

Question to the Chief Executive

**South East Area Committee
Meeting 8th April 2019**

- Q.1 Councillor Paddy Smyth**
To ask the manager when the pavements on Casimir Road will be repaired? The pavements at the Lower Kimmage Road end are badly in need of repair.
- Q.2 Councillor Paddy Smyth**
To ask the manager how often Kenilworth Park is cleaned by the council and is it possible to increase the frequency?
- Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask that Oakland Drive be completely resurfaced. Road has heavy traffic into St Luke's.
- Q.4 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask manager to install CCTV per Garda request (details supplied).
- Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the manager to check on the sewage leak (details supplied).
- Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask manager to take action on litter issue (details supplied).
- Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask manager to upgrade public lighting at Clogher Road, Mount Argus Grove.
- Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the manager if he will have the footpaths on Nutley Avenue examined for repair and upgrade.
- Q.9 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the manager to prune trees in Brookfield estate, Kimmage.
- Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the manager if he would liaise with the Gardaí about the possibility of introducing a one way traffic system on Eglinton Terrace and Rampart Lane on the occasion of match days at the Donnybrook Stadium.
- Q.11 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the manager to carry out minor work at (details supplied).
- Q.12 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the manager to prune the trees at the top of Mount Tallant Avenue. Lights blocked.
- Q.13 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the manager if action could be taken at the Sean O'Casey Bridge in relation to the following matters:
- Continuous cycling on O'Casey walkway bridge
1. Suggest spot checks to inform cyclists possibility of spot checks and fines issued.
 2. Also, the signs at both ends are useless

- red tape (?!) put on "cycling allowed" signs and the tape is ripped off!!

Comment submitted by resident "Please ask to paint on red stripe, or -of course - to put proper signs up".

Q.14 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to take action in respect of two litter bins (details supplied).

Q.15 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to advise on steps to ensure that former DIT building on corner of Rathmines Road and Williams Park is maintained to an acceptable condition and does not degenerate into an eye sore and a location for anti-social behaviour.

Q.16 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to have Rathfarnham Road from the Dodder Bridge to Terenure designated as a 30kph area. While this area is a main route (as are the Liffey Quays with a 30kph speed limit) into Terenure and the city, it is also a road through a residential area and leading into an urban village.

Q.17 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to repair two dangerous potholes on (details supplied) which have become excessively dangerous for cars.

Q.18 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to repair a really deep hole on Lavarna Grove, Terenure, outside number 59. This hole is deep, jagged and really dangerous for cyclists, and has damaged tyres.

Q.19 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to get the large tree outside 7 Meadowbank pruned. The tree has large rotten branches which block the street light on this dark section of road and also the branches almost span across to the other side of the road. A request to have this work done has been submitted on three occasions over the last couple of years.

Q.20 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange to have Frankfort Avenue cleaned, particularly the kerbsides and to have trees pruned along this road.

Q.21 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to repair the broken section of road at the junction of Zion Road and Bushy Park Road. A temporary repair job was done some time back, but it is completely broken up again.

Q.22 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to complete the road repairs on Ashdale Avenue. The road is in a terrible state and road resurfacing commenced on the first few yards of it, but was never completed. The footpaths also need repair on this road and on Ashdale Road, particularly on the section leading from Terenure Road North to the Crèche and also outside No. 11.

Q.23 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider raising the wall between Mayfield Road in Terenure and Terenure Gate (opens onto Terenure Road West) as the height of the wall presents a safety risk with small children climbing onto it.

Q.24 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to make Eaton Square and adjoining roads 30kph and put in additional signage or speed ramps to slow down traffic on this busy peak hour residential area with narrow roads and on street parking.

Q.25 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for more public bins to be placed in Rathgar village, particularly along the stretch of pavement outside Supervalu and the Bijou restaurant.

Q.26 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he can investigate if reports of a catering business being operated out of (details supplied) can be investigated and ensure that all regulations in relation to same are enforced.

Q.27 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask that additional public lights are installed on Fortfield Terrace, Rathmines.

Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the January 2019 SEAC I submitted the following question and received the reply which follows it:

Q.66 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Q.111 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

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

Q.65 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Contact: Mark Jones, Senior Executive Parks
Superintendent
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However, the problem is caused by Dublin City Council because the reason why the grass area is in such bad condition (see photo attached) is because every morning council officials drive along this path to empty

bins – these vehicles create the tracks evident in the photos. Of course it is quite proper that the bins must be emptied but I formally ask the Chief Executive to work with Waterways Ireland to bring about an appropriate solution (which may include provision of a gravel path, or an alternative method to emptying the bins in this area). Simply outsourcing the issue to Waterways Ireland is not acceptable when the Council has a major causative role in the problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Division
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The resident who first raised this issue has now recently reverted as follows:

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

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



Reply:

The Waste Management department have contacted Waterways Ireland to try to address the issue at hand. At present no definitive solution is at hand that will address the damage caused to the surface by vehicles driving onto the pathway to service the litter bin. As an interim measure to reduce the possibility of further damage to the surface particularly in winter weather conditions the

litter bin will be relocated to a point westerly of its current location where it can be serviced without the need to drive onto the pathway. We will continue to seek a more amenable solution to the issue so that if there is a need for additional bins at the location as is traditionally required in the summer months these can be provided.

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

Contact:

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Then, on 22 January 2019 I received from the South East Area Office a written reply from Waterways Ireland in response to the Council's approach following my question (PDF of letter from Waterways Ireland attached). In this reply, Waterways Ireland stated:

"I have been advised that our Eastern Regional Office, has been in contact with Dublin City Council about stopping use of this area by their waste vehicle which we believe is causing the most significant damage to the grass area at Portobello.

We have also identified that in wet conditions water has not been getting away since other recent works, and I have been assured that work to resolve this issue will commence on the ground imminently.

I hope this clarifies the situation for Councillor Kennedy."

Since then, I have been contacted by local residents because this problem has persisted. Specifically, in mid-February "No sign of any changes on the canal. Truck still drives down every morn to empty bins, still looks like a total mess outside." Then, in mid-March, the following:

"As per the below photo [attached] it seems the solution has been to again drop some stones into some of the holes caused by the Dublin city council van going up and down every morn.

As I'm sure you'll agree it still looks pretty awful and I have no doubt in a few weeks time we'll be back to large holes with pools of water.

Ideally the residents would like the grass area back as opposed to making one large gravel path and encouraging cyclists / vans to pass down. It really is such a pity how quickly this area has deteriorated and no one seems to be taking ownership."

The residents have displayed extraordinary patience here and this problem has persisted. There has been no substantive movement on this issue since mid-January. To ask the Manager:

- (a) Will Dublin City Council stop use on this area its waste vehicle which Irish Water have said in writing they believe is causing the most significant damage to the

grass area at Portobello? This waste can be collected on a less harmful manner and this is a Council issue;

- (b) When is the work which Irish Water advised in January would commence on the ground "imminently" going to begin?

Q.29 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the March 2019 SEAC I submitted the following question and received the reply which follows it:

Q.50 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to provide a complete list of (a) the names of all separate housing lists (e.g. Transfer, Medical Priority etc.), and (b) the specific areas which fall within each individual housing band on the city council.

Reply:

Banding -

The list of qualified households are categorised into three bands reflecting broad levels of housing need, from very high, to moderate. Within each of the three bands, there are households who have specific accommodation requirements which are identified through the assessment process. Available properties are targeted to the bands in differing proportions through the target allocations policy resulting in faster or slower housing through the band.

Band 1 Housing Lists Priority Cases:

Medical Priority,
Welfare Priority,
Traveller Priority,
Older Medical Priority,
Older Welfare Priority,
Homeless Priority,
Homeless Priority Older persons.
Financial Contribution

Band 2 Housing List; *All overcrowded cases and those with previously awarded medical or welfare points.*

Band 2 Housing
Band 2 Housing Older

Band 3 Housing List; *All remaining qualified households.*

Band 3 Housing list
Band 3 Housing List Older Persons

Total 12

Band 1 Transfer Lists Priority Cases:

Surrendering Larger Priority
Transfer HAP Band 1
Transfer HAP Band1 Older
Transfer Medical Priority
Transfer Medical Priority Older
Transfer Welfare Priority
Transfer Welfare Priority Older

Band 2 Transfer List; *All overcrowded cases and those with previously awarded medical or welfare points.*

Band 2 Transfer
Band 2 Transfer Older

Band 3 Transfer List; *All remaining qualified households.*

Band 3 Transfer
Band 3 Transfer Older

Total 11

Contact:

Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer, Housing Allocations Section, tel.: 222 2061, email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

A constituent has advised me that he is confused by the answer to my question because it conflicts with his own experience dealing with the Council. Specifically, according to the answer which I received, in *Band 1 Housing Lists Priority Cases* there is listed a Homeless Priority and a Homeless Priority Older Persons. However, my constituent was advised at a meeting with the Allocations Section that Homeless Priority does not exist, and further that he was told this also by other housing advisors at the Council. This constituent has himself recently been made homeless and is registered as a homeless person with the Homeless Unit at Parkgate Street. In light of the confusion and apparently conflicting messages, to ask the manager to provide clarity on the existence of Homeless Priority and the manner in which it operates.

Q.30 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager whether the council provides either (a) grant funding and / or (b) would undertake the work to renovate a garden on a council residential property occupied by a council tenant, and to do provide such funding and / or repair and rejuvenate the garden at (details supplied), a property where the resident's child has medical needs and would benefit greatly from a garden.

Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to provide a report on all development plans and proposals, in respect of works to be carried out by each of (a) the council and (b) any other party for Westmoreland Street, Dublin 2.

Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy

The establishment of the new Educate Together School in Sandymount is extremely positive and welcome for Sandymount. However, unfortunately issues have arisen through the manner in which the site at Roslyn Park is being developed. In particular, serious concerns have been raised by adjacent residents on Seafort Avenue and I have been contacted by the residents of (details supplied) who have advised as follows:

"We wanted to express our utter shock and dismay at the atrocious (temporary) monstrosity that has been erected right beside our home in Sandymount village to house the primary educate together school. As a councillor for our area, we hope you can assist in our endeavours to express our outrage with the planners and developers... But also in the next few months to ensure the plans for the new permanent school structure, which we understand is to be built in the next five years has an aesthetic in keeping with the site and surrounding neighbourhood.

There are obviously a number of impacted parties along Seafort Avenue...

We are very supportive of the arrival of a new school in Sandymount, but we think the complete lack of respect, disregarding of our privacy and utter inappropriateness of the positioning of these prefabs is really outrageous.

We also believe Dept. of Education have a child protection and security issue, as the classrooms can be clearly seen into from our bedroom, our sons bedroom and our garden. We would not like any child of ours to be on view by strangers throughout their school day.

The Dept. of Education are also the new owners of the house and shop on Seafort Avenue. They have yet no plans to renovate or improve the appearance of this. Could you try and encourage them to at least ensure it is kept clean and tidy? We know the tidy towns committee feel similar. Currently the glass is broken the front yard is littered and overgrown. The house is obviously derelict and uninhabited, why not house a family there or open a community resource centre or a child development centre...

There is so much positivity and promise to this school development for our community, but at the moment we feel gutted and rejected by it."

It is apparent that a number of serious issues have been raised by the residents in the above e-mail. To ask the manager (a) to provide a full report in response to the issues raised, (b) to liaise with the Department of Education in this regard, and (c) to approach the school management and site developer with a view to facilitating community engagement on this project, especially because I am advised further by constituents that *"The rumour mill is rife with stories of over development, excessive numbers of children and the obvious parking and traffic concerns."*

Q.33 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Very serious anti-social behaviour is taking place near Camden Buildings in Camden Street, Dublin 2. Specifically, I have been contacted by residents whose house on Camden Buildings is located in an alley way and in the last three years they have had to contend with a sharp increase in serious levels of anti-social behaviour in the alley way, including the following:

- Due to the increase in the number of night clubs in the area the alley way is often used as a public toilet, which residents frequently witness;
- The alleyway is being used for people to buy, sell and use drugs with needles left behind. It is not unusual to find someone highly agitated or slumped unconscious in the alley way;
- There are a number of people who are sleeping in the alleyway and in some cases they have been highly agitated and often aggressive. On one occasion a person tried to break down the front door of the house of the residents who contacted me and separately another person recently tried to break in;
- Residents are constantly in contact with An Garda Síochána, in fear, and being woken at night; and
- There has been a noted increase of rats in the alleyway with foodstuffs being left behind.

In light of these gravely seriously issues of anti-social behaviour which are having a grossly unfair effect on the quality of life of the residents, to ask the manager to either install or permit the residents to install some control on the gate leading into the alleyway, for their safety.

Q.34 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager for a full report on the precise dates on when the sea wall will be raised for flood protection along Sandymount Strand, with the report addressing each section of the wall.

Q.35 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the March 2019 SEAC I submitted the following question and received the reply which follows it:

Q.48 Councillor Frank Kennedy

The cycle lane at the corner of Leeson Street and Earlsfort Terrace is extremely dangerous. In effect two lanes suddenly become 1.5 lanes with no warning. This gives rise to the constant risk of collision, especially between cyclists and buses. To ask the manager to remedy this grave health and safety risk immediately by the introduction of an effective solution.

Reply:

This will be examined and a reply issued to Councillor.

Contact:

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

No reply has yet been issued. Due to the extraordinarily dangerous nature of this highly utilised cycle lane, to ask for the outstanding reply immediately.

Q.36 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the February 2019 City Council meeting I asked the following question and received the response which follows it:

Q.124 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

SEA To ask the Chief Executive in light of the ever increasing problem of double parking in Ranelagh village, especially on the main thoroughfare through the village, to ask the Chief Executive to introduce clear and effective signage which reminds/informs motorists that:

- *Double parking is illegal.*
- *Identifies the sanctions which follow for these breaches of the law.*
- *Prevails upon the Gardaí and Dublin Street Parking Services to enforce the law in Ranelagh village.*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no signage available to deter double parking. However, this location is subject to ongoing monitoring by Dublin Street Parking Services and enforcement action will be taken when necessary.

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With respect, this answer is not logically sustainable. Arising from it, to ask the manager:

(a) How can it be said that “*There is no signage available to deter double parking*”?;

- (b) If it is correct that “*There is no signage available to deter double parking*”, and it is not understood how it could be, to ask the Manager to generate some signage to deter double parking; and
- (c) To explain what is meant by “*when necessary*” in the context of enforcement action, because at present the law is flouted on a constant basis and almost never enforced?

Q.37 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the September 2018 City Council meeting I asked the following question and received the response which follows it:

Q.75 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the April 2018 SEAC meeting I asked the manager the following question (Q.55) and received the following response:

“Q.55 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to Baggot Lane and in particular my question no. 120 at the December 2017 City Council meeting:

- a. Despite assurances, this lane has not been cleaned for in excess of three months. To ask the manager that a comprehensive clean be carried out without delay; and
- b. Traffic is increasing and speeding is a great concern to all the residents living in the lane. There are no signs, speed ramps or a stop sign or yield sign at the blind junction of Pembroke Gardens and Baggot Lane. To ask the manager for an update on what steps have been taken since my question no. 120 at the December 2017 City Council meeting.

Reply:

- a. *Waste Management Services had Baggot Lane cleaned on the 3rd April 2018 and it will be put on a monthly cleaning schedule*
- b. *The Area Engineer is waiting for the speed survey at Baggot Lane to be carried out. When the results arrive a recommendation will be made. At the moment due the large volume of demands for speed surveys for the implementation of the extension of the 30k zone in Dublin City, it is expected that there will be a delay for the survey.*

I have been informed by residents of Baggot Lane that (a) it has not been swept for months and (b) the illegal use of Baggot Lane as a link road between Baggot St and Northumberland Road is continuing to increase and speeding up and down the Lane is constantly dangerous and high risk. To ask the Manager to (i) explain how this is so in light of the responses provided to me in April 2018 and (ii) to take appropriate measures to address the problems raised.”

Reply:

- a. Waste Management Services will ensure that the monthly cleaning schedule of Baggot Lane is strictly adhered to and it was last cleaned on the 3rd September 2018.

- b. The area engineer is still assessing the best solution for Pembroke Gardens and Baggot Lane. A report will be sent to the elected representative in due course.

Contact:

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Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation Section, tel.: 222 2542, email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

With regard to the traffic issue, I have previously raised this issue by way of question three times dating back almost a year and a half. Still no report has been sent to me, as promised in part (b) of the reply above. To ask the Manager:

- (i) Has the speed survey been conducted?
- (ii) When was it conducted?
- (iii) If not, how many speed surveys have been conducted in the South East Area since December 2017?
- (iv) If the speed survey has not been conducted, how many surveys are scheduled to be conducted ahead of it and where are these to take place?
- (v) If the speed survey has not been conducted, when is it to take place?; and
- (vi) To ask the manager to provide the report to me which is now long overdue.

Q.38 Councillor Frank Kennedy

The Dublin Bikes docking station, #34, at Portobello Harbour is a great success. However, a problem is that all the bicycles are gone from this station by c.8.30am every morning and one can observe a queue of disappointed people waiting for other bicycles to arrive. To ask the manager to deliver additional bicycles every morning around 8.15am to make up for bicycles gone, in light of the clear public demand.

Q.39 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will arrange to have the tree outside (details supplied) removed, as it is a cause of pavement damage and damage to the wall of the residents.

Q.40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a constituent in Fisherman's Wharf, Ringsend and give an update on the Dodder Bridge proposal.

He writes:

I would like to ensure that the plans include high quality public realm landscaping in terms of planted trees, pavements and good quality lighting and does not include any "dead zones" or areas that would encourage anti-social behaviour.

While in favour of these new bridges generally, as I am sure you are aware public bridges (pedestrian or otherwise) in Dublin City heretofore have been a hotbed for anti-social behaviour drug dealing, drug taking, begging and rough sleeping etc. Not to mention that the East Link Bridge area has been the location for two abandoned cars linked to shootings in the city over the past nine months, primarily due to ease of escape.

In addition, as you are probably also aware the area around East Link Bridge becomes a gathering point for drinking (and associated behaviour) around events in the 3 Arena, while also becoming a popular rat run for taxi drop offs.

I am eager that the councillors of the area feed into the design of these bridges at an early stage to mitigate these issues. I am sure there are good quality references in other European cities.

Due to the area being primarily residential there is not the "passive surveillance" that exists throughout the day in mixed-use schemes and therefore design of the public realm will be critically important to the success of these bridges.

Q.41 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

He writes:

"Illegal parking in Clyde Lane, Ballsbridge. There has been an upsurge recently with construction workers parking from early morning until late evening without paying for same, and also restricting the parking spaces available to residents and parking permit holders.

Recently I was unable to find a place to park as there were 15 cars parked without payment. This is now happening every single day.

I have reported the matter to Dublin City Council on five occasions but nothing has happened.

On Monday of this week the clamper van came down the lane and passed by a car parked beside my gate that had not paid for parking. I followed the van down the lane and despite the fact that there were nine other vehicles illegally parked the clampers did nothing.

Now I know what is happening here and as a resident of the lane, paying for two parking permits, I am not prepared to stand by and let this continue."

Q.42 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Building works have been completed at the end of Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook. Could the manager arrange to have the lane resurfaced?

Q.43 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have double yellow lines outside 22 Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook removed as it serves no purpose and there are no double yellow lines at adjoining homes.

Q.44 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange to have the path resurfaced at the entrance to Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook. There is a small area as indicated in the photo that will then bring the works to completion.

Q.45 Councillor Paddy McCartan

a) To ask the manager to ensure that the streets around St. Broc's Cottages, Donnybrook are swept and maintained on a regular basis.

b) To have a prohibition sign attached to the railings of the triangle at the entrance to Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook to prevent the disorderly attachment of bicycles to these railings.

Q.46 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

He writes:

"I'm writing to you about the pedestrian crossing facilities in the Stephen's Green area. As you'll be aware, the area has been significantly upgraded over the last few years and it accommodates a large number of bus services as well as cars and bicycles changing in the process from a simple clockwise directional configuration to a two way system in parts. Unfortunately, it is quite difficult for pedestrians to cross the roads and there is a lack of safety signage for example when crossing from the Leeson Street / Saint Stephen's Green junction to the entrance of Saint Stephen's Green itself, the traffic signal cycle is quite long and pedestrians often cross the road before the signal changes to green for pedestrians often unaware that traffic may be traveling towards them in three directions. Unfortunately there is no signage to warn pedestrians of this danger. On one way streets, the City Council paints "Look Left" or "Look Right" signs at the crossings but there is nothing for more complex crossings.

In addition when using the above crossing there is a reservation in the middle of the road in which pedestrians are usually obliged to wait. There are audible warning devices to assist the visually impaired but due to the fact that there are effectively two crossings there are two of these devices. These are so close to each other that I'm sure that it is possible that visually impaired people could confuse the warnings from the two devices with potentially tragic consequences."

Q.47 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent in Sydney Parade Avenue Sandymount:

"Roundals showing 30km/h at the entrance to Sydney Parade Avenue and Strand Road plus Ailesbury Road / Merrion."

"In July of last year we wrote to the council requesting the above. Our correspondence was acknowledged but nothing has happened since. As a lot of cars drive through the road at speed we would like these roundals to be put in place as soon as possible."

Q.48 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue at Ashfield Avenue, Ranelagh: Works have been completed at the Devlin Hotel and following this it was the understanding of residents that the avenue would be resurfaced.

Q.49 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager investigate why the water pressure at (details supplied) is so poor?

Q.50 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the residents of (details supplied) in Ringsend be balloted for disc parking on the roadway outside their homes and can the process and implications for the introduction of disc parking be explained in this reply?

Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager convert the unit that is currently not in use and known locally as Jenny's Hair studio in The New Houses in Ringsend into residential accommodation for letting off the social housing list?

Q.52 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to install double yellow lines (DYLs) on the roadway opposite 46 to 52 Pembroke Cottages in Ringsend as this will join up the existing DYLs which is inexplicable to residents?

Q.53 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager erect no dog fouling signs on Pembroke Cottages close to (details supplied) and at the other end of this road as well.

Q.54 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide details of any planning conditions for the trees and landscaping in relation to the following planning applications - 3353/79, 3625/80, 419/81 and 3717/82.

Q.55 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to extend the time of the Rathmines cycle lane to include Saturday.

Q.56 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the procedures for a one way system of traffic at Stephen's Place, Mount Street. This small street which leads into the senior citizens' complex of Verschoyle Court is fast becoming one of the most dangerous areas for pedestrians and road users alike.

It is a narrow passageway that leads from Mount Street to the Pepper Canister. Traffic is now contraflow here that includes, trucks vans, cars. At either end of this small roadway pedestrians and cyclists are placed in grave danger. Often, traffic simply cannot pass because of the width of the road with many vehicles alighting onto the footpaths. The situation here is urgent and needs measures implemented immediately.

Q.57 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards all rent arrears for social housing and tenants within the South East Area. Also, can this report break down the economic income and status of each household that is impacted by rent arrears. Many people find themselves in rent arrears because they are spending the little money they have on the upkeep of their family and their families' education. Many families have children with special educational needs and the parents are being forced to spend whatever money they have on the limited services that are available for their children. Many of these families are living in what can only be described as substandard accommodation in dilapidated blocks of flats. Many are subject to constant harassment due to anti-social behaviour and criminal activity and in certain instances racial attacks and abuse.

Q.58 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the removal of the two phone boxes that are on Camden Street East? These two phone boxes are a scene of drug taking and anti-social behaviour. They also constitute a health hazard as they are being used a public lavatory.

Q.59 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager give an update on the recent Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process that was agreed by the South East Area with regards a dilapidated premises (building) on Aungier Street?

Q.60 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager install secure locks on the gates at Camden Buildings? This laneway on Camden Street which is a cul de sac has many residents. They are constantly inundated with attempted burglaries anti-social behaviour and personal threats.

Over the past number of years the residents themselves placed a gate for their own safety. This laneway has a public right of way. Very few members of the public venture into this area. However, it is continuously subject to trespass by those hell bent on using the area as a lavatory or a shooting gallery for drugs. The residents are in constant fear of intimidation and attack here. There is an obligation on DCC to meet these residents and install proper gates and proper locks.

DCC is the owner of this laneway and has a duty of care for public safety and the safety of the residents.

We have carried out similar improvements in many of our other properties and estate throughout the city there is no reason why we can't do it here.

Q.61 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to whether DCC is negotiating with the owners of the Business College in Aungier Street for the purchase of this building for homeless services?

Q.62 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of removing the Anne Madden work from the Rotunda of the City Hall? Many citizens have complained about the appropriate nature of this particular work in this historic building and also from the many couples who get married here this work forms a backdrop to all their wedding photographs.

It would be far more appropriate to have the forthcoming commission of Caitlín Bean Uí Chléirigh, the first female Lord Mayor of Dublin as an appropriate feature and art work in this building.

Q.63 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a number of temporary repairs on the now seriously dilapidated Anne Street footpaths? This street forms part of the Grafton Quarter upgrade. These works were meant to take place after the Luas works however, absolutely nothing has taken place here and the roadway and the footpaths are simply disintegrating. Many people are tripping and falling here. I recently received a phone call from a person with disability outlining injuries received.

DCC has an obligation to immediately respond to the trip and fall dangers on our footpaths and roadways. Recently in Exchange Street there was a gaping hole in the footpath that was left there for months. This isn't good enough and the least DCC can do is to have a dedicated team out here that can temporarily fill the holes while we await the refurbishment and resurfacing of the area.

Q.64 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full entire clean-up of the Grantham Street area? This work to include a full power hosing and clean-up of the JC Decaux bike stand. Also, can the manager supply any information with regards any obligation that JC Decaux has in the cleaning and sweeping of its bike station. These bike station sites were given over the private company JC Decaux in order to run the bike scheme. However, there have been many complaints including the ones from Grantham Street and indeed from cyclists and Dublin Bike Scheme users that these sites are not maintained and can be filthy dirty with cigarette butts, beer cans and other debris.

Q.65 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the bowling green cleaned in Herbert Park, Donnybrook. As the project still awaits grant funding approval from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, it is important that members can enjoy their bowling.

Q.66 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Has any progress been made on my question from last month? Namely, can the footpath outside (details supplied) be repaired and can the tree at same location be cut down?

Q.67 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state who determined the increase in the costs for Ballsbridge Over 35s playing in Herbert Park and how was the figure arrived at and is the increase charge being applied to all other clubs across the city or are the Ballsbridge Over 35's the only club facing increase in charges?

Q.68 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a public notice board installed in Ringsend village similar to the one in Sandymount?

Q.69 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can I ask the manager to consider installing exercise machines in Harold's Cross Park as this park is a fantastic amenity and the installation of these facilities would provide an additional benefit to park users?

Q.70 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager the total number of buildings in the south east that are awaiting assessment for addition to the Record of Protected Structures, and to provide whenever possible a full list of these buildings either under assessment or awaiting assessment.

Q.71 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if there are any plans to replace trees previously cut on St. Brendan's Road.

Q.72 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manger to arrange for pruning of trees on St. Mary's Road.

Q.73 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if there are any plans to install floodlighting in Herbert Park pitches, and if not can these can be considered to improve use of the pitches.

Q.74 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the area manager please fix the road surface on Byrne's Lane, in particular the ramp at the entrance as a matter of urgency as the surface has been eroded and is uneven and in need of repair. I witnessed a pedestrian trip and fall here recently and cause themselves significant damage. Can the manager also replace the bollards at the entrance, which are old and rusty, with two new bollards that are in keeping with the design of the others along the street?

Q.75 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he will consider extending the 30km per hour speed limit to Fitzwilliam Street.

Q.76 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can he please install a yellow box at the junction of Greenore Terrace and Macken Street as the residents are finding it difficult to access their home due to traffic congestion here?

Q.77 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he can please improve the street lighting along Pigeon House Road as a means to deter anti-social behaviour and crime in the area.

Q.78 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he can please address the issue of illegal dumping in Erne Terrace front and rear. Can the manager install 'No Dumping Signs' here and signs to remind residents, and temporary Airbnb visitors, of the bin collection days and times as measures to address the on-going issue?

Q.79 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he can please address the following issues in Camden Buildings in Camden Street, Dublin 2: anti-social behaviour, people sleeping in the lane, urination, noise pollution, litter, and an increase in rodent presence. The residents here are dealing with a lot and would appreciate some support and assistance.

Q.80 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he could please carry out the following works in Pearse Grove:

- Clear the grass verges and growth in between the flagstones.
- Fix and replace the flagstones outside (details supplied) as they are a trip hazard for the elderly person living here.
- Improve street cleaning.
- Introduce measures to address the issue of illegal dumping.

Q.81 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he can please assist this resident of Markievicz House (details supplied).

Q.82 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can (details supplied) be resurfaced. Some of the residents have fallen due to the bad condition of the roads. The council came out last week and put some tar in the potholes after people complained but it needs proper resurfacing.

Q.83 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can (details supplied) be given attention to include repairs to potholes and street cleaning?

Q.84 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can further information or a progress report be given on my question from last month re residents gaining access to their driveway at (details supplied) and the parking meter being moved?

Q.85 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a dog run be considered for Herbert Park?

Q.86 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpath outside (details supplied) be repaired?

- Q.87 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can a permeability and accessibility study be done for Newbridge Avenue in Sandymount? Can an engineer visit the road at 5pm instead of 11am as previously happened to see the full impact of the parked cars.
- Q.88 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the white lines outside (details supplied) be cleaned off in circumstances where they have been replaced by double yellow lines?
- Q.89 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can the footpaths in Merlyn road be repaired? Can the tree opposite (details supplied) be pruned? In addition there is water running into the driveway of this house; can same be investigated?
- Q.90 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can this committee write to Iarnród Éireann indicating that residents feel that the gates are not open long enough for the Dart on Sandymount Avenue?
- Q.91 Councillor Claire O'Connor**
Can CCTV be considered for (details supplied) in circumstances where there have been recent burglaries of cars? Can the steps be cleaned at same location?
- Q.92 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the manager arrange to have a dog poo bin placed on Pine Road close to the entrance of Ringsend Park and the Cambridge Football Club clubhouse?
- Q.93 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the manager install a small pathway across the green area leading towards 2 Kerlogue Road as the residents are elderly and use the grass to cross but often it's mucky and has dog poo on it?
- Q.94 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager if consideration can be given to a transfer for (details supplied) as the tenant has a spinal injury and he is having trouble with the stairs.
- Q.95 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager if a leak in the bathroom of (details supplied) can be fixed as a matter of urgency?
- Q.96 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager to check the cold water pressure at details supplied - which has been reported by the tenant to be at a trickle.
- Q.97 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager about the plans of the council for the derelict site at (details supplied) as it has become a dumping ground.
- Q.98 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager if trees that were removed on details supplied can be re-instated as previously advised to the residents.
- Q.99 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager if consideration can be given to installing a new bathroom in (details supplied) as the existing bathroom is in a very bad state, there is also a leak present in the bathroom.

Q.100 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the transfer request of details supplied, this matter is urgent as there is significant impact on the children in the home due to anti-social behaviour in the area.

Q.101 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if the property at (details supplied) at which there was a fire late in 2018 can be urgently addressed and the property looked after / refurbished.

Q.102 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if traffic calming measure can be considered on (details supplied) as there is a significant issue with both volumes and speed of traffic on the street.

Q.103 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if consideration can be given to installing a downstairs shower at (details supplied) as this was promised late in 2018 and hasn't been done.

Q.104 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if the trees at (details supplied) can be trimmed, there is also an issue at this property with tree roots protruding underneath the property concerned and causing damage.

Q.105 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to consider (details supplied) for a transfer to three bedroom flat, as she is in a two bedroom flat and her two daughters are in tiny box room with small baby.

Q.106 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to help (details supplied), as his front door needs replacing and he finds it impossible trying to heat his flat as all the heat goes out the door. Window needs repairing as the latches are broken and the toilet needs to be replaced as there is a crack in it.

Q.107 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager if we could find funding for (details supplied) for days out for the children and to buy games, learning equipment?

Q.108 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to put hand rail going up the stairs for elderly people in O'Rahilly House, Block 25 - 56 at the request of residents.

Q.109 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate and resolve the rising damp issue outside (details supplied) before the issue gets worse. To also ask the manager to replace back door and windows in sitting room of above flat. The flat is freezing cold and has the old windows and door that do not keep the heat in. There is a baby of eight months old living in this flat that was born 1lb and she is susceptible to picking up illness in this cold flat that is also damp.

Q.110 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have (details supplied) power hosed.