



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020

Councillor Mannix Flynn was reconfirmed as second nominee for the Commemorations and Naming Committee.

- 1 Presentation on Docklands Visitor Experience Development Plan - Fáilte Ireland.
Order: Noted.**
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 9th December 2019.
Order: Agreed.**
- 3 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 17th December 2019.
Order: Noted.
- 4 Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: fee simple 1 – 3 Princes Court, Gloucester Street South, Dublin 2 to Red Rock.
Order: Agreed to allow to proceed to City Council subject to receipt of clarification of valuation.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal: lease of unit in 3 Palace Street, Barnardo Square, Dublin 2 to Fáilte Ireland.
Order: Rejected.
- 5 South East Area Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Nomination of two councillors to Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum from 6th February 2020.

Order: Cllrs. Claire Byrne and Kevin O'Donoghue selected for nomination to Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum from 6th February 2020 for three years.

iii. Report on a proposal to name a development as Cnocán San Clár / Mount Clare, Dublin 6W.

Order: Agreed.

iv. Report on a proposal to name a development as Cúirt Tivoli / Tivoli Court, Dublin 6W.

Order: Agreed.

6 Motions 13th January 2020

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That this committee seeks a report from the Manager on what options Dublin City Council is considering in relation to the former public toilets site at the junction of Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge and discusses what options Councillors consider might be suitable.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department addresses the need for necessary traffic signs for traffic egressing from Harold's Cross Park at McGowan's pub end. There is evidence that this traffic often break the pedestrian crossing lights on Harold's Cross Road so the safety issues at this point needs urgent addressing.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests that action be taken to improve safety in the vicinity of St. Conleth's School, Ballsbridge as requested in the letter submitted and circulated with this motion:

Re St. Conleth's School, Clyde Road.
28/11/2019

Dear Councillor,

I have spoken with, and emailed our local representatives a number of times over the last number of years regarding traffic management in the area of St. Conleth's school on Clyde Road. These issues have been brought to my attention by many of the parents in the school and indeed as a parent I see them first hand on a daily basis.

It is of paramount importance that the following simple issues get dealt with as soon as possible to avoid risk of serious injury to a pupil of the school and pedestrians in the area:

1. The area immediately outside the school needs to have a dedicated drop zone on either side of the school gate and a very clearly marked no parking or stopping zone in front of the gates.
2. Clearly visible yellow signs with flashing lights should be placed on either side of the school on Clyde Road, clearly flagging for oncoming motorists that there is a school ahead.

3. A visibility mirror needs to be located on the lamppost at the corner of Clyde Lane to the rear of the old St. Mary's Home as this corner is a complete right angle with no visibility.
4. A pedestrian footpath needs to be located outside the rear access to Herbert Park from Clyde Lane and the footpath extended to provide a full path for the pupils to pass safely to entrance gate Herbert Park.

In relation to 1) above we have noted the following:

- a) The current parking pay and display spaces (from 10am – 6pm) need to be removed at either side of the gate and replaced with a single yellow line to provide a safe drop zone for parents. At present, these spaces are being occupied by visitors to the park who are availing of 'free parking' each morning for prolonged periods up until 10am and so are not available to parents dropping children to the school.
- b) Highly visible cross hatched boxes need to be painted outside the school gates to prevent any parent or other road user from stopping outside the school gates as is the norm for the majority of schools in the area.
- c) Three number traffic islands need to be installed as per attached drawing to define a safe drop off zone

Having discussed these issues with the school management team, the parents' council and the majority of parents, we consider them of critical importance. Our children's lives are at risk every day that the current unsuitable arrangements are in place. We would like the council to give these issues their immediate consideration and to provide a timetable for the implementation of these small but very important measures to prevent serious risk of injury or worse to a child or pedestrian.

Your attention to this matter is much appreciated.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

In order to improve access to The Hive, Herbert Park this committee requests the Manager to install a number of bicycle parking racks immediately outside the facility.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees to extend the Christmas Tree schedule to include the Kimmage community in 2020.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees to support the installation of the 30 car park spaces adjacent to the Lourdes Celtic Football Club, as was agreed in 2019 under Part 8.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this South East Area Committee meeting calls on Dublin City Council management to give a discount to staff members of Dublin City Council who wish to get married in the City Hall. This discount is in keeping with best practice for staff. Many firms give discounts to their staff. This small gesture would go a hell of a long way to the dedicated staff of Dublin City Council who wish to get married in their magnificent City Hall setting.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of South East Area Committee calls on the CEO of the Peter McVerry Trust, Mr. Pat Doyle, to make a public apology to the local community at the Whitefriar Street area with regards the misinformation that was generated by the Peter McVerry Trust in relation to consultations and communications which never took place regarding the change of use to Homeless Services of the Avalon House Backpackers Hostel.

This misinformation caused great concern, anger and confusion throughout the whole community in this area. It created unnecessary anxiety and has somewhat fractured and damaged our community.

This motion seeks your full support in the interest of good communication, the backbone of community relations.

Order: Defeated.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council calls on the Irish Government to initiate a full public inquiry into the issues of child sexual abuse and other matters within Scouting Ireland. Recent reports indicate that up to 1000 children reported abuses over a long period of time in this organisation. This is what is known as institutional abuse and cover up. It is directly aligned to the kind of culture that we are well aware of that took place in the residential institutions and indeed the Catholic Church and many of its institutions itself.

There should be no delay in delivering justice for the many survivors of abuse from Scouting Ireland. It is time now that the management structure of Scouting Ireland and all those within Scouting Ireland supported a full robust public inquiry.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council supports the many hard pressed small businesses within the BID district in their campaign to have the *double rate* that is unfairly charged to them repealed and rescinded. Also, that the company, We Are Dublin Town / BID become a voluntary organisation without any unfair statutory lein on business rates.

Order: Defeated.

Motion 11 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to install bicycle parking in Donnybrook (in or around Donnybrook Road), as requested in the email from a local business, which is submitted below:

"...More than half our staff cycling all year and upwards of 70% in the summer months, as we encourage staff to use low carbon transport options where possible when out on office business.

In and around our office, there is little bicycle parking provision and we were wondering if DCC Beta could look into improving the provision?

There are Sheffield loops on the Tesco side of Donnybrook Road, these are often full and also have been subject to a lot of inadvertent damage from parking cars.

There is a public car park to the rear of our office off Mulberry Lane which would be ideal for a number of Sheffield loops to further encourage green, low carbon transport options.

I would appreciate if you could look into this for us or a least put me in the direction of the appropriate department or person to talk too within DCC.”

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to please remove the rotting leaves on Bloomfield Avenue as a matter of urgency. This issue is raised every year and yet little action has been taken.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee resolves that Dublin City Council complies with the law in relation to regulating properties being let on websites such as Air B ‘n B contrary to legislation.

Order: Agreed.

7 Questions 13th January 2020

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 13 January 2020

Attendance:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn

Chris Andrews
Danny Byrne
Patrick Costello
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill

Claire O’Connor
Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan

Officers:

Mary Taylor
Jennifer Wall
Gerald McEntaggart
Dominic Hession

Brian Hanney
Rosanna Camargo
Leah Johnston
Derek Kelly

John MacEivilly
Fiona O’Brien
Neil O’Donoghue
Mark Ginnety

Apologies:

Paddy McCartan

Non-Officers:

Caroline O’Keeffe
Fáilte Ireland

Question to the Chief Executive

**South East Area Committee
Meeting 13th January 2020**

Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager when the Council will have the planters in Bremen Avenue cut back and cleaned as residents are complaining the last couple of years as nothing has been done in the area.

Reply:

The raised shrubbery beds in Bremen Avenue have been inspected by the District Parks Officer & Public Domain Officer, and the clean-up and upgrading of these areas has been quoted for by a suitably qualified contractor. This job has been submitted for consideration for the Discretionary Fund 2020.

Q.2 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager to have the site between Londonbridge Road and Stella Gardens cleansed immediately as it has attracted vermin including rats and foxes. The area is completely overgrown and full of rubbish including car batteries, plastic and glass bottles and even an **asbestos** corrugated roof sheet. We can provide photographs, should they be required.

Reply:

It is understood that the land in question is the responsibility of the Water & Drainage Division.

Badgers may be using the area and have special protection under Irish and EU law. The National Parks and Wildlife Service has been requested to investigate the presence of badgers on the site and adjacent area. Once these investigations are complete we will have a clearer idea of the management that can occur on the site, including litter clearance.

Once the Biodiversity Officer is satisfied of how the removal of dumped materials may proceed the assessment and removal of suspected asbestos sheeting will be arranged using a suitably authorised contractor to remove and dispose of the material.

Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager that he considers extending the parking discs for the residents at *detailed supplied to adjoining streets as it is very difficult for residents to get parking if they return to their homes during the daytime.

Reply:

Dublin City Council will conduct a series of site visits to the area and will report back to the Councillor with recommendations.

Q.4 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager when the public footpaths are being improved consideration should be given to the removal of the lamp post outside of *details supplied as the light overflows into the upstairs bedroom.

Reply:

Given the recent installation of a new public lighting scheme on the opposite side of the street, the Public Lighting Services Section will make arrangements to disconnect

and remove the existing public lighting standard (Pole no.1) which is no longer required.

Q.5 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager to have a Traffic Engineer to investigate and come up with suggestion solutions to the mayhem that occurs in the mornings and evening outside this school (details supplied).

Reply:

The Area Engineer met with the school principal on 7th January 2020 the school principal raised concerns regarding parents driving their children to school blocking the driveways and pavements on details supplied 2, 3 and 4, which is causing irritation to residents in the vicinity of details supplied 1.

An internal focus group, consisting of personnel from Road Safety, Sustainable Mobility & Projects Infrastructure and Communication & Promotion and the Transport Advisory Group, has been established to explore options in creating safer routes to school. The implementation of future measures is reliant on community buy-in for their success. All options chosen for trial and / or implementation will include a strong engagement strategy to maximise support at local level.

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division will be engaging with local area committees in January and February 2020 to identify the key mobility issues in our communities and invite suggestions and ideas on potential solutions. This will be followed by workshops with the wider community. The outcome of this process will be a strategic citywide Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan with a complete suite of measures that will be implemented during the lifetime of the policy document. It will include a comprehensive list of key performance indicators.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the full wheelie bins dumped outside the former waste depot in Donnybrook can be removed.

Reply:

The wheelie bins and other dumped materials were removed from outside of the former waste depot on Thursday the 12th of December 2019.

Q.7 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide the following for the South East Area:

- A list of all road repairs planned for 2020.
- A list of all footpath repairs planned for 2020.
- A list of all new roads projects planned for 2020.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will issue its 2020 Carriageway Resurfacing Works Programme and 2020 Footpath Reconstruction Works Programme to Councillors for approval in the coming weeks.

Q.8 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide the following:

- A list of all tree pruning currently planned for 2020.
- A list of all tree removals currently planned for 2020.

- A list of all tree planting currently planned for 2020.

Reply:

A provisional pruning list is given below. The pruning list is subject to change as pruning is carried out on a priority basis depending on available resources.

Tree removals are generally as a result of health and safety concerns or storm damage. The Parks & Landscape Services Division will endeavour to inform all councillors prior to all tree removals however, it is not always possible. The councillors have previously been informed of the tree removals in Herbert Park, which is ongoing currently.

Approximately 220 trees are being planted in the South East Area during the autumn / winter 2019 / 2020 planting season.

Provisional Pruning List 2020 South East Area (subject to budget and resources)

Ailesbury Road
Pembroke Road
Northumberland Road
Anglesea Road
Sandymount Road
St. Mary's Road
Morehampton Road
Burlington Road
Mornington Road
Ashfield Road and Avenue
Sandymount Castle Road, Drive and Park.
Sydney Parade (minor)

Q.9 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can a dog poo bin be placed in the park on Corrib Road?

Reply:

The installation of dog fouling bins has ceased as they were being used for both general litter and dog foul and their limited capacity meant that this led to the regular overflowing of the bins between servicing. Dog walkers in this area can use the standard litter bins on the main thoroughfares to dispose of their dog waste.

Q.10 Councillor Chris Andrews

Bearing in mind the gates in Sundrive Park are open 24/7, can the Manager arrange to have lighting put in place in Sundrive Park as it is very dark and feels unsafe in the evenings and gates are open and dog owners find it difficult to pick up dog poo in the dark.

Reply:

It would not be appropriate to provide public lighting within a park as this would give a false sense of safety, and encourage use after dark. Dublin City Council does not encourage anyone to enter into a public park after dark.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with regards the parking enforcement management in social housing flat complexes and senior citizen complexes within the South East Area (SEA)? There seems to be an increase in illegal parking with local construction workers particularly in the city centre area using the flat complexes to park their vehicles. This report to include how often parking enforcement patrols the housing

estates? How many inspections have been carried out on permit swapping? How many cars are actually parked within the SEA flat complexes and social housing complexes belonging to Dublin City Council at any one given time?

Reply:

Dublin City Council currently engages two companies, in the South East Area, to carry out parking enforcement on their behalf. All complexes are patrolled twice daily as a matter of routine, however local area staff can request additional patrols if they are notified of illegally parked vehicles. In order to address the abuse of paper permits and the practice of "permit swapping" both companies have introduced electronic systems which will remove the need for paper permits on an incremental basis. On applying for a permit applicants are required to submit documents confirming vehicle ownership and insurance details. Applications are also checked by Dublin City Council to ensure that applicants reside within the complex. Staff Permits are only issued to staff who have legitimate business in the area.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with regards the ongoing issues relating to the hoarding and the construction site at New Street Gardens? Many residents are contacting me about the manner in which this whole construction is taking place. There appears to be a complete lack of any consultation or information. What information is there came late. There doesn't appear to be any traffic plan or site management plan that the residents are aware of. Some of the residents feel they are being unfairly treated and bullied and assert that they are no forfeiting the enjoyment of their homes as a result of part of their estate being used as a site compound.

Can the Manager issue a report as to what consultation or information DCC supplied its tenants at New Street Gardens?

And what way Dublin City Council intends to manage this particular site? What, if any, pre-commencement information leaflets or consultation process took place with the local community and residents prior to any construction on the site?

Reply:

A final grant of planning permission for this development was granted to The Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) on the 3rd July, 2018 (2689/18). No objections were received by the Planning Department to the development.

As part of the programme for delivery and prior to commencement on site, PMVT carried out a leaflet drop to residents at New Street Gardens, Atkinson House and New Street South. The leaflet drop included a cover letter detailing project plans and provided contact details for the PMVT in the event of any resident wishing to discuss the project further. Information details in relation to the hoarding was included.

PMVT has met with five households in New Street Gardens since the 13th November, 2019 and engaged more specifically with two residents regarding their concerns. The most recent meeting was held on the 18th December, 2019. The concerns raised have in so far as possible and, without preventing the project from proceeding, been incorporated into a revised licence application for the site compound.

The Planning Department as part of the planning process, sought comments from the Roads and Traffic Division prior to a decision being made. The comments of the Roads & Traffic Division have been taken into account within Condition 4 of 2689/18. A further condition 9 is also included in relation to the site development and the construction works.

An on-site project manager has been appointed by the contractor and as part of the design team there is an assigned certifier. PMVT's Development Manager will liaise with Dublin City Council and will provide regular site reports as the development progresses. The PMVT and their contractor must comply with all conditions attached to their planning permission and with all current and relevant Building Control Regulations.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the management as a matter of urgency have installed CCTV at the back of the houses on Pigeon House Road? Many residents down here have been burgled because the backs of their premises are not secure. Indeed, one resident, had her home destroyed by burglars who deliberately set it on fire.

I have raised this matter at the recent joint policing committee and I would ask that the Manager would address this urgent issue. I have all the details and can supply the Manager with these details of the home that was burnt down.

Reply:

Superintendent Burke in Donnybrook Garda Station has advised that "there is not a dramatic increase of burglaries to residents in this area." He says "there were some burglaries since the summer in the Cambridge Avenue area and there was criminal damage caused in one instance (not burnt down), however we believe that this was a particular isolated modus operandi of the culprit. All of the burglaries are currently under investigation."

The Supt. Added:

"If residents have insecure homes, I will advise that they seek to have their home security, locks, lighting etc. improved and upgraded. I have provided some links below regarding Garda Crime Prevention advice from the Garda website below. I also offer the services of the Community Gardaí in Irishtown and the Divisional Crime Prevention Sergeant to offer advice to any resident if they so wish. Have all other environmental issues been considered for the area, e.g. is public lighting adequate? All such measures can improve safety.

<https://www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention/Securing-your-home/>

<https://www.garda.ie/en/crime-prevention/securing-your-home/secure-your-home-leaflet.pdf>

<https://www.garda.ie/en/crime-prevention/securing-your-home/stopdomesticburglaries-posters.pdf>

<https://www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention/Doors-2017.pdf>

<https://www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention/Windows-2017.pdf>

<https://www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention/Lighting-2017.pdf>

<https://www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention/Intruder-Alarms-2017.pdf>

"I do not see a particular reason to place CCTV in this area at this time and I believe other options may be considered. I have increased Garda patrols in this area and we examine patterns of crime on an ongoing basis, including burglaries, and adjust our plans accordingly".

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager look at the possibility of creating an event, such as, the painting of a utility box in the Portobello / St. Kevin's area that acknowledges the author Cornelius Ryan (June 1920 - November 1974 (NY)), who created the iconic works, "The Longest Day", "A Bridge Too Far", "The Last Battle", etc.

Mr. Ryan was born and lived in the St. Kevin's area of Dublin and is much deserving of acknowledgment.

Reply:

The Community Street Art Project (Dublin Canvas) is open to all individuals and community groups to suggest content. The open call for proposals is issued in Feb March and the criteria is that the applicant be capable of executing the proposal on the boxes which are specified for them. Applicants are notified of the outcome of the adjudication process in April with a view to installation over the summer months and at the latest September. The Councillor will be notified when the call issues so the proposal can be considered.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager request that Parks Department contractors who are maintaining the Peace Garden at Christchurch do not park their vans on the footpath? These vans are cracking the paving stones, also they are creating a danger at this particular location which has a heavy footfall of tourists and children going to school. There is ample parking space within the area and there is no need for this van / truck to be parked on the footpath while carrying out simple maintenance work. I have also been contacted by a visually impaired resident of the area who was deeply concerned at this practice from Dublin City Council. It is time that Dublin City Council set an example. While there may be an understanding if there is an emergency situation the present arrangement at the Peace Garden is unacceptable.

Reply:

A meeting has been arranged for the maintenance contractor of Peace Park and this issue will be discussed and resolved.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding the placing of an extra bring bin at the already congested Milltown Carpark Bring Centre? This bring centre is constantly overflowing and needs to be relocated to a much more appropriate place. These bring centres, in their nature, are an ad hoc out of date unworkable solution to recycling. It is high time that this whole area was reviewed. It is time now, within our Climate Action Programme to develop proper state of the art sustainable bring centres that are located in stand-alone sites which are not adjacent to residential areas because of the ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour through noise and late night deposits of bottles etc. particularly over the holiday season.

Reply:

The bottle banks at Milltown play an important role in Dublin City Council's recycling infrastructure. These bins have an established use and tonnages collected from the site show that they are well used by the local community.

Relocating bottle banks in a busy urban environment is difficult. Unfortunately the reality is that finding sites for new bottle banks in the city is very problematic and as such we are not in a position to remove these banks.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate a programme that would create a unique public domain experience from Portobello Bridge to the bottom of Georges Street? This historical stretch is in great danger of dilapidation, over-use by pubs and fast food restaurants and is becoming a very hostile place.

This area has a massive residential population, a strong business community and a very important visitor economy. It is also synonymous with the evening economy and night time culture, however it is being severely neglected over the past number of years. At present there is massive development on Richmond Street, Camden Street, Redmond's Hills, Aungier Street and indeed George's Street but there doesn't seem to be any coherence or overall plan that is akin to a village quarter or a local area plan. Even traffic alone is a major issue in this once stretch of road. It is time to take this issue in hand before it is too late and this community disintegrates any further and splinters. One of the main issues here is noise pollution from the many late night venues and also inappropriate over-saturation of street furniture.

Reply:

Portobello Bridge to George's Street is an important radial route into the city. The Dublin City Development supports the balanced mixed-use development of this corridor through a series of land use zonings and designations which reflect the diversity of activity along the route (e.g. the Z5 and Z10 zonings together with the George's Street Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), Aungier Camden Street Conservation Area. This robust policy position ensures that a robust approach can be applied to managing the development of uses, encouraging appropriate level of street furniture and mitigating the impact of night- time economy in this area.

This corridor is also a radial transportation route into the city for all modes of transport. It is the current Rathfarnham Quality Bus Corridor (QBC) and is identified as route no. 12 in the Core Bus Corridor (Bus Connects) project (i.e. the Rathfarnham to City Centre Route). The Clonskeagh to City Centre Cycle Route also runs through this area, so it will continue to be an important movement artery for the city.

Notwithstanding this, part of the area is included in the Public Realm Masterplan for the City Core. Outside of this area there have been some initiatives proposed with regard to public realm improvements such as the Valentine's District. As each new development progresses, improvements to the public realm will be implemented to the requirements of Dublin City Council. These include widened footpaths, provision of new pedestrian crossings, the provision of new areas of public realm and general upgrades of the existing environment.

In light of the above, it is not recommended that a local area plan is prepared for these areas.

We will arrange & formulate an initial "Issues" document in relation to the areas in question. When a draft document has been put together, we will bring it forward to the South East Area Committee for discussion and decision.

Q.18 Councillor Tara Deacy

A number of residents have been in touch to highlight the dangerous junction at Stannaway and Clonard Road. Visibility is very poor and residents are having difficulties getting out and seeing traffic coming down Stannaway Road due to parked cars on the kerbs. Could we look at getting double yellow lines installed here to alleviate this issue?

Reply:

The Area Engineer will make a site visit to this location in early 2020 and assess the resident's concerns. The Area Engineer will notify the Councillor when this survey has been carried out (ref. 7013192).

Q.19 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive for improved junction lay-out or additional traffic lights or fixed-charge penalty cameras at the junction by the main park entrance in Harold's Cross.

The specific junction has traffic lights but, according to local residents, "drivers approaching from McGowan's ignore the rules of the road and proceed through the red-lights as if they have a right of way. On a number of occasions residents have attempted to cross the road with a buggy and despite having a green-man either side, a car has beeped to get them out of the way or has just driven straight across their path.

Reply:

After conducting an assessment of the junction the signal timings on the pedestrian crossing have been adjusted to increase the delay between the traffic travelling from the Kimmage Road Lower getting a red light and the pedestrian crossing turning green. A formal request has been sent to the roads policing unit of An Garda Síochána asking that they increase enforcement activities in the area to deter motorists from making illegal manoeuvres.

The issues raised by resident's attempting to cross at the pedestrian crossing are very serious. This matter will be raised with An Garda Síochána at the next Transport Advisory Group meeting on the 28th January 2020.

Q.20 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive to have Clogher Road and Parnell Road junction to be upgraded to sequential, four-way pedestrian crossings. According to local residents, at this very busy junction, it is only possible to cross safely (using a signalised crossing) in one direction i.e. the western crossing.

"To cross in any of the other three directions requires taking one's life into one's own hands. This is especially the case in relation to the elderly, the less-abled and those crossing with young children. It is not uncommon to see people run across the road, narrowly avoiding a collision with fast-moving vehicular traffic."

In order to safeguard the health and safety of pedestrians, please advise of the council proposal on this issue.

Reply:

The Cycling Design Office is currently developing proposals for the upgrade of the on-road cycling and pedestrian facilities with a view for implementation by Dublin City Council later in 2020. This will include the provision of four way pedestrian crossings at Clogher Road and Parnell Road.

Q.21 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Chief Executive what is being done about the request from over a year ago by other Councillors on the need for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Ravensdale Park and Kimmage Road Lower. This particular area is the latest proposal for a Bus Gate by the National Transport Authority (NTA), however, local residents cannot be put at risk with no lights or crossing to help them walk across this busy road.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group has a finite budget for Capital Works and difficult decisions must be made. A pedestrian crossing at this location has not made the shortlist for works in 2020.

Q.22 Councillor Chris Andrews

Why can Dublin City Council no longer install electric / automated gates at entrance to flat complexes as per reply to below question?

“Q.30 Councillor Chris Andrews

In light of the recent burglary in the large block in Mercer House can the Manager arrange to install electric gates at the entrances so residents will have more safety in their homes?

Reply:

Due to Health and Safety concerns we can no longer install electric/automated gates. However we will contact Pearse Street Garda Station and bring the security concerns to their attention of the Gardaí and follow-up on anti-social behaviour complaints.

Contact:

Eileen Martin, Housing Manager, South East Area Office, tel.: 222 3197, email: eileen.martin@dublincity.ie”

Reply:

In 2010 the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) issued a safety alert relating to the risk to pedestrians from crushing hazards on electrically powered gates. This risk was highlighted by the death of two children, in separate incidents, in the United Kingdom. A further safety alert was issued by the HSA in 2015 because of a fatality in Ireland where a person was trapped and fatally injured by a powered gate.

The legislation covering the design, installation and maintenance of powered gates is now so onerous that the cost of installing and maintaining powered gates in a safe manner is exorbitantly out of line with any perceived security benefits. It is also our experience that due to the complex nature of the safety systems required to ensure that powered gates are safe, they are more susceptible to damage, either accidental or deliberate and they will spend a significant amount of time locked open awaiting repair.

For these reasons Dublin City Council, Housing Maintenance Section, are reluctant to install electrically powered gates where pedestrians and specifically children or vulnerable adults are exposed to the risk of crushing or entrapment by these gates.

Q.23 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have the door and frame replaced at *details supplied as it is very loose and unsafe?

Reply:

A job has been logged with Housing Maintenance Section since the 16th December 2019. A new hall door has been requested from the Joinery Workshop. The tenant will be contacted directly when any works are due to commence.

Q.24 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the back door handle at *details supplied be repaired along with the back bedroom window which is still broken?

Reply:

Our Foreman called out to this address, upon inspection he found that there was nothing wrong with the door handle in the back door, he just showed the tenant how to

open and close it correctly. A carpenter has been out to the property since and he has replaced the night latch in the back bedroom window and the letter plate in the door.

Q.25 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have raised kerbing put in place along the footpath where there are yellow lines at Eamon Ceannt Park, because park users i.e. Lourdes Celtic and Cycling Ireland keep parking on the paths thereby blocking residents' views, plus residents have to walk on the road into oncoming traffic?

A serious incident happened where a young mother pushing a pram had to leave the path, the pram overturned where the child banged his head. When residents challenge drivers of illegally parked cars they receive the height of abuse. Park users are not adhering to DYLS (double yellow lines), no parking signs. It is very important that raised kerbs are put where DYLS are for the safety of all residents.

Reply:

This matter should be referred to the Gardaí for enforcement. Raising kerbs is not the answer as this will create a further hazard for pedestrians.

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

Q.26 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager erect a "Welcome to Rutland Grove" at the entrance to Rutland Grove?

Reply:

These signs are normally provided for Urban Villages. Rutland is an estate so a welcome to sign would not be appropriate.

Q.27 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager put in a pedestrian crossing at entrance to the depot in Rutland Grove from the green area as it will be busier when it is opened?

Reply:

More details are required on the exact location for an assessment to be carried out by the Area Engineer. The query can be submitted via the link below:-

<https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor>

Q.28 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to ensure that the Poddle in Ravensdale Park and along Poddle Park gets a bi-weekly cleaning and debris removal, as happens at other points along the river.

Reply:

The Drainage Division is responsible for preventing flooding in the city rivers including the Poddle. This mainly involves removal of material from the trash screens before the river enters a culvert. Fly tipping is a serious issue at this location and has led to a strain on our resources. On occasions the Drainage Division remove this material from the river as it could lead to flooding. I cannot commit to a bi-weekly cleaning of the river. Any material on the bank of the river should be removed by the Parks Department.

Q.29 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager for an update on the extension on the Grand Canal Cycle Route, where the project is at and if the environmental impact assessment has been completed, and when will it be shared with councillors.

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.30 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to install full pedestrian crossings at the following junctions:

- Clogher Road and Parnell Road
- Clogher Road and Sundrive Road
- Rathmines Road, Grove Road and Canal Road
- Herberton Road and Dolphin Road

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) has a finite budget for Capital Works Programme for 2020 for the South East Area this results in difficult decisions being made in relation to pedestrian crossings. The above four pedestrian crossings are not being considered at this time because the budget for this year has been fully allocated.

If the Councillor wishes for these to be reviewed they are welcome to submit them through the Councillor's portal <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor>

Q.31 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager for an update on the Gulistan site, if there has been any further engagement with the Health Services Executive and if the Manager can facilitate a further meeting with community groups and councillors.

Reply:

The Planning & Property Development Department prepared a Development/Design Brief for the 1.13 Ha (2.8 acre) Gulistan Depot Site in 2018. This brief accorded with the Mixed Use Zoning of the City Development Plan in that it provided for a civic space surrounded by 70 plus new residential units (including age friendly apartments), a primary care centre, together with retail and community uses.

Since then a number of meetings have taken place with local councillors and community groups. The brief was amended to include the retention of the stone structures on site. Nevertheless questions have been raised since about the inevitability of a primary care centre on the site and the need for a Retail Study of the whole of Rathmines.

Engagement with the HSE is continuing and it is hoped that confirmation of terms will be received in Q1 of this year.

At the recent January meeting of the City Council a report (31/2020) on proposed site disposals to fund the Capital Programme was not agreed by the Councillors. In the circumstances it is premature to facilitate a further meeting with community groups and local councillors at this stage.

Q.32 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide an update on the Terenure Library toilets. Local residents are very happy and thankful to see toilets in place and would be keen for an update on when the plumbing works will be finished by.

Reply:

The plumbing works were completed before Christmas. A fire alarm will be fitted in the coming weeks, which needs to be linked to the main alarm in the building. An update will issue before the end of next week.

Q.33 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to increase the times for pedestrian crossings and the frequency of pedestrian phases for crossings on main roads in the south east area so as to facilitate walking, and particularly for supporting those with mobility difficulties and young children.

Reply:

The Transportation SPC held on January 2019 discussed the motion of revising the amber time in order to increase the pedestrian crossing times during the pedestrian phase. The motion was passed to increase the pedestrian crossing time by setting the walking speed to 1 m/s, it was previously 1.2 m/s. The report and supporting information regarding the amber time is provided in the link below:

<https://councilmeetings.dublincity.ie/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=22369>

The ITS SCATS Core team are currently progressing through junctions revising the pedestrian walk times in line with the new policy. Regarding the South East Area, approx. 80% of the junctions have been revised and it is expected that the remainder of the pedestrian timings will be completed by Q1 2020.

Q.34 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager for an update on the pedestrianisation of South William Street.

Reply:

The proposed trial pedestrianisation of South William Street has been deferred. Public realm improvement works are currently under construction on Clarendon Street and will continue until mid-2020. In order to minimise disruption in the area, it is not intended to carry out any trial pedestrianisation during these works. Any pedestrian trial in this area will be reviewed once the construction works have been completed.

Q.35 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to review the light sequencing at the two junctions on Davitt Road next to Goldenbridge Luas stop to improve pedestrian safety. Frequently cars turning on to Davitt Road from Benbulbin Road will continue through the red light at the Luas stop, despite there being a green light for pedestrians, assuming the red is for cars already on Davitt Road, and so putting pedestrians at risk of being hit by cars.

Reply:

The Intelligent Transportation Systems section will carry out a review of the operation of the traffic signals at these junctions and will issue a follow up response when this review is completed.

Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager have the pedestrian footpath along the canal, between Charlemont Bridge and Leeson Street Bridge? This is the footpath that runs alongside the dedicated cycle path, on the City Centre side of the canal.

The path is in very poor condition, with an uneven surface and potholes along that stretch. This is a path used by thousands of commuters on a daily basis. The condition of the path is such that parents with buggies and wheelchair users have been seen to travel along the cycle path (which has a smooth surface) rather than attempt to travel on the footpath. Pedestrians trip on a daily basis, or are forced to walk along the muddy grass instead.

The condition of the path is worsening over time, and is likely to be further compromised with any frost in the coming weeks.

I would ask that this path is resurfaced as a matter of priority - there are few places in Dublin with higher footfall on a daily basis, and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious injury on the footpath, or on the cycle path which is being used by pedestrians and wheelchair users who are unable to use the footpath?

Reply:

Ownership of this footpath will be verified and appropriate action taken.

Q.37 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager will the Ranelagh Cycle Lane / Road be resurfaced from triangle to Clonskeagh? If so, can there be some changes made to parking and loading arrangements in conjunction with the resurfacing? Currently the after-hours parking on both sides of the road is causing traffic chaos (after 7pm when both sides of the road has parked cars, it renders the road to a single lane at certain points) and it becomes an issue for drivers and cyclists.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services have no plans to resurface this section of cycleway at present.

Your request has been referred to the area engineer for examination and report to the Transport Advisory Group, on any requirement for changes to parking and loading arrangements in conjunction with resurfacing works at this location. The Councillor will then be then be notified of the recommendation of the Transport Advisory Group.

The layout of the cycle lane, parking and road surface in this area will be examined as part of the Clonskeagh to City Centre Cycle Scheme.

Q.38 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager to review the pedestrian crossing at triangle be looked at? There are times when the pedestrian light is red even though there's no road traffic with a green.

Reply:

Thank you for your query. I have reviewed the operation of the junction in particular pedestrian movements. This junction operates on SCATS, this site is a staggered junction and comprises of:

- Ranelagh Road / Fields Terrace; and
- Ranelagh Road / Elmpark Avenue / Chelmsford Road.

There are five phases at this junction with four separate pedestrian movements. This junction is a bus priority junction with a number of bus priority measures in place to prioritise bus movements. Outside the peak hours of operation this junction has a very low cycle length resulting in short wait times for pedestrians seeking to cross the road. The pedestrian light is red until the pedestrian push button is activated and the pedestrian phase is then demanded.

In the interest of improving pedestrian movements at this junction, this junction will automatically introduce the pedestrian phases during the AM and PM peak in order to provide pedestrian priority and assist pedestrians at this location.

Q.39 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for a traffic assessment to be undertaken on Charleston Road and traffic calming measures to be put in place.

Reply:

This request has been referred to the area engineer for examination and report, ref. no. 7010355. The Councillor will be advised when the report has been completed.

Q.40 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask Manager to assess the Canal Road and Ontario Terrace junction and consider a zebra crossing or alternative pedestrian crossing.

Reply:

The introduction of a zebra crossing at this point is not recommended as it has been found through research that the presence of a zebra crossing is not generally effective at changing driver behaviour and may provide a false sense of safety to pedestrians.

There are no businesses, offices or residential properties directly opposite Ontario Terrace and Canal Road to warrant a pedestrian crossing at this location. Pedestrians wishing to access Rathmines have a pedestrian crossing 150m away. Those pedestrians wishing to access Ranelagh have a pedestrian crossing 115m away.

Q.41 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager to assess the drainage on Appian Way and Leeson Street. Over a period of years, residents repeatedly reported excess surface water when it rains but the issue has yet to be remedied (see pic) for location.

Reply:

Drainage Maintenance Section has carried out works at the junction of Leeson Street and Appian Way most recently in October 2017 and June 2018. During these works the road gullies on Appian Way at the junction were found not to be connected to the public sewer. These gullies are piped into private property to what are presumed to be soakaways. Unfortunately, this legacy arrangement is no longer functioning properly and alternative measures are required. Options are currently being investigated. However, the depth of the sewers here (3.0 to 4.0m deep) and the traffic levels mean that any solution will likely be both expensive and disruptive.

Q.42 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for an update on repairs on Merrion Road. I was previously asked by the Manager for specific areas. The area in particular need of attention is between Merrion Gates and the border with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has arranged for a contractor to carry out repairs here early in 2020. The works will be done at night / weekends and are weather dependent

Q.43 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for raised kerb / bollards / bike racks at Rathgar Village crossroads at Zion Road to stop the blocking of road for buses especially trying to leave Rathgar southbound. There is constant illegal pulling up and no enforcement.

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to patrol this area and address any illegal parking of vehicles on Orwell Road at the Zion road junction.

Cycle parking is not installed as a deterrent for illegal parking on footpaths, also the footpaths are not wide enough to install stands.

Q.44 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager to consider installing solar powered lights along pathways in Herbert Park.

Reply:

It would not be appropriate to provide public lighting within a park as this would give a false sense of safety, and encourage use after dark. Dublin City Council does not encourage anyone to enter into a public park after dark.

Q.45 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the status of Dodder flood works around Ballsbridge and Herbert Park Hotel, this was identified by local residents asking why it is taking so long.

Reply:

The programme for completion of essential strengthening works to the river flood wall opposite the RDS is Q3 2020. Rampart Lane will be closed for portions of Q2 and Q3 2020. Delays on this portion of the Dodder project were mainly due to poor ground conditions and high flows in the river.

Q.46 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager to write to Supervalu in Rathgar to ask that their commercial vehicles not obstruct the slip road from Highfield Road turning left at the junction in Rathgar onto Orwell Road especially during morning rush hour traffic periods.

Reply:

Parking Policy and Enforcement Section will investigate this matter in relation to morning rush hour traffic at this location.

Q.47 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager what process has to be undertaken to provide Shellybanks ETNS outdoor green space for the children to play on. There is currently space identified

beside the school (see pic attached). Would it be possible to allow the school to use this space as a playground during school hours?



Reply:

This land is owned by the Department of Education and Skills and not Dublin City Council. The South East Area Office wrote to the Minister for Education and Skills, conveying the above question to him on the 19th December 2019 and we are awaiting a response.

Q.48 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Over the years attempts have been made to deal with the appalling road surface on Wellington Road and on the bottom half of Herbert Park Road. Could the Manager give a time frame for comprehensive resurfacing of these roads?

Reply:

Wellington Road and Herbert Park Road are not part of our 2020 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. These roads will be inspected and local repairs will be scheduled as necessary.

Q.49 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue in Donnybrook:

An unintended consequence of the additional pedestrian lights at the Herbert Park / Morehampton Road junction was that some traffic is now going against the one-way system on Brendan Road to avoid said lights; another one is that Argyle Road and Arranmore Road are being used as rat-runs by motorists who don't want to take that chance but want to gain a few places on Herbert Park as they approach the lights.

Reply:

There is "No Entry" signage at suitable positions on Brendan Rd., further to this, there is a buildout amending the radius of the entrance to Brendan Road off Morehampton Road. These engineering measures are considered to be appropriate and adequate for this location.

The matter of instances of cars breaking the rules of the road at this location will be raised with An Garda Síochána at the next Transport Advisory Group meeting on the 28th January 2020.

Q.50 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the following issues raised from a constituent in Sandymount:

1. As a result of heavy traffic Sandymount Castle Drive has been badly damaged in many places. A stop cock cover has been broken off, and there is Dangerous hole now.

2. Young families, thus young children playing are in a cul de sac. Could ramps be considered? The increased traffic in and out of Sandymount Castle Park development will be serious cause for worry.
3. A movement of parking bays in Castle Drive from one side of the road to the other at the Gilford Road junction would be a simple but effective partial resolution.

Reply:

The stopcock will be repaired / replaced by week ending 17th January 2019

The presence of vehicles parked on one side of the road should deter any speeding. The Cul de Sac is 91m in length which does not meet the criteria for speed ramps. The following is required in order for speed ramps to be considered:-

- the road must have a straight run of at least 200m
- the 85th percentile speed should be greater than 50 km/h
- traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour
- there should be genuine road safety concerns based either on actual accident statistics or on observed road safety patterns or written report from an Inspector of the Garda Traffic Division, Dublin Castle relating to an issue of safety.

The location of the parking bays close to the junction with Gilford Road was assessed by the area engineer at the time. The parking bays are in the best suitable position given the amount of off street parking on Sandymount Castle Drive. The parked vehicles at this location act as a traffic calming measure and given that Sandymount Castle Drive, at this location, is a two-way road also acts as a traffic calming measure.

Q.51 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the rotting piles of leaves removed from the road sides on St. Mary's Road, Ballsbridge.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the leaves removed from the road sides on St. Mary's Road on the 19th December 2019.

Q.52 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue outside 24 St. Alban's Park Sandymount.

Since pavement and road repairs works were completed in St. Alban's Park pooling has arisen as per photo outside the above house. Could the Manager arrange to have remedial action taken?



Reply:

This will be examined and appropriate measures taken.

Q.53 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the following issues from Tidy Towns Ballsbridge about the area around St. Conleth's School, Clyde Road, Ballsbridge.

"It is of paramount importance that the following simple issues get dealt with as soon as possible to avoid risk of serious injury to a pupil of the school and pedestrians in the area:

1. The area immediately outside the school needs to have a dedicated drop zone on either side of the school gate and a very clearly marked no parking or stopping zone in front of the gates.
2. Clearly visible yellow signs with flashing lights should be placed on either side of the school on Clyde Road, clearly flagging for oncoming motorists that there is a school ahead.
3. A visibility mirror needs to be located on the lamppost at the corner of Clyde lane to the rear of the old St Mary's home as this corner is a complete right angle with no visibility.
4. A pedestrian footpath needs to be located outside the rear access to Herbert Park from Clyde Lane and the footpath extended to provide a full path for the pupils to pass safely to entrance gate Herbert Park.

In relation to 1) above we have noted the following:

- a) The current parking pay and display spaces (from 10am – 6pm) need to be removed at either side of the gate and replaced with a single yellow line to provide a safe drop zone for parents. At present, these spaces are being occupied by visitors to the park who are availing of 'free parking' each morning for prolonged periods up until 10am and so are not available to parents dropping children to the school.
- b) Highly visible cross hatched boxes need to be painted outside the school gates to prevent any parent or other road user from stopping outside the school gates as is the norm for the majority of schools in the area.
- c) Three number traffic islands need to be installed as per attached drawing to define a safe drop off zone. Having discussed these issues with the School management team, the parent's council and the majority of parents, we consider them of critical importance. Our children's lives are at risk every day that the current unsuitable arrangements are in place. We would like the council to give these issues their immediate consideration and to provide a timetable for the implementation of these small but very important measures to prevent serious risk of injury or worse to a child or pedestrian.

Reply:

Congestion at school gates is an issue in many schools in the city. Often the issue can only be solved by reducing drop off/pick up by car rather than by infrastructural measures. An internal focus group, consisting of personnel from Road Safety, Sustainable Mobility & Projects Infrastructure and Communication & Promotion and

the Transport Advisory Group, has been established to explore options in creating safer routes to school. The implementation of future measures is reliant on community buy-in for their success. All options chosen for trial and/or implementation will include a strong engagement strategy to maximise support at local level.

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division will be engaging with local area committees in January and February 2020 to identify the key mobility issues in our communities and invite suggestions and ideas on potential solutions. This will be followed by workshops with the wider community. The outcome of this process will be a strategic citywide Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan with a complete suite of measures that will be implemented during the lifetime of the policy document. It will include a comprehensive list of key performance indicators.

The recommendations of the focus group will inform the need for additional traffic management measures as listed in the above question.

Q.54 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to respond to the following issue. On November the 15th last five plastic posts / bollards were placed on the roadway at Shaw's Lane, Bath Avenue. A Dublin City Council area inspector confirmed that this area is private and not in charge of Dublin City Council. According to owners of the properties on Shaw's Lane this has always been a public road. Can it be established who owns the road and since when? Where exactly are the boundaries? And a final determination as to the status of all areas of the lane way.

Reply:

There was originally an old terrace of cottages ('Shaw's Cottages') here. These were demolished to allow for the redevelopment of the present apartment development. The new access road to the apartments was privately constructed, Dublin City Council Roads Dept. has no record of this road ever being 'handed back' to Dublin City Council to 'take in charge'.

There have been proposals in the past to 'close' this section of road, no record of this ever being formally 'closed'.

(If this section of road is deemed to be 'in charge' of DCC. DCC Traffic Dept. will install 'parking controls' here).

The new line of bollards was not placed by DCC.

Q.55 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have the windows replaced at *details supplied as they are senior citizens and can't install alarm because the windows are in such bad condition?

Reply:

The windows are down for inspection by the Foreman. If they are deemed in need of replacement, they will be sent to our Joinery Workshop for fabrication.

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on College Green Plaza development.

Reply:

Discussions are continuing with the National Transport Authority regarding relevant transport issues, including Bus Connects in advance of the intended re-submission of a revised application to An Bord Pleanála

Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate Airbnb activity at *details supplied. The building currently has at least eight apartments being offered for short term rentals to tourists, even though it is zoned for residential. Complaints have been made previously but the operation still continues, with having applied for a change of use.

Reply:

A complaint was received by the Planning Enforcement Section in September 2019 alleging that 26 apartments were being used for short term letting without the benefit of planning permission.

These files were recently referred to an Inspector in the new Short Term Let Unit and are currently under investigation.

The complainant was advised by email on 19th December 2019 that the matter is currently under investigation and at the end of our investigation they will be advised in writing of the outcome and whether further enforcement action is warranted.

Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please prioritise upgrading and resurfacing the pathway along the Grand Canal between Charlemont Bridge and Leeson Street Bridge that runs alongside the cycle way. The path is in very poor condition, with an uneven surface and potholes along that stretch. This is a path used by thousands of commuters on a daily basis. The condition of the path is such that parents with buggies and wheelchair users have been seen to travel along the cycle path (which has a smooth surface) rather than attempt to travel on the footpath. Can the Manager provide a report on this?

Reply:

Ownership of this footpath will be verified and appropriate action taken.

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the CEO can he please investigate why residents were not notified when ESB subcontractors were laying lines on Grantham Place on December 4th? The contractors were working until after 7.30pm at night which is in breach of working hours and caused a lot of disturbance to the residents. This comes on the back of a month of disruption and breaches due to the high level of construction here which is unacceptable. Can the Manager please provide report on this?

Reply:

This question is for the ESB to answer as they were the utility company carrying out the work and they don't need permission from Dublin City Council. The South East Area Office wrote to the ESB, conveying the above question to them on the 19th December 2019 and we await a response.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the issue of illegal dumping and litter on Grantham Place? I raised this earlier in the year and was told it would be dealt with but the residents have not seen any improvement.

Reply:

Waste Management Services remove illegally dumped rubbish from Grantham Place following routine inspections there or following reports of same by members of the

public. We will monitor litter levels at this location and arrange extra cleaning when necessary.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he has any further update on the plans to relocate Markievicz Leisure Centre and College Gate residents in light of the impact of the Metro plans on these sites.

Reply:

Discussion are on-going between the City Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) / National Transport Authority (NTA) in relation to routing options for MetroLink.

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

It is the City Council's understanding that alternative alignments that will avoid the need to demolish the building housing the Markievicz Leisure Centre and other Council owned properties in the area were considered. To date they have been rejected because they are considered not viable from an engineering perspective. It is our understanding that alternative route alignments are being re-examined.

If the building housing the Markievicz Leisure Centre has to be demolished, the NTA / TII has offered to construct an alternative leisure facility for the City Council in advance of construction on MetroLink, assuming a suitable site can be identified. We are currently seeking to identify such a site. However, it may be difficult to source a suitable site in the immediate area. Failing this, the TII / NTA has given a commitment to reinstate the leisure facility on its current site after the MetroLink works are complete.

If Council properties need to be demolished to facilitate the construction on MetroLink every effort will be made to rehouse the residents in the general area. The timing of this and the duration of the sterilisation on any Council sites will only be known when the route for MetroLink is finalised.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide clarity on the intention of Dublin City Council to dispose of the council owned land on South Lotts Road to allow for proposed development of an Aldi supermarket.

Reply:

There are no plans to dispose of this site. The red line for the planning application was extended to incorporate works to the road to facilitate the development. A letter of consent was provided by Dublin City Council.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can I please have an update on the below:

“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.

Contact:

Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Management Unit, tel.: 222 2558, deri.flood@dublincity.ie"

Reply:

Dublin City Council Drainage Section will schedule this manhole for immediate exchange to address the banging issue.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager could he please fix the potholes on South Dock Road / Bridge Street crossroads, near Riverbank House, South Dock Road, Grand Canal Dock <https://goo.gl/maps/hUqiCFrMFDWtNaFS7> They are a serious danger to cyclists.

Reply:

Repairs will be scheduled at this location as soon as possible.

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can I please have an update on the fixing of the manhole cover causing noise pollution on Charlotte Way.

Reply:

The remaining noisy chamber on Charlotte Way is the property of Aurora Telecom. This utility has been notified of the problem and have engaged their contractor to carry out the necessary repair to the cover and frame as soon as possible.

Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to remove an obstruction at Charlemont Place / Harcourt Terrace. This is causing an obstruction to cyclists and residents have asked for its removal.

Reply:

A site visit was carried out on 9th January 2020 the area engineer assessed the request to have the bollards removed. The area engineer has decided to leave the bollards where they are currently located.

The bollards on either side at the end of Harcourt Place were installed to prevent motorcyclists from using this to turn onto Charlemont Place. There is a need to prevent cyclists from entering Charlemont Place at speed from Harcourt Terrace where there are vehicles and pedestrians crossing Charlemont Place. By leaving the bollards as they are cyclists will have to slow down before entering Charlemont Place.

Q.67 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager for an update on a complaint made by a constituent; references S0061/19 – S0086/19.

Reply:

A complaint was received by the Planning Enforcement Section in September 2019 alleging that 26 apartments were being used for short term letting without the benefit of planning permission.

These files were recently referred to an Inspector in the new Short Term Let Unit and are currently under investigation.

The complainant was advised by email on 19th December 2019 that the matter is currently under investigation and at the end of our investigation they will be advised in writing of the outcome and whether further enforcement action is warranted.

Q.68 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager about the cleaning of Bloomfield Avenue. Residents report no leaves being picked up following the autumn leaf fall.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the leaves removed from Bloomfield Avenue on the 19th December 2019.