



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019

- 1 **Presentation on Royal Hospital Donnybrook Housing**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on City Parks Strategy**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Presentation on Herbert Park Tree Avenue Proposal**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Motions 14 October 2019**

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to take action to resolve the issues outlined regarding the safety of access at the two pedestrian entrances to Herbert Park from Clyde Lane:

- The two entrances / exits to and from Herbert Park onto Clyde Lane and the danger to pedestrians exiting onto the Lane from the park.
- The total lack of signage with regard to the above.
- The fact that both exits are flush with the existing railings and so create a serious danger to adults and children exiting the park. There are no paths adjacent to either exits. The amount of vehicular traffic is increasing all the time in Clyde Lane and the issue is an accident waiting to happen.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees, in order to improve traffic safety and vision and in accordance with the relevant sections of the Road Traffic (T&P) Regulations 1997 that double yellow lines be placed along the entire length of wall from the rear of 144 Merrion Road to 136 Merrion Road inclusive in lieu of the free parking that is there, or that disc parking be installed at the mid-point of this stretch – to provide for a maximum of 5 / 6 car spaces with double yellow lines on the balance thereby allowing clear space and vision for drivers turning both sets of corners.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan

This committee requests the Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive to write to the government requesting that all appropriate steps be made to repatriate the bodies of James Joyce, his wife Nora (and others buried in the same grave) to Ireland as

was the desire of James Joyce as expressed by his wife Nora and son at the time of his death, in time for the 100th anniversary of the publication of Ulysses in February 2022.

Order: For further discussion.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please set out the legislative amendments needed to strengthen the Council's hand in dealing with noise? Our current powers are very weak and we are dependent on the opinion of the courts to be able to take action on any case. If it is difficult to give an opinion on this, perhaps we could set up a working group to look at how local authorities deal with this problem in other countries and we could put together recommendations which we could present to the Dáil.

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

Motion 5 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

That this committee would arrange a working group between relevant officers and councillors with the NTA Deputy CEO and Roughan O'Donovan consulting engineers, in relation to the proposals that will alter roads and remove access to side roads in these communities, in order to fully represent residents and small businesses where parking is removed, trees are removed, residential access where roads are blocked and endangers school access where transport is increased on side roads. NTA has agreed to meet councillors.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

That this committee would request that the Dublin City Council Tree Strategy 2016 - 2020 initiates Tree Preservation Orders on historic roads. As it is only two months before we reach 2020, there is no inventory of trees in Dublin and NTA proposes to fell 3,000 trees on streets, not in parks.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy taken with Motion 10

Illegal parking on the 24 hour cycle lane inbound on South Richmond Street and Camden Street Upper, Dublin 2 has become a chronic problem. It creates a very dangerous situation for people cycling on what has been identified as one of the busiest commuter cycling routes in the city.

The lack of enforcement of this illegal parking by both An Garda Síochána and Dublin Street Parking Services exacerbates the issue. This is not just an issue for people cycling but also for people walking this route as many of the vehicles park partially on the footpath creating a barrier for people walking, especially people with a disability.

As one of the busiest commuter cycling routes in the city I am seeking that this committee agree to provide segregation on this cycle lane to create a physical barrier preventing people from parking on the lane and keeping it safe for all road users.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Anne Feeney

To reiterate a long and well established practise in South East Area, that all meetings arranged by officials with groups in the community, must include notice of the meeting to the sitting councillors in that area.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Lacey. Agreed.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of Dublin City Council South East Area Committee agree to fast track the demolition and regeneration of the blocks of flats at Glovers court. The tenants here can no longer continue to live in this deplorable condition and they're only hope is that Dublin City Council initiate this process immediately given the ongoing maintenance issues, antisocial behaviour and the chronic dilapidation of the fabric of the buildings.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Motion 7

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to install orca wands along the 24 hour inbound cycle lane along Richmond Street from Lennox Street (preferably outside Wall and Keith) to Grantham Street. There is a serious issue with cars and vans illegally parking along here in the cycle lane impacting on the safety of cyclists along this busy route.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to install bike parking near Lansdowne Road station to facilitate dart commuters doing park and ride with their bikes. Recently signs have been erected saying that bikes locked on lampposts will be removed which means there is no bike parking available for cyclists close to the station.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This Area Committee calls on our Public Domain Section to liaise with the relevant sections to ensure that all remaining weeds are removed from the footpaths, lanes and roadways particularly in the Dublin 12 area over the next few months. Additionally, we call for a full programme of manual weed removal for the 2020 growing season. Such a programme is necessary to replace the previous chemical spraying method.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee congratulates the Scoil Una Naofa Violin & Orchestra Project, Crumlin on gaining an award at the recent International Music Council, Music Rights Award 2019 Laureate in Paris. They, together with the Community Centre for Music and the Arts (CCMA) have provided opportunities for children and adults to develop the gift of music, arts and community appreciation and participation in both. This area committee resolves to support these projects in the future.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee agrees to implement simple traffic changes to increase pedestrianisation of the area between Grafton Street and George's Street, as laid out in the attached image.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Hazel Chu

Previously the area adjacent to Covanta's incinerator was provided to the company as parking during the build stage with the condition that it would be returned. The area is now curtained off and affecting the local wildlife area. I propose that the council takes back this area in charge, combine it with the small wildlife patch next to it and form a much needed area of biodiversity in the city.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Byrne. Agreed.

Emergency Motion 1 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That management and admin. staffing in the estate management in South East Area Office is brought up to a level where council tenants and local residents are dealt with in an efficient and responsive manner as a matter of urgency.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests an urgent report from the Manager on what response will be made by Dublin City Council to the "Ectocarpus" problem at Sandymount and Merrion Beaches and the promenade alongside. There is no doubt that this problem is exacerbated by the intensity of "high nutrient content" a clearly man made problem.

Order: Agreed.

5 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 9 September 2019**

Order: Agreed.

6 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) meeting held on 24th September 2019.

Order: Noted.

7 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department Matters**

- i. Report on Upgrading of Main Playground in Herbert Park.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on Upgrading of Main Playground in Harold's Cross Park.
Order: Noted.

8 **Planning & Property Development Matters**

- i. Report on a further licence of the crèche facility at Pearse Memorial Park, Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

9 **South East Area Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services.

Order: Noted.

10 **Questions 14 October 2019**

Order: Noted.

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Chris Andrews
Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
James Geoghegan

Members:

Anne Feeney
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn

Members:

Paddy McCartan
Danny Byrne
Patrick Costello
Pat Dunne

Officers

Brian Hanney
Brian Kirk
Fiona O'Brien
Michael Noonan
Rossana Camargo

Mary Taylor
Paul McCann
Leah Johnson
Deirdre Prince
Gerald McEntaggart

John MacEivilly
Mark Ginnetty
Kieran O'Neill
Neil O'Donoghue

Apologies:

Mary Freehill

Non-Members:

Derek Scally,
Royal Hospital Donnybrook

Oonagh Ryan
Royal Hospital Donnybrook

Peter Lynch
Royal Hospital Donnybrook

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager why there has been no progress since residents' emails from 2017 regarding a promised replacement metal road nameplate for Ballsbridge Avenue at junction of Herbert Cottages. The current nameplate is illegible for three years and as it's a one way road from Beattys Avenue it's a dangerous situation as cars are reversing around the area to find Ballsbridge Avenue.

Reply:

This nameplate has been ordered as part of additional works to the current contract; it is expected that it will be installed before the end of the year.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can arrange to have the windows at *details supplied examined for replacement as Dublin City Council recently installed new windows in two of the adjoining houses all built at the same time.

Reply:

The windows in this dwelling were inspected by Housing Maintenance and were deemed in good condition and therefore not in need of replacement.

Q.3 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the weeds and gullies scraped and tidied up in Mount Drummond Court and give an indication when this will be done?

Reply:

Members of the Gully Cleaning Crew cleaned 4 of the 4 gullies in Mount Drummond Court on 25th September 2019.

Arrangements will be made to have the weeds dealt with and a caretaker will be out to clean the area within the next week.

Q.4 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have speed limits displayed all on Sean Moore Road past Poolbeg Quay and camera / sensors installed with speed displayed and have the yellow boxes at Sean Moore roundabout, to stop trucks driving into them which stops access onto roundabout?

Reply:

On Sean Moore Road roundabout the yellow boxes were relined and are currently visible on the entrance/exit to Pigeon House Road to prevent blocking of the roundabout. A speed survey was requested on 4th October 2019 which will be carried out on all inbound and outbound traffic on Sean More Road. Based on this speed survey Dublin City Council will study the results and implement appropriate traffic measures.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager when the public lighting improvement programme will be extended to Herbert Park Road?

Reply:

The lighting on Herbert Park Road was upgraded in 2013 and there are no plans at present to make any further alterations to the lighting here.

However, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights here and will replace existing lamps as required.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can confirm when *details supplied will be allocated a place in the allotments in Herbert Park and where she is placed on a list.

Reply:

Details supplied is on the Herbert Park List at no 80. The List is closed as we have a huge number of people waiting with very few allotments being returned each year. More allotments are badly needed.

Q.7 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the raised median in Mount Drummond Avenue repainted in yellow and black in order to make it safer for motorists?

Reply:

The repainting to this median will be included in Road Maintenance Services Division's Works Programme for 2020.

Q.8 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager have the branches at the base of the trees in the raised median on Mount Drummond Avenue as seen in photo attached cut back in the interest of road user safety and pedestrians?

Reply:

This pruning will be undertaken over the coming weeks.

Q.9 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager outline how and why levies are collected off developers of sites under construction and can a portion of the development levy be ring fenced from the levy for planning application 2808/19 Bartra / Boston Sidings development off Macken Street to fix the drainage problems that residents on Macken Street have?

Reply:

Sub-section (1) of Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 enables a planning authority, when granting a planning permission under Section 34 of the Act, to include conditions requiring the payment of a contribution. This contribution is in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefitting development in the area of the planning authority and that is provided, or that is intended to be provided, by or on behalf of the Local Authority.

Subsection (2) of Section 48 requires that the basis for the determination of a contribution under subsection (1) shall be set out in a development contribution scheme made under this section. The current Dublin City Council Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2016 – 2020 was adopted by the Elected Members at the December 2015 meeting of the City Council.

Development contributions are not allocated to specific projects associated with the area in which the development is situated but are used to part fund the citywide capital works programme agreed by the City Council.

Q.10 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have flexi wands installed on the 24 hour cycle lane from 2 Camden Street Lower to 50 Richmond Street South to protect cyclists on this particularly busy route?

Reply:

The suitability of installing flexi wands or orcas on this section of Camden Street / Richmond Street will be assessed and a reply forwarded to the Councillor in due course.

Q.11 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager outline where the Barrow Street Redesign from 2012 which went through a Part 8 process is and is it possible for Councillors and public to review this plan?

Reply:

A part 8 proposal for public realm improvements to the southern end of Barrow Street was approved by the City Council in 2012. Having regard to changing circumstances since 2012, in particular the scale of new developments currently under construction or planned for Barrow Street, it is considered appropriate to review the public realm scheme in the context of the requirements of the full extent of Barrow Street.

Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the overgrowth of ivy trimmed back from the wall adjoining Beech Hill, overlooking 14 Simmonscourt Terrace, Donnybrook.

Reply:

The owner / occupier of no. 14 Simmonscourt Terrace will be contacted and asked to cut back the excessive growth.

Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have the graffiti removed from the Dodder Bridge, adjacent to Marian College.

Reply:

This graffiti has been referred to an appropriate contractor for removal.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have the graffiti removed from the flood gate adjoining Marian College.

Reply:

There are six flood gates that have been tagged on the Dodder Walk from Newbridge Avenue up to Beatty's Avenue, Ballsbridge. The removal of this graffiti has been assigned to an appropriate contractor.

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the traffic island at the entrance to Wellington Road opposite Pembroke Park cleaned up as it is in a state of dereliction.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to have the above mentioned traffic island cleaned up.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the following suggestions from a constituent re Herbert Park, who writes:

"I would recommend that both the north and east ends of the duck pond be cleared on a regular basis. The east end is full of small twigs and bits of rubbish. A rake with a long handle dragged across the surface would remedy this.

The north end of the duck pond is covered in sludge and algae. It has been like this for years. It precludes the ducks and swan from using this part of the pond. Again, it would not take much work to clean this up and would make a huge difference.

When the pond was first created, it was for the Great Exhibition. It was not made as a duck pond. It is now signposted as 'duck pond' which is great, as it adds to the wildlife of the park and to the general enjoyment of the public, who come to see the ducks / swans.

However, reading through the development plan, I notice that the installation of two

footbridges is being considered. This is not a good idea and should be abandoned. Remember, it is a pond to accommodate ducks / swans for the enjoyment of the public.

Cast your mind back the Blessington Street Park, known as The Basin, a hidden gem in Dublin City. In 1991 plans were rejected by the local community for an elaborate water garden designed by a German. One of the reasons this plan was rejected was due to the restriction of the landing area for swans and birds. Like aircraft, swans, as well as ducks require a certain clear and unobstructed space to both to take-off and land.

If two ornamental bridges are constructed, it will greatly hamper the movement of the ducks and swan. The swan will not have the necessary take-off and landing space.

I think that the public who take many photographs and videos of the swan, and especially the children, would much prefer to have swans and ducks than two ornamental bridges!

The report mentions the small shelter on the mound, now demolished. It mentions the need for restoration. This was used by individuals for unsocial behaviour who eventually burned it down. If it is restored, the same will happen especially when the gates are unlocked. This area looks nice unobstructed by a shelter.

Cycling in the park continues, and acts as a deterrent to elderly people walking in the park. Bikes are silent and you don't either hear or see them approaching from the rear. Some travel at great speed. If a pedestrian takes a step sideways, an approaching bike could cause a very serious accident.

There are about 3 signs up. But I would suggest that a sign be put up at each entrance to the park, on both sides of the road.

I would suggest Mr. Tom Boland, known as the Weather Man, who frequented Herbert Park for twenty-five years, sitting on the same park seat, be commemorated by a plaque attached to this seat. He was known and loved by all. He died on 8 February 2018, aged 77 years. A great job has been done on the park with replanting of trees. The area beside the north side of the pond planted with wild meadow was quite spectacular in the autumn. I think an area containing bluebells should be considered.

Your attentive and diligent Park Ranger keeps a watchful eye on the park."

Reply:

The duck pond is a popular feature in the park and it is cleaned regularly. However considering the large number of mature trees which are adjacent to the pond it is inevitable that some branches and twigs will find their way into the water particularly after stormy weather.

The Conservation and Management Plan for the park has recommended the installation of two bridges which will provide a modern interpretation of the two temporary bridges which formed part of the 1907 Irish International Exhibition. It is not considered that the bridges will deter ducks or swans from using the pond.

There are no plans currently to restore the small shelter. Although we will continue to undertake naturalised planting in the Edwardian style at this location.

We continue to seek methods of encouraging cyclists to cycle responsibly in the park and may trial a '*share with care*' system which is currently being used in Fairview Park and which encourages cyclists to consider others when cycling through the park.

A lot of effort has been made in recent years to future proof the park in regard to creating a more sustainable tree canopy. Also the style and choice of planting is appropriate for an Edwardian Park using sustainable park management principles.

Mr. Boland was a well-known character in Herbert Park and very much liked by the local community. The installation of a plaque in his memory would have to be sponsored by someone, in accordance with our policy on 'memorials' in parks, as per link: <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture-dublin-city-parks/policies>

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the specific issues raised by a business owner in Donnybrook, who writes:

Summary of problem

Donnybrook village has suffered and is still suffering extremely badly post the economic crash, with 2 banks and several more business houses closing within the last 4 years. Kiely's pub has closed down. The remaining business owners are struggling to attract customers and business and into the area.

There is not enough (*temporary*) *car parking* in Donnybrook village. Business owners and traders at the Bective end of the village in particular, are encountering this complaint on a daily basis from thousands of drivers on ***the leading road*** artery into the city from the south side of Dublin.

However, there is ***an existing*** 'pay and display' car park that very few drivers even know exists. It is therefore totally underused because most drivers do not know where it is located. This car park is situated behind three (3) access routes, of Mulberry Lane, Morehampton Road and Victoria Avenue respectively. The car park is ***already*** painted with white lines, double yellow lines, three parking signs and a parking meter to accommodate 23 (twenty three) cars / vans.

Types of vehicles

This car park can facilitate two (2) 'types' of vehicles.

Delivery and collection vans and cars could use the car park during the day to service restaurants, doctors' surgeries, domestic houses, and customer collections. Using the facility would mean that vans or cars do not *have to* park or double-park on the main Morehampton Road.

This will greatly ease traffic congestion, and increase road safety for all road users and pedestrians.

Local businesses

More business and property owners ***will encourage*** customers / clients to drive into Donnybrook and collect their goods, if they knew they could *get a safe parking place* for the duration of their visit to the village. At present there are **no directional or informational road signs** in any part of Donnybrook village highlighting where this car park is. There is one (1) small 'P' sign on a lamp post on Mulberry Lane.

Solution

Six (6) simple 'P' signs with an additional three (3) directional pencil signs, strategically located on **existing or new lamppost** to guide and show visitors exactly where the car park is located.

I trust this information helps you.

Street Light on Mulberry Lane

A pole was erected outside Ernie's Restaurant *many* years ago, wired, but no street light was added! The lane when dark, and can be dangerous when cars pass in the dark. Could a street light be placed on top of it?

Reply:

The issue of additional signage to direct motorists who wish to park in Donnybrook village to Mulberry Lane Car Park is being investigated. It is important not to have an over proliferation of street signage. Any additional signage will have to not confuse motorists or mitigate against safe driving.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the issues raised by a Sandymount resident, who writes:

I am a native to Sandymount and would like to voice my disgust at the terrible state of the strand for the last two weeks. It absolutely stinks and is covered in sewage which is not being carried out by the tide and clings to the steps going down to the strand making them treacherous. We're used to hearing after every shower of rain that there's been an overflow from the plant at Poolbeg but there's been no serious rain lately and yet the strand is unusable.

Reply:

The matter referenced above has been investigated and Dublin City Council is satisfied that the material in question is not and does not contain sewage and is unconnected to any sewage discharges from Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant or elsewhere.

Dublin Bay has a considerable quantity of vegetation growing on its sea bed. This particular material is currently both floating in the sea water and washing up onto Sandymount beach during high tides and elsewhere along the coastline. This material is a naturally occurring seaweed or macro algae called Ectocarpus. There is no foul or sewage effluent on Sandymount beach but it is actually this Ectocarpus at various stages of decay.

Ectocarpus siliculosus is considered to be a naturally occurring nuisance species. Typically growing on the seabed from early springtime until the end of its lifecycle in the autumn when it dies out. At this time of year the seaweed is decaying and becoming uprooted from the sea bed and washing ashore at various locations along Dublin Bay.

When ectocarpus begins to physically degrade, it can produce a malodour (not dissimilar to sewage), as experienced by the complainant, in this instance. Also its colour dissipates from a healthy green colour to light then dark brown as it continues to decay in the water or beaches or marsh, (visually not dissimilar to sewage either). Furthermore, when the weed washes ashore onto the beach, then the seaweed dries out and may be incorrectly identified as caked sewage. This is a natural process within Dublin Bay's rich bio-diversity and for various environmental and legal reasons may not be removed from its environment.

To note; Merrion, Sandymount and Dollymount Strands are among the various beaches and bathing areas which are inspected by Dublin City Council staff on an ongoing basis throughout the year, with water samples taken up to 20 times during the bathing season between June and mid-September and on a fortnightly basis throughout the remainder of the year.

Furthermore, we are aware that after the recent heavy rainfall, combined with high tides, a substantial quantity of ectocarpus was washed up on the promenade at Merrion Strand. Our Waste Management Department commenced clearing this material yesterday, 2nd October.

Q.19 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the works as requested below to be carried out as a matter of urgency:

I'm afraid I have another issue for Roads Division which requires action. Any delay is more likely than not to involve an incident that may well leave DCC liable for damage to cars or even injury.

Last Thursday my attention was drawn to subsidence hole in the Terrace Road outside number 12. I reported it to the DCC South East Area and the man I spoke to realised the urgency and said he would report to Roads Section for action see photos taken on Thursday 26th.

No action taken yet; over the weekend the hole has widened as I had predicted and attached are photos taken today. Also there was an incident when a man was crossing over to his side of the Terrace caught his foot in the hole but luckily managed to stop himself falling. I measured the depth of the hole with a measuring tape and it is just over 1 foot.

Bearing in mind my previous experiences with Roads Division, there is little point in me following up with them, so maybe you might get some action from them before another incident occurs.

There are further holes outside No. 37 and beside the front wall of No. 51 Morehampton Road – not as deep but much wider.

Reply:

This has been logged in our Asset Management System and appropriate repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

Q.20 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have the blocked drain at entrance to Pearse House between block A and S, as shown in attached photo, as when it rains it blocks up and floods the entrance?

Reply:

This issue has been reported and the choke car will investigate.

Q.21 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager about the new parking spaces on Lower Kimmage Road, the photograph below shows on-street parking added at the end of the Marlet development next to the bus stop. Local Resident Association LOKRA question how it is deemed safe to pull in and out to park here, opposite the junction of Kenilworth Park and within close proximity to the bus stop.

In addition, LOKRA are conscious of the NTA Bus Connects proposals which will close city bound vehicular exit from Lower Kimmage Road. This means that such on street parked cars will have to either make an extremely sharp turn out to exit up Kenilworth Park if heading towards town, Terenure, Churchtown etc., or continue the short distance Northwards and up Casimir Road, a road so narrow that cars must pull in to allow another to progress and then pull back out again to continue the journey.

Reply:

The layout of the indented spaces would have been assessed as part of the overall Marlett development. The principle of the pay and display and permit parking scheme being acceptable was established through the planning application process. The detail was to be subsequently agreed with Dublin City Council.

The indented spaces were effectively permitted through planning back in 2010 which was before Bus Connect plans were being considered or designed.

The indented spaces are on street public spaces and are intended to be managed as a standard pay & display and permit scheme. The Area Engineer assessed the indented pay & display and permit parking scheme and has reported that it does not affect the visibility of the inbound Bus stop.

Q.22 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager for the (a) provision of bicycle parking along Ravensdale Park as there is no bike parking outside or in the surrounds of the retail parade. This is a particular issue for the newly opened 4 Provinces public house and microbrewery, as its customers are mainly cyclists. The business provides free function room for community meetings.

(b) the business owner has also requested if a sign for the small businesses could be erected at the main road entrance to indicate their location.

As the NTA proposes to commence a bus gate (to prevent cars having access to Kimmage Road Lower) at the junction of Ravensdale Park, there will be excessive signage at this point.

Reply:

The location will be examined and if deemed suitable cycle parking will be included in the next batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Dublin City Council does not permit the erection of signage for commercial premises.

Q.23 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager for works to be carried out on the surface of Garville Lane and a gate that is a danger to local residents [details below]. Photographs were provided by the enquirer. The email was forwarded to Road Maintenance already.

Reply:

Re road surface - Garville Lane has been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out.

Re gate - Road Maintenance Services will contact the property owner to request them to remove this hazard.

Q.24 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager – though this is not in my ward [South East Inner City] – about the ownership of the Methodist Church St. Kevin's Road, Portobello, Dublin 8 [former Social Welfare Office] and whether it can be purchased and redeveloped for residential use.

Reply:

The former church at the junction of St. Kevin's Road and Victoria Street, Dublin 8 is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. It is not possible to confirm who owns the building as it is not registered in the Land Registry and the Council's Property Register only contains information on property in its ownership.

Q.25 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager about safe truck access to a scrapyards on Price's Lane – also not in my ward [Pembroke]. I was requested me to do a site visit and pointed out that the cars parked along Price's Lane do not provide safe space for access out of the lane by the commercial trucks. The enquirer also requested that a proper footpath would replace parking for the purpose of local residents walking the lane.

Reply:

Vehicles can access Price's Lane from Ranelagh Road (height restriction 3.25m) and from Mountpleasant Avenue Lower via Bannaville and Mountpleasant Terrace. There are double yellow lines on both sides of the corner of Mountpleasant Terrace and Price's Lane with a radius of 6.4 metres. The pay and display and permit parking scheme on the north side of Prices Lane is 6.5 metres from the corner. This small pay and display and permit parking scheme has been in place since 2005 and is used by the residents of Price's Lane, Mountpleasant Terrace and Garden View.

There is no requirement at present to replace this pay and display and permit parking scheme with a partial pedestrian footpath by the Area Engineer. Lanes are usually shared surfaces and it is up to all road users to share the communal space.

The Area Engineer would consider the removal of either of the loading bays near the recycling yard if it is a requirement for safe access for vehicles to enter / exit the scrap yard.

Q.26 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if a cycle lane barrier can be erected on Richmond Street South and Camden Street Upper to prevent illegal parking causing danger to cyclists.

Reply:

The Environment and Transportation Department will be assessing the existing cycle network, taking account of locations identified through various representations to develop a comprehensive programme for protected cycle lanes. This will be presented as a single programme with implementation commencing in Q2 2020 subject to funding.

Q.27 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have a fob key system or intercom system put in place at entrance to Cambridge Court senior citizen development in the interest of safety?

Reply:

At the moment the City Council does not plan to install an intercom system at the entrance to Cambridge Court. The decision may be reviewed in the future subject to the availability of funding. In the meantime the Gardaí and the Liaison Officer will be made aware of the security concerns.

Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager state how many Part V homes is it projected will be allocated in 2019 2020 and 2021 by Housing Allocations for the Dublin Bay South Area and when will they be allocated?

Reply:

The following table outlines how many Part V homes are projected from 2019 – 2021 in the South East Area:

YEAR	TOTAL NO. OF UNITS
2019	47
2020	89
2021	120
OVERALL TOTAL	256

Allowing for conveyancing and inspections of each property, all units will be allocated within 8 - 10 weeks of completion.

Q.29 Councillor Tara Deacy

There are a number of business premises on Ravensdale Park, (4 Provinces, Heaven Hair and Beauty, Crumbles Deli) there is also a busy industrial estate adjacent to this road. Businesses in the community have requested the installations of a bike rack on Ravensdale Park, which would in turn encourage less car use and in light of Bus Connects plans this would be a benefit to the area.

Reply:

The location will be examined and if deemed suitable cycle parking will be included in the next batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy

The residents using both Lavarna and Lorcan O'Toole Parks have asked that the grass is cut much shorter, the grass is not being topped leaving grass too long and children are unable to play. Can this be addressed?

Reply:

The grassed areas in the two above mentioned locations are cut to the same standard specification as all the other grassed areas. We do not believe the grass needs to be cut shorter.

Q.31 Councillor Tara Deacy

The residents of Garville Lane, Rathgar are experiencing very low levels of maintenance of the lane, safety hazards, and very poor traffic management and parking.

A resident has already sent correspondence relating to this of which I have attached. Action needs to be taken as soon as possible on this lane as it is a health and safety issue for residents and many young families living on this lane. Can the staff of DCC meet with residents to discuss a maintenance plan for the lane as well as the parking issues? Can I get some clarification in terms of when this work will commence.

Reply:

Could the Councillor please log details of the parking issues at <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor>

Following this, it can be determined which section of DCC the issues relate to, most likely either parking services or the Transport Advisory Group. In our experience, requests which are received through the website can usually be assessed and actioned without the need for a site meeting however a meeting with residents can then be arranged if necessary.

Waste Management Services had Garville Lane cleaned on the 7th October 2019.

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

Q.32 Councillor Tara Deacy

There are two schools currently in accommodation at the former Greyhound Stadium in Harold's Cross, the population of which will rise rapidly in coming years. There is a busy Montessori a few houses up with morning and afternoon sessions. St. Clare's Primary School is also metres away, and a new apartment complex under construction on the stadium side of the road. This road is very busy and residents have highlighted their concerns about the safety of their children, while trying to cross and the speed at which traffic goes on this road.

As a traffic calming measure can a pedestrian crossing and pedestrian access to the park on the Harold's Cross side be provided?

Reply:

On inspection of the matters raised in relation to provision of a pedestrian crossing and pedestrian access. The Area Engineer has assessed the concerns raised in relation to the busy Montessori, St. Clare's Primary School and the construction of a new apartment complex.

The Area Engineer notes that currently there is a pedestrian crossing on the north east stretch of Harold's Cross Road north of Harold's Cross Park. The pedestrian crossing is 115m south east from the gates of St. Clare's Primary School; 55m north east to the proposed new apartment complex the Leinster Park Montessori is 200m from the same pedestrian crossing and 150m north east from another pedestrian crossing at the junction of Harold's Cross Road and Parkview Avenue.

In view of these pedestrian crossings in place and the finite budget with which we operate, there is adequate provision for parents with children to safely reach the Montessori and St. Clare's Primary School and for future residents of the new apartment complex to access their homes safely.

Q.33 Councillor Tara Deacy

The residents of *details supplied have had their problems with mould resolved after a considerable wait and have been waiting on the external insulation to be done. They have been told they were next in line after Mount Tallant Road in early summer, but no action has been taken to date. The condensation is starting to appear again and the residents do not wish to be back in the same place in terms of mould. I have been in their home and I can support how chronic the mould problem was for this family. When will their home be externally insulated?

Reply:

Current funding for Phase Two of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade programme has been exhausted and we are currently awaiting further funding confirmation from the Department. Once further funding is secured, we will prioritise the aforementioned priority above and will be then in a position to confirm a fixed date to carry out the external insulation works.

Q.34 Councillor Tara Deacy

As the Marlet Property group prepares the first of its residential blocks for occupation next month, residents have expressed their urgent concerns regarding safety and adherence to Dublin City Council zoning designation on Lower Kimmage Road as a result. On-street parking has been added at the end of the development next to the bus stop on Lower Kimmage Road. Existing double yellow lines are still visible painted on the road. I am seeking clarification regarding for whom are these car parking spaces intended- general public, and if so are they to be disk parking, metred etc.? Are they in addition to the (181 approx.) underground parking allocated to the apartments, and if so are they allocated to specific apartments, and if so which?

Reply:

The layout of the indented spaces would have been assessed as part of the overall Marlett development. The principle of the pay and display and permit parking scheme being acceptable was established through the planning application process. The detail was to be subsequently agreed with Dublin City Council.

The indented spaces were effectively permitted through planning back in 2010 which was before Bus Connect plans were being considered or designed.

The indented spaces are on street public spaces and are intended to be managed as a standard pay & display and permit scheme. The Area Engineer assessed the indented pay & display and permit parking scheme and has reported that it does not affect the visibility of the inbound Bus stop.

The existing double yellow lines will be rescinded by the Area Engineer in due course.

Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to outline what are the plans for the recycling area in Terenure Car Park. Given the recent plans to camouflage this area are not now an option, what is proposed instead? The area is unsightly and regularly has broken glass on the pedestrian road side which is a safety hazard and could leave the council exposed to injury claims. Also, bags of bottles and clothes are regularly left alongside the recycling containers and there is an issue with people using the bottle bank late into the night which is prohibited given the nuisance for local residents. Would it be possible to move the recycling containers to the back of the car park?

Reply:

While we recognise that bottle banks can be unpopular and can be prone to dumping they play an important role in the city's recycling infrastructure. Waste management staff visit the site daily and clean up any rubbish and broken glass.

Unfortunately moving the banks to the rear of the car park is not an option as the vehicle used to service the site is large and would not be able to service the containers if they were moved.

Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to consider installing a pedestrian crossing / traffic lights at Greenlea Road shops to facilitate safe crossing for children coming from school and also the many older residents who use the shops, medical centre, post office, etc. on a regular basis. This road is a very busy link road between Fortfield and Terenure Road West and while there are ramps along the road, speed of traffic on the road is still an issue for people trying to get across the road quickly. Also, the density of parking obscures the view of those trying to cross the road.

Reply:

The request for a pedestrian crossing at the above location is currently listed on the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer under Enquiry No: 7003419. A recommendation will be made to the Transport Advisory Group Meeting for consideration and referred to the following month's area committee meeting for noting by the area Councillors.

The Councillor will receive the final recommendation of the Transport Advisory Group following completion of these steps.

Q.37 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager, that following the very successful trial kerbside clean-up by Waste Management in a number of areas (e.g. Larkfield, Ashdale, Eaton Square, Mount Tallant) last May, are there plans to extend this to repeat this and extend it to other areas in the Kimmage Rathmines LEA over the coming months? The trial involved advising residents by flyer that a thorough kerbside clean-up would be carried out on a specific date and time-span and residents should park their cars elsewhere to allow a 'deep clean' to be carried out. This type of street cleaning is carried out on a regular (e.g. quarterly / twice yearly) basis in other European cities and is very effective for local areas and very efficient for the local authorities.

Reply:

Resident representatives of any particular road are always welcome to contact us at waste.management@dublincity.ie and we will make the necessary arrangements for a kerbside clean up on their road, with the parked cars removed temporarily to facilitate a better cleaning job.

Q.38 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the trees on Westfield Road, Harold's Cross pruned and where some of the trees are in bad condition to treat them, remove them and replace them.

Reply:

The street trees on Westfield Road have been inspected recently and it is recommended that the following works are undertaken as soon as practicable over the dormant season.

The street trees located outside house number No. 7 and No. 32 to be removed and the tree planted outside No. 37 to be pruned.

Q.39 Councillor Anne Feeney

Given the significant amount of building almost completed by Marlet on Lower Kimmage Road, to ask the Manager to ensure that the Poddle River culverts are clear from building and other debris, to ensure no flooding threat over the coming days and weeks.

Reply:

The developer has been in consultation with DCC Drainage Division regarding the culvert entry screen, to ensure compliance with relevant standards. All screens on the Poddle culvert are monitored, inspected and cleaned as part of a regular maintenance programme by DCC Drainage Maintenance. Any debris from this development found within the adjacent watercourse will be removed by, or at the expense of, the Developer.

Q.40 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager when will work commence to clean up Bremen Avenue and in particular, clear the planters facing *details supplied.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Bremen Avenue cleaned on the 7th October 2019.

South East Area Community Development staff will liaise with Ringsend and Irishtown Tidy Towns to have a look at these and we will aim to get them cleaned and planted for winter planting season.

The area in question has been added to a list for clear out and the works will be carried out in due course.

Q.41 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if there could be increased cleaning of Barrow Street and the connecting streets in the South Lotts neighbourhood. There was a slight improvement over the summer period, but it has again slipped back due to the construction work in the area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have Barrow Street and connecting streets cleaned three days a week. We will monitor the cleaning there to see if some improvements can be made and make sure that the building site managers are doing all they can to keep this area as clean as possible while they are working there.

Q.42 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if there could be cleaning of Erne Terrace Upper and Lower.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned roads cleaned on a weekly basis and we will monitor the cleaning there to see if some improvements can be made.

Q.43 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if the tree at *details supplied could be pruned. The tree is obstructing the street light.

Reply:

The tree at this location has been inspected, and has been added to the tree pruning schedule for the area.

Q.44 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager when the empty house on Isolda Road will be brought back into use and for an explanation as to the delay up to now.

Reply:

The property in Isolda Road is currently being refurbished through Dublin City Council's Term Maintenance Framework. There were some structural issues identified in the property which took some time to be rectified. There are some snags on the property's new heating system outstanding. It is envisaged that the property will be fully completed in the coming weeks.

Q.45 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager when repairs to the footpath on Bath Avenue will be carried out, as it has become hazardous.

Reply:

This footpath will be inspected and defects logged for repair in our Asset Management System

Q.46 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if an investigation will be carried out into the sink hole at Havelock Square.

Reply:

This will be examined and repairs arranged as required.

Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager examine the ongoing issues of illegal parking and loading and unloading of trucks on Grantham Street? See letters attached (details supplied).

Reply:

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

Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager urgently address the issues of antisocial behaviour and criminal activity and racially abusive graffiti and the many other issues that are taking place at Glovers Court flat complex? Many of the residents here feel intimidated and terrified with gangs of youths rampaging in the blocks of flats, targeting people with fireworks. Recently the new hotel (Merlin) has been attacked nightly with fireworks and stones. These group of youths are intent on injuring people in the flats and the patrons of the hotel and any other passersby that happen to encounter this gang.

I have supplied DCC management with photographic and video evidence relating to this issue.

Reply:

The area housing office staff are following up on these incidents with Pearse St. Gardaí and in particular the Community Gardaí for the Glovers Court area. Appropriate action will be taken following conclusion of the investigation.

Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report regarding the use of the public lavatory at Kevin Street? This Victorian public facility has been lying idle for over a decade and it's now becoming a site of antisocial activity and dumping. This structure is part of the heritage of the city and is a protected structure and should not be left to simply dilapidate.

Reply:

The Planning and Development Department is currently considering options for this protected structure.

Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager install Neighbourhood Watch signs and Garda Neighbourhood Watch signs in and around Saint Kevin's Parade to deter break-ins? In this area there have been a number of attempted break-ins in recent times and residents are very fearful particularly the elderly in the area. Also, could the Manager examine the possibility of CCTV cameras that would monitor the area?

Reply:

The installation of Neighbourhood Watch signs and CCTV cameras to deter break-ins around St. Kevin's Parade will be discussed with An Garda Síochána and I will revert to the Councillor in due course.

Q.51 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate the removal of the two pillars in Patrick's Close? These two pillars are in danger of collapse due to the constant impact of buses and heavy duty vehicles that hit them as they enter into the close. Recently the top part of one of these pillars collapsed as a result of a bus impact recently. The entrance to this street is too narrow due to the pillars which were put there in recent years and is becoming extremely dangerous for pedestrians.

Reply:

On 20th June 2019 a sight-seeing tour bus driver collided with one of the limestone piers flanking the entrance into Saint Patrick's Close. The collision resulted in the large broach-spire finial surmounting the pier being dislodged onto the public pavement. No public were present at the time of the collision. Once reported Dublin City Council removed the dislodged stonework and placed it in storage. In recent weeks another incident was reported and further stonework was taken down by Dangerous Buildings and put in storage.

The subject piers are high quality reproductions based on original 19th century piers supporting railings enclosing the cathedral grounds. It is understood the piers were erected here in the last 30 years as part of a precinct improvement scheme. Though not historical these limestone piers add significantly to the quality of Saint Patrick's Cathedral precinct and Saint Patrick's Close.

The South East Area Office will discuss the issue with Roads and Traffic and explore the introduction of traffic calming measures to slow down buses and other vehicles entering Saint Patrick's Close from Patrick Street. Working with Saint Patrick's Cathedral Dublin City Council will liaise with the tour bus operators to ensure no further incidents occur.

Q.52 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager investigate the ongoing noise issues that are emanating from the massive building site and Charlemont Street / Tom Kelly Road? The impact of this noise and the building work on the surrounding community over the past number of months is detrimental to their health. Many people have complained to me of the builders simply ignoring the residents' concerns. There is an elderly community here who are trying to live just metres from one of the biggest building sites in the city. Dust and dirt and noise is their daily and nightly issue for these Dublin City Council residents.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control received complaints from Councillor Flynn on behalf of residents in the area relating to work outside of the hours prescribed in the planning conditions for this site. The complaints were referred to Planning Enforcement who enforce the condition relating to working hours.

If the residents have concerns relating to the overall levels of noise and dust emanating from the site this Unit can investigate the complaints. If the names and contact details of the complainants are provided they will be contacted and an inspection of the site will take place.

Q.53 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate the procedure for an order of protected structure on Kevin Street College of Technology and its surrounding buildings?

Reply:

The City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS) comprises more than 8,750 structures.

However, there remains a large number of nominated additions to the RPS, including some 300 candidate additions (proposed since 2007 by Elected Representatives and members of the public) together with more than 1,250 recommendations from the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht between 2014 and 2018. The Minister's recommendations arise from a survey of Dublin City (mainly within the canals) by the National Inventory for Architectural Heritage (NIAH), which has been ongoing since 2012. It is understood that further Ministerial recommendations are likely to be issued in the next 12 months.

The Kevin Street area has been surveyed by the NIAH, the national agency with statutory responsibility for architectural heritage assessment. The NIAH do not consider that the former College of Technology (now the Technical University Dublin) buildings at Kevin Street are of 'Regional' significance or higher and have not recommended to the Minister that they be added to Dublin City's RPS. Accordingly, the Minister's formal recommendations to the City Council do not include the former College of Technology buildings at Kevin Street.

Given the large number of nominated additions and recommendations from the Minister, and the need to prioritise these, it is not intended to consider the proposed addition of Kevin Street former College of Technology (now TU Dublin) and adjoining buildings to the City Council's Record of Protected Structures.

Q.54 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate a full clean-up of Liberty Lane off Camden Street? This iconic laneway is now destroyed with graffiti and spray paint many of the citizens and residents who live and work in the area will not enter into the street or walk down it. It is constantly being attacked with gangs of individuals loitering and spray-painting in the area.

Reply:

Liberty Lane has traditionally been a location for street artists to display their artwork. There are over 30 property owners who are affected along this laneway. It would prove prohibitively expensive for Dublin City Council to remove the works on an ongoing basis. The Public Domain Unit will monitor the laneway and have offensive / political or racist graffiti removed. Individual graffiti tags will also be identified for removal.

The issue of gangs of individuals loitering in this laneway should be referred to the Gardaí

Arrangements have been made to clean Liberty Lane and liaise with the property owners with regard to what graffiti may be removed from their properties.

Q.55 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full update as to the status on the order of protected structure for the RTE campus and the buildings that was agreed at this meeting sometime back?

Reply:

The report on the initiation of the proposed addition of five buildings at the RTE Campus in Donnybrook, Dublin 4, prepared for the South East Area Committee meeting in May last was withdrawn by the Planning & Property Development Department. This was to enable further research and examination into the special interest of each of the buildings and to provide clarity regarding the architectural details of the buildings proposed for protection.

On completion of this research and clarification, the revised report will be brought to the South East Area Committee for its decision to initiate or not to initiate the statutory process for the proposed addition of the buildings to the RPS.

The current status of the RTE Campus buildings is that they are not protected structures. Nor are they 'proposed protected structures' until such time as the initiation of their addition is approved and the statutory notices under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) are issued and published.

Q.56 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue an update as to how Dublin City Council and Health Services Executive (HSE) are dealing with a huge rat infestation in the South East Area of the city? This report to include what protocols and service level of agreements are in place with the HSE and private operators to deal with this issue.

Reply:

Complexes are baited and monitored on a regular basis. Dublin City Council and the Health Services Executive (HSE) work hard to alleviate any rat sightings. Both the HSE and the City Council have heavily invested in time and resources to treat this problem. The City Council have dedicated teams who work specifically in this area and are highly trained and comply with all relevant standards required.

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

Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how often street cleaning takes place in the Portobello / St. Kevin's area, in particular the side streets off the main streets, and can the Manager please review and increase the street cleaning of Oakfield Place and St. Kevin's Parade in particular.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned side streets, including Oakfield Place and St Kevin's Parade, cleaned twice a week. We will certainly review the cleaning of this area to see if some improvements can be made.

Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please take measures to address the issue of illegal parking of tourist coaches on Pembroke Street Lower? Tourist coaches are regularly parking here illegally to allow passengers to hop off to take photos and are blocking access to the Dublin Bike stands in the process.

Reply:

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

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he can review the street cleaning of Cows Lane. The machines used here are very loud and are used for long periods of time very early in the morning, causing disturbance to their local residents. Can the Manager please outline what can be done to address this while not compromising on the cleaning of the street and the surrounding area?

Reply:

Waste Management Services have Cows Lane cleaned every morning by a hand vac machine operator. We leave it as late as possible on that cleaning route which starts on Dame Street. There is currently building work going on in this area which probably doesn't help the noise disturbance in this area.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the delivery of the Fitzwilliam Street cycle route? Can the Manager also clarify whether recent works carried out on the road are permanent works or temporary?

Reply:

It is expected that the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route scheme will start construction in early Q1 2020.

A utility company has recently carried out ducting works along the carriageway, a temporary reinstatement was used prior to full trench reinstatement. The Fitzwilliam Cycle Route scheme will include carriageway resurfacing.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please clarify who is responsible for the maintenance of Lazer Lane, Grand Canal Dock, and can he please liaise with the relevant organisations to arrange to have the manholes on Lazer Lane mended as a matter of urgency. The constant sound of steel banging as traffic passes over them is causing constant noise pollution and distress for the neighbouring residents.

Reply:

Following immediate inspection by the Infrastructure Management Unit, these faulty utility manholes on Lazer Lane will be referred to the appropriate utility for repair.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please review the housing priority of *details supplied on the grounds of her son's medical condition, for which the applicant has significant written support.

Reply:

Dublin City Council acknowledges that the applicant has on three occasions applied for a medical priority, all of which were refused.

The applicant indicated at the time of the second and third refusal that she would appeal the decisions made, however no appeal has been received to date.

When an application for a medical priority is unsuccessful, an appeal may be made but if refused further applications will not be considered, unless there is a significant change in circumstances or condition.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what work is taking place on the basketball court in Ringsend Park, why has fencing been installed and when will these works be completed?

Reply:

The proposed upgrading of the basketball court which was scheduled to commence on the 9th September did not do so until last week (7th October). Following a recent site meeting the contractor has confirmed that he expects the works to be substantively completed over the next three weeks.

However there are some aspects of the works which are weather and temperature dependent and it may not be possible to undertake this work until spring / summer 2020.

The temporary fence which currently surrounds the basketball court is in compliance with health and safety requirements and is present to ensure that the site is safe for work staff and the public. It will be removed on completion of the works.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please confirm whether planning permission was granted for a nightclub in the hotel currently under construction at Portobello Harbour? If so can he please provide details of this, including any relevant conditions attached to the planning agreement?

Reply:

Having reviewed the planning application, permission was not sought or granted for a nightclub within the development. To date no application has been received to amend the permitted development.

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please increase the frequency of cleaning of Pearse Grove and the surrounding lane ways? Can he also arrange for this area to be weeded as soon as possible?

Reply:

Waste Management Services have Pearse Grove cleaned three days a week and we will monitor the cleaning there to see if some improvements can be made. We will have the laneways there inspected and any necessary cleaning carried out. We also will ensure that this area is included in our manual weeding programme.

Q.66 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide a detailed report on the transfer of ownership of the Rosary Hall in Harold's Cross to DCC? Can the report also list the required works needed to bring the hall up to the standards required for full community use and the expected timeframe for the completion of these works?

Reply:

The transfer of the ownership of Rosary Hall was completed on the 23rd August this year. The transfer is subject to the property only being used for community purposes and subject to the benefit of existing occupiers.

The Chief Valuer has been instructed to enter into negotiations with Harold's Cross Football Club to agree terms and conditions for the grant of a lease of the building, which will include provision for continued use by the groups that now use the building and for increased use by the wider Harold's Cross community.

A number of site visits have taken place since the ownership transfer to ascertain the extent of the works required. It is not possible at this juncture to estimate the timeframe for completion of these works as further exploratory works are required. Key areas already identified as requiring work include fire safety, structural, mechanical, electrical and lift repair and budget provision for these works has yet to be fully agreed.

Q.67 Councillor Pat Dunne

The Area Manager will be aware that Parks agreed last year to remove a number of trees in Brickfield Park that were causing a nuisance to residents on Mourne Road. Many of these were in close clusters and overhanging into residents gardens. He would be further aware that some members of the general public objected to the removal of these trees, however in the past month many of them have now been removed.

However the resident in (details supplied) has complained to me that the tree adjacent to her back garden still has not been removed. She has written a very passionate letter In the letter she explains how ill her husband is and the fact that he cannot enjoy some comfort in his own back garden as a result of the imposing nature of this tree,

In the circumstances I would be much obliged if you could arrange to remove this tree.

Reply:

The tree thinning which was carried out in Brickfields during autumn 19 was the first phase of a multiphase programme which is anticipated to continue next year, provided the budget is made available. The thinning was required to reduce overcrowding and allow the healthy specimens to reach their full potential. It is not Parks' intention to remove the tree canopy in its entirety, just selective thinning to allow for healthy growth of the remaining trees.

Q.68 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager make arrangements to facilitate the following request (details supplied)?

Reply:

Parks can attend a meeting with the boxing club mentioned above to discuss.

Q.69 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide a report on the development in Willie Pearse Park for the provision of a hurling pitch and wall together with an extension to the existing crèche and a timeframe for the commencement and completion of this project?

Reply:

The above mentioned project is out to tender currently. It is expected that the tenders will be returned in early October. The successful contractor is expected to be on site some time in November and expected to have works completed by April 2020.

Q.70 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Parks Section to examine and carry out the necessary repairs to the railings along the small pocket park at the entrance to Poddle Close in Kimmage? Residents complain that a portion of this railings is bent and sticking out in a manner that could cause injury to pedestrians and wheelchair users.

Reply:

Parks are aware of the issue with the railings at this location and will seek funding to rectify the situation from the 2020 budgets.

Q.71 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Derelict Sites Section to visit the vacant site at (details supplied) to determine if it can be placed on the Derelict Sites Register?

Reply:

This site will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the Councillor will be replied to directly.

Q.72 Councillor Pat Byrne

Can the Area Manager ask our Derelict Sites Section to visit the vacant site at (details supplied) to determine if it can be placed on the Derelict site register?

Reply:

This site will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the Councillor will be replied to directly.

Q.73 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Roads and Traffic Section to install double yellow lines on one side of the entrance into (details supplied)? Residents living in the cul-de-sac complain that cars parked on both sides makes it difficult for emergency services and bin trucks to gain entrance and it also can cause difficulty for motorists exiting the estate.

Reply:

The request for double yellow lines at the above location has been added to the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer, Enquiry No: 7011689 refers. A recommendation will be made to the Transport Advisory Group Meeting for consideration and referred to the following month's Area Committee meeting for noting by the Area Councillors.

The Councillor will receive the final recommendation of the Transport Advisory Group following completion of these steps.

Q.74 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide a report on the measures that he is taking to deal with the problem of dog fouling on our footpaths and in our parks and green spaces particularly in the Crumlin area?

Reply:

Regular patrols are undertaken throughout the entire 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 entire South East Area accompanied by Public Domain staff. The Dog Wardens enforce the Park Bye Laws and the Control of Dogs act.

Q.75 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to install "The Lovehoop" cycle hoops on Augier Street - these are heart shaped cycle hoops that attach to existing poles to provide safer and better cycle parking. These unique designed hoops would highlight the connection with the relics of St. Valentine which are in White Friar Street Church. See picture for example.

Reply:

Dublin City Council no longer support the installation of these types of cycle parking hoops on poles. The poles are always too close to the kerb and this often results in the bike sliding onto the footpath, thus becoming a hazard for pedestrians and sometimes encroaching onto the road.

Q.76 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to install bike parking around Ravensdale Park and Cashel Road, local business have asked for this to support customers.

Reply:

Ravensdale Park and Cashel Road will be examined and if deemed suitable cycle parking will be included in the next batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Q.77 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide an update on my previous request to extend the operating hours of the cycle lane in Rathmines.

Reply:

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division is compiling information on all the locations where requests have been received to improve cycling facility throughout the City. It is intended that solutions will be implemented as one package in Q2 2020.

Q.78 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager for an update on Question 63 from the September meeting in relation to resurfacing the ramps at Garville Avenue.

Reply:

These ramps will be included in our 2020 resurfacing contract.

Q.79 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to carry out much need maintenance work on Garville Lane which residents have been seeking for some time.

Reply:

Garville Lane has been logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out. Repairs are categorised and prioritised according to severity and traffic impact rating of the location. As Garville Lane has a low traffic impact rating these repairs will have a lower priority rating and will be attended to in due course.

Q.80 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager to look into the possibilities of reverse vending recycling bottle machines to be located in the South East Area. These machines are popular in Germany and involve providing users a nominal voucher for the store(s) the bank is based. The idea is to work with the likes of supermarkets and Tidy Towns in the area to trial the machines. Whereby DCC collects the returns. This initiative is being trialled by a Monaghan town this week.

Reply:

Waste Management Services Division will research the viability of installing reverse vending machines in the City Council area.

Q.81 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager in light of the recent weather with heavy rainfall can we alert the requisite engineering department to look at areas that are prone to flooding or poor drainage; along the Dodder but also under the Luas bridge in Ranelagh village and the park areas, Ranelagh Gardens (left of the pond), Herbert Park (near the parking).

Reply:

Gully under the Luas Bridge and entrance to Ranelagh Park was cleaned on 4/10/2019 (1 of 1).

Gullies at Herbert Park (near the parking) cleaned on 10/10/2019 (4 of 4).

No defects were encountered at either location.

It is my understanding that the Flood Defence Unit / Section have a number of projects addressing some of the flooding issues along the Dodder River.

Q.82 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager in light of recent antisocial behaviour of the new playground at Sean Moore Park for specific signs to be put up that the playground is for children under a specific

age. With regards to this I would also ask the Manager to work with the local Gardaí to prevent vandalism of the playground which has already occurred. Myself and local residents have already been in touch with the Gardaí but it would be great if the council being custodians of the park could perhaps write to them too.

Reply:

There are some issues in regard to anti-social activity in the playground during the evenings by unsupervised teenagers. Following recent inspections some minor repair needed to be undertaken.

Park Services will continue to liaise with local Community Gardaí and community groups to ensure that incidents of anti-social activity are minimized.

Q.83 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for a pedestrian light crossing at the junction of Chelmsford Avenue and Ranelagh Road (where Brown Sugar and Ranelagh Dentals are located) and for a crossing at Grove Road across Rathmines Road.

Reply:

The request for pedestrian crossings at the above locations have been added to the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer. A recommendation will be made to the Transport Advisory Group meeting for consideration and referred to the following month's area committee meeting for noting by the area Councillors.

The Councillor will receive the final recommendation of the Transport Advisory Group following completion of these steps.

Q.84 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for an update on cycling protection on Camden Street as per my request at the previous meeting.

Reply:

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division is compiling information on all the locations where requests have been received to improve cycling facility throughout the city. It is intended that solutions will be implemented as one package in Q2 2020.

Q.85 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager on the viability of 24 hour cycle lanes across the South East Area.

Reply:

The Environment & Transportation Department will carry out a review of the existing cycle network across the South East Area in Q2 2020, in order to develop proposals for amending, where appropriate, the current cycle lane operational hours.

Q.86 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager on putting flower planters across 30km residential zones to slow down traffic.

Reply:

There are a variety of factors which must be considered to determine whether the use of planters for traffic calming is appropriate or not. These factors include the physical environment of the road and also the likelihood of vandalism etc.

Further to the above there is an initial cost and an ongoing maintenance cost requiring volunteers or ongoing funding.

If the Councillor has a specific location or locations in mind, they might liaise directly with the area office who are responsible for provision and maintenance of planter boxes. The Transport Advisory Group and the Road Safety Group can then work with the area office to assist in the appropriate positioning of any planters boxes ensure they are in a safe position for all road users.

Q.87 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to investigate the possibility of having bottle banks situated around Pearse Square / Pearse Street / Grand Canal Dock as the nearest bottle banks are in Ringsend - not a practical distance and one which most people would have to drive to. Given the significant increase in population in Grand Canal Dock in particular surely this is not an unreasonable request.

Reply:

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

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

All possible locations are investigated as to their suitability and where at all possible we will locate new ones.

We are restricted in 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 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 and I would be happy to visit any suggested locations.

Q.88 Councillor Danny Byrne

To investigate the possibility of having bottle banks in Fitzwilliam Square or environs, the nearest bottle banks are in Ringsend - not a practical distance and one which most people would have to drive to.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will investigate this area for a suitable location for a bottle bank.

Q.89 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager further to my question (Q.73 September South East Area Committee meeting) when this unit (Jenny's Hair Studio in Ringsend) will be ready for occupation. Further to this, how long has it been empty and why has it been left empty for so long given the acute housing crisis?

Reply:

The Fire Safety Certificate has been granted and the tender documents are now being finalised. The tenders for this dwelling are due to be extended next week.

Q.90 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to fix a portion of the footpath on Havelock Square which has collapsed due to traffic mounting the footpath - a further request to erect steel bollards, strategically placed to prevent mounting of the footpath and parking thereon.

Reply:

This footpath will be inspected and repairs scheduled as required and the feasibility of installing bollards here will be examined.

Q.91 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the memorial statue to Admiral William Browne be attended to / cleaned are there have been stickers etc. stuck on it defacing it.

Reply:

The City Arts Office and Dublin Docklands are seeking a quote from bronze experts to assess and clean the statue.

Q.92 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the street at *details supplied can be repaired. During the building of a number of houses there the street has been left in a very poor and dangerous condition.

Reply:

This roadway will be inspected and repairs arranged as required.

Q.93 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to engage with the Aviva Stadium to ensure that the area cleaned post matches and events is extended beyond its current reach. Residents on Grand Canal Street and further report their gardens being used as skips. Perhaps extra bins out on these days may help.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will engage with the Aviva Stadium to see what improvements can be made to the post events cleaning there.