



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019

- 1 **Presentation from Waterways Ireland regarding Block 19.**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation and report on part 8 works: Flood Alleviation at RDS, Ballsbridge.**
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 14th January 2019.**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters.**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 29th January 2019.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Housing, Community and Emergency Services Department Matters.**
 - i. Community Grants Scheme 2019.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters.**
 - i. Proposed disposal of a plot of land at Longford Street Great, Dublin 8 to Kesteven Ltd.
Order: Deferred to March South East Area Committee meeting.
 - ii. Proposed grant of a lease of the car park adjoining the Dropping Well Public House, Milltown Road, Milltown, Dublin 6 to Milltown Inns Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 7 **South East Area Matters.**
 - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on a proposed naming and numbering of a development on a site at the rear of 10 Ely Place.
Order: Agreed.

- iii. South East Area Age Friendly Alliance Report on Activities 2018.
Order: Noted.
- iv. Nomination of vice-chairperson of South East Area Joint Policing Committee to replace Cllr. Claire O'Connor who has taken over the role of Chairperson following from the resignation of Cllr. Mannix Flynn.
Order: Cllr. O'Connor's nomination as Chairperson of the South East Area Joint Policing Committee was confirmed by the committee. The nomination of Cllr. Stapleton as Vice Chairperson of the South East Area Joint Policing Committee was proposed by Cllr. Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Byrne, and agreed by the committee.

8 Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to arrange for a serious pruning of the Dublin City Council trees on the grass section of Beech Hill Avenue alongside the David Lloyd Centre to be carried out as they block light and sun for the residents.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Because of the high child traffic walking to schools in Clareville Road to St. Louis, Rathmines and schools in Harold's Cross, a pedestrian crossing is needed at the Kenilworth Park crossing from Clareville Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will report on what steps have been taken and will be taken to implement a previously agreed motion to protect the heritage lighting on the bridge at Ballsbridge as detailed in the email submitted with this motion:

"With the help of your colleague Dermot we made some progress with the broken light base on the bridge... nearest to the bridge pub. It seems to have stopped there however. Not only has the light not been replaced none of the lights on that side of the bridge are working.

This is just 'a thing' I have viz. Ballsbridge has very little to offer historically speaking but the bridge is nice and would look so much better if finished. Hopefully you help advance this."

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillors Paddy Smyth and Dermot Lacey

This committee requests that the Traffic Department carries out traffic modelling to assess the impact on traffic flows in the surrounding streets should vehicular traffic be filtered from Marlborough Road and/or Belmont Avenue as part of a scheme to prohibit rat-running on these streets.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Paddy Smyth

Given the huge popularity with both residents and adjacent businesses of restricting vehicular through traffic on the north side of Sandymount Green (Sandymount Road to Newgrove Avenue) during recent events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, this committee requests that this filtering of traffic be trialled as regular installation on Friday and Saturday evenings 6pm to 10pm over the coming summer months.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

On 7 January 2019, I sent the following e-mail to Waterways Ireland at dublincanals@waterwaysireland.org:

Dear Rory,

I hope this finds you well and Happy New Year.

*An issue has been raised with my by local residents in the Portobello area. With regard to the Grand Canal, would it be possible to make a new sign (as per the mock up in the attached picture) with the names of both Portobello **and** Cuan Aoibhinn, the Irish translation, which has not been present to date? Secondly, would it be possible to move the sign **to** Portobello, i.e. on the western side of Portobello Bridge? The location of the sign at present appears in fact not to be in Portobello.*

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Frank.

*Cllr. Frank Kennedy
Fianna Fáil (Pembroke-South Dock)*

On the same date, I received the following automated reply:

We will address the issue raised as soon as possible, or advise if your query should be directed elsewhere. Please note that some matters may require further investigation on the ground before responding, however we will respond as soon as practicable.

Notwithstanding that more than three weeks has now passed since I sent that e-mail and received the automated reply, I have received no substantive reply whatsoever from Waterways Ireland. Accordingly, this committee resolves to write to Waterways Ireland in which letter (a) it shall express its deep disappointment at the fact that it has been necessary to table a motion before the Committee to seek to elicit a response from Waterways Ireland to a query from a public representative, and (b) to voice support for the request contained in my e-mail above of 7 January 2019.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the process of listing the last remaining bollard from the Swan River Rathmines on the list of protected structures urgently commence. This is situated on Rathmines Road at junction of Rathgar Road. Currently construction work is being carried out on building beside the bollard and the council needs to ensure that this bollard is protected photos attached"



Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Proposed by Mary Freehill and agreed at April 2017 LAC

“That a traffic calming study be carried out in Corrib, Derravaragh, Neagh and Melvin Roads, Aideen, Mount Tallant, Clareville, Shanid and Aideen in the Harold’s cross area. These areas were the subject of motions from me in December and January but so far residents have seen no response to rat running, breaking of no right turn from Kimmage to Aideen, traffic movement at T junction, and parking problems due to school runs on Clareville.

- Residents on Clareville are concerned that the current traffic problem is causing major problems for residents and the proposed extension to Clareville School planning ref 4106/16 will further exacerbate it. A condition of the planning permission is that a traffic plan must be agreed prior to construction. Residents want to be involved in the drawing up of this plan. One suggestion made is that school times could be staggered as is the case in Terenure, Templeogue and Our Lady’s Colleges.
- Mount Tallant Ave is already a pinch point, currently there is planning permission for the construction of a number of blocks of flats on this road so a traffic plan is essential.
- Rat running mainly caused by school runs has made many of these narrow residential roads dangerous especially for children and older people because of volume and speed. It is essential that any examination of these areas must be done during school term to properly research the issues.

The residents’ associations of both of these areas have come together as they feel that the district must be looked as a whole, to make sure that a solution for one area doesn’t have a knock on effect on the other.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this South East Area Committee of Dublin City Council supports the call and initiative from many residents in the Charlemont Street area and indeed the city of Dublin to rename Charlemont Street Bridge, Dr. Kathleen Lynn Bridge.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Now that all our city car parks are electronically managed, in the interest of safety, especially for women, this committee agrees that CCTV will be installed on all floors of our car parks.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Street signs have disappeared from a considerable number of road and streets, which is a major problem when trying to locate an address and it must be very frustrating for visitors to our city. It is agreed that this area committee prepare a report on how best to update these signs i.e. whether it requires co-operation among departments i.e. community, cleansing, traffic etc. to identify where the signs have disappeared and list them for replacement.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee agrees to trial closing Richmond Hill and Mountpleasant Avenue Lower to through traffic with filtered permeability to continue allowing pedestrian and cycling traffic through. The current trial of no entry to Mountpleasant Avenue Upper has been successful in protecting pedestrians using that road, but has caused problems on the roads beside it. There has also been many cases of cars ignoring the signs and driving through the no entry point. Trialling filtered permeability will ensure that all the roads can have the same benefit of reduced traffic and protection for vulnerable road users and pedestrians.

Order: Deferred to March meeting.

Motion 13 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee requests double yellow lines on the junction of Parkmore Road and Terenure Road West.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee requests that the local area rehabilitate the public water fountain on the side of the Rates Office on Lord Edward Street and get it back working as a public water fountain to help reduce plastic waste.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee calls on the manager, following the example of Co. Clare and the international "3 for the Sea" initiative, to install on Sandymount Strand signs not made of plastic asking beachgoers to take away three pieces of plastic each time they visit the beach as a simple cost-effective way of raising awareness of the problem of plastic pollution on our beaches.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to take immediate action to address the on-going and serious problem with dog and human litter on Bath Avenue and the Dodder Walkway.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he will please write to the Office of Public Works (OPW) to ask if they could consider providing an off the leash period in between 8am and 11am in the Iveagh Gardens. This park is frequently used by local responsible dog walkers. However, the rules recently changed and dogs now have to be on a leash

at all times in times. We should be supporting responsible dog owners by introducing some flexibility in our city parks.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please take immediate action to address the ongoing serious problem of graffiti in the Portobello area, in particular on Longwood Avenue. Can the manager please clean the current graffiti at Longwood Avenue and look at putting in place long term measures to ensure this doesn't occur again?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from 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. 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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

9 Questions to the Chief Executive 11th February 2019.

Order: Noted.

Chairperson
Monday 11 February 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Ruairi McGinley (Chairman)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Mary Freehill
Paddy McCartan
Sonya Stapleton

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Frank Kennedy
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Paddy Smyth

Officers

Mark Ginnetty
Leah Johnston
Neil O'Donoghue
Andrew Duff

Brian Hanney
Eileen Martin
Jennifer Wall
Declan Hayden

Declan Hayden
Fiona O'Brien
Dave Weston

Non-Members:

John Boyle,
Waterways Ireland.
Sinead Mallon,
Waterways Ireland.

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.

Reply:

There is no specific funding allocated to paint the railings here at the present time, however the location can be considered in the context of future budget allocations. The damaged section can be repaired over the next four weeks.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned roads swept on the 16th January 2019. We will monitor the future cleanliness of this area.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

This gap will be temporarily fenced off over the next four weeks to allow new planting to take place and to encourage the hedge to fill in naturally.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have this nameplate replaced.

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.

Reply:

The Dublin City Council Property Register is a record of property and lands in the ownership of the Council only. The property in question is not in Council ownership and is not registered with the Property Registration Authority of Ireland (PRAI). It is not possible therefore for Dublin City Council to provide any information as to its ownership.

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 National Transport Authority's 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

Reply:

Terenure Road West will be inspected and cycle lanes will be installed if the space permits.

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.

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 and will report back to the councillor on this issue in the coming weeks.

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.

Reply:

The Chinese garden is planned to go into Herbert Park later this year. More detail on the design and the proposed location of the garden will be reported to councillors over the next couple of months. At least 40 new trees will be planted in the park to replace

some mature trees that had to be removed previously. There is also a plan to continue the painting of the railings along Herbert Park and to redesign the entrance gate beside the playground to improve safety.

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.

Reply:

Defects in the footpaths adjacent to the DART station will be logged in our Asset Management System for inspection and repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

Q.10 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

The public lights here are mounted on ESB Network poles which are positioned at the back of the footpaths. Consequently, the trees adjacent to the light fittings are affecting the light distribution onto the road and footpaths. We will request Parks division to prune back the trees where possible, and will also include upgrading the existing lighting to LEDs, as part of a future project.

Under the Road Traffic Act, traffic on a road ending at a T junction must give way to traffic from either direction on the other road. A stop / yield sign is not necessary where normal rules of the road apply, moreover such signs are only provided on approaches to major junctions, otherwise this would lead to a proliferation of signs throughout residential estates. Therefore, this request is not recommended.

Arrangements will be made to erect additional nameplates at either end of 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.

Contact: Rossana Camargo, Area Engineer, Traffic Management Section
Tel: 222 6453
Email: rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie"

Reply:

New discerning and objective procedures on assessing how Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes would be considered and ranked were successfully brought through the Transportation SPC in late 2018.

This approach followed much discussions with Members in 2018 including two workshops.

It was also agreed by senior management in Traffic that one additional Engineer would be assigned to each of the North City and South City. The necessary paperwork has been submitted to HR and a panel is being formed.

The feedback given on the outlined areas would suggest that these locations in the Mount Tallant area would meet the criteria for this Scheme. An update on the Neighbourhood traffic scheme will be given in due course.

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.

Reply:

A new door and side panel is ordered for this dwelling and is scheduled for installation in the next six weeks.

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.

Reply:

There are currently traffic calming measures in place on the Melvin and Corrib Roads. These traffic calming measures are in the form of speed ramps. There is currently a speed ramp circa 20 metres from the junction of Melvin / Corrib Roads for traffic turning from Corrib to Melvin Road. There is also on street parking on these roads which further acts as a traffic calming measure. Therefore it is deemed that no further traffic calming measures or signage is required at present.

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.

Reply:

A plan was created a few years ago for Neagh Road Park and some elements of this plan were realised, including the new lawn area and the playground. While the boundary surrounding the park was also to be addressed as part of this plan, current resources do not permit this. Should additional funding become available this work can be carried out.

Q.15 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

This tree is included on our 2019 works schedule and will be pruned over the next couple of months.

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.

Reply:

The contents of this report have been noted and it is agreed that this carriageway needs to be resurfaced. This will be recommended for inclusion in our 2020 Resurfacing Programme.

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.

Reply:

A request for a Parking Scheme has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The request will be examined in accordance with a number of guidelines, including the following.

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.

Inspection of the road will be arranged shortly and if a scheme is proposed it will then be referred to the Parking Enforcement Section for a ballot of residents.

Q.18 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

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

Reply:

This work has been completed by Housing Maintenance Electrical Services Section.

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.

Reply:

Applications for Homecare Packages are made to the Health Service Executive. Housing Maintenance do not provide such services. Our Housing Liaison Officer for these units reports that the HSE has reported there is no funding available currently. A phone line is installed. Our Housing Liaison Officer has confirmed that the alarm is being installed this week.

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:

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

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.

Reply:

This is a different location to the original question. This pothole will be repaired as soon as possible.

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.

Reply:

The above request will be listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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.

Reply:

The trees at this location will be inspected in relation to any required pruning. However, it is not normal practice for Housing Maintenance to cut down / remove healthy trees unless they are causing damage to a wall, structure or dwelling.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the footpaths and road surface of Richelieu Park swept and cleaned up on the 30th January 2019.

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.

Reply:

This bike on Kevin Street outside Toasted Café is being monitored by the South East Area Office and will be included on the next list for tagging and removal, if deemed abandoned.

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.

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services have been requested to monitor this area for illegal parking and to take enforcement action if necessary.

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.

Reply:

We will investigate the lighting on *details supplied 1 and will consider replacing the existing lighting on *details supplied 2 and the orange coloured lights with LED white lights as part of a future lighting project subject to available financing.

Defects on this footpath will be logged in our Asset Management System and repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

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:

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

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:

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

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.

Reply:

These repairs are scheduled for week beginning 11-02-2019.

Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to ensure comprehensive and regular street cleaning of Clarence Place, Dublin 2.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Clarence Place cleaned on the 30th January 2019 and we will ensure that it is cleaned on a more regular basis.

Q.29 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issues from a resident on Albany Road Ranelagh. She writes:

- a) The appalling state of the local pavements in my neighbourhood and in particular outside 34 / 35 / 36 Albany Road, Ranelagh. Trees were felled two years ago but the damage they caused to the pavements has not been rectified. They are a serious threat to safety and a trip and fall hazard.
- b) To have the roads and pavements on Albany Road swept on a regular basis as the leaves make the pavements very dangerous and slippery.

Reply:

- a) These footpath repairs are scheduled to take place in the coming weeks.
- b) Waste Management Services had the roads and footpaths on Albany Road swept on the 30th January 2019 and will ensure that this location is cleaned on a more regular basis.

Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue at the junction of Merton Drive and Sandford Road in Ranelagh, as it is very dangerous despite the traffic lights.

Regularly drivers are unsure what lights to obey and cross the junction causing high risk of accident. Cyclists regularly and deliberately break the lights here. Perhaps CCTV cameras would stop this and a re-configuration of the controls at this junction could resolve the problem for motorists.

Reply:

The ITS Section will arrange a safety review of this junction and report back in due course. The query will be added to the TAMS query system and dealt with through that application. TAMS reference number 7007148 refers.

Q.31 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue of the lack of bins in the Cowper and Dartry area. See attached photos of Cowper Road rubbish bin near Luas stop, overflowing with dog deposit bags and similar bins and lack thereof in the Dodder dog walking area in Dartry. While dog owners are complying, their efforts are in vain due to lack of bins. There should be more frequent collections or additional bins or both. These are well known heavily trafficked dog walking zones and resources need to be increased in order to prevent this ugly build up.



Reply:

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels in the Cowper and Dartry area over the coming weeks to see if it is necessary to have more bins installed there. We have litter bins at the entrances to the parks in this area but issue of bins within the parks there is a matter for the Parks Division.

Q.32 Councillor Paddy McCartan

The response to the question below is not acceptable to residents from Beechwood Avenue. This response was given last month and is not acceptable because it only gives consideration to replacement of the lamp standards.

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 pole have come to the end of their natural life span?

Here is the response from the residents:

"Thank you for your response to my inquiry regarding the concrete lamp posts on Lower Beechwood Avenue (LBA). Unfortunately the response is completely unacceptable to me and many other residents on the road.

When the lamp posts started to crumble about 4 years ago the issue of replacement was raised with Dublin City Council and we were told that they would be considered for replacement the following year. As a temporary measure to protect cars and pedestrians from the lumps of concrete that regularly fall off the lampposts, the City Council wrapped them in very unsightly black plastic. The situation remains the same to this day and is an absolute insult to the residents of the area who have to campaign tirelessly to protect the character of the road and the Ranelagh area. It reflects very badly on DCC that this situation has been left as it is for so long.

Dublin City Council now need to commit to replacing these lampposts this year - not consider them for replacement next year. On another point Dublin City Council must replace them with lamp posts appropriate to the character of the area - replacement concrete or motorway / modern urban space style lamp posts are simply not acceptable."

Reply:

A contract has been awarded for the replacement of 200 columns this year. The concrete columns on Beechwood Avenue Lower are not included in this contract. However, should additional funding become available, they will be considered for replacement sooner. As access to the columns is restricted due to parking, it is likely that when the column replacements are programmed, the works will have to be scheduled at weekends.

Q.33 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following in relation to question 25 in December. The constituent requests further information as outlined below.

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 nor 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."

The constituent further writes: "I have read the reply to question 25 in greater detail and it refers only to 1 to 9 Cullenswood Park. There are 12 houses in the park and the gravel problems referred to in my initial query occurred at numbers 10 to 12 of the Park. I had presumed that all houses in the park were attached to the same sewer pipe and had not mentioned this in my query but it is not clear if this is the case. I had a look at the sewer plan map and the pipe seems to end at No. 9 with no indication how Nos. 10 to 12 are serviced. In any event, it raises the question whether Nos. 10 to 12 Cullenswood Park are connected to a different sewer pipe or perhaps these houses have a different connection to the pipe in the lane which would confine the gravel issue to these houses only."

Reply:

It is standard practice for a private drain to collect the sewage from several houses before connecting them at single point to the public sewer. Known as 'combined drains', these normally (but not always) run along the back gardens of houses from property to property before turning out into the road (or rear laneway) to discharge to the public sewer. Combined drains are not in the charge of the Water Services Authority (i.e. Irish Water) and legal responsibility for maintaining them rests with the properties served by them. This responsibility extends in law all the way up to the point of connection with the public sewer. Because Irish Water (previously Dublin City Council (DCC) Drainage) is responsible only for the public sewers, no records of the locations or routes of combined drains, nor the properties served by them, are shown on record maps.

Before replying to Q25 last year the public sewer here was surveyed and six (6) connections were observed along the sewer to the rear of Nos 1-9 Cullenswood Park. Most likely the public sewer only extends to the rear of No 9 because beyond this point a combined drain continues to serve the remaining properties (up to No.12). Responsibility for determining the route of a combined drain rests with the properties served by it. DCC Drainage does not enter private property to survey internal drainage assets.

It should be noted that Irish Water introduced a discretionary repair scheme in 2017 to address situations where a private combined drain has broken down and requires

repair out in the public road. This scheme was introduced as such repairs can be disproportionately expensive and can result in undue hardship to residents of limited means. As this is a discretionary scheme applications for it must be made directly to Irish Water. DCC Drainage has no role in this scheme but understands that Irish Water places the onus on householders to demonstrate that the breakdown is in the public realm and that all other conditions of the scheme are met.

Q.34 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

"Along with other dog owners, I think it would be a welcome facility to have an enclosed "dog run" in Herbert Park - these are in quite a number of parks and enable dog owners to give their dogs a run out without bothering other park users. There are runs in Marlay Park, Deerpark, Cabinteely Park, St. Ann's and more.

There are two prospective areas which I think would be suitable:

1. Area from first gate (on the right coming from Morehampton Road direction) down to football pitches - beside where old archway was - this area is rarely used and could be fairly easily fenced in - see pictures 1 & 2.
2. Area behind Apartments (old Johnston Mooney site) and football pitches - section down to corner is rarely used by public - see picture 3.

As well as being a welcome facility for many dog owners who use the Park I think it would benefit other park users - as it should mean rest of park dogs would be on leads. "



Reply:

The idea of adding a specific dog run in Herbert Park has been investigated before following previous requests. The locations in Herbert would not be deemed large enough to accommodate a successful dog run. A substantial area needs to be dedicated to this type of facility for it to work effectively, as can be seen in the large regional parks listed above.

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent, who writes:

"We, the citizens of Dublin, receive less and less services from Dublin City Council every year.

This year, leaves have not been cleaned from the public roads.

The leaves have stayed on the roads blocking gullies and clogging-up underground pipes.

Those that go down the pipes probably end up damaging the eco-system of some river.

Leaves on footpaths still remain – a danger for pedestrians and causing damp areas and moss.

In former years the leaves were collected for compost making.

Can you get DCC to restore this very valuable service?

Litter cleaning and road maintenance on side roads have also been cut back over the years.

Litter cleaning is now once a month on our estate – by suction sweeper – if the litter is not in the channel, it is not cleaned. One manual worker would thoroughly clean the litter from our estate in a few hours.

Road maintenance on the side-roads has been virtually non-existent for many years. Many surfaces are starting to break up. If freezing icy weather comes, the bill will be enormous."

Reply:

Waste Management Services operate a leaves removal programme citywide during the autumn and winter months. Main thoroughfares and arterial routes into the city are cleared on an ongoing basis. Priority is also given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leaves removal is a labour intensive and time consuming task, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. As many staff as possible are dedicated to this task, including our public domain staff in the afternoons and weekends. Some residents associations get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves in their area. If the councillor has any specific location in mind, he can email me at the address below and I will arrange to have any remaining leaves removed.

The road cleaning schedule of residential areas and side roads is now determined following a weekly inspection which is carried out by the local cleansing supervisors in the area. Upon inspection, if these streets are considered to be in an unacceptable condition, they will be scheduled for cleaning in the following few days. This is considered the most efficient and cost effective method for the allocation of available resources. Again if the councillor has any specific location in mind, he can email me at the address below and I will have the matter addressed.

Dublin City Council cleans 55,500 gullies in the city once every 12-18 months. If there is a specific location that the resident has an issue with then we can address that in a targeted way but we will need an address.

Road Maintenance Services aim to carry out repairs to any locations reported as soon as resources permit.

Q.36 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue about in the parking in the clearway in Ranelagh outside the Devlin Hotel and up towards Xpert Hardware during clearway hours 7am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm.

Are Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) clamping there at all? People say that the clampers are unable to clamp because the signage is not clear.

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services have been monitoring this location regularly for illegal parking and since August 2018 to date they have clamped 40 vehicles for parking on the clearway in Ranelagh.

Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the Joe Doyle bench in Herbert Park repainted. The bench was installed in honour of former Lord Mayor Joe Doyle five years ago.

Reply:

This bench will be repainted once the weather improves in the spring.

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.

Reply:

There is a bank of mailboxes for the 49 apartments inside the gate of Smock Alley Court. Each resident has a key to their own mailbox.

If a mailbox has become insecure through wear and tear or age the tenant should report same to our Maintenance Section for repair at 1800 200 668.

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

There is ongoing communication in relation to the delivery of the park in line with the completion of the development at 76 Sir John Rogerson's Quay scheduled for completion next year. Most recently, a meeting was held with the developers, Bennett Construction in November 2018. Staff of the Planning Department, Docklands Office, and the Parks Department attended.

The current position is that extensive survey work has recently been completed by the developers. The structure to the car park roof needs to be considered in some detail however, as a section of the underground car park extends under the park – i.e. extending to approx. one third of the park area. In this regard, considerable attention to detail is needed in relation to structure and materials. This discussion is ongoing, and the project management and construction of the park will be controlled by Dublin City Council Parks Department.

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

EIR has the responsibility for the provision, maintenance and removal of pay phones throughout the city. An assessment is underway to examine possible alternative options to remove and reduce the number of obsolete telephone kiosks in the city area, having regard to the operator's statutory responsibilities as the designated Universal Service Provider for the provision of public payphones.

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.

Reply:

The location will be inspected in the coming days to establish who removed the lines. There is a large development at this location.

Any renewals of the lines will be carried out within 30 working days of the South East Area Committee meeting of the 11/02/19.

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.

Reply:

The city council is keen to develop a new vision for the Cabbage Patch and a public consultation will take place on Tuesday February 19th 2019 from 6.30pm in St. Francis CBS Community Room, John Dillon Street, Dublin 8. An independent facilitator will assist on the evening, and the objective is to hear from local residents and businesses and to come up with a roadmap for the medium term in relation to the Cabbage Patch. Information on the consultation will be circulated as widely as possible, and there will also be an online consultation for those who may not be able to attend on the 19th. The possibility of developing a dedicated Children's Park at the Cabbage Patch could be one of the options considered. However, we will await the outcome of the public consultation to see what the local community would like to see included as part of the rejuvenation of this important public space.

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.

Reply:

There have been two reports of ongoing anti-social behaviour issues in Glovers Court from residents. The only other reports of anti-social behaviour have been investigated and An Garda Síochána has been contacted on the matter. The debris and human excrement was removed as a matter of urgency by the caretaking service as soon as it was received on the next morning.

It is imperative that all incidents of anti-social behaviour are reported by the residents of the complex to the estate manager to allow each incident to be fully investigated to allow for Dublin City Council to take whatever actions that needs to be taken to have this behaviour stopped. Within this or any other complex.

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?

Reply:

The area housing manager has contacted a specialist contractor to quote for the installation of lockable access doors in this complex. When this quote has been received funding will be sourced to carry out these works.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council recently removed unlicensed furniture from outside this premises on Dame Lane, however, this premises normally has furniture outside in the evenings, outside office hours.

The amount of furniture is small, consisting of a number of benches.

Enforcement at night presents a particular problem, as this activity takes place outside a licensed premises, Dublin City Council is not authorised to move people in order to access and remove unauthorised street furniture. Therefore, the assistance of An Garda Síochána is required in conjunction with additional Dublin City Council out of hours staff and vehicles. Enforcement notices have been issued by The Street Furniture Unit to The Berlin Bar and the legal avenue will be pursued if this premises continues to place unauthorised furniture on the public road.

It is an offence under The Prohibition of Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on Roads and in Public Places Bye-Laws 2008 for customers to drink alcohol outside the pub's licensed area.

The enforcement of these bye-laws is a matter for An Garda Síochána as Dublin City Council employees do not have the authority pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 to direct members of the public to desist from such activity, or leave immediately the vicinity of the place concerned in a peaceable and orderly manner. Dublin City Council employees do not have the authority to demand the names and addresses of those concerned, confiscate alcohol, to arrest individuals or to issue fines under these bye-laws. The issue will be referred to An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

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.

Reply:

The council has carried out a desktop study into walking tours and their possible regulation.

Very few locations have regulated this sector. Gettysburg in the U.S. and the City of Bruges have attempted regulation. The regulations are very basic involving the issue of a licence; limiting the numbers on the walking tours (around 26 max would appear to be the average); stating that tours should not obstruct the footpath or block access; tour guide to wear identification and fines for non-compliance. However, walking tours are operated nationwide so it would not be appropriate for the council to regulate by way of byelaws. Also under the Irish Constitution, there is a right to assemble or meet peacefully and without weapons (Article 40.6.1.ii).

In Q.4 2018 Fáilte Ireland hosted a tour guide steering group comprising of industry representatives such as the Irish Tour Operators' Association and the Association of Approved Tour Guides of Ireland. Following on from this a redesigned code of practice for tour guiding was drawn up. Attached is a copy of the "Guidelines for Professional

Practice – Tourist Guides in Ireland 19/10/2018.” These guidelines are to be reviewed on an annual basis by industry representatives.

The council has written to Fáilte Ireland requesting that its concerns in relation to walking tours be taken into account in the next review of the guidelines, and has made specific representations requesting that a maximum of 26 participants be allowed take part in each tour and also that assembly points and operations be carried out in a manner which does not affect pedestrian flows.

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?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance have a contractor assigned to work on the outstanding issues in Crampton Buildings. The contractor is on site carrying out works and due to report back to the Senior Engineer in Housing Maintenance.

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.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has commenced a pilot programme under our Sub-Condensation Group, consisting of painting and ventilation of flat units to assist with mould issues being experienced by tenants. This complex will be included in this programme. The estimated timeframe for commencement of works is towards the end of quarter 2 of this year.

Housing Maintenance Engineering Unit will carry out an inspection of this dwelling to identify if works are required to address mould / condensation or damp issues.

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?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 4th February 2019.

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.

Reply:

The trees on Beechill Avenue were removed following an inspection which found them to be unsuitable for the location.

The trees at *details supplied are of a different species, Corylus Colurna (Turkish Hazel) and are relatively young. They have been recently inspected, have been found to be in good condition, and there are no plans to remove them.

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?

Reply:

Residents can make requests for additional streets on their residents parking permits to the Parking Policy & Enforcement Section and these requests will be examined on a case by case basis. Currently four residents on Margaret Place have Bath Avenue specified on their residents' parking permits.

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?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance have carried out surveys under Standards for Rented Houses Regulations. An upgrade of the domestic fire detection and alarm system will be carried out on foot of this survey for this dwelling.

At a later stage, a fire safety risk assessment of the building will be carried out which will include the doors.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council does not provide 'Children Crossing' signs on main roads, traffic calmed roads or cul-de-sacs. As the location referred to is a cul-de-sac 'Children Crossing' sign is therefore not recommended.

Please note Dublin City Council does not install 'Children Playing' signs.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's Parking Enforcement Section was recently made aware of issues relating to use of the location (details supplied) for deliveries and the manager of the company concerned was contacted to highlight the concerns and complaints of residents. The manager has given an undertaking to contact suppliers and instruct them to make use of more appropriate delivery facilities located close to the premises. The manager has also indicated that residents are welcome to contact her should they have any further issues and that she will address these.

Waste Management have also been in contact with both the company concerned and their waste operators to remind them of the designated waste collection times outside the central commercial district, which are restricted before 10pm.

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.

Reply:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has notified Irish Water about the defective cover and frame and requested a repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

The existing lighting was inspected on the night of 06/02/19 and all lights were found to be operating. The light on all day (pole no.30) will be repaired in the coming week. The lamp in pole no.2 at the entrance to the estate will also be replaced.

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.

Reply:

There is no Public Lighting Improvement Programme for 2019. However, we will investigate the existing lighting here, and any improvements considered necessary will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future public lighting improvements programme, subject to available finances. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Pruning Work will take place at this location during the first three months of 2019.

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.

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services have been requested to monitor this area for illegal parking and to take enforcement action if necessary.

Waste Management Services are currently cleaning the above mentioned lanes and will continue to so until they are all done.

Q.58 Councillor Patrick Costello

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

Reply:

How Neighbourhood Schemes are assessed, ranked, designed and implemented were established through workshops with members in 2018. The procedures were approved at the Transportation Strategic Policy Group in Nov 2018.

Each electoral area will have their candidate schemes assessed (starting February / March 2019) and Traffic Advisory Group officials will work closely with members throughout the process and inform them of particular progress including through the area committees.

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.

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 2019 subject to NTA approval.

The Environmental Impact Assessment of the route will form part of the planning process and will be advanced once the preliminary design for the route has been finalised.

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.

Reply:

These footpaths are currently awaiting inspection. Inspection should take place within the coming weeks subject to resources. When inspection takes place defects will be logged and categorised to produce a priority rating.

Q.61 Councillor Patrick Costello

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

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to have anti-dog fouling signs installed at the above mentioned location.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services currently have five litter bins on Temple Road. We will certainly monitor litter levels on this road to see if there is a requirement for any more litter bins there.

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.

Reply:

These potholes will be repaired as soon as possible.

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.

Reply:

We will investigate the existing lighting here, and any improvements considered necessary will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future public lighting improvements programme, subject to available finances. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required. A request has been made to our Parks Department regarding pruning the trees along Hazelbrook 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?

Reply:

The trees on this street were pruned three years ago and would not be considered a priority for general pruning at the present time. Park staff will continue to monitor the trees and will carry out any work, if deemed necessary.

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.

Reply:

We have referred this request to the Parks Department and asked can they clean and maintain this area. The Project Estate Officer will continue to monitor the area.

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.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has commenced a pilot programme under our Sub-Condensation Group, consisting of painting and ventilation of flat units to assist with mould issues being experienced by tenants. This complex will be included in this programme. The estimated timeframe for commencement of works is towards the end of quarter 2 of this year.

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.

Reply:

The South East Area (SEA) Litter Wardens have visited the premises outlined and informed them of their obligations with regard to the presentation and collection times of commercial waste as per the Bye Laws. The Litter Wardens have also informed the

premises of their obligations with regard to the presentation of waste containers which should not be overloaded and the lid shall be securely closed.

The SEA Litter Wardens have also informed the premises of their obligation with regard to waste containers, which shall be stored within the curtilage of their building.

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.

Reply:

The resident can make a request to the Parking Policy & Enforcement Section of the Environment & Transportation Department at parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie which will be examined.

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.

Reply:

This defect will be logged in our Asset Management System and a repair will be carried out as soon as possible.

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.

Reply:

These defects will be logged in our Asset Management System and repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

Q.72 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the following footpaths be repaired at *details supplied?

Reply:

This defect will be logged in our Asset Management System and a repair will be carried out as soon as possible.

Q.73 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the following streets be swept *details supplied?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned streets swept during the last days of January 2019.

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?

Reply:

This trial commenced on the 29/10/2018 and is not due for completion until the 12/04/2019. The information and data recorded during this trial will be assessed and tabulated before any decisions or actions are taken. An update on this should be available upon completion of the trial. A feedback email had been in place up until 01/02/19 where comments on the trial were welcomed.

Q.75 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a yellow box be considered for Annesley Park?

Reply:

The request for a yellow box at the junction of Annesley Park and Dunville Avenue is listed with the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.76 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can street lighting be improved on Annesley Park?

Reply:

There is no public lighting improvement programme intended for Annesley Park at the moment. However, we will investigate the existing lighting, and any necessary improvements will be added to a list for inclusion in a future public lighting programme of improvements, subject to finances made available. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

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?

Reply:

It is not possible to breakdown the budget for parks maintenance for each park. If there is a particular problem the councillor wishes to be addressed we will endeavour to do so.

Q.78 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a plebiscite for disc parking be assisted for residents at *details supplied?

Reply:

Residents of this street can request that a plebiscite be carried out on their road to the Environment & Transportation Department at traffic@dublincity.ie. Please note that the City Council require that 25% of residents of the road are in favour of a residents' parking permit scheme in order for the request to be examined.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had *details supplied cleaned on the 4th February 2019. Also our litter warden spoke with the site manager of the construction site there and reminded him of their responsibility to keep this road as clean as possible while they are working there. He will monitor this location to ensure that this happens.

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.

Reply:

Details supplied will be considered for our 2020 Resurfacing Programme. Footpath outside no. 6 has been repaired.

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.

Reply:

1. Waste Management Services had the congealed leaves along the gutters in details supplied 1 removed on the 4th February 2019.
2. Waste Management Services had the paved area in front of details supplied 2 cleaned on the 4th February 2019 and we will ensure that this location will be monitored and cleaned on a regular basis.

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.

Reply:

The door of this dwelling will be inspected by Housing Maintenance this week and any necessary repairs / replacement will be carried out.

Q.83 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate sink taps which are unsuitable and need to be replaced at details supplied

Reply:

Arrangements have been made by Housing Maintenance to inspect the taps in this dwelling. Repairs / replacement will be carried out if deemed necessary.

Q.84 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Reply:

The responsibility for the removal of graffiti from private property rests with the owner / occupier.

This graffiti at this location has been inspected. The South East Area office has written to the owner / occupier of the property notifying them of their responsibility, and has requested that they make arrangements to have the graffiti removed as soon as possible.

Q.85 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Reply:

Four of the four gullies outside details supplied were cleaned by a member of the Gully Cleaning Crew on 01/02/2019. One of the gullies requires further high pressure jetting and this will be done in the coming weeks.

Q.86 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Reply:

The above request is currently listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.87 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Reply:

These potholes will be repaired as soon as possible.

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.

Reply:

Could the councillor please clarify location as there doesn't appear to be a tree at this location?