# Question to the Chief Executive

## South East Area Committee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# Q.1 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

Each southeast breviate the council talks about "street grading" - Can I get a list of which streets have been graded, when they were graded, the grade given (particularly those in the D12 area)?

### Q.2 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

A large number of residents have contacted me individually asking that a yellow box be installed at Larkfield Grove/Clareville Road junction.

There is an increased volume of traffic on the Clareville Road/Larkfield Park in the evenings for about 90 minutes & 60 minutes in the mornings.

The traffic queues going back from the lights at the Kimmage /Sundrive crossroads means cars are blocking the exit/entry to our street. Although most motorists are very kind, the majority are just parked there for 5 minutes blocking the residents out/in on the road.

A yellow box junction would clear a path in/out of our street similar to the one further up on Larkfield Park.

Can this be put in place for the residents?

### Q.3 Councillor Paddy McCartan

I am the owner of details supplied 1, Bath Avenue where I lived for many years. The square was planted and is maintained by Dublin City Council but I have noticed that the group of trees at the top end of the square and immediately adjoining my property (and details supplied 2) would require some attention. The trees are grouped quite close together and their branches, in my opinion, may require some lopping. In view of recent high winds and the fact that the local children play in the immediate area I would be grateful if you could arrange to inspect same and take any remedial action you consider necessary.

## Q.4 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to repair the footpath adjacent to 14 St Mary's Road, Ballsbridge. See picture below.



# Q.5 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to please outline the progress on the upgrading and improvement works on the Cambridge Road project.

### Q.6 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to give an update re the Ringsend/Irishtown Village Local Environment Improvement Plan.

#### Q.7 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the road surface repaired opposite houses 17,21,22,23 Pembroke Gardens, Ballsbridge. The road is in a serious state of disrepair with multiple potholes.

See picture below.



### Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will contact Irish Rail requesting them to clean up their lands adjacent to the Railway Station at Sandymount Avenue, Dublin 4 as outlined below.

My reason for contacting you is the same problem with the Irish Rail land in Holyrood Park. Since they did a massive clear up 2 years ago we have done our best to remove litter and cut back undergrowth bit it's beyond a joke now, added to which we now have a dumped mattress and office wheelie chair.

### Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To request the Manager to arrange for the NO Left turn sign to be reinstated at the entrance to The Crescent, Donnybrook (at the pedestrian crossing) and that the faded double yellow lines be repainted along that same lane.

### Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will request the Traffic Engineer to examine the situation on Newbridge Avenue, Sandymount towards making it safer for pedestrians particularly at pinch points such as the space near numbers 6-10 with the installation of one or two bollards as a possibility.

### Q.11 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager how safety can be provided to residents on Rathmines Park due to anti-social behaviour and illegal waste thrown over boundary walls. Residents have experienced multiple incidents of antisocial behaviour, intimidation, health and safety concerns, property being defaced with rotten eggs and potatoes, and being disturbed with parties and loud music over the past 5 months.

#### Q.12 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Manager about another issue on Rathmines Park due to potential removal of green space and trees for fire brigade access to the enclosed area.

#### Q.13 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager due to the exorbitant enquiries on illegal dumping and overflowing bins, whether City Council can extend the number of bins in all areas and increase size in some areas where there are parks and many people eating and drinking outdoors. Obviously, due to COVID19 lack of access to hospitality venues.

#### Q.14 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Manager if a CCTV can be installed on Belbulbin Road/Brickfield Park due to anti-social behaviour increase in the area, requested by Drimnagh Residents' Association.

#### Q.15 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

Can I get the full list of the COVID Mobility Improvements for the South East Area; can it include those that have been implemented and those that are planned for?

# Q.16 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the trees at the back of 8 Shelton Park, Kimmage, Dublin 12 be pruned? There is a laneway (which nobody seems to take responsibility for) with very high trees which need to be pruned back. The laneway runs from No. 1 Shelton Park to No. 15 Shelton Park. The trees are so high that during stormy weather they are very dangerous. The resident does not want them cut down but they need to be cut right back. DCC have previously called the laneway "common land" and no action has been taken when asked by the resident. Can this dangerous situation be addressed?

# Q.17 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Derelict Site Section to inspect the site at (details supplied) with a view to having the owners take remedial renovations or to have it placed on the Derelict Sites Register?

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## Q.19 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent.

She writes,

"In recent weeks the streets in the city centre have become very unwelcoming in the evening time. Gangs of people sitting drinking on South William Street in particular. It is very off-putting and would certainly put me off sitting outdoors in any of the city centre restaurants. Further, colleagues of mine were recently attacked while cycling on Pearse Street, in what appears to be a racially motivated attack.

The Garda presence on the streets is non-existent any time I have been in town recently. If we want to support businesses and people coming into town there needs to be increased policing so people can feel safe. Businesses in town need a safe environment in which to trade now more than ever."

## Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to outline the current position in relation to number 40 Herbert Park, Ballsbridge the former home of The O'Rahilly. On one hand we are told that Dublin City Council has advised An Bord Pleanála to grant permission for its demolition while on the other hand we are told that the house is been assessed by DCC Conservation Section for listing on the RPS.

## Q.21 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue in relation to the stench that has been emanating from the Sewage Treatment Plant over the last couple of weeks, particularly during the warm weather. The stench around Sandymount and surrounding area was absolutely nauseating – it was nearly impossible to be outdoors and windows had to be closed.

# Q.22 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

Has there been any progress in terms of extending the opening hours of the Crumlin swimming pool? I believe there was due to be some discussions in relation to looking at other agencies around funding this, has this happened?

## Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have 'No Cycling' signs placed on Grafton Street? This street is open to all traffic deliveries etc. from early morning until around 11am. After that, it is an exclusively pedestrian zone only. Many cyclists are using this street as a rat run.

### Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update on the progress being made for a play area in C Block, Mercer House, and also an update on the finishing out works of the play area at O Carroll Villas?

### Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have new markings (stripes) placed on the walkway steps at Cows Lane?

### Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the possibility of retro fitting double glaze windows for the Crampton Building flat complex? Many residents here in the heart of Temple Bar have had to put up with excessive noise levels for many years. It is now time that this imbalance be addressed that was not addressed in the refurbishment of Crampton Buildings in recent years.

### Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to the overall cost of the pilot pedestrian scheme in and around South William Street?

#### Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager as a matter of urgency address the levels of anti-social behaviour drug taking and criminality that is taking place on the stairway/fire exit on Bernardo Square? This fire exit/stairway is part of DCC's Palace Street building and the issue of security for those who are resident in the area is seriously at risk here. Dublin City Council need to come up with a proper solution that secures this area of DCC property and there should be no excuse.

#### Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please write to the Meath Hospital requesting them to ask their residents not to feed the pigeons? Large flocks of birds are descending into the area as food is being thrown from the windows of the hospital. This is causing a health issue and a major social annoyance. Many of the birds sit on windowsills and roofs in the area and the area has become destroyed with bird droppings.

#### Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to whether street traders in the South East Area and vendors who have street trading licenses from Dublin City Council will be receiving a reduction in their rates and in their licensing fees as a result of the restrictions around Covid 19 and also in line with other businesses that have been given grace and supports with regards fees etc.?

## Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full clean up of Leinster Square, Rathmines, and also initiate an examination as to why there is so much littering in this particular square?

# Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report of the costings associated with implementing the cycle lanes infrastructure that have now taken place in the South East Area? This report to include all tendering processes and costings of all the infrastructure that has taken place since Covid social distancing measures were introduced.

## Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full review of parking for residents and others in and around Leinster Square, Rathmines?

# Q.34 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can I get an update as to the areas in the South East area that have participated in the school zone initiative?

# Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review safety issues and actions to prevent the damage caused by dysfunctional behaviour at the Lorcan O'Toole Playground. Consideration needs to be given to secure fencing around the playground to protect both equipment and the young children using the amenity.

# Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange to have trees cut back that are blocking out public lighting e.g. Mount Drummond, Harold's Cross and on Lavarna Grove (at the Terenure Road West end), Cowper Road and many other roads in the South East Area. The lighting is completely lost on these dark stretches, which make it potentially unsafe for pedestrians as dark evenings approach.

## Q.37 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to prioritise more tree planting (small varieties with managed root systems) and also to enhance greening of residential roads in Crumlin and Kimmage.

# Q.38 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to prioritise roads in the Kimmage Rathmines LEA for early weed control, particularly roads with large growths of weeds e.g. Stannaway Road, Greenlea Road (TRW end), Lavarna, Parkmore, Captain's Road. Also, to outline in detail the schedule for weed control for the Kimmage-Rathmines LEA as a whole.

## Q.39 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to install more street planters in the Drimnagh area, particularly around areas of shops, community centres, schools. The new planters in Kimmage, Sundrive and Crumlin are very welcome and have greatly enhanced the local areas and foster a real sense of pride for local residents.

## Q.40 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review the need for a gully at details supplied.

## Q.41 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review waste management schedules around parks and close to shops where a greater amount of rubbish is building up, particularly at weekends. Specific examples include outside Tesco in Crumlin, outside Centra on Lower Kimmage Road/Corrib Road.

## Q.42 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the Manager to prioritise resurfacing of Oaklands Drive given that this road leads into St. Luke's Hospital with ambulances using it on a regular basis. The road surface and also the path surface are in a chronic state.

## Q.43 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for repair of the traffic calming ramp leading from Terenure Road West onto Hazelbrook Road. The ramp is in a dangerous state with

large gaping holes and is potentially lethal for cyclists turning left from Terenure Road West.

### Q.44 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if a traffic engineer could assess the placement and signage around the Bike Park station at Newbridge Avenue which recently caused an accident to a constituent on her bicycle where she was thankfully left uninjured.

### Q.45 <u>Councillor James Geoghegan</u>

To ask the South East Area manager if Greentown Environmental could work on removing weeds on Anna Villa, Ranelagh; Ormond Road, Ranelagh; Moyne Road, Ranelagh; Cowper Gardens, Rathmines; Park Drive, Rathmines; Tudor Road, Rathmines; Beechwood Ave Rathmines; Edenvale Road Rathmines; Mountainview Road, Rathmines, Cullenswood Gardens, Rathmines and Merton Drive.

### Q.46 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if there is any availability in the Road Maintenance budget to conduct resurfacing of Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue or Mornington Road where a survey was previously carried out and maintenance deemed necessary but did not make it into the Road Surfacing Program in this calendar year.

## Q.47 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if the process for applying for a residential parking permit at the Plantation, Herbert Street, Dublin 2 could be detailed to me following a request from a resident seeking a permit there.

#### Q.48 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he could explore whether the presence of bleeper bikes at the bike stations at Leahy's Terrace, Dublin 4 is reducing the available space for ordinary bicycles when people are dropping and collecting their kids to school located there.

#### Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he could detail when the next set of bike parking stations will be installed in Milltown outside or near Spar.

## Q.50 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager whether there are any covid mobility safe cycling measures that could be put in place along the Milltown Road.

## Q.51 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate the issue of scum and algae on the water all the way up to the swimming area of the Half Moon and beyond throughout the summer and what can be done to address this problem that has affected local swimmers.

## Q.52 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager can he please find accommodation in the Ringsend Area, or close by, for the following individual: details supplied.

### Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a copy of the traffic management plan, and all other relevant documents in relation to the planning conditions for the development at Wilton Park House, Dublin 2, Plan App 4421/18. Can the Area Manager also confirm what date these were received, whether these documents were received before the demolition and development commenced, and if not, why was the work allowed to proceed? There have been many complaints about lack of compliance, in relation to working hours and traffic, and this is having a severe impact on the local residents.

### Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne

Seagull population in Pearse Square. The seagulls are making it very difficult for the residents in terms of noise, scraping on the roofs, and gathering in the square making it hard for the residents to enjoy the park. Can the Manager please outline some options?

## Q.55 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager can he please replace the windows, and help insulate the following details supplied. This individual is very ill and on illness benefit. The bills to try to keep this place warm in the winter are exceptionally high and the resident is now at the risk of fuel poverty this winter and serious impacts on his health.

### Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please take measures to address the following issues on Grantham Place, Portobello, Dublin 8:

#### 1. Road Closure

Grantham Place has been closed to traffic for over two years at this point to facilitate construction of the Wetherspoon Hotel on Camden Street. This is a major inconvenience for residents. For example, the road is dirty and dusty; there is fencing directly outside my front door; a very narrow (and, at nighttime, dark, enclosed and dangerous) walkway has been left for pedestrians; the parking spots are not available; and there is a noticeable increase in anti-social behaviour. There has been no communication or consultation from either the council or the contractors about this and the road closure has simply been extended each time it has been due to expire. It is not really acceptable to keep the road closed for so long without engaging with residents, especially when access issues were highlighted during the planning process for this site but permission was granted anyway.

#### 2. Illegal Dumping/Bin Bags

As with many parts of Portobello, illegal dumping is a constant issue, especially near the junction with Harrington Street. The waste collection companies often fail to pick up rubbish bags on the designated collection days, people also leave bags out on the wrong days and I regularly see people putting their domestic waste into public litterbins in the area. I report these issues to the council when possible but it would be helpful if a better long-term solution could be found. CCTV could be a deterrent, for example. At a higher level, surely a community bin scheme would be a much better idea.

#### 3. Parking

As mentioned above, there has been no access to the parking spots on Grantham Place for residents since the road was closed to traffic over two years ago. It should be ensured that the previous parking spots are reinstated when the road finally reopens.

### 4. Road Surface

The road is in very bad condition due to the construction and road closure. It should be resurfaced when the road reopens.

#### 5. Anti-Social Behaviour

This is another persistent issue which has been made worse by the road closure. There have been groups of men gathering on the road drinking and taking drugs on a number

of occasions recently and I have had to ask the Gardaí to move them on. The road is often used as a toilet and there have been human faeces on the road/footpath at least 6 times in the last 2 months.

## Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please confirm whether the following building would require planning permission to paint a mural on the building details supplied.

### Q.58 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if he could provide an update on the neighbourhood traffic scheme on Belmont Avenue.

### Q.59 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to please install a public litter bin at the corner of Leinster Square and Rathmines Road, a high footfall area where residents say bike parking leads to congregation and heavy littering in the nearby gardens and bushes - including rubbish from nearby takeaway food vendors, along with increasing numbers of disposable face masks and protective gloves. The bin outside the Swan Centre is not adequate for a high footfall area with heavy traffic.

# Q.60 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the area manager, in light of Covid-19 and the need for safe social distancing at school gates, if anything can be done to secure the opening of a second entrance to Presentation Primary on Terenure Road West? The gate at present is situated on a treacherous road, but students used to have additional access via the grounds of Presentation ETB on Terenure Park. Entry to the primary school via this gate would provide safe pedestrian access to young children, but would require rights of passage across the ETB land and collaboration between both schools, if the council could do anything to encourage or facilitate this?

### Q.61 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if refuse collection providers can be asked to play some role in enforcing compliance with the removal of private wheelie bins from public streets after weekly collections have taken place.

#### Q.62 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager why tree tags have recently been modified in Ravensdale Park, Kimmage? There is an active application for the Poddle FAS works in progress, reports on and objections to which are based on initial tree tagging that was done prior to the public consultation for this project. Why have these tree tags been modified during this process?

## Q.63 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the area manager if the wait time of 2.5 minutes at the pedestrian crossing at Flood's Bar, 142 Sundrive Road, can be reviewed, with a view to eliminating a potential pinch point for people exiting the park or the shops and waiting to cross.

#### Q.64 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the area manager if Castlewood Terrace, Rathmines, is included in the overall schedule of works for street cleaning, and if so with what frequency is this and smaller side streets cleaned?

#### Q.65 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to consider an urgent intervention at the crossroads at Kimmage Road West, Shelton Grove and Lorcan O'Toole Park to prioritise cyclists and

pedestrians and facilitate safe active travel, particularly by children travelling to school in the South East Area. This is a large junction, with adequate space to allocate to vulnerable road users, yet currently just one signalised crossing is in place, with no other crossing facilities for vulnerable road users, and a right turn filter light on Kimmage Road West turning into Lorcan O'Toole Park, which can cause confusion.

# Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne

That the taxi parking at details supplied is turned into parking, as the taxi rank is never used and not in an obvious location. The parking on the other hand is required.

# Q.67 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to improve drainage on Merrion Road, where puddles around drains regularly block the entire painted cycle lane. This should be carried out before autumn.

# Q.68 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager about the progress of housing of details supplied.

#### **Q.69** Councillor Danny Byrne To ask the manager to trim the foliage which is growing into details supplied.

## Q.70 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to expedite the parking permit application of details supplied.

## Q.71 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to investigate uneven footpath at details supplied.

### Q.72 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager if the drains could be looked at along the Dartry Road for possible blockages evidenced during recent high levels of rainfall.

## Q.73 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for planters and/or flower boxes to be put in place of or with the bollards separating Mount Tallant Ave from Aileen Avenue/Derravaragh Road?

## Q.74 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the manager arrange for the undergrowth of the trees in Beechill Park around the pitch and the trees which are over hanging the corner flags to be cut back?

## Q.75 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the city manager arrange to have rubber padding/mats placed around the base of the steel frames of the swings etc. in Ringsend Park which are exposed and are a health and safety concern?

## Q.76 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager arrange for a new, secure door to be installed for a resident, details supplied?

## Q.77 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange for the replacement of the windows and the kitchen presses in the home of (details supplied) as they are in a bad state of disrepair? The rest of the homes in this complex had these works done but this elderly resident missed out as she was hospitalised when the works took place.

## Q.78 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange for the bollards outside the home of (details supplied) be removed and replaced with a flower bed as the kids in the complex use these bollards as goal posts and play football regularly outside this home and have caused damage to the tenant's garden?

### Q.79 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange to have the ivy on the wall at (details supplied) removed?

## Q.80 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager outline how a business could get a permit to have a coffee van in a car park, such as those along Strand Road?