



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2019

- 1 **Presentation from Irish Water on incident at Ringsend Waste Water Treatment Plant 23rd - 25th February 2019.**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation and Summary Report on Fitzwilliam Cycle Route Submissions.**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 11th February 2019.**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 27th February 2019.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Planning & Property Development Matters**
 - i. Further report on the proposed disposal of a plot of land at Longford Street Great, Dublin 8 to Kesteven Ltd.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council provided that the need to preserve and display the archaeological finds from the site are written into the disposal. The Councillors also asked that the possibility of installing bike parking infrastructure at that location be examined once the development is complete and the footpath has been returned to Dublin City Council.
 - ii. Report on the proposed disposal of a plot of land at the rear of 9 Coolevin Road, Dublin 8 to Lucy Kelly.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.
Order: Noted.
- 7 **Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillor Patrick Costello (deferred from February meeting)

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Order: Withdrawn by Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Ruairí McGinley

That this committee agrees to support MetroLink South West proposal that would deliver sustainable public transport to Rathmines, Terenure and Rathfarnham.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to investigate the possibility of installing self-locking gates at Sandymount Green as suggested in the email submitted with this motion.

“To all on the Parks Department team,

Following on from a very positive proposal by Dublin City Council Traffic Management Team in November on introducing pedestrian safety features around Sandymount Green, headed by Neil O' Donohue and his engineering team, the issue of self-locking gates came up repeatedly from local feedback as another safety issue solution. It was agreed this could complement and benefit the plan, and I was informed this comes under the Parks Department.

I am one of the many parents who use the green and have seen so many near accidents with children running, cycling or scooting out on to the open road, I believe we are literally on borrowed time before an accident occurs. Due to the arrangement of the paths leading out through the open gates, it is near impossible for a young child to stop in time before realising they are on a road outside.

The Traffic Department are now implementing a fantastic plan to improve pedestrian crossings, which locals are very grateful for, and we would like to ask for self-locking gates to be implemented also. This would make a huge difference to safety. I know they have been implemented with a lot of success in Mount Pleasant Square Park, and I would like to request the same set up please.

I know in the past there were conservation issues related to the gates of the green, however I understand now with the amount of local community and political support for safety on the green, combined with the council's clever installation techniques which respect conservation design, that this is hopefully no longer an issue. Particularly when it comes to preventing the death of a child. Just last week I saw a parent running after a girl on her first bike, just following the path which led her onto the open road. There were no cars coming. If it had been a bus, which often speed, she would have been dead. This is a frequent occurrence and any local parent will confirm this.”

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan

In view of the presence of the RDS, the Aviva Stadium and the huge increase in office accommodation in Ballsbridge and the consequential very large sums paid in Development Levies for developments in the area this committee requests a report from the Chief Executive on definite proposals to extend the Dublin Bike scheme to Ballsbridge.

Order: Defer to April meeting.

Motion 5 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the installation of bollards at the location indicated in the email submitted with this motion at Oakley Road.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee writes to the Office of Public Works (OPW) to request that dog walkers be allowed let their dogs off the lead in the Iveagh Gardens In the field area between the hours of 8am and 11am as a great sense of community has developed and responsible dog owners should not have to pay the price for two irresponsible dog owners.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Dublin City Council (DCC) enter into negotiations with City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb) to consider what conservation grants would be available to upgrade / refurbish the workings of Rathmines Town Hall Clock. This clock tower is an iconic building in the Rathmines area, but the maintenance of this old clock is challenging. It's out of order for long periods when new parts are being made and the number of craftspeople to do the work are becoming fewer. Therefore in the interest of conserving this clock, it may need to be internally reconstructed and it's important that DCC and CDETb work together to this end.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

In order that we can work together to progress the development of the Gulistan site it is agreed that we set up a working group comprised of councillors and officials from the appropriate departments.

Order: The following amendment was proposed by Cllr. Mary Freehill and seconded by Cllr. Dermot Lacey:

Acknowledging that this council already agreed that a master plan for the Gulistan site be carried out prior to any construction on this site, this committee further agrees that no disposal or transfer of lands or any part of this site take place prior to completion of master design plan for the site. The amended motion was agreed by the committee.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the South East Local Area Committee (SE LAC) of Dublin City Council calls on the National Transport Authority (NTA) to urgently carry out a feasibility study of the development of a Metro extension from St. Stephen's Green to Terenure - Rathfarnham.

Population statistics indicate that this route has a high population density which is a fundamental for determining demand and provision of a mass transit route. Furthermore this feasibility study must examine the provision of an underground line, as the inner suburbs are already developed and the RPA Feasibility Study (Possible Luas Line Rathfarnham to City Centre "Line E" 2008) indicated a considerable number of pinch points along the route, if it were to run as a surface rail.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests an intervention by the Traffic Advisory Group as requested in the email submitted with this motion:

"I am writing to complain regarding the traffic lights at a crossing near Donnybrook church and crossing between Spar and Donna Florists on Donnybrook road which if not rectified will cause a serious if not fatal injury.

Please see attached video evidence highlighting my complaint which makes the issue self-explanatory.

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These videos were taken at the mid-section of Donnybrook junction walking towards Donnybrook village, with traffic crossing from Dublin bus garage side towards Ballsbridge, every school morning in January between 8.45 and 8.55am, while walking my son to St. Mary's NS Donnybrook. As you can see from the videos this crossing is extremely dangerous for anyone but especially for the vulnerable (elderly, especially at mass times and young) and anyone crossing for the first time. It is due to another 'near miss' that I have decided to take action.

New commuters who are walking towards Ballsbridge/Grand Canal area etc. and UCD students going to their exams in the RDS in December and May are at high risk at this crossing, as they are concentrating on their phones or notes and usually with headphones, step out immediately when lights go pedestrian green unaware of the danger. On three occasions I have pulled someone back by the 'scruff of the neck' so as to prevent a car hitting them. The traffic light sequence needs to be reviewed and altered.

In addition, cyclists coming from Donnybrook turning left into this crossing continuously break red lights and speed around this blind corner. My son and I have had a few 'near misses' which could have caused serious injury to my son, myself and the cyclist.

At the crossing on Donnybrook road our 'near miss' involved a car travelling at approx. 50-60 km per hour breaking a red light while we were mid crossing, even though 3 lanes of traffic had stopped at the crossing. I made a complaint to Donnybrook Garda who made enquiries. Subsequently the lights were upgraded with double traffic lights which has significantly improved visibility. However, I have still witnessed cars breaking red lights at high speed coming from city centre towards Stillorgan. In my opinion, as a motorist, when you travel towards these lights from city centre you are travelling downhill so that, as well as increasing speed, your eye line can make it difficult to see these lights due to background colours, shop lights and stadium lights. I believe lights on the road e.g. at Oaklands on the dual carriageway, signage, zebra crossing or speed ramp should be considered.

Unfortunately due to these near fatal accidents, when walking my son 15 mins to and from his school, I am considering taking the safer option of travelling by car which would be very disappointing for both of us. I am a resident of Donnybrook for the past 14 years and plan to be for a very long time so I hope my complaint is addressed in order to make Donnybrook village a safer environment for our current and future residents."

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

In July 2015 I requested a pedestrian crossing from one side of the top of Sandymount Avenue to the other (at the T-junction where Sandymount Avenue

meets Gilford Road), recorded in TAG requests 19241 and 35762. By e-mail dated 13 July 2017, I received the following reply from the Council:

Our Ref: 19241/SH/PD

13th July, 2017

Re: Reqs for Pedestrian Crossing at the junction of Sandymount Avenue and Gilford Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4.

Dear Councillor,

I refer to your e-mails of 13th July and 22nd July, 2015, on behalf of local residents in Sandymount, Dublin 4, regarding the above.

I wish to inform you that the Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 23rd May, 2017, reported that during a site visit no adverse problems regarding speed on Sandymount Avenue were observed. There is already a pedestrian crossing on Gilford Road less than 60 metres from the junction with Sandymount Avenue. No reported accidents have occurred at this junction.

The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend a pedestrian crossing at the above location.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Staff Officer,
Administration / Traffic Advisory Group,

This response misunderstood the nature of my initial request. It was not for a parallel crossing to that "on Gilford Road less than 60 metres from the junction with Sandymount Avenue". Rather, it was for a request for a crossing from one side of Sandymount Avenue to the other at the junction with Gilford Road (i.e. perpendicular to the crossing some 60 metres away and thus serving an entirely different purpose). This is evidence from my e-mail of 13 July 2015, which stated as follows:

Dear Traffic Advisory Group,

I would like to request on behalf of many local residents in Sandymount a pedestrian crossing from one side of the top of Sandymount Avenue to the other (at the T-junction where Sandymount Avenue meets Gilford Road.

This is a dangerous junction where cars fly by which currently has no protection for residents. There are many school children, especially of national school age, and the elderly, who walk along Gilford Road into the Village. A pedestrian crossing from one side of the Avenue to the other (thus connecting both sides of Gilford Road) would greatly assist in promoting safety, the protection of pedestrians, and encouraging sensible driving in this built up, residential area.

Kind regards,
Frank (emphasis added).

As (a) almost two years have passed since my request was refused, and (b) crucially, as my original request was manifestly misunderstood, this Committee calls on this decision to be revisited, and for the much needed pedestrian crossing to be implemented.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the area manager reinstate the online cleaning schedule that was formerly in place for the south east area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

In light of many problems, especially anti-social behaviour, caused by unregulated Airbnb usage of properties, this area committee resolves that when the relevant regulations take effect on 1st June 2019 the council shall be ready to enforce them immediately and will proceed to do so.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Ruairí McGinley

That this committee agrees that the National Transport Authority (NTA) should develop a MetroLink proposal to connect Rathmines, Terenure and Rathfarnham.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to review the 'Parking Review Report' submitted by the Vavasour Square Residents and in response can he please arrange for a plebiscite of the residents of Vavasour Square to review the repainting and installation of the double yellow lines in the estate?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to ensure that the new tea rooms in Merrion Square will not use or sell any single use plastics, and will only serve reusable kitchenware and fully compostable or recyclable kitchenware for take away items.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to provide further bike parking on Barrow Street as the current facilities are at capacity.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to please remove the blank steel poles on Dawson Street that are left over from the Luas construction. In particular there are two outside Café en Seine, the new Ivy restaurant, and at the end of the street near Trinity. We should be reducing street clutter and removing unused poles as agreed in the City Development Plan.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 19 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to issue a statement to councillors addressing the following questions in relation to the MetroLink and the possible demolition of the Markievicz leisure centre.

1. For how long have DCC been aware of this planned demolition given that they invested significantly in the Leisure centre in 2016?
2. Why has an alternative site not been selected for the construction of the MetroLink station at Tara Street? There are many suitable derelict sites in direct proximity to the station and in the surrounding area.

3. What is the justification for selling the Apollo house site and prioritising the building of commercial property rather than provisioning it for MetroLink?
4. Why are residents and public amenities preferential locations for destruction rather than offices?
5. Why has Dublin City Council not proposed the construction of alternative sporting facilities and accommodation in the area?
6. Is it the agenda of the NTA and Dublin City Council to reduce the vitality of communities in Dublin city centre and to profit from a policy of favouring commercial property investment instead?

Order: Moved by Cllr. Mannix Flynn. Report to Councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to have a playground installed at Cuffe Street flats. Talking to residents a suitable location would be at the back of the flats on the green area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 21 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to have bins at Digges Street and Cuffe Street flats relocated to court yard between the three blocks of flats. Ensure lids are on bins, possible shelter and a cage around them. The bins at present are located outside residents' front doors. Residents report there are rats running into their homes and the bins are squashed into a small section of the court yard and are not always accessible.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 22 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to have drainage works on the courtyard of Cuffe Street flats and also the tarmacadam levelled. Residents report that the area is flooded in bad spells of rain.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 23 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee calls on the manager to re-evaluate the reflector non-slip rails that have been placed on flat complex stairs and also to explain the purpose of installing the reflector non-slip rails on our city flat complexes?

Residents report that they are more of a hindrance than protecting them from falling on the stairs. One resident sent me a picture of a very bad injury they had since the rails got installed. Foot got caught on the rail as the resident walked up the stairs and fell over causing face to smash against the stairs. Other residents report they can no longer pull their buggies, prams or shopping trollies up the stairs as they catch in the rail. Other residents report the rails have gaps in them. Maybe this did seem like a good idea in hindsight but it appears it proves to be not working from what I'm hearing from constituents.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 24 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Dublin South East Office in conjunction with the Litter Prevention Office establish connections with community groups on request to discuss how to combat dog fouling in areas.

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Ruairí McGinley
Chairperson
Monday 11 March 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Ruairi McGinley (Chairman)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Frank Kennedy

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Sonya Stapleton
Claire Byrne
Mary Freehill

Officers

Brian Hanney
Neil O'Donoghue
Rossana Camargo
Andrew Duff
Leah Johnston

Mark Ginnetty
Eileen Martin
Adrienne Houghton
Christopher Manzira

Paul McCann
Fiona O'Brien
Helen McNamara
Ruth Johnson

Apologies:

Anne Feeney

Paddy McCartan

Non-Officials

Michael O'Leary, Irish Water.
Alan Milton, Irish Water.
Joe Seymour, AECOM.
Philip Lee, AECOM.

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to arrange street cleansing *details supplied.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had *details supplied cleaned on the 20th February 2019. The report that this road hasn't been swept in years is not correct. There was a complete clearance of leaves and litter carried out there just before Christmas 2018.

We will continue to monitor the cleanliness of this road and have cleaning carried out there when necessary to do so.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if some or all of the following works could be undertaken in the Wilson's Place (off Grand Canal Street) area:

Wilson's Place area – namely that square: weeding and painting of lampposts etc. I understand it is a public area under Dublin City Council remit and it has gone a bit derelict-looking, with weeds overtaking the footpaths and kerbs and paint stripped from the lamp posts. It could look a lot better. This is entirely separate to the litter situation, which is fine once it is cleaned up after collection day.

If some maintenance action plan could be carried out this side of spring that would really be great. I think it would really improve the square. It probably wouldn't even take half a day to do.

The drainage in the area has improved immensely on the public road by the way following the works.

Reply:

The citywide weed spraying operation will be carried out in April / May (weather permitting) and Wilson's Place will be treated at this time.

With regard to the three lamp posts in Wilson's Place I can advise the Councillor that they have been included on the list for repainting.

Waste Management Services had the grass and weeds removed from Wilson's Place on the 7th February 2019. We will monitor the cleanliness of this square to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible.

Public Lighting Services will examine the poles on Wilson's Place and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

Q.3 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to have the trees pruned which are currently obstructing view of the pedestrian crossing traffic lights on Merrion Road (Merrion Shopping Centre to Sydney Parade Avenue) for outbound traffic.

Reply:

These trees are included in our street tree works programme and will be pruned as soon as possible over the coming weeks.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will give approval to dry line one wall in *details supplied's sitting room and also walls in one of her bedrooms, as it is riddled with dampness. The tenant never had a problem with dampness before until the council carried out work on the exterior walls a few years ago.

Reply:

A specialist contractor recently carried out works in *details supplied to deal with excess condensation within the property caused by lack of adequate ventilation. Mechanical ventilation was provided in the living room, bathroom and kitchen. All mould was cleaned and removed.

The property would benefit from small things such as minimising drying clothes internally where possible and ensuring that no excess clutter builds up which may inhibit the flow of air through the house.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to fix pothole on Hannaville Park (photo below).

Reply:

Please be advised that the permanent reinstatement is the responsibility of Irish Water. Road Maintenance Services has highlighted this issue to Irish Water at the address above. Please note that there is no specific address and Irish Water may have difficulty locating the defective cover and frame.

Please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)

Web: www.water.ie

Twitter: @IrishWater

Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to urgently repair footpath *details supplied.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to inspect the location and appropriate action will be taken.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to see sinkhole on Ashdale Gardens, Terenure.

Reply:

This will be examined and a reply issued to Councillor.

Q.8 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager arrange to have a filter light on Ringsend Road coming out of city road to facilitate right turning cars onto South Lotts Road?

Reply:

The following report was received from Dublin City Council's Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Section on the above request:

The ITS Officer reports that as the main road inbound from Ringsend is a bus route, operating a right turn filter outbound along this route would add delays to the bus journey times. Therefore, it is not recommended to add a right turning filter to this junction.

Q.9 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have some form of clarity for cars turning right from Bath Avenue onto South Lotts Road?

Reply:

Vehicles are legally allowed take a right turn from Bath Avenue onto South Lotts Road. The traffic lights are sequenced for vehicles to perform this manoeuvre once it is safe to do so.

Q.10 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the pavement along South Lotts Road from outside 19 South Lotts Road to Sportsco entrance resurfaced and the pavements damaged by trees repaired as a matter of urgency?

Reply:

This footpath will be considered for inclusion in our next year's Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme. In the meantime, defects will be put on our works list for repairs to be carried out.

Q.11 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have parking spaces marked out in New Street Gardens in order to ensure more responsible parking and also to start the process of residents parking as a number of residents have requested.

Reply:

There is no record of any recent request from residents for introduction of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on the road. Dublin City Council can consider the introduction of a scheme on the road and if recommended arrange for subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road. A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

It is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents on some roads.

The necessary roads markings will be provided if a scheme is introduced on the road.

Q.12 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the pavements from #3 to #15 Verschoyle from tree damage repaired as the paths are severely cracked and a trip hazard for the elderly residents? The pavements are also severely uneven with different surfaces and one elderly resident had a bad fall recently.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance are making arrangements to have this section of pavement re-instated within the next three to four weeks.

Q.13 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager give an update on the measure being taken by planning enforcement against the ongoing encroachment onto the public realm by the owner of Devitts Pub on Camden Street?

Reply:

This issue is currently before the courts for non-compliance with the terms of the enforcement notice served. The owners' legal representatives have requested disclosure and this is currently being provided. It is anticipated that the case will be heard in May.

Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager place a solar big belly bin on Camden Row where it meets New Bride Street and also clear the gullies on this road, particularly the ones close to Camden Street?

Reply:

It is not considered to be required to install a solar compactor bin at this location and there are no existing plans to install further individual units in this manner.

The location will be assessed for suitability for a standard public litter bin and if deemed required a bin will be installed.

Three of three gullies on Camden Row were cleaned by a member of the Gully Cleaning Crew on 22/2/2019.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager supply a full report with regards the fire and health and safety procedures at the York Street apartment complex? There has been a number of incidents here regarding electricity failures in various apartments, and sometimes the entire block. This has greatly alarmed the residents here and it's time that a full appraisal and overhaul of this apartment complex took place.

Reply:

A Fire Safety Risk Assessment was carried out of this complex and DCC Housing Maintenance currently have a contractor onsite in implementing the control measures outlined in that assessment to ensure that the building meets the standards.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full progress report and update on the proposed refurbishment and resurfacing of the Digges Street sports pitch. This report to also include how Dublin City Council intend to manage this sports pitch into the future.

Reply:

Refurbishment of the sports pitch in Digges Street is scheduled to take place in a few weeks' time. This will include improved lighting, new netting, new padding around the goals and repairs to the pitch surface. The pitch bookings were formerly managed by the South East

Area Office which took bookings from community groups, businesses and clubs from the area. Groups must have their own insurance.

A local football club has a number of time slots and local groups / residents also have allocated time slots. Exploratory discussions have taken place with the football club to see if they are interested in taking a licence on the pitch from Dublin City Council.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report on what efforts have been made to keep Leinster Square neat and tidy and free from dirt and debris? There have been many complaints from residents here on the issues concerning dumping littering, and the lack of cleaning services. There is also the ongoing issue of parking and traffic congestion that I would ask would be addressed in this report.

Reply:

The Litter Warden has been asked to patrol the area regularly to monitor the situation and act accordingly.

Residential areas like Leinster Square are inspected on a weekly basis and cleaning is carried out when necessary to do so. We also remove any dumped items from this area when required. We had cleaning carried out here on the 1st March 2019. We will ensure that every effort is made to keep Leinster Square as clean as possible.

Provided motorists park legally there is no action to be taken. Dublin Street Parking Services will continue to monitor the location and respond to individual requests for enforcement.

Leinster Square being a cul de sac has sufficient carriageway width adequate for double sided P&D and permit parking in most locations. There is also a yellow box serving motorists at the entrance to Leinster Square to facilitate vehicles wishing to exit this location. If the Councillor could give further information into what the issues with traffic congestion are and at what times this problem is most severe, then a Traffic Engineer can investigate further.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the ongoing works at Pearse Street Dart Station? These works which can go on into the night and over weekends have completely disrupted the neighbourhood, community and the residents' lives. Many residents are now concerned about the health implications of such noise pollution and disturbance. The site issues such as lack of sleep and a complete disregard by Irish Rail for residents' concerns.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit received a complaint on 19/02/2019 about night time noise associated with the replacement of the roof of Pearse Station.

Irish Rail were contacted about this and they advised that the roofing work must be done when the station is closed for health and safety reasons. The replacement of the station roof, which dates from the 1880s has been identified by Irish Rail as a crucial safety project, which poses a particular challenge in terms of keeping the station in operation while works progress.

This unit held a meeting with representatives of Irish Rail at Pearse Station on 01/03/2019 to review work practices to limit noise and ensure all residents in the area are fully informed about the works.

Irish Rail advised that the night time works are to facilitate the construction of a temporary roof underneath the old roof which they intend to complete by 18/03/2019. The old roof can then be removed and replaced during normal working hours with no further night time works relating to the roof replacement required. Acoustic blankets are in place to reduce noise levels and residents in the vicinity have been briefed on the works.

This matter will be investigated by the Planning Enforcement Section and a report will be sent to the Councillor in due course.

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager liaise with the Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley and Inspector Chris Grogan with regards presenting the Garda Youth Awards 2019 at City Hall in and around December?

Reply:

I will liaise with Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley and Inspector Chris Grogan regarding this matter and will revert when I have a response.

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a progress report with regards Dublin City Council's intention to enhance the waste management facilities in and around the York Street / Mercer Street, Digges Street, O'Carroll Villas flat complexes? As the summer approaches many residents are very concerned that Dublin City Council (DCC) will simply continue to abandon their obligations for proper waste storage.

It was agreed recently that DCC would initiate state of the art and best practice waste storage facilities within these flat complexes. There is a continuous infestation of vermin in and around the DCC waste area of these flats that is simply not being addressed. And as summer fast approaches this situation is only going to get worse.

Reply:

It is proposed to have a new storage facility at Digges Street and a contractor was met this week on site in relation to this. A storage facility will be made available in York Street which will halve the number of bins at Mercer House. Storage facilities at O'Carroll Villas will be included as part of the Precinct Improvement planned for the complex.

Of the 195 flat complexes all have grey bins for residual waste materials. Green bins for recycling materials have been installed in 87 complexes which represents 44% of the total. 31 of these complexes are flat complexes and 56 are Older Persons' complexes. The flat complexes where green bins are mainly located in the South Central and South East Areas. The green bins are 1100L bins and are collected every two weeks.

Plans are being progressed to provide the green bin installation and collection system at all locations on a citywide basis. Presentation by Voice Ireland will be undertaken in the coming weeks and the tenants of Glovers Court, York Street, Mercer House, Lord Edward Street, Digges Street, Cuffe Street and O'Carroll Villas will be the first to be included in the presentation and subsequent roll out of both green and brown bins.

The matter in relation to the infestation of rats has been examined.

There are isolated incidents of rats in these complexes but there is no infestation. These complexes have been baited 15 times in the last year (outlined below) and will continue to be monitored.

20 February 2019

8th of February 2019

10th January 2019

18th of October 2018

5th of October 2018

3rd of September 2018

27th of August 2018

23rd of August 2018

9th of August 2018
27th of June 2018
13th of June 2018
23th of May 2018
24th of April 2018
15th of March 2018
7th of February 2018

The City Council and the Health Services Executive (HSE) work hard to alleviate any rat sightings. Both the HSE and the City Council have heavily invested in time and resources to treat this problem. The City Council have dedicated teams who work specifically in this area and are highly trained and comply with all relevant standards as required by the Dept. of Agriculture and the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ISPCA).

Working closely with the local area offices, residents and caretakers, our housing complexes are treated on a regular basis and we maximise our efforts by unblocking sewer pipes, filling and sealing holes / gaps, removing debris and meeting and discussing with our tenants their responsibilities in helping to prevent infestations.

Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager once and for all instruct Dublin City Council Noise Pollution Unit, Dublin City Council's Street Furniture Section and Dublin City Council's Planning Department to deal with the ongoing issues that are emerging in and around the Berlin Bar, Dame Street / Dame Lane. Residents and businesses in the area, as well as pedestrians are constantly complaining to me about the noise coming from this bar, the amount of street furniture in Dame Lane and the crowds of drinkers that have made it impossible for people and cyclists to go up this lane. This is not only taking place in the evening time but it is taking place in broad daylight and there is simply no excuses for DCC not to address this issue.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit investigated complaints about noise from the premise in question. Following a number of inspections when a noise nuisance was substantiated, a Statutory Notice under Section 107 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 was served on the owners of the business on 11/12/2018.

The Notice stipulated the owners had 28 days to comply with the terms of the Notice.

Unannounced monitoring was carried out on the night of 30/01/2019 by officers from this unit to determine compliance with the notice. There was no breach of the Notice on that occasion. Residents subsequently confirmed when contacted on the night that the music was not loud.

Further overtime and monitoring will be carried out to determine compliance with the notice.

Notices of offence under Section 71 of the Road Traffic Act 1993 have been served on the proprietor and he has been spoken to about the illegal street furniture at the location. The location will be monitored and enforcement action taken as required.

Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager look at the possibility of separate coloured markings for bus lanes and bus stops. This could be easily achieved by a different colour coding with regards markings.

Reply:

Bus Lanes and Bus Stop markings are set down in the Traffic Signs manual which is a direction from the Minister for Transport and this sets out what way they are to be marked and any colors that may be used.

Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ascertain the status around the old church in Victoria Street, Portobello? This church would make an ideal community art centre for this area and all efforts must be made to try and achieve same.

Reply:

I wish to confirm that Dublin City Council does not own Kingsland Church at St. Kevin's Road in Portobello.

The church is currently owned by the Methodist Church. They regularly inspect the church and have a local person who keeps an eye on the church while it is vacant. They have advised that they are in the process of securing the freehold of the grounds around the church.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a programme where every week the love locks are removed from the Ha'penny Bridge. This historical bridge continues to be impacted and damaged by this activity. The paint is peeling off and rust is emerging. This bridge is a national monument and a grade A protected structure. People have got to be made aware that it is not appropriate to place ugly locks on these structures. These are acts of mindless vandalism with no thought given to the damage that is being done. And also they pose a health and safety risk to the many pedestrians that walk this bridge and the edges of these locks are sharp and rusting and protruding into the path of pedestrians.

Reply:

The Environment & Transportation Department has engaged a contractor to remove "love-locks" on the Ha'penny Bridge, Millennium Footbridge and The Rosie Hackett Bridge for one year based on removing the locks every two weeks. The work started on the 15th of February last and a total of 413 locks were removed from the three bridges with the majority of 256 removed from the Ha'penny Bridge. We plan to monitor the success of the fortnightly removal of "love-locks" and perhaps reduce or increase the intervals.

Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager contact the owners of Nos. 18 - 20 Aungier Street and request them to deal with the rat infestation and the bird infestation (seagulls etc.) on their property. This property has not been in use for some time and the back of the premises is exposed and open. Rats and other vermin are not rampant in and around the back area and are impacting on the immediate area, business, residents and premises. Many of the workers not he adjoining building sites are reporting large quantities of rats running about the area. This is a health and safety issue that needs to be addressed immediately.

Reply:

The Councillor's query has been forwarded to the Environmental Health Section of the Health Services Executive for their attention.

Q.26 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state what improvements has funding been secured over the next year in terms cycle infrastructure in:

- a) Dublin 8
- b) Dublin 6
- c) Dublin 4
- d) Dublin 2

And can this report list what these works consist of, where they are located and also list what projects are being planned for and how much are they projected to cost?

Reply:

Projects likely to go to construction during 2019

- 1) The on-street cycle parking project will continue into 2019. It is expected that approximately 1,000 stands will be installed in four different batches during the year. The exact number of stands that will be installed in each postal district has not been determined at this stage.
- 2) The Fitzwilliam Cycle Route Scheme is currently in the detailed design stage and will commence construction in late Q3 2019. The proposed Fitzwilliam Cycle Route scheme comprises of a 1km cycle route extending from Leeson Street to Mount Street Lower along Fitzwilliam Place, Fitzwilliam Street and Merrion Square East.
The existing road layout will be reconfigured to provide a parking protected cycle lane on both sides of the road delivering a cycle route that caters for cyclists of all ages and abilities. The scheme will include the reconfiguration of car parking spaces, provide increased cycle parking and deliver pedestrian improvements. The scheme will also incorporate the upgrade and redesign of the junctions along the route.
- 3) The South Grand Canal Cycle Lane Improvement Scheme runs from Parnell Road, Grove Road, Canal Road, Grand Parade to Mespil Road. The objective of this scheme is to improve the existing substandard cycle lanes and provide cycling protection measures at all junctions. The plan is to resurface the carriageway between junctions as Phase I this year and Phase II which entails the treatment of the junctions to be carried out in the subsequent years. The resurfacing is estimated to cost €2.0m.

Projects which will continue during various stages of design and planning during 2019

- 1) The Dodder Greenway: Preliminary Design of the Dodder Greenway, which passes through D2, D4 and D6 will continue during 2019. The consultants on the project are currently finalising the estimates for the project based on the emerging preferred option.
- 2) Herbert Park to Donnybrook: Draft tender drawings and documents are well advanced. The target date to commence the tender procurement process for a works contractor is the week commencing Q2 2019. Tender award is scheduled for Q3 2019.
- 3) The Grand Canal Cycleway: The Grand Canal Cycle route is currently at preliminary design stage. At the request of the National Transport Authority (NTA), the proposed route from Blackhorse to Portobello is currently on hold to facilitate the carrying out of a feasibility study to review the options surrounding Harold Cross Bridge. To progress the scheme improvements are needed at the bridge to facilitate cyclists, pedestrians and vulnerable road users and to improve general safety. It is anticipated that a Consultant will be commissioned in Q2 subject to NTA approval.
- 4) Sandford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre Project: The scheme is still at the Concept and Options Selection Phase. We intend to progress part of the scheme to Preliminary Design. The estimate will be carried out after the emerging option has been approved.
- 5) East Coast Trail which is from south of the Liffey River to the Merrion Gates. The scheme is currently at the feasibility stage. It is proposed to proceed with the Preliminary Design of the emerging option. Costing will be carried out after the emerging option has been approved.

Q.27 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask manager to repair footpath at 32 Victoria Road, Rathgar. Path has lifted and is a trip hazard.

Reply:

This will be put on our works list for repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q.28 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 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.29 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager in relation to the trees in Kimmage Grove, if the trees recently cut will be replaced.

Reply:

Tree planting at this location will be included in our tree planting programme for 2019/'20.

Q.30 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to repair the footpaths on Frankfort Avenue.

Reply:

This footpath will be considered for inclusion in our next year's Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme. In the meantime defects will be put on our works list for repairs to be carried out.

Q.31 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to improve the lighting on Castlewood Park, including pruning trees and cleaning or replacing lights.

Reply:

Public Lighting Services will arrange to have the lamps replaced and the lanterns cleaned to improve the overall light output. These works will be scheduled within the next few weeks.

The trees on Castlewood Park will be pruned over the coming weeks.

Q.32 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to prune the tree on Winton Avenue.

Reply:

There are a number of street trees growing on Winton Avenue primarily of two species, Lime & London Plane and of mixed ages.

The younger trees are in good condition but would benefit from formative pruning, including the removal of low growing branches and this will be undertaken over the coming months. The larger London Plane (*Platanus x hispanica*) trees have been pruned in recent years and

are not considered to require additional pruning at this time. Also the large Lime tree (*Tilia* sps.) is not considered to require pruning work at this time.

Q.33 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if she can extend the crossing times at the pedestrian crossing on Herbert Park next to the park playground. Both older people and people crossing with small children from the playground would benefit from this extension.

Reply:

The pedestrian timings at this junction have been checked and it has been found that the current time settings reflect the standard times used at pedestrian crossings and minimum safety times have been maintained. For your information, a steady green pedestrian signal is displayed to the pedestrians. The purpose of this signal is simply to indicate to pedestrians that they may start to cross the road, and the length of the signal is not related to the time required for pedestrians to cross. The current time-setting for this element is 6.0 seconds, which is typical of the vast majority of pedestrian crossings in the city.

After the 6.0 seconds green pedestrian signal then turns to amber. This is to indicate to pedestrians that they should not start to cross the road, but that there is sufficient time for people already on the crossing to finish crossing the road. The duration of the amber signal is based on the time required to cross the road at an average walking speed of 1.2 m/s.

Taking into account your issues with the timings, I have increased the amber time to reflect a walking speed of 1m/s. The walking speed of 1m/s is derived from the Irish longitudinal study on ageing in 2015 (Tilda). The revised walking speed will provide additional crossing time and will facilitate older people/children to cross safely at this location.

Q.34 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a new name plate installed at St. Alban's Park, Sandymount at the entrance from Strand Road.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made for a new nameplate to be installed at this location.

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the ornate lampposts on St. Alban's Park, Sandymount repainted and restored to their former glory.

Reply:

Public Lighting Services will arrange to have the lighting columns inspected, and any necessary painting will be added to our painting list for inclusion in a future painting programme, subject to finances available.

Q.36 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have the footpaths on Nutley Avenue, Donnybrook adjacent to St. Michael College resurfaced as they are currently in a very dangerous condition.

Reply:

This will be examined and a reply issued to Councillor.

Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

Could the manager notify the Gardaí of the persistent illegal left turns by motorists from Nutley Lane, Donnybrook onto Nutley Road during the morning rush hour where the restriction applies.

Reply:

The above request will be raised with An Garda Síochána at the next Traffic Advisory Group Meeting.

Q.38 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue in South Hill, Dartry:

The border wall around the green is broken by lorries reversing into it. The blocks have been removed. Could the repairs be initiated?

Reply:

The kerb at this location will be included in our works programme and undertaken over the coming months.

Q.39 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to a potentially dangerous issue as outlined in the following email. He writes:

"The cycle lane at the corner of Leeson Street and Earlsfort Terrace is extremely dangerous; basically 2 lanes suddenly become 1.5 lanes with no warning and I very nearly was in a collision with a Bus Éireann bus except I braked suddenly as he was going to take me off the road as the traffic 'merged'. This cycle lane is very dangerous as there is simply no room for it given the amount of large buses and trucks that use that junction. I have heard from a businessman on the corner that other members of the public are extremely concerned. Please reconsider this cycle lane as in my opinion it is a death trap."

Reply:

The safety of the cycle lane at the above mentioned junction has been improved by the installation of flexible bollards and the orcas. The situation will continue to be monitored to see the effectiveness of the newly installed measures.

Q.40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a broken footpath repaired at Marlborough Road Donnybrook. It is located mid-way up the road on the Ranelagh side (see enclosed picture).

Reply:

A repair will be carried out here as soon as possible.

Q.41 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the broken pavement outside no. 9 Greenfield Park, Donnybrook repaired as an elderly man recently took a bad fall after stumbling on the pavement and dislocating his shoulder (see enclosed picture).

Reply:

A repair will be carried out here as soon as possible.

Q.42 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

"For over a year work was ongoing with a mews at back and associated with 36 Morehampton Terrace, Donnybrook including digging up road on several occasions to connect various utilities - sewage pipe, electrics etc., leaving the road in bad state including ingress into footpath - see John's photos - this presents a hazard for pedestrians especially elderly residents and also a resident with impaired vision who needs guide dog. There is another section of path down at parking meter which needs proper reinstatement - see photo also

We were told the area dug up would be properly reinstated but nothing done other than liquid tar seal applied - the surface on the terrace as whole needs resurfacing but no firm indication from DCC when this can be done.”

Reply:

Please be advised the photograph does not correspond to the address detailed above. Please issue correct address or photograph with the issues detailed above.

Q.43 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to provide a full report on gully cleaning for 2018 at Home Villas, Donnybrook there are approximately 14 gullies in Home Villas and at least 3 of them seem to be permanently blocked outside No. 41, outside No. 66 and outside No 77.

Reply:

Gully cleaning was carried out in the area on the 28th February 2019. 16 gullies out of 20 on the road were cleaned. A parked car outside number 41 meant cleaning of this gully could not be undertaken on this occasion.

Q.44 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the December 2018 SEAC, I submitted the following question, and received the response which follows:

“Q.55 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the June 2018 SEAC I proposed the following motion, which was unanimously passed:

“Motion 11 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Last month the council painted yellow lines in Vavasour Square from No. 15 - 19 (photos attached). The effect of this is that it prevents families from parking outside their homes in a square where parking is already in exceptionally short supply. In light of the major difficulties that this creates, as illustrated in the attached letter sent by the Residents’ Association, which carries with it unanimous support from residents, (and the Residents’ Association further advise that the resident who requested this change has now written to the council to request that the yellow lines be removed) this committee calls on the council to reverse its decision and to revert to the pre-existing position.”

While the report which I received stated that “This will be the final decision on this matter” the officials subsequently agreed at the meeting, in light of the overwhelming view of local Councillors, to look at this issue again. To ask the manager what is the update on this re-examination?

Reply:

The area traffic engineer has reported that the matter of the double yellow lines installed on Vavasour Square, as above, was re-examined by the Engineering Technical Group. However, the decision to retain the double yellow lines was upheld on health and safety grounds and, also, in order to maintain the flow of traffic, access for emergency vehicles, and to avoid vehicles reversing the full length of Vavasour Square onto the main road, Bath Avenue.”

The response provided is most unsatisfactory and the residents of Vavasour Square arranged for an assessment of the changes to the road markings and permitted parking arrangements in relation to both the previous, uncontrolled operation, and a revised proposal which would involve the provision of additional controlled on-street parking spaces. This assessment, which is **attached**, has focused on the safety of the respective options with regard the vulnerable road users and the potential for conflict.

In summary, the assessment has highlighted that the difference between the existing and proposed designs is immaterial in terms of safety, operational safety and operational ability. Furthermore, the proposed design would significantly mitigate the impact on local residents in terms of parking provisions while providing a more controlled parking layout for this area. The proposed design would also fully address the initial observations lodged by one of the local residents requesting a change to control vehicle turning.

On this basis, the proposed design put forward as part of this assessment is considered to be the preferred design option and its implementation is recommended. Therefore, to ask the Manager to implement the recommendations of the attached document.

Reply:

The recommendation provided in the consultant's report proposed the following: rescindment of the existing double yellow lines located at the end of Vavasour Square and introduction of the on street parallel car parking (three parking spaces). In their proposed design the auto-track carry out shows that it would be require vehicles to drive on the footpath. This was duly noted by Dublin City Council traffic engineers.

The position of the Traffic Advisory Group on this matter is as follows:

Under the S.I. No. 182/1997 - Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997:

"3. Driving on Footway 13. (1) Subject to sub-articles (2) and (3), a vehicle shall not be driven along or across a footway."

The Pay and Display and Permit scheme when it was originally designed did not intend the turning circle which could be used as a free parking space when paid parking spaces were delineated on Vavasour Square. This area is required by emergency vehicles to access.

Therefore, the Traffic Advisory Group under health and safety recommendations does not allow for driving on the footpath entrance to the green area. As a result it does not recommend to implement the proposed design put forward in the report.

Q.45 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair as a matter of urgency the badly damaged footpath on Claremont Road, Sandymount, outside the four townhouses on the Claremont Park side of Claremont Road, between Claremont Park and Sandymount Village. Seventeen years ago a resident of Claremont Park fell and broke her shoulder due to this broken footpath which, scandalously, remains unfixed to this day.

Reply:

This will be examined and a reply issued to Councillor.

Q.46 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the January 2018 SEAC, I submitted the following question, and received the response which follows:

"Q34. Councillor Frank Kennedy

Question 56 of the SEAC meeting November 2017 was as follows:

Q56. Councillor Frank Kennedy

In light of the wholly unsatisfactory state of traffic arrangements and flow on Belmont Avenue, Dublin 4, as well as the severe risk of injury to pedestrians and cyclists arising from the status quo, to ask the manager to conduct a full survey of this road and to implement a solution as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

The area engineer will assess Belmont Avenue on Tuesday 21st of November at school drop off time 8:00am to 9:00 am, and recommendations will be made in order to protect pedestrians and cyclists.

To ask the manager for (a) a report on the assessment which took place on Belmont Avenue on Tuesday 21st of November at school drop off time 8:00am to 9:00 am, and (b) to state what recommendations have been made on foot the inspection in order to protect pedestrians and cyclists.

Reply:

The survey took place on Belmont Avenue on Tuesday 21st of November at school drop off time 8:00am to 9:00 am. The report has yet to be completed. The Councillor will be notified when the report has been submitted to the Traffic Advisory Group and they agree a recommendation.”

Unfortunately, in the intervening fourteen months the traffic gridlock on Belmont Avenue has become significantly worse and is compounded by some instances of driver aggression and unsafe driving practices. To ask the manager to provide the response promised in the answer above and to implement a solution to this problem without further delay.

Reply:

Belmont Avenue has been monitored and there are traffic calming measures such as ramps on the road and pay and display and permit parking which helps slow down traffic. There is an issue on Belmont Avenue that heavy volumes of morning traffic from Sandford Road / Ranelagh interact and become congested with traffic from Donnybrook Road. There has been instance of vehicles from Sandford Road mounting the path on Belmont Avenue.

Similar issues occur in the evening but fewer cars were noted to be mounting the footpath in the evening peak.

Again it should be noted that the Garda Síochána should be notified of enforcement of the illegal mounting of footpaths by moving vehicles.

The area engineer is considering removing some of the pay and display and permit parking but it would require the public representative make contact with the residents of the road to let them know if they would support this initiative.

Another possible option would be to remove pay and display and permit parking and putting it on the opposite side of the road which would lead again to a loss of parking. This would create a shuttle / chicane type traffic system on the road, this could lead to traffic congestion / backed up traffic on either Sandford Road / Donnybrook Road.

Otherwise an overall traffic cell study of traffic movement in the surrounding area would have to be considered as traffic flows could affect sustainable transport in the surrounding areas of Donnybrook and Ranelagh.

The Councillor can send on his comments for further steps to be taken so that a solution that would suit the neighbourhood and surrounding area.

Q.47 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair the footpaths on Sandymount Road between Tesco and Star of the Sea Church, on both sides of Sandymount Road, but, in particular on the same side as Tesco and the Church. The footpaths are especially poor at the top of Marine Drive. This path is walked on a daily basis by many vulnerable pedestrians who are at risk of serious injury if these footpaths are not adequately and promptly repaired.

Reply:

This footpath will be considered for inclusion in our next year's Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme. In the meantime, defects will be put on our works list for repairs to be carried out.

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:

The safety of the cycle lane at the above mentioned junction has been improved by the installation of flexible bollards and the orcas.

Q.49 Councillor Frank Kennedy

On the premises of the business which operates at *details supplied there is an old Dublin City Council (embossed logo) black wheelie bin with a red built-in lock on top (photo attached). Waste bins are now collected by Panda Recycling, so the bin has been decommissioned for many years. To ask the manager to advise whom in Dublin City Council the business should contact to arrange for the removal of the bin, and to remove the bin.

Reply:

Dublin City Council (DCC) do not remove or collect unwanted bins from any households or commercial premises. The City Council exited the waste collection business in January 2012. At that time residential customers had their accounts transferred to another company and both the bins and any subsequent delivery or removal of such bins became the responsibility of that company.

In the case of commercial premises such as the premises detailed above they were required to purchase a bin as part of their service and so the bin actually became their own property and as such the Council would have no right to remove it. The fact that the aforementioned bin actually has a nonstandard lock fitted would indicate that the owners of the bin had at some time in the past had this lock fitted themselves for additional security of their bin.

If the bin is no longer wanted or needed then it is in effect refuse and it would be the responsibility of the current owners of the premises to dispose of it in an appropriate manner.

I would point out that such bins are reusable and that most if not all private waste collection companies could re-use this bin simply by replacing or installing a standard chip in the bin, something which DCC is not in a position to do. It might be worth offering this bin to one of these companies starting with Panda who are apparently the current collector of waste from this premises.

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

Q.51 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to arrange a comprehensive clean-up to ensure the removal of the rotting leaves which have accumulated since October / November last in the roadside gullies on Bloomfield Avenue (photo attached)?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the remaining leaves removed from Bloomfield Avenue on the 1st March 2019.

Q.52 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In light of the proposed destruction of the Markievicz Pool & Gym on Luke Street, Dublin 2 as part of the MetroLink project, to ask the manager to provide comprehensive answers to the following questions which have been raised by the Save Markievicz Pool & Gym Campaign:

- A. *For how long have DCC been aware of this planned demolition given that they invested significantly in this leisure centre in 2016?*
- B. *Why has an alternative site not been selected for the construction of the MetroLink station at Tara Street? There are many suitable derelict sites in direct proximity to the station and in the surrounding area.*
- C. *What is the justification for selling the Apollo House site and prioritising the building of commercial property rather than provisioning it for MetroLink?*
- D. *Why are residents and public amenities preferential locations for destruction rather than offices?*
- E. *Why has Dublin City Council not proposed the construction of alternative sporting facilities and accommodation in the area?*
- F. *Is it the agenda of the NTA and Dublin City Council to reduce the vitality of communities in Dublin City Centre and to profit from a policy of favouring commercial property investment instead?*

Reply:

- A. *For how long have DCC been aware of this planned demolition given that they invested significantly in this leisure centre in 2016?*
The City Council became aware of the implications of the MetroLink alignment for the building that accommodates the Markievicz Leisure Centre shortly before the alignment was published as part of the current non statutory public consultation process.
- B. *Why has an alternative site not been selected for the construction of the MetroLink station at Tara Street? There are many suitable derelict sites in direct proximity to the station and in the surrounding area.*
This is a matter for Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) / National Transport Authority (NTA) - the agencies responsible for MetroLink to respond to. However, it is the City Council's understanding that alternative alignments that would have avoided the need to demolish the building were considered and rejected because they were not viable from an engineering perspective. It is our understanding that alternative alignments are being re-examined
- C. *What is the justification for selling the Apollo House site and prioritising the building of commercial property rather than provisioning it for MetroLink?*
Dublin City Council had no role in the sale of Apollo House.
- D. *Why are residents and public amenities preferential locations for destruction rather than offices?*
This is a matter for TII / NTA - the agencies responsible for MetroLink to respond to. However, it is the City Council's understanding that alternative alignments, which would have avoided the need to demolish the building were examined but were ruled out on engineering viability grounds. We understand these alternatives are currently being re-examined.
- E. *Why has Dublin City Council not proposed the construction of alternative sporting facilities and accommodation in the area?*
The NTA / TII has offered to construct an alternative leisure facility for the City Council in advance of construction on MetroLink if a suitable site can be identified. We are currently seeking to identify a such site. However, it may be difficult to source a suitable site in the immediate area. Failing this, the TII / NTA has given a commitment to reinstate the leisure facility on its current site after the MetroLink works are complete.

F. *Is it the agenda of the NTA and Dublin City Council to reduce the vitality of communities in Dublin City Centre and to profit from a policy of favouring commercial property investment instead?*

The construction of MetroLink will be of major benefit to the city and especially to communities in the city centre. It will also increase the vitality of the city centre. The NTA / TII, in selecting the optimal alignment, is committed to minimising adverse impacts on communities and on residential properties as far as reasonably possible.

Q.53 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to prune trees as soon as possible on Lavarna estate in Terenure where public lighting is blacked out by trees.

Reply:

Trees adjacent to public lights on Lavarna Estate have been examined and it was noted that only a small number were impacting on lighting columns and these will be addressed over the coming months.

Q.54 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if he will consider pruning or removing the tree at *details supplied.

Reply:

The tree adjacent to *details supplied is a medium sized field maple (*Acer campestre*) which is considered to require some pruning works. This will be added to our tree works for 2019.

Q.55 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager when the trees on Neville Road were last pruned and to request that they are pruned as soon as possible.

Reply:

Street trees on Neville Road have been inspected and it was noted that while the trees are generally well formed they would benefit from the removal of low branches. It is therefore proposed to include this work in our tree works programme and have it undertaken during the year.

Q.56 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to repair the ramps on Neville Road and to increase the height as they currently do not provide any traffic calming.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have these ramps repaired.

The area engineer has reported that a request to increase the height of the speed ramps at this location is not recommended as the height of ramps is predetermined by Dublin City Council specifications.

Q.57 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to resurface Templemore Avenue which is in a poor state, and to provide details of if it has already been assessed for resurfacing, and if so what priority it has on the asset management system.

Reply:

Templemore Avenue will be considered for inclusion in next year's Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. Assessment for resurfacing of this road is carried out by the area engineer as non-major roads are not machined surveyed. The ramps on this road will be resurfaced as part of our next Ramp Resurfacing Contract.

Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he would consider widening the footpath at Merrion Row and Lower Baggot Street. It is extremely narrow here and difficult for pedestrians, especially for those with buggies and disabilities.

Reply:

It would not be possible to reduce either of the two carriageway widths on Merrion Row in order to increase the footpaths width for pedestrians crossing from Merrion Row to Lower Baggot Street. This is to facilitate Dublin Bus vehicles turning from Merrion Row onto Merrion Street Upper.

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if when fixing the footpaths on Pearse Square, if he would consider providing for electric charging point cables.

Reply:

The location of Electric Vehicle charging points in residential parking areas has proven to be quite controversial with representations from residents and local representatives alike to have them removed as they reduce the available parking for residents. Pearse Square is fully subscribed for residential permits and there are no plans to introduce an EV charge point here. The Council is trialling the installation of a twin head EV charger on Sir John Rogerson's Quay. It is expected this charger will be commissioned in Q2 2019 and the results of the trial will inform the Council's policy on the possible further roll out of EV chargers.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can a council representative please visit *details supplied to assess damp in her house and to make her bathroom more accessible. This lady has health problems and needs immediate assistance. Someone from the council was supposed to visit her after Christmas to assess the works needed but this has not yet happened. Can the area manager please arrange this as a matter of urgency?

Reply:

DCC installed a Positive Input Ventilation (PIV) system in November 2018. We also installed a Filterless Fan in the bathroom and applied anti mould chemicals to the walls. The PIV should be switched on at all times and will only come on when required to filter the air. The cost of the unit being on constantly is less than a fridge.

An application for the removal of the bath and the installation of a low level shower under our accessibility programme was received from this tenant. The survey has been carried out and the application is currently under medical assessment. This assessment will be carried out within the next four to six weeks and the tenant will be notified in writing of the outcome.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he will please liaise with the Aviva Stadium and other local businesses to work on an improved cleansing plan for the local during and after the matches and events. Many residents have complained about the increase in litter of late.

Reply:

A litter warden will visit the commercial premises (convenience stores, take away premises and public houses primarily) within the locality of the Aviva Stadium to explain their responsibilities under the Bye-Laws for the Prevention and Control of Litter.

The Waste Management Department will work with the South East Area Office and other relevant stakeholders including stadium management and local residents to ensure that post event cleaning is carried out to the required standard following events.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he will please consider dry lining the inside of the outside wall of *details supplied: the council recently painted the walls with anti-damp paint, but the resident has done this work herself in previous years and it hasn't made any difference. The resident needs just four panels of dry lining to cover the external wall.

Reply:

A specialist contractor recently carried out works in *details supplied to deal with excess condensation within the property caused by lack of adequate ventilation. Mechanical ventilation was provided in the living room, bathroom and kitchen. All mould was cleaned and removed.

The property would benefit from small things such as minimising drying clothes internally where possible and ensuring that no excess clutter builds up which may inhibit the flow of air through the dwelling.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he can please fix the footpath outside *details supplied. This path was left like this after a water meter installation some years ago. Can the manager arrange to have it mended please?

Reply:

Please be advised that the permanent reinstatement is the responsibility of Irish Water. Road Maintenance Services has highlighted this issue to Irish Water at the address detailed above.

Please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @IrishWater
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if he will please install an exit safety ladder from the river along the Dodder Walkway. There is only one located between the Dodder Sea Scouts and not another for quite a stretch. This would greatly improve safety for walkers and river users.

Reply:

This question has been forwarded to the Office of Public Works (OPW) for comment and a reply will issue to the Councillor when a response is received.

Q.65 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have the tree removed from *details supplied. The tree is located behind railings in the complex and in summer grows into *details supplied's balcony and is blocking all light going into the back of the residents of the flats.

Reply:

The tree was inspected and the matter discussed with the area office. It is proposed to prune the tree in the coming weeks to help alleviate the problem for the tenant.

Q.66 Councillor Chris Andrews

Bearing in mind the huge problem with plastics polluting our rivers and seas can the manager arrange to have a sea bin installed in the Grand Canal Dock area and at entrance to Dodder. Similar to the sea bins <https://www.seabinproject.com/>

Reply:

Waterways Ireland has responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the water courses at Grand Canal Dock. The question has been forwarded to Waterways Ireland for comment and reply will issue to the Councillor when a response is received.

Q.67 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager investigate and contact the cement companies in the Poolbeg area as residents have reported to me the ongoing problem of the cement trucks spilling concrete on the Sean Moore Road and Chapel Avenue and when this concrete dries it's a hazard for cyclists and also is challenge for all the good work the Ringsend and Irishtown Tidy Towns are doing.

Reply:

This will be investigated and the company operators will be written to as required.

Q.68 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if consideration can be given to prioritising the housing of *details supplied.

Reply:

The above named applicant is on Band 2 of the Housing waiting list with the following positions;

Area	Bed-size	Position
K	1	252
L	1	358
N	1	349

The applicant's positions are currently too low to be considered for an offer of a social housing tenancy. The applicant has been advised of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme which will provide them with financial support towards the cost of renting their own property.

Q.69 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to remove portions of double yellow lines and to facilitate extra residential parking at *details supplied, as requested by residents.

Reply:

The recommendation provided on the consultant's report proposed the following: rescindment of the existing double yellow lines located at the end of *details supplied and introduction of the on street parallel car parking (three parking spaces).

In their proposed design the auto-track carry out shows that it would be require vehicles to drive on the footpath. This was duly noted by Dublin City Council traffic engineers.

The position of the Traffic Advisory Group on this matters is as follows:

Under the S.I. No. 182/1997 - Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997:

"3. Driving on Footway 13. (1) Subject to sub-articles (2) and (3), a vehicle shall not be driven along or across a footway."

The Pay and Display and Permit scheme when it was originally designed did not intend the turning circle which could be used as a free parking space when paid parking spaces were delineated on *details supplied. This area is required by emergency vehicles to access.

Therefore, the Traffic Advisory Group under health and safety recommendations does not allow for driving on the footpath entrance to the green area. As a result it does not recommend to implement the proposed design put forward in the report.

Q.70 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if “children at play” signs can be erected at *details supplied, as there have been a number of near misses in the estate, also if a yellow box can be placed at the junction of details supplied.

Reply:

Children crossing signs are only erected at the entrances to residential estates from main traffic routes and not generally provided on cul de sac roads, as they are shown to be ineffective at reducing speeds. It is therefore not recommended to install a Children crossing sign at the location listed above.

The criteria for providing yellow boxes are as follows:

- Blocking of the junction should occur regularly, on a daily basis, and at least during peak periods.
- Side road traffic flows should be significant and the side road should serve a minimum of fifty houses or a major traffic generating facility.

As the above location does not meet the warrant a request for a yellow box will not be considered.

Q.71 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to urgently investigate the property *details supplied in relation to defective windows and doors, also absence of fire alarms.

Reply:

Dublin City Council, Housing Maintenance have recently surveyed over 19,000 of our units.

Following on from these surveys we will be carrying out necessary works required on these units. This dwelling is included our surveys and any necessary works identified will be carried out.

Q.72 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager the frequency of cleaning at details supplied - and if this is being supervised / monitored.

Reply:

This complex is cleaned on a daily basis and the work is supervised. The stairs and communal areas are swept daily and waste is collected twice a week. An area supervisor and team leader visit the site on a daily basis and records are maintained. The manager of the service visited the site on the 1st March and the complex was found to be clean. One stairwell was deemed in need of a power wash which has been completed. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Q.73 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if the transfer to a more suitable accommodation can be found for *details supplied as x has a disability and cannot manage three flights of stairs to their current flat.

Reply:

The above named applicant can submit an application for Medical Priority to be considered for a move to suitable ground floor accommodation. Please advise the applicant to contact the allocations section and a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice regarding the Medical Application process.

Q.74 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if the dampness in *details supplied can be sorted out as matter of urgency - a bath is also requested as there is a chance to get a bath in the flat as the tenant's son has a disability, a bath may help.

Reply:

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance have recently installed a Positive Input Ventilation (PIV) unit in the property. This will need some time to work.

No application for the installation of a bath under our accessibility programme has been received from this tenant. An application form has been forwarded to this tenant and will be assessed under our programme when completed and returned to Housing Maintenance.

Q.75 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if the dampness in *details supplied can be rectified as soon as possible.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is currently working on a number of properties in *details supplied. This dwelling will be included on our list.

Q.76 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if the dampness affecting *details supplied can be inspected and eradicated as soon as possible.

Reply:

Dublin City Council installed a Positive Input Ventilation (PIV) system in this dwelling December 2018. Two number ventilation units were installed in bedrooms. We also installed a Filterless Fan in the bathroom and applied anti-mould chemicals to the walls. The PIV should be switched on at all times and will only come on when required to filter the air. The cost of the unit being on constantly is less than a fridge.

Q.77 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if consideration can be given to re-surfacing the roads of *details supplied 1 considering all the heavy construction traffic the area has endured in the building of the apartments at details supplied 2.

Reply:

This road will be considered for inclusion in our next year's Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime, defects will be put on our works list for repairs to be carried out.

Request for speed ramps at the above location is listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the area traffic engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

Q.78 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if "Children at Play" signs can be erected at *details supplied. Can this area also be assessed for speed ramps?

Reply:

A request for Children Crossing signage at this location has been added to the agenda of the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report by the area engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

This location is already traffic calmed with speed ramps in place and is part of the 30km/h speed limit zones under the Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2018.

Q.79 Councillor Anne Feeney

Could the Traffic Department consider putting double yellow lines on the lanes behind Grosvenor Square and Leinster Road to ensure that oil deliveries, fire brigade, etc. can access the lanes when needed? Currently cars from outside the area are parking on the lanes and using public transport to go into the city.

Reply:

The above request for double yellow lines will be added to the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the area engineer upon receipt of further information from the Councillor regarding exact location.

Q.80 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for the bus stop on Terenure Road West (outside Horton No. 46) to be moved a few feet left or right as it is currently at the opening of a residential drive and given the number of school children waiting at the bus stop at certain times of day, it can be dangerous with cars coming out or going into the drive with restricted vision. By moving it a few feet in either direction it would still be in front of the garden wall of No. 46, but much safer for school children congregated at the bus stop.

Reply:

Dublin City Council have spoken to Dublin Bus with regards moving this stop. This bus stop needs to be assessed before it can be relocated. I should have an answer within the next week.

Q.81 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager for more speed control signs on Fortfield Road.

Reply:

Fortfield Road is traffic calmed with speed cushions installed. It is a 50Km/h road. It is Dublin City Council's policy not to erect additional repeater signage as this will lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city.

Q.82 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to address the following issues on Lavarna Road and Lavarna Grove, Terenure.

- a) Lighting is very poor on the road at the junction with Terenure Road West and also at the junction with Fortfield Road. These dark sections of the road are dangerous for pedestrians.
- b) Lavarna is a 'rat run', particularly at peak hours. It is also a residential area with young children using the green area in the Centre for play. There is a need to have more speed control/children playing signage to alert speeding cars using this route to shortcut from Fortfield to Terenure Road West.
- c) Arrange for the shore at 2 Lavarna Grove to be unblocked as it floods.
- d) To consider extending the double yellow lines on the east side of Lavarna Grove where it meets Terenure Road West, as this area is frequently congested at peak hours, where two way traffic cannot pass because of parked cars.

Reply:

- a) Public Lighting Services have requested Parks Division to prune back the trees where possible at the junction with Terenure Road West, as the lights are positioned at the back of the footpath here. We will also include upgrading the existing lighting on Lavarna Grove and Road to LEDs, as part of a future project, subject to finances available.
- b) Children Crossing signage is in place at the junctions with Fortfield and Terenure Road West. Speed ramps are in place on Lavarna Road and Lavarna Grove and the Traffic Advisory Group does not recommend additional speed ramps at this time.

However, Lavarna Road and Lavarna Grove have been included in the fifth phase of the 30 Km/h Speed limit introduction. This proposal will be going for public consultation in early 2020. Following the adoption, and sealing of the new bye-laws, works will commence to erect the relevant signage in the new areas in late 2020.

- c) A member of the Gully Cleaning Crew will inspect and clean the gully at 2 Lavarna Grove over the next few days.
- d) The request for double yellow lines at this location has been added to the agenda of the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report by the area engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.83 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider installing bollards on the footpath on Corrib Road (junction with Lower Kimmage Road) to prevent illegal parking. Cars park on the double yellow lines and on the footpath (to use the shops) and even with this, the two way flow of cars on this road is regularly held up as they can't pass each other. This sometimes causes back-up problems on busy Lower Kimmage Road.

Reply:

This query will require further investigation by an area engineer in order to assess the issues caused by illegal parking at this location. I will therefore add this as a Service Request to the Traffic Asset Management System (TAMS).

Q.84 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider installing paid parking on all remaining parking spaces in Rathgar village. This would ensure that cars are not parked in these spaces all day, but are available to shoppers to the village. Parking around Rathgar is a major issue and making the village unattractive for shoppers.

Reply:

There are multiple parking controls, e.g. Double Yellow Lines, Clearway, Pay and Display already located in and surrounding Rathgar Village in addition to Bus Lane. If the Councillor wishes to provide specific details of where there may be some sections of road not subject to controls these can be referred to the Traffic Advisory group for review and recommendation.

Q.85 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to install a waste bin on Williams Park, Rathmines as the build-up in rubbish in the area (adjacent to DIT) is unacceptable for local residents.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have a litter bin on Ardee Road right at the corner of Williams Park. We also have a big belly bin at the bus stop in front of the Swan Leisure Centre on Rathmines Road at the other corner of Williams Park. As Williams Park is a residential street, we would consider it to be more than adequately serviced with litter bins. There are no plans to install a litter bin there at this time.

Q.86 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to review the double yellow lines and white line at the entrance to Mayfield (off Zion Road). It is currently very difficult and unsafe for residents to drive out of Mayfield with parking at the entrance blocking their vision.

Reply:

This query will require further investigation by an area engineer in order to assess the issue the residents are having at this location. I will therefore add this as a service request to the Traffic Asset Management System (TAMS).

Q.87 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for dog fouling warning signs to be erected on Terenure Road West, Hazelbrook, Parkmore and Lavarna, Terenure. There is a growing problem in the area with people walking their dogs early in the morning and late at night and allowing the dogs defecate the pavements.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs at the locations above.

Q.88 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for the small green space in the traffic island at the junction between Fortfield Road and Wainsfort Road to be properly maintained and nicely landscaped (as used to be the case by Dublin City Council). It has for some time looked very neglected.

Reply:

This traffic island is the responsibility of South Dublin County Council and not Dublin City Council.

Q.89 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for the broken pavement at the traffic lights at Rathmines Close (opposite Tranquillity Park) to be repaired as it is very difficult for people with mobility issues to independently get onto the pavement to reach the shops on Upper Rathmines Road.

Reply:

A repair will be carried out here as soon as possible.

Q.90 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can Morehampton Terrace be resurfaced?

Reply:

This road will be considered for inclusion in our next year's Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime, defects will be put on our works list for repairs to be carried out.

Q.91 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Brent Geese migrate every year to Sandymount Strand. They are a protected species. Can more signs be erected indicating to walkers not to allow their dogs to chase the geese?

Reply:

Additional signs will be erected at this location over the coming weeks.

Q.92 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the potholes on *details supplied be repaired? Can it be swept? Can more bins be made available?

Reply:

These potholes will be repaired as soon as possible.

Waste Management Services had *details supplied swept on the 28th February 2019. It is not the policy of Waste Management Services to install litter bins in residential areas such as *details supplied. Our policy is to ensure that the bins are located in close proximity to significant litter generators and in areas of high pedestrian footfall.

Q.93 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the bandstand in Herbert Park be maintained and preserved?

Reply:

Dublin City Council undertook a Conservation & Management Plan for the park in 2015, which confirmed that the bandstand did not form part of the original Great Exhibition design layout.

A report on the alternative options for the future of the bandstand will be brought before the South East Area Committee over the coming months.

Q.94 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpath outside *details supplied 1 be repaired and can the tree at same location be cut down?

Reply:

A repair will be carried out here as soon as possible.

There is no street tree planted outside *details supplied 1. However there is a street tree outside *details supplied 2, which is in good condition and it is not recommended that it be removed.

Q.95 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can *details supplied be resurfaced?

Reply:

This road will be considered for inclusion in our next year's Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime, defects will be put on our works list for repairs to be carried out.

Q.96 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpaths outside *details supplied be repaired?

Reply:

A repair will be carried out here as soon as possible.

Q.97 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can *details supplied be cleaned and sprayed with weed killer?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had details supplied cleaned on the 28th February 2019. Weed spraying citywide will take place in April / May 2019.

Q.98 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can Herbert Park be maintained; in particular the smaller playground needs attention. The grass area near here is being used as a public toilet.

Reply:

There are two 'smaller playgrounds' located in Herbert Park one close to the main playground at the rear of the tennis courts and the other at the Home Villas / Pembroke Cottages side of the park.

Both playgrounds are visited daily and routine maintenance undertaken. There is also a formal playground inspection undertaken weekly and defects are logged for repair.

Grassed areas are maintained depending on their use e.g. formal lawn areas and sports pitches receive more frequent mowing while areas where a diversity of wildflowers and grasses are being encouraged are cut less frequently.

There are public toilets located at the tea rooms.

Q.99 Councillor Claire O'Connor
Can *details supplied be swept?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned roads cleaned on the 28th February 2019.

Q.100 Councillor Claire O'Connor
Can the tree outside *details supplied be attended to as it is about break?

Reply:

The tree at this location is a well-established silver birch (*Betula sps*) which has a broken branch caught up in the tree crown. This branch will be removed as soon as possible over the coming days.

Q.101 Councillor Chris Andrews
Can the manager carry out a survey on the main drains in Markievcz House and identify any issues and do follow up repairs as the residents have reported there is an ongoing problem causing the shores to overflow and could a complete power washing of the areas involved as the smell is quite bad.

Reply:

Dublin City Council carried out works on the broken shores and repaired them in January 2019. A full survey of all of the lines was carried out after this and found the lines to be in good working order.