



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019

- 1 **Update on Industrial Lands Study & Proposed Draft Variation to the City Development Plan.**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Strategic Housing Development (SHD) at former St. Claire's Convent site in Harold's Cross**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 14 October 2019**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 30 October 2019.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Planning & Property Development Matters**
 - i. Further report on the proposed grant of a temporary convenience letting of a site at Beggars Bush, Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4 to Eir.
Order: Deferred pending report on possible alternative uses for the site.
 - ii. Report on the proposed transfer of the residue of a leasehold interest in a plot to the rear of 34 Sandford Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 to Chester and Diana Reid.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iii. Report on the proposed grant of leases in respect of a plot of land between 63 and 69 Sundrive Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12 to (1) Michael O'Connor, in respect of the portion adjoining 63 Sundrive Road, and (2) Mark Mellotte and Claire Deasy in respect of the portion adjoining 69 Sundrive Road.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - iv. Initiation report on the proposed addition of 24 St. Stephen's Green to the Record of Protected Structures.
Order: Agreed to initiate the process.
 - v. Initiation report on proposed amendment of the Record of Protected Structures for 10 Burlington Road.
Order: Agreed to initiate the process.

6 **South East Area Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on the proposed extinguishment of public right of way over a section of a laneway to the rear of 204 – 210 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6W (known as Shamrock Villas).
Order: Rejected.

7 **Questions 11 November 2019**
Order: Noted.

8 **Motions 11 November 2019**

Motion 1 from Councillor Tara Deacy

The Discretionary Fund has served our communities very well over the last number of years. I ask that this committee support that the Discretionary Fund scheme stay within our local areas and continue to provide this important support to the community and voluntary services that provide incredible services to our constituents. That we as a group lobby management of DCC and advocate on behalf of our constituents to ensure its continuation.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 2 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees to support a motion to designate Kimmage village as a capital project, to enhance the area under the Public Realm Project. The village area and its environs are badly in need of attention and have been neglected over the years. Improvements are needed aesthetically, socially and from a community perspective and I ask all of my fellow councillors to support this.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of the South East Area calls on Dublin City Council to negotiate with Irish Water to take in charge the entire canal waterways system within the Dublin City Council administrative area.

Order: Motion amended to refer to Waterways Ireland and Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

The South East Area Committee calls on the board of Scouting Ireland to issue a full public apology to the many victims who were sexually abused as children in their scouting organisation. This apology and accountability is long overdue and was promised some time back. There can be no further delay on this acceptance of responsibility and apology for the wrongdoing that was done to children in their care.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

That this committee would agree to the lease for use as vegetable plot of City Council owned plot which is 8 metres wide by 16 metres deep, currently hoarded on street front, between two houses on Sundrive Road. The enquirer has already obtained a gardening licence from the council and is planting on it but seeks a lease for security purposes and shares the plot with the neighbour for access to their rear garden.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee supports the speedy installation of the 30 parking spaces outside Lourdes Celtic Football club, Crumlin. This has been an ongoing issue for some time, the residents of the Rutland Grove area are not only frustrated by the pace of this action but also worried about the dangerous nature of parking on match days and as a committee can we agree that this be prioritized as a matter of urgency.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee writes to the Environmental Protection Agency asking them to establish a full time presence in the Ringsend area. In terms of restoring public confidence in the different agencies this should be a step forward.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council to revise its protocols in count centres to ensure the safety of count staff, security staff, Gardaí, and all those present at counts.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 9 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee looks at banning or at least regulating the use of Rickshaws.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill (taken with the traffic motions)

In the interest of minimising dumping, that DSE LAC consider some method of providing a regular collection point to dispose of small to medium size household equipment.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee welcomes the recent reopening of Crumlin Swimming Pool. The refurbishment is also welcome but the small number of public hours currently available needs to be increased.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could install cameras on St. Kevin's Parade. There is an ongoing issue with illegal dumping here and a recent series of break ins and other security threats to the more elderly residents. Cameras could help to address some of these issues.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to install a contra flow cycle lane in Nassau Street.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to consider identifying an area in the South East Inner City to trial the use of anti-graffiti paint as a measure to tackle the ongoing problem of graffiti and tagging in the city.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee formally include on its agenda for an upcoming meeting to invite key experts in architecture and planning to discuss a height strategy for the South East Area in particular, Donnybrook, Ranelagh, Ballsbridge and Sandymount.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee formally include on its agenda for an upcoming meeting to invite members of the public and interested parties to make proposals in relation to promoting and preserving the natural heritage of Scully's Field Parkland in Milltown.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee agrees that the Environment and Transportation Department should model the potential traffic and transport impact for Richmond Hill, Mt. Pleasant Avenue Upper and Lower, Castlewood Avenue and Oakley Road arising from the latest Bus Connects proposals for Rathmines village and equally start considering solutions.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the Environment and Transportation Department accelerate the timeline for the completion of the option selection for the Sandymount (Clonskeagh) to City Centre Cycle Route to ensure swift agreement of the capital cost with the National Transport Agency in conjunction with their recent Bus Connects proposals.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 19 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That Christmas lights be installed on the trees along Chatham Street, Dublin 2 to encourage foot flow for businesses in the area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 20 from Councillor Hazel Chu

With ongoing plans to improve public transport in the city I move that this committee reject the proposal for electric vehicles to be allowed to use bus lanes / corridors.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion 1 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

This meeting of the South East Area Committee supports the community in Sandymount and in Particular the residents Seafort Avenue in their efforts be included at all stages of the planning process regarding the building of a new local school at Roslin Park. Further this meeting calls upon the Department of Education to initiate a preplanning meeting with local residents on all aspects of this school development in this area so as concerned residents can have input and an equal level through informed consent and participation, also that DCC planning and traffic departments facilitate a meeting with local residents to address the ongoing issues and impacts of the school development within this community and clear up the uncertainty that exists around traffic re arrangements and residence parking, road layout and general public domain management.

Reason

Many residents are being deliberately kept in the dark by the Department of Education in relation to the development of the site. This school will have a huge impact on the immediate area where the school was built and whole of Sandymount.

Resulting in the realignment of traffic flows residents parking and a big increase in cyclists, pedestrians, as well as many parents using the cars to bring the children to school the public. The main will be stretched to the limits here all the community are asking for here is transparency, accountability and participation in what takes place in their community next door to their homes.

Order: Agreed.

Chairperson
Monday 11 November 2019

Attendance:

Members:

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

Members:

Paddy McCartan
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Mary Freehill
Danny Byrne
Patrick Costello
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill

Officers

Brian Hanney
Paul McCann
Fiona O'Brien
Gerald McEntaggart
Kieran Sweeney
Leah Johnson

John MacEvilly
Mark Ginnitty
Neil O'Donoghue
Deirdre Scully
Paraic Fallon

Brian Kirk
Jennifer Wall
Rossana Camargo
Emma Gosnell
Avril Feeney

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager for an update on the invitations of "Expressions of Interest" in relation to the former Power Station and Pigeon House hotel sites as issued earlier this year.

Reply:

The Brief for Stage 2 of the disposal process for the Pigeon House Precinct, which will require the submission of detailed proposals from the shortlisted candidates, is nearing completion and will issue in the coming weeks.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager for an update on arrangements to establish a Men's Shed in the Donnybrook area.

Reply:

We are working on securing a container that can be adapted to meet the security and storage needs of a Men's Shed and storage area for tools. We hope to also have a one year licence ready to discuss and plan with the local area in time for the New Year programme of 2020. Funding is being sought in the 2020 budget for this and other Men's Sheds projects

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager for a timeline for the completion of the Dodder works at Anglesea Road?

Reply:

The current programme for completion of these works at Lower Anglesea Road including cladding is the end of Q3 2020, assuming reasonable weather conditions and no unforeseen problems with existing services.

Q.4 Councillor Chris Andrews

To ask the Manager to deal with the following complaint from a constituent, who writes:
I like to report a noise complaint arising from a faulty manhole cover on Charlotte Way in Dublin 2. The noise from the manhole is very loud any time a vehicle drives over it, so much so it wakes me even though I live on the 5th floor and have double glazed windows. I'm not sure exactly which manhole it is, but it sounds like it's coming from the east end of Charlotte Way towards Harcourt Street.

Can you advise what the process is for getting this cover fixed to prevent this noise pollution occurring as it is over 10 months and is still making noise and disturbing a lot of people working close to it?

Reply:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services will identify the utility responsible and request the manhole cover and frame to be repaired at the address specified.

Q.5 Councillor Chris Andrews

Bearing in mind that the pedestrian and vehicular entrance to Kevin Street Iveagh Trust onto New Bride Street is catering for over 400 homes with hundreds of children living here, can the entrance be made safer for pedestrians and motorists coming out onto New Bride Street, as this entrance to the Iveagh Trust is very close to a large busy junction and is very dangerous for residents coming and going from their homes onto New Bride Street, so can a zebra crossing be installed at the gate or the footpaths be widened to increase safety and signs erected on approach to Iveagh Trust?

Reply:

This request (enquiry ref. no.: 701221) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Q.6 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have the same Sunday clear way hours that currently exist on New Bride Street opposite entrance to Kevin Street Iveagh Trust applied to a Saturday?

Reply:

This request (enquiry ref. no.: 701222) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Q.7 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

“Attached please find a photo of the road outside my house on *details supplied. Can you please follow up with DCC about this health and safety issue outside my house? The area floods when it rains leaving it impossible to get in or out my garden.”

Reply:

A permanent repair to the carriageway at this location will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Q.8 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues from a constituent, who lives on Beach Road, Sandymount:

Regarding the roundabout by Star of the Sea School where Beach Road meets Leahy's Terrace, can something be done to:

- a) help reduce the speed at which people are driving; the speed signs are not enough; and
- b) increase the road signage here so maybe people will actually yield at the roundabout and
- c) possibly install speed cameras / have regular speed checks.

Could a pedestrian crossing be installed to facilitate families trying to access it Sean Moore Park playground?

Could the Parking Enforcement Section patrol this area, as cars are parking illegally and blocking access to our homes?

Reply:

Dublin City Council has installed 3 no. speed radar signs on Strand Road. When vehicles pass with speed more than 50 km/h, these signs flash with a red light in order to indicate that the car is causing a speed violation.

A site inspection made on the 31st October, 2019 at the roundabout located at the intersection of Beach Road / Leahy's Terrace, noted that all the arms of the roundabout contain the appropriate yield signs. Therefore, further signage is not recommended at this location as it would lead to a proliferation of signs which could lead to confusion.

As the line markings on the roundabout have been faded, it is recommended to refresh the line markings at this location, this matter has been sent to the line marking team to update.

The implementation of speed cameras is a matter for the Garda Síochána to install and enforce.

There are pedestrian crossing's installed at junctions of Beach Road / Sean Moore Road and at Beach Road / Marine Road to facilitate families trying to access the Sean Moore Park playground.

There is currently no requirement to introduce an extra pedestrian crossing at Beach Road / Leahy's Terrace as there is no entrance to the park at this location.

The Area Engineer has asked the Parking Enforcement Section to monitor the area for parking infringements.

Q.9 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent that is going on since 2017. She writes:

"I am hoping you can help me with a request to clear overgrown ivy which is now growing over the road and partially blocking it in The Grove, off Beach Road, Sandymount.

I first requested assistance on this two years ago and I am still being passed from one department to another and the work has not been done."

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have this overgrowth cut back.

Q.10 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues from a constituent, who writes:

"I am a resident of Eastmoreland Lane in Ballsbridge and wanted to draw your attention to the disregard many of the businesses that back onto the lane are showing to waste disposal.

Searsons Pub permanently store their bins on the lane often overflowing with waste and even when they have been emptied they continue to store them on the lane. Recently a burger shop called Bunsen has opened on Baggot Street and they have adopted the same practice of permanently storing their bins on our lane. I have approached these business on several occasions and have had no response.

Please can you assist me in getting these businesses to comply with the council's regulations on refuse? All of the residential houses on the lane store there bins off the street until collection day."

Reply:

The Public Domain Unit has is currently monitoring the placement and presentation of commercial waste receptacles on Eastmoreland Lane. We are working with the businesses in dealing with compliance issues.

Q.11 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the footpath repaired outside 2 Chelmsford Road, Ranelagh.

Reply:

A repair to the footpath at this location will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Please respond to the issue on Vergemount Hall, Clonskeagh from a constituent, who writes:

"As you are aware there is a very busy HSE office in our lane accessed not only by members of the public but also by constant post and delivery vans. Our lane is very narrow but at the top where you are forced to turn left there is a wider square of space. This is necessary for cars that meet to slowly swing around each other. In other words if this space is occupied

and you drive down our lane and meet a car leaving the HSE office, you are forced to reverse the whole way down the lane and onto the main road.

Over the years people have often parked in this space but this situation has now been exacerbated by the opening of a Pilates studio across the road from the entrance to our lane. We now have at least 4 cars parked in this space throughout the day and also parked on the immediate opposite corner. Last week a delivery van became stuck and 5 cars were forced to reverse down the lane.

But a much greater concern is that an emergency vehicle would not be able to access our houses should the need arise. I am sure you will agree this is an untenable situation that we find ourselves in!

The particular area (corner) in question has no designated parking spaces but neither does it have yellow lines. Therefore Dublin City Clampers are unable to clamp any cars in this area. Our lane is a narrow cul de sac and we need this area to be free to allow incoming cars to swing around outgoing cars and trucks from the HSE office situated in our lane. We also flagged our concern that when this spot is occupied by up to 4 cars, an ambulance or fire brigade would have great difficulty getting past."

Reply:

The area referred to in the above question is not in charge of Dublin City Council and therefore the Transportation Department would not have the warrant to install parking restrictions on the ground.

Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the lane way at Railway Cottages between Serpentine Avenue and Lansdowne Road cleaned on a regular basis.

A constituent writes that the accumulation of dirt, weeds, and waste plastic etc. needs to be dealt with and despite many phone calls to the Council nothing has happened.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to have the above mentioned laneway cleaned and monitored on a more regular basis.

Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can give advice in relation to the request supplied with this question for an electric car charging point in Ranelagh:

"The Devlin Hotel adjacent to Mornington Road and Ashfield Avenue.

On the corner of Ashfield Avenue and Mornington there is a section of road where vans park illegally and unload at all hours of the day.

I do have a suggestion, an electric car charging point would be greatly welcome on the road and would also double as a deterrent to hotel deliveries."

Reply:

The council has only commenced the roll out of electric vehicle (EV) chargers with a trial installation of 4 charge points on Sir John Rogerson's Quay, which are expected to be commissioned in December. This six month trial will inform our future policy on EV charger roll out. There are no current plans to install an EV charger at Ashfield Avenue / Mornington Road.

The parking enforcement contractor will continue to monitor the junction of Ashfield Avenue and Mornington Road for illegal parking and take any necessary enforcement action.

Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if arrangements could be made to have the very overgrown Dodder walkways between Strand Terrace and Clonskeagh Bridge and between Ashton's Pub and Brookvale Road cleared and cleaned as both are in a dangerous condition.

Reply:

The walkway will be inspected and the overgrowth will be addressed. The cleansing issue has been referred to Waste Management Division for attention.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager have the pavement outside of the Lucky Duck on Aungier Street and Digges Street repaired? This footpath is a major trip hazard in the area. Water is also leaking into the basement of the businesses on the street because of the huge cracks and breaks in the pavement.

Reply:

A repair to the footpath at this location will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report as to how much vacant land given to the McVerry Trust is still not being used? Also, how many premises similar to the flats in Moss Street are still lying idle? This report to include all unused premises in the South East Area under the control of the McVerry Trust given to it by Dublin City Council.

Reply:

The Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) is currently developing 3 sites for Dublin City Council. Funding is under the Capital Assistance Scheme through the four stage Capital Works Management Framework process. The following is the current position with these sites:-
26 New Street South – Disposal approved by City Council in December 2018. Contractor to commence on site 18th November, 2019.

Shaw Street – Disposal approved by City Council in February 2019. The design for the scheme was approved by the DHPLG on the 17th October, 2019 and the PMVT will now proceed to lodge a planning application.

180 – 187 Townsend Street – Disposal to be completed. Negotiations currently taking place with the commercial tenants in this building. Once these negotiations are completed, PMVT can submit their Stage 4 application (tender approval) to the DHPLG.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager, as a matter of urgency, have the trees on Redmond's Hill pruned and cut back? This area is a major bus stop and it's becoming extremely dangerous with the leaves and the sap from the trees. It is also extremely dark in the evening and poses a health and safety hazard for the many who use this area.

Reply:

The Street Tree Pruning Programme for 2019 is fully committed for. Accordingly, the trees on Redmond's Hill (13 in total) have been listed for pruning in early 2020.

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding progress being made to deal with many issues of antisocial behaviour, criminality and racial abuse at the Glovers Court flat complex? This report to include what contact DCC has had with An Garda Síochána and what efforts the Gardaí have made to address this issue?

Reply:

The area housing staff have met with the residents of Glovers Court on a number of occasions. Discussions were held around ways to deal with the anti-social behaviour referred to. The CCTV is currently being checked and will be upgraded if necessary. We are working closely with the Gardaí and a number of incidents will be dealt with in accordance with Dublin City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure.

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager supply a report regarding a survey being undertaken in the South William Street area on the possibility of pedestrianisation? Also this report to include whether this process was put out to tender and also how many premises in the area had been involved in the study survey.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is committed to continually seeking to improve the pedestrian environment in the Grafton Street Quarter. Many of the proposed measures are referenced in the Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Plan 2014, the City Centre Public Realm Masterplan 2016 and the Dublin City Centre Transport Study 2016.

As part of this commitment, the City Council recently agreed with Dublin Town that they survey local businesses on a possible trial pedestrianisation of a section of South William Street. The intent of the survey is simply to seek to gather some initial feedback from local businesses on the idea of improving the pedestrian experience on South William Street by reducing the impact of vehicles and what issues / concerns this would bring for local businesses. The streets that were surveyed include: South William Street, Drury Street, Clarendon Street, Exchequer Street, Castle Market, Wicklow Street, Coppinger Row, Fade Street and Stephen Street Lower.

A review of the feedback from the businesses will be undertaken and a report on the matter will be brought to Councillors in due course.

Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager please have the lamp standards repaired that are broken and not working outside of Kevin Street Garda station at the Bride Street entrance district? The road has become very dangerous as result of the lack of public lighting. Many pedestrians and cyclists have complained to me about the standard of street lighting.

Reply:

Two of the three lights out were repaired last night (04/11/19), the remaining light fault will be repaired this week.

Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager report if DCC Homeless Executive is in talks with any of the NGO's of the Homeless Service providers such as the Peter McVerry Trust or others to acquire a lease on Avalon Hostel on Aungier Street for emergency homeless accommodation.

Reply:

Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) have executed a lease to use this hostel on Whitefriar Place, Dublin 2 for emergency accommodation for single adults. The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) have endorsed this proposal on the basis that the facility will provide for:

- (a) The consolidation of four existing PMVT services (70 beds including the existing PMVT facility on Aungier Street).
- (b) The provision of 85 additional Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) beds as part of the DRHE's Cold Weather Strategy 2019 - 2020. These additional beds are central to

this strategy in providing the necessary emergency accommodation to meet the needs of vulnerable people sleeping rough.

Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager indicate whether Bid the Dublin town company intends to place Christmas trees on the streets of Dublin South East Area this year? Last year a number of trees were placed in the area without informing the local businesses; there were a number of complainers to me that the trees were too big and blocking the street and also blocking business premises from being seen.

Reply:

Dublin Town have stated that they have no plans to erect Christmas trees for the 2019 season.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager have a full report and presentation brought to the South East Area on the activities and operations of Temple Bar Cultural Trust Company?

Reply:

A report will be brought to the December meeting of the South East Area Committee

Q.25 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager will he have the door frame at *details supplied replaced as the occupant feels unsafe and vulnerable as the door does not close properly.

Reply:

The door at this property was examined in November 2018 and was deemed to be in good order. We will re log the request and ask one of our colleagues in the local depot to return to the property to reassess,

Q.26 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager will he reinvestigate the tree outside *details supplied as it has raised the slabs and caused damage to details supplied home. It is also extremely dangerous to pedestrians.

Reply:

Following a recent inspection of this semi mature Lime tree (Tila sps.) it was noted that it was subject to vandalism over a period of time including holes being drilled into the tree trunk.

It is not considered, based on a ground level inspection that the tree is currently in danger of failure. However, some pruning will be undertaken over the coming weeks to reduce the weight of the tree crown.

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent in Ranelagh, who writes:

"...I'm writing about something which has been driving locals mad for ages and something with which you may be able to help. At the bottom of Ashfield Road (at Antica Venezia restaurant) there is a frequent traffic bottleneck. This problem is exacerbated by cars who wish to turn right on to Ranelagh Road moving to the left hand side of Ashfield Road before turning right. This gives them a bigger turning arc but prevents cars behind them who wish to turn left from doing so. This problem is particularly obvious with SUVs and can cause major delays in the morning.

A simple line down the middle of the last 15 or 20 metres of Ashfield Road with a sign

instructing drivers to get in to the left / straight or the right turning lanes would really help this problem.

I have to use this junction every morning and I think this simple intervention could have a major impact."

Reply:

During a site inspection made on 31st October, 2019 it was found that the width of the road is 4.9 metres at Ashfield Road. The desirable width for a right turn lane is 3.5 metres. The existing width of the road is not enough to introduce two traffic lanes of 3 metres and 3.5 metres, it would result in cars encroaching on the footpath. Therefore is not recommended to introduce changes on this road.

Q.28 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager to arrange clearing of waste and weeds in the lane to the rear of Villiers Road, Rathgar. Last month a car was burnt on the lane and the fire brigade managed to reduce severe damage. However, the resident enquirer's garage doors and roof have been badly damaged, and this is an insurance matter which will increase her premium. She has asked me what the Council can do about assisting repair of her garage.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned up. The issue of fire damage to a resident's garage is a matter for them and their insurance company.

Q.29 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager to extend double yellow lines on Orwell Road outside the Marianella development. As the parking on both sides of the road causes a narrow bus, car, cycle traffic route. Double yellow lines on both sides would be welcome.

Reply:

Existing parking arrangements on Orwell Road are in accordance with the current Dublin City Council requirements. A minimum width of 6.5 metres is necessary to accommodate double sided parking and 4.6 metres for single sided parking. Orwell road has a width of 9.8 metres.

To improve the flow of traffic in the area the Area Engineer recommends that all the lining marking outside Marianella development to be repainted by the lining marking team as matter of urgency.

Q.30 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager to request road and footpath repair and maintenance on Orwell Road which is in poor condition all the way to the Dodder River bridge boundary. Also, can it be considered that a contribution provided in the Marianella development permission, where trucks are on the road, blocking access and deteriorating the road, could fund this damage repair?

Reply:

Orwell Road from Zion Road to the Dodder Bridge will be put forwarded for consideration for inclusion in our 2020 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

The footpaths on Orwell Road are overall in a serviceable condition and there are no plans for footpath renewal programme at present. The defects reported outside no. 10 and no.11 will be logged for repair.

Road Maintenance Services will record any road or footpath damage that has evidently been caused by the Marianella development works when carrying out an inspection report in advance of the release of the planning bond.

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 levied and collected under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended are not ring fenced and allocated to the area in which development takes place but are used to part fund the city-wide capital works programme agreed by the City Council.

Q.31 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager to add double yellow lines on the opposite side of Oaklands Drive, off Highfield Road, Rathgar, as the local residents advise that there can be problems with ambulance access to St. Luke's Hospital when cars are driving in and out of the local housing demesne, particularly when cars are queuing to access Highfield Road in heavy traffic.

Reply:

During a site inspection made on the 31st October, 2019 it was found that the width of the road is 6.4 metres and it narrows down to 6.2 metres.

The existing parking arrangements on Oaklands Drive are in accordance with the current Dublin City Council requirements. A minimum width of 6.5 metres is necessary to accommodate double sided parking and 4.6 metres for single sided parking. Therefore, double yellow lines are not recommended at this location.

Q.32 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager to add waste bins to Crumlin Road and Old County Road where I am advised there are none outside shops. The enquirer reports that there are waste bins outside shops on Ballyfermot Road. It is recommended that there should be bins outside takeaways and shops. There is a regular Crumlin Clean-up Group out collecting waste at weekends. More bins would be a great help. This is also an issue in Harold's Cross which I discovered on a tour with Robert Chester on Wednesday 23rd October 2019.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned locations to see if there is any requirement for litter bins to be installed.

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager confirm if contractors are due to start work and are they due to start on full path replacement in Rutland Grove or simply repair works and can the Manager provide a schedule of works for Rutland Grove?

Reply:

Footpath works are scheduled for Rutland Grove before the end of 2019 weather permitting. Full footpath reconstruction will be carried out in places as required. Some sections of footpath were previously reconstructed and do not require further work.

Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager say how many call out Dublin Fire Brigade got over the last three years 2019, 2018, 2017 in the Ringsend and Irishtown area on 31st October?

Reply:

The following incidents have been reported in the Ringsend / Irishtown areas by Dublin Fire Brigade over the previous 3 Halloweens. The respective times are from 00:00 hrs 31st October to 02:00 hrs on the 1st of November in 2017, 2018 & 2019.

	2017		2018		2019	
	Amb	Fire	Amb	Fire	Amb	Fire
Irishtown					2	
Ringsend	2		3	3	1	2

Q.35 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have the surface water pipe at *details supplied sealed so it does not flood her from garden area.

Reply:

This issue has been logged with the local depot and a member of staff will be out to examine in same. Due to the nature of the job, a hoist is required and this has delayed the completion of this particular job. We will be in contact with the tenant regarding same,

Q.36 Councillor Tara Deacy

In September a question was submitted in relation to the gate at 97 Rutland Grove, it was stated that repairs were made to this in March 2019 and a further request had been logged for another inspection? Has that happened as it has been reported that the gate is still broken.

Reply:

This job has been completed. One of our colleagues in the local maintenance depot called to this property and repaired the gate in March 2019.

Q.37 Councillor Tara Deacy

Previous representations have been made in relation to the footpaths in Rutland Grove. Residents were told they would be repaired in 2019. When will this work commence and will all paths be repaired in the Grove, they are in desperate need of repair and are proving hazardous for residents.

Reply:

Footpath repair works are scheduled for Rutland Grove before the end of 2019 weather permitting.

Q.38 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager the following:

1. The frequency of sweeping the kerbside of the following roads in Ranelagh:
 - a) The main street of Ranelagh from Marlborough Road to the Luas station
 - b) Chelmsford Road
 - c) Oakley Road
 - d) Charleston Road
 - e) Any other road kerbsides leading into Ranelagh village
2. The designated day of the week or month for such sweeping of each of the above.
3. The frequency of sweeping the following footpaths:
 - a) Footpaths in Ranelagh village from Marlborough Road to the Luas bridge
 - b) Chelmsford Road footpaths
 - c) Charleston Road footpaths
 - d) Any other footpaths leading into Ranelagh village

4. The designated day of the week or month for such sweeping of each of the above

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the kerbside and footpaths of the main street Ranelagh swept on a daily basis.

Waste Management Services have the kerbside and footpaths of Chelmsford Road and Charleston Road swept five days a week, Monday to Friday.

Waste Management Services have the kerbside and footpaths of Oakley Road swept once a week, usually on a day when the parking isn't too heavy.

Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews

Bearing in mind a house went on fire recently on Cambridge Avenue on a Sunday and the fire brigade had to come out and would not have got down if it was a weekday, can the Manager state when will some plan be put in place to relieve the ongoing extreme traffic congestion that residents on Poolbeg Quay and Pigeon House Road face daily?

Reply:

Dublin Fire Brigade responds to all emergency incidents under blue lights and sirens to aid the brigade travel through traffic congestion. Dublin Fire Brigade's pre-determined response to a domestic fire on Cambridge Road, Ringsend is to mobilise three fire appliances; two fire appliances will travel from Tara Street Fire Station and a third fire appliance will travel from Donnybrook Fire Station under the command of a District Officer. This simultaneous dispatch of resources helps ensure crews arrive from an alternative direction.

The Poolbeg Quay and Pigeon House Road areas have been added to the list of areas for consideration on the Neighbourhood Transport Schemes. These areas will be assessed by the Neighbourhood Engineer for this area. Assessments will commence in early Nov 2019.

Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager assign a caretaker for Bishop Street flats as the residents have indicated that the rubbish and leaves have not been touched for a considerable amount of time and the leaves are becoming a hazard for many of the senior citizens living there?

Reply:

There is a caretaker currently assigned to the Bishop Street complex, this staff member is due to retire and a new caretaker will be assigned from the week beginning the 4th November. I asked the Team Leader and Area Supervisor for the South East Area to ensure the issues raised in this complex are addressed.

Q.41 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to check the lane designation, on approaching Clanbrassil Street from Harold's Cross Road - the 2 lanes indicate one can go forward onto Harold's Cross Bridge - however once on the bridge - there is just 1 lane, leaving a dangerous situation where 2 cars are sharing 1 lane.

Reply:

This request (enquiry ref. no.: 7012223) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Q.42 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to urgently address the issue of rat-running on Emorville Avenue and Lombard Street West in Portobello.

Reply:

The Neighbourhood Transport Schemes have been set up to deal with issues such as rat-running and other dangerous transport issues in residential areas. The list of areas currently for consideration for this scheme will be circulated to all Councillors in the South East and South Central Areas. This area within Portobello is not currently on the list but the opportunity will be afforded to all Councillors to add any area which they feel should be included.

Q.43 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to fix a faulty manhole cover on Charlotte Way, Dublin 2 - this is causing noise pollution to nearby residents - if not belonging to the council please identify whose responsibility it is.

Reply:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services will identify the utility responsible and request the manhole cover and frame to be repaired at the address specified.

Q.44 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager why there are no bins at the new playground in Sean Moore Park and if some can be provided to maintain the cleanliness of the area.

Reply:

It is recommended that litter bins are not placed within a playground as they can attract vermin and also insects during the summer period which can be problematic for some children.

Litter bins can also be subject to petty vandalism which are not lead to additional vandalism of the play equipment and therefore are not placed within the playground.

There is a Big Belly Bin located at the entrance to Sean Moore Park, from Beach Road, which meets current needs. We are also finding that most visitors to the play area bring their litter home and litter problems arise mainly from groups of teenagers congregating in the playground during the evenings and which community groups and local Gardaí are being supportive in addressing this problem.

Q.45 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager about the housing position of *details supplied.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 9/4/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area K	2	242
Area L	2	150

The applicant also has a crossover application with South Dublin County Council.

Q.46 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager about plans to remove railings at Ringsend Park.

Reply:

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was approved by the South East Area Committee in June 2017. Ringsend Park was identified as one of four focus areas for improvement during local consultations for the plan. At present two focus areas 1. Library Square and 2. Cambridge Road, are being prepared for Part 8 planning application. During consultations there was some discussion around proposals to improve the park, including lighting and opening the park with the possible removal of railings, particularly

between Irishtown Stadium and the Park. However, nothing was agreed and no plans are in place at present in relation to any changes to the park. When the other two focus areas are approved Park Services along with the South East Area Office will revisit the proposals for the park and engage in further local consultation before any major improvements are implemented.

Q.47 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if a plebiscite re disc parking can be arranged at *details supplied.

Reply:

Dublin City Council can consider the introduction of a scheme on the road and if recommended arrange for subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road. A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

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

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

Q.48 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if there are recycling facilities at all council owned residential sites.

Reply:

Dublin City Council introduced a waste recycling programme in March 2019, which will see the introduction of green (mixed dry recyclables), and brown (food waste) bins to all DCC owned complexes. The approach taken is to invite residents to a recycling workshop delivered by the environmental charity Voice Ireland before introducing the recycle bins to their complex. Residents are provided with a reusable recycle bag, a 7 litre food caddy and a roll of compostable bags.

This project is currently focusing on the South East Area where recycle bins have been introduced to 29 of the 45 complexes to date. When complete, the project will concentrate on the South Central before moving to Central, North West and North Central.

Q.49 Councillor Chris Andrews

The senior citizen residents at *details supplied have increasingly poor health and are having increasing difficulties when washing and bathing because of the current layout of their bathroom. Can the Manager indicate what these elderly residents need to do to make washing safer for themselves?

Reply:

As per our Surveyor it is not feasible to install a wet room at the above address as this is a 2nd floor apartment. We can only install a wet room on a ground floor dwelling.

Q.50 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager state when the notice board, which has been on order for a number of months, will be installed into *details supplied.

Reply:

The noticeboard has been ordered and delivered. The South East Area Office will now arrange for it to be mounted.

Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have the long term and abandoned cars parked in *details supplied removed?

Reply:

Estate management will inspect the area. If it can be established that cars are abandoned, arrangements will be made to have them towed.

Q.52 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please arrange to have the special needs swing seat in Neagh Road playground repaired?

Reply:

This works is currently being arranged and should be repaired over the coming weeks.

Q.53 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please arrange to have a lock or latch attached to the gate on Tranquilla Playground please?

Reply:

This is a self-closing gate, as is standard in all our playgrounds. It does not require a latch or locking mechanism. However, maintenance will be undertaken on the spring- mounted closing mechanism to ensure that it is operating correctly.

Q.54 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if they can replicate the recent walkability study in Harold's Cross in other urban centres in the south east area. This was a positive initiative and should be repeated in other areas too.

Reply:

Work was undertaken in the Harold's Cross area as part of the application for a school campus at the Greyhound Stadium which DCC required as part of a planning application. It is normal practice to require walkability audits to be undertaken for large school developments which identify physical improvements to the street network that would encourage and facilitate more walking and cycling. These works are then undertaken in tandem with the construction of the school. The intention being that they are in place from the outset.

In addition, Walkability and Cycleability audits are undertaken by school children as part of An Taisce's Green Schools Travel theme. DCC endeavours to address the recommendations made in these reports.

A walkability study was undertaken in Harold's Cross Village recently as part of the Initiative of promoting Harold's Cross as an Age-friendly Village. It is not intended replicate that

undertaking at this juncture, as it is hoped to concentrate our resources on Harold's Cross Village.

Q.55 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide an update on steps being taken to improve cycling and pedestrian crossing at Leeson Street Bridge. This is a choke point and needs safety improvements.

Reply:

The sequencing at this set of lights was altered at the end of May 2019 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%.

Further improvements consisting of improved co-ordination between Leeson Street / Mespil Road junction and the toucan crossing on Leeson Street Bridge, and the installation of radar cycle and pedestrian detection will be delivered in Q1 2020.

In addition, the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route scheme will deliver segregated cycle tracks between Fitzwilliam Place and the Grand Canal Cycle Route at Eustace Bridge, providing an alternative segregated cycle track option that will ease congestion at the waiting area at Leeson Street. Pedestrian improvements will also be delivered as part of this scheme in this area, including an additional pedestrian crossing across Leeson Street. Construction tender documents are now being finalised and a contractor will be appointed for this work in Q1 2020.

Following recent confirmation of the scheme extents from the National Transport Authority, Dublin City Council will be proceeding with implementation of the proposals contained on the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route. This includes providing a segregated cycle link between Leeson Street Bridge and Fitzwilliam Street. The new arrangement will provide a second high quality cycling route thereby reducing the demand to use the pedestrian crossing at Leeson Street Bridge, as other cyclists will have the option of proceeding via Leeson Street / Fitzwilliam Street junction.

Q.56 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the Fitzwilliam Cycle Way Scheme to state what any delays are caused by, and when they can be resolved.

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) had raised a number of issues with the project that required to be resolved before proceeding. These have now been resolved, DCC was advised on Thursday 24th October that: "The NTA fully supports this project going to construction as soon as possible".

Construction tender documents are now being prepared, and a contractor will be appointed in Q1 2020.

Q.57 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the Grand Canal Cycle Route extension beyond Harold's Cross and to state any reasons for its continued delay and to give an estimated timeline.

Reply:

The Grand Canal Cycle Route is currently at preliminary design stage. At the request of the National Transport Authority (NTA), the proposed route from Blackhorse to Portobello is currently on hold to allow the necessary redesign of Harold's Cross Bridge to be incorporated into the Bus Connects Project, this will directly impact the scheme.

It is envisaged that the project may be in a position to resume in Q3 2020, following the NTA redesign of Harold's Cross Bridge.

Q.58 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide a list of all council owned land and property in the South East Area. There was a commitment from the Planning and Property Section to provide this information, it would be useful for Councillors to know when we can be provided with this.

Reply:

Due to the very large amount of lands and properties owned by and under the control of Dublin City Council (roads, parks, open spaces, industrial and retail units, social housing tenancy units, community buildings etc. in addition to development lands and vacant sites) it would be an extremely onerous task to compile such an exhaustive set of records.

However, following clarification received from the councillor, a list of development land and sites in the South East Area will be presented to the next Area Committee meeting in December.

Q.59 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to fix the poorly repaired manhole cover in the cycle lane at the junction of Rathmines Road and Wynnfield Road. This poses a real threat to cyclists' safety.

Reply:

The ownership, maintenance and integrity of manholes/chambers and other ironwork shall remain that of the associated Licence Holder. In addition, the Licence Holder shall be responsible for the 300mm wide strip surrounding the frame or other ironwork. Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has notified Irish Water of the defective cover & frame and requested the repair of same at the address specified.

Q.60 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide an update on traffic calming for Poddle Park. I am told that Ramps were approved for the road in 2016 but there has been no improvements to the road to calm speeding traffic.

Reply:

The Area Engineer has re-assessed this service request and confirm that ramps are recommended in this area (possible location at the public lamp standard no. 4 at Poddle Park). Please note that the measures will be considered for inclusion in a future works programme subject to the availability of funding.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could install cameras on St. Kevin's Parade. There is an ongoing issue with illegal dumping here and a recent series of break-ins and other security threats to the more elderly residents. Cameras could help to address some of these issues.

Reply:

CCTV cameras are installed at sites where vehicles are used in the commission of offences where the registration number of the vehicles is used to trace the alleged offender in order to take enforcement action. Sites such as bottle banks are the most common for such use.

As this office has no record of complaints of illegal dumping at St. Kevin's Parade, there are no plans to install CCTV cameras at this site. In accordance with GDPR, where CCTV cameras are installed for a particular purpose, i.e. to capture footage of illegal dumping, the footage cannot be used for other purposes, such as capturing footage of anti-social activity of break-ins.

The Public Domain Unit will monitor the area for illegal dumping and the Litter Wardens will follow up on any evidence obtained. If the dumping proves to be persistent, a temporary camera could be installed to monitor the location.

There was also a door to door litter survey carried out on St. Kevin's Parade in the last few weeks. Litter Wardens called to 40 properties asking about the domestic refuse arrangements at each address.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the pedestrianisation of College Green, and if there is a report available on the trial events that took place during the summer, can he provide a copy of that also.

Reply:

To date there is no formal report on the trial events, however Dublin City Council has learnt a lot from the events and is accumulating information from a number of sources and will circulate a report when it's complete.

It is hoped that we will submit a revised application to An Bord Pleanála by mid-2020 once we have fully factored in the changes which the Bus Connects redesign has on the area.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the derelict building at No. 1 Adelaide Road.

Reply:

It is assumed the councillor is referring to No. 7 Adelaide Road.

No 7 Adelaide Road, a protected structure, stands entered on the Derelict Sites Register. There is a current planning application, Ref 2815/19, to redevelop the site which is due for decision on 12th November, 2019.

The proposed development will consist of the following: demolition of the existing two-storey rear extension and the conversion of this three-storey over-basement (four storey) end-of-terrace residential building into an apartment development including a proposed two storey extension to the rear with new pedestrian entrance from Peter Place, all of which will provide a total of 8 no. apartments (4 no. studios, 1 no. 1 bed, and 3 no. 2 beds); balconies/terraces to the north and east elevations of the proposed extension with roof terrace at second floor level; internal and external modifications to the existing structure to facilitate this development and restoration/repair works to existing brickwork, roof, windows and doors. Planning permission is also sought for landscaping; boundary treatment works including low wall and railings with gated entrance to front/northern boundary to access 2 no. car parking spaces; and all associated site and engineering works necessary to facilitate the development.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he can please increase the frequency and intensity of cleaning the Dodder Walkway. This has been raised before but I am still receiving complaints.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the Dodder Walkway cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of this walkway to see if improvements can be made to the standard of cleanliness there.

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the mending of London Bridge?

Reply:

A preferred solution to the repair of the glass has been selected. This is partial reinstatement of the glass panels with steel to the outer three panels at either end of the bridge. Local artists are being consulted with a view to placing appropriate artwork on the steel panels to prevent graffiti. Planning permission may be necessary and this is being progressed.

Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many properties have been purchased by the Housing Section in the South East Area in 2018 and 2019 and the total amount paid for such properties.

Reply:

Dublin City Council acquired the following units in the South East Area in 2018 / 2019:

2018				
Property Type	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed
DCC Acquisition	1	1	0	1
HA - Housing First	1	0	0	0
Part V	21	9	2	0
AHB	18	2	0	0
Total	41	12	2	1
Total Expenditure	€12,022,365			

2019				
Property Type	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed
DCC Acquisition	0	0	0	0
HA - Housing First	2	2	0	0
Part V	12	17	2	0
AHB	19	1	1	0
Total	31	20	3	0
Total Expenditure	€12,501,607			

Q.67 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager to assess the traffic bottleneck at the junction between Ashfield Road and Ranelagh Road and whether a painted dividing line creating two lanes within 15 or 20ms of Ranelagh Road could be considered for cars to turn left and right.

Reply:

During a site inspection made on 31st October, 2019 it was found that the width of the road is 4.9 metres at Ashfield Road. The desirable width for a right turn lane is 3.5 metres. The existing width of the road is not enough to introduce two traffic lanes of 3 metres and 3.5 metres, it would result in cars encroaching on the footpath. Therefore is not recommended to introduce changes on this road.

Q.68 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager further to question 98 to the South East Area Committee meeting on the 9th of September 2019 which asked 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 completed and residents promised a resurfacing, to which I am yet to receive a reply, when this promised new road surfacing shall take place.

Reply:

On inspection it was found that Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue and Mornington Road in Ranelagh are in need of repair and would benefit from resurfacing. These will be put forward for consideration for inclusion our 2020 Annual Resurfacing Programme which will be drawn up for approval by the end of the year.

Q.69 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager if he can detail whether a local environmental improvement plan, village improvement plan or village design statement as described in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 has ever been considered for Donnybrook Village; if he can detail whether a local environmental improvement plan, village improvement plan or village design statement as described in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017 was ever considered for Donnybrook Village; if he can detail whether a local environmental improvement plan, village improvement plan or village design statement as described in the Dublin City Development Plan 2005 – 2011 was ever considered for Donnybrook Village.

Reply:

Donnybrook Village is not one of the 31 areas listed in the 2016 City Development Plan for the preparation of an LEIP (Local Environmental Improvement Plan) or village improvement plan. Following examination of the 2011 City Development Plan and the 2005 City Development Plan Donnybrook was not listed in either for such a plan, nor to the best of our knowledge was it considered for listing. The review of the next City Development Plan will commence in Q3 next year.

In recent years the South East Area Office has undertaken a Village Improvement Plan (VIP) for Rathgar, adopted in 2015, and the Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP), which was adopted by the South East Area Committee in June 2017. There are no plans to develop a Donnybrook VIP / VDS / LEIP. The Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022, sets the following objective: “A number of local environmental improvement plans or village improvement plans, or other appropriate plans will be prepared in conjunction with the local area committee, in so far as priorities and resources permit...” However, Donnybrook is not listed in the Development Plan among the urban villages for the South East Area.

Q.70 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager if he can confirm further to the presentation by Andrew Duff on to the committee on the Neighbourhood Transports Scheme whether Belmont Avenue and Marlborough Road have been included on the scheme and if he could set out in a timeline of what actions are to follow.

Reply:

The Belmont Avenue and Marlborough Road areas are indeed on the current list for assessment with regard to the Neighbourhood Transport Schemes. Councillors will be contacted shortly and will have the opportunity to add any areas they feel should be on the list that are currently not included. Assessments on these areas will start in early November 2019.

Q.71 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager to turn Richmond Avenue South into a cycling and pedestrian lane with no access to cars, currently this section is one way only and is constantly used as a rat run in rush hour traffic. Turning it into pedestrian and cycling path would allow for safer commute to Luas station and school. All that is required are bollards or planters on both ends (see pic attached). Failing that I ask the Manager to put signs to state 'cyclists only' when coming from the Luas side since drivers are still entering even with no entry sign.

Reply:

The Environment and Transportation Department will be reviewing all one-way streets in the city with the intention of developing a comprehensive programme for the provision of two way cycling on one-way streets. The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division will undertake the review in 2020 with a final report with recommendations prepared in Q4 2020. The traffic management issues at this location will be considered in conjunction with the above review.

Q.72 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the following on Ranelagh / Rathgar specific cycle issues - to rectify the newly painted cycle lane in Ranelagh which shares space with a parking space, to update on segregated cycle lanes in Ranelagh, update on 24 hour cycle lanes in Ranelagh / Rathmines, Rathgar, on ongoing cycle lane abuse by buses and cars in Rathmines?

Reply:

There are plans to remove the car parking spaces outside Deja Vu that impact on the cycle lane in Ranelagh and install cycle parking stands as part of Batch 12 of the on-street cycle parking project that is currently being installed.

The provision of segregated cycle lanes in Ranelagh is part of the Sandford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre Cycle Route. This project is currently on hold pending confirmation of the Bus Connects routes in the immediate area.

A comprehensive review of the cycle network in the South East Area is scheduled for Q2 2020. This review will include a review of the operational hours and potential for protected cycle lanes.

The current operational hours of the cycle lane in Rathmines are from 07.00 to 10.00 and 12.00 to 19.00 hours Monday to Saturday. Outside of these times vehicles may park on the cycleway. During these times the Dublin Street Parking Services enforce illegal parking on the cycleway.

Q.73 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager on plans for resurfacing along Merrion Road timeline and to include orcas?

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has no resurfacing works planned for Merrion Road in 2019.

More information is required to assess whether it is feasible to install orcas as no specific location has been mentioned.

Q.74 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the state of any plans for improving pedestrian and cyclists permeability at the north side of Leeson Street Bridge with regards traffic light sequencing and the lack of space for accessing the Grand Canal Cycle Way (heading west)?

Reply:

Following recent confirmation of the scheme extents from the National Transport Authority, Dublin City Council will be proceeding with implementation of the proposals contained on the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route. This includes providing a segregated cycle link between Leeson Street Bridge and Fitzwilliam Street. The new arrangement will provide a second high quality cycling route thereby reducing the demand to use the pedestrian crossing at Leeson Street Bridge, as other cyclists will have the option of proceeding via Leeson Street / Fitzwilliam Street junction.

Q.75 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager when will the pedestrian crossing be installed at Shellybanks ETNS in Sandymount? The crossing will also benefit the entire community.

Reply:

The pedestrian crossing was required to be provided as part of the school development and in place prior to the opening of the school. A detailed design process has been undertaken for the crossing and a final layout has been agreed with Dublin City Council.

Q.76 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager when flood defence works along Anglesea Road / RDS / Herbert Park will be completed.

Reply:

The current programme for completion of these works at Lower Anglesea Road including cladding is the end of Q3 2020, assuming reasonable weather conditions and no unforeseen problems with existing services.

Q.77 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager to install pedestrian lights at the junction of Chelmsford Road and Ranelagh Road?

Reply:

A request for a Pedestrian Crossing at the above location was requested by Councillor Chu at last month's SEAC Meeting, October 2019 and has been added to the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer. Enquiry no. 7011694 refers.

Q.78 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager on installing segregated cycling tracks in Herbert Park and Ranelagh Gardens.

Reply:

Where cycling facilities are provided in parks it is Dublin City Council's current preference that they are provided as shared facilities. Parks are primarily amenity areas. Installing segregated cycle tracks in parks may encourage cyclists to travel at speed through areas where there is a high likelihood of interaction with small children, dogs and pedestrians who may inadvertently wander onto the tracks. It is therefore considered preferable that cyclists share the existing paths through these parks with pedestrians, travelling at an appropriate speed and yielding priority to pedestrians at all times.

Q.79 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for resurfacing of Morehampton Road, the lack of line markings of Bloomfield to Morehampton junction is problematic, cars exiting are pulling too far forward resulting in a traffic hazard.

Reply:

Morehampton Road was resurfaced from Marlborough Road to Belmont Avenue in 2019. Road Maintenance Services has no further resurfacing works planned for Morehampton Road at present.

Q.80 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager to write to the OPW in relation to the Dodder pathway adjacent to Herbert Park which has been blocked for over a year now.

Reply:

Further information has been requested from the councillor. The matter will be examined on receipt of the information requested.