



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019

- 1 Presentation on Strategic Housing Development on former monastery lands at Marianella, 75 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6.**
Order: Noted.
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held 10th December 2018.**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held 18th December 2018.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Traffic Works Programme 2019.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Road Maintenance Works Programme 2019.
Order: Noted.
- 4 Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on the proposed grant of a lease of a site at Shaw Street, Dublin 2 and the grant of a Building Licence at same address to the Peter McVerry Trust CLG.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 5 Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on the Part 8 planning application for the upgrade of the depot building and compound at Eamonn Ceannt Park, Rutland Grove, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 South East Area Matters**
 - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.

Order: Noted.

- ii. Draft South East Area Discretionary Fund, as discussed at meeting on 13/12/2018, for agreeing.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

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Motions 14th January 2019

Motion 1 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of the south east area (SEA) acknowledge and support the Garda Youth Awards that were inaugurated in the south central area and acknowledge the great achievements by the recipients of the awards and also the great efforts that were made by An Garda Síochána to ensure that these awards were rolled out across the communities. The time and effort and commitment that was spent on this was enormous and the event that took place in Aviva Stadium as a result of these efforts was simply fantastic. It is important that the SEA get behind these awards and the people associated with them including Aviva Stadium and the Aviva insurance company and that this committee agrees to write to all those involved including Inspector Chris Grogan and Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley and commend them for this great success.

Order: Moved by Cllr. McGinley. Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager carry out a full assessment of the sports pitch at Digges Street to ascertain the cost of a complete refurbishment and upgrade?

This pitch has become dilapidated over the past number of years and is well used by the local community. It is time now to give a serious upgrade to this facility, the only one in the neighbourhood.

Order: Moved by Cllr. McGinley. Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That in light of An Bord Pleanála decision regarding College Green Plaza that this area committee calls on the area manager to proceed with the following objective in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022:

“MTO50: To introduce traffic-free areas on sections on Drury Street, South William Street, Exchequer Court, Dame Court and Dame Lane while ensuring that access to car parks and deliveries is still provided for.”

And to ask the area manager to also proceed with the full pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Planning Department takes action on the fact that the lift which was agreed by the council as part of The Swan Shopping Centre's access for people with disabilities on their Castlewood Avenue end is more often out of order than working. As I have pointed out in the past, these lifts are not appropriate and it is probably because people who try to use them may not know how they work which causes them to out of order so often. The point is that if it is not working then the centre at this entrance is not accessible. There is not even a telephone no. on the list to call, so people with access needs are left in a difficult position and I would argue that this current situation does not comply with the Planning Act access requirements.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the council take action on Wharton Hall off Harold's Cross Road. An Bord Pleanála decision that a floor be taken off this building over 10 years ago has not been acted on. Over a year ago this building changed hands. The new owners were informed of their responsibilities. This building is now an eye sore on the horizon and a Pigeon loft.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Anne Feeney

The committee requests the city council to apply for EU funding (recently announced) for Wi-Fi hotspots for our urban villages in the South East Area - Rathmines, Rathgar, Terenure, Harold's Cross, Crumlin, Sundrive, Ranelagh, Donnybrook, Ballsbridge, Sandymount, Irishtown, Ringsend. This would be a boost to our urban villages and small businesses, facilitating free Wi-Fi for shoppers and locals, making our urban villages more attractive to visit and spend in. The opportunity of accessing this EU funding should not be missed.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Chief Executive Officer states whether Dublin City Council (DCC) has the power to make a bye-law requiring licensed premises to display the renewal dates on the exterior of their premises for licences to sell alcohol, Public Dance Licence and Public Music & Singing Licence. If the council doesn't have the power, would you state which department has and how we might go about progressing it?

Furthermore has the DCC Noise Dept. objects to the courts when Copan / Zenith Café Ltd. apply for monthly exemption licence. The noise goes on until 3a.m. and it's seriously disrupting people's sleep.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Development Department clarifies the ownership of all the ground relating to the Swan Leisure development, Rathmines. The agreement in the first instance relating to the Public Private Partnership (PPP), was that the council would retain ownership of the ground and that the developer would own the air rights. It's important that if this issue comes before the January council meeting that this is clarified beforehand, otherwise that it is done at the DSE LAC.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Dublin City Council (DCC) agrees to the establishment of a dementia friendly village and indeed age friendly village in general for the Harold's Cross area. This has already been agreed by Health Services Executive Forum and promoted by the Harold's Cross Community Council. It is agreed that DCC personnel co-operate with the Community Council to aid its establishment.

Order: Report to councillor.

Councillor Ruairí McGinley
Chairperson
Monday 14 January 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Ruairi McGinley (Chairman)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Mary Freehill
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Frank Kennedy
Paddy Smyth

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Sonya Stapleton

Officers

Rossana Camargo
Leah Johnston
Fiona O'Brien
Jennifer Wall
Andrew Duff
Dymphna Farrell

Mark Ginnetty
Brian Kavanagh
Neil O'Donoghue
Paul McCann
Sean Redmond
Gwen Perry

Brian Hanney
Eileen Martin
Avril Feeney
Sharon Beatty
Madeline McNamara
Neasa Moylan

Apologies:

Paddy McCartan

Non-Members:

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to advise on results of Rathdown estate Terenure traffic survey.

Reply:

Area engineer, Rossana Camargo, will assess the data that has been retrieved and report back to the councillor.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to reinstate bins in the Dodder Park between Dartry and the Ely Arch.

Reply:

Waste Management are ensuring that an adequate number of bins are located in close proximity to park entrances in areas where bins have been removed from public parks. A litter bin has been relocated at Dartry Park. Two litter bins and a dog fouling bin are located at the entrance to Orwell Park. A litter bin will be installed at the entrance to the Dodder Park at the nine arches bridge entrance on Milltown Road. We will continue to assess whether there are other areas of need and install bins as required.

Parks Services is currently in discussion with our colleagues in Waste Management to devise an arrangement which will provide a cost effective and efficient means of waste collection in Orwell Park.

In the interim measure will be put in place to ensure that Orwell Park is maintained in a satisfactory condition for park users.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to advise on provision of safe school crossing for Rathgar Junior school.

Reply:

There are requests listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda from November 2018 for a zebra Crossing and a school warden on Grosvenor Road at Rathgar Junior School. The councillor will be informed of the recommendations in due course.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for this drain *details supplied to be unblocked before Christmas and obviously before this question is reached for reply.

For the past few months there have been renovations going on next door to us. There has been a lot of mud and dirt spilling out onto the footpath and into the drain. Some of my neighbours and I have been unable to park in front of our houses because of the mud and when it rains because of the flooding. Last week I had to go out and move my car to ensure the water wouldn't damage it. I had to wear a pair of crocs and shorts so I could actually get into the car as the water was that high. A few days ago the builders put up a new wall and there was wet cement out on the road and the drain is now looking even more blocked. I went out with a shovel myself to clear what I could off the road as the builders are disinterested but the drain needs to be unblocked as it's the only one down the whole left side of the estate. Parking is already a huge issue because of the school and this isn't helping.

Reply:

The gullies on this road were cleaned on 13/12/18 and it was noted that there was a problem with one of the gullies. This matter was referred to Drainage Operations for gully repair which was completed on 17/12/18. The gullies were inspected thereafter on 20/12/18 and reported to be in good working order.

Q.5 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the paving repaired on the south side of Kevin Street as the slabs are very loose in many places and are a trip hazard, particularly for the elderly and people with disabilities?

Reply:

This location has been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager clarify whether individuals attending the recent seminar on street art at the Mansion House wore balaclavas and covered their faces up and made derogatory statements about Dublin City Council at this event?

Reply:

The Street Art Forum took place at The Mansion House on the 12th of October 2018 from 2 - 5 pm.

Dublin City Council (DCC) hosted a discussion forum with the following purpose: "To enhance opportunities for street art within a regulatory framework".

The context for the forum was the increasing demand for and interest in this art form along with the need to address the sometimes difficult issues emerging for those involved including Planning, Commercial content and the lack of available walls to use.

The forum was a first step in a process of consultation, improving communications and working together to address these issues. It was held at the Oak Room in the Mansion House and was advertised online with 80 tickets available on a first come basis. All tickets were sold out prior to the event. The participants included street artists, representatives of Dublin City Council (Arts Office, Planners, Dublin City Councillors), property owners and other interested parties.

The format of the forum was as follows:

- Four short informal presentations relating to street art
- Questions and discussion from the floor
- Consideration of the challenges and opportunities arising – through small break out groups
- Plenary session to bring together some of the issues and agree the next steps in the process

The Street Artists Forum Subset was asked to make a presentation and they in turn requested that their speaker be allowed to cover their face to protect their anonymity. The issue of anonymity is important to Street Artists with many world famous Street Artists such as Banksy or Maser keeping their identity private. An internal debate by the organisers of the Forum decided after careful consideration that the 'masking' of the speaker be allowed on the basis of inclusion but that if objections to the mask were raised by participants it would be addressed and consensus sought. On the day no objections occurred. The Speaker from Subset wore a mask while presenting and in participation the break out groups.

As to the issue of whether derogatory statements were made; this was a successful Forum because of the robust and honest involvement of all concerned. Certainly Dublin City Council came in for criticism but it would not have been more difficult than normally experienced by City Officials at various meetings where feedback is requested.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ensure that all residents and households within in the Cabbage Patch area, Kevin Street flats, Cathedral Lane, Cathedral View, Long Lane, New Street and Clanbrassil Street and all the businesses within the area are invited to be participants in the refurbishment and improvement project for the Cabbage Patch grounds in Kevin Street from the very outset. This process needs to be inclusive and transparent and must be led from the ground up.

Of primary importance here is how we are going to deal with the issue of criminality and anti-social behaviour by a certain group of individuals who have undermined the area.

This process must take place first before we initiate any plans or consultation process to improve the area. We have to rid the city once and for all of this kind of behaviour and execute zero tolerance on any individual or any group that thinks they can terrorise a neighbourhood to the extent that has happened at the Cabbage Patch. There is simply no point in clearing this behaviour in this area for it to simply take hold in other areas by the same group.

Reply:

The issue of criminality and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Cabbage Patch is a matter for An Garda Síochána and the city council has frequently brought these issues to the attention of the Gardaí via the Joint Policing Committee.

The city council is keen to develop a new vision for the Cabbage Patch in consultation with the local community and we will ensure that any plans or consultation will be as wide ranging as possible; that the process will be inclusive and transparent and led from the ground up.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager install doorways and gateways on the stairwells at Glovers Court? The residents in this block of flats have suffered greatly over the past number of years. There are issues of intimidation, wholesale drug use and drug selling within the stairwells and complex. People are regularly assaulted including passers-by and tourists. They are pelted with eggs or potatoes or balloons filled with water. On other occasions they are simply assaulted and robbed.

The residents in Glovers Court are at their wits end. Most recently thousands of euros worth of criminal damage was caused to the new hotel at Bow Lane when a number of their windows were smashed by ball bearings and air rifles. This is further intimidation of the workers on the building site here who are basically in fear of their lives and their personal safety. We have an obligation to manage our estates in an orderly fashion and not allow anti-social behaviour and criminality rule the day.

Reply:

The area housing manager will request a number of specialist contractors to survey this complex and to give a quotation to manufacture and install security doors. When these quotations are received they will be evaluated as being suitable for the purpose of stopping non-residents from entering the complex and value for money. The area housing manager will then seek funding to carry out these works.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the delays on the precinct improvements for the Temple Bar area with particular reference to Temple Bar Square? The square is now in such a serious state of dilapidation that it would constitute a danger to the public and warrant listing on the dangerous structures within the city.

This is an appalling state of affairs given the amount of international tourists that visit this area.

Reply:

The design period for the Temple Bar Square refurbishment has been elongated due to the additional requirement to undertake refurbishment works of Irish Water infrastructure. The detail design period is almost complete and a tender is due to issue in early 2019 with works expected to commence on site in Q2 of 2019.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the oversized Christmas tree and base that was placed by Dublin Town on South King Street? Many businesses in the area contacted me regarding this tree and its size and the fact that it was blocking the street and blocking their premises from view. Also the fact that they were not informed that this oversized tree was to be erected on the street. They felt that this was duplication and a great waste of their hard earned money.

There was also concerns around emergency vehicle access to this area. There were also complaints around people urinating and using the base of the tree as a public convenience.

Further, a lot of residents in this area were concerned because it blocked the view on the street and gave rise to anti-social behaviour, criminality and fear for one's personal safety.

Reply:

The interactive tree in question on South King Street was launched on 22nd November by DublinTown as part of their Dublin at Christmas festival campaign. In partnership with Visa, they raised funds for Temple Street Children's University Hospital Foundation with a terminal located on site. No other complaints were received by Dublin City Council from residents or traders in the area and access for emergency vehicles was allowed at all times. The tree has since been removed.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of placing bollards at the edge of the footpaths on the Ross Road North facing side? This footpath is being used for parking vehicles day and night. Some evenings it is impossible for wheelchair users to use this side of the street. In the day time it is also being used and the street becomes blocked. It is right beside the children's playground and it becomes a danger as motorists driving on the road cannot see if a small child will walk out from behind a car that is parked on the footpath.

There are already many cars parking legally on Ross Road which is a very small space. Also, there is a private carpark with a gate on Ross Road and many of the residents in this complex are finding it very difficult to enter and exit this carpark as a result of cars and large jeeps parking close to the gates and on the footpath outside.

Reply:

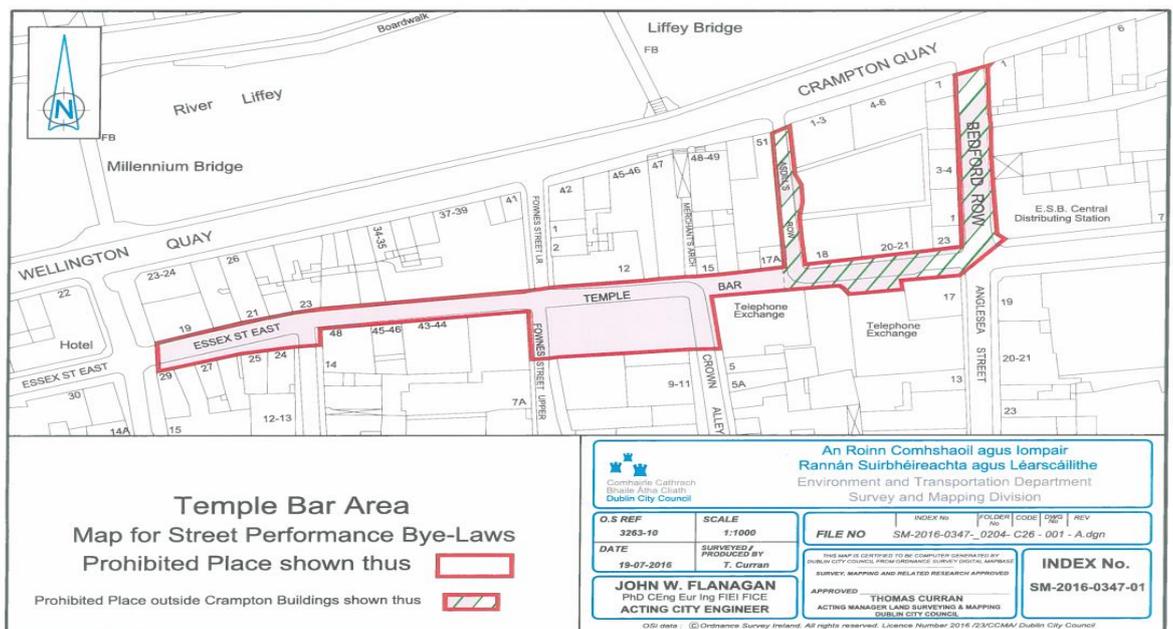
The issue raised regarding Illegal parking on the north side of the carriage way of Ross Road (SE) will now be added to the TAMS (Transport Asset Management System) so that it can be reviewed by an area engineer in due course. The council's parking enforcement contractor will be instructed to monitor and enforce as required.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Given the issues that are constantly being brought up by residents and businesses within the Temple Bar area regarding noise from legal and illegal busking and given the fact that Temple Bar area is predominantly a residential area with over 3,000 residents, can the manager initiate a plebiscite on the issue of continuing to designate the Temple Bar area as a busking zone?

Reply:

Crampton Buildings is the main residential area in Temple Bar. The prohibited place around Crampton Buildings, where no busking is permitted, was established in 2016 as part of the bye-laws review. This, along with the placing of signs outside the Eir building opposite Crampton Buildings indicating the prohibited place has seen much improvement in noise levels and a considerable reduction in complaints for the area. It is expected that the current bye-laws will be reviewed next year allowing for the possibility of the prohibited place being extended. Therefore, it is recommended that the issues be dealt with through the review of the bye-laws process.



Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager investigate the illegal parking of cars in Digges Street flats that are associated with the builders constructing an office block in Cuffe Street? Many residents in Digges Street flats are complaining that the flats are full of cars that are illegal and they cannot park their own cars.

Reply:

The project estate officer (PEO) for this complex has been in contact with the company who provide the clamping service to Dublin City Council about the current situation at this location. The residents have been asked by the PEO to provide any van registration that they have witnessed parking in the complex in order for him to get

these vehicles clamped. The PEO has also left a flyer informing any illegal vehicles that they will be clamped and removed if they persist in parking in the complex.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager install a children's play area within the Bishop Street flats complex? This complex is without any facility for young children to play in and many residents and families feel this is a great inequality and great disadvantage considering that Ross Road got one and Mercer House also received one. It is time to roll out a children's play area within Bishop Street flats. Can the manager initiate a feasibility study?

Reply:

There is a playground for the children of this complex which was installed about three years ago. This facility was installed with input from the residents of the complex working with Dublin City Council's play development officer. This facility is at the rear of the complex parallel to Kevin Street.

Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can clarify when the repairs to the footpaths referred to in Question 10 of the December 2018 meeting will be carried out.

“Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will request the relevant council staff to undertake a review as to what, if any damage was done to the footpaths in the vicinity of Mornington Road, Ranelagh and the new hotel and any other building projects in that area and to ensure that all necessary repairs are carried out and paid for by any developer who has been responsible for same.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services do not sanction the release of the Planning & Development bond to any developer unless we are satisfied that any damage caused to roads or footpaths as the result of the development have been repaired at the developer's cost.

Contact:

Madeline McNamara, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services Division, tel.: 222 2722, email: madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will examine this footpath to ascertain what repairs are required and refer them to the developer where appropriate.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent about the traffic coming from Sydney Parade Train Station up Ailesbury Road to the lights at Merrion Road. The traffic lights from the DART station onto Merrion Road only last ten seconds. It takes five changes of lights to get traffic through which is now backing up onto the DART gates. His advice is to increase the timing to 30 seconds. His second suggestion is the filter lights going onto Merrion Road are being jammed up by buses and trucks thus holding up traffic behind them. This exit should be widened by up to three or four feet to ease that pressure.

Reply:

In relation to the time allocated to the exit from Ailesbury Road onto Merrion Avenue this movement receives between 10 - 27 seconds with an average of 17 seconds depending on volume.

This traffic volume accounts for 6.5% of the total volume of traffic during the am peak. As this side road currently receives additional time proportional to the junction and does not contain any bus routes, currently there are no plans to increase the time allocated to this.

It would not be recommended to widen the road at this junction for buses and traffic to exit.

It is referenced in the DESIGN MANUAL FOR URBAN ROADS AND STREETS that footpath widths should be:

- 1) 3 Metres (Min space for small groups to pass comfortably)
- 2) 4 Metres (Min space for large groups to pass comfortably)

With pedestrian traffic on this route to the train station at Sydney parade, it is Dublin City Councils position to prioritise pedestrian traffic to public transport facilities including DART and Dublin bus services.

It would not be possible to reduce the island width as this would have a negative effect on mobility impaired pedestrians.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have an extra seat placed in Sandymount Green at the rounded intersection opposite Sandymount House Pub. There is an existing seat there facing inwards towards the green but a second seat facing outwards through the railings towards the village would prove very popular. This would give a lovely recreational view of the comings and goings of the village. See attached photo,



Reply:

The suggestion has been assessed and it is considered that there are a sufficient number of park benches in Sandymount Green. All benches are currently facing into the 'green' and having one seat facing out of the park would appear incongruous and would not be in keeping with the historical design of this space.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent on Temple Road Dublin 6. He writes:

"We have an awful lot of old trees on the road that are not well maintained and we face regular flooding on the road because the dead leaves are not swept up properly by the council. There is paid parking until 1pm every day after which it is free parking and once 1pm comes a lot of cars are parked on the road for free as people drive to the area to get the LUAS with free parking. Recently the council had a road sweeper attempt to clean the leaves on the road. However, as it did not begin work until after 1pm it could not clean the leaves near the top of the road beside the LUAS. Surely the council should sweep the road in the morning when it is possible for the road sweeper to do its work. Unless the council come out and clean the leaves we will face another three months of flooding until the next road sweep is scheduled."

Reply:

Waste Management Services have included Temple Road in our leaves removal programme over the autumn and winter months and will continue to do so until all the leaves are gone. We will ensure that the leaves are removed from the top of Temple Road beside the LUAS. There is no doubt that on street parking hinders our cleaning efforts and we endeavour where possible to clean these streets when any reduction in parked cars occurs.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a Ranelagh constituent. He writes:

"The issue that I want to bring to your attention is the state of the streets and roads as the Dublin City Council seem to have given up on clearing the leaves from the gutters and shore in the roads. Many of the drains around us are totally blocked from the fallen leaves and yesterday even after a short sharp shower most of the roads had large puddles of water, in most cases at the corners where the leaves totally blocked the drains. Mountain View Road at the junction of Beechwood Road is a constant problem as is the junction of Merton Drive and the main Sandford Road. So why is this simple task not undertaken? I cycle to work and from that point of view these large puddles are very dangerous as you cannot see if there is a pothole under the water or some other obstruction. Cars have to drive around these puddles and people walking past are likely to get drenched from some uncaring drivers who go too fast. All over the city I see examples of the leaf problem, quite a simple one, just clear them up. Leeson Park is a good example also, loads of leaves and blocked drains at junctions. It's not a new happening so why is it not dealt with? I would like to advise that my wife has filled over 20 bags of leaves from the road beside our house, which were collected by the council but what about the areas where this does not happen. And why does the council opt out of this problem."

Reply:

Waste Management Services are currently operating our leaves removal programme in the South East area which includes the Ranelagh area and this will continue until all the leaves have fallen. As leaves removal is a labour intensive and time consuming task, it takes time to get around all parts of the area. As many staff as possible are dedicated to this task, including our public domain staff in the afternoons and weekends. Also some residential associations get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves in their area. We will ensure that the locations outlined in the above question are cleared of any remaining leaves.

There are an estimated 55,000 gullies within the Dublin City Council area which are cleaned on a continual basis by the Surface Water Maintenance Unit. It typically takes 12 - 18 months to complete one full cycle of cleaning the 55,000 gullies in the city. A number of separate cleaning programmes run alongside the regular cleaning works.

The gullies in the Ranelagh area are on two such programmes that provide for more frequent cleaning so that problematic gullies are scheduled to be cleaned every 4-6 weeks and the gullies in the entire area are scheduled to be cleaned 3-4 times per year. The most recent gully cleaning in the area occurred in the week before Christmas 2018.

On 20/12/18 the following roads were cleaned and inspected.

Mountain View Road junction Beechwood Road - 1 of 1 gully cleaned and inspected.

Merton Drive junction Sandyford Road - 1 of 1 gully cleaned and inspected.

Leeson Park at junction – 2 of 2 gullies cleaned and inspected.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on Lower Beechwood Avenue Ranelagh. The lampposts are in a terrible condition and some have plastic wrapping on them. There are 7 or 8 of them all in the same state. Can the manager give a time frame for replacing these old lamp standards with new ones as clearly these poles have come to the end of their natural life span? (Pic to follow.)



Reply:

The 7 no. concrete columns here will be considered for inclusion as part of a future pole replacement contract in 2020.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issues related to Dartmouth Square Park in Ranelagh.

- A. When will the railing be repainted and extra seating be provided for the community?
- B. Is extra planting being considered for the park?
- C. When will the pathway around the park be redone?

Reply:

There is no proposal to currently undertake painting of the park railings.

Additional planting and footpath resurfacing within the square will be considered in the context of the 2019 estimates.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue regarding drainage on the road adjacent to the AIB bank in Sandymount.

He writes:

"As you can see the water feature courtesy of Dublin City Council(DCC) and SIAC still remains at AIB Sandymount despite assurances (July 2017) via yourself from hydraulic expert in DCC to tell staff that water doesn't go uphill and fix it. I know big bodies move slowly but..."

I'm in communication with RSA in Ballina about the complete dog's dinner DCC made of this job with end result of transforming a reasonably safe crossing with good visibility to both pedestrians and motorists into a nil visibility death trap just because some in DCC never asked Dublin Bus how much space was needed for one of their buses to get around Sandymount Road onto Seafort Avenue. It needs fixing before the emergency services are scraping some unfortunate off the road and given DCC metered parking situation at Ryans side it'll be probably be a child in a buggy or wheelchair user (pic to follow)."

Reply:

Dublin City Council (DCC) is in the process of getting this issue addressed. This highlighted issue raised by the councillor will be rectified in due course. DCC hopes to have a contractor on site within the next couple of months to resolve this issue.

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have graffiti removed from the road sign on the entrance to Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook.

Reply:

This street name sign needs to be replaced and Road Maintenance have been requested to place on their schedule.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give a time frame for the replacement of the all- weather carpet for the Bowling Club in Herbert Park. They have applied for the sports grant and it is vital for the future of the club that the necessary works are undertaken as soon as possible.

Reply:

The replacement carpet for the bowling green in Herbert Park has been submitted for Sport Capital Grant Funding. We are currently awaiting confirmation from the department when drawdown of grant funding for successful projects will commence.

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent living in Cullenswood Park, Ranelagh. He writes:

"Cullenswood Park is a terrace of 12 houses (built c1938) in a cul-de-sac off the main road through Ranelagh village and faces the back of the Royal Hospital Donnybrook. The sewerage system for the houses is under a lane at the rear of the houses. The concrete surface of the lane must be at least 50 years old and is disintegrating, probably due to the volume and weight of traffic (cars on a daily basis, vans frequently and trucks occasionally) for which it was neither designed or constructed. In the last few years there have been several blockages in the sewerage system, where gravel is the main culprit probably due to cracked pipes.

When we've tried to discuss the problem with DCC, they say the lane is private. There is no folio for the lane area as it's not registered, so we cannot find out who the owner is. We believe the problem is that, while the council have provided the sewerage

system under the lane (and manholes and lighting on the lane), the lane has never legally been 'taken in charge' by the council. We would be interested in finding out if the houses on Sandford Road which back onto the same lane use the same sewerage system. Hence the request for the plan.

Reply:

A map of the public drainage network in the vicinity of the above location is attached. The 150mm diameter sewer in the laneway to the rear of Nos 1-9 Cullenswood Park Ranelagh is a public sewer (notwithstanding that this laneway is not in the charge of the Road Authority). This sewer forms part of the public sewerage network in the charge of Irish Water and is maintained by Dublin City Council (DCC) Drainage Section on their behalf. Drainage connections to the public sewer are private and are the responsibility of the premises / parties connected. Accordingly, records of drains are not maintained by Irish Water (or DCC) on the public record system. Some information on the layout of private drains and their connections may be available on planning files but searching for and obtaining these details can be time-consuming and difficult, particularly for older properties (i.e. pre-1963).

In relation to the properties fronting Sandford Road, it is thought most likely that these are connected to the 630mm brick culvert on Sandford Road on the basis that these properties predate Cullenswood Park by several decades. Nos 4-20 Sandford Road and Nos 2-8 Woodstock Gardens are shown on historic 25" maps for Dublin were surveyed between 1888 and 1913. DCC is not empowered under statute to enter onto private property for the purpose of surveying private drains. Such surveys could only be undertaken with the consent of the property owners concerned and would be time-consuming, diverting resources from other tasks and duties on the public side of the network.

On 9th January 2019 the 150mm sewer to the rear of Nos 1 - 9 Cullenswood Park was inspected and CCTV'd by DCC Drainage Maintenance staff. This sewer is in very good condition for its age with no evidence of gravel sediment or cracked pipes.

Q.26 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he can ask the Traffic Department to check if the new solid fencing around the property as you exit Peter Place does not create a visual barrier and a danger for motorists exiting.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has asked for an inspection of the area by the Traffic Inspector. The councillor will be informed of the outcome following inspection.

Q.27 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the surface of the playground in Macken Villas repaired or replaced as residents feel it is unsafe and a trip hazard.

Reply:

An inspection of the playground is scheduled to take place within the next 2 weeks, the results of which will determine the course of action required. Weather permitting, it is envisaged that repairs will be completed by end January 2019.

Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the increased number of rats in St. Andrews Court treated and put in place an ongoing plan to deter rats from the courtyard where the kids are playing?

Reply:

A full inspection has been carried out at this flat complex and bait has been laid. The process for dealing with rats is to lay bait boxes in the shores, the bin chutes and areas where there is no access by children. These areas are checked approximately 2 weeks later to determine if the bait has been taken which indicates a presence of vermin. In such cases further bait is laid, rechecked and re-laid until such time as the issue is resolved.

Our Caretaking Staff will continue to monitor the common areas in this flat complex for the presence of rodent infestation.

Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the trees which roots are breaking up the footpaths replaced with smaller trees on Bishop Street as two elderly people have tripped there recently, and have railings similar to the rest of the railings around Bishop Street installed at the corner at pedestrian crossing on Kevin Street?

Reply:

The trees at this location are mature trees and as such provide an important visual amenity to the area. Accordingly Parks Services are not in a position to remove these trees. However, any trip hazards that are associated with tree root activity will be repaired.

This location has been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out.

Q.30 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager confirm that checks are being carried out so that disc parking permits are not being abused in Bishop Street, Digges Street and Cuffe Street as the parking is tight enough and should be only for residents or visitors to residents short term?

Reply:

The project estate officer for this complex has been in contact with the company who provide the clamping service to Dublin City Council about the current situation at this location and requested them to increase their patrols at this location.

Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager have a new door installed at details supplied?

Reply:

Repairs have been carried out to this door negating the need for a new door.

Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager treat the rats in Cuffe Street and Digges Street flats treated and clear out the old shoots and either knock them or allow residents use them for storage and arrange to have the bin storage area improved as they appear to be just thrown in the corner and are encouraging rats?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew have treated the common areas in Cuffe Street and Digges Street flat complexes with rat bait for the past few months. The process for dealing with rats is to lay bait boxes in shores, and in bin chutes and safe areas where there is no access by children. These areas are checked approximately 2 weeks later to determine if the bait has been taken which indicates a presence of vermin. In such cases further bait is laid, rechecked and re-laid until such time as the issue is resolved.

Bait has again been laid this week. Monitoring of the common areas in these flat complexes will continue and any necessary actions taken to deal with the presence of rats, if identified.

The old bin chute areas and the current bin location area will be inspected in the New Year.

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

That the manager increases the height of the railings around Cuffe Street and Digges Street flats as the existing low railings are allowing and facilitating significant anti-social behaviour from people using the huge amount of pubs and restaurants across the road on Aungier Street and Camden Street which is getting busier and making things worse for residents and that CCTV would be considered for these four block of flats.

Reply:

The area housing manager will request a specialist contractor to survey this complex and to give a quotation to install CCTV. When this quotation is received it will be evaluated as being suitable for the purpose and value for money. The area housing manager will then seek funding to carry out these works.

Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please address the issue of speeding and rat running on Curzon Street, Portobello. A number of car mirrors and car doors have been damaged by cars speeding through this narrow street at peak times.

Reply:

The south east area engineer will assess Curzon Street during peak periods. The area is in the 30Kph slow zone. These zones are aiming to reduce the risk of pedestrians and cyclists being killed or injured. The aim is to make our urban streets and residential estates to be transformed from car dominated through-roads to vibrant living 'people friendly spaces creating calmer communities.

Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please take further action to address the ongoing issue of illegal dumping in Portobello Harbour? I raised this issue a year ago and some action was taken, but the problem has arisen again.

Reply:

This area will be monitored by the Litter Wardens as regards illegal dumping.

Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please provide a full list of streets in the Pembroke South Dock area that have received replacement LED public lighting to date, and can he provide a list of streets that will receive replacement bulbs in 2019.

Reply:

There was no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2018.

Under our LED replacement project, to date, the roads listed below in the full South East Area, have been upgraded to LED:

Ailesbury Road	Baggot Lane	Balfe Street
Beech Hill Avenue	Beech Hill Crescent	Beech Hill Drive
Beech Hill Terrace	Byrne's Lane	Camden Row
Canal Road	Casimir Avenue	Casimir Road
Cedar Court	Church Park Avenue	Church Park Court
Church Park Drive	Church Park Lawn	Church Park Way
City Quay Campshire Lighting	Claremont Park	Clarence Place Great
Cowper Downs	Cowper Mews	Crampton Court
Cremorne	Dartmouth Road	Dartmouth Square South
Dermot O'Hurley Avenue	Derravaragh Road	Donnybrook Close
Donnybrook Manor	Eastmoreland Lane	Eglinton Road
Exchange Court	Garville Drive	Glenmalure Square
Grand Parade	Grattan Court East	Greenlea Grove
Grosvenor Lodge	Grove Road	Harry Street
Havelock Place	Havelock Square	Herbert Lane
Johnson's Court	Larkfield Grove	Leeson Close
Lennox Street	Maple Drive	Marlborough Road
Melvin Road	Mespil Road	Montague Court
Mount Tallant Avenue	Neagh Road	Northbrook Road
Nutley Avenue	Palmerston Grove	Parnell Avenue
Parnell Court	Parnell Road	Pembroke Row
Philomena Terrace	Portobello Plaza	Priory Road
Purser Gardens	Ramleh Close	Ramleh Park
Rathgar Place	Saint Andrew's Lane	Setanta Place
Sion Hill Avenue	Stephens Lane	Stephens Place
Swan Yard	The Cloisters	Tivoli Avenue
Vavasour Square	Verschoyle Court (Place)	Verschoyle Place
Wilfrid Road		

There is no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2019. However, we hope to be able to carry out some further upgrades of existing lighting to LED under our LED replacement project, though I am unable to say how many lights we are proposing to do throughout the council at present.

Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for a full list of development levies paid in the Pembroke South Dock area in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Can the list include what developments the levies came from, how much the levies were, and what this money funded?

Reply:

We are currently investigating the councillor's request and will be in contact directly with the councillor in due course.

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the area manager please provide an update on the redevelopment of the following vacant sites?

- Site on the junction of Luke Street and Townsend Street
- Site at the top of Clanbrassil Street (adjacent to Vincent Street South Flats and Leonards Corner, disposed of in 2016/ 2017)
- Site on Moss Street

Reply:

Development proposals for the Dublin City Council owned housing site at Luke Street / Townsend Street are currently on hold pending clarification of the effect of the Dart Expansion Scheme proposal that an underground line will run beneath the site.

The site at Clanbrassil Street is the subject of a planning application (ref. 4055/18) made on 1st October 2018. The decision date was 19th November 2018 but by letter dated 21st November 2018 the applicant was requested to submit further information in accordance with Articles 33 and 34 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

The developers went on site at Gloucester Street / Moss Street in December and work commenced with the demolition of the old tenement building.

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the area manager please outline what discussions and consultations have taken place between Dublin City Council and the NTA with regards to the plans to demolish Markievicz Leisure Complex to facilitate Metro Link? Can he outline what alternative arrangements are in place to relocate the leisure centre should this proceed? Can the manager also confirm whether there are council tenants residing in the College Gate apartment complex and if so what are the plans for re-housing these tenants should the project proceed? Can the manager also confirm if alternative site have been considered to facilitate Metro Link in this area?

Reply:

No discussions have taken place yet on this proposal with the National Transport Authority (NTA). Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) who are responsible for Metrolink are currently revising their proposals for Metrolink based on the non-statutory public consultation that they engaged in during 2018.

It is appropriate to await this revised emerging preferred option and to determine what the final alignment of Metrolink will be prior to engaging in any detailed discussions.

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the following cycle routes:

- Clonskeagh to City Centre cycle route
- Completion of the Grand Canal Cycle Route

Reply:

Clonskeagh to City Centre cycle route:

The Clonskeagh to City Centre Scheme is currently at preliminary design stage. An Options Report of possible routes has been produced with a Projects Appraisal Report of the options in the reports having just been completed. It is anticipated that a revised timetable for public consultations will be formulated with the Consultant for 2019.

Completion of the Grand Canal Cycle Route

The Grand Canal Cycle route is currently at preliminary design stage. At the request of the National Transport Authority (NTA), the proposed route from Blackhorse to Portobello is currently on hold to facilitate the carrying out of a feasibility study to review the options surrounding Harold Cross Bridge. To progress the scheme improvements are needed at the bridge to facilitate cyclists, pedestrians and vulnerable road users and to improve general safety. It is anticipated that a Consultant will be commissioned in Q2 subject to NTA approval.

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the below motions and questions:

April 2018:

Q36. Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please provide an update on the progress of the following motion that was agreed on April 10th 2017. Since the motion was agreed, aside from one phone call from the planning office in June 2017, there has been no follow up correspondence regarding this motion and the process and action taken to make such a variation to the Docklands Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to initiate the process by which a variation to Docklands SDZ can be made in order to provide for the long term protection of the Graving Docks in Grand Canal Dock.

Reply:

The Planning Department emailed Councillor Byrne with an update on 8th August 2017 to advise that a meeting had been held with the CEO of Waterways Ireland to discuss their plans for Plot 19 including the graving docks in the context of the SDZ Scheme and the conservation of the docks.

Waterways Ireland subsequently appointed a conservation consultant to carry out a full conservation assessment of the graving docks. This assessment is being supplemented by an archaeological test trending report.

It is understood that these reports are currently being finalised, and will provide for the retention of all 3 graving docks in situ as part of the sensitive redevelopment of Plot 19 incorporating public realm, community and other uses. A representative from Waterways Ireland will be enlisted to make a presentation to the next South East Area Meeting.

Contact:

John O Hara, A/Dublin City Planner, Planning & Property Development Department, tel.: 222 3813, email: john.ohara@dublincity.ie

Reply:

Waterways Ireland gave an update presentation to Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF) on Monday 14th May 2018.

At the meeting Mr. John Boyle, Director of Business Development for Waterways Ireland (WI) and Ms. Diane Creevy, Director of Finance and Research described the vision to position Grand Canal Dock as a major water amenity resource. They also advised that a Conservation Assessment Report had been produced which recognised that the graving docks have significant statutory protection in the City Development Plan and the SDZ Planning Scheme, and that WI will pursue a collaborative development of the graving docks to maximise opportunities in both an innovative and sensitive manner.

WI also gave an assurance that the two open docks will remain open, and that 30% of the development will be set aside for community purposes. In response to a request from the Chair of DOCF, Irish Water agreed to keep the forum updated on progress.

It is considered that the City Development Plan and the Docklands SDZ provide adequate protection of the graving docks.

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he could please address the following issues in Shelbourne Park / Ringsend Road Area:

- Litter and lack of street cleaning – can the manager provide the cleaning schedule for this area.
- Provision of litter bins – in particular near the Dublin Bikes stands on South Dock Road next to Arup and Barrow Street.
- Noise pollution from the Shelbourne Park Race Track and bin collection trucks and how can such incidents be reported?
- The provision of dog litter bins in the area in particular at the grassed area in front of the gas transfer station on South Lotts and on South Dock Road near to the river / canal basin.

Reply:

- Waste Management Services have the above mentioned area cleaned on a weekly basis. We will monitor the cleaning of this area to see if some improvements can be made.
- A general assessment of the number of litter bins will be carried out in the area to ensure that adequate bins are provided in the vicinity.
- Complaints regarding noise can be sent to the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit. It should be noted that anonymous complaints cannot be addressed.
- There is a preference to install general litter bins to cater for all types of litter rather than dog litter specific bins. There are currently 194 solar compactor bins installed in Dublin city with more than 70 of these units installed in the south east area in areas such as the Grand Canal, Baggot Street, Temple Bar, Ballsbridge and Sandymount.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager for an update on the plans for addressing the traffic issues in Lansdowne Park, in particular the below queries:

223 90047831 SP_36687 LANSDOWNE PARK (SE) Traffic Calming on the road.
24/02/2017 11:2

224 90047832 SP_36688 LANSDOWNE ROAD (SE) No Right Turn (Rescind)
Rescind the No Right Turn from Pembroke Road onto Lansdowne Road to reduce the through traffic on Lansdowne Park.

307 90051230 SP_40132 LANSDOWNE PARK (SE) Double Yellow Lines DYLS
opposite 69 Lansdowne park 07/09/2017 12:09

Reply:

In relation to the first two queries listed above, the request for traffic calming and for rescindment of the No Right Turn, they are still listed for examination and report.

In relation to the third query above, the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of the 18th December, 2018 reported that:

“Dublin City Council’s policy at present is to not introduce parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under the law, such as placing double yellow lines on

a road to ensure vehicles do not obstruct the flow of traffic, as this would lead to a proliferation of same.

Under Section 36 paragraph (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, "A vehicle shall not be parked (g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises" or "(k) in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic."

Infringements of the regulations should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services at 01 6022 500 or to the Gardaí as they occur.

Q.44 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the area manager if she can please provide a full list of road resurfacing projects planned for 2018 and 2019 in the south east area.

Reply:

The Road Maintenance Services Works Programme is an agenda item at the January 14th 2019 South East Area Committee meeting.

Q.45 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for an update on the extension of the Grand Canal cycle way, a summary of the issues delaying the work, and a date when the work will be completed by.

Reply:

The Grand Canal Cycle route is currently at preliminary design stage. At the request of the National Transport Authority (NTA), the proposed route from Blackhorse to Portobello is currently on hold to facilitate the carrying out of a feasibility study to review the options surrounding Harold's Cross Bridge. To progress the scheme, improvements are needed at the bridge to facilitate cyclists, pedestrians and vulnerable road users and to improve general safety. It is anticipated that a consultant will be commissioned in Q2 subject to NTA approval.

Q.46 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for details of the dog poo only bins inside parks in the south east area.

Reply:

Park Services does not provide or service dog poo only bins within public parks.

Q.47 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to install a contra-flow bike lane on Werburgh Street to support cycling in the city centre.

Reply:

Werburgh Street would not be suitable for the introduction of a contra flow cycle lane. As per the National Cycle Manual a key consideration when introducing a contra-flow lane is parking demand on the contra-flow side. The west side of Werburgh Street has direct parking along it, as well as access / egress to a large carpark facility and would not be considered a quiet street environment.

Q.48 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to respond to the issue raised in the email below

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I wonder if this junction could be revised. While there is a pedestrian refuge, the total width of Mountpleasant Avenue Lower at this point is approximately 25 metres.

I use the location about once per week and vehicular traffic tends to enter / exit Mountpleasant Avenue Lower at speeds that are intimidating to pedestrians.

Reply:

The issue raised regarding pedestrians crossing at the junction at Mountpleasant Avenue Lower will now be added to the TAMS (Transport Asset Management system) so that it can be reviewed by an area engineer in due course.

Q.49 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for an update on the two motions relating to a bus gate at Rathmines Road.

Reply:

As previously stated, given the complexity of the issues involved, it is likely to take some time to compile a formal answer. I cannot give a specific timeframe but it is likely to be towards the end of February 2019 before a response will issue.

Q.50 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide an update on motion 6 from the meeting on December 10th.

Reply:

Waste management is currently investigating the feasibility of installing underground bottle banks. A report will be issued in Q1 2019.

Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange for new windows to be installed at details supplied as they are not opening and closing as they should be and are a fire hazard?

Reply:

New uPVC windows have been ordered and will be fitted in late January 2019.

Q.52 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to request the Traffic engineers to conduct a detailed review of safety for school children in the vicinity of Rathgar Junior School.

Reply:

The on-site meeting with the area engineers and councillors at Rathgar Junior School, which you requested at the December SEAC meeting has been arranged for 2.30pm on Wednesday the 16th January 2019 at the outside of Rathgar Junior School and kindergarten.

Q.53 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for footpath repairs on Greenlea Road, Greenlea Avenue, Greenlea Park and Greenlea Drive.

Reply:

These footpaths have been logged in our Asset Management System for inspection.

Q.54 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for weed removal and street cleaning of Templemore Avenue together with repair of potholes from course of speed ramps.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Templemore Avenue cleaned on the 3rd January 2019.

This street will be listed for removal of weeds.

These ramps will be included in our upcoming Ramp Resurfacing Contract.

Q.55 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask manager to itemise 2019 works programme for footpath reinstatement and road improvement.

Reply:

The Road Maintenance Services Works Programme is an agenda item at the January 14th 2019 South East Area Committee meeting.

Q.56 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can refuse be removed from Dartry and Dodder parks?

Reply:

A large dog poo bin has been replaced by Waste Management at the entrance to Dartry Park at Dartry Mills.

Parks Services is currently in discussion with our colleagues in Waste Management to devise an arrangement which will provide a cost effective and efficient means of waste collection in Orwell Park.

In the interim measures will be put in place to ensure that Orwell Park is maintained in a satisfactory condition for park users.

Q.57 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the council provide any information on the Health Services Executive moving out of the Ranelagh Medical Centre and if they have any role in same?

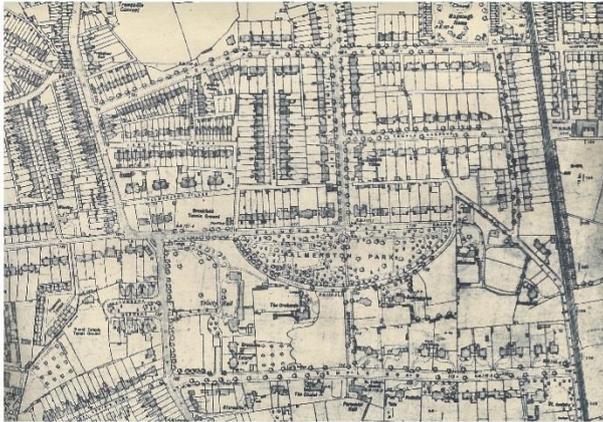
Reply:

This property is not owned by Dublin City Council; the question is therefore a matter for the Health Service Executive.

Q.58 Councillor Claire O'Connor

This motion seeks additional funding beyond the current annual expenditure for Palmerston Park in connection with the Conservation and Management Plan 2013 prepared by Howley Hayes Architects.

See Dublin City Council Palmerston Park <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture-dublin-city-parks-visit-park/palmerston-park>



Ordnance Survey MAP of Palmerston Park

By 1909 the park appears largely as it is today. Designed by William Sheppard who also designed the park at St. Stephen's Green.

Since 2013 the pond and park shelter have been restored to great effect.

There are concerns about the trees, particularly in light of storm damage in recent years.

Page 14 of the Howley Hayes Report states that the arborist's list of trees *included 37 species of trees and 12 shrub types.*

The report also refers to the following articles which are contained within the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Florence Charter (published 21 May 1981) and they address the conservation of gardens:

*“Art 1: An historic garden is an architectural and **horticultural composition** of interest to the public from the historical or artistic point of view. As such, it is to be considered as **a monument.**”*

*Art 2: The historic garden is an architectural composition whose constituents are **primarily vegetal** and therefore living, which means that they are perishable and renewable.*

Art 4: The architectural composition of the historic garden includes:

- Its plan and topography*
- Its vegetation, including its species, proportions, colour schemes, spacing and respective heights.*
- Its structural and decorative features. • Its water, running or still, reflecting the sky.*

Art 10: In any work of maintenance, conservation, restoration or reconstruction of an historic garden, or any part of it, all its constituent features must be dealt with simultaneously. To isolate the various operations would damage the unity of the whole.

*Art 11: **Continuous maintenance** of historic gardens is of paramount importance.*

*Since the principal material is vegetal, the preservation of the garden in an unchanged condition requires **both prompt replacements when required***

and a long-term programme of periodic renewal (clear felling and replanting with mature specimens).

Art 21: The work of maintenance and conservation, the timing of which is determined by season, and brief operations which serve to restore the garden's authenticity, must always take precedence over the requirements of public use.

Palmerston Park is a centrepiece of one of the finest and most intact examples of Late-Victorian urban design in the city.

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*Overall, the park is a well-preserved and intact example of a Victorian park, however its structures and **planting would benefit from immediate intervention to conserve them into the future...** Trees and shrubs planted in the late nineteenth century, alongside those planted at later dates and that have self-seeded, have been found to be putting the historic park structures at risk. A programme of removal that would be in addition to those trees identified in the recent arborist's report would not adversely affect the overall character of the park, while helping to extend the longevity of the built heritage".*

Current condition of Trees

Many trees have broken branches and crossing branches at high level which require maintenance by a sensitive tree surgeon.

The trees on the central path between Palmerston and Orchard Roads need attention. One has been partially cut down. Some trees were pollarded at some time but then allowed to grow to a considerable height. The branches which grew from the pollarded level are thus weak. New mature trees should be planted here.

The area of the park at the north east corner has fallen trees and needs to be replanted. While we understand that fallen trees can be a habitat for insects, this area looks unsightly and needs to be replanted.

It is vital that the existing trees are maintained properly (Article 10) and a careful programme of planting semi-mature trees is put in place and that this be done simultaneously (Article 11) to maintain this horticultural composition (Article 1).

Reply:

The trees works being requested in Palmerston Park will be considered in the context of provisions in the 2019 estimates.

Q.59 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To have radiators fixed in hallway and bedroom of *details supplied. Someone called out from the council to fix them, but they just bled them and the problem returned a few day later. Possible new radiators needed or blockage in the pipes. Please can you follow this up and have radiators fix properly. The lady's flat is freezing cold.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance have made arrangements to have the heating system at this property inspected and to have appropriate actions taken to repair same. It is expected that works will be completed in the next 2 / 4 working days.

Q.60 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to help *details supplied. She is badly in need of a small area to store her flowers in the evenings. I have some suggestions if you can contact me to

discuss. She presently stores the flowers in David Marshall's hair salon door entrance which is about 4 foot by 3 foot, but she is getting older and is not able to work the long hours she used to, but David Marshall close late and she has to wait until they lock up before she can finish.

Reply:

Unfortunately, the Licensing Unit does not have any storage facilities to offer any of the traders. If you wish to contact me about your suggestions, please do so at the number or email address below.

Q.61 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate why *details supplied does not seem to be moving on the Transfer List? She is situated as of last week at 162 for area L and on the list 10 years?

Reply:

The above named applicants are deemed to have had their housing need met and are residing in a two-bedroom property, an application for a transfer to the same size accommodation has been accepted. The applicant is on the transfer list with the following positions;

Area	Bed size	Position
J	2	167
K	2	192
L	2	163

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the transfer 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 transfer waiting list.

Q.62 Councillor Chris Andrews

In 2007 Dublin City Council presented plans to residents of Conway Court for the redevelopment of the site and the delivery of new apartments for residents. Bearing in mind the work and support residents in Conway Court had at the time for the project will the manager revisit these plans and state if they could be reactivated and redevelop this site so that residents have modern accommodation?

Reply:

The Housing and Community Services Department is currently auditing the development potential of all its lands underpinning its 240 apartment schemes. Concurrently it is undertaking a stock condition survey of all its premises.

The Housing and Community Services Department intends to present data relating to the development potential and physical condition of each apartment scheme to the elected members in each of the five administrative areas.

It is also the intention of the Housing and Community Services Department to discuss this information with the elected members and agree a number of priority regeneration schemes for each area.

When the priority lists for each of the five areas are collated, this will form the Housing and Community Services Department's Housing Regeneration Capital Programme 2019 – 2040.

Q.63 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager put a plan in place and take action against the growing number of council tenants who are selling drugs and facilitating addicts hanging around Ross Road / Bride Road / Bride Street and can the manager state how many flats are idle in this area while tenants are serving time in prison?

Reply:

All complaints of anti-social behaviour will be investigated as per our policy and procedure which are detailed in Dublin City Council's (DCC) Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy "which is currently under review". Complaints should be made to the relevant local area office for investigation.

DCC are not always made aware of tenants who are incarcerated. Therefore it is impossible to know at any given time how many are in prison.

Each case will be looked at on its own merit, for example, the duration of the sentence, a week, a month, a year and so on. DCC has, in the past, sought warrants for eviction for sole tenants who have received lengthy sentences, also tenants have surrendered their properties upon incarceration.

If there are any individual cases to be reviewed, please forward the relevant information to myself or the local area office.

The South East office is not aware of any flats that are currently idle in the area as a result of tenants serving time in prison.

Q.64 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Recently while [details supplied] was in hospital the fire brigade broke down her front door. This was because her home help did not know that she was in hospital and was concerned that something was wrong. The council has since installed a new door. However, this is an inside door which is unsuitable as a front door and presents serious security concerns. The resident is concerned for her safety because she does not feel that the new door is sufficiently secure. She is also concerned that the new door is too small for the frame and lets in the cold. To ask the manager to install a suitably appropriate new front door to this property as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

A new door has been fitted at this property. Whilst it may not be aesthetically pleasing to the resident, it is a standard timber hall door and is in full compliance with all regulations. No further action is required.

Q.65 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the November 2018 SEAC meeting I asked the following question and received the following answer:

Q.26 Councillor Frank Kennedy

I have raised on a number of occasions the condition and general cleanliness of the area adjacent to and at the railway bridge at Merrion Church. At the October 2016 SEAC I asked the following question and received the following response:

“Q.12 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for 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) to be cleaned as it is currently very dirty. This question refers in particular to the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council cleaned on the 27th September 2016. Contact will be made with Irish Rail to ensure that they clean up their property at this location.

Contact:

Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services, tel.: 222 4240, email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie”

At the January 2017 meeting I proposed the following motion which was passed unanimously:

“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.”

Regrettably, the state of cleanliness at this area has recently deteriorated yet again. Furthermore, there seems to be a degree of uncertainty as to which part of this area is the responsibility of Dublin City Council and which part falls within the domain of Irish Rail. A constituent recently received a communication from Dublin City Council in which Waste Management Services stated that area was bridge number OBR65A and a matter for Irish Rail. However, clearly the Irish Rail territory stops at some point and, as stated in the reply to my question in October 2016, there are “parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council”. Therefore, to ask the Manager:

- (a) *To provide a coloured map of 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 the footpath and surrounding area between*

the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews, which clearly delineates thereon which part of the area is the responsibility of Irish Rail and which part is the responsibility of Dublin City Council;

- (b) To clean the part of the area falling within the remit of Dublin City Council, especially the footpaths on both sides of the bridge; and*
- (c) To cut back the growth along the public footpath which leads into the OSG car park.*

Reply:

- a) Maps indicating those areas named above within the remit of Dublin City Council will be provided by our Roads Technician. Maps indicating those areas within the remit of Irish Rail were requested from Irish Rail on 6th November 2018. Their reply indicates that the points from A to B on the map below are in the ownership of CIE.*



- b) Waste Management Services have made arrangements to have the parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council cleaned.*
- c) The public footpath is not under the maintenance of Parks Services.*

Contact:

- a) Ronnie Hamilton, Senior Executive Technician, Roads Division, tel.: 222 2546, email: ronnie.hamilton@dublincity.ie*
- b) Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services Division, tel.: 222 4240, email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie*
- c) Michael Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks and Landscaping Services, tel.: 222 3434, email: parks@dublincity.ie*

However, despite the reply received I cannot see any delineation from A to B on the Irish Rail map and separately I have not received any maps indicating those areas within the remit of Dublin City Council either from the Roads Technician or otherwise. Therefore, to ask the Manager:

- (i) Please provide the Irish Rail map with the delineation from A to B marked clearly on it;
- (ii) Please provided the maps indicating those areas named within the remit of Dublin City Council which were to have been provided by the Roads Technician;

- (iii) If the public footpath is not under the maintenance of Parks Services, please identify the department with Dublin City Council which does have responsibility for it;
- (iv) If the answer to (iii) above is that no department within Dublin City Council has responsibility for it, then who does?

Reply:

Merrion Road is 'in charge' / public road.

Merrion Village is a 'private development' / not in charge'

Ailesbury Gardens is 'in charge'

Ailesbury Mews development: Private development / 'not in charge'

Adjacent 'private car park'. No information re the footpath leading from Ailesbury Gardens to car park, not in charge of Dublin City Council Roads Department. Area adjacent to rear of church, 'private (church) property. Dublin City Council Roads Department have no record as to the 'physical' ownership of property. Maps are attached.

Q.66 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the April 2018 Dublin City Council meeting I submitted the following question and received the reply which follows it:

Q.111 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

E&T *To ask the Chief Executive regarding my previous Council question 65 for March which I received the response below:*

Q.65 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to take all necessary remedial measures to address the problems from the grass area which runs alongside the Grand Canal, parallel to The Moorings apartment complex, Portobello which is in an appalling condition. As evidenced by the attached photograph, it creates a serious risk of falls for pedestrians. It is also dangerous for cyclists (who use this path despite the fact that such usage is prohibited) and an eyesore. To ask the Chief Executive to address this problem and to provide a report to the Council as to what these measures constitute.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area is not within the remit of Dublin City Council. It is the responsibility of Waterways Ireland who may be contacted directly at Eastern Region, Floor 2, Block C, Ashtowngate, Navan Rd, Dublin 15, D15 Y3EK or phone number 8680148.

Contact: Mark Jones, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3701
Email: mark.jones@dublincity.ie

However, the problem is caused by Dublin City Council because the reason why the grass area is in such bad condition (see photo attached) is because every morning council officials drive along this path to empty bins – these vehicles create the tracks evident in the photos. Of course it is quite proper that the bins must be emptied but I formally ask the Chief Executive to work with Waterways Ireland to bring about an appropriate solution (which may include provision of a gravel path, or an alternative method to emptying the bins in this area). Simply outsourcing the issue to Waterways Ireland is not acceptable when the Council has a major causative role in the problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Waste Management Division will work with Waterways Ireland to identify and implement a workable solution to this issue to ensure that damage to the grass area caused by bin servicing is minimised or eliminated while continuing to provide the service.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Division
Tel.: 222 4237
Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

The resident who first raised this issue has now recently reverted as follows:

- *The green margin continues to be eroded by cyclists and the council van which has continued to drive long this path in the mornings despite the previous note which suggested this would be addressed;*
- *Instead of addressing the actual issue some gravel was thrown where the grass was which looked terrible but has predictably disappeared as the cyclists and vans continue; and*
- *The problem has been further compounded by additional soil which was added between the jetty and the path (I have no idea why this was added). But it has helped flood the path consistently as the rain now have nowhere to go, which means the path is no longer fit for its intended purpose and pedestrians now also walk on the green margin. The condition is now so bad people walk along the apartments using my balcony as a hand rail.*

Please see relevant photos attached which illustrate the situation. The situation is unacceptable at present with Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland each taking no effective action. To ask the Manager to address this situation urgently and to implement a long-term solution without delay.



Reply:

The Waste Management department have contacted Waterways Ireland to try to address the issue at hand. At present no definitive solution is at hand that will address the damage caused to the surface by vehicles driving onto the pathway to service the litter bin. As an interim measure to reduce the possibility of further damage to the surface particularly in winter weather conditions the litter bin will be relocated to a point westerly of its current location where it can be serviced without the need to drive onto the pathway. We will continue to seek a more amenable solution to the issue so that

if there is a need for additional bins at the location as is traditionally required in the summer months these can be provided.

The councillor's question will be conveyed to Waterways Ireland asking them to reinstate the surface.

Q.67 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the issues raised by a resident of the Christchurch area on behalf of a local group in respect of proposed injection centres in the area:

"I represent a group in the Christchurch area who are concerned about the proposed injection centres in the area.

As you know there is already a high crime level in the area, and anti-social activity every day including on street drug dealing.

We strongly object to the Merchants Quay injection centres proposal being debated by Dublin City Council at the moment.

The "kitchen table" group agreed to bring all the following points to you, with the hope that you will write to Dublin City Council and object to this proposal.

Specifics:

- We feel that the community has not been consulted.*
- We feel that the concentration of facilities in this area already attracts high levels of drug dealing and anti-social activities.*
- We suggest that a hospital is more appropriate as they have security on the street, and a buffer area of a car park and large entrances. Injection centres next door to residential areas means heroin users getting high and passing out in our doorways etc.*
- We have very serious concerns about the Gardaí's ability to enforce the law in the neighbourhood in the event of an injection centre being opened in Christchurch. There would potentially be a "non-enforcement zone" surrounding the injection centre. This is standard in other countries apparently, where drug users are not searched going into or out of the area. However, in other countries, there are no residential areas inside these "non-enforcement zones". We are HUGE supporters of the Gardaí and we are really grateful for their occasional patrols. We understand that they are underfunded in the area.*
- Tourism is already negatively affected by the anti-social element. Dublin Castle, Christchurch Cathedral, St. Patrick's, St. Werburgh's Church, St. Auden's Church, Old Dublin Wall, and other attractions are in the area and are not compatible with legalising drug injection centres.*
- Injection centres do not solve the problem of how drug users obtain money for heroin.*
- Injection centres do not solve the problem of crystal meth, crack cocaine and others which are increasingly a problem in the area (as all Gardaí in the area already know).*
- We strongly believe that while the intentions are good, this will increase crime in the area rather than decrease crime in the area."*

Reply:

This is a matter for the Health Services Executive (HSE) and the clinical lead is Dr. Eamon Keenan, HSE National Social Inclusion Office, Mill Lane, Palmerstown, Dublin 20, D20 KH63.

A planning application was lodged with the planning authority for development comprising the provision of a Medically Supervised Injecting Facility (MSIF) at basement level together with works to the building at 13/14, Merchant's Quay. This application was submitted by Merchant's Quay Ireland on 8th October 2018 and the Planning Authority sought the following Additional Information on 28th November 2018:

1. *Section 16.12 of the City Development Plan 2016-2022 places the onus upon an applicant to demonstrate that there is no overconcentration of facilities, such as is proposed, in the area.*

In order to determine whether the facility will result in an over concentration of such services which would be unacceptable and potentially undermine the sustainability of the neighbourhood, as set out in Section 16.12 of the City Development Plan 2016-2022, the applicant is now requested to submit a detailed and comprehensive assessment that demonstrates that the proposed development will not result in overconcentration of such facilities in the area and can operate without undermining the sustainability of the neighbourhood.

2. *You are advised that Section 5.11, Policy QH30 requires the submission of a comprehensive statement with respect to the management of the facility proposed. This is necessary to determine the suitability of the proposed use on site. Therefore, you are now requested to submit a detailed and specific Operational Management Plan for the proposed development. Details shall include;*

- (a) *Evidence based details of additional numbers of clients anticipated as a consequence of the proposed use, the likely catchment area for these clients having regard to the fact that the proposed development represents the first such proposed facility within the State*

- (b) *The anticipated duration and frequency of visits per day for each client to this proposed new facility.*

- (c) *Demonstrate clearly how the facility will be managed to regulate numbers of clients attending during particular hours.*

- (d) *A detailed justification for the extensive hours of operation proposed for this facility*

- (e) *Confirmation that the off street queuing areas as proposed can accommodate both existing and proposed clients*

- (f) *Measures to be put in place to ensure an overspill queue does not occur onto the public realm at Merchant's Quay.*

- (g) *A Public Realm Management Strategy with specific reference to the proposed use and the intensification of the existing use generated as a consequence*

- (h) *A detailed and targeted Policing Plan, prepared in conjunction with An Garda Síochána*

- (i) *A detailed Plan for the operation of the existing facility during demolition and construction in the event of a grant of permission on site.*

Comparison with existing and established facilities internationally should be made in the Operational Management Plan submitted and revised documentation submitted should be justified with reference to such comparable international examples.

The applicant has not yet made a submission but has 6 months from 28th November to respond to this request. Pending the submission of the Additional Information It is not appropriate for the Chief Executive to comment on the specific details contained in this question.

Q.68 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of street noise on Ringsend Road, emanating especially from Shelbourne Park stadium:

“There is an ongoing issue with noise from the customers of the Shelbourne Park Dog Track. Customers spill out of the venue and to the surrounding streets, and are really loud. This is all happening at 11 / 11.30 / 12 / 12.30 at night. There are sometimes coaches parked up outside people's houses (and not very far from their front doors, given the housing style), with engines running, waiting to collect people. There is also a littering issue associated with the people leaving the dog track - programmes, plastic glasses, bottles, fast food and glasses. I know that this is not a new issue and that the dog track management work with the residents' committee, including giving free tickets to events at the venue. However, nothing seems to be improving. I haven't seen any signs near the exit asking clients to respect residents, or any litter picking by the dog track employees. I'm quite tolerant, but this should be the bare minimum to help address thoughtless drunks being really noisy at night and littering the area. It's also an issue from other places like Basil Pizza, but not on such a regular basis.

What can I do when the noise is unacceptable (level of noise, lateness of noise)? Should I contact the Gardaí? Environmental Noise department in Dublin City Council? Can the company operating Shelbourne Park Dog Track be encouraged to contribute to clearing up the litter that their business generates? Do they have any penalties for noise issues, and how are the noise issues measured? How about other businesses in the area?”

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit does not have role in dealing with crowd noise in a public place.

I met with Operations Manager of Shelbourne Park Dog Track to arrange to put a Litter Management Plan in place. The manager assured me that Shelbourne Park had a very good relationship with local residents and was surprised that such a complaint was made. At present, Shelbourne Park Dog Track employs a cleaning company to litter pick after all events. Going forward a litter pick will take place after the coaches arrive, during the event and then after the event. Photos will be taken as evidence that the area is clean. Signage is also in place on the gates and the inside wall requesting patrons to leave the stadium quietly and to consider local residents and not to discard litter on the street. I suggested that signage would be put on both walls on the outside of the building so that they are on view when patrons are entering the dog track.

Q.69 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of commercial refuse collections and noise on Ringsend Road:

“The commercial refuse collectors are collecting rubbish in the middle of the night from local commercial premises, including 2am, 4am. This includes parking up on residential streets and waiting with the engine running, lifting skips, bottle bins. It's really noisy.

Is there any regulation governing acceptable timings on these collections, seeing as they are in what is also a residential area?”

Reply:

Times when collection of waste is currently permitted are restricted in areas outside of the central commercial district to between 6am and 9pm on weekdays and 8am – 8pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. As Ringsend Road falls outside of the Central Commercial District it is possible to carry out enforcement against waste collectors carrying out collections outside of these hours. Waste Management Services will follow up on any complaint received and take enforcement action as required. Complaints should include as much detail as possible to include the location of the breach, the premises from which collection is taking place, name of authorised waste collector who is alleged to have infringed the permitted collection times and the time that the collection has taken place.

Q.70 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of pedestrian / cyclist safety at and near Ringsend Bridge:

“I was in touch with Dublin City Council and some of the councillors about the pathway on Ringsend Bridge. The issue I raised is that it's really, really unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. A few days ago I saw a man almost get hit extremely hard in the head by a bus wing mirror as I crossed the bridge behind him. I've previously been in touch with councillors and Dublin City Council and given examples of this type of thing, and dangers to cyclists (I've almost been irreparably harmed twice and see others in risky situations). I suggested that separate footbridges should be constructed on the outside of the existing bridge, and that the current footpath area should be turned into a cycle track.

Could you update me on that please?”

Reply:

The emerging preferred option for the Dodder Greenway proposes a parallel walkway on the downstream side of Ringsend Bridge to address the poor pedestrian / cycling provision associated with this bridge. It is intended that the preferred option will be finalised in February 2019 and that the project team will then proceed to produce preliminary design for the entire scheme. Ringsend Bridge is a protected structure and careful consideration will need to be given to its status and heritage value during the design process.

Q.71 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of general litter in the vicinity of Ringsend Road:

There are insufficient litter bins in the area, and there are no dog mess bins. It's also a bit of a wind-tunnel area, and there doesn't seem to be much street cleaning. I helped out on the last Shelbourne community street clean, and it looked great after. That was on a Saturday morning and by the next day it looked like we'd done nothing - a combination of dog track customer / other

litter, and a windy weekend. It was a bit demoralising. Specific locations in my immediate vicinity that more bins are needed are:

- 1. Next to the Dublin Bikes stands on South Dock Road next to Arup (and probably on Barrow Street also) - there always seems to be litter there and it suddenly occurred to me that people are dropping bikes off with rubbish in the baskets, and that the next users are just emptying the litter on the ground.*
- 2. South Lotts and Ringsend Road - there need to be more bins for litter. I have many short walks from A to B in the area, and I often pick up dropped litter when walking along - it makes me realise how far between bins it is. A dog poo bin is definitely needed next to the grassed area in front of the gas transfer station on South Lotts. There should also be one on South Dock Road near to the river / canal basin - it's an area where lots of people walk their dogs. I'm sure there are other areas too - I don't own dogs so local residents / dog owners should be consulted on this.*

Could we get more bins (litter and dog mess) and could we aim a little bit higher than currently and get some of the solar bins that all of the other Dublin district councils seem to have?

Also, can you tell me the current street cleaning schedule? Can the frequency of street litter cleaning be increased?"

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned area cleaned on a weekly basis. We will monitor the cleaning of this area to see if some improvements can be made. A general assessment of the number of litter bins will be carried out in the area to ensure that adequate bins are provided in the vicinity. There is a preference to install general litter bins to cater for all types of litter rather than dog litter specific bins. There are currently 194 solar compactor bins installed in Dublin city with more than 70 of these units installed in the south east area in areas such as the Grand Canal, Baggot Street, Temple Bar, Ballsbridge and Sandymount.

Q.72 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the query raised by a constituent in respect of the Ringsend local area plan:

"Please could you update me on the Ringsend Village LAP? I go to the village regularly and it strikes me that it could be improved an awful lot by just maintaining what is there. It does need improvements and plans etc. However, a lot could be achieved by cleaning up litter sufficiently regularly, washing the pavements, particularly outside the pubs / shops. I worry that a lot of money will be spent on works in the area, and that it will go the way of the upgrades that were undertaken about 10 years ago."

Reply:

After extensive public consultation during 2016/2017 the Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. It is now proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

Library Square: Mitchell & Associates were appointed as landscape architects for this project. Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October.

A meeting with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements was held on 5th December 2018. A draft design proposal will be brought to a public workshop for all stakeholders in January / February 2019.

Cambridge Road: Redscape Architects were appointed as landscape architects for this project. An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC on Thorncastle Street. Meetings with internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop / meeting on 28th November 2018. Further refinements are now being made and it is expected to initiate the Part 8 Planning process early in 2019.

Copies of the Ringsend Irishtown LEIP Report and minutes of related public meetings can be viewed at <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-your-council-your-area-south-east-area/ringsend-irishtown-village-local-environment>