



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020

The committee extended its congratulations to its members newly elected as TDs.

- 1 Presentation from Irish Water on Watermain Replacement in Temple Bar Square**
Order: Noted.
- 2 Presentation by the Planning Department ; public consultation for proposed amendment to the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme to revise location of planned pedestrian bridge across the River Liffey, from Forbes street to Blood Stoney Road.**
Order: Noted.
- 3 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 13th January 2020**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Road Maintenance South East Area 2020 Works Programme.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 28th January 2020.
Order: Noted.
- 5 Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal grant of licence for part of Drury Street Car Park, Dublin 2 to See Dublin By Bike.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 6 South East Area Office Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed naming of a commercial development at Grand Canal Quay, Dublin 2: **An Taobhlach / The Sidings.**

Order: Agreed.

- iii. Draft South East Area Discretionary Fund 2020 (for discussion before 10th February Area Committee meeting) for agreeing.

Order: Deferred.

- iv. Draft 2020 Community Grants, Draft 2020 Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Awards and Draft 2020 Adult Education Grant Awards.

Order: Deferred.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Tara Deacy moved by Councillor Lacey

I note that 220 trees are being planted in the South East Area during 2020. I seek support from this committee to ensure the areas of Kimmage and Crumlin be attended to in terms of a tree planting programme, especially the streets of Captain's Road, Stannaway Road and surrounding streets? Currently many of the streets are almost entirely tree-less: in stark contrast to other areas, there are just a few in place (some of them not in great condition); and in many other cases, the square-shaped hole within the footpath in which trees previously grew has, depressingly, been filled in with concrete. In short, the streets are very grey and sorely lacking in decent greenery and canopy. Can areas like this where tree planting has been low be prioritized as a matter of urgency?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Tara Deacy moved by Councillor Lacey

That this committee agree and support the views of residents from the Kimmage / Crumlin community that Crumlin Swimming Pool opening hours be extended. This is a crucial public service that is not being utilised fully and is causing huge frustrations for residents. The hours at present are not adequate and must be addressed.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an update on the Sandymount Traffic Calming Plan.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Motion 9

That we receive a report to the February meeting regarding my motion unanimously agreed some months ago proposing that blockages be placed on sections of Mount Argus Road to prevent illegal parking. Furthermore we need to get a report from the clampers to know why they are not responding to residents' requests particularly on Sunday mornings. There is a very serious problem on this road both when residents cannot access and egress along with not being able to access their driveways.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the footpath on Cowper Road beside the entrance to Cowper Downs be dished to facilitate people who have a disability. Noting that this is the route to the LUAS and also has McGeogh Senior Citizens' homes, many of whose residents shop in Upper Rathmines Road.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Dermot Lacey taken with Motion 17

This Committee requests a full report on the circumstances leading to the report that Merrion Strand would be closed for swimming and more importantly a comprehensive report on what actions will be taken to ensure that this is not the case for any prolonged period.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an update on plans to upgrade or resurface Morehampton Terrace, Donnybrook which is in a very bad condition.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a report from the Manager on when action will be taken to clear the significant overgrowth in the area running parallel from the side of 30 Sandymount Avenue along Hollyrood Park and why no such works have been undertaken in recent years.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Motion 4

That this Committee requests the Traffic Department to address the ongoing issue of traffic and parking on Mount Argus Road. The current configuration on the road and in front of Mount Jerome Cemetery and the Russian Orthodox Church does not work for residents of the road in terms of accessing and exiting the road and also in relation to accessing driveways on the road. It is unacceptable that the ongoing issue of illegal and inconsiderate parking especially at busy times for the church and cemetery is allowed to continue. There must be a traffic management and enforcement solution that can address this.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Anne Feeney

That this Committee seeks an update from Parks Department in relation to the provision of an all-weather football pitch for the Terenure / Templeogue area. The pitches in Bushy Park, while a great facility in Spring and Summer are often unplayable in winter due to poor drainage.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the South East Area Office along with councillors meet Harold's Cross Community Council to discuss the spending of the discretionary fund which allocated them 50k euro in 2019. That this meeting focus on Tidy Towns, Age Friendly, Hx Grow, commencement of LAP, HX 202025 and lamp post banners.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Anne Feeney

Following on from the motion over a year ago to establish an Age Friendly Village in Harold's Cross and our inaugural meeting on 28th. Jan; it is agreed by this committee that an adequate budget be set aside for year to fund the setting up on this project.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to please introduce measures to address the on-going issue of parking on cycle lanes on Westland Row and Georges Quay. The cycle lanes on these roads are consistently blocked by delivery

and other vehicles, dangerously forcing cyclists into heavy traffic. Can the Manager please provide a report on this?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee condemns the incident that took place last month in which a man was seriously injured during a tent removal process carried out by Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland. This Committee calls on the Area Manager to review these procedures and processes as a matter of urgency to avoid any further similar incidences taking place. The Committee also requests that a home is secured for this person as soon as possible and that this is considered to be a priority case.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee resolves to initiate a programme of replacing street signs, many of which are faded and unreadable.

Order: Agreed and agreed to place on breviat to City Council for citywide action.

Motion 16 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee undertakes to erect signs on Sandymount Strand warning the public to be aware of the tides and the danger therein.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor James Geoghegan taken with Motion 6

This South East Area Committee, further to passage of Motion 25 on the 9th of September 2019, and in light of the imminent permanent ban on swimming at Merrion Strand in Dublin formally demands the procurement of an independent appraisal of both how Dublin City Council carries out its regulatory responsibilities for bathing water quality and how these powers could be strengthened to both preserve existing bathing waters and increase public awareness of the factors contributing to its diminution.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor James Geoghegan

This South East Area Committee calls on the Parks Department to install self-locking gates that would be accessible for disabled persons and wheelchairs on Sandymount Green to protect child safety.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor James Geoghegan

This South East Area Committee requests that Dublin City Council in partnership with the Irish Heart Foundation and other relevant NGOs conduct a pilot project in Sandymount to increase awareness of the location of defibrillators within the community.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor James Geoghegan

This South East Area Committee requests that Dublin City Council formally seek to purchase the Martello Tower at Sandymount from its owner to bring into public usage for the community.

Order: Report to councillor.

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey
Chairperson
Monday 10 February 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Danny Byrne
Kevin Donoghue
Mary Freehill
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan

Officers

Mark Ginnetty
John MacEvilly
Derek Dixon
Mark Ginnetty
Owen Keegan

Brian Hanney
Mary Taylor
Myles Farrell
Madeline McNamara

Leah Johnston
Jennifer Wall
Paul McCann
Gerald McEntaggart

Apologies:

Chris Andrews
Pat Dunne

Patrick Costello
Hazel Chu

Tara Deacy

Non-Members:

Stephen O'Beirne
Waterways Ireland
Adrienne Fergus
Waterways Ireland
Matthew Thompson
Waterways Ireland

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 10th February 2020

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the near crater like potholes along Seaview Terrace close to its junction with Ailesbury Road be repaired as a matter of urgency.

Repairs:

Repairs will be carried out here as soon as possible.

Q.2 Councillor Tara Deacy

What is the process within Dublin City Council by which residents and neighbourhoods can seek the planting of trees on residential streets (as opposed to within parks)?

Reply:

Typically when a residents seek tree planting they either discuss it with parks staff locally, or submit a request to Parks in the Civic Offices.

Q.3 Councillor Tara Deacy

It has been brought to my attention by many residents that there is no lighting what so ever in Ravensdale Park. Residents are afraid to walk through it at night time and others have reported tripping on rubbish etc. as it is in complete darkness. Can we look at getting lighting installed here before there is an accident, and it will allow residents to feel safer? It is a beautiful park and could be used more by those living around it.

Reply:

There are currently no plans to install lighting at the above location. Any plans for lighting would be subject to available capital funding.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to install a pooper scooper bin in the Sandymount Castle Park, Drive or Road area.

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 in Sandymount village and in Sandymount Green.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager for an update on the parking / traffic issues referenced in the email submitted with this question (details supplied).

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section will have an inspector investigate this location and determine what the best solutions to this matter are.

Double yellow lines (DYLs) will be located on the entrance / exit to details supplied 1 on the west side of details supplied 2. These DYLs will extend north up to driveway of 113 details supplied 2. (Ref 701343).

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the continuous breakdown of the online planning viewing platforms in Dublin City Council? This service can be down for days on end causing huge inconvenience for many to wish to view planning applications. Many of our citizens are not in a position to go into Dublin City Council (DCC) to view the hard copies of planning applications and the only way possible for people and communities to do this is through the DCC website. This is pointless if the local authority are failing in the upkeep of this service.

Reply:

The online service provided by the Planning Department was not available for short periods this year as essential upgrades of the servers hosting the planning system took place. The upgrades were carried out overnight to minimise inconvenience to customers and the system was back available by midday on all occasions.

The online service is an additional non statutory service provided by Dublin City Council. We are fully committed to continue to provide the online service and work on its enhancement is ongoing.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report and update on the progress of the archaeological find at the student accommodation build in Longford Street? A report was promised to be published detailing this find. Can that report be published please?

Reply:

This question is understood to refer to the permitted development at Nos 7-13 Stephen Street Upper, Nos 17-19 Longford Street and Nos. 71- 5 Aungier Street, Dublin 2, as granted planning permission by An Bord Pleanála PL 29S.246855 (Reg. Ref. 3971/15).

Details of the archaeology on this site are to be provided in a report prepared by the developer's archaeologist to be submitted to the City Archaeologist in compliance with the conditions of the grant of planning permission. The developer's archaeologist will prepare this report on completion of the archaeological excavations and the post-excavation phase of the project.

The City Archaeologist has been informed that the excavations on site are complete and that the consultant team is currently engaged in the extensive post-excavation phase of the project. All of this work must be completed in order for the consultant archaeologist to prepare the report. This is standard practice and is being carried out with the oversight of the City Archaeologist, the National Monuments Service and the National Museum of Ireland, in accordance with the relevant legislation. On completion of the archaeology report to the satisfaction of the City Archaeologist, a copy will be provided to the Area Manager for circulation to the Area Committee.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the trees on Redmond's Hill be pruned and cut back immediately? Large branches are falling onto the roadway and the footpaths causing great danger to pedestrians and motorists. There was a near miss here regarding a group of children who narrowly missed being seriously injured.

Reply:

The trees in question have been listed for pruning by our contractor and will be done in the coming weeks.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report regarding any contractual arrangements that the South East Area office has or the Arts Office has with the commercial group known as Subset? This group create commercial advertisements on various walls and are also subject to a number of planning enforcements and complaints. It would appear that Dublin City Council Community Services, Arts and Cultural Services are employing this same group under contract. Can this be clarified please?

Reply:

The group known as "Subset" responded to an open call by the Temple Bar Company for proposals under the Love the Lanes Project, to deliver a mural on the ESB owned building on Bedford Row/Fleet Street, Temple Bar. The theme of the mural was climate change, and submissions were considered based on a number of relevant criteria. The mural proposed by Subset was considered to be the best project submitted. Subset then applied for planning permission which was granted in December 2019. This mural was completed just before Christmas 2019 and has been very well received by the public. The South East Area Office has no contractual arrangements with the group known as Subset.

The City Arts Office does not have any contractual relationships with Subset.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report on the progress being made on the Avalon House Homeless Service provision / family hub / hostel? Can this report also include the exact number of people using homeless service facilities within the immediate area of St Stephen's Green, Whitefriar Street, Aungier Street, Harcourt Street and the wider South East area?

These services to include methadone clinics, family hubs, male hostels.

Reply:

Avalon House will provide emergency accommodation for up to 30 families and will open on a phased basis from mid-February 2020.

The family accommodation provided in Avalon House will have on-site access to cooking facilities, food storage facilities, laundry facilities, a study area for school-going children and an indoor children's play area. Each family will have its own suite to ensure privacy and space.

Please see the table below detailing the number of people availing of emergency accommodation by postcode from Dublin 1 to Dublin 12, sorted by the postcode with the most service users. The numbers include both adults and children. Please note these numbers are approximate and subject to some fluctuation on a nightly basis.

Area	Total
Dublin 1	1488
Dublin 8	829
Dublin 7	797
Dublin 9	706
Dublin 2	387
Dublin 3	354
Dublin 4	138
Dublin 11	114
Dublin 12	61
Dublin 6	56
Dublin 10	29
Dublin 5	12
Dublin 6W	0
Totals	4,971

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive has no responsibility for methadone clinics.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of reopening the gate and laneway that leads to St Kevin's Park from the Kevin Street area? This gate has been closed over a number of years and the laneway and street was closed due to anti-social behaviour some time back. However, the college has now been sold and there is great concern in the neighbourhood that Dublin City Council would dispose of this street and former entrance to the park. Many residents in the area use this park but in order to gain access they either have to walk the long way up Camden Street or the foreboding way up Liberty Lane which is full of graffiti or the way up towards Heytesbury Street. There is only one entrance and exit to this park and that would appear to me to be not very safe in terms of emergency exits etc. We need to make this gem of a park and historically important graveyard more accessible to the local people.

Reply:

In the context of the Technical University Dublin site development it is the council's desire and intention to achieve the re-opening to the public of the gate to St. Kevin's Park and the lane in question. It is unlikely, however, that this will be achieved until the site development has been completed.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards a number of serious leaks and flooding in C Block, Mercer House that residents have reported?

Reply:

No tenants have reported leaks in Block C, Mercer House. We have also spoken to the Foreman who is not aware of any issues. If the Councillor has specific addresses these will be investigated and any necessary action taken.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please organise a deep power wash and steam clean of the following blocks of flats which are absolutely filthy: Whitefriar Gardens, McDonagh House, Digges Street, Mercer House A B and C blocks and Glovers Court? Residents and their children are finding it increasing difficult to live in the dilapidated conditions at these blocks. Many complain about the lack of estate management and also the lack of any cleaning service. These blocks and estates need to be power washed and cleaned on a very regular basis. It is absolutely depressing to see such neglect. No private landlord would get away with this.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have this property inspected as a matter of urgency.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a process of the entire renewal of the play area in C Block Mercer House? This children's play area is entirely unsafe, filthy dirty, over grown with moss and unfit for purpose.

Reply:

Subject to funding being available and the agreement of the local community we will inspect and refurbish the play area in C Block Mercer House.

Reply:

Subject to funding being available and the agreement of the local community we will inspect and refurbish the play area in C Block Mercer House.

The Housing Maintenance Section will carry out an inspection of the play area in C Block in Mercer House. We will also liaise with the Team Leader for the Caretaking Service regarding the issues highlighted and ensure this area is inspected and appropriate action is taken.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of erecting gates on Digges Street entrance of Digges Street flats in the interest of security and residents safety, also to stop the huge amount of illegal dumping by private business and others that are driving into these blocks and dumping bags?

Reply:

The area will be inspected and the feasibility of erecting gates will be investigated subject to funding available.

Reply:

Maintenance of powered gates is now so onerous that the cost of installing and maintaining powered gates in a safe manner outweighs 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.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards all grants or financial contributions that are made to SAYS South Area Youth Service, 4 Aungier Street over the past 5 years? Also, can the manager include a full breakdown of what this organisation

provides, its professional staffing levels and volunteering levels and a description of those that use its services?

Reply:

Funding received under Local Agenda 21/Community Environment Action Fund. South Area Youth Service.

Year	Project Title	Grant Received	Grant Paid
2014/15	Wood Waste Prevention and Redistribution	€1,115	€1,115
2015/16	Community Bee Care Project	€1,360	€1,360
2017/18	Grow Fish in our Youth Service	€1,300	€1,300
2018/19	Tin Can Solar Panel Project	€1,000	€1,000
2019/20	Community Bee Watch	€1,000	€0
		€5,775	€4,775

No application received for 2016/17. 2019/20 project ongoing.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange to have the accumulated rubbish at Hogan Avenue, Off Macken Street, Dublin 2 removed forthwith.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the accumulated rubbish removed from the above location on the 28th January 2020.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to make arrangements for the replacement of a street name plate at Haddington Place, Off Haddington Road, Dublin 4.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to order a street name plate for Haddington Place and it will be erected on Haddington Place at the junction with Haddington Road. The street name plate will be stand mounted on the east side of Haddington Place.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Following the completion of works pertaining to the new school on Haddington Road can the manager arrange for the reinstatement of double yellow lines, which were removed during the said works?

Reply:

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any outstanding markings will be reinstated before 11/03/2020.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Following on from issues raised by residents on Sandymount Castle Drive could the manager respond to the following proposal?

"There is no traffic calming associated with the current parking bay arrangements on Sandymount Castle Drive .The cul de sac is two way in its entirety.

Is there any reason why the traffic cannot be one way i.e. in at Sandymount Castle Road and exit by Sandymount Castle Drive or vice versa?"

Reply:

Sandymount Castle Drive is a quiet residential area. The area engineer carried out a site visit to Sandymount Castle Drive in December 2019 and did not see any vehicles speeding, with traffic on this road very light indeed.

Sandymount Castle Drive does not meet the criteria for introducing speed ramps. A road has to be 200m in length for speed ramps to be considered for this form of traffic calming; Sandymount Castle Drive is 124m in length.

Making Sandymount Castle Park one way would encourage vehicles to drive at higher speeds. The addition of on street parking further reduces a vehicles speed, therefore the area engineer has declined to make the cul-de-sac a one way road.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to make urgent road repairs at the junction of Anglesea Road and Simmonscourt Road, Ballsbridge as the surface is uneven and dangerous.

Reply:

There are a number of utility openings in the carriageway on Anglesea Road – Simmonscourt Road which require permanent reinstatement. Road Maintenance Services will refer these openings to the utilities concerned to carry out the permanent reinstatement.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the issue raised by a resident in Ranelagh re- the installation of a duct under a footpath to carry an electric vehicle charging cable.

He writes:

"I'm reaching out to let you know that DCC's byelaws have stopped me getting an electric car. Specifically the byelaw which will only allow a utility company to dig up a footpath. Even if I hire a licensed and fully insured contractor to put an electric duct under the footpath, DCC's byelaw will not allow the works to take place. All I'm looking to do is to charge my electric car where it is parked in Beechwood Park, Dublin 6. All my neighbours are in the same situation. Any that have electric cars or plug-in hybrids are parking in lane-ways and slinging cables over garden walls. All because DCC's byelaws stop us running a duct under the 1m wide footpath outside our houses.

As outlined here <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-permits-and-licences/road-opening-licence> private individuals and subcontractors are excluded in all circumstances from opening up footpaths. My request is that an exemption is put in place to allow for the installation of a duct under a footpath, to carry an electric vehicle charging cable."

Reply:

Generally, work on the public footpath requires a Road Opening Licence (ROL) from Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance Section and a T2 Permit from the Roadworks Control Unit. However, in cases where a utility service is being provided, such as an ESB connection, then the ROL is not required and only the T2 permit is necessary.

A T2 sets out the appropriate times for the works to take place depending on the road's importance to the City's network and any works on Beechwood Park would be permitted from Monday to Friday between 08.00hrs and 23.00hrs. The application has

to be made by the statutory body providing the service (ESB) and requires seven days advance notice to the Council. Normally these applications are approved within a couple of days following submission by the utility. The decision regarding which contractor can do the work is a matter between the customer and the ESB, but the ESB have to take responsibility for the application to the Council.

It should also be noted that a public road is a road over which a **public right of way exists** and the responsibility for the maintenance of which lies on a **road** authority. (Roads Act, 1992, Section 2) This means a resident has to share access to that area of public road outside his or her home and cannot identify it for his or her own sole usage. It is not therefore possible to install a domestic charger at the roadside.

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a resident in Ranelagh. He writes:

Reply:

Details supplied are both Protected Structures on the Record of Protected Structures, Volume 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

It is understood that the two houses referred to above are in private ownership. Section 58 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) provides that the owner(s) and occupier(s) of a Protected Structure shall ensure that the structure is not endangered, nor any element of the structure that is of special (architectural, archaeological, cultural, scientific, social or technical) interest. It is an offence to unlawfully cause damage to a protected structure.

These sites will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and a reply will be forwarded directly to the Councillor.

Q.24 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide a report with a list of derelict properties and sites in the South East Area and information re any action being taken by Dublin City Council in relation to each of them.

Reply:

A report is being collated by the Derelict Sites Section and will be forwarded directly to the Councillor.

Q.25 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide an update in relation to what action the council is taking in relation to recent abuse of Brickfield Park by motor-cross bikers.

Reply:

Parks staff report all incidents to the local garda station. There are already railings and kissing gates at this location which should be sufficient in deterring motor-cross bikes. However, they are impossible to prevent entirely.

Q.26 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide an update in relation to what progress is being made to a request I made a number of years ago to properly position the traffic lights in front of Harold's Cross (at the apex of the Park) so that the cross is not obscured.

Reply:

The traffic signals have been upgraded to the newer LED type signal head – these signal heads are considerably less-bulky and therefore less intrusive to the surrounding locality. The ‘No U Turn’ sign has been removed to create a more aesthetically pleasing view at this location.

Q.27 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address the ongoing issue of litter on Leinster Square from local fast food outlets.

Reply:

Waste Management Services cleans Leinster Square on a regular basis to deal with any litter from these fast food outlets. We also will get a litter warden to call to these fast food outlets and remind them of their responsibility to keep the areas outside their premises as clean as possible.

Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the trees along Beechhill Avenue cut back on both the park side and the road side as on windy days branches can swing into pedestrians faces?

Reply:

Parks have inspected the above location and found that the trees on the roadside are young trees which do not require pruning at this time. The trees in the park will be added to the tree care programme and pruned in the Autumn/Winter season. Tree pruning is carried out on a priority basis and is subject to available resources.

Our Housing Mobile Crew will arrange to have these trees along Beechill Avenue cut back.

Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the guttering replaced on details supplied as they are leaking every time it rains?

Reply:

This job has been logged now, an inspection will take place, and all necessary works will be carried out.

Q.30 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he can please introduce measures to address the on-going problem of illegal parking on the double yellow lines outside the Spar on Bath Avenue.

Reply:

The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to clamp any illegal parked vehicles at this location.

Q.31 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Manager can he please provide an update on the delivery of the Dodder Bridge.

Reply:

The Dodder Bridge Project is at Preliminary Design and Environmental Impact Assessment Stage. Numerous environmental studies are ongoing which will be completed prior to the submission of an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála which is proposed for Q2 2020. Work is also progressing on the business case for the project in conjunction with the National Transport Authority.

Q.32 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many Dublin Bike stations have been removed due to building construction in the last 2 years, the locations of these bike stations, how many have been replaced or are due to be replaced and a timeline for the replacements.

Reply:

The following Just Eat dublinbikes stations have been decommissioned due to construction activity in the city over the last 2 years.

Fownes Street Upper.	From November 2019 to November 2020
James's Street East.	From July 2017 to November 2020
Barrow Street.	From July 2019 to November 2020
Clarendon Row.	From January 2019 to January 2021
Smithfield (South).	From April 2019 to April 2021
North Circular Road.	From November 2019 to November 2021
Strand Street Great.	From May 2019 to January 2022

These stations will be reintegrated to the network to coincide with the closeout stages of construction activity on the adjacent sites and subject to the operational requirements of the scheme, as well as any necessary public realm improvements. The anticipated dates for reopening are subject to ongoing review.

Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the installation of sheffield bike parking stands on Barrow Street.

Reply:

Nine cycle parking stands were installed outside Imagine and outside the Grand Plaza Apartments, Barrow Street, late last year. They provide cycle parking for 18 bikes.

In light of the high demand for cycle parking in the area, it is proposed to investigate if a suitable location for additional stands can be located as part of the next batch of cycle parking.

Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can a litter warden please examine the frequent and recurring problem of dog fouling the footpath on the church side of Thorncastle Street is covered in dog excrement, particularly between the entrance to the flats and the crèche. Residents tell me this fouling happens every single day. Can measures please be taken to address this a matter of urgency?

Reply:

Litter Wardens had previously received a report about dog fouling at this location. In mid-January 2020, officers attended Thorncastle Street every morning for two weeks in an attempt to identify the dogs who were causing the mess. The officers also patrolled the local flats complex to see if there were any dogs who may be coming out on the street to foul. There were no dogs identified by the officers at the time.

Waste Management sent a cleansing crew to Thorncastle Street to clear away the waste that was identified in the pictures.

The Dog Warden Service have been asked to carry out spot checks in the area at different times of the day around the crèche. They will remove any dogs that are not under effective control.

Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please undertake measures to address the on-going issue of illegal dumping outside the houses on Cambridge Park, Ringsend.

Reply:

Cambridge Park is scheduled to be visited as part of the South East Area Bye Law Enforcement Campaign. Residents will be asked to confirm their waste management arrangements to Authorised Officers who will be knocking on doors in the area. It is anticipated that this area will be visited late February/Early March 2020.

Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please consider tree planting on Bride Street and around the St Patrick's Cathedral Area as part of this year's tree planting programme. This area experiences heavy traffic.

Reply:

The tree planting programme for 2019/2020 is fully committed. The locations will be listed for consideration in the 2020/21 tree-planting season.

Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the Area Manager please provide an update on the below?

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is the purpose of the yellow bollard / orca wand that has been placed at the junction of the Grand Canal Cycle Route and Harcourt Terrace, and could the manager consider replacing this with an alternative way to direct cyclists as this is causing an obstruction to cyclists on what is a very narrow passageway?

Reply:

Dublin City Council received complaints from local residents in relation to motorbikes traveling at speed through the opening at Harcourt Terrace / Charlemont Place. As a result, a reflective bollard was trialed, in order to reduce the opening width and slow any potential speeding motorbikes down.

The reflective bollard will be removed and a more appropriate, permanent solution will be examined in Q1 2020.

Contact:

Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer, Sustainable Mobility & Projects Section, Environment & Transportation Department, tel.: 222 3970, email: chris.adamson@dublincity.ie

Reply:

There is no update at this time. It is planned to seek a more permanent solution by the end of Q1 2020.

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he can please fix the leaking roof on details supplied and can he please provide a timeline for when these works will be completed

Reply:

The leak on this particular roof has been the subject of numerous repairs in recent years and were to form part of capital works earmarked for details supplied 1, which have been delayed. It should be noted that this type of roofing does not patch or repair well as a number of patches have already been applied to the roof.

We are proposing to remove a substantial area of the roof covering and replace it entirely. Details supplied 2 has tendered for this job in addition to repairs in two other details supplied 2 owned buildings in the locale where roof issues have also been identified. The aim being that a more substantial and lasting job may be carried out.

It has been agreed with the nominated contractor that the roof repairs in details supplied 1 will take precedence and we are hopeful that works may now be carried out in February/March 2020.

Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to carry out a comprehensive rat control program for O'Carroll Villas as the numbers of rats appear to be out of control?

Reply:

Recent works to the playground at the front has disturbed the vermin. However, Housing Maintenance is fully aware of this issue and are laying bait on a weekly basis to counter this problem.

Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager say why the back balconies on the 1st floor in Vincent Street flats are flooding every time it rains and when will it be fixed so the balconies do not flood?

Reply:

There were no reports of this issue on our system. However, we have logged this now for inspection by a plumber and he will advise on necessary works to be carried out to address this issue.

Q.41 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to re-assess Lower Lesson Street, which has had a bicycle lane widened. However it has made the traffic lane dangerously narrower.

Reply:

The cycle lane on Lower Lesson Street was protected by a line of traffic lane separators at the end of 2018 to prevent motorists encroaching on cyclists.

The cycle lane was not widened nor were the widths of any of the traffic lanes reduced.

Q.42 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for an update re yellow lines on Vavasour Square.

Reply:

An appeal by the residents to rescind the double yellow lines at this location was considered and a final decision was made on the matter in 2018. The appeal was brought to the Engineering Technical Group on the 22nd May, 2018, to review the decision made by the Area Engineer in relation of the double yellow lines at the end of Vavasour Square. The group decided that the Area Engineer's decision was appropriate and it is therefore proposed to maintain the double yellow line as a traffic safety measure.

The decision remains unchanged in relation to double yellow lines at this location.

Q.43 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to assess the park at Rialto Cottages (at numbers 30-45), residents report the grass unkempt, railings in very poor condition.

Reply:

Parks will organise a tidy up of this location in the coming weeks.

Q.44 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if there has been a change in policy in relation to the removal of graffiti.

I refer to a tweet from Waste Management Services on 28th January, which states that DCC “have a dedicated crew within the Waste Management Division to remove graffiti”, however when asking to get graffiti removed there are constant refusals.

Reply:

Waste Management Services provide a dedicated service for the removal of graffiti from public property. This service is provided by direct labour.

There are also specialist services available through a contracted service provider for the removal of graffiti that requires specific expertise such as removal from protected or delicate structures.

Graffiti that is of a racist, offensive or political nature will be removed within 24 hours of reporting.

Removal services may be requested via the Customer Services CRM system or in conjunction with the Public Domain Officers within the administrative area structure.

Q.45 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 Sandymount; 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 Sandymount; 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 Sandymount.

Reply:

The Sandymount Village Design Statement (VDS) was prepared in 2011 as a collaborative project between local residents and businesses in the area, in partnership with Dublin City Council and the Heritage Council. The projects identified in the Village Design Statement are centred on the five core themes: (1) The Heart of the Village, (2) The Stand and Promenade, (3) Architectural Heritage and Development, (4) the Public Realm and (5) Green Infrastructure.

Section 8 of the VDS set out next steps and future VDS projects under the headings of (inter alia) Village Green Enhancement; Cultural, Heritage & Community Events; Flood Risk and Preservation of the Sea Wall and Martello Tower; Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) Designation; Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Measures; Streetscape Enhancements; Village Branding; Greenway & Ecology Trail and Creation of New Public Spaces. It was envisaged that the Steering Committee

established to prepare the VDS would also coordinate the development of these projects.

A report has not been prepared to date on the outcomes of the VDS programme. The steering committee never subsequently met. However, a number of the goals have been achieved or partially achieved, particularly in relation to provision of the new playground in Sean Moore Park, the designation of the Architectural Conservation Area, ongoing Community Section support of local events and a resurgence of an active Tidy Towns Committee. A Conservation & Management Plan for Sandymount Green (Howley Hayes Architects) was produced in 2015 by Park Services. Other goals such as Flood Protection and pedestrian safety are being addressed by the Flood Protection and Water Framework Directive Division and Traffic Department of Dublin City Council respectively.

Projects 7 and 8 of the Village Design Statement comprise a historic landscape character assessment and designation of an Architectural Conservation Area. These two projects are combined in the Sandymount Village and Environs Architectural Conservation Area, which was adopted by the City Council on 3rd September 2013. The ACA includes policies and objectives for the management of new development, including a requirement to obtain planning permissions for general domestic extensions and alterations that would materially affect the character of the ACA (and would not require permission elsewhere; i.e. outside a designated ACA). This ACA continues to inform development management on an ongoing basis.

In 2011 a detailed Village Design Statement (VDS) was prepared for Sandymount. This was followed in 2013 by the designation of Sandymount as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). As a result of the VDS, the ACA designation and Development Plan it is considered that there is a robust and balanced policy with which to manage growth and change within Sandymount.

Section 2.2.8 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 (the Development Plan) contains a list of 31 areas/ villages, which were adopted by the members for the preparation of Local Environmental Improvement Plans (LEIP) or Village Improvement Plans with the objective to prepare three plans for each area of the City, resources and priorities permitting. Sandymount does not currently form part of this list and as a result does not have a LEIP or VIP.

The list contained in Section 2.2.8. of the Development Plan will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028. Members will have the opportunity to prioritise the preparation of LEIPs and VIPs and adopt a new schedule which will be contained in the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

The Sandymount Green Traffic Management plan is at detailed design stage and this is nearing completion subject to completion of topographical surveys. The aim is to have this scheme out for tender within six weeks and to have construction to commence four weeks after that in early April 2020.

The first phase of the Sandymount Flood Alleviation Scheme on the promenade is due to commence in April 2020. This scheme will also reduce the flood risk to the Martello Tower.

Q.46 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager further to the reply to question 73 to the Chief Executive on the 2nd of December 2019 if he can provide an update as to where Belmont Avenue and Marlborough Road have been ranked and when they shall be put forward to Phase 3 development of the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme; if he can

provide a precise timeline and next steps in respect of the Phase 3 development of the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme for Belmont Avenue and Marlborough Road.

Reply:

The Neighbourhood Engineer has now completed Phase 2 assessment of all areas for consideration in both the South East and South Central areas. A report is now being prepared where the areas will be ranked and prioritised. The results of this Phase 2 report will be made available to all Councillors by the end of February 2020 and steps for Phase 3 will be outlined at this point.

Q.47 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South Area Manager whether Dublin City Council has applied to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland for grant support to install Electric Vehicle Public Charge Points in any location and if so, detail the addresses of these Electric Vehicle Public Charge Points; if Dublin City Council will consider applying to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland for grant support to install Electric Vehicle Public Charge Points on Beechwood Park, Ranelagh, Dublin 6; if the manager could set the criteria or process that Dublin City Council adopt in considering grant applications to Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland for grant support to install Electric Vehicle Public Charge Points.

Reply:

An application for grant support was made to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland on October 11th 2019 for the installation of 4 public electric vehicle (EV) charge points located on Sir John Rogerson's Quay. Approval has yet to be received. The EV charge points will be operated over a 6 month trial period and experiences from this trial will inform the council's future policy on public EV charge points. Separately, the council has met with ESB E-cars on a number of occasions and the council has supplied ESB E-cars with a list of potential sites for public EV charge points which are currently being assessed for suitability. Due to the large infrastructure required for the installation of EV charge points it is likely that any further public EV charge points will be located in suitable hubs and it is unlikely that any will be installed in residential parking areas.

Q.48 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager the current status, timeline and implementation of the Sandymount Traffic Management Plan.

Reply:

The Sandymount Green Traffic Management plan is at detailed design stage and this is nearing completion subject to completion of topographical surveys. The aim is to have this scheme out for tender within six weeks and to have construction to start four weeks after that in early April 2020.

Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he will request that a dog poo bin be installed on Sandymount Castle Drive adjacent to Park Avenue where there is a vet practice and consequentially leads to increased dog fouling in neighbouring streets.

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 in Sandymount village and in Sandymount Green.

Q.50 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he will request that the placement of wheelie bins on Gilford Court, Sandymount, Dublin 4 be looked at as they are being left along the wall of an adjacent private property instead of being brought back into their own home after bins have been collected.

Reply:

The Litter Warden has called out to this location and placed advisory tags on the offending bins. He will monitor the situation and will take appropriate action under the 2018 Bye Laws.

Q.51 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager the number of times Gilford Court, Sandymount Dublin 4 has been street cleaned in the last 12 months and if a street cleaning could take place as soon as possible.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Gilford Court cleaned on the 30th January 2020. This residential street would have been cleaned six times in the last twelve months.

Q.52 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Area Manager to reinstate the double yellow lines at the Amazon Corporate Offices, Burlington Plaza, Burlington Road, Dublin 4. The spot previously has double yellows but was removed when the building and pavement underwent works.

Reply:

The area engineer will visit Burlington Plaza in the next couple of days to identify the exact location of where the double yellow lines were originally located and reinstate them.

Q.53 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Area Manager to place double yellows around School Catriona on Baggot Street, there has been an access issue to the convent due to parked cars from the school.

Reply:

It is unclear from the question as to where the double yellow lines are required, as currently there are double yellow lines at the entrance to Scoil Cathriona on Baggot Street. I have attached the link below to the transport related service request form for the Councillor to complete in order to clarify the specific request and exact location.

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

Q.54 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Area Manager for an update on assessing whether the cycle lane in Ranelagh can be 24 hours. Currently cars parked at Upper Ranelagh outside Bank of Ireland is causing even more congestion for car commuters and also poses a danger to cyclists after 7pm.

Reply:

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

Q.55 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Area Manager if had received any further answers in regards to the accident involving the man in the tent on the canal where he was severely injured due to a clean- up of the tents on the canal.

Reply:

A number of investigations are currently underway which will thoroughly examine all aspects of the incident that occurred recently on the Grand Canal and will facilitate a review of all policies in relation to tent removals.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive have been engaging with the individual for some time and accommodation remains available to him.

Q.56 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager for an update on the review of where they could segregate cycle lanes using orcas/wands?

Reply:

The Environment & Transportation Department is currently considering the roll out of a network of protected cycle lanes across the Dublin City Council Administrative Area. The National Transport Authority have indicated that they would be willing to fund such a project.

A review of all roads / streets is currently underway to develop a rollout programme, where the installation of orca parking protected cycle lanes may be appropriate. As previously stated this review is scheduled for Q2 2020.

Q.57 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Area Manager in light of the ever growing problem of cars parked on footpaths especially during morning rush hour obstructing pedestrians and cyclists what if any further enforcement procedures is the manager looking at? This is an ongoing problem city wide but there's evidence (attached) outlining how it's particularly an issue in Rathmines, Ranelagh, Camden Street, Aungier Street.

Reply:

Unfortunately the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit did not receive the attached evidence with Cllr. Chu's question. If we could get some details of locations this will assist targeting specific areas. However, it is the policy to enforce against illegal parking of vehicles on footpaths throughout the city. In residential areas where residential parking is very restricted a soft touch approach is taken where vehicles of residents do not prevent a wheelchair or double buggy pass by on the footpath. However, on main streets the full rigour of enforcement is applied where vehicles are parked illegally and where pedestrians and cyclists are adversely impacted.

Q.58 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager outline when the footpaths in Rutland Grove will be repaired as they are in a hazardous condition currently?

Reply:

Footpath works are due to commence in Rutland Grove in the next week or so.

Q.59 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager arrange to change the yellow public lighting in Rutland Grove to White brighter lighting?

Reply:

There is no Public Lighting minor works improvements programme for 2020. The existing yellow lighting here has been examined and is to an acceptable standard. We will however, arrange to re-lamp the existing lights where required.

Q.60 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to look at traffic calming on Ashdale Road, local residents report problems with speeding cars while walking children to school.

Reply:

The street is traffic calmed by both speed ramps and on-street parking on both sides of the street. Currently there are no proposals to carry out any further traffic calming measures at this location.

Q.61 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager update on the 30 kmph signage and when it is going up around Terenure and Ranelagh. Also if additional 'Stop children at play' signs are available specifically around Ashfield Road and Northbrook Avenue.

Reply:

The roll-out of Phase Four of the 30 Km/h Special Speed Zones project for all three parts (for residential areas) in the Dublin City Council jurisdiction is proposed to be completed by October 2020. The 30 km/h signage incorporates Children at Play signage.

Terenure and Ranelagh areas are included in the Part B of the project and will be completed by June 2020.

Q.62 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager outline what the schedule for tree planting in Rutland Grove is and when will this work start?

Reply:

Parks will arrange tree planting at this location. Parks have previously planted trees at this location but the trees did not survive due to vandalism.