

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
9th December 2024

Q1. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager to repair the gate at (details supplied) which was damaged during the recent path improvement works.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services are aware of this damage and we are liaising with the Contractor to ensure that the gate is repaired.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q2. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager for an update on the transfer request of (details supplied) whose home in the flats is having a serious negative impact upon their health and quality of life.

Reply

There is no record of a transfer application held in Housing Allocations in respect of the above named applicant.

Contact: Mary Hayes
Tel: 01 222 6611
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q3. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager to arrange an urgent inspection of the home of (details supplied) and all necessary repairs and improvements deemed necessary to be carried out.

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange an inspection of this property and carry out repairs as necessary.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie
Tel: 222 2095

Q4. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the housing file of (details supplied).

Reply

The above applicant is on the Older Persons Transfer list, with an application date of 01/07/2016, the applicant holds the following positions on the list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
B	1	41
H	1	63

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.

The applicant recently attended the Housing Allocations office and met with a Housing Advisor who explained the Choice Based Lettings process to her and her position on list. The Housing Advisor also advised regarding the submission of a new application for priority on medical grounds.

With regard to Choice Based Lettings, Dublin City Council are increasing the number of units that are being allocated through the Choice Based Letting Scheme, such vacancies are advertised on the DCC website. If there are no properties available at present, nothing will be advertised. Applicants can only apply for properties in their chosen areas that meet the size requirement of their household.

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.

Contact: Mary Hayes
Tel: 01 222 6611
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q5. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the housing file of (details supplied A) and acknowledgement of her interest in (details supplied B).

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer List on Band One and in receipt of Homeless Hap, with an application date of 23/06/2020, the applicant holds the following positions on the list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
B	2	637
E	2	751

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.

With regard to Choice Based Lettings, Dublin City Council are increasing the number of units that are being allocated through the Choice Based Letting Scheme, such vacancies are advertised on the DCC website. If there are no properties available at present, nothing will be advertised. Applicants can only apply for properties in their chosen areas that meet the size requirement of their household. 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.

I have noted the applicant's interest in (details supplied B) on their housing file.

Contact: Mary Hayes

Tel: 01 222 6611

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q6. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager to review of the operation of the new signalised system on the Coolock Lane roundabout. Local feedback to date has not be positive in relation to traffic light sequencing.

Reply

In keeping with Dublin City Council's (DCC) policy to promote sustainable and active modes of transportation in the city, pedestrian crossing signals were recently switched on at the M50 J2 roundabout on Oscar Traynor Rd / Coolock Lane.

Traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossings have been provided on all exits from and all approaches to the roundabout enhancing safety for the many pedestrians who traverse this roundabout daily.

The pedestrian crossings are on demand only so are only activated when demand from a pedestrian exists.

The traffic signal movements are controlled by Dublin City Council's SCATS traffic management system which allocates vehicle green time subject to demand from vehicles on various approaches.

The traffic signal and pedestrian crossing movements and sequences have been designed to optimise journey times through the roundabout whilst ensuring that vehicles, in general, can exit the roundabout once they have entered. This ensures

that the roundabout itself does not become congested potentially blocking other vehicles from entry.

The current sequence was designed following weeks of careful evaluation of traffic movements using data extracted from vehicle detectors whilst the lamps remained switched off. A comparison of our traffic volume data pre signals switch on versus post signals being switched on confirms that traffic throughput has been maintained while also catering for pedestrians demands as they occur cycle by cycle.

The operation of this key intersection is being closely monitored and the operation of the traffic signals is being continually amended to ensure optimal operation.

Thank you for your query.

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

Q7. Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

To ask the Manager to repair the path outside (detail supplied) and the repair of the front wall of the property that has been damaged as a result.

Reply

The Road Maintenance department did not perform any works on Adare Avenue as part of our annual program of works, and we have no record of a utility doing works at this location. Therefore, we would like clarification as to who performed the works and who did the damage on Adare Avenue.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q8. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services about the laneway at Harmonstown train station. I would be grateful if some planters could be placed there or a mural on the wall, as many commuters use this lane way, it would be fantastic to improve the area. I would be grateful if we could work together with Irish Rail on brightening up this laneway.

Reply

This project can be considered in the context of the draft Discretionary Budget for 2025.

Contact: Tommy Collins, Public Domain Officer
email: tommy.collins@dublincity.ie

Q9. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services about the possibility of the cycle lane being cleared weekly in the winter months along the Fairview stretch, as it has become very dangerous with the build-up of wet leaves.

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned cycle lane is cleaned weekly, particularly over the winter months.

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

Q10. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to ensure that a speed test is done as soon as possible on Middle Third Killester, D5. ID Reference number is 7043001, with a view to placing two speed ramps. It is very dangerous to pedestrians with cars speeding.

Reply

This request (Ref 7043001) 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

Q11. Question in the name of Councillor Alison Field

To ask the Director of Services to please trim back the trees on (Details supplied), ss it is totally blocking the street lights and making the area dangerous. This was requested previously (details supplied).

Reply

There is no street light at this location. The tree was inspected on the 20th June on foot of the quoted request and was found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at the time of inspection.

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

Q12. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager for an update and time frame on the proposed upgrade to Belcamp Park play facilities.

Reply

The procurement process has been completed and Parks are currently working with the preferred contractor with regard to design iterations and once final order has been issued and contracts are signed and sealed a schedule will be agreed with the contractor. It is anticipated that the upgrade works will commence in Q1 2025.

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

Q13. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager for an explanation as to why the resident of (details supplied) cannot be given permission to dish her footpath. The resident in question is a wheelchair user who lives alone, because the footpath is not dished, the resident cannot gain access to her car without phoning someone for assistance. This is appalling, we are taking away the independence of this resident and should afford her the dignity she requires.

Reply

The estate in question is not in the charge of Dublin City Council, and so we cannot amend the footpath.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q14. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to assess the tree outside (details supplied). The tree is blocking the street light and has broken the footpath and garden wall of the resident.

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 2025.

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

Q15. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to assist the residents of Cromcastle Court with a number of issues in regards to maintenance of the flat blocks.

- a. Cleaning windows – residents cannot reach one side of their windows and so windows cannot be washed on the outside
- b. To remove materials left by illegal dumping
- c. To cut the grass on the green areas surrounding the blocks of flats
- d. To clear the former DCC maintenance area
- e. To replace the lights on the stairwell of block 4 which is not working.
- f. To replace the door handle which was removed in block 4, floor 3.
- g. To address the inadequate and unsafe children's play areas

Reply

Housing Maintenance will work with the Local Area Office to address matters *a. – f.* listed above. An assessment of the play area at this location will also be carried out.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie
Tel: 222 2095

Q16. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to add the trees at (details supplied) to the list for inspection. A number of residents from the estate have requested the trees be pruned and maintained.

Reply:

The estate will be listed for consideration for inclusion in the recorded inspection programme for 2025. However, in the meantime, if the residents have any concerns with regard to particular trees the detail should be forwarded to parks@dublincity.ie and an inspection will be arranged.

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

Q17. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to liaise with the resident (details supplied) in respect to their housing needs. The resident has been awaiting forms to apply for housing on medical grounds for a number of months and has not received same.

Reply

Efforts were made to contact the above applicant by phone call to no avail. An application for medical priority has been forwarded through email to the applicant, as it was noted on the applicant's housing file that the form was posted to the applicant

on two dates 4/7/2024 and 11/10/2024 respectively, which it would appear the applicant did not receive.

The applicant has been advised via email to have the application form completed and return it to Housing Allocations for review.

The application form is available on the Dublin City Council website and the applicant can also call to the Civic Offices on Wood Quay to obtain an application form from the reception area.

Contact: Mary Hayes
Tel: 01 222 6611
Email: Mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q18. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to fix the footpath at (details supplied). The tree which is planted here has lifted the footpath considerably which is a danger to the residents.

Reply

An enquiry (Ref. no.11169551) has been created, regarding this defect. This has been forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector for repair.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q19. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to liaise with the local football clubs of Kilmore Celtic, St John Vianney and St Columban's in respect of the proposed all weather football pitch for Glin Road. The clubs are patiently awaiting an update from DCC on the plans for this important facility.

Reply

The Area Office, Parks Department and the Sports Department are working internally on pre Part 8 discussions with the intention to go out to Part 8 in the new year. We intend to have a meeting with the four clubs and the local Councillors early in the new year.

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

Q20. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the Manager to have the traffic lights at the entrance to the new Belcamp Manor Estate introduced to service, there are circa 142 Homes in this Estate and Residents are experiencing major problems when trying to exit the estate without the traffic lights.

Reply

The new traffic signals at the entrance to Belcamp Manor Estate are in the Fingal County Council (FCC) administrative area and so are ultimately the responsibility of FCC.

However, Dublin City Council will be managing the operation of these signals on behalf of FCC.

The main issue for planning the commissioning these signals relates to the electrical connection and we are currently waiting for an update from the ESB in relation to when this will be available.

Thank you for your query.

Contact: Karen Hosie
Tel: 01 222 5488
Email: karen.hosie@dublincity.ie

Q21. Question in the name of Councillor Jesslyn Henry

To ask the manager to organise the repainting of the double yellow lines along Kilbarron Road. These have been left patchy and invisible in places due to the construction work of the new footpaths.

Reply:

A request has been passed on to the relevant contractor to remedy any defects caused in the course of the works on Kilbarron Road.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q22. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the area manager to have double yellow lines painted on one side of the Woodbine Park entrance to the Woodbine estate, off the Raheny Road. Parking on both sides of this throughway makes entrance and egress very difficult, particularly in the morning and evenings. This is the main entrance to the estate but it is frequently reduced to a single lane.

Reply

A preview assessment on Woodbine Park suggests that a minimum width to allow double sided parking is appropriate. The double yellow lines on Woodbine Park at the junction with Raheny Road are in place to facilitate easy access / egress at this location.

The extension of parking restrictions would likely increase the speed on this road and are therefore not recommended at this time.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q23. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager, in connection with the Santry River Restoration Project, to see that engineers from the project inspect the riverbank between Raheny Village and the sea to ensure that any necessary flood relief measures are taken and to meet with local residents in this area for consultation on this specific issue.

Reply

Our Protection of Waterbodies Office confirms that the Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project includes a specific focus on addressing flood risks, particularly in the section from Raheny Village to the sea.

Since the project began, non-statutory consultations have been conducted with residents, business owners, and community groups within the 13 km² Santry River study area, with the most recent consultation held in September 2024.

On September 13, 2024, the design team and our consultants met with residents from Raheny Village to provide updates on the project in their area. During this meeting, concerns about flood risks to properties on Watermill Road were raised. We committed to meeting with those residents again before the Christmas break to discuss this issue in more detail. These residents will be notified by letter with further details.

The consultation efforts to date have been recognised and appreciated by community groups, with the majority of residents supporting the project in principle.

We remain committed to maintaining open communication with residents as we work towards identifying the emerging preferred design. For any queries, a dedicated project email address is available: santryriverrestoration@dublincity.ie. We expect to bring further updates on this project to our elected members in 2025.

Contact: Roy O'Connor, Senior Engineer, Protection of Waterbodies Office

Email: roy.oconnor@dublincity.ie

Q24. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to inspect all pedestrian lights at the Artane roundabout on the Malahide Road, Gracefield Road, Ardlea Road intersection and also at the roundabout at the entrance to the Artane Castle shopping centre. This inspection is requested specifically to investigate the efficacy of the flashing amber light at these pedestrian crossings. What purpose does the flashing light serve and does the manager feel drivers understand this function? Is the flashing amber light safe for pedestrians in circumstances where many drivers appear to think it gives them the right to drive in any situation? Would the manager consider removing this flashing amber light function and replacing it with a significantly longer green man for pedestrians and red light for vehicles?

Reply

At the Artane Roundabout and the entrance to Artane Shopping centre the type of pedestrian crossing in use are known as 'Pelican Crossings'. These type of pedestrian signals are commonly used within the UK and Ireland and are provided for in the Irish Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 9 as follows:

Pelican Crossings are crossings which control both vehicular and pedestrian traffic by light signals. They differ from conventional signalised pedestrian crossings by incorporating a Two-Aspect Pedestrian Signal that displays a flashing green figure simultaneously with a red signal then flashing amber signal to vehicles, the flashing amber signal to vehicles overlapping the red to pedestrians. The two aspect pedestrian signal shall only be used at Pelican and Toucan Crossings.

At these crossings, motorists have a 3 aspect signal (Red, Amber, Green) while pedestrians have a two aspect signal (Red, Green/Flashing Green). The sequence for pedestrians is as follows.

When the pedestrian signal is green this indicates that it is safe for pedestrians to commence crossing. During this period the vehicles are shown a red signal meaning they must not proceed.

- After a pre-determined time (but a minimum of 6 seconds) pedestrians are shown a flashing green signal indicating it is safe to continue crossing but they should not commence crossing. During the initial flashing green period for pedestrians the vehicles continue to be shown a red signal.
- After a further period of time the pedestrian continues to be shown a flashing green signal but motorists are shown a flashing amber signal indicating that it is safe to proceed only if there are no pedestrians still on the crossing. If there are any pedestrians on the crossing motorists must yield to them. After a period of time the pedestrians are shown a red signal (typically for 2 seconds) and vehicles continue to be shown a flashing amber signal.
- Following this, vehicles are shown a green signal and pedestrians continue to have a red signal until the pedestrian phase runs again.

Motorists are legally obliged to halt on a flashing amber signal if there are still pedestrians on the crossing and failure to do so is a Roads Traffic offence and a matter for An Garda Síochána.

We have reviewed the operation of the pelicans referred to in your question. The timing interval with pedestrian flashing green and motorist red signal is being

increased at these sites to enhance pedestrian safety as it will allow extra timing for pedestrians to clear the crossings before vehicles are displayed a flashing amber signal.

The Artane Roundabout will be upgraded as part of the upcoming Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects scheme when a full upgrade of these signals will occur. The Area Engineer team will be contacted with a view to replace the signals at Artane Shopping centre when budget becomes available.

Thank you for your query.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q25. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to install road markings on Balgriffin Park as there are currently none at all on the section of road under the care of Dublin City Council. Markings are needed indicating no parking is allowed as parking on this narrow road makes it impossible to see oncoming traffic, blocks the sight line for people exiting the apartments and forces people to drive on the wrong side of the road for long stretches.

Reply

This has been forwarded to the relevant manager who will reply directly to the councillor as soon as possible

Contact: Lynda Drysdale, Senior Staff Officer

Tel: 01 222 8847

Email: lynda.drysdale@dublincity.ie

Q26. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to fix the traffic light for traffic exiting the Odeon cinema complex on the Malahide Road as these lights do not recognise or register bicycles.

Reply

A technician has visited the site and adjusted the sensitivity of the vehicle detector exiting the cinema complex to the highest level sensitivity.

There is insufficient space to install dedicated cycle detection at this location, however to ensure that cycles are detected, cyclists should keep to the left of the existing vehicle detector.

[This link leads to a tweet by our Traffic control centre](#) explaining best practice for cyclists who may be encountering difficulty having their cycles detected by vehicle detectors.

Thank you for your query.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q27. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to ensure that the traffic island on the Raheny Road at the junction with Tonlegee Road (next to Kilbarrack Fire Station) receives regular maintenance and upkeep. It is frequently overgrown and litter tends to collect there.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned traffic island cleaned and tidied up during week beginning the 18th November 2024. We will ensure that it is monitored and maintained on a more regular basis.

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

Q28. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager to investigate any measures that can be taken to address anti-social behaviour around Woodbine Close, in particular where said road abuts Edenmore Park. This matter is of particular relevance to Dublin City Council as much of the anti-social behaviour appears to emanate from the park.

Reply

Anti-social behaviour is primarily a matter for the Gardaí. The Parks Service has carried out significant clearance works within Edenmore Park in recent years to improved sightlines across the park, remove cover for congregation after dark and to assist the Gardaí in their patrolling of the area. This work has greatly improved the perceptions of safety within the park and has been well received by local park users. Woodbine Close however does not adjoin Edenmore Park but the nearby open space at Millwood Park. The end of the road is railed off from this open space.

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

Q29. Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Monahan

To ask the Manager whether, during times of frost and sub-zero temperatures, footpaths and cycle lanes will receive salt and anti-ice measures in those same areas where roads do. For example, will the Sutton to Fairview cycle route receive such anti-ice measures?

Reply

Cycle lanes that are not separated from the roadway by a physical barrier are gritted at the same time as the roadways they are part of. However if the cycle lane are separated from the road by a barrier, the gritting machines are not able to salt the cycle lanes.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q30. Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

To ask the Area Manager if a "No Turn Right" sign could be installed at (details supplied).

Reply

This request (Ref 7043433) 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

Q31. Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

To ask the Area Manager if he can make arrangement to ensure that fallen leaves are cleared off the footpaths along (details supplied), on pedestrian safety grounds, and that the grass verges are cut back?

Reply

Waste Management Services operate a leaves clearing programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets, footpaths with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. In addition we assist resident groups in clearing leaves from their areas and remove the collected leaves for them. We will ensure that the above mentioned location is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

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

Q32. Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

To ask the Area Manager if consideration can be given to the provision of speed ramps/ yellow lines to address dangerous driving at (details supplied)?

Reply:

The Parking Enforcement Section will request that DSPS continue to patrol this area and enforce any and all illegal parking.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
Tel: 01 222 7075
Email: suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

This request (Ref 7042187) is still under consideration by 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

Q33. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update on the requested window repairs for (Details supplied).

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will inspect this property as soon as possible to determine whether windows are to be repaired or recommended for replacement.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie
Tel: 222 2095

Q34. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to arrange for a footpath repair outside (Details supplied).

Reply:

An enquiry (Ref. no. 11169635) has been created, regarding this defect. This has been forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector for repair.

Contact: Emily Walsh
Tel: 01 222 2560
Email: emily.walsh@dublincity.ie

Q35. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to have the road adjacent to (details supplied) surveyed for the installation of speed ramps and traffic calming signage.

Reply

This request (Ref 11165126) 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

Q36. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update the number of voids currently in the North Central Area.

Reply:

The following is a summary of the 31 vacant units in the Clontarf and Donaghmede LEAs on 28th November 2024.

Address	Type of unit	LEA	Date of Vacant Possession	Estimated Completion date	Status under offer. Accepted
McAuley Park	3 Bed house	Clontarf	07/11/2024	01/08/2024	Under offer
Railway Road X 2	1 Bed apartment	Donaghmede	27/11/2023	28/03/2024	Under offer
Donnycarney Road	3 bed house	Clontarf	12/09/2024	25/01/2025	Under offer
1 Hollybrook Manor	2 bed apartment	Clontarf	11/08/2024	Maintenance Issues	with AMO
The Watermill	1 bed apartment	Clontarf	10/10/2024	24/01/2024	Under offer
Raheny wood	1 bed apartment	Donaghmede	16/08/2024	17/10/2024	Under offer
Main Street X 2	2 bed apartment	Clontarf	09/09/2024	10/01/2025	Under offer
Killester Park	3 bed house	Clontarf	01/08/2024	04/11/2024	Under offer
Whyteleaf Grove	3 bed house	Donaghmede	08/11/2024	28/02/2025	Under offer

Briarfield Grove	3 bed house	Donaghmede	12/05/2024	12/11/2024	Under offer
Briarfield Grove	3 bed house	Donaghmede	20/11/2024	31/01/2025	Under offer
Briarfield Grove	3 bed house	Donaghmede	16/06/2024	16/06/2024	Under offer
Merville Avenue	3 bed house	Clontarf	10/07/2024	18/10/2024	Under offer

Vacant Senior Citizen Units

Address	Type of unit	LEA	Date of Vacant Possession	Estimated Completion date	Status Under Offer/ Accepted
5 Saint Brigid's Court	Bedsit	Donaghmede	26/06/2024	04/11/2024	Signed 19.11.24
20 Thorndale Court	Bedsit	Clontarf	06/08/2024	04/11/2024	Under offer
48 Thorndale Court	Bedsit	Clontarf	31/07/2024	04/11/2024	Under offer
35 Thorndale Court	Bedsit	Clontarf	26/09/2024	28/11/2024	Under offer
4 Greendale Court	1 Bed	Donaghmede	02/10/2024	06/12/2024	With depot
7 Rosevale Court	Bedsit	Clontarf	02/10/2024	06/12/2024	With depot
11 St Gabriel's Court	Bedsit	Clontarf	02/10/2024	06/12/2024	With depot
31 Greendale Court	1 Bed	Donaghmede	21/10/2024	06/01/2025	With depot
5 Newgrove Estate	1 Bed	Donaghmede	21/10/2024	06/12/2025	With depot
51 St Brigid's Court	Bedsit	Donghmede	26/09/2024	28/11/2024	With depot
29 St Brigid's Court	Bedsit	Donaghmede	17/10/2024	22/11/2024	Under offer
9 Greendale Court	1 Bed	Donaghmede	05/11/2024	10/01/2025	With depot

7 Clancarthy Court	1 Bed	Clontarf	13/11/2024	10/01/2025	With depot
14 St Gabriel's Court	Bedsit	Clontarf	18/11/2024	10/01/2025	With depot
19 Greendale Court	1 Bed	Donaghmede	18/11/2024	10/01/2025	With depot
16 Thorndale Court	Bedsit	Clontarf	25/11/2024	10/01/2025	With depot

Contact: Philip Power, Area Housing Manager
email: philip.power@dublincity.ie

The following is a summary of the 25 vacant units in the Artane/Whitehall LEA on 28th November 2024.

Vacant Housing Units (21)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacant Possession	Estimated Completion Date	Status
Beaumont Court	2 bed apartment	04/02/2024	12/10/2024	Works in progress
Beaumont Rd	4 bed house	15/08/2024	14/01/2025	Works in progress
Ardlea Rd	3 bed house	30/05/2024	11/11/2024	Works in progress
Bunratty Ave	3 bed house	04/02/2024	03/12/2024	Works in progress
Bunratty Dr	3 bed house	26/09/2024	30/01/2025	Works in progress
Beaumont Rd	2 bed house	12/10/2024	20/01/2025	Works in progress
Castle Elms	2 bed house	17/09/2024	30/12/2024	Works in progress
Collinswood	4 bed house	07/03/2024	30/08/2024	Works in progress
Cromcastle Ave	3 bed house	02/06/2024	17/10/2024	Works in progress
Castlekevin Rd	3 bed house	06/08/2024	06/12/2024	Works in progress
Dundaniel Rd	3 bed house	23/06/2024	02/12/2024	Works in progress

Ferrycarrig drive	2 bed house	18/08/2024	28/02/2025	Works in progress
Greencastle Road	3 bed house	11/08/2024	17/12/2024	Works in progress
Kilbarron Road	3 bed house	09/05/2024	14/11/2024	Works in progress
Larch Hill	2 bed house	10/07/2024	10/10/2024	Works in progress
Lorcan Crescent	3 bed house	17/10/2024	31/01/2025	Works in progress
Shanliss Ave	3 bed house	09/10/2024	30/01/2025	Works in progress
Shanrath Rd	3 bed house	20/10/2024	02/02/2025	Works in progress
Mc Auley Park	3 bed house	01/08/2024	02/12/2024	Works in progress
St Brendans Park	2 bed house	29/11/2022	On hold	Long term maintenance
Primrose Grove	3 bed house	12/06/2023	15/11/2023	Ready to let

Vacant Senior Citizen Units

Address	Unit Type	L.E.A.	Date of Vacant Possession	Status
Kilbarron Court	One Bed	North Central	01/05/2024	Under Offer
Lismeen Grove	Bedsit	North Central	11/09/24	Works in progress
Hampstead Court	Bedsit	North West	29/08/24	Works in progress
Mount Dillon Court	Bedsit	North West	25/06/2024	Works in Progress
Mount Dillon Court	Bedsit	North West	01/07/2024	Works in progress

Contact: Gillian Corcoran, Area Housing Manager
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Q37. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update on the requested boundary wall repair at (details supplied). The resident says this has been previously requested on a few occasions.

Reply:

Please can the Councillor forward on further details in relation to the above. This is not a council property therefore further information is required.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie
Tel: 222 2095

Q38. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update on the situation with the illegal dumping site on Moatview Court.

Reply:

Discussions are ongoing on finalising contracts and serving a commencement notice for this project. It is hoped that this will be finalised in the coming weeks and at that stage site works can begin to prepare for the removal of waste.

Contact: **Derek Farrell**
Tel: **01 2228546**
Email: **derek.farrell@dublincity.ie**

Q39. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to have a Footpath repair carried out in front of (details supplied)

Reply:

An enquiry (Ref. no. 11169636) has been created, regarding this defect. This has been forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector for repair.

Contact: **Emily Walsh**
Tel: **01 222 2560**
Email: **emily.walsh@dublincity.ie**

Q40. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to have a footpath repair carried out in front of (details supplied)

Reply:

An enquiry (Ref. no. 11169637) has been created, regarding this defect. This has been forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector for repair.

Contact: **Emily Walsh**
Tel: **01 222 2560**
Email: **emily.walsh@dublincity.ie**

Q41. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager to arrange for the pruning of the trees 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 2025.

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

Q42. Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

To ask the Manager for an update on the requested window replacement at (details supplied).

Reply:

Housing Maintenance do not have a record of a request for replacement windows at this property. A request is now logged and an assessment of windows will take place in the coming weeks.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie
Tel: 222 2095

Q43. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the Manager for an update on providing suitable facilities for Kilmore Celtic and the other local football teams

Reply:

The Area Office, Parks Department and the Sports Department are working internally on pre Part 8 discussions with the intention to go out to Part 8 in the new year. We intend to have a meeting with the four clubs and the local Councillors early in the new year.

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

Q44. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the Manager for the number of new public electric charger points are in the North Central Area, and their locations.

Reply:

The current locations under consideration for EV charging are;

1. St. Anne's Park North Central Area
2. Clontarf Bus Garage North Central Area
3. Strand Road, Sydney Parade South East Area
4. Donnybrook (The Crescent) South East Area
5. Milltown (Strand Terrace) South East Area
6. Ballyfermot Leisure Centre South Central Area
7. Raheny Library North Central Area
8. Cabra Parkside Leisure Centre Central Area
9. Finglas, Wellmount St. North West Area
10. Clonskeagh (Farmer Browns) South East Area
11. Bushy Park (Rathdown Avenue) South East Area
12. Cabra Library Central Area
13. Walkinstown Library South Central Area

The appointed contractor is currently assessing the sites and applying to ESB Networks for suitable connections and supply. The project working group (DLA's, Codema, E-Power) are considering additional locations for inclusion in the first phase of the project.

Contact: Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer, Climate Action Office
Email: darby.mullen@dublincity.ie

Q45. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the Manager for an update on cutting the grass verges were the resident is unable to do it themselves.

Reply:

Dublin City Council maintains grass margins along main roads and margins abutting large green spaces in housing estate. People throughout Dublin City maintain the margin outside of their house and in the case of people who are elderly or infirm, typically family and/or neighbours provide assistance. This is the same policy that pertains in Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council areas and the evidence is that the majority of residents in the City are maintaining their grass margin as residents do in every other local authority.

If however, there are particular cases of hardship or elderly people who do not have such support we will provide a one off cut on request however we would need a specific address and support information emailed to parks@dublincity.ie

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

Q46. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the Manager to investigate the junction of Beaumont Road/Collins Avenue – as traffic even in non-rush hours is still bad.

Reply:

The traffic signals at the junction of Collins ave and Grace Park Rd were upgraded last year.

Extra pedestrian crossings were installed so that all approaches now have a pedestrian crossing. For pedestrian safety, all pedestrian crossings run concurrently in a single traffic signal phase with no conflicting vehicular movement.

These measures slightly reduced the amount of vehicle green signal time available to all approaches each cycle of the traffic signals.

This junction is controlled by Dublin City Council's traffic control management system, SCATS, which automatically alters traffic signal phase timings based on data taken from vehicle detectors at the junction, which indicate traffic demands from various approaches to the junction.

Since the junction upgrade, the traffic signal operation has been continually monitored and assessed and changes to signal timings and sequences have been made, via SCATS, to lessen any delays at peak traffic hours and increase journey times through the junction.

We continue to monitor the junction and will make further changes to signal timings, as required, where there is scope to do so.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q47. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the Manager to examine the grass verges beside the main road at (details supplied). There are holes in the verges where rats are living. Can they be filled in and rats exterminated.

Details supplied: 197-203 Griffith Avenue

Reply:

This has been referred to Uisce Eireann to deal with the vermin. When this issue has been eradicated we will refer to parks department to examine the grass verge.

Contact: Lynda Drysdale, Senior Staff Officer

Tel: 01 222 8847

Email: lynda.drysdale@dublincity.ie

Q48. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the Manager to arrange for a road sweeping team to look at clearing the cycle lane on Griffith Avenue of leaves, please? It's forcing bikes back onto the path and the gullies are also becoming blocked. Can the council also look at a more efficient way to give bags to residents on the road as they are only being given 7 bags at a time and that is not enough to clear the area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services operate a leaves clearing programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets, footpaths with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. Due to the specific tree-lined nature of Griffith Avenue, it is included virtually on a daily basis during the course of this programme and we will ensure that priority is given to clearing the cycle lane there. Bags are distributed through the Area Office to assist residents in clearing leaves.

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

Tel: 2224240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity

Waste management sweep and clean Griffith Ave on a daily basis and both myself and the Public Domain Officer for Clontarf check this area numerous times a week. Public Domain have supplied over 6000 bags for leaf collection to All Hallows Residents Groups and to households and other residents groups along Griffith Avenue. This is replicated every year during leaf fall season.

I can also add that clean up materials are supplied to all residents groups such as leaf pickers, gloves shovels and rakes for any work been carried out.

The Environmental Liaison officer also works with a number of schools on Griffith avenue to equip them so they can carry out leaf clean ups around the Griffith avenue area.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Officer

email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Q49. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the Manager to examine the streetlights in Hillcrest Park, please? There are several complaints about the lack of brightness in the area and concerns around safety in terms of crime but also driving in the area.

Reply:

The street lights in Hillcrest Park were upgraded to LED street lights back in 2016 and the light levels meet the required standard for such a residential area.

A night check will be arranged, however, to ensure the lights are operating normally and are not dim.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney

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Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q50. Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

To ask the Manager to arrange for a road sweeping team be sent to Pinewood Crescent please to remove the leaves from the area?

Reply:

Waste Management Services operate a leaves clearing programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets, footpaths with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. In addition we assist resident groups in clearing leaves from their areas and remove the collected leaves for them. We will ensure that Pinewood Crescent is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

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

Q51. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the upgrade of the playground equipment in Ellenfield Park.

Reply

The playground at Ellenfield is listed for an upgrade in 2026. In the meantime weekly recorded and daily visual inspections will continue and any necessary works identified required to ensure the safety of users will be scheduled as soon as is practicable.

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

Q52. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the installation of a new playground in MacAuley Park.

Reply

It is understood that the play equipment has been ordered and will arrive in the country in January 2025. Once the contractor has taken delivery of same a firm date for construction will be agreed with the contractor however low temperatures and unpredictable weather can delay such projects at this time of year. But it is anticipated that the new playground will be available to the community for the Easter Holidays.

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

Q53. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager to outline if repairs are due to take place to the surface of the path at the entrance to Ellenfield Park from Glencorp Rd as there are numerous potholes and deep puddles.

Reply

A programme of such path repairs is currently underway in parks in the North Central Area which includes this entrance to Ellenfield Park. It is anticipated that these repairs will be affected in the next 2 weeks, weather permitting.

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

Q54. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the installation of new pedestrian lights at the Kilmore Road/Ardmore Drive junction.

Reply

A contractor has recently started on the installation of the first package of pedestrian crossings which includes the junction of Kilmore Road and Ardmore Drive. Works have commenced on the signalization of the junction of Priorswood Road and the Link Road which is the only location in the first package not impacted by Operation Open City. As soon as works are completed in this location the contractor will be moving onto the junction of Kilmore Road/Ardmore Drive.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer
Alec.Dundon@dublincity.ie

Q55. Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the request for traffic calming and pedestrian facilities in Albert College estate.

Reply

This request (Ref 7042187) is still under consideration by 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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Questions 56 to 61 were withdrawn.