



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2017

- 1 Presentation by Dublin Port Company on the Review of the Dublin Port Masterplan 2012 to 2040
Order: Noted.
- 2 Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting held on 12th December 2016
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 20th December 2016.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. 2017 Road Maintenance Services Works Programme.
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Update on Poolbeg West SDZ.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal of a property at Gloucester Street South / Moss Street / Bracken's Lane, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council subject to a report being provided on parking and storage prior to the February 2017 City Council meeting.
 - iii. Report on proposed grant of a licence to manage the pavilion, tennis courts and padel courts, Bushy Park, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 5 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Update on Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports and Recreation Section.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed extinguishment of public right of way Stable Lane.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees to initiate a process that could lead to an agreed community bonfire in Ringsend for Halloween.

Order: Report rejected.

Motion 2 from Councillor Paddy Smyth

That this committee write to the fast food vendors in Rathmines Village requesting that they ensure that their customers dispose of their rubbish responsibly and / or provide a staff member to routinely survey the area to pick up and dispose of any rubbish which originated from their premises.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to have a wheelchair accessibility audit conducted along the footpaths in the general Ringsend village area.

Order: Report rejected.

Motion 4 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee requests the area manager to carry out another traffic survey on St. Kevin's Road, Portobello. The last survey was carried out in August when school and commuter traffic is lower than usual and therefore the results could not be reflective of the actual level of rat running and speeding that takes place on this street. In addition, can the area manager also confirm whether the planters that have been put in place as a traffic calming measure will remain as a permanent feature?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to address the on-going issue of illegal dumping and litter on South Dock Road as a matter of urgency. The residents have been in touch with Litter Enforcement and Fix My Street on a number of occasions but the problem has not yet been resolved.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the DYL be urgently replaced on Garville Lane which is the rear of 72 Garville Avenue. I have tabled a number of motions regarding this area because the residents have major problems in accessing their garages due to commuter parking on the lane. In this instance the resident of 72 Garville Avenue is an elderly woman and uses a wheelchair. There are steps at the front entrance so she needs the rear which is all flat to access her home. Because of the access issues involved I ask that this proposal be treated as urgent.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

A new residents' association called Corrib Road Mount Tallant has been formed and this takes in all the houses from Kimmage Road, Aideen Drive to Mount Tallant Harold's Cross Road. Over 20 years ago to deal with very serious rat running a number of bollards were placed on some roads. Because rat runners are now able to negotiate their way around this maize, the bollards are no longer effective.

There is a problem at right turn into Aideen Drive from Kimmage Road, which has a no right turn there from [8.0.am.](#) to 10.00. There is no compliance and this needs to be policed. This is not the only entry into this area and a traffic study

needs to be carried out for the area.

1. This is a route to six schools, St. Joseph's NS &, Presentation Secondary, Terenure, Rathgar NS Rathgar Avenue, Clareville Road., 2 schools and St Clare's Harold's Cross. Traffic is very considerably lighter during school holidays. These roads are like a static car park from 8 to 10.00a.m, moving east, and moving west from 12.30 to 4p.m. and 5.p.m. to 6.30.
2. The central bollard was removed on Corrib and Melvin Road, the result of this is that cyclists and motor bikes move to middle of road to pass through the bollard and stay in the middle road passing a three road junction. This is extremely dangerous and apparently there is a plan to remove a bollard from Derravarragh Road, Neagh Road and Mount Tallant Avenue. Recently an Engineer's report stated that these roads don't need yield or stop signs. I witnessed just how dangerous this junction and it needs to be inspected.
3. Residents from Aideen Place park on the footpath on Aideen Drive, because of heavy morning traffic they cannot exit their lane, and this is causing problems on Aideen Drive.
4. At Harold's Cross end of Mount Tallant Avenue, Woodworkers Builders suppliers attract a lot of heavy delivery trucks which causes a lot of traffic chaos. Also there is a planning for 72 apartments so this road urgently needs to be assessed.

Therefore it is agreed that an on-site meeting takes place with the residents' association please, preferably after 2.0p.m. but during school term. I really think this area has to be seen to understand the difficulties. I am therefore formally proposing that an Area Traffic Study be carried out. As this problem is also very much connected with Clareville Road as per my December motion and I think the whole area may need to be examined. Ms Murphy Chair of the Association first wrote to you in October 2015 and got no reply she wrote again 3 weeks ago and no reply. I make this point as they should be well up the queue by now.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to contact the Carmelites' Community Centre to intervene and discuss their intentions on closing down the community crèche with their view to turning it into a private crèche. This crèche is badly needed by local constituents and the Carmelites' proposal to privatise it would be too expensive for people and push them out of employment and training opportunities. There will also be job losses in the crèche if this is allowed to go ahead.

Order: Agreed. The Chairperson will also write on behalf of the committee.

Motion 9 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council calls on the manager to provide funding/grant/ to help compadrito Tango. They are a community- based volunteers tango dancing group that hold classes for the community in Dublin 2 on a weekly basis. They are having a festival in July 2017. Unfortunately, the only funding they have is through donations. Funding is needed for the cost of the festival, rental, artists' fees, accommodation, catering and flights etc. Contact Simona Zaino, <http://tangofever.net>

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This council asks that a location can be identified in the Dublin 2 or surrounding areas for constituents that have a love for playing cricket. I have been approached by a group of men that have told me there is nowhere to play their sport. The only option they have is to join a cricket group which is very costly. They have tried to play in various locations, Phoenix Park, Stephen's Green etc... However, they were stopped on all occasions by park wardens.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this meeting receives an update on negotiations with Irish Water on the status of piping on Adrian Avenue numbers 17 – 20. Furthermore if taking in charge of the interior end of Aideen Drive is necessary to facilitate them having their public piping renewed that this be done.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee thanks Iarnród Éireann for the clean-up conducted at the area surrounding the footbridge over the Dart line between the Merrion Gates and Sydney Parade Avenue (which is the bridge from behind Ailesbury Mews and the OSG office building into Merrion Parish Church), and in particular at the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews following the motion passed at the November meeting of the SEAC. However, notwithstanding the considerable improvement, a significant portion of the original rubbish remains, with the area under the footbridge remaining the most acutely affected. Regrettably, the area remains generally dirty and unhygienic and there is still a lot of litter and bottles scattered around and gives the impression of being a dumping ground which cultivates the accumulation of further waste. In circumstances where one further effort will significantly enhance the area and maximise the return on the works which have been carried out to date, this committee requests that Iarnród Éireann completes this job and resolves to write to Iarnród Éireann to so request.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Chris Andrews taken with Motion 16

That this area committee supports the actions of all those volunteers and those supporting the Home Sweet Home initiative, who have occupied Apollo House since the night of Thursday 15th December in order to address the worsening homeless crisis in Dublin and across the country and furthermore we call on Minister Coveney to meet with organisers on site in order to see what can be done when real commitment is shown to ending the homeless crisis and request the Minister / Dublin City Council put in place funding to increase the capacity of homeless in Apollo House.

Order: Moved by Councillor McGinley. Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager to increase the level of leaf removal and gully cleaning on Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello Dublin 8. This street is tree lined and has significant leaf fall which also clogs the gullies. Every year the residents have to make complaints in order for this street to be addressed.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee rejects the proposals to remove bins on Bride Street and Grantham Street, and the general practice of removal of bins as a solution to illegal dumping, asks that these bins be replaced as a matter of urgency and calls on the Area Manager to seek alternatives methods of addressing the on-going

problems of illegal dumping in the South East Area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Motion 13

That this Area Committee supports the Home Sweet Home initiative as it highlights NAMA's failure to deliver on its social dividend and to address the housing crisis in Dublin City.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn.

That this meeting of the South East Area support the residents in Creighton Street in their efforts for proper area management with regards the works and developments that are going on within that area. In past months the builders and developers in this area have shown nothing short of contempt for the residents in this locality in relation to their work practices and their continuing disregard for residents and residents groups concerns.

The main issues here are ones of noise and communication with regards to consent for out of hours works.

This committee now calls on Dublin City Council not to issue any permits without first informing the local residents in this area and at all times to keep the residents of this area informed and to fully investigate any breach of the conditions of out of hours permits.

It is now time that Dublin City Council, the developers the builders in this area began to treat the residents and their neighbours with proper respect rather than dismissive contempt.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council call on those that are occupying Apollo house to comply with the court order and vacate the premises as directed by the courts on the 11th of Jan in an orderly fashion. Their campaign has been well publicised and in the interest of safety and in the interest of allowing the professionals get on with their job this action at this location should be discontinued.

Further, that this committee of Dublin City Council support the staff at DCC's Homeless executive and those staff in the housing and allocations section as well as approved housing bodies and the voluntary sector who have given enormous commitment and professional services to ensure that those who are in housing need, housing difficulties, homelessness and emergency accommodation have the best possible 24 hour support.

Order: Agreed.

7 Questions to the Chief Executive 9th January 2017

Order: Noted.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson

Monday, 9 January 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Claire O'Connor
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Sonya Stapleton
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Mary Freehill
Ruairi McGinley
Chris Andrews
Anne Feeney

Members:

Claire Byrne
Frank Kennedy
Paddy Smyth
Patrick Costello

Officers:

Rose Kenny
Brian Hanney
Eileen Martin
Madeline McNamara
Marguerite Staunton

Fiona O'Brien
Declan Hayden
Mark Ginney
John O'Hara
Gerard Geoghegan

Jennifer Wall
Brian Kirk
Paul McCann
Myles Farrell

External:

Charlie Murphy, Dublin Port Company
Eamonn O'Reilly, Dublin Port Company

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange to have the area known as "The Drain" alongside Ringsend Park included in the weekly sweeping plan and have the same area examined for resurfacing.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that the area known as "The Drain" is included in the weekly sweeping schedule for this area.

There are no plans to resurface this walkway but Road Maintenance Services will arrange to carry out any repairs necessary.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Traffic Advisory Group to look at the possibility of installing a roundabout at the junction of Newbridge Avenue / Tritonville Road instead of the present confusing arrangements.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of the 28th April, 2015, reported that following in-depth discussions with the Traffic Planning Section, it was not recommended to consider further the provision of a roundabout at the junction of Newbridge Avenue, Tritonville Road and Sandymount Road. A review of accident statistics indicates that the junction is safe and the costly nature of all that would be required to provide a safe roundabout at this junction is unwarranted given that there is no urgent safety or capacity need.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Further to question number 44 at the December area committee tabled by Councillor Paddy McCartan and bearing in mind that the specific question related to the fact that the site height at Dunluce is now between 300 - 700mm above the garden levels of neighbouring houses and that on the original drawing, which were submitted as part of the grant of planning, the site height was below neighbouring properties. This raises concerns for neighbours with surface water potentially draining into their properties from Dunluce.

The bigger issued raised is whether the actual building is now 700mm higher relative to other properties than the original grant of planning?

Can the manager respond to this?

Reply:

The ground levels of properties adjoining the development site were estimated which is common in applications as developers and/or their architects do not have any right to enter third parties' properties for the purpose of taking surveys. From observation it would appear that there may be a small variation however given the overall scale of the development enforcement action would not be warranted.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she can take action to have the serious rat problem to the rear of *details supplied investigated and dealt with through liaison of whatever state agency has responsibility, if not Dublin City Council.

Reply:

This is a matter for the Health Service Executive (HSE) Pest Control Section, which may be contacted at HSE, Food Control, South City East, Adelaide Chambers, Peter Street, Dublin 8, tel.: 449 3255.

Q.5 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager agree to have a school lollipop person located at the junction of Hanover Street East and Creighton Street given the increased number of children using this point to get to city quay school along with the increased developments in the area that will dramatically increase the number of cars using this junction?

Reply:

This request is listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.6 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager have the zebra crossing on Hanover Street East moved closer to junction with Creighton street and past the closest gate from Pearse House and close to Creighton Street when the development is complete, as a lot of children use that gate to go to school and will not walk back to use the crossing particularly when the Euro Spar is moved closer to Creighton Street?

Reply:

The exact position of the layout of the crossing facility will be subject to the agreement of the Area Engineer. The above comments will be taken into consideration prior to finalisation of the layout.

Q.7 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state how many cars have been clamped in Pearse House in 2016 and can a letter be sent around the residents in Pearse House to let them know the requirements re parking and visitors parking passes?

Reply:

To date in 2016 ten cars have been clamped in Pearse House and 15 warnings have been issued.

The parking arrangements in Pearse House are currently under review. A decision will be made early in 2017 regarding future arrangements. A letter regarding parking requirements was delivered to the residents of Pearse House the first week in December.

Q.8 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the maintenance issue in *details supplied fixed as a matter of urgency as water comes down the internal wall every time it rains and this has been going on for the last few years without it ever being properly fixed and the smell this causes from water rotting the floor is making it worse so can contractors be hired to fix this long running problem?

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer arranged a visit by the foreman to this dwelling on the 3rd January 2017. Subsequent to an assessment of the property, it was determined that issues in the balcony area may be causing the leak. A contractor will be employed to seal the balcony and when completed the ceiling will be made good and painted.

A comprehensive inspection of the roof will be carried out.

Q.9 Councillor Chris Andrews

Given that the bridge in Ringsend is particularly unsafe for pedestrians and that there are proposals / plans for the upgrading of the bridge, why can works not commence to make the bridge safer ahead of the Greenway project?

Reply:

The current proposals for the cantilevered boardwalks on either side of Ringsend Bridge have emerged as part of the Dodder Greenway project. The project is funded by the National Transportation Authority (NTA). The Dodder Greenway and Ringsend Bridge Boardwalks are not part of the current priority projects for the NTA. It will not be possible for Dublin City Council to proceed with proposals for Ringsend Bridge until funding becomes available.

Q.10 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to examine the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing at Park Avenue, Sandymount adjacent to the number 1 bus terminus. Recently a constituent was knocked down as she attempted to cross the road on alighting from the number 1 bus. As there is a church and also a nursing home in close proximity this is now a safety issue and needs to be addressed.

Reply:

The request for a pedestrian crossing at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.11 Councillor Paddy McCartan

On Mespil Road, off Baggot Street Lower, office staff of adjoining premises smoke outside on the street and there are no bins provided for the disposal of butts. Thus the pavements are covered in cigarette butts. Has Dublin City Council (DCC) any role in ensuring companies provide bins and comply with the litter laws? Can DCC provide bins on that stretch of Mespil Road?

Reply:

Dublin City Council currently has eight bins located on Mespil Road, two in the vicinity of the retail outlets and six located along the canal bank. This is considered a sufficient number of bins for the street. Each bin has a cigarette receptacle. The businesses have a responsibility under the Litter Pollution Act to ensure that the area outside of their premises is kept litter free. Dublin City Council will make contact with all business premises and inform them of the concerns raised and request that they ensure that provision is made to accommodate their staff who smoke and to ensure that the area outside their premises is kept free of cigarette litter. Should the problem persist further action will be considered.

Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Can the manager clarify who is responsible in the situation outlined in the following: There are tall trees in the grounds of the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS), Burlington Road that are never pruned or maintained? They encroach on Waterloo Lane and branches fall on driveways. There has been no response to the issue following written requests from residents to deal with the problem. As this is a health and safety issue, has Dublin City Council any power to intervene?

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will re-issue overgrown hedge notice to this property regarding encroachment on Waterloo Lane.

It is not clear which driveways are being affected; clarification on this is requested.

Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with this issue on Erne Street Lower / Hanover Street East, as in the following photograph and email from a constituent:

"This morning I was cycling into work and I was coming down Erne Street Lower, taking a right turn on to Hanover Street East when I came off my bike. I was travelling at a

reasonable speed. When taking the right turn the wheels on my bike slipped on the cobbles. My wrist is a bit sprained and I took a bang to the head; however, the helmet protected me from most of the impact.

It did leave me to wonder why on earth is there a square of cobbles in the middle of a junction for four tarmaced roads. Given the extent of the traffic on this road and how slippery the cobbles seemed this morning, I would think it in the interest to public safety that the junction surface be replaced with something less hazardous. I've attached a picture of the junction to demonstrate"



Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has sought the views of Dublin City Council's Conservation and Heritage Officers on this matter as it is our policy not to remove such setts.

The area of cobbles referred to is in actual fact all that remains of the original street surfacing in this area which comprised of stone setts. Stone setts such as these are a particular feature of many Dublin streets and it is considered to be good conservation practice to retain such setts wherever possible. Current statutory guidance promotes the retention and repair of these historic surfaces which contribute to the architectural character of their areas and also on occasion act as an environmental traffic calming measure.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the issue of overflowing, unemptied bins left out on the pavement 24/7 at Sussex Road (the stretch between the Canal Bank Café and the Burlington Hotel).

Reply:

The Litter Warden has visited this area and spoken to the owners of the bins in question. They have been informed that bins can be left out on collection days only and at specified times. The litter warden will revisit this area to ensure that bins are not being left out on the pavement outside of the permitted times.

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

There is an abandoned car at Sussex Road with an out of date tax disc and no insurance. It has a legal parking permit, but the vehicle is registered at a different address.

Reply:

Registration details have been requested on the 3rd January 2017 and the matter will be investigated.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to examine the feasibility of installing traffic calming from the corner of Upper Leeson Street and onto Sussex Road, as vehicles fly around the corner at dangerous speeds. Traffic calming is needed from Leeson Street Bridge as far as the Burlington Hotel.

Reply:

The request for traffic calming at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.17 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Could the manager arrange for double yellow lines to be put down parallel to the river in Mount Argus Court in circumstances where lorries and cars are parking parallel to the river making the entrance to Mount Argus Court tight and hazardous for residents?

Reply:

The request for double yellow lines at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.18 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Could the manager arrange for the footpath outside *details supplied to be repaired?

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to repair the footpath at this location.

Q.19 Councillor Claire O'Connor

To ask the manager if the road markings to indicate 'NO ENTRY' can be repainted in Castlewood Park in circumstances where they have deteriorated and are now practically illegible, with a consequent effect on road safety in Castlewood Park.

Reply:

The repainting of the road markings to indicate "No Entry" at Castlewood Park has been added to the Traffic Officer's works programme and will be attended to when the work schedule permits.

Q.20 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the park furniture, bridge railings etc. be repainted in Mount Argus Park?

Reply:

This work is currently under consideration in the context of the overall works programme for the area in 2017.

Q.21 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can Lower Beechwood Avenue be cleaned?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Lower Beechwood Avenue cleaned on the 20th December 2016.

Q.22 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a sign be erected at the entrance to Saint Kevin's Park in Dartry to indicate that children are at play?

Reply:

Dublin City Council does not erect Children at Play signs. Signage is prescribed as per the Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual. Sign W142, Children Crossing, may be used to alert drivers to the danger of children crossing roads in residential areas. As Saint Kevin's Park is primarily residential character with continuous housing frontage from a main traffic route, a W142 sign is recommended at the junction of St Kevin's Park / Dartry Road.

Q.23 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the potholes outside the front of 73 Garville Ave Upper be repaired?

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out a repair at this location.

Q.24 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Due to parking, generally by patrons of Bushy Park, in a manner that significantly encroaches on the entrance gates to houses at Rathdown Drive, and prevents residents exiting or exiting safely and readily, can double yellow lines - no more than 1 metre long – be put down at each side of the dished footpath area?

Reply:

The request to for double yellow lines at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.25 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Would the manager consider putting more bins for dog waste on Ashdale Gardens as it is littered with dog foul to an appalling level?

Reply:

The Waste Management Services Division is currently prioritising the installation of dog litter bins in locations with green areas, entrances to parks and at high footfall dog walking areas. Ashdale Gardens does not meet these criteria but may be considered in future installations.

Q.26 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Given the heavy footfall in and out of the hospital can Oaklands Drive and Crescent be cleaned more frequently?

Reply:

Waste Management Services have Oaklands Drive and Crescent cleaned on a weekly basis due to the proximity to the hospital. We will monitor this area and have extra cleaning carried out there when necessary.

Q.27 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to see what can be done to address the constant build up of rubbish in Leinster Square from nearby fast food outlets. Residents are now starting to see rats in the area.

Reply:

All of the fast food vendors in Rathmines, including those near the entrance to Leinster Square, will be visited over the next week advising them of their obligations. Under the By-laws for the Prevention and Control of Litter, the occupiers of take-away premises are obliged to monitor the vicinity of the premises during the opening times of the premises to ensure that the area is maintained free of litter and remove or ensure that all such litter is removed forthwith. Also, the presentation of their commercial waste for collection will be discussed with them. A letter outlining these obligations will be handed in to all of these premises.

Q.28 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager or Traffic Department to investigate the possibility of putting a right turn light on Harold's Cross Bridge as you approach from the canal and are travelling towards Harold's Cross. It has been brought to my attention that there have been a few near accidents as a result of no filter light.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 29th April, 2014, reported that a review of the request to install a right turn only signal from Parnell Road onto Harold's Cross Road was carried out. Due to the capacity on Harold's Cross Road, which is a major bus route into and out of the city, it is not possible to install a right turn only signal from Parnell Road as this would add a significant delay to the inbound and outbound traffic over the canal. The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend a right turn filter light at the above location.

Q.29 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please respond to the substance of the motion tabled in December 2014 regarding large trucks in inner suburbs and danger to cyclists? The response below does not address this issue in the motion. While Respect is not explained, I expect this is about behaviour which does not address 5 axel trucks in our suburban roads.

Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill LAC December 2014

That the traffic engineers examine the safety implications for pedestrians and cyclists of very large delivery trucks moving around the inner suburbs of Dublin 4 and 6 and report back to this committee within the next 3 months. The recent tragic accidents Terenure and Ranelagh highlight the potential danger for pedestrians in the area.

The Area Engineers response is below:

"The behavioural change of both drivers and cyclists is an ongoing challenge for Dublin City Council to improve awareness and increased safety for all road users. Dublin City Council continues to promote sustainable transport by continually investing in cycle facilities to encourage cycling in a safer manner.

Dublin City Council's Road Safety Strategy 2016 – 2020 is currently being finalised. A key element to the Strategy under the education pillar will be a public awareness campaign 'RESPECT'. The 'RESPECT' campaign aims to educate and reinforce strong safety messages for all road users, including messaging to cyclists about rules of the road. The 'RESPECT' campaign is due to roll out in early 2017.

The operator of Coca-Cola Zero Dublin bikes has been contacted with regard to the proposal to initiate a public awareness campaign with regard to cycling in the city and will be communicated to members to coincide with commencement of similar safe cycling initiatives by Dublin City Council.

Recently Dublin City Council has carried out Public Consultation on proposed Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws, with particular regard to the extension of the 30km/h speed limit into further residential areas of our city. The proposed expansion of the 30 km/h zone is to ensure that the set speed limits are as safe and appropriate as possible for vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and cyclists.

Under the 'Smart Dublin' initiative, Dublin City Council and Enterprise Ireland announced funding on Thursday 15th September to improve cycling in Dublin by supporting five smart projects using innovative technologies to solve city challenges which will improve the cycling experience and safety of bicycle users in urban areas. Smart Dublin is an initiative of the four Dublin Local Authorities to engage with smart technology providers, researchers and citizens to solve city challenges and improve city life.

Dublin City Council operates a Heavy Goods Vehicles Management Strategy for the city to encourage maximum use of the Port Tunnel by port-related traffic and to enhance the city centre environment. The HGV Strategy provides for a ban on 5+ axle vehicles during the hours of 07.00-19.00 seven days a week from a designated

cordon area and provides a limited permit scheme for 5+ axle vehicles that need to load/unload within the city centre area. The HGV Strategy has resulted in dramatic reductions of 5+ axle vehicles within the city centre area of between 80 - 94% on different routes within the cordon area.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in reverting to you on this which was due to staff shortages coupled with a large volume of correspondence to be worked through.

Reply:

The HGV Management Strategy was outlined in the previous reply –

Dublin City Council again wishes to reiterate that it operates a very successful Heavy Goods Vehicles Management Strategy for the city to encourage maximum use of the Port Tunnel by port-related traffic and to enhance and makes safer the city centre environment for all road users. In summary, the HGV Strategy provides for a ban on 5+ axle vehicles during the hours of 07.00-19.00 seven days a week from a designated cordon area and provides a limited permit scheme for 5+ axle vehicles that need to load/unload within the city centre area. The HGV Strategy has resulted in dramatic reductions of 5+ axle vehicles within the city centre area (between 80 - 94% on different routes within the cordon area).

Vehicles cannot enter the Cordon without a valid permit and the enforcement of the restricted zone is a matter for the Gardaí. The massive reduction in 5+ axle vehicles is confirmation that the Dublin City Council Strategy is extremely successful and addressing the matter of HGV's in the City Centre. Though there are no current plans to extend the cordon geographically or on a timed basis, Dublin City Council will continue to monitor the operation of their HGV strategy within the Cordon and will always examine if any further improvements can be delivered, however, a balance must also be struck between the very legitimate necessity of HGVs in commerce. Any specific suggestions or requests can always be brought to the attention of the Transportation department.

Notwithstanding the ban and its conditions, Dublin City Council are continually looking at and implementing new cycle routes in its cycling strategy, which has the immediate benefit of ameliorating the HGV/cyclist conflict.

The RESPECT project is a proposed behaviour change campaign around road safety and good road behaviour by all road users. The campaign has not launched yet and a plan around a behaviour change programme will be developed in early 2017.

Q.30 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have lights fixed in the tower of O'Carroll Villas flat complex. Block beside O'Callaghan's Hotel.

Reply:

Our Electrical Services Section report that these lights were repaired on 8th December 2016.

Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy

On 15 November 2016 a resident e-mailed Road Maintenance with the following query:

"This morning I was cycling into work and I was coming down Erne Street Lower, taking a right turn on to Hannover Street East when I came off my bike. I was travelling at a reasonable speed. When taking the right turn the wheels on my bike slipped on the cobbles. My wrist is a bit sprained and I took a bang to the head; however, the helmet protected me from most of the impact.

It did leave me to wonder why on earth is there a square of cobbles in the middle of a junction for four tarmaced roads. Given the extent of the traffic on this road and how slippery the cobbles seemed this morning, I would think it in the interest o public safety that the junction surface be replaced with something less hazardous. I've attached a picture of the junction to demonstrate." (Photo attached)

The resident contacted me at the end of the month when he had not received a response.

To ask the Area Manager:

- (a) To provide a response to this query; and
- (b) To explain why the resident received no response to his query.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has sought the views of Dublin City Council's Conservation and Heritage Officers on this matter as it is our policy not to remove such setts.

The area of cobbles referred to is in actual fact all that remains of the original street surfacing in this area which comprised of stone setts. Stone setts such as these are a particular feature of many Dublin streets and it is considered to be good conservation practice to retain such setts wherever possible. Current statutory guidance promotes the retention and repair of these historic surfaces which contribute to the architectural character of their areas and also on occasion act as an environmental traffic calming measure.

Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy

As one emerges from the entrance to the Grove House apartment complex onto Milltown Road the line of vision in respect of oncoming traffic is extremely poor. Double yellow lines are required alongside the stretch of Milltown Road near this exit/the adjacent bus stop in order to ensure the safety of all road users. To ask the Area Manager to implement appropriate double yellow lines at this location.

Reply:

The request for double yellow lines at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.33 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to request that both Derelict Sites and Dangerous Buildings, as well as any other relevant council department investigate the status of the property at [details supplied] and require that appropriate remedial steps be taken in circumstances where the local residents' association reports as follows: *"The house had been unoccupied for about 8 years and is of great concern to nearby residents, particularly the adjoining house (no 95). No 96 is not heated and is causing dampness in No 95. There is also a problem with rats... There is also the risk of squatters."*

Reply:

Details supplied was inspected by the Dangerous Buildings (DB) Inspector for the area as of 21/12/2016, please see his comments below.

'Does not appear dangerous at this time, No DB action required at this time'.

The Dangerous Buildings Section is currently investigating ownership via property title search & will continue to monitor as is our remit under Local Government Sanitary Services Act 1964 (amended), however as always, responsibility for maintenance, upkeep, safety & security of the property, remains with the owner.

The Derelict Sites Section will arrange to have the site investigated and update the councillor on its findings.

Q.34 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to install a pedestrian crossing at the top of Sandymount Avenue at the T-junction of Sandymount Avenue with Gilford Road. This crossing is used on a daily basis by large numbers of schoolchildren.

Reply:

The request for a pedestrian crossing at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.35 Councillor Frank Kennedy

During the course of the recent footpath repair works on Ailesbury Park, the cement/surface material has set in such a way that the residents of *details supplied cannot open or close the gate which they rely upon for deliveries, bring in and out the bins, pedestrian access etc. To ask the Manager to resolve this without delay in circumstances where it has been caused entirely by the acts of the council.

Reply:

The contractor working at this location on behalf of Road Maintenance Services has resolved this issue.

Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager organise for the traffic engineer call out to the principal of the Star of The Sea BNS to examine and consult with the school to address the traffic problem that has developed on Leahy Terrace outside the school particularly at drop off / pick up time there is severe congestion. I am concerned for the health and safety of pupils at these times and feel action is urgently required

Reply:

The parking along Leahy Terrace is already regulated. There are defined Pay & Display parking bays along its entirety. To ensure that the front of the school remains clear, RRM 010 School Keep Clear Markings are already installed. In addition, the road is traffic calmed with the provision of ramps and School Ahead signs are erected. Unfortunately, the majority schools experience congestion during pickup/drop off times. Dublin City Council continues to promote sustainable transport and public transportation above that of the private car.

Poor driver behaviour / illegal parking are a matter for the Gardaí. A site meeting is not deemed necessary at this stage as all of the technical issues identified have been assessed.

Q.37 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager have the patio slabs to the rear and side of *details supplied repaired as they are dangerous and have been lifted as a result of the trees in the Park growing in under the resident's garden.

Reply:

Details supplied is not a Dublin City Council property.

The repairs to the patio slabs have been added to our works programme for 2017 and it is anticipated that the work will be undertaken over the next four to six weeks.

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many staff are dedicated to street cleaning, leaf removal and gully cleaning in the South East Area and how these compare to staffing levels in the same sections prior to 2008.

Reply:

Regarding gully cleaning, the staff number assigned to gully cleaning operations at present is 15 General Operatives (GO), 2 Assistant Inspectors and 1 Inspector. This is an increase from 13 GO's and 1 Inspector prior to 2008. The gully cleaning operations are now under the Surface Water and Flood Management Division.

Waste Management had 123 staff assigned to street cleaning and leaf removal in the South East Area in 2008.

Waste Management has 92 staff assigned to street cleaning and leaf removal in the South East Area this year.

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many complaints have been received by the council from tenants or occupants of council housing in relation to damp, condensation, and / or mould in their residences in the last 3 years, the details of the investigations that have been carried out in response to such complaints, the number of units which underwent each type of investigation, how many of these complaints led to action being taken, what action was taken to remedy the problem, how many units were remedied by means of these actions and what benefits have been seen as a result of the actions taken.

Reply:

A reply will be issued to the councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the plans for the pram sheds and bin storage solutions for Vincent Street South flats in Dublin 8.

Reply:

The options for the removal of the pram sheds and bin storage solutions in this complex are still under consideration. Consultation with residents will take place prior to any final decision. The Area Housing Manager will make arrangements for these consultations and update the councillor on the current situation.

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager why the minutes of meetings that take place with council officials, councillors and local residents in relation to local issues in the South East Area are not circulated after such meetings, and if this practice can be implemented going forward.

Reply:

Meetings held with residents' groups, officials and councillors are not minuted. Notes may be taken by those present. Minutes are taken at area committee and at Joint Policing Committee and approved by the committee at the following meeting. There will not be any change to current practice.

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she is aware of any proposals regarding Airbnb in the City in areas not zoned for commercial activity, if there are plans to introduce to requests for registrations of rentals and requests for change of use when sub letting properties through Airbnb, and if she can outline what the complaints procedure is for people living in apartment complexes experiencing difficulties with neighbours sub -letting their apartments through Airbnb.

Reply:

Following the recent findings of both Dublin City Council and An Bord Pleanála that the use of a residential apartment in the city centre for short term holiday lettings is development and is not exempted development, the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government is reviewing the planning issues in relation to the operation of Airbnb. It is understood that the outcome will be the delivery of specific guidelines on this matter to inform and assist local authorities.

The Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 provide that the use of up to four bedrooms in a house with a maximum of four people per room as bed and breakfast accommodation is exempt from requiring planning permission. AirBnB is a hosting website wherein property owners can advertise the availability of their property.

Any change to the current situation requires a change in legislation and lies outside the control of the city council.

Most complaints that the Council has received from occupants of apartment complexes concern anti-social behaviour. Planning legislation is not equipped to address anti-social behaviour and complaints concerning it should be addressed to the Complex's Management Company or to the Gardai in the first instance.

As entry to private apartment complexes is normally restricted, inspection of these units by the Council's Enforcement Officers poses difficulties. In cases where the Management Company is unable to deal with an issue of short-term letting, it is preferable that the complaint to the Enforcement Section come from the Management Company to facilitate the arrangement of an inspection.

Please note, however, that if first-hand evidence of unauthorised use is not available to the Enforcement Officer, it will not be possible to succeed with enforcement action. However, the unavailability of such evidence to the Enforcement Officer does not prejudice the right of any other affected party from taking a civil case on his own behalf.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she is aware that some casual traders on the Liffey Campshires who previously received electricity from the Dublin Docklands Authority are now finding difficulty in receiving electricity from Dublin City Council and can she please take steps to ensure that the supply is restored as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

The Licensing Section of Dublin City Council does not provide electricity to any Designated Trading pitches.

We supply a specific area for someone to trade from. In our Bye Laws we advise as to the use of generators if power is required. As per the Chief Fire Officer, we only allow diesel generators or batteries to supply power.

There are three active casual trading licence agreements issued by the former Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA) which will be due for renewal with Dublin City Council in January 2019. It is stated in each of the agreements

"The Licensee at its own expense shall be responsible for the provision of electrical power to the licensed area and shall pay for all electricity consumed at the licence area."

Due to flood defence works one of the casual trading pitches was relocated after consultation and agreement with the licensee. Any previous power supply or connection which the pitch had access to was not part of a licence agreement with the DDDA.

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she could provide further details on the proposed Cultural Hub in Pigeon House Precinct as referenced in the draft Poolbeg West Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).

Reply:

Section 2.3.3 of the working draft planning scheme for Poolbeg West, sets out key principles for the area. This includes the principle of increasing and enhancing opportunities for people to enjoy the amenities of the peninsula. Text includes the following; 'The establishment of a new urban neighbourhood that provides a range of shops, spaces and other facilities will serve to attract further visitors'. The text also refers to 'Local Green Links' to a potential 'Cultural Hub' in the Pigeon House Precinct.

In this regard, preliminary work has been carried out by the Conservation Department (in conjunction with consultants) into the conservation/re-use of the area and its structures. The 'precinct' area includes the electricity generating station, Pigeon House Hotel, and Pigeon House Fort, which are all located outside the SDZ boundary. This exploratory work suggested that the precinct could be a place of creativity and innovation, with potential to register culturally at a regional/national scale. Reference was made to the potential for industry/science-related projects and a possible museum. It is understood that further work would be required to progress these options, taking into account costs/feasibility and more detailed studies.

Q.45 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to put a stop sign on where Harrison's Avenue joins Rathgar Avenue as currently cars trying to avoid traffic will sit blocking the footpath for pedestrians.

Reply:

The location will be examined and a report issued to the councillor in due course.

Q.46 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to fix the two broken street lights on Rathgar Avenue.

Reply:

A night inspection of the lighting on this road was completed 22/12/16 and all lights were found to be operating. If there is a light with an intermittent failure, please provide the pole number or adjacent house number, and we will arrange for the light to be inspected.

Q.47 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to repaint the double yellow lines on the lane behind Garville Avenue that were not replaced following repairs to the road.

Reply:

The repainting of the double yellow lines at the lane behind Garville Avenue has been added to the Traffic Officer's works programme. It is likely to be the middle of January before these works are completed.

Q.48 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to relocate the disabled car parking space from Highfield Road to the village centre in Rathgar.

Reply:

The request to relocate the disabled car parking space from Highfield Road to the village centre in Rathgar has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.49 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager when will the sewers and drains associated with the Marianella development be connected to the mains system?

Reply:

This is a matter for Irish Water who may be contacted directly at PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City, tel. 1890 278278 or email local repsupport@water.ie

Q.50 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager what discussions have taken place between the developers and the Parks Division re the public park area within Marianella?

Reply:

A meeting was held between the developer's landscape architect and Park & Landscape Services to discuss the park provision under the development in May 2009. A further meeting was held between the developer Cairn Homes, their landscape architect and Park & Landscape Services to discuss the park in February 2016. A subsequent compliance submission concerning taking in charge was received by Parks & Landscape Services but was found to be non-compliant in March 2016.