



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019**

- 1 **Presentation on Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme, Part 10 update**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Presentation on Planning Application Reference 3717/19**  
**Order: Noted. Councillors requested to have their objections to this planning application recorded and were advised that any observations or recommendations cannot be taken into account in the determination of the planning application unless formally submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations.**
- 3 **Presentation on UEFA Euro 2020**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Presentation on Neighbourhood Transport Scheme**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 **Motions 9 September 2019**

**Motion 1 from Councillor Pat Dunne carried from July SEAC meeting**

Given the size and diversity of the Dublin South East Area Committee we believe that a system of more localised meetings between councillors and local management for each of the 3 local electoral areas (LEAs) should be established.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests the manager to initiate a specific cleaning programme in the vicinity of cycle lanes where they are in close proximity to locations where outdoor alcohol consumption may take place to reduce the impact of broken glass with consequent possibility of punctures and to procure specific support from the public and other suppliers of alcohol on the routes for this initiative.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 3 from Councillor Anne Feeney (taken with motions 6 and 16)**

That this committee agrees that the speed limit of 50km/hr should be reduced to 30km/hr in Rathgar Village and on Rathgar Road and Terenure Road East. This change in speed limit would improve the safety for road users (pedestrians, cyclists and motorists) and recognise that Rathgar Village is central to the local community with small businesses whose viability depends on local pedestrian customers.

The change would also be consistent with Dublin City Council's aim of reducing traffic speeds generally; facilitating community development (as in the Rathgar Improvement Plan) and making Dublin a more age friendly city.

This positive change in speed limit would be entirely consistent with that in other urban villages in the City and should be implemented as soon as possible.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Anne Feeney**

That this committee agrees that an appropriate tracking and feedback system is put in place to capture all monthly questions and motions; to categorise them as appropriate (i.e. traffic, roads, housing maintenance, by road, and other useful categorization) and facilitate a regular (e.g. quarterly update to all Councillors on the status of their query / question and other useful information i.e. contact name of council official dealing with each query. This system / process would allow both Councillors and officials deal with queries and represent constituents more effectively and efficiently and is already being used in other council areas.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee agrees to request the Manager to review the possibility and desirability of installing CCTV at the new playground at Sean Moore Park.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 6 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy (taken with motions 3 and 16)**

That this committee agree to Speed Limit Change from 50km/hr to 30km/hr through Rathgar Village, on Rathgar Road and Terenure Road East. According to Rathgar Road Residents Association, "a reduction in the speed limit... is absolutely essential for the safety of the numerous pedestrians and cyclists who pass through Rathgar daily, the residents of Rathgar and patrons of the village businesses, and would consequently secure the viability of Rathgar as a safe and pleasant place to live and work."

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this committee agree to adding the Victorian villas and terrace on Winton Avenue, Rathgar to the Record of Protected Structures.



According to local resident, a derelict and damaged villa is in danger and should not be demolished, to do so would detrimentally impact the character and setting of the local area, which is in breach of architectural heritage guidelines.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this Area Committee agree to more bicycle parking on Upper Rathmines Road near the retail parade, and provide a pedestrian crossing and lights.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To refer this committee to Palmerston Gardens parking scheme can be set up for resident parking permits and paid parking. As some of the residents consider that the free parking is causing over-parking on their road.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Over two years ago I got agreement at this committee that we ask Dublin Bus to provide seating as far as possible at bus stops. I specifically mentioned the bus stop on the east side of the road opposite Whitefriar Street Church. Sadly this bus stop is still without any seating and it must be a major problem especially for older people who attend Mass at this church. It is therefore agreed that we call a meeting with Dublin Bus to discuss their policy in this regard.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

In the interest of ensuring proper maintenance and protection of the biodiversity of our canals, it is agreed that we urgently set up a meeting with Waterways Ireland. We need to discuss the implementation of the recommendations of the Scott Wilson Report. Furthermore we need to discuss with Waterways Ireland and the appropriate government department the provision of proper funding for canal maintenance. It is essential that DCC is given the facility to feed into the Waterways Ireland structure and ensure that both officials and elected representatives can be part of that democratic and devolved structure.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This area committee supports the completion of the Part 8 development ref. 1087/07 in Eamon Ceannt Park and specially the provision of 30 new car park spaces on Rutland Avenue. We call upon the relevant sections of Dublin City Council to now provide these car parking spaces as a matter of priority.

The provision of these car parking spaces has the support of the residents, park users and sporting clubs. The part 8 was approved in 2007 and while the new pavilion was completed, the car parking spaces are still awaited.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That the Manager write to the Gardaí in Pearse Street Station and request an increased presence in Pearse House and Markievicz House as the level of drug dealing and criminality is unacceptable in this community.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this committee asks the Manager to meet a delegation of residents of Vavasour Square re yellow lines.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

That this committee agrees to the installation of a zebra crossing or another form of traffic signal improvement at the junction of Ravensdale Park and Kimmage Road Lower.

With a high number of residents with visual impairments in the immediate vicinity and a large number of young families with young children, this crossing is dangerous and has been raised as a problem by many residents.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor Tara Deacy (with motions 3 and 6)**

That the speed limit in Rathgar Village, on Rathgar Road and on Terenure Road East be changed from 50km/hr to 30km/hr.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 17 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

That the parking issues at the junction of Aughavanagh Road and Clogher Road, Crumlin be addressed, visibility is severely impeded by cars and vans parking on and around the corners of the junction and is almost impossible to see on-coming traffic until a vehicle is only metres away.

That planters or bollards be placed at the corners in order to dissuade people from parking there? (Please see pictures attached).

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

That DCC re instates the Household Collection prior to Halloween to avoid the availability of bonfire material, in turn reducing the number of illegal bonfires in many areas, in particular Rutland avenue.

**Order: Moved by Cllr. Dermot Lacey. Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

That the Committee agree to the installation of 'Children at Play Signage' in the Windmill Park area.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 20 from Councillors James Geoghegan, Claire Byrne, Hazel Chu and Patrick Costello**

This South East Area Committee condemns in the strongest terms all forms of ethnic and racially motivated abuse.

**Order: Moved for Cllrs. Hazel Chu and Patrick Costello by Cllr. James Geoghegan. Agreed.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That this committee agrees to provide physical cycle lane protection for the cycle lane on the in-bound side of the road at the top of Camden Street.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 22 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

This committee ask the community section to work with local residents groups to host car free days on a regular basis throughout the South East Area.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 23 from Councillor Patrick Costello**

That this local area committee calls on Dublin street parking services to do more to enforce illegal parking in cycle ways and on footpath in the south east area.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 24 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

This South East Area Committee requests that the installation of flexi bollards along certain segments of the cycle lane in the main Ranelagh Road through the village be examined to protect safe cycling be installed irrespective of whether the cycle lane is a 24-hr cycle lane or not.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 25 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

This South East Area Committee requests that an independent external reviewer be appointed to investigate all options that could be considered by Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant or Irish Water to reduce the 18 annual releases from the storm water tank and the feasibility for an additional storm water tank to be built as a potential solution to preserve clean bathing waters for swimmers.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### 6 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 8 July 2019**

**Order: Agreed.**

### 7 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**Order: Noted.**

### 8 **Planning & Property Development Department Matters**

- i. Report on the proposal to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as 22 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2.

**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**

- ii. Report on the proposal to grant a temporary convenience letting of a site at Beggars Bush, Shelbourne Road to Eir.

**Order: Referred back to the October South East Area Committee meeting.**

### 9 **South East Area Matters**

- i. South East Area Updates.

**Order: Noted.**

- ii. Nomination of South East Area Councillors to committees.

**Order: The South East Area Committee agreed the nomination of the following Councillors to the following committees:**

**Nomination of three Councillors to the Dodder Greenway Steering Committee:**

**Cllrs. Patrick Costello, James Geoghegan and Dermot Lacey.**

**Nomination of two Councillors to the Docklands Oversight Forum:**

**Cllrs. Claire Byrne and Kevin Donoghue.**

- iii. Addendum report on the naming and numbering proposal for a development on a site at Charlemont Street / Tom Kelly Road, Dublin 2.

**Order: Agreed.**

- iv. Report on a naming and numbering proposal for a development on a site at Sandymount Castle Park, Dublin 4.

**Order: Agreed.**

- v. Report on a revision to a previously approved naming and numbering scheme for a development at Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.

**Order: Agreed.**

- vi. Report on a proposal to name and number a development on a site formerly known as Waterpark House, to the rear of Treacy's Auto Centre, Poddle Park, Kimmage, Dublin 12.  
**Order: Agreed.**

10 **Questions 9 September 2019**  
**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 9 September 2019**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)  
Chris Andrews  
Deirdre Conroy  
Kevin Donoghue  
Mannix Flynn

**Members:**

Anne Feeney  
Danny Byrne  
Patrick Costello  
Pat Dunne  
Mary Freehill

**Members:**

Paddy McCartan  
Hazel Chu  
Tara Deacy  
James Geoghegan  
Claire O'Connor

**Officers**

Mary Taylor  
Paul McCann  
Mark Ginnetty  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Gerard O'Connell  
Paul Clegg

Brian Hanney  
Robert Chester  
Fiona O'Brien  
Andrew Duff  
Elaine Sullivan  
Tony Flynn

John MacEilly  
Declan Hayden  
Leah Johnston  
Gerald McEntagart  
Don Daly

**Non-Members**

David Grant  
(South Dublin Co. Council)

**Apologies:**

Claire Byrne

**Q.1 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to investigate the water supply problem at Frankfort Court and arrange for the water main to be restored so that the public water supply and the hydrant provide an acceptable standard of service.

The public water main comes into this estate and terminates in a water hydrant. This produces a very low flow and is a matter of concern for residents, especially in the event of fire.

**Reply:**

As this issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water.

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](mailto: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](http://www.water.ie)  
**Twitter:** @IrishWater  
**Postal Address:** Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

**Q.2 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for pruning of overhanging trees above the electricity box on Parkmore near the junction with Terenure Road West. The overhanging foliage which often is over the entire footpath is growing from a piece of 'no man's land' i.e. ownership of the land is unknown.

**Reply:**

This plant which is growing from a private garden is a fast growing climber commonly known as Russian Vine (*Fallopia aubertii*) has now been cut back.

**Q.3 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to indicate what improved measures (to raise awareness and also to actively pursue enforcement) are being considered to deal with dog fouling on pavements in the South East area.

**Reply:**

Regular patrols are undertaken throughout the South East Area by Authorised Officers. The Officers in question distribute rolls of dog foul bags to dog walkers and maintain a visible presence in the areas.

Dog Wardens have been patrolling the South East Area accompanied by Public Domain staff.

Our Community Section organise and support local dog shows throughout the area. The Dog Warden Service attend these shows and give talks about responsible dog ownership.

Waste Management Services are in the process of preparing a citywide anti-dog fouling awareness campaign. The objective of the campaign is to raise awareness by using cinema advertising, social media and empowering the community by local activation.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will have the leaves at the lower level of the tree on the left hand side of the road heading up Eglinton Road immediately after Eglinton Park removed as they cause a real block on the vision of cars exiting Eglinton Park.

**Reply:**

This tree is a large mature Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) which is considered to be in good condition based on a ground level assessment. Pruning of the lower branches will be added to our current tree works programme and undertaken over the coming weeks.

**Q.5 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager supply a full report and update on the 'fanzones' that are to be created regarding the UEFA 2020 Tournament in the Temple Bar Area and also in the wider area of the South East Area. This report to include all plans and event managements and also what infrastructure is to be put in place regarding health and safety and event management. One of the area's designated for such a 'fanzone' area is the Temple Bar Square area. This square at present is already a hazard to the public because of its dilapidated state. So what improvements are to be made when huge numbers of fans descend into this zone?

**Reply:**

A detailed presentation will be made at September South East Area Committee meeting to update Councillors on plans for EURO 2020 including Fan Zones.

**Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue an update report with regards the intended children's play area at Boyne Street flats?

**Reply:**

There are no plans at the moment to install a playground at the above location.

**Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a report regarding how much revenue has been generated in the South East Area over the past three years for the erection of hoarding through Dublin City Council's permit scheme?

**Reply:**

The software used by Roadworks Control Unit to process hoarding licences is designed to cater for the Council's entire administrative area and cannot be formatted to select hoardings on an area basis. However, between January 2016 and December 2018 a total of 762 hoarding licences were issued by Dublin City Council and we would estimate the number of licences for the South East Area during that period to be 335 licences with a value of €3m.

**Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager have the pole on the north side of Wicklow Street (see photo attached) removed and relocated to a much safer area? Many people are complaining that this pole creates a nuisance and an obstacle because of the amount of bicycles that are being tied to it daily. There have been a number of serious falls and trips here by elderly and visually impaired persons.

**Reply:**

We are statutorily obliged to indicate with road markings and signage poles in areas of parking (temporary or permanent). The pole in question (on Exchequer Street) could only be

removed if the loading bay was re-located. Road markings without the appropriate signage would be unenforceable.

**Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager examine the process for the initiation of the regeneration of Glovers Court flat complex at York Street? This complex has serious structural problems and ongoing level of anti-social behaviour and many of its tenants are suffering from a myriad of illnesses as a result of the damp and mould and general dilapidation of the flat complex. There is ongoing issues in relation to the sewage and waste water and the roof and drainage in the building is a constant issue. This complex has over 40 flats, many of the tenants are elderly, while some are young families. They have suffered a long drawn out process and now realise that there is little hope of these present blocks being refurbished and maintained. The hope is that the future would offer a new build and a fit for purpose standard of accommodation for the generations to come.

**Reply:**

The Housing and Community Services Department has audited all its apartment complexes with regards current condition and development potential.

It will presently discuss its findings with the councillors for the South East Inner City and will be recommending that plans for the regeneration for Glovers Court are initiated.

**Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager call on the Parks Dept. to prune the trees and the general weeds and shrubbery of 15 Kerlogue Road, Ringsend. An elderly couple live here and their light has been cut off by the overgrown tree in the garden. The side of their property has a small green area that is full of weeds and litter. The situation for this elderly couple is urgent as it is now a health and safety issue for them.

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance have carried out an inspection of the area. They have spoken with the tenants and work to clear out the side area of the dwelling will be carried out in next three weeks. The tree will be pruned in October which is the season for this type of work. There are no health and safety issues involved for the tenants of this dwelling.

**Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager make contact with the developers of the hotel project on Ballsbridge / Lansdowne Road / Shelbourne Road area with regards the high level of noise and dust pollution coming from their building site? Also, the complete disregard for local residents and their concerns and the high level of unacceptable behaviour emanating from the site. The residents here are at their wits ends in relation to this ongoing issue. I have over a 1,000 pages of correspondence between the residents, the developer and the liaison officers on the site and indeed Dublin City Council.

The residents feel that they have been ignored and are given lame excuses for excessive noise, out of hours work and all the general disruption that is taking place in their lives as a result of this development. Dublin City Council have a statutory duty to ensure that this development in all its aspects is conducted in a responsible reasonable manner. In this instance this doesn't seem to be the case.

**Reply:**

The Planning Enforcement Section currently has an active planning enforcement file relating to alleged breaches of working hours at this site. There have also been recent complaints relating to noise and dust from this site that have been referred to our Environmental Health Section for investigation. Environmental Health Section have been requested to provide an update of the performance of the site in respect of noise and dust requirements.

Investigations by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area have revealed that the last breach of working hours appeared to have happened over the May Bank Holiday weekend. Undertakings have been given on behalf of the developer committing to fully comply with their requirements relating to hours of work for the duration of the development.

Further complaints cited health and safety concerns and issues with parking clamps, these complaints have been referred to the HSA (Health & Safety Authority).

The site will continue to be monitored by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area and consideration will be given to further enforcement action if required.

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will investigate these matters, and in order to do so it will require the contact details of the residents making the complaints.

**Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full report with regards the street cleaning roster for Leinster Square, Rathmines and the surrounding areas? Many residents here have complained about the amount of dirt and litter that is being strewn about the place. Indeed, there is much correspondence between residents and litter management. Can the manager order a full clean of the area as soon as possible?

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had Leinster Square cleaned on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Waste Management Services have residential areas like Leinster Square inspected on a weekly basis and cleaned when necessary to do so. There is no specific cleaning schedule for these residential streets because there are different cleaning requirements in different areas which cannot be met by applying a standard citywide cleaning schedule. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of the Leinster Square area to see if it requires some extra attention.

**Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Given the rise in costs for building and development, particularly with regard the collapse of the plan for a cultural quarter at Parnell Square due to costs, can the manager bring a full report to the South East Area Committee on the implications of cost associated with a public plaza and traffic rearrangement at College Green?

**Reply:**

In relation to College Green, discussions are continuing with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and others with regard to Bus Connects and other related matters. The overall plans for College Green will be reviewed in the context of these discussions and taking account of the decision of An Bord Pleanála. The costs associated with the College Green proposals will be considered as part of this overall review and a report will issue to Councillors when the review has been completed.

**Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager ascertain and issue a report as to how many convicted sex offenders have been accommodated / are being accommodated in the South East Area by the Homeless Executive and the service providers for such services.

**Reply:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) does not release the numbers of sex offenders housed in emergency accommodation or the location of such service providers across the Dublin region. When a client presents to homeless services, need is assessed on physical health, mental health, exiting the prison system, level of supports required, and ability to live independently. All available vacancies are considered and the most appropriate available allocated.

The Probation Service monitors sex offenders in the community as part of the Sex Offender Risk Assessment / Management (Soram) initiative which involves officials from the Garda, Probation Service, Tusla, local authorities and the Irish Prison Service.

Soram is a risk assessment and management system established in 2010 and supports enhanced levels of co-operation and co-ordination between key organisations involved in managing the risks posed to the community by convicted sex offenders and in safeguarding the welfare of children. Sex offenders have to register where they are living and as part of their monitoring role Gardaí will assess whether this is suitable accommodation.

**Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a report as to what services and funding have been provided by Dublin City Council (DCC) or any other body, with regards tackling the growing menace of intimidation for drug debts in the cities flat complexes. This report to include any application for funding and a full criteria of what programmes are being rolled out to deal with this. This crime affects many young people and many families in our housing estates and needs a strong response for DCC's estate management in collaboration with other bodies.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council's anti-social behaviour strategy and policy / procedures contain the options available in tackling all complaints. This strategy is currently under review. In addition to our strategy, we also deal with the more serious cases such as a threat to life and gang related crime. We have moved many families for their own protection, these families will only be moved if they have a letter from the Gardaí confirming their threat to life.

**Q.16 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if permission has been given to anyone to remove the footpath along the side of Spafield Terrace, Ballsbridge, if any approaches have been made in relation to this and to confirm that no such permission would be given.

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services is not aware of any such approach. Road Maintenance Services' remit is the upkeep of roads and footpaths; it would not be in a position to sanction removal of a footpath.

**Q.17 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if Williams Park (a road) in Rathmines could be cleaned, and if only one side of the road could have parking space due to the limited access to Rathmines Wood.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had Williams Park cleaned on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019.

Williams Park has parking on each side of the road as it is 7.20m wide as such fits the criteria for double side parking which needs to be 6.5m wide.

Bin Lorries are able to navigate this portion of Williams Park towards Rathmines Wood. There are double yellow lines outside Rathmines Wood apartments any vehicles parking on these double yellow lines are a matter for Dublin City Council Parking or the Gardaí.

There is no reason to make Ardee Road one way as the road is wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic. By changing this road to a one-way road would encourage vehicles to increase their speed.

**Q.18 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if the roads and footpaths on Derry Road can be repaired and improved. Details from an email are provided (details supplied).

**Reply:**

This will be examined and report issued directly to the councillor.

**Q.19 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager that the trees on Larkfield Gardens and Larkfield Grove are pruned and the tops are reduced.

**Reply:**

The trees (*Tilia sps.*) at the above mentioned locations are growing on an area of public open space and are considered to be in good condition and not requiring any work.

**Q.20 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager that a Holocaust Memorial sculpture or plaque would be erected in the Herzog Park on Bushy Park Road / Rathgar Road.

**Reply:**

As this is a proposal for a permanent memorial or plaque, this proposal should be referred to the Commemorative Naming Committee under the Dublin City Council Commemorative Naming Policy and if relevant to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group in the case of a memorial sculpture.

**Q.21 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager to provide public signage with contact details for residents to contact:

- (i) Litter Wardens
- (ii) Traffic Wardens

Due to many residents phoning and emailing and tweeting me about litter being dumped outside their homes and back lanes; and cars parking on cycle lanes or in dangerous spaces.

**Reply:**

It is the Council's policy to reduce the proliferation of signage throughout the City. To make a complaint regarding litter please contact the Dublin City Litter Hotline on (tel.: **1800 251 348** or email: [customerservices@dublincity.ie](mailto:customerservices@dublincity.ie)).

Parking issues should be directed to [parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie](mailto:parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie) or directly to Dublin Street Parking Services (tel.: **6022 500** or email: [info@dsps.ie](mailto:info@dsps.ie))

**Q.22 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager that the bollards on Mount Tallant Avenue are not removed.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group have no request on file requesting the removal of bollards at the junction of Mount Tallant Avenue and Derravaragh Road.

**Q.23 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager to investigate flooding on the Kimmage Cross Roads area.

**Reply:**

The River Poddle, which passes through the Kimmage Cross Roads (KCR), has been the cause of flooding over many years with its effects extending from the city boundary to Harold's Cross at the Grand Canal. The last major event was in October 2011 but minor flooding occurs more frequently, most recently on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019. On that date a sudden downpour occurred on the south side of the city with 17mm of rainfall falling in just 15 minutes in Terenure – an event with a 5% chance of occurring each year. As the sewer network is not designed for such extreme events, it caused widespread surface water ponding / road flooding and led to a number of properties flooding, mainly at basement level.

While the road gullies and public sewers are regularly maintained by the Surface Water and Drainage Sections of DCC (with high level gully maintenance provided at known flooding locations) the historical development of the drainage system as the city expanded has led to the capacity deficiencies and the flooding issues we now experience. In the past surface water surface water run-off was collected and piped to the nearest watercourse and was designed for immediate run-off and peak flows. That approach has changed in recent years to one known as SuDS or sustainable urban drainage. SuDS involves a more natural drainage approach with techniques such as permeable paving, infiltration to the ground and storage / slow release of run-off preferred.

Given the scale of these legacy issues, and as the river also passes through the South Dublin County Council area, a major flood alleviation project (estimated at c. €7m) looking holistically at the entire river's catchment is under way funded by the Office of Public Works and being led by SDCC. Further details on this project is available at the following link:

<http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Media/Item/39102>

**Q.24 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to replace the street sign at the entrance to Grosvenor Park, Rathmines, as this sign is covered with graffiti and is very old. In addition the street sign for Grosvenor Park is only visible from the Rathmines side. Could an additional road sign be placed on the opposite side to this to ensure visibility for those coming from the Harold's Cross side?

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to replace these nameplates.

**Q.25 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to consider making additional disabled parking spaces available in Rathgar village, possibly outside the AIB Bank, where there currently is one space. There is a growing number of people in the area with mobility challenges and one space in the village is insufficient.

**Reply:**

The request for additional disabled parking bays in Rathgar Village has been added to the agenda of the Transport Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer. Enquiry No. 7011085 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course

**Q.26 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to review speed and traffic management on Castlewood Park, Rathmines. While Castlewood Park is a side road, it is a residential road which experiences a good deal of traffic, driving at speed, between Castlewood Avenue and Church Avenue / Belgrave Road.

**Reply:**

Castlewood Park has on street parking which narrows the available carriageway width which results in the road being traffic calmed.

Vehicles should be travelling at slow speeds which are appropriate and be conscious of pedestrians in an urban environment. Under the Road Traffic Act 1961 as amended "52.— (1) A person shall not drive a vehicle in a public place without due care and attention".

A 24 hour speed survey was carried out between 07:00hrs on 19<sup>th</sup> August and 07:00hrs on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. The resultant 85% percentile speed did not exceed the speed limit of 50kph, average was found to be 36 km/h and speed violations were less than 0.56%.

It is therefore not recommended to introduce further traffic calming measures, as they do not meet the warrant.

**Q.27 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to consider extending free car parking spaces on Rutland Avenue from The Spar to the entrance to Eamonn Ceannt Park, to facilitate Lourdes Celtic Pavilion Clubhouse and to help eliminate illegal parking in Rutland Grove.

**Reply:**

The double yellow lines were introduced in the area as a result of illegal parking (car parking and blocking the corners on Rutland Avenue which caused visibility issues for vehicles entering and exiting. It is also illegal to park on a road of three lanes or less where there is a continuous white line.

In order to facilitate Lourdes Celtic Pavilion Clubhouse and to help eliminate illegal parking in Rutland Grove, the traffic area engineer recommends the implementation of a Pay and Display Scheme in the area, this would help to eliminate illegal parking, avoid commuter parking and create better arrangement of parking in the area.

Therefore, it is recommended that residents from Rutland Grove/Clogher Road apply for the introduction of the Pay and Display scheme in the area.

Dublin City Council can proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on the residential roads and 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. Following this, a request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report.

**Q.28 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to put in place some surveillance of regular illegal dumping at the junction of Derry Road and Cashel Road and Derry Road and Kildare Road.

**Reply:**

The local Litter Warden for the area will monitor this area on a regular basis in order to try ascertain who is responsible for the illegal dumping. If evidence of illegal dumping is obtained by the Litter Warden, necessary enforcement action will be taken.

**Q.29 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager for more regular clearing up of litter on Cashel Road, Captains Road and Ravensdale.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned streets cleaned on the 26th August 2019. Waste Management Services have residential areas inspected on a weekly basis and cleaned when necessary to do so. There is no specific cleaning schedule for these residential streets because there are different cleaning requirements in different areas which cannot be met by applying a standard citywide cleaning schedule. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of this area to see if it requires some extra attention.

**Q.30 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager for an update on the Gulistan Waste Depot site.

**Reply:**

A number of meetings have been held between the Planning Department and members of the South East Area Committee in regard to the Gulistan Depot site. At more recent meetings in 2019 which included members of the Rathmines Initiative, a revised draft Masterplan,

including retention of stone buildings within the site, was presented. The Rathmines Initiative have since responded and raised a number of questions in relation to the revised draft, including the potential need for a Retail Impact Assessment and a Health Services Plan for the Rathmines area. In view of the above and the implications for other similar sites, we are reviewing all of the depot lands and will bring a further report forward in due course.

**Q.31 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Development Section to report on the progress in developing Older Persons' Accommodation on the site at Fr. Lar Redmond Centre on Keeper Road Dublin 12?

**Reply:**

Respond Housing Association has completed a Feasibility Study & Review Report for the development of older persons' accommodation at the above location. As Respond are currently at pre-planning application stage, the Housing Department has asked for a Development Agreement to be prepared which will set out the programme for delivery of this scheme. The Development Agreement will include a "long stop" date for delivery. As this is a construction project, a Stage 1 Capital Assistance Scheme Application under the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG's) Capital Works Management Framework will be submitted by Respond on conclusion of their pre-planning discussions. The Capital Works Management Framework approval process for Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) has a 75 week timeline from date of stage 1 application.

**Q.32 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Allocation Section to give a timeframe for the completion of the Tuath Housing Older Persons' development at Raleigh Square, Dublin 12? When do they envisage the development to be completed and when will the nomination process begin.

**Reply:**

The development at Raleigh Square comprises of 28 one bedroom and 5 two bedroom units. Due to previously notified delays the substantial completion date moved from June, 2019. The delay in the original completion date was due to supply chain issues and unforeseen design elements in the scheme. It is now anticipated that the contractor will meet the new substantial completion date of October, 2019. However, there are two risk items which have the potential to slightly delay the project beyond this date which relate to damaged Eir ducts on site which could delay the commissioning of the lifts and a slight change to ESB specification which the contractor will need to address in order to commission boilers and fire alarms. Tuath are actively working with the contractor to minimise any delays beyond the October, 2019 completion date.

**Q.33 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Allocation Section when they expect to allocate the Part V units in the Mount Argus apartment development?

**Reply:**

The City Council are currently in the process of acquiring 13 units at Mount Argus. We expect to allocate these units in November / December 2019.

**Q.34 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can consideration be given to speed ramps or a zebra crossing on Upper Rathmines Road to facilitate pedestrian traffic to Kildare Place School?

**Reply:**

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that following a site investigation, there is a demand for a pedestrian crossing on Rathmines Road Upper outside Kildare Place School. A traffic survey took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, from 8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. A total of 122

pedestrians crossed the road in a period of 30 minutes. The above is the best location in order to achieve visibility for the crossing and for pedestrians to cross safely; also this location was the desire line where pedestrians crossed Rathmines Road Upper. A recommendation for a pedestrian crossing at this location will be submitted to the September, 2019 meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group. The recommendation will provide for consideration of the measure for inclusion on a future Works Programme subject to available funding and resources.

**Q.35 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can an outline be given of proposed plans to tackle speeding in South Hill in circumstances where a change of demographic means a large amount of children are out playing?

**Reply:**

South Hill has been previously been investigated with regard to introduction of speed ramps but the location did not meet the warrant for such measures.

However, South Hill is included in the fifth phase of the 30 Km/h Speed Limit introduction. Bye-laws to legislate for this change, the Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws, 2019 are currently out for public consultation until Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019. Submissions may be made in writing marked "Speed Limit Review" to the Senior Engineer, Transport Operations, Environment & Transportation Department, Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, D08 RF3F, or via email to [speedreview@dublincity.ie](mailto:speedreview@dublincity.ie)

Following the adoption, and sealing of the new Bye-laws, works will commence to erect the relevant signage in the new areas in 2020. This signage incorporates "Children Crossing" signage and is placed on all roads exiting off an arterial route.

**Q.36 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can this committee agree to write to Transdev to ask them to address the noise emanating from the Luas?

**Reply:**

This question has been forwarded to Transdev for comment and a reply will issue to the Councillor in due course.

**Q.37 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

The lamp post beside Base Pizza shop was recently painted; could adjacent ones also be considered?

**Reply:**

The Councillor was asked to clarify the location; street names of where the councillor is referring to and the pole numbers of the lights in question, are required. Upon receipt of this information, the matter will be examined and a reply issued to the Councillor.

**Q.38 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

Can confirmation be given of when below works (details supplied) will be carried out?

**Reply:**

The proposed pedestrian crossing at details supplied is on the Future Works Programme but unfortunately due to the lack of funding and resources these works will not currently proceed. It will be considered as soon as resources and funding become available.

**Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager arrange to replace the front / back windows and doors of \*details supplied with the new PVC windows and doors similar to the recently installed ones in this householder's neighbours' homes.

**Reply:**

The windows and doors in this dwelling were inspected by Housing Maintenance. The front door is brown PVC. The handle was replaced. This door is in good condition and not in need of replacement. The windows were deemed in need of replacement. The tenant was offered white PVC windows but refused as she wanted the door to be replaced also. An order for timber double-glazed windows has been placed with our Joinery Workshop. The tenant will be contacted when this order is reached.

**Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager arrange to have the Grotto at Bremen Avenue tidied up and sprayed to remove the moss and dirt?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew have cleaned the grotto at this location.

**Q.41 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if there is approval for a generator at the top of Ballsbridge Avenue, junction Merrion Road. This is used by the pubs to generate for outdoor lighting for matches and events.

**Reply:**

The Planning Enforcement Section will investigate this issue and respond directly to Cllr Lacey once the facts in the matter have been established on site.

**Q.42 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if something can be done to deal with overgrown hedging which is covering the no entry signs and to fix the damaged Ballsbridge Avenue road sign, at the same location.

**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to cut back the hedging on Ballsbridge Avenue within the next two weeks. When this is done the no entry and road signs will be examined and rectified as required.

**Q.43 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if on the next issue of a license for outdoor tables for matches and events in front of the pubs at Merrion road by the junction of Ballsbridge Avenue, that an inspector would examine the location of outside tables (barrels) outside of the designated area.

**Reply:**

This issue will be investigated and enforcement will be carried out as required.

**Q.44 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have the area at Greenore Court off Macken Street monitored as it has become a litter blackspot as a result of fly tipping.

**Reply:**

Litter Wardens will monitor the area over the coming weeks and will continue to monitor for illegal dumping.

**Q.45 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue of overnight parking by camper vans in the car parks on Sandymount Strand. Could the height restriction barriers become operational to prevent camper vans overnighing?

**Reply:**

Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to monitor this location and take enforcement action where necessary.

The barriers are left open to allow for the drainage vehicles to access their containers on the seafront and also for Waste Management to service the bottle bank at this location.

**Q.46 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

He writes:

Could a Yield sign could be put on the pedestrian island on the south side of the roundabout on Sydney Parade Avenue / Strand Road?

Drivers approaching the roundabout on Strand Road seem to think that they do not need to 'give way' to cars already on the roundabout coming from Sydney Parade Avenue.

This has resulted in numerous rows between drivers over recent years. This, as you can imagine, is very unpleasant for local residents.

One other factor which I think would help is a roundabout having a kerb which would prevent motorists driving over the roundabout which often happens.

**Reply:**

There are Yield Signs on all three approaches to the roundabout of Sydney Parade / Strand Road which impose a requirement on all approaching traffic to yield. There are also transverse yield line markings and hollow triangular yield markings on all approaches to the roundabout. These road markings are included on all three arms.

The provision of a Yield Sign requires that drivers have sufficient visibility of conflicting traffic to judge that it is safe to continue to join or cross that traffic without stopping.

There is no requirement to implement a yield sign on the south side of the roundabout as the appropriate road markings and signage are already provided.

**Q.47 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have the junction of Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, adjacent to Bridge Street, examined with a view to installing traffic lights. This has become a dangerous and extremely busy junction.

**Reply:**

The request for traffic signals at the above location has been added to the agenda of the Transport Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer. Enquiry No. 7011172 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.48 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have the pothole on Herbert Avenue at the back gate to Gowans repaired.

**Reply:**

This will be logged in our system for repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

**Q.49 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have the hedges surrounding the bowling-green at Herbert Park trimmed back. They have become quite overgrown.

**Reply:**

The hedge surrounding the bowling green will be cut back over the coming weeks.

**Q.50 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager arrange to have the footpaths along the Front of Verschoyle Court be repaired as a matter of urgency? The trees have made the footpath hazardous as a result of trees roots pushing up and cracking the footpaths. I was told this would be done previously and up to last week this work had not been done. There are a lot of senior citizens in this area and it is unfair to leave the footpath in a hazardous condition.

**Reply:**

This issue will be examined and a reply will be issued directly to the Councillor.

**Q.51 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to take action to relieve the pressures on the pedestrian and cyclists at the Leeson Street Bridge, including the following:

- Increasing crossing time for pedestrian and cyclist on the north side of Leeson Street Bridge.
- Provide a bus priority gate on Leeson Street before the bridge to ensure public transport does not lose priority with the increased time for pedestrians.
- Providing improved pedestrian crossing on the south side of the bridge to provide alternatives for pedestrian looking to cross and reduce pressure on the crossing on the north side of the bridge.

**Reply:**

The sequencing at this set of lights was altered at the end of May, to allow the toucan crossing at Leeson Street Bridge to run twice in a cycle if it is demanded; reducing the average wait time for pedestrians and cyclists by 50%. The change was made in the interest of providing a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists as this is an extremely popular location for commuters travelling by sustainable modes along the Grand Canal and towards the City Centre. Over 3000 pedestrians and 1500 cyclists cross the bridge (east / west) in the AM period and the maximum permissible cycle is 120 seconds on the north side of Leeson Street Bridge.

The improved conditions for pedestrians and cyclists travelling on the Grand Canal results in delays to bus movements across the bridge. There are approx. 98 Dublin Buses travelling inbound in the AM period, assuming 85 passengers per inbound bus, this equates to upwards of 8,000 passengers travelling inbound between 0700 and 1000hrs. The coding upgrade of this junction is scheduled for completion in September / October 2019. The purpose of this coding upgrade is to allow for the installation of radar detection which will improve the performance of the junction in terms of detecting cyclists and pedestrians. The result of this additional pedestrian phase on Leeson Street Bridge negatively impacts the journey times of buses to / from city centre due to buses held up on the bridge therefore an additional measure has been identified that will improve the operation of Leeson Street Bridge. This measure seeks to improve the coordination between the junction at Leeson Street / Mespil Road / Grand Parade and the toucan crossing on Leeson Street Bridge. The proposed changes to the coding and co-ordination of Leeson Street will maintain the benefits to pedestrian / cyclists and improve the journey times for buses.

Towards the end of August, our maintenance contractors repaired a faulty pedestrian push button unit (PBU). The faulty PBU resulted in delays to pedestrians and cyclists during the peak period. This has now been repaired and the operation of the pedestrian buttons has returned to normal.

Dublin City Council's Bus Priority team will be collaborating with the Bus Connects designers to ensure that proposals at this location prioritise pedestrian, cyclists and bus movements through Leeson Street.

**Q.52 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to install outdoor stone chess tables in Harold's Cross Park. At the recent Harold's Cross Festival there was significant interest in the chess tournament, it would be positive to support this with a few stone seats and tables.

**Reply:**

If the proponent contacts the undersigned to arrange a meeting, the feasibility of this will be considered.

**Q.53 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to address the build-up of weeds along Captains Road, Ravensdale Park, Poddle Park and surrounding roads.

**Reply:**

As an alternative to weed spraying, due to the desire to reduce the use of herbicide, crews from Waste Management Services have commenced a programme of manually removing weeds from our road network. It is intended that weed removal will continue to be carried out by this method over the coming weekends. These crews have been attending to streets throughout the city where weed removal has been requested by members of the public and identified by the Public Domain Officers based in the local Area Offices. In addition we offer support to local groups who carry out weed removal in their areas. We will ensure that the above mentioned roads are included in this manual weed removal programme.

**Q.54 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager for a list of roads in the local area that have had weeds removed or treated in the last 18 months.

**Reply:**

Up to this year, weed spraying was arranged through the area offices and carried out by private contractors. In the absence of a weed spraying programme this year, Waste Management Services commenced a programme of manually removing weeds from our road network towards the end of July 2019. Below is the list of roads in the South East Area which had their weeds removed manually since then.

| <b>Weed Control in the South East Area</b>              |
|---|
| Lombard Court, Dublin 2                                 |
| Stephen's Lane, Dublin 2                                |
| Mount Drummond Avenue, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6, Dublin |
| Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook, Dublin 4                  |
| Oaklands Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4                     |
| Pembroke Lane, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4                    |
| Pembroke Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4                    |
| Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook, Dublin 4                 |
| Belleville Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin 6                    |
| Cherryfield Avenue Lower, Dublin 6                      |
| Garville Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin 6                      |
| Greenmount Lane, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6               |
| Milltown Path, Rathmines, Dublin 6                      |
| Rathmines Park, Dublin 6                                |

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| Temple Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6                 |
| Harty Place, Dublin 8                               |
| Harty Court, Dublin 8                               |
| Spencer Street South, Dublin 8                      |
| Bangor Road, Crumlin Dublin 12                      |
| Benbulbin Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12                  |
| Cashel Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12                     |
| Crumlin Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12                   |
| Long Lane, Dublin 8                                 |
| Long Lane Close, Dublin 8                           |
| Derry Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12                      |
| Downpatrick Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12                |
| Leighlin Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12                   |
| Saul Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12                       |
| Swanville Place, Rathmines, Dublin 6, Dublin        |
| Victoria Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, Dublin       |
| Auburn Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, Dublin         |
| Saint Broc's Cottages, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, Dublin |
| Home Villas, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, Dublin           |
| Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4               |
| Patrick Street, Dublin 8                            |
| Fernvale Drive, Walkinstown, Dublin 12, Dublin      |
| Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12, Dublin           |
| Bath Avenue Place, Sandymount, Dublin 4             |
| Grove Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6, Dublin             |
| Derrlane Gardens                                    |
| Aideen Place, Terenure, Dublin 6w, Dublin           |
| South Lotts Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4, Dublin        |
| Hazelbrook Road, Terenure, Dublin 6w, Dublin        |
| Hazelbrook Drive, Terenure, Dublin 6w, Dublin       |
| Corrib Road, Terenure, Dublin 6w, Dublin            |
| Derraveragh Road, Terenure, Dublin 6w, Dublin       |
| Aideen Avenue, Terenure, Dublin 6w, Dublin          |
| Aideen Drive, Terenure, Dublin 6w, Dublin           |

**Q.55 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager give an update on works to improve Cuffe Street and Digges Street following on from meeting with residents before summer and can the security of residents be prioritised in any future works?

**Reply:**

Works on the drainage have been completed at Cuffe Street / Digges Street and some resurfacing has been completed by Housing Maintenance. Further discussions need to take place regarding the bin store and any proposed works to the Play Area.

**Q.56 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager give an update on progress in the Cabbage Patch and future plans for changes to entrances and the plans for the upgrading of the pitch and playground while also acknowledging the great work that Eddie McGuinness, Kelley Bermingham, Margaret Doolin and DCC community section have been doing with residents?

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office has been working for some time on the rejuvenation of the Cabbage Patch, Dublin 8 which has experienced a lot of anti-social problems in the past number of years. We held a public consultation earlier this year to ask local residents what they would like to see in the Cabbage Patch and among the suggestions was the refurbishment of the football pitch and possibly a play area for children. We have held a number of events in the Cabbage Patch this summer including a Dog Show in association with Pride and also a Family Fun Day to raise funds for the Hospice and these events were very well received by local residents as we endeavour to attract people to the Cabbage Patch for the right reasons. We hope to arrange a Halloween event for the Cabbage Patch this year.

As you may be aware the Cabbage Patch was historically a graveyard and continued in use, possibly up to 1931 and we have been working very closely with the City Archaeologist's Office in relation to what may be allowable on site. Some archaeological testing took place in August and we are awaiting the outcome of these tests which will guide our approach going forward. It is acknowledged that there are a wide range of external stakeholders in the local community who are committed to the betterment of the Cabbage Patch and their support to date has been invaluable.

**Q.57 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager arrange to have the playground surface replaced in Conway Court as it is hazardous at this stage and is badly in need of replacing or comprehensive repair.

**Reply:**

An inspection of the playground will be carried out within the next 2 weeks to identify what repairs may be required.

**Q.58 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Following on from my previous request can the manager give an update on the work being done for assessment with a view to putting in place an extra Lollipop person in Ringsend village for children going to the two primary schools?

**Reply:**

The above request has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report **SR 7011024**. The Councillor should be informed of the recommendation in the next month.

**Q.59 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager extend the yellow lines at entrance to Whelan and O'Rahilly House in Ringsend as the cars parked close to the entrances are creating a blind spot and makes it dangerous exiting the flats.

**Reply:**

The request to extend the double yellow lines at the above location has been added to the agenda of the Transport Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer. Enquiry No. 7011168 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.60 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager make the section on Aungier Street where the cars from Digges Street exit onto it a no parking at any time section as the traffic parks on Aungier street very close to the junction with Digges Street making it very dangerous for cars exiting from Digges Street onto Aungier street.

**Reply:**

The request for Clearway at all times on Aungier Street adjacent to the junction with Digges Street has been added to the agenda of the Transport Advisory Group for examination and

report by the Area Engineer. Enquiry No 7011086 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.61 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to install a toucan crossing on Rathgar Road at Garville Avenue.

**Reply:**

The request for a toucan crossing at the above location has been added to the agenda of the Transport Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer. Enquiry No 7011087 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to reduce the waiting time for pedestrians at traffic lights to support pedestrians.

**Reply:**

It is the policy of DCC to keep the pedestrian wait times to a minimum. It is also important to balance the need of all road users with pedestrians taking priority.

Typically during peak periods of the day junctions operate at 120 seconds cycle length due to competing demands from various approaches to a junction and to facilitate public transport interventions so that buses arrive at a junction with a green light.

Traffic signal upgrades and the installation of new traffic signals ensure pedestrian wait times are reduced where possible. This is achieved by enabling the pedestrian phase to run twice in a cycle which is currently employed across many sites across the city where appropriate.

Ongoing measures for pedestrian improvements include increasing amber time for pedestrians crossing the road by reducing the assumed design walking speed from 1.2m/s to 1m/s. This results in safer crossing conditions for vulnerable road users.

**Q.63 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to resurface the ramps on Garville Avenue.

**Reply:**

This issue will be examined and a reply will be issued directly to the councillor.

**Q.64 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues at the green area adjacent to Stella Gardens, Irishtown:

- The grass remains unkempt and this discourages dog owners from cleaning up after their dogs. If it was cut regularly, dog litter would be more likely to be seen and removed. At present droppings become enmeshed in shoes, footballs, etc. on a daily basis and are brought into local houses.
- Also, beer cans, bottles, etc. are discarded on the grass area. Residents find they have to pick up other people's rubbish. They request the following; grass needs to be cut more often, permanent signs to warn people about the implications of not picking up dog excrement, permanent anti-litter signs.

**Reply:**

The grass on the main green at this location is mowed on a weekly basis during the growing season and as required thereafter to ensure that it is at the required standard.

During a recent site visit the area was considered to be well maintained and litter free.

The grass on the sloping bank is allowed to grow naturally so as to enhance biodiversity and increase the numbers of pollinator plants available for insects.

We will contact our colleagues in Waste Management and request that they install no dog fouling signs at this location

The Dog Warden service & the Public Domain Unit have been asked to monitor this area to address the issue of dog fouling.

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

**Q.65 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager if the two abandoned cars in the car park of the George Reynolds complex in Irishtown can be removed as soon as possible. Residents report them as being there for years, untaxed etc.

**Reply:**

The situation will be investigated and any cars deemed abandoned will be removed.

**Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to prioritise the housing transfer of \*details supplied.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing list with Welfare priority with an application date of 28/07/2017, the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| Area   | Bed size | Position |
|--------|----------|----------|
| Area M | 2        | 8        |
| Area N | 2        | 7        |

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

**Q.67 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to examine the following:

Our issue with the traffic is that as Grand Canal Dock develops, there is more and more traffic on the internal roads and therefore, more people need to access the area via Macken Street.

Currently, there are two traffic black spots in the area:

- Junction of Macken Street and Pearse Street: It is possible to turn right in both directions. This causes uncertainty and delays. This system was OK before the Samuel Beckett Bridge was built but at peak times, it can take an hour to drive the final kilometre back to Grand Canal Dock.
- Samuel Beckett Bridge has a bus lane, even though no regular Dublin Bus service seems to use the bridge. The bridge has traffic delays from 7.30 to 19.30 every day.
- There also isn't enough space for pedestrians to walk past each other on the bridge without entering the bike lane.

If the signalling and traffic flow isn't changed soon, all the new residents and businesses will result in gridlock all year round.

**Reply:**

1. A review of the operation of the traffic signals at Pearse Street / Macken Street will be undertaken in liaison with the Area Engineer and a follow up response will be issued in due course.

There is significant delays on Macken Street with most of this delay attributed to through trips movements for traffic traveling to/from Samuel Beckett Bridge. Local improvements on Macken Street will include the junction on Macken Street / Misery Lane. The current configuration is a three arm signalised junction and is due to be upgraded to a four arm signalised junction. This junction is to be delivered in line with the current construction of the mixed use development (Planning Ref 2457/16).

2. The bus lanes were provided to futureproof the bridge for future bus rerouting to the bridge. This rerouting is now proposed under the Bus Connects programme. In the interim, reassigning the bus lanes to general traffic would not improve the traffic conditions because there are single lanes only on both exits from the bridge
3. There are plans to provide an additional pedestrian/cyclist bridge east of Samuel Beckett Bridge. This bridge improve mobility and relieve pedestrian and cyclists congestion on Samuel Beckett Bridge.

A request to review the right turn issues at the junction of Macken Street and Pearse Street has been added to the agenda of the Transport Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer. Enquiry No. 7011088 Refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course

**Q.68 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to communicate to Dublin Bikes the very poor service of giving no notice in relation to the closure of Bike Stations to facilitate construction.

There was no notice in relation to the recent closure of the Barrow Street Station. In addition the bike station was not replaced.

Can you please indicate the period of time this station will be out of service for and if a temporary station will be provided in its place?

**Reply:**

At the instruction of Dublin City Council, 'Station 70 - Barrow Street' was removed by the operator to safeguard the welfare of scheme members having regard to the significant construction activities taking place in the area. This is a temporary station removal. It is planned that the station will be reinstated in early 2020. This timeline will be kept under review and may be reduced or extended as conditions require. Alternative stations are located nearby at South Dock Road, Grand Canal Quay and Grand Canal Street Lower at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital.

The removal of the station was notified to scheme members via the Just Eat dublinbikes website and associated Just Eat dublinbikes smart phone application on the 17th of July 2019. This is a significant disruption to members who use and rely on this station on a daily basis, however the safety of members is paramount and a precautionary approach to safety has been taken on this occasion.

Attempts have been made to find a temporary or permanent station site in the area to act as a replacement, including at Barrow Street and Ringsend Road. Unfortunately the operational

requirements of the scheme and characteristics of road layouts and underground utilities preclude the provision of an alternative station in the vicinity.

**Q.69 Councillor Danny Byrne**

Fenian Street and South Cumberland Street:

To ask the manager to have regard to local residents when allowing suspension of parking spaces "issue is the uncoordinated, and uncommunicative way the council goes about issuing such suspensions, apparently without considering local residents."

**Reply:**

The application for suspension of parking spaces is made to the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit of the Environment and Transportation Department. An applicant has to fill in an application form outlining the number of parking spaces sought for suspension and the reasons for the suspension, as well as the length of time for suspension. In addition to this application form the applicant must supply a letter of information for local residents informing them of the proposed suspension and declare that this letter has been issued to local residents. A map of the street indicating the location of the parking spaces for suspension has to be included also.

The decision to grant a suspension depends on the availability of parking spaces on the street or road, the numbers of resident parking discs held by residents on the street / road and the reasons why the suspension is requested and length of time of suspension. At all times the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit seeks to support the rights of residents to park in their own area when deciding on granting suspensions of parking spaces. The overwhelming majority of suspensions are for a short period of days with a minority for longer periods. In the case of Cumberland Street South and Fenian Street there are 52 parking spaces in both Fenian Street and Cumberland Street. There are also, 3 resident permit holders on each street. A recent extension of a suspension of parking spaces on Cumberland Street South was granted for 2 spaces. While this is unusual in that it is extended for a number of months, the numbers of parking spaces in the street allowed for this without undue inconvenience for local residents to park.

**Q.70 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager that more attention is paid to street cleaning in the following streets (details supplied).

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will certainly monitor the cleaning of the above mentioned streets and arrange extra cleaning there when necessary.

**Q.71 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to prioritise the housing transfer of \*details supplied.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with an application date of 11/09/2013, the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| <b>Area</b> | <b>Bed size</b> | <b>Position</b> |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Area H      | 2               | 43              |
| Area M      | 2               | 27              |
| Area P      | 2               | 29              |

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any

applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

It is acknowledged that the applicant has sought to be considered for medical priority. The applicant has submitted applications for medical priority on two separate occasions, 11/07/2018 and 16/08/2018.

If the applicant wishes to appeal this decision, please advise her to submit new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision.

It is also acknowledged that the applicant has sought to be considered for Welfare Priority. The applicant has submitted applications for Welfare Priority on two separate occasions 9/5/2017 and 20/10/2018. An appeal with regard to a Welfare Priority decision is to be submitted within 21 working days of the date of the decision letter. The applicant can however, submit a new application for consideration for Welfare Priority with supporting documentation.

**Q.72 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to prioritise the housing transfer of \*details supplied.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer Older Housing List with an application date of 30/01/2019, the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| Area   | Bed size | Position |
|--------|----------|----------|
| Area M | 1        | 56       |

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Should the applicant wish to be considered for a medical priority, he should complete a medical priority application form and submit it with supporting documentation to Housing Allocations for review.

**Q.73 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager what is the delay in converting the premises known as Jenny's Hair Studio at the New Houses in Ringsend to residential use.

**Reply:**

A reply will be forwarded to the Councillor within the next two weeks by Housing Maintenance.

**Q.74 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I understand that Cashel Road and Derry Road traffic calming speed ramps are considered to not require replacement by the traffic calming engineer.

Can we get the criteria, decision, evidence and reports from the roads engineer and traffic calming engineer for Derry and Cashel Roads? And on the junctions of Windmill / Captain's Road, Derry Road T junction outside of number 98 and Cashel / Derry Road junction.

**Reply:**

This issue will be examined and a reply will be issued directly to the Councillor.

**Q.75 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can a disability parking space outside 630 Clonard Road be provided, the occupants are both visually impaired and have difficulty securing parking for nursing staff on home visits, due to an increase in traffic / parked cars on the road.

**Reply:**

The criteria for the provision of disabled parking bays outside private residences includes written confirmation as to whether the house has off-street parking or not, i.e. a driveway/garage or off-street private parking area accessed from the side or rear of the property. A bay will not be provided where there is off-street parking.

The Area Engineer has confirmed that the property listed above has off street parking therefore, a residential disabled parking bay will not be provided at the location.

**Q.76 Councillor Tara Deacy**

That two dog dirt bins be installed at each end of Clonard Road to address to increasing level of fouling.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services are not installing dog dirt bins for the remainder of 2019. We have found that it is preferable to install standard litter bins as the dog fouling specific bins have a limited capacity and in many instances are being used to dispose of general litter in addition to dog foul. In general litter bins are installed on main thoroughfares, shopping locations, areas of heavy footfall and areas with other significant litter generators. Our Area Inspector will monitor litter and dog foul levels on Clonard Road to see if there is any merit in having a litter bin installed in this residential area.

**Q.77 Councillor Tara Deacy**

That the schedule for the maintenance and cleaning of the Poddle River be distributed to Councillors as litter in, and around the banks has increased over the summer months.

**Reply:**

The Drainage Division remove extraneous material from the City Rivers (including the Poddle) that could lead to flooding. This mainly involves removing material at the river racks before the rivers enter into culverts. This would be done weekly. The removal of litter and fly tipped material from the banks is the responsibility of Waste Management.

**Q.78 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can the tree roots be removed from:  
112 Rutland Grove  
78 Rutland Grove  
41 Rutland Grove

**Reply:**

There are currently no plans to remove tree roots from the above locations. Removing tree roots would inevitably result in the loss of the tree.

**Q.79 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can the gate at 97 Rutland Grove be repaired or replaced? It is hazardous for the young children and elderly residents living there and needs to be repaired.

**Reply:**

Repairs to the gate of this dwelling were carried out by Housing Maintenance in March 2019. A further request has been logged for another inspection of this gate.

**Q.80 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he can please liaise with the service provider responsible for the manhole on the 2<sup>nd</sup> lane from the right, as you drive along Charlotte Way, outside the entrance to the office building car park beside the Camden Court Hotel. This manhole cover is causing serious noise pollution when cars pass over it. I understand this has been back fourth between DCC and the service provider for some time. Can the manager please ensure this is fixed as a matter of priority?

**Reply:**

On inspection, there is no information on the manhole-cover to indicate ownership, it only has a manufacturer's serial number. Until such time the identity of the service provider / providers populating said carriage-box can be established, no remedial action can be considered.

**Q.81 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager how many trees have been removed from Merrion Square to date, the reasons why the trees were removed, and can he please provide a full strategy and a timeline for the replanting of Merrion Square. Can he also provide an update on the tea rooms there?

**Reply:**

A conservation Plan for Merrion square was presented to the area committee in 2014, which set out proposals to restore the historical layout of the park, develop tearooms and restore the views and vistas to and from the park which were an important aspect of the original park design as a 'garden' to the Georgian square. This work has been implemented over a number of years and has involved the removal of a number of trees which had self-seeded and grown out of control. Particular care has been taken to preserve the large Plane trees which are the oldest and most important from an environmental perspective and re-planting with native and ornamental trees will be taking place over the winter months.

In relation to the tearooms, tenders for construction are gone out to tender and will commence in the 2020 capital programme subject to funding.

**Q.82 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to address the on-going issue with tourist buses and coaches, parking on both College Green and Nassau Street, leaving their engines running for prolonged periods of time and causing noise and air pollution.

**Reply:**

Throughout the summer during the peak tourist season, two members of staff have acted as ambassadors to monitor this area. They encouraged tourist bus drivers to not park for long periods and to move their buses to the National Transport Authority Coach Park or to park at the coach bays on Merrion Square. There are no parking locations for tourist buses on College Green.

**Q.83 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he can please increase the frequency of street cleaning and to carry out curb side weeding on Wilson Place, and the laneway all the way up to Mount Street at the back of Holles Street Hospital. This area has been neglected for some time and needs attention. There is also an issue with illegal dumping here, can the manager please also try to address this.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will have the cleaning and weeding of this area completed during the first week of September 2019. We will monitor the future cleanliness of this area and have extra cleaning carried out there when necessary. Our Litter Warden will include this area as part of his regular patrol.

As an alternative to weed spraying, crews from our Waste Management Services Division have been mobilised to commence a programme of manually removing weeds from our road network. It is intended that weed removal will continue to be carried out by this method over the coming weekends. The areas suggested by the Councillor in her question will be included for attention in the coming weeks.

Litter Wardens will increase their presence in the laneway identified in an attempt to identify those responsible for illegal dumping.

**Q.84 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he would please consider providing secure off the leash dog runs in Ringsend Park and Sean Moore Park.

**Reply:**

Both parks have been assessed and they are considered unsuitable as a location for an 'off the leash dog run' due to the lack of space and the need to keep the parks open to a wide range of user groups.

**Q.85 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he would please consider reviewing the parking regime on Ringsend Park Road as there is an issue with non-residential long stay parking here.

**Reply:**

The way to eliminate long term commuter / business parking in residential areas is to introduce Pay and Display and a Permit Parking Scheme.

Dublin City Council will proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme and subsequent ballot of residents where it is first established that there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a scheme and in accordance with the criteria below. This may take the form of a number of written requests or a signed petition from residents of the road.

Please note, therefore, that on receipt of written supporting evidence from other residents of the road, the request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Transport Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Transport Advisory Group, the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Suitability of the road for a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme.
- That 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 concerned listed on the Register of Electors. The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two-sided parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection.

Please note that 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.

In summary, in order to introduce Pay and Display and Permit Parking, it will be necessary for written supporting evidence by way of a petition from residents of the road, giving names and addresses, indicating their clear support for such a scheme. This petition should be signed by at least 25% of the households concerned.

**Q.86 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please confirm the ownership, status and development intentions for the following sites?

- Site on Richmond Street South, adjacent to 11 - 12 Richmond Street South, Saint Kevin's, Dublin 2.
- Small site beside Q Park on Werburgh Street (see photo).
- Site on opposite side of Werburgh Street, backing on to Dublin Castle (currently partially a car park).

**Reply:**

The site known as 15 and rear of 14 South Richmond Street is in Council ownership. It was licenced to an adjoining owner until 2017 and a proposal to place it on the market at that time did not proceed. Consideration is currently being given to its most beneficial future use.

The majority of the small site south of Q Park is in the ownership of the Council with the exception of a small strip along the car park wall which is privately owned. The site's development potential is severely limited by archaeological issues relating to the historic City Wall.

The Council recently acquired the plot to the rear of the site to the east of Werburgh Street, backing on to Dublin Castle. The vacant plot to the front of this site which is used for car parking is in Council ownership but is the subject of an ongoing adverse possession claim.

**Q.87 Councillor Claire Byrne**

Specifically in relation to buildings in the South Georgian Core, what regulations / limitations / procedures exist for the placing of (a) temporary signage or (b) permanent signage:

- (a) On railings
- (b) On protected structures
- (c) Within the curtilage of a protected building
- (d) Within the curtilage of a non-protected building.

and what actions are taken in the event that signage does not comply with the regulations/limitations/procedures laid down by Dublin City Council.

**Reply:**

The regulations, policies, procedures and exemptions in relation to signage which apply to the South Georgian Area are complex and depends on specific circumstances on a case by case basis.

Railings are usually part of the curtilage of a protected structure. Section 57(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) provides that the carrying out of any works such as would materially affect the architectural character of a protected structure or any element of the structure that contributes to its special interest, is not exempted development and requires planning permission. This includes the installation of both temporary and permanent advertising signs.

The erection or installation of new signage, or other form of advertising, whether temporary or permanent, to a protected structure or its curtilage (such as railings) is considered to be development that would materially affect the architectural character of the structure and is not exempted development. Therefore, it requires planning permission. Section 8.5.7 'New items fixed to the exterior of the building', of the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2011), provides national guidance here.

Generally, the provision of a standard-sized (A4 or smaller) company sign, such as a brass nameplate, at the main entrance of a protected Georgian building would be considered exempted development (and not require planning permission).

The repair and restoration of already permitted signage on a protected structure may be considered exempted development by the planning authority, where there is no significant change in the size of the sign, the lettering and materials (e.g. repainting of a painted traditional shopfront and fascia sign).

An owner or occupier of a protected structure may make a request in writing to the planning authority under Section 57(2) for a declaration as to the type of works which would or would not materially affect the character of the structure or element of special interest of the structure.

The Conservation Section in Dublin City Council also provides a declaration process under Section 5 of the Act in relation to actual proposals for works, repairs and/or minor development to a protected structure, which may include signage. This Section 5 procedure is only for specified works (compared to the Section 57 declaration on more general 'types of works').

Specific provisions requiring planning permission for signage and other development are generally provided in Architectural Conservation Area (ACAs), in accordance with Section 82(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). For example, the Fitzwilliam Square and Environs ACA (adopted in 2009) provides in Section 6, on page 18, that "*Planning Permission is required for all signs (regardless of size and location) including projecting signs, erected externally within the area of the ACA.*" In ACAs the City Council is required to consider the material affect that a proposed development, such as signage, would be likely to have on the architectural conservation area, under Section 82(2) of the Act.

In relation to non-protected buildings, advertisements which can be considered exempted development are set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations. These include business signage within certain size restrictions. However in most cases the erection of signage requires planning permission. The South Georgian core is a designated conservation area and it is recognised that these areas require special care in terms of development proposals and works. In assessing planning applications, Policy CHC4 is applied to ensure that development within these areas contributes positively and does not harm buildings or their setting.

The erection of signage in relation to sales and letting is exempted development subject to size restriction and the condition that no advertisement shall remain in place for more than 7 days after the sale or letting to which the advertisement relates.

In the event that the signage does not comply with the legislation outlined above, the Councils Planning Enforcement Section will investigate the matter, when brought to its attention in writing.

**Q.88 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please increase the frequency of street cleaning along South Lotts Road? This was requested previously and some improvements were made however the litter problem is worse again recently.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will have South Lotts Road cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday, to ensure that this street is kept as clean as possible.

**Q.89 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager when work will be done on \*details supplied.

Her flat flooded recently and the floors urgently need replacing and the electrics checked. Can you also consider this lady for a transfer as she is living right beside on-going significant noise anti-social behaviour and her son is subjected to bullying?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance have attended to this flat in relation to damage caused by a leak from a flat overhead. The tenant informed us that she was submitting a claim in relation to damage caused.

Our Electrical Services Unit called out to this tenant on two occasions, however did not gain access. A further call will be made and contact will be made with the tenant in relation to carrying out an electrical inspection.

**Q.90 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager to provide extra bike parking throughout the Ranelagh village.

**Reply:**

The area will be assessed for the suitability of cycle parking and if deemed appropriate the location will be included in a future batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

**Q.91 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager what the policy for use of zebra crossings and if they would consider using more zebra crossing instead of traffic lights.

**Reply:**

In general, the policy is to provide signalised crossings rather than Zebra Crossings. Where a Zebra crossing is being considered the road must be one lane in each direction and the location has a low volume of traffic. One of the main drawbacks of Zebra Crossings is that we cannot provide Audio Tactile units for visually impaired to assist them in using them unlike a standard signalised crossing.

**Q.92 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the manager to provide recycling services for Donnybrook as there is no convenient recycling services.

**Reply:**

The Waste Management section is committed to providing the best recycling service we can in a busy, urban environment. We are always open to the possibility of adding new bottle banks.

However the reality is that finding sites for new bottle banks in the city is very problematic.

We are restricted to where we can place them under planning regulations (SI 600 of 2001) e.g. *"no such receptacle shall be situated within 50 metres of any house, save the consent in writing of the owner or occupier"*.

Bottle banks are incredibly difficult to maintain and despite cleaning by our own staff and contractors, dumping is often an issue for us – which makes them unpopular.

Furthermore our service provider needs to be able to service all sites in a safe manner.

I hope this explains in greater detail the challenges we face in locating bottle banks in Dublin City.

I can confirm that all possible locations are investigated as to their suitability and where at all possible we will locate new ones.

**Q.93 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager to provide a pedestrian crossing on Rathmines Road at the junction of Rathmines Road and the canal.

**Reply:**

The request for a pedestrian crossing at the above location has been added to the agenda of the Transport Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer. Enquiry No. 7011089 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course

**Q.94 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the manager to ensure Sunday openings for all bring centres.

**Reply:**

Currently bring centres which collect green waste are open on Sundays over the summer to facilitate an increase in demand of this waste stream.

**Q.95 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager to provide an update on my previous question relating to recycling in Supervalu, Ranelagh.

**Reply:**

Unfortunately the Supervalu in Ranelagh is not a suitable location to host bottle banks. The arch entering the carpark does not provide clearance for the truck to enter and service the site.

**Q.96 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager the possibility of widening the footpath outside Diep Take Away at Ranelagh village. Currently that location is a hazard to people with disabilities, elderly and families with small children in buggies.

**Reply:**

The request for widening the footpath at the above location will be examined by the Area Engineer and the Councillor will be informed of the recommendation. Enquiry No. 7011090 refers.

**Q.97 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager to schedule a day and work with residents where parked cars on Haddington Road would be removed so as to clean the street and clear the drains properly. Given that the area has flooded recently due to blocked drains.

**Reply:**

I can be contacted by the residents group at [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie) to schedule a time and date when they would have the parked cars removed from the road so as to allow a good cleaning of the street, particularly along the kerbsides.

**Q.98 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he could confirm when new road surfacing on Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue and Mornington Road in Ranelagh will take place given it is some time since the construction of the nearby hotel has been complete and residents promised a resurfacing.

**Reply:**

This issue will be examined and a reply will be issued directly to the Councillor.

**Q.99 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he could investigate the parking situation at Vergemount Hall, Clonskeagh where concerns have been expressed to me that parking on the road means it

is not clear that an emergency vehicle could get by when all these cars are parked as densely as the photograph attached evidences.

**Reply:**

There are double yellow lines and parking restrictions at Vergemount Hall with one or at most two parking bays. Dublin Street Parking Services have been asked to monitor this location and to take enforcement action where necessary.

**Q.100 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if as part of the resurfacing works ongoing at Morehampton Road and Belmont Avenue that bollards and planter boxes outside Donnybrook Fair and the island with yellow / black edging and street furniture as per photos attached could be repainted and cleaned, something the Donnybrook Tidy Towns committee had done with the support of Dublin City Council prior to the commencement of the road surface works that has now caused the damage.

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services has met a representative of the Donnybrook Tidy Towns Committee recently with Roadstone the contractor carrying out the resurfacing works. It was agreed with Roadstone that they would power wash the planter boxes and the bollards to remove dust and grime that may have been caused by the works. Roadstone are not responsible for the deterioration of the black and amber paint on the islands. Road Maintenance Services do not paint traffic islands.

The Public Domain Unit will support the local Donnybrook Tidy Towns in whatever way we can to restore the area to the standard it was before the road works.

**Q.101 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager that the planter in Dowling Court be trimmed back as it has become significantly over grown. Pictures included.

**Reply:**

Parks and Landscape Services shall arrange to cut back and maintain the planters at this location over the coming weeks.

**Q.102 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if he will have repairs carried out in the Bremen Avenue area (photos attached).

**Reply:**

This issue will be examined and a reply will be issued directly to the Councillor.

**Q.103 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if they will carry out repairs to the road at the corner of \*details supplied (photos attached).

**Reply:**

This issue will be examined and a reply will be issued directly to the Councillor.

**Q.104 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager the procedure that was employed in terms of informing local residents about the removal the Dublin Bike station at Barrow Street in Dublin 4.

**Reply:**

At the instruction of Dublin City Council, 'Station 70 - Barrow Street' was removed by the operator to safeguard the welfare of scheme members having regard to the significant construction activities taking place in the area. This is a temporary station removal. It is

planned that the station will be reinstated in early 2020. This timeline will be kept under review and may be reduced or extended as conditions require. Alternative stations are located nearby at South Dock Road, Grand Canal Quay and Grand Canal Street Lower at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital.

The removal of the station was notified to scheme members via the Just Eat dublinbikes website and associated Just Eat dublinbikes smart phone application on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. Local residents were not separately informed. This is a significant disruption to members who use and rely on this station on a daily basis, however the safety of members is paramount and a precautionary approach to safety has been taken on this occasion.

Attempts have been made to find a temporary or permanent station site in the area to act as a replacement, including at Barrow Street and Ringsend Road. Unfortunately the operational requirements of the scheme and characteristics of road layouts and underground utilities preclude the provision of an alternative station in the vicinity.