

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 11th February 2019

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will arrange to have the railings along Beech Hill Park painted. No one in the estate can recall them ever having been painted. In the meantime if the railings close to the junction with Beech Hill Drive where a car crashed into them last year could be repaired.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to arrange for roads to be swept *details supplied.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to have hole in park hedge closed *details supplied.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask that road sign at 20 Rathdown Crescent be replaced - sign is badly worn.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to research the ownership and report on the outcome, of the boundary wall between Cormac Terrace and Fergus Road in Terenure.

Q.6 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Following the recent resurfacing of Terenure Road West, I request that cycle lanes be painted along its length in order to encourage motorist to leave adequate space for cyclists and prevent parking/ideally at the curbs adjacent to Presentation College.

Terenure Road West forms part of the secondary route S03 in the NTAs Greater Dublin Cycle Plan (link below, p10) and therefore has being designated as having sufficient cycle demand to warrant this upgrade.

https://www.nationaltransport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Proposed_Network_Dublin11.pdf

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he could answer the obvious dissatisfaction of this constituent with the reply issued by Dublin City Council to this series of questions submitted on their behalf:

“Yes, it is more than unsatisfactory, it does not even answer the question. In fact, looking back on your previous emails, is this the same answer that was given before Christmas?

Surely our elected representatives have it within their gift to be able to challenge nonsense answers like this? No disrespect to anybody concerned, but this is pure daft.

I think the least that we can expect from DCC is a timeframe - in fact, I'm sure that work of this type would have to be scheduled well in advance. So either it's on a schedule, or it's not. How can we challenge this hard with DCC?

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.

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Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he could report on planned developments in Herbert Park for 2019 including the issue of the Chinese Gardens.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will have the pavement in the vicinity of the Sandymount Dart Station examined and repaired and upgraded where necessary given the high volume of, in particular, wheelchair users, at this station.

Q.10 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask manager to improve public lighting and road signage at *details supplied.

Q.11 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager provide an update regarding the question below? A high volume of traffic in both the morning and evenings is coming daily from Aideen Avenue via Neagh Road onto Mount Tallant Avenue. The cars are travelling at high speeds through a highly residential area and pass beside the Neagh Road playground which poses a significant danger of collision. Unfortunately the 'No right turn 07:00-10:00' signs at the junction of Kimmage Road Lower and Aideen Avenue have not had a significant impact in reducing both the congestion and associated risks in this area.

"Question to the Chief Executive

Council Meeting 11th June 2018

Q.47 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a traffic management plan to be carried out in Mount Tallant Avenue and the surrounding streets? These roads experience a high volume of traffic especially in the morning where cars are illegally turning right onto Aideen Avenue in order to cut through Mount Tallant to Harold's Cross. Also there is a high level of congestion at the junction of Mount Tallant Avenue and Harold's Cross Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present the Traffic Advisory Group is preparing a set of criteria for the Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes.

Safety concerns in relation to Mount Tallant Avenue and the surrounding streets, highlighted by the councillor indicate that this location may be a potential scheme to study when criteria for schemes are agreed.

The councillor will be informed later in the year if the above area qualifies as a scheme for the study. If not, the Traffic Advisory Group will endeavour to address traffic issues independently.

During a site inspection made on Tuesday 05-06-18, no congestion problems were observed at the junction of Mount Tallant Avenue and Harold's Cross Road. There is a yellow box to aid egress at the junction of Mount Tallant to Harold's Cross.

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Q.12 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange for the door at *details supplied to be replaced. The resident had been informed that a new door had been made and was available to be installed some months ago but has not heard back since.

Q.13 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange for appropriate signage to be erected at the junction of Corrib Road and Melvin Road? This junction receives a high amount of traffic for its size and without any signage cars are turning from Corrib to Melvin Road very fast and pose a serious risk for residents in the vicinity.

Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange for the railings around Neagh Road Playground to be replaced / repaired? The railings are in poor condition and take away from what is a great local amenity. Also, the gates on either side don't have latches which could pose a safety risk for children.

Q.15 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to prune the tree at 14 Mount Drummond Avenue.

Q.16 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to respond in detail to the attached note in connection with Palmerston Road cycle route originally submitted in September 2018

Q.17 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to indicate if a plebiscite has taken place in Palmerston Gardens on disc parking and whether there are plans for this to take place.

Q.18 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to attend to urgent electrical repairs to heating and shower switch at details supplied.

Q.19 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Details supplied is 94 years of age and capable of independent living should she be provided with the necessary care. She had recently returned home from rehabilitation in Leopardstown Park Hospital and there was no home care package in place for her

due to an apparent freeze on funding. Furthermore, she also had no access to a phone, having recently moved unit in her sheltered accommodation. As she had no access to a phone, she had no panic alarm. Therefore, understandably, both she and her family were extremely anxious about her return home given the acute health and safety risks arising from this. Then, on 23/01/2019, she had (another) fall, and was left most of a night waiting to be seen because she had no panic alarm. She has now been readmitted to hospital. In anticipation of her return home, to ask the manager to do all within the powers of Dublin City Council (a) to procure a home care package and (b) to procure a working phone line and phone for details supplied.

Q.20 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In May 2018 I asked the following question at the SEAC and received the response which follows:

Q.94 Councillor Frank Kennedy

There are several and one in particular enormous potholes on Nutley Road at the point where it merges onto Seaview Terrace. To ask the manager to ensure that these are repaired immediately? One pothole is so large that it is now very dangerous.

Reply:

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

Contact:

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Last weekend on the road surface of Seaview Terrace I saw one pothole, reasonably near to the junction with Ailesbury Road, which has been there for some time and is colossal. It is quite enormous and an astonishing health and safety risk. To ask the manager to repair it without further delay.

Q.21 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install pedestrian traffic lights or a zebra crossing on Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, to facilitate the safe crossing from one side of Thorncastle Street to the other, in particular for residents of Whelan House and O'Rahilly House. The traffic has become extremely heavy recently and children and senior citizens cannot safely cross the road. There is a real risk that someone will be knocked down at present.

Q.22 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At present, there are six trees on Long Lane, Dublin 8 blocking the light at the home of details supplied. Furthermore, it is not possible to see oncoming traffic, and anti-social behaviour is taking place in the vicinity of the trees which are blocking light. The trees are approximately 50 feet in height. To ask the manager to cut back the trees very substantially, or to remove them, as appropriate.

Q.23 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the SEAC in February 2015 I asked the following question and received the response which follows:

Q.15 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to clean and sweep the footpath and road surface of Richelieu Park, Dublin 4, and in particular to remove the detritus of winter

leaves which has built up, congealed and formed into slippery and extremely dangerous patches on portions of both the footpath and road surface in particular outside numbers 1, 3 and 5 on one side, and numbers 8 and 10 on the opposite side.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the footpaths and road surface of Richelieu Park swept and cleaned up on the 28th January 2015.

Contact:

Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services Division, tel.: 222 4240.

Then, at the SEAC in February 2016 I asked the following question and received the response which follows:

Q20. Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the removal of the moss on both sides of the footpath on Richelieu Park, Dublin 4. This is now very severe and in the cold weather the footpaths become slippery and dangerous.

Reply:

Waste Management Services removed the moss from the footpaths at the above location on the 2nd February 2016.

Contact:

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

An excellent job was done on this in both 2015 and 2016. However, this work has not been done since then and the build-up of moss and other detritus on both sides of the footpath and on the road surface of Richelieu Park, Dublin 4 has reached an extremely dangerous level. Accordingly, to ask the manager to effect a full and comprehensive sweep and clean, to include the removal of all moss and other detritus, of the footpaths and road surface of Richelieu Park, Dublin 4.

Q.24 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to remove the abandoned bicycle, which has buckled wheels and a damaged chain, outside Toasted Café on Kevin Street, which is a scourge to pedestrians, especially vulnerable ones such as senior citizens and those with limited mobility or who are visually impaired.

Q.25 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to address the persistent problem of all day illegal parking on both sides of Pleasants Street, from Camden Street to Synge Street, which is a major obstruction to road users. There is a maximum 20 minute parking limit on loading bays, but this is constantly being ignored.

Q.26 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to remedy (a) the poor and dangerous quality of the footpaths, and (b) the poor quality of the street lighting outside details supplied. There are many senior citizens living in the vicinity of this property and the broken footpaths and lack of lighting is extremely dangerous to them at present.

Q.27 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the SEAC in October 2018 I asked the following question and received the response which follows:

Q.53 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the July meeting of the South East Area Committee (SEAC) I asked the following question and received the response which follows:

“Q.13 Councillor Frank Kennedy

I asked the following question, and received the response which follows it, at the June 2017 SEAC:

Q.80 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair, as a matter of urgency, the footpaths outside Margaretholme Sheltered Housing, Claremont Road, Dublin 4. The footpaths are in a dreadful state and the residents of Margaretholme are elderly, vulnerable and in many cases are of limited mobility.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs at this location.

Contact:

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The residents of Margaretholme advise that the footpaths on Claremont Road, Tritonville Road, Herbert Road, and Sandymount Road remain in poor condition. To ask the manager the following:

- a) *To state what repairs have been carried out outside Margaretholme Sheltered Housing, Claremont Road, Dublin 4 in the period since June 2017;*
- b) *To identify the total number of repairs which are currently logged as required to be carried out to the footpaths on Claremont Road, Tritonville Road, Herbert Road, and Sandymount Road on Road Maintenance’s records;*
- c) *To state what repairs have been carried on Claremont Road, Tritonville Road, Herbert Road, and Sandymount Road since June 2017; and*
- d) *To carry out repairs to the footpaths on these roads, and especially outside Margaretholme, as a matter of urgency.*

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services’ Asset Management System was interrogated to provide the following data:

- a) *Number of repairs recorded outside Margaretholme Sheltered Housing, Claremont Road in time period June 2017- June 2018: 0*
- b) *Number of service requests currently outstanding on:*
Claremont Road: 6
Tritonville Road: 6
Herbert Road: 4
Sandymount Road: 6
- c) *Repairs carried out in time period June 2017- June 2018:*
Claremont Road: 0
Tritonville Road: 1

Herbert Road: 5
Sandymount Road: 2

d) *These service requests will be inspected and repairs scheduled when a crew is available.”*

These repairs have still not taken place. To ask the manager to effect these repairs immediately.

Reply:

These footpath repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

Contact:

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Notwithstanding that I have raised this issue on many occasions, and that a further four months has passed since the most recent reply to me from the council, these works have still not taken place. To ask the manager to ensure that this work is carried out immediately.

Q.38 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager install more secure post boxes at Smock Alley Apartments? A number of residents have informed me that their mail has been tampered with on a number of occasions and that the letter boxes are easily accessed.

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report and update on the progress and status of the Chocolate Park?

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager clarify whether clear channel phone boxes are to be installed in the South East area?

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have double yellow lines placed back on the roadway beside the short stay apartments in Chancery Lane just off Werburgh Street? Cars are now beginning to park in this location while the immediate area is choc-o-block with articulated lorries moving in and out of this restricted area to nearby development sites.

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of developing a dedicated children's park at the Cabbage Patch location? It is a principle of the Dublin City Council Development Plan that the city council develops such a dedicated children's park. This location is an ideal location for such an initiative and given the amount of young people and children that are in the area I'm sure that it would be most welcome.

Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report regarding the ongoing anti-social behaviour and criminal activity in the Glovers Court Flat complex off York Street? Residents here are basically besieged in their homes on a nightly basis with anti-social behaviour. They are simply terrified to even look out their windows. Their children are fearful of what they might find on the stairways be it drug paraphernalia, human waste, or gangs of drug dealing aggressive youths.

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a process whereby proper security gates and access doors are installed in Glovers Court flat complex? This is an urgent issue and needs to be addressed immediately?

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the removal of illegal street furniture that is dominating Dame Lane outside the Berlin Bar? This laneway has become almost impassable in the evening with the amount of street furniture. Pedestrians and cyclists are having to deal with large crowds of drinkers. Many residents in this area are now complaining of wholesale noise and anti-social behaviour that is now taking place beside this premises. There has already been a number of complaints to Dublin City Council street furniture section. Nothing has happened as a result.

This situation is making the residents' lives a misery and the issue needs to be addressed.

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue an update on any progress that has been made with regards the regulation of the numbers of people who can partake in free walking tours throughout the city? This is an issue that really needs to be addressed before the full tourist season is upon us. The situation out there now is becoming intolerable particularly around Bernardo Square, Temple Bar and city centre area south side.

Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update as to what efforts have been made to resolve the many issues that have been raised by the Crampton Buildings residents?

Q.48 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager address the severe case of dampness in *details supplied, as the tenant has existing health problems and this needs to be treated and dry lined as a matter of urgency?

Q.49 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the lane to the rear of Margaret Place / South Lotts Road cleared of the debris?

Q.50 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager say why the trees on Beechill Avenue were cut down as residents requested, while the tree between *details supplied were not cut down as requested by the residents or why the pavement at base of this tree has not been repaired.

Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews

Because the pub at entrance to Margaret Place gets deliveries regularly and the entrance gets blocked meaning sometimes residents can't get in, can the manager arrange for residents on Margaret Place to have parking permits on Bath Avenue and can the manager say how many residents on Margaret Place have permits on Bath Avenue?

Q.52 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the tenant at *details supplied have a survey done on her flat doors, as the existing doors were there when they moved in and the tenant has been told by Dublin City Council staff that the door is not health and fire safety compliant?

Q.53 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a sign the same as the one in the photo erected at the entrance to *details supplied, which is also a no through road similar to the road in the photo.

Q.54 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for the unreasonable noise, blocking of the road by commercial vans loading and unloading and large rubbish storage bins on *details supplied to be addressed as it is untenable for residents of this narrow road.

Q.55 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for the following on Rutland Grove:

- A. Replacement shore lid outside *details supplied 1, as it is very dangerous and waiting for an accident to happen.
- B. Replacement light on first lamppost as you enter Rutland Grove.
- C. Attend to lamppost outside *details supplied 2, which is on 24 hours a day.

Q.56 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to review the poor lighting on Winton Avenue and also arrange for tree pruning on the road.

Q.57 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to see what can be done on the lanes surrounding Grosvenor Square and at the rear of Leinster Road as they are regularly used for free parking by commuters and potentially could present a safety risk for emergency vehicles which need access on these lanes. Also, to arrange for a clean-up of the lanes as there is a build-up of rubbish on them.

Q.58 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide a clear date of when the neighbourhood traffic scheme will be completed.

Q.59 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide an update on the extension of the Grand Canal Cycle Way, including stating where the project is at, if the Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed, if not what is preventing that and to describe any other issues that have prevented work commencing.

Q.60 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager what priority level has been given on the asset management system to the footpath repairs on Greenlea Road and to give an indication of when these roads will be repaired.

Q.61 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to install anti-dog fouling signs on lampposts on Mountpleasant Avenue Upper.

Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to install bins on Temple Road, there is a litter problem caused by a large number of people passing down this road between the Luas stop and Trinity Halls, the students in Trinity Halls have written to request extra bins to help address this issue for residents.

Q.63 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to repair as a matter of urgency the bicycle lane from No. 61 Terenure Road East down as far as the Aldi, there are 3 large potholes in the cycle lanes, caused by trenches having been dug in the lane and not repaired properly, which have now subsided.

Q.64 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to take steps to improve the lighting on Hazelbrook Road, including pruning trees on the road.

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the area manager please take action to prune the trees on St. Mary's Road once more? These trees are very tall and were a hazard in the high winds last year, with branches falling down and one tree almost falling onto a house. Can the manager please come up with a plan to address this issue, without removing the trees?

Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please confirm that the patch of land at the entrance to Peter Place is owned by Dublin City Council, and can he please arrange to have the patch pruned and the hedges cut back as soon as possible? The site is overgrown and is full of rubbish and rats. A local resident used to look after the site but is no longer physically in a position to continue to do this, so can the council step in and carry out the necessary maintenance work.

Q.67 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to take immediate action to address the on-going problem of damp and mould in Glovers Court, but in particular *details supplied. We simply can't keep painting over the issue here and something needs to be done to make living conditions here better and safer for the residents.

Q.68 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please consider working with restaurant and shop operators in Temple Bar, and the Temple Bar company, to look at providing some sort of bin storage solution for Adair Lane. The bins here are frequently strewn around the lane, overflowing with rubbish and causing litter. This is such an eye sore and makes for an unpleasant experience for people viewing the Icon Walk and other installations in the neighbourhood.

Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he will please consider providing an off street parking permit for *details supplied. It has been proven that the footpath outside the house is wider than the other footpaths along this road, and the residents' cars are frequently damaged because the road is too narrow here for passing and parked cars. The house has sufficient space for off street parking and would also allow the residents to install a charging point for their electric vehicle.

Q.70 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please fix the footpath outside *details supplied. The footpath is dangerous and broken here, and one of the residents has MS and it is very difficult for them to access the house from the car safely. I would appreciate it if the manager could prioritise fixing this.

- Q.71 Councillor Claire Byrne**
Can the area manager please assess and repair the road surface damage outside *details supplied 1 and can he also please repair the uneven road surface and sinking manhole at details supplied 2.
- Q.72 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the following footpaths be repaired at *details supplied?
- Q.73 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the following streets be swept *details supplied?
- Q.74 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can an update be given in respect of next steps to be taken with regard to trial traffic system at Mountpleasant including how adjacent streets including Richmond Hill will have their voice heard?
- Q.75 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can a yellow box be considered for Annesley Park?
- Q.76 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can street lighting be improved on Annesley Park?
- Q.77 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can a budget breakdown be given of how much was spent on each park in the south east area last year?
- Q.78 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can a plebiscite for disc parking be assisted for residents at *details supplied?
- Q.79 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager to implement additional cleaning at details supplied to recognise the fact that there is construction going on there and it is somewhat more prone to dumping and littering, and when these works might be carried out.
- Q.80 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager for road works at details supplied to remedy the poor road surface there and in particular to deal with the damaged pavement outside number 6 which is dangerous, and when these works might be carried out.
- Q.81 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager to implement leaf removal at details supplied 1 where leaves are congealed in gutters (the residents should be able to arrange for parked cars to be cleared on an appointed day) and whether the litter which accumulates at paved area in front of details supplied 2 might be cleaned more frequently and when these works might be carried out.
- Q.82 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager to investigate a front door in very bad condition and if possible to replace it at details supplied.
- Q.83 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager to investigate sink taps which are unsuitable and need to be replaced at details supplied

Q.84 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate graffiti on the side of the following property at details supplied.

Q.85 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate blocked drains at the following location details supplied.

Q.86 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager about the placing of a yellow box at the following junction details supplied.

Q.87 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate potholes at the following location details supplied.

Q.88 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate the tree at the following location details supplied as its roots are rising through the pavement and are a trip-hazard.