (details supplied) as this is now over 12 months since a commitment was given by Chief Executive.

Reply

While this open space is not in charge based on previous commitments given the procurement of replacement play equipment similar to that previously removed by the management company has commenced. Until tenders have been returned and assessed delivery dates cannot be specified.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
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21st October 2024

Q110. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of services to have path inspected and Cleaned at (details supplied) The cycle and Path way has become overgrown and dangerous for users.

Replies

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned cycle path is monitored and cleaned on a regular basis.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer , Waste Management Services,
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q111. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services to request an update at Belmayne Main Street, of when the road will be fully opened in the coming months and when it will fully operational?

Reply

The connection with the Malahide Road is designed as a Public Transport Only junction. As such its opening is dependent on this junction being serviced by buses. The NTA have indicated the full opening of the Belmayne Main Street Scheme and Bus Connects Route 1 will occur in Q4 2025.

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21st October 2024

Q112. Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

To ask the Director of Services if the road sweepers will clean and wash (details supplied).

Reply

Waste Management Services had the road sweeping machine clean the above mentioned areas on the 9th and 10th October 2024. It was not deemed necessary to have washing carried out in these areas.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer , Waste Management Services,
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q113. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update on the recently submitted request for bathroom maintenance and windows replacement at (**details supplied**).

The close Proximity to the major construction site adjacent to this residence is a big issue with the broken window handles and single glazing providing no protection from noise pollution/dust / dampness.

Reply

Housing Maintenance placed an order for windows to our joinery workshop on 9th July 2024. Repairs will be carried out to the handles and hinges as in interim measure.

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Tel: 222 2095

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q114. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to investigate the possibility for the provision of a yellow box at the junction of the Smaller part of Shantalla Road with the Main Shantalla Road at the Pedestrian Lights opposite the the entrance to Ellenfield Park Dublin 9. There have been several incidents reported where vehicles have ignored the Pedestrian signals and near misses occurring as a result, residents have requested the yellow box as an added safety measure.

Reply

This request (Ref 7042277) 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
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21st October 2024

Q115. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for repairs to the footpath previously requested outside of (details supplied).

Reply

A job has been raised for this defect by the Area Inspector on 9/9/24. This will be repaired in the next few weeks.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
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Q116. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update on the request for the Provision of Safety Netting/Screen at the Playground in Ellenfield Park Dublin 9. The Playground is adjacent to the GAA/Hurling Pitches and Parents have reported many incidents of Sliothars and balls being hit into the Playground endangering the younger children using the Facility.

Reply

Since this matter was reported the nets have been inspected by a competent third party. The inspection concluded that while the nets themselves were in a reasonable condition it was felt that they were too low for the location and it is proposed to increase the height by 3m.

It is also proposed to advise the GAA club with a pitch allocation at this location that it is not appropriate to use this goals for practice shots as was reported.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q117. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager if there is any plans for updating /upgrading works for the Playground in Ellenfield Park?

Reply

The playground at Ellenfield is listed for a full upgrade in 2026.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q118. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager if there is a possibility for the provision of a Coffee Kiosk in Ellenfield Park? The Park is widely used and it has been reported that such an addition to the Park would be very popular.

Reply

If a provider was interested in locating a coffee cart or similar on a trial basis next year to ascertain if there was sufficient footfall for a viable facility the Parks Service will be happy to discuss same.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
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Q119. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to have a Pavement Modification completed outside (**details supplied**). The resident here has requested this previously to facilitate the access to their drive for their car, they say there was an inspection carried out before but no further progress was made.

Reply

An enquiry (ref_11166692) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add any urgent repair to a works list.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
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Q120. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to have repairs carried out to the potholes in the roads on Woodlawn Drive and Woodlawn Avenue, D17.



Reply

An enquiry (ref. 11166727) has been created and passed on to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and add this to a works list for repair as soon as possible.

Contact: Ugurhan Ilhan, Assistant Engineer, RMS North Central Area
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Q121. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to arrange for the renewal/re-painting of the double yellow lines and the markings on the Speed Ramps in the Woodlawn Estate -Dublin 17.

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for renewal will be carried out within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of the 21/10/24.

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Traffic Officer
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q122. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update the Development plans for the “Park and Ride “ Car Park adjacent to Whitehall Church on the Swords Road Dublin 9.

Reply

The final designs for the Clúid Older Persons Development on this site are now complete.

Local Councillors and the local community will be invited to an information event to view the proposals in the coming weeks in advance of the planning application being lodged.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st October 2024

Q123. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to arrange for an inspection of the Windows with a view to upgrading them at the Residence (**details supplied**). The resident was told the windows were in a poor state and needed to be upgraded when they moved into the Property but no inspection has happened to date.

Reply

Housing Maintenance carried out an inspection of the windows at the above address in February this year. An order for new windows was placed with our joinery workshop on 19.02.2024.

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Tel: 222 2095

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st October 2024

Q124. Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney

To ask the area manager for an update on projects for Clontarf LEA under discretionary funding requested in September and not yet received, including the start date of the restoration or the shelters on Clontarf promenade, the inclusive swings and completion of repairs to Realt na Mara statue.

Reply

A report on 2024 discretionary projects is included as item 6a on this meeting's agenda.

Contact: Lynda Drysdale, Senior Staff Officer
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The accessible swings for St. Anne's and Fr. Collins Parks have been ordered but the lead-in time has been considerable. It has been confirmed that they will be shipped to Ireland in November arriving in the country mid-December. The contractor will schedule their installation upon receipt of the equipment.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
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Clontarf Shelters:

7L Conservation Architects have issued tender requirements, and a Contractor has been selected to carry out restoration works to both the linear shelter and the bandstand. Prior to commencement of works it is necessary to get a pre-work ecology survey done for the repointing and brick replacement of the bandstand. 7L have quoted for and appointed an Environmental Consultant to carry out this Ecology Survey Report.

Realt na Meara:

The North Central Area decided to reinstate the original tile covering to the base of the statue and have engaged with the original Artist over the past 7 months, unfortunately we have been unable to receive a quotation for work and have therefore decided to proceed with selecting an alternative covering for the base of the statue.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st October 2024

Q125. Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney

To ask the area manager if active travel team can consult with interested councillors and cycling campaign to revise the design of the phase 1 Coolock to Clontarf active travel route to have continuous cycleways that do not cross over a number of times, this should not delay the project.

Reply

The Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue Active Travel Scheme will deliver protected cycle provision in both directions and numerous pedestrian improvements over a length of 2.5km. A one-way cycle track on both sides of the road is proposed on Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue and Vernon Avenue. A two-way cycle track is proposed on the western side of Sybil Hill Road. Southbound cyclists will have to cross over at the Howth Road junction and back over at the Vernon Avenue junction. Northbound cyclists will not have to cross over the entire length of the 2.5km scheme.

According to the national Cycle Design Manual (CDM), two-way cycle tracks can be well suited to inter-urban routes and other locations where there are few side roads. The western side of Sybill Hill Road has only three main access and no residential accesses, therefore it lends itself to a two-way cycle track. Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue and Vernon Avenue have numerous side roads and a significant number of residential accesses and is therefore not suitable for two-way cycle tracks.

The Cycle Design Manual further outlines the situations where two-way tracks may be more appropriate than one-way cycle tracks in urban areas and these include:

- “Constrained routes” – Sybill Hill Road presents many challenges with requirement to provide cycle facilities, parking spaces, maintaining two-way traffic flow and protecting trees.
- “Routes with tidal flows” – two-way tracks can represent a more flexible use of space than one-way tracks as cyclists can move out into the ‘opposing lane’ within the cycle track to overtake. Two-way cycle tracks also allow for side-by-side cycling when flows in the opposite direction are low. This is particularly relevant on Sybill Hill Road during weekday peak hours next to the schools and weekend peak periods next to St. Anne’s Park.
- “Routes with kerbside activity predominately on only one side” – two-way tracks can be useful when there are greater levels of kerbside activity and side roads on one side than the other. Along Sybill Hill road, with St. Paul’s School, St. Anne’s Park and the kerbside parking, the two-way cycle track can be located on the side with less activity and conflict.

The active travel team are available to discuss the design of Phase 1 Coolock to Clontarf active travel route along Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue with Councillors. We will liaise with the North Central Area Office to arrange a meeting at an appropriate time.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q126. Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney

To ask the manager for an update on upgraded Halloween celebrations in Bram Stoker park and could we organise a Halloween spooky cycle parade on the new cycleways in advance and maybe show a cycling Halloween themed outdoor film like ET.

Reply

A captivating and exciting programme celebrating traditional Halloween themes with a modern twist has been organised for the North Central Area in 2024. Six Halloween events will be held across the Artane-Whitehall, Donaghmede, and Clontarf LEAs. Bram Stoker Park will feature a Halloween-themed movie, spooky trails, storytelling, face painting and more. Information about all the Halloween events will be widely shared through local social media and print materials leading up to Halloween to encourage the local community to participate.

Contact: Natasha Bagnall, Area Community and Social Development Officer – Clontarf & Donaghmede LEAs

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q127. Question in the name of Deputy Lord Mayor Donna Cooney

To ask the manager for update on why the temporary cover on the footpath which could be a trip hazard on Blackheath park at the Vernon Avenue which I've reported twice on citizen hub (**details supplied**) for repair and only had an acknowledgements so far.

Reply

The Area Inspector has already inspected the above-mentioned trip hazard and is still investigating who put the yellow plate, and what is underneath it.

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