

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th February 2020

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Roads Section to repair, as a matter of absolute urgency, the footpath and kerb at the entrance to the fire station and adjacent to the bottle banks on Parnell Road. I have been contacted by a resident who sustained a broken arm and back injuries as a result of tripping up at this point last October and whose injuries are still causing her difficulty. This is highly regrettable and we must ensure this does not happen again.

Reply

The Area Engineer inspected the footpath at the exit to the Fire Brigade Station and noted that there has been some recent temporary repairs carried out. This has now been logged to our system for permanent repair, the works will require some forward planning and co-ordination with Dublin Fire Brigade.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812.

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Housing Maintenance Department to inspect the damp and mould at the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*) (pictures attached). It is not obvious from the picture of the window but there is mould from damp evident behind the blind.

Reply

Housing Maintenance has installed mechanical vents to tackle the ongoing issue with condensation. The tenant has been informed of issues that will contribute to condensation going forward. The bathroom will be re-tiled and the flooring will be renewed by the end of the working week.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our Director of Services whether a plot of land to the rear of the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*) could be inspected. The tenant reports the site used for ongoing dumping, which is attracting vermin to her garden. Could the owner of the site be identified and compelled to clean and secure the location, so that this does not continue?

Reply

The plot of land in question is a disused laneway known as "Back of the Pipes" which follows a culvert that houses the Poddle river and stretches from Reuben Street/Dolphins Barn at one end to St. James Walk/Grand Canal Basin at the other. This laneway was closed by the Council as a public right of way in 1997. Access to this laneway is restricted and is further hindered by obstructions and walls in the laneway so that it is not possible to walk from one end of the laneway to the other. Dumping in the laneway is a historic problem and DCC has incurred considerable expense in dealing with this. It should be noted that due to the restricted access to the laneway, any rubbish present can only have originated from adjoining properties. Property Management Section will arrange to

have it cleaned once again and will request that a Litter Warden attend to examine the rubbish present in an effort to identify possible culprits and take whatever action is deemed appropriate.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer

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Q4 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Housing Maintenance to repair a leak coming from (*details supplied*) on the outside of the building (upper floor). The leak is dripping down onto the balcony and also causing a puddle on the balcony below that again, just at the top of the stair well. This is presenting a hazard especially to elderly residents.

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange for the balcony and stairwell to be inspected and all necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the works at Turvey Avenue: -

- what is the nature of the works on the green there and
- when do we expect they will be completed?

Reply

The works at Turvey Park are part of the Irish Water Liffey Siphons Rehabilitation Contract that received planning permission ref: 3827/15 in 2015. Works have been taking place in Tuvey Park for almost a year. Correspondence from Irish Water suggests that the works should be finished in February 2020.

Contact: Aoife Hannan, Project for Kilmainham Inchicore Network

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Q6 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our Director of Services to request Housing Maintenance to complete repairs of the bedroom ceiling at the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*). The ceiling was damaged by a leak in the balcony of the dwelling above and remains unrepaired.

Reply

The leak has been repaired and the ceiling needs to be painted and this will be done by the end of the first quarter.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 3517 Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services can the drains be unblocked outside (*details supplied*). The drains are permanently blocked making flooding inevitable from medium to heavy rain.

Reply

11 of the 11 gullies here were cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew on 05/02/2020.

Contact: Roy O'Donnell, Gully Manager, Surface Water & Flood Management

Tel: 222 2452

Email: roy.odonnell@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to request Road Maintenance to report on the following. The paths on (*details supplied*) are super dangerous, can the paths be repaved and dishings put in for those on walkers/wheelchairs/ prams.

Reply

Road Maintenance will survey the footpaths on both of these streets and all defects will be added to our works list for repair, dishings will be incorporated if possible.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to report on the following issues. The paths on (*details supplied1*) are dangerous but access is also an issue. Mainly at the top of (*details supplied 2*), cars park on the paths blocking access. This is daily, night and day. It means residents have to walk on a busy road. For elderly residents it means turning back and they aren't safe on the road. A further issue is the tyre shop on (*details supplied 1*) - parked cars on the path again blocking access to the path and making it dangerous for residents to walk on. Can we have small bollards placed the entire way up (*details supplied1*) - they have them on the lane way at the side of Whelan's and up parts of Cork Street too.

Reply

Upon inspection adequate parking bays have been provided along this road with yellow lines also liberally applied. Illegal parking is a matter for the Gardaí to deal with. I added some defects to our works list for repair to improve the existing footpaths.

Contact: Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812, Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section will have an inspector investigate this matter and the Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforcement action with illegally parked vehicles.

Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement.

Tel: 222 3847 Email: hugh.fahey@dublincity.ie

After inspection it would not be recommended to install bollards on the footpath as bollards are not provided as a measure to prevent illegal parking. It is illegal to park on a footpath under S.I. No. 182/1997 - Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 and would be a matter for Enforcement

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer.

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Q10 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to report on the following issue: - the road/path on (*details supplied*) is very dangerous. Residents often can't walk down it. Can the (*details supplied*) road/paths be re-done?

Reply

Road Maintenance will survey the footpath on (*details supplied*) and all defects will be added to our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services can the paths on (*details supplied*) be widened? The paths are too narrow for residents to walk on.

Reply

This location will be assessed by the Area Engineer and the Councillor will be informed of the recommendation when the assessment has been carried out. Ref. No. 7013697 refers.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, Sth Central Area Engineer, Environment &

Transportation Tel: 01-2226393 Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to give an update on fire defects (noncompliance issues) at (*details supplied*).

Reply

The Management Company at (*details supplied*) notified the City Council of possible defects in (*details supplied*) in the middle of 2019. The Management Company subsequently initiated a number of inspections and surveys as regards the built environment and a meeting with members of the management company was convened in November 2019 at which the findings of same were presented to the members. The Management Company is currently in the process of preparing a works schedule for the remedial repairs following which they intend to invite tenders for the completion of same.

Contact: John Ryan, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services.

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Q13 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services what plans are there to extend the Dublin Bike scheme to the (*details supplied*). There are at least 1,000 new residents now living in that area and they have raised their desire to have the Dublin Bike scheme on their door step.

Reply

Any further growth of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme in the city is dependent on the identification of additional sustainable funding for capital and operational costs. This work is ongoing and is in addition to measures to finance the existing bike scheme in its current format. A further factor that must be considered is the impact of 'dockless' bike hire schemes on the Just Eat dublinbikes business and operational model. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for expansion in (*details supplied*) at this time.

Contact: Michael Rossiter, Senior Executive Planner
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Q14 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask Director of Services to arrange an inspection of a tree at (*details supplied*) which is veering to the side and a danger to people walking in the path as the trunk is bending at head height.

Reply

Parks are aware of this tree and plan to remove it before March 1st with a replacement tree to go in the following autumn.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department
Tel: 222 3144
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for Rialto Street to be swept of leaves.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the leaves cleared from Rialto Street on the 31st January 2020.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services to write to Irish Water regarding Irish Water works at O'Leary Road and Suir Road, the works taking place, what is the expected timeline for them, and how the sewerage issue can be mitigated for residents?

Reply

There are two separate Irish Water works taking place near the Grand Canal at Devoy Rd. The first set of works on the "Pitch" at Devoy Road are part of the Irish Water Liffey Siphons Rehabilitation Contract that received planning permission ref: 3827/15 in 2015. On completion of the work the area at the pitch will be reinstated as a grassed area with 9 trees planted in the "pitch" area. The Liffey Siphons works at the Pitch are now complete. However the contractor working on the Grand Canal Project will be using this compound (see below for further details). This contractor will complete the agreed landscape works under their contract.

There is a second piece of work taking place at the Grand Canal adjacent to "the Pitch" Devoy Road site. This is the Irish Water Wastewater Rehabilitation Project at the Grand Canal. Irish Water commenced in January 2020 essential repair works on the wastewater network which collapsed along the Grand Canal. This project will repair approximately 75 metres of wastewater network that collapsed due to poor structural condition. This section of pipe crosses under the Grand Canal, the Luas line and Suir Road. The pipe is a key part of the wastewater infrastructure for Dublin and the repair works will be complex in nature. GMC Utilities Group is working on behalf of Irish Water to deliver this project. Works are expected to be completed by May 2020.

Contact: Aoife Hannan, Kilmainham Inchicore Network
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Q17 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services to clear the drains outside the Warehouse Apartments end of Warrenmount Place (both side of the street on Blackpitts).

Reply

11 of the 11 gullies here were cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew on 05/02/2020.

Contact: Roy O'Donnell, Inspector, Surface Water & Flood Management.

Tel: 222 2452.

Email: roy.odonnell@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services to have the paths along Blackpitts and Malpas Street reviewed. Can these be added to the schedule of repair works?

Reply

Road Maintenance will survey the footpaths on both these streets and all defects will be added to our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services for an approx. cost of providing an additional street light.

Reply

The cost of installing a street light varies and is dependent on several factors which includes, but are not limited to:

- Location (is it a residential road, a main road or city centre area etc.)
- Road Category (this determines when work is permitted to be carried out, i.e. working hours or weekends only)
- Is there an existing supply available in the area or is a new supply connection required.
- What type of supply is in the area (are the existing supplies overhead or underground)
- What type of equipment is to be installed (i.e. is standard, decorative or heritage type equipment required)

The approximate costs for four (4) no. different types of installation are provided below. These costs include for the material costs (column, bracket, luminaire, column fit-out), labour costs (electrical and civil), road opening licence, a 1m x 1m reinstatement, and traffic management.

The costs in the scenarios provided below does not include any of the costs relating to:

1. The amount of ducting and cabling required from the nearest existing supply point/column.
2. The costs associated with obtaining and installing a new supply connection if one is required.
3. Any reinstatements larger than 1m x 1m.

4. If the installation of a new column and luminaire is a replacement for a light that has to be removed, there are other costs associated with the removal of an existing column and light.

The ducting and cabling costs are dependent on the distance from the section pillar/nearest column.

	Scenario	Approximate Cost
1	Supply and install a standard column and light on a residential road with Road Category 1	€2,550
2	Supply and install a standard column and light on a main road with Road Category 5	€4,170
3	Supply and install a decorative or heritage column and light on a residential road with Road Category 1	€6,850
4	Supply and install a heritage column and light on a main road with Road Category 5	€12,050

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services.
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Q20 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask DCC Parking Enforcement and Director of Services to write to (*details supplied*), which is using the public footpath as an extension to their business. People parking there often also block the main road.

Reply

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section will have an inspector investigate this matter and the Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to take enforcement action with illegally parked vehicles.

Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement
Tel: 222 3847.
Email: hugh.fahey@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services when the following maintenance issues at (*details supplied*) will be addressed: -

- the bathroom is extremely damp,
- the toilet is cracked and
- there is a hole in the bathroom wall

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection to be carried out in relation to above issues and if deemed in need of repair, all necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Tel: 222 3517 Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services when the following maintenance issues at (*details supplied*) will be addressed: -

- Bathroom is damp with mould,
- hall door in poor condition,
- crack in window

- The tenant has also been trying to get her meter read. In order to do this DCC have to allow her access meter to take a photo Can this please be done

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange for the meter to be read, however in relation to other requests, the tenant has been advised that they need to contact the Rents Section.

Contact: Frank d’Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services when the following requested maintenance issue at (details supplied) will be addressed: -

- The bedroom windows are single glazed but the tenant has requested double glazed as his flat is freezing. The windows are causing dampness around the window. He just put up new blinds and they are already black with mould 3 weeks after being hung. He is in poor health. Can he be considered for double glazed windows.

Reply

The request for double glazed windows will be considered and an inspection of the windows will take place in the coming weeks.

Contact: Frank d’Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for a report on how DCC will resolve the ongoing problems with the water pressure in Riverview Court, Chapelizod?

Reply

Housing Maintenance is aware of the issues with water pressure at Rivercourt. Waterworks Section turned down the pressure to flush out the mains. Several units suffered airlocks as a result of tanks emptying. Our Area Maintenance team is now working their way through the affected apartments in order to address these issues and all necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: Frank d’Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, will they assist the community in the painting of a mural on the bridge over the canal at Park West. It is currently defaced with graffiti and a mural will upgrade its appearance.

Reply

I can confirm that said property (Bridge at Old Cherry Orchard Train Station) is property of Iarnród Éireann. In late 2016 a mural as part of a community collaboration project was created on the bridges internal walkway. Any further works of such a nature and subject to funding could be carried out once permission from Iarnród Éireann was secured again.

Contact: David O'Donovan, Cherry Orchard Project Manager
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Email: dave.odonovan@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to provide me with an update on the proposed Health Care Centre for Drimnagh.

Reply

Minister Catherine Byrne announced a new primary care centre for Dublin 12 along with a new building for the Mother McCauley Centre and the Alzheimer's Centre in December 2019. It was confirmed that work would begin on the design and consultation part of the project in 2020 with construction starting on site in 2021.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot and Drimnagh Local Area Manager
Tel: 2224667
Email: kay.noonan_cork@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to confirm that the remainder of Ballyfermot Road will be resurfaced, and when will this work commence and finish?

Reply

The remaining part of the Ballyfermot Road has been selected as part of our 2020 Resurfacing Programme. This has recently gone out to tender and we expect the works to commence in late March- early April of this year.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 8812
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services in light of the recent attacks, to ensure works are carried out to improve health and safety along the banks of the canal between Suir Road and Kylemore Road.

Reply

CCTV was installed along the cycle/walkway along the Grand Canal between Davitt Road and Grangecastle some years ago in collaboration with South Dublin County Council and Waterways Ireland. The CCTV scheme is managed and monitored by South Dublin County Council and is used by An Garda Síochána to support policing operations in the area. The CCTV infrastructure at Bluebell was vandalised and rendered inactive, it is expected that it will be repaired and fully operational in the near future.

In addition to the repair of the existing CCTV infrastructure in both the City Council and South County Dublin administrative areas the public lighting along the south and north side of the canal between Suir Road and Tyrconnell Road will be investigated to establish if further improvements can be made.

Also, Waterways Ireland has agreed to undertake improvements to the bicycle gate adjacent to Bluebell Community and Youth Centre. This work will involve increasing the width of the gate and eliminating a pinch point where cyclists currently have to dismount.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer,
Tel: 222 5245 Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

In addition, the gates, located at various junctions along the Canal, which are designed to prevent access by scramblers, are being reviewed with a view to alteration to allow cyclists safer passage.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot and Drimnagh Local Area Manager
Tel: 2224667 Email: kay.noonan_cork@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services why has the astro pitch in Ballyfermot Leisure Centre remained closed since October, preventing local teams from training and what is the plan to reopen it as soon as possible?

Reply

I am happy to report the pitches returned to full operation on Monday 10th February 2020. Unfortunately, we had a six week delay as a serious Health & Safety issue was identified early in January 2020 which had to be resolved prior to the pitches being re-opened.

Contact: Martin Mc Donagh, Manager, Ballyfermot Leisure Centre
Tel: 0871252947
Email: martin.mcdonaghdublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services will the City Council repair the fencing at the site in Raheen Park?

Reply

An estimated cost for the repair of the fence has been obtained and a contractor has been requested to carry out the repairs within the coming weeks.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot and Drimnagh Local Area Manager
Tel: 2224667
Email: kay.noonan_cork@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the site beside, (details supplied), be cleaned up and to ask Dublin City Council to consider building a house or housing on that site?

Reply

The site adjacent to (details supplied) is in DCC ownership and was included in a survey some years ago for infill housing. Railings were erected to try to reduce the illegal dumping reported at that time. There is also an ESB substation on the site, which may compromise the site for infill build. Housing Maintenance has a key to the site and has been requested to remove any rubbish that has accumulated which they will continue to do as and when the need arises. As this is an ongoing issue, I will request Parks Services to review the site for any suggestions on how it can be improved. There are no plans at this time to build once off housing on this site.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Area Manager
Tel: 222 4667
Email: kay.noonan_cork@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the (details supplied) memorial in Ballyfermot.

Reply

The Policy for Commemorative Naming of infrastructure and the provision of Monuments, Memorials and plaques states:

- *Nominees will have to have died at least 20 years previously or have passed the centenary of their birth, whichever is earlier.*
- *City parks, fire-brigade stations and utility facilities will not be named after individuals or events. Names of parks, fire-brigade stations and other infrastructure will reflect the locality or townland.*

Requests for memorials in parks are covered by the *Guidelines on Memorial Dedication of Benches and Trees in Dublin City Parks on link attached_*
<http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture-dublin-city-parks/policies>

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian, Dublin Public Libraries
Tel: 6744800
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure that the loose / uneven paving slabs on the outer footpath facing Darius Take-Away / Ballyfermot Credit Union are replaced / repaired. I witnessed a serious trip there last Saturday evening by an elderly person travelling to Mass in the adjoining Church.

Reply

Road Maintenance visited this location today and I can confirm that these defects have been added to our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 8812
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look into the following housing case of (details supplied). I am aware of a number of 2 bedroom housing units on our current refurbishment list in the Ballyfermot Area and am asking the applicant be considered for one of those units as a matter of urgency.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 28/06/2006, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	2	8
Area K	2	17

The applicant is in receipt of rent supplement.

The applicant recently advised the Allocations section of her notice of termination

which has been noted on her file. The applicant may be eligible for the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP) upon the cessation of her rent supplement, which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property.

Should the applicant be unsuccessful in sourcing another private rented tenancy in the next 3 months, and is within 28 days of the notice of termination date the applicant can present to Park Gate Hall, where she can be assessed for a Homeless HAP payment. This an enhanced HAP payment for applicants who are at imminent risk of entering emergency accommodation or are already residing in emergency accommodation. Should the applicant be unable to source accommodation with the financial support of a Homeless HAP payment, the household will be assessed for placement into emergency accommodation until such time as a property can be sourced through the HAP Scheme or she is reached for an offer.

Given her position on the list, the applicant should remain in contact with her Local Area Office regarding upcoming vacancies within her area of choice.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
Tel: 222 2061
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give me an update on the housing application of (details supplied) who is on our Housing list for the last few years and is in urgent need of accommodation. Can I ask that the applicant be considered for Annamore House, Kylemore Road, Claddagh Court or Fr. Lemass Court. I cannot understand how the applicant has only moved 2 to 3 places in the last few years.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Older Persons Housing List with an application date of 03/09/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	1	17

The applicant's interest in the above complexes has been noted on their housing file, based on his current position for Area J, it is unlikely he will be reached for an offer at present, he will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet his need becomes available and in accordance with his position on the housing list.

It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
Tel: 222 2061
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the following housing issue (details supplied) and that serious consideration be given on welfare / medical grounds.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 14/04/2009, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area H	2	18
Area J	2	17
Area K	2	26

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. The applicant has been previously advised to make an application for consideration for a Medical Priority, which there is no record of an application having been submitted. I have made contact with the Ballyfermot Area office who would be happy to meet with the applicant to discuss her application and assist her in making an application for Medical priority.

*Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
Tel: 222 2061 Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie*

Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please take air quality / monitoring / testing in the Chapelizod Area which is now totally gridlocked with motorised traffic. I would be very worried about the long-term damage to the health of residents living in the area as the problem gets progressively worse.

Reply

Dublin City Council currently has permanent air quality monitoring stations in Ballyfermot and the Phoenix Park, both roughly equidistant from Chapelizod. Before determining the location for new monitoring sites, it is practice to carry out a period of pre-monitoring using low cost nitrogen dioxide samplers to determine overall pollution in a given area.

Currently there is a regional study of this nature being carried out by the Bus Connects project to determine baseline air quality as part of the preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for that project. This commenced at the beginning of 2020 and will continue into the middle the year. As part of this study a number of these nitrogen dioxide samplers have been deployed in the general Chapelizod area, and there is one specifically located on Chapelizod Hill Road adjacent to Chapelizod Court.

Dublin City Council is cooperating with the Bus Connects project team in deploying these sensors, as well as assisting the Environmental Protection Agency in a similar study which is assessing candidate sites for further expansion of the national ambient air monitoring network. The data from both these studies will be in the public domain at that point and will be instrumental in Dublin City Council considering additional monitoring in Chapelizod and other areas of the city.

*Contact: Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Air Quality
Monitoring and Noise Control Unit.*

Tel: 222 3742.

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Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

I asked DCC last September if some cleansing and re-surfacing work could be carried out on the extensively used walk-way facing the small park next to Blackditch Road / Ballyfermot Road Upper. This path runs in front of 5 houses and is in a shocking state with holes, weeds and little or no cleansing. Can I have a meeting some morning with a road's engineer and someone from cleansing to meet a couple of residents to see at first hand the problems.

Reply

Road Maintenance visited this location last year and I can confirm that this section of footway will be included in our Minor Works Program for 2020 and will receive a new footpath outside these houses.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 8812, Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned walk-way cleaned on the 6th February 2020. I can be contacted to arrange to have a Waste Management representative at any on-site meeting at this location.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
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Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services could I have an up to date list of numbers awaiting housing on Area J, the family sizes of same, the numbers housed in the last year (2019) and length of time people on the current list are awaiting. There has being a substantial increase in the number of housing units. However, people on the ordinary list are very slow to move, leaving many to feel uncertain if they will ever be reached?

Reply

January 2020 Waiting List Figures	
Waiting List	Area J
Housing List Total	1598
January 2020 Housing Waiting List figures by family size	
Family Size	Area J
Single	830
Single + 1	345
Single + 2	138
Single + 3	40
Single + 4	8
Single + 5	1
Single + 6	3
Singles Total	1365
Couple	61
Couple + 1	45
Couple + 2	63
Couple + 3	46
Couple + 4	12
Couple + 5	3

Couple + 6	3
Couples Total	233

Grand Total	1598
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January 2020 Housing Waiting List figures by Waiting Time	
Time On List	Area J
0 to 1 year	291
1 to 5 years	622
5 to 10 years	470
Over 10 years	215
Grand Total	1598

Lettings for Area J Jan – Dec 2019

Combined Housing & Transfer Lettings	Area J
Housing list Total	177
Transfer List Total	100
Combined Total	277

With regards to Housing Lists being slow moving, it is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
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Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the following: -that the traffic constantly parked along the 2 parking bays at (details supplied) be looked at to ensure that there is a turnover of vehicles in this busy location. Cars, camper vans, buses are left here permanently. People using the Resource Centre and local School cannot understand why this is allowed. Is there anything we can do to have the owner's park elsewhere?

Reply

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit will have an inspector investigate this matter and then seek to identify a solution.

Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement.
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 Email: hugh.fahey@dublincity.ie

Q41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to remove most of the overgrown vegetation from the large triangle space on Drumfinn Avenue, Ballyfermot Upper to a manageable size and plant some bulbs at this location whilst doing the works. The residents and myself did these works over 15 years ago as part of the Urban 2 Project to deter bomb-fires etc. which happened here all the time at Halloween and was very successful.

Reply

Parks can look at carrying out a tidy up at this location, and replanting with bulbs in the autumn. However, previous attempts at tidying were met with resistance from the residents.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*
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Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q42 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Can the Director of Services update the councillor on plans for, (details supplied) It has been empty for many years and has been the site of serious anti- social behaviour. Would DCC consider buying the house?

Reply

This house was under the shared ownership scheme and has been vacant for many years. There are legal complications because of the death of a member of the previous residents' family and the case is going through probate. DCC's Law Dept. has engaged an outside solicitor to seek probate on the property in the High Court. However, it is a very long process. When a timeline for the Court appearance or an application for it has been made, the Councillor will be informed.

Contact: *Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot and Drimnagh Local Area Manager*
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Dublin City Council is actively investigating the ownership of this property and will issue correspondence to the owner requesting them to return the property to use in a timely manner. Any failure by them to comply with this request may result in the City Council using its legislative powers to do so in the future.

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