



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2020

- 1 **Presentation and Reports on Strand Road Trial Traffic and Modelling
Taken with Emergency Motions 1 and 2 Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Presentation on Grand Canal Storm Sewer Diversion to River Liffey
Order: Noted.**
- 3 **Proposals for the Regeneration of Pearse House
Taken with Motion 15. Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 14th September
2020
Order: Agreed.**
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes from the Transport Advisory Group Meeting of 29/09/2020
Order: Noted.
- 6 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Summary Report on Historic Street Lamps Collection.
Order: Noted.
- 7 **Planning and Property Development Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal: Licence 7 Car park spaces, Rathmines Square, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 to Aldi Stores Ireland Limited.
Taken with Motion 13. Order: Deferred to November 2020 South East Area Committee Meeting.
 - ii. Report on proposed disposal of a plot at 604 Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council subject to further information regarding query on adverse possession.
 - iii. Report on proposed disposal of a plot at 606 Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council subject to further information regarding query on adverse possession.

- iv. Report on proposed disposal 31 year Lease and building licence 180 – 187 Townsend Street, Dublin 2 to Peter McVerry Trust.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

8 South East Area Office Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.

Order: Noted.

- ii. Nomination of one South East Inner City Ward councillor to each of two Community Safety Fora: Pearse Street and Ringsend / Irishtown.

Order: Cllr. Ceitinn nominated to Pearse Street Community Safety Forum and Cllr. Kevin Donoghue to Ringsend Irishtown Community Safety Forum.

9 Motions

Emergency Motion 1 from Councillors James Geoghegan and Paddy McCartan

That the South East Area Committee direct the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council, in consultation with the National Transport Agency, to give full consideration to the attached 'STRAND ROAD TRIAL RAPID DEPLOYMENT CYCLE ROUTE – AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL 5 October 2020' and deliver a full feasibility report on the alternative proposal prior to the commencement of the trial of the current one.'

Taken with Item 1 and Emergency Motion 2. Order: Report to Councillor.

Emergency Motion 2 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Claire O'Connor

This committee notes the serious and constructive work engaged in by the STC Community Group (Serpentine Avenue/Tritonville Road, Claremont and other adjoining roads) in preparing the Strand Road Trial Rapid Deployment Cycle Route - An Alternative Proposal and requests the Chief Executive to assess the contents of same prior to any commencement of any cycleway proposal for the Strand Road. The committee also acknowledges with gratitude the input to the process to date from many others including the long standing Sandymount and Merrion Residents' Association.

The committee further agrees that it will meet as required over the coming months either in full plenary session or alternative area or workshop type meetings with officials and other interested parties to discuss these and alternative proposals.

Taken with Item 1 and Emergency Motion 1. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 1 from Councillors Tara Deacy and Pat Dunne

That this committee support the relocation of the recycling site on Sundrive Road to a more suitable alternative site. The existing site is unsuitable in terms of proximity to the residential area surrounding it and is causing problems locally in terms of illegal dumping. The site is an eye sore on a busy main road and needs to be considered for re location as soon as possible.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a variation process commences to Dublin City Council Development Plan 2016-2022, regarding the established football playing fields in Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines which are on the southern side of the barracks and bounded by rear of Grosvenor Square and Grosvenor Lodge to rezone from Z15 to Z9 to preserve, provide and improve recreational amenity and open space and green networks. This portion of barracks land has been established as playing fields for many decades. Reason, there are no other publicly owned playing fields in the Rathmines area, so it is essential that these established football pitches are protected for the local population.

Order: Agreed. Matter to be referred to Assistant Chief Executive.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Planning Enforcement Department gives us an update on the request to take enforcement action against the developers of Mount Argus Mill who are erecting gates which would close off the public area of the grounds, furthermore that the planning enforcement officer for the area attend the meeting to take us up to date on what action has been taken.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask if this committee would agree to a playground in Terenure village, where there are surrounding narrow residential roads where children cannot play on the roads, due to the heavy traffic nearby. I am advised that the images attached in Terenure Village, in particular Evergreen, had playgrounds planned by Dublin City Council in the past, but did not go ahead. In that regard, it is a more urgent necessity now for children and parents to walk to a safe play area.



Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this Area Committee contacts the ESB to get an update on the refurbishment of Georgian houses in the South Georgian Core into residential units as committed to in 2014.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the South East Office pursues the addition of a WEE electrical waste facility in one of the Bring Centres in the Rathmines Kimmage area. Currently there are only 3 centres in the city and none of these are on the west side of the city.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agree that Dublin City Council (DCC) offers technical and financial support to community-led greening projects like "Bloomin' Crumlin". All of the greening projects in DCC to date are based within the canal and it is important that areas outside of the canal can develop and benefit from greening strategies.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee supports the re-introduction of last year's successful South Central Area Drimnagh trial where residents were provided with a communal skip for a 5 hour period prior to Halloween to allow residents to discard household objects. This had a significant reduction of hazardous waste being burnt on bonfires.

Taken with Motion 9. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Tara Deacy

Following up from last month's meeting that this committee agree that a thorough clean-up of all bonfire sites are completed within a short period after Halloween, that burnt soil is removed and grass is reseeded, possibly using the funding we would have ordinarily used for Halloween activities.

Taken with Motion 8. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee supports the funding of a Local Environment Improvement Plan for the Crumlin/Kimmage area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of SEA call on Dublin City Council and the board of the BID company - We are Dublin Town, to ensure that the traditional signage associated with Christmas festivities in and around the city centre is reinstalled this year and that there is no attempt at rebranding these neighbourhoods in the city for commercial gain. E.g. the signage put up last year announcing a welcome to the "Grafton Quarter" or indeed the other advertising display that was strung across Henry Street welcoming shoppers to Dublin 1.

Last year there was a massive public outcry in relation to this blatant commercialisation. With the vast amount of public wanting their traditional signage, 'Nollag Shona Dhuit' reinstalled in both areas.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC call on the CEO Owen Keegan and Mr. Leslie Moore of Parks Dept. to reinstate as a matter of urgency the park gate keeper for the Cabbage Patch park. There has been many issues here of vandalism and anti-social behaviour as well as criminal activity at this location. Many residents and councillors have fought hard to bring this particular location under proper management. Recently, the Parks Gate Keeper was removed. This action has led to a lot of fear in the area that the gangs are coming back and that the hard work and the achievements that were won here regarding health and safety will be quickly eroded particularly now coming up to the Halloween period.

It is unacceptable that public and residential safety would be undermined yet again at this location. It is important to note that this staff member was removed without

any consultation with local councillors or local resident groups or the community at large.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this committee receives a report in relation to the income received from hiring parking spaces in Swan Leisure Centre apartment block, how this money is used, access for residents to parking and sustainability in relation to storage for residents of this block.

Taken with Item 7.1. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Pat Dunne

Given the success of tea rooms in some of our parks we ask the Parks Section to consider extending this type of facility to other parks in the area and in particular Eamonn Ceannt and Willie Pearse Parks. The possibility of local sports clubs and not for profit community groups to be involved in providing this type of service should also be considered.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to seek funding from the relevant Government Departments for the redevelopment and the deep retrofit of Pearse House.

Taken with Item 3. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to plant trees on Synge Street Lower (the canal end) as part of the 2021 tree-planting programme for the area. This is one of the few streets in the Portobello area without trees.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to replace the surface of the public space and play area in Powers Court, Dublin 2, as it is currently very slippery and dangerous, Can the Area Manager work with the local community to improve this space and enhance it as a community resource for all the residents to enjoy?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to help protect The Icon Factory and other cultural institutions in Temple Bar that are under threat from commercial activity.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That this South East Area Committee agrees to write to the Board of Management of Dominican College, Muckross Park requesting they reverse their recent decision to remove girls who are pupils of Donnybrook parish national school, St Mary's as a selection criteria to the priority categories of applicants for the school.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 20 from Councillor James Geoghegan WITHDRAWN

That this South East Area committee agrees that the Parks Department in Dublin City Council should make available playing pitches to Ranelagh Gaels on a

Saturday and Sunday in light of the decision to unilaterally withdraw their allocation from Bushy Park because of clerical error.

Motion 21 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That this South East Area Committee directs the chief executive of Dublin City Council to ask the Joint Task Force established at the end of December 2019 for our bathing waters to report to this area committee about how it intends to address the varied causes of contamination of our bathing waters and contributing factors to no-bathing notices, recognising the 13,000 people who have signed the petition to save our sea in Dublin Bay and the huge increase in sea swimmers during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 22 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That this South East Area Committee supports Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School's application for a School Zone intervention to be designed and implemented and asks that funding to support safety high vis vests similar to the picture attached.



Order: Report to Councillor.

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Questions to the Chief Executive 12th October 2020

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 12 October 2020

Due to Covid restrictions some staff and members attended remotely on Zoom.

Attendance:

Members:

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

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

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

Officers

Brian Hanney
Eileen Martin
Darach O'Connor
Donncha O'Dulaing
Seamus Coyle

Brian Kirk
Mary Taylor
Cecilia Naughton
Claire French
Brendan O'Brien

John MacEvilly
Jennifer Wall
Padraig Doyle
Niall Armstrong
Patricia Reidy

Apologies:**Non-Members:**

Q.1 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on measures taken since July in the Portobello area and Portobello Harbour to tackle anti-social behaviour; if cameras are to be installed around the plaza; for an update on relevant persons to enforce bye-laws; the number of people fined in relation to public urination in the area; if the hoarding around the building site can be cleaned by DCC staff as the smell is horrendous; if the residents of Portobello Harbour have been consulted on measures to be taken to tackle public urination on their doors; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that the area around the building site hoarding is cleaned on a regular basis.

The Area Office has been liaising proactively with An Garda Síochána regarding anti-social behaviour in the Portobello Area and we will be shortly launching an awareness campaign in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, Waterways Ireland and the Portobello Tidy Towns Group regarding the impact of outdoor drinking, anti-social behaviour including public urination on the local community beside Portobello Plaza. Figures on fines on public urination will be sought from An Garda Síochána.

An Garda Síochána have confirmed that they are prioritising the Portobello area at this time. We will also contact the owner of the site beside the Plaza in relation to the condition of the hoarding and request that the hoarding be cleaned on a regular basis. There are no plans for CCTV in Portobello at this time.

We are planning a public consultation for local residents and businesses to come up with a new vision for the future of Portobello Plaza and this consultation is earmarked for January 2021.

Q.2 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on the public consultation on the future of Portobello; when this begin; how it will be conducted; what efforts will be made to ensure that every household has the opportunity to contribute; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

We propose to work with the developer of the new hotel at Portobello Harbour to achieve a much needed enhanced public realm space in Portobello Harbour Square. The overall aim is to improve public safety and security and to achieve a coordinated landscaped public realm scheme for the locality that will benefit both local residents and businesses and also take advantage of the special waterways location to create an artistic, interesting and functional space. The newly designed square will reflect the needs of the local community, both residents and businesses, and to that end there will be a comprehensive local consultation process coordinated by the South East Area Office in order to achieve consensus on the design.

It is our aim to appoint an experienced facilitator to oversee the public consultation phase, working with City Architects Department, Waterways Ireland, the hotel developer's architects and all other stakeholders. We have been in contact with the person who very successfully undertook the consultation around the Cabbage Patch last year and she has indicated her availability to commence the process in January 2021. We are committed to hearing all voices during the design consultation period and to that end, we will engage particularly with St. Kevin's and Portobello Residents' Association and Portobello Tidy Towns. The aim is to complete the consultations

around the new design in the first half of 2021 with a view to delivering a redesigned public square to coincide with the completion of the hotel development. We feel this is a rare opportunity to secure huge community gain and to successfully redesign this public space for the benefit of the wider community.

It recently emerged that commencement of the works to the hotel will be delayed for up to six months. In the meantime, our Public Domain Team continues to liaise with local residents, the Gardaí and Waste Management Section to ensure the square is kept in good order. We are pursuing the creation of a mural on the hoarding around the hotel site and we will provide more detail on this when it becomes available.

We have also been working pro-actively with An Garda Síochána and Waterways Ireland in relation to complaints regarding outdoor drinking and anti-social behaviour in Portobello and we will be launching an awareness campaign on social media in the next few weeks, which will focus on this problem.

Q.3 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update regarding the development on Portobello Harbour; if this is going to go ahead; if there has been any development on public toilets or large bins for the harbour/canal area; if DCC will ensure that the hoarding and site are cleaned up as the smell from public urination in the area is horrendous and the site hoarding is not being cleaned regularly; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

The South East Area Office has been informed by the hotel developer at Portobello Harbour that there will be a five to six month delay to the commencement of works here. There are no plans to install public toilets at or near Portobello Harbour. There are solar compactor bins provided along the Grand Canal up to and including at Portobello Harbour. These provide significantly greater capacity than standard public litterbins. Additional bins are occasionally provided on a temporary basis at the location also. Waste Management Services will ensure that the area around the building site hoarding is cleaned on a regular basis. We will contact the owner of the site beside the Plaza in relation to the condition of the hoarding and request that the hoarding be cleaned on a regular basis. We are also pursuing the creation of a mural on the hoarding around the hotel site and we will provide more detail on this when it becomes available.

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Q.4 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if a business (details supplied) requires planning permission. Since Covid19 pandemic started the above has had to make changes to their work practices, layout of desks and staff in order to comply with Health Advice. As a result they have staff in a room which has no natural light or air and they are wondering do they need to seek planning permission to put a new window into this room or does DCC need to give permission or in fact do they need permission at all.

Reply:

The details provided are insufficient to provide the response requested. If the owner of this building requires a formal opinion on whether or not planning permission is required to carry out works to the building there is a Section 5 procedure <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-planning-heritage-and-conservation-conservation/section-5-declaration>

Alternatively, the owner can make direct contact with the development management planners in South Central who can offer informal advice (based on the provision of some further details) on the planning requirements.

Q.5 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on the plans to make the Cabbage Patch a safe and welcoming space for residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

The South East Area Office has been working with a wide range of stakeholders over the last few years for the betterment of the Cabbage Patch in Dublin 8. This culminated last year in a public consultation where local residents were asked their views on key priorities for the future of the Cabbage Patch and among the items suggested were the refurbishment of the football pitch, play facilities for children and improved security. Last year we held a number of family friendly events during the summer, which were very successful and we also organised a movie show and activities for last Halloween, which were very well received. Unfortunately, the impact of Covid-19 has seriously impacted our progress, as we have been unable to arrange events within the Cabbage Patch this year, as we would have liked. Tenders have issued for the refurbishment of the football pitch in the Cabbage Patch. However, the pitch refurbishment can only go ahead if the anti-social behaviour is under control and we are working proactively with An Garda Síochána in this regard. Any plans for play facilities in the Cabbage Patch will depend on funding being available for next year.

Q.6 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on what Dublin City Council is doing to tackle the ongoing the ongoing issue of rats in the Inner City, in both the flat complexes, public sewers, and, consequently, non-council estates and homes which they are accessing from public sewers and lands, following the Housing Manager's commitment to tackle this serious public health issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

Irish Water are the statutory body responsible for the foul and combined public drainage system. Dublin City Council Drainage Division maintains this system on Irish Water's behalf under a service level agreement. Irish Water insists on all complaints/requests and so on being reported directly to it in the first instance so that proper recording, assignment and tracking of issues can be carried out. Irish Water's Customer Care Team can be contacted by phone on 1850 278 278. Further contact options are available at <https://www.water.ie/contact-us/>.

As you are aware the drainage network is made up of a public system (of predominantly sewers and manholes located mainly in the public realm/road) to which are attached connections from private drainage systems serving properties/premises. These private connections occasionally serve just one property but it is more usual for the connection to be shared amongst a number of properties. Such a shared connection is referred to as a [private] combined drain. The legal responsibility for the private drain extends out into the public road/realm right up to the point of connection with the public sewer or manhole.

It has been a long-established practice to require connections to public sewers to have an 'Outfall Manhole' installed on the drain within the last private property served - before the drain enters the public realm to connect to the public sewer. The purpose of installing a trap with a water seal is two-fold: to prevent the migration of smells and of rodents between the two drainage systems. It would be very unusual for rodents to swim a trapped outlet without knowing what is on the other side. Rat-Flaps are

occasionally installed in Outfall Manholes as an additional measure by the owners of a drain. However, they are not maintenance-free and if not regularly maintained can quickly become ineffective at rodent prevention and, worse, can cause blockages upstream. Rat-flaps are not installed on the public system due to this blockage concern and but are also simply impracticable at the sizes necessary for sewers on the public system.

The main legislation dealing with rat infestations remains the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919. As rodents/rats are highly mobile, infestations are generally deemed by the HSE (who enforce the Act) to be the locations of their nests or burrows, i.e. where young are born and raised. It is acknowledged that the sewer system is a convenient source of water and food for rodents and normally a safer place to travel than above ground. However, rats do not bear/raise their young within 'wet' pipes but in 'dry' burrows/nests. If infestations are found on the public sewer system they are invariably located 'off-line' and accessed via defects in the pipework or manhole walls. In our experience, most such defects occur on the private drainage network. Defects can and do occur on the public network but are less frequent. It should be noted that rats are as likely to nest in poorly maintained buildings (basements and roof spaces especially) or in waste ground/parks (similar to rats in rural areas where there is no sewerage system). Accordingly, the best approach to preventing rats from entering and using the drainage network is to ensure that all drainage (both public and private) is in good condition and repair with no defects, and that all covers, rodding eyes, and openings are properly sealed. Good hygiene, housekeeping and waste control are equally important to eliminate potential food sources. Food waste is not permitted to be disposed of to the public sewer system and 'in-sink' grinders/macerators (known in the US as 'garbage disposal units') are prohibited under current Bye-Laws. See attached pamphlet prepared by DCC Drainage prior to the advent of Irish Water.

Currently when a rodent problem is reported to Irish Water, it is passed on to DCC Drainage. Drainage Staff investigate the upstream and downstream manholes for evidence of rodent droppings in the manhole especially on the benching. If there is evidence of rodents, a specialist Pest Control Contractor, approved by Irish Water, is requested to bait the sewers. This involves baiting every two weeks for a six-week period, with inspections every two weeks. There is often a follow up CCTV survey of the sewer to see if there are any breaks in the public sewer where rodents may be escaping from. If there are any defects, these would be repaired by a DCC Drainage Crew on behalf of Irish Water.

In reality, baiting of sewers will not solve the problem. If there is a fully functioning and sealed drainage network on both the public and private side, then the rodents will not leave the sewer via this route. Rodents use the sewers for travel as well as food and water, but they do not raise their young in damp conditions. The key here is to find the nest and eliminate it. Rats are attracted out of the sewer network by food. If there are poor waste practices, then this attracts the rats to leave the sewers.

Please see attached "Dublin City Council Report on Pest Control" which was circulated to all councillors in July 2020.

Q.7 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the manager to replace the plastic waist-high illuminated flecta traffic bollards in the central island on the road in Irishtown opposite the bookies as they are untidy and worn looking and take away from the ongoing fantastic work carried out by Ringsend and Irishtown Tidy Towns; and similarly if he will arrange for a repaint of the Sean Moore Road Roundabout near Deke's Diner as it is taking away from the fantastic work of the Tidy Towns committee.

Reply:

The plastic waist-high illuminated flecta traffic bollards in the central island on the road in Irishtown have now been replaced as requested.

Q.8 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager when the R131 approach road to the East Link and Sean Moore Road will be resurfaced as they are in serious need of repair due to the potholes which cause the large number of trucks to shake and make significant noise which is constantly disturbing the residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

The Tom Clarke Bridge (East Link Bridge) Approach Road is currently being resurfaced as part of our 2020 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. The Sean Moore Road will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in next year's programme.

Q.9 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the manager arrange to have the overgrown fenced- in planter at the entrance to Kerlogue Road cleared out as it will allow the Tidy Towns and residents install a small slow growing tree to commemorate those in the community who have passed away?

Reply:

This is being investigated with a report due back shortly.

Q.10 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the manager put in place a school green zone or a drop off zone at the entrance to Scoil Caithriona on James Place East, Dublin 2, as the entrance is chaotic in the mornings with cars and children and building work taking place as children arrive and leave school and cars are regularly cutting clamps off their illegally parked cars?

Reply:

Following the successful implementation of two pilot School Zones at Francis Street School, D8 and Central Model School, D1, we contacted all schools inviting them to express their interest in a School Zone being implemented at their school. Scoil Caithriona have not expressed interest as yet. For further information on School Zones and for a link to the application, please visit:

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/1cf2bdad/>. Please note, this must be requested by the school itself.

Q.11 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager, given the concerning and increasing level of violence and anti-social behaviour in Eamonn Ceannt Park and given that it is open 24/7 it is more important now than ever that this park is lit up in the evenings and CCTV is installed to combat the increasing criminality in the park.

Reply:

There are currently no plans to install lighting in Eamonn Ceannt Park. There is CCTV on the bring centre and the sports pavilion currently which covers the entrance from Rutland Grove. Parks staff have been reporting all occurrences of anti-social behaviour in the park to the local Gardaí.

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will outline how it is intended to sweep the streets and roadside of Ranelagh in the locations where the new white bollards are now in place and if he will arrange for a clean sweep of the area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services sweep the streets and roadside of Ranelagh with one of our regular compact sweepers. We currently litter pick the new protected cycle lane there as our current compact sweeper is too big for these new cycle lanes.

We recently trialled two sub compact road sweeper to assist with the cleaning of the new protected cycle lanes such as the one in Ranelagh. Both sweepers are smaller than the current compact sweeper. We are in discussions with fleet management services as to how these can be procured so that we can sweep these new protected cycle lanes.

Q.13 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if white line markings can be painted in the car park at The Crescent, Donnybrook.

Reply:

The site has been inspected by our Traffic Officer and will be listed for lining in the next 30 days

Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will arrange for a thorough sweep of the Pembroke Cottages, /St. Brocs Cottages and Home Villas area of Donnybrook.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned area thoroughly swept on the 25th September 2020.

Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Got ask the Manager if he could respond positively to the issues raised below:

Parking at Milltown Shopping Centre (i.e. Spar shop, Daisychain crèche etc. opposite the old Glenmalure Park): In recent times, the council has taken away some of the parking spaces and the Spar shop has also enforced parking requirements in its private car park. This, aligned with increased business levels at the pharmacy, has led to a large number of vehicles driving/ parking on the pedestrianised area in front of the Daisychain crèche and the shops on either side and or parking illegally on the footpath in front of the Spar shop. This is a really busy pedestrian area, particularly with very young children walking or travelling on scooters and bikes to the Daisychain crèche. Some cars unfortunately pay little regard or attention to pedestrians and some in fact seem to assume that this area is in fact a car park. From a council perspective, allowing people to park here, when the designated area in front is metered, doesn't seem to make sense. More importantly, I fear that is only a matter of time before there is an accident involving a child and a car. Before that happens, proper parking arrangements should be put in place (e.g. perpendicular to the road, with metering) and/ or (as has happened elsewhere in the city over recent months) temporary bollards should be placed at appropriate points stopping cars using the pedestrian area as a car park.

Reply:

The Parking Enforcement Inspector went on site and on 3rd to 5th October cars parked on the pedestrian area have been issued with warning notices by the Dublin Street Clamping Services. From 6th October, clamping of illegally parked vehicles has taken place and will continue to be enforced. The staff in the shops have been advised of the situation and have also been asked not to park there. Renewed road markings are to be provided in this area also.

Q.16 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if Rathfarnham Road and Crumlin Road speed limit will be reduced to 40kmh as it is currently 50kmh and was not included in the 30kmh map proposal.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's proposal for Stage 5 Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 (COVID19) was not passed by the council. In that proposal, Crumlin Road was to be retained at 50km/h speed limit. However, Rathfarnham Road within DCC administrative area was proposed to be reduced to 30km/h.

We are currently assessing the further plan of action in relation to reducing speed limits within Dublin City; therefore, at this stage the details of the new proposal are not available.

Q.17 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager [again] if some safety signage, posters can be posted on Rathmines Road due to the pairs of joggers on narrow footpaths. As I have been notified about elderly people being jeopardised, endangered by the movement, breath, coughing, spitting.

Reply:

Posters were erected on Rathmines Road at the request of the Cllr on 29th May 2020. The posters in question feature the character "Mrs Brown" and urge the public to keep their distance and give each other space. The posters are still in place as of 30th September 2020.

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all our lives and the way in which we work, socialise and communicate. As the restrictions are eased with workplaces, schools and shops will re-open, the numbers of people travelling and moving around the city will start to increase again. More space is going to need to be allocated to social distancing and to supporting shops and businesses operating in this new environment. Dublin City Council (DCC) ensures safe access within Dublin City for all our citizens young and old. Outdoor recreation plays an important role in supporting the physical wellbeing of society. People are encouraged to enjoy the outdoors while adhering to Government protocols and public health guidelines.

Dublin City Council support the HSE's two metre social distancing measures which is available on Dublincity.ie website at <https://youtu.be/1jZoWIWsEU8>

Dublin City Council considered signage but this would lead to a proliferation of signs on the streets of Dublin. As a result, Dublin City Council reviewed the Councillor's question and found that the best way to promote more positive social distancing is by using social media. Post will be made via DCC main social media platforms and will encourage social distancing by all. Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership will also post with specific reference to joggers (to be shared by DCC main platform).

The links are as follows:

Dublin City Council

<https://www.facebook.com/DublinCityCouncil/>

<https://twitter.com/DubCityCouncil>

<https://www.instagram.com/dublincitycouncil/>

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership

<https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeingPartnership/>

<https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec>

<https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing/>

Q.18 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if Mount Argus Mill Apartment is in tandem with its planning permission to have put electric keypads on all the gates and bike locking of 'harris fencing' along the length of Mount Argus car park. The enquirer requests that the German property company should not be allowed construct 'a prison' in the heart of Harold's Cross.

Reply:

All issues raised by concerned locals in this case have been acted upon by the Planning Enforcement Section. Some of the issues have been rectified including the removal of unauthorised fencing. Any outstanding structures that are not part of the approved permission in this case will be the subject of further enforcement action by way of Enforcement Notice in the coming weeks.

Q.19 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager that City Council visits to advise the construction workers at 280-288 Harold's Cross Road [Rosie O'Grady's] to stop parking on the laneways of a residential suburb, which is causing obstruction and damage to local residents.

From c. 6am. trucks and cars are parking illegally, due to the extensive developments on this road, including the convent site, the cinema site and the pub site. The development site must have its own parking space and must avoid the detrimental negative impact on the local area.

Reply:

Dublin City Council issues a Hoarding Licence in connection with premises at 280 - 288 Harold's Cross Road to Anthony Neville Homes Ltd valid between 18th November 2019 and 17th July 2021. The licence does not authorise the use of construction worker vehicles in the vicinity but the Inspector responsible for authorising the licence will ensure that legal parking is enforced in the area.

Any illegally parked vehicles will be clamped by the Dublin Street Parking Services. The Planning Enforcement Section is investigating recent issues relating to working hours on site. The developer has been reminded of his obligations in this regard.

Q.20 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager to arrange an online consultation meeting with Rathdown residents about the tree felling and parking issues on the road outside Bushy Park.

Reply:

It would be very helpful, in the first instance, if Cllr. Conroy could submit an outline of the issues of concern for residents. Then we would be in a position to identify who would best deal with those matters of concern.

A representative from Parks will make him/herself available to discuss issues related to tree felling with local residents.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent living on Estate Avenue, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4:

"As with the growing number of bikes and cars on the road, I'm finding it a hazard to turn right, a yellow box is badly needed at the end of the road, and not many people are courteous to let you out, so it is a case of driving out and hopefully the cars coming will stop, I would appreciate something can be sorted to overcome this problem."

Reply:

This request is listed with the Area Engineer for examination and report to the Transport Advisory Group, the Councillor will be informed of the outcome. Enquiry No. 7016545 / Customer ref: 6017944.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

There is road subsidence at Castle Drive, Sandymount in four locations. To ask the manager to deal with this issue as a matter of urgency.

See pic



Reply:

A site inspection of Sandymount Castle Drive will be carried out and defects found will be logged for repair.

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have bins installed at the two entrances to Herbert Park at Clyde Lane, Ballsbridge.

Reply:

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services have placed a Big Belly Bin at the playground opposite the HIVE, which is approximately 40m away from the Clyde Lane entrance at the Ballsbridge end.

We will investigate the possibility of relocating a bin within the park to the top end of the park and close to the Clyde Lane park entrance.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

There is a narrow pathway that runs between Oaklands Park and Sandymount DART station, which is frequently used by pedestrians. Could extra lighting be installed and CCTV camera positioned along the lane way as it is potentially dangerous when darkness falls?

Reply:

It is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to provide lighting in laneways.

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Would it be possible to get a children's playing sign on Wilfield Road, Sandymount positioned approximately halfway down the road? There is a pole adjacent to number 66 which is a suitable location.

Reply:

Warning Sign W 142, Children Crossing, used to alert drivers to the danger of children crossing roads in residential areas is in place on Wilfield Road at the junction with Sandymount Avenue and also at its junction with Wilfield Park.

Therefore, it is not recommended to introduce any further signage to Wilfield Road.

Q.26 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the area manager to make available a small/suitable type tree specimen to householders living in areas where roadside planting is unsuitable (due to narrowness of road/footpath) to plant on their own property which planting residents would contribute positively to the lack of greenery in such localities.

Reply:

Trees planted during the dormant season are ordered well in advance of planting. However, there is no provision in this budget to provide trees for planting in private gardens although we do occasionally provide trees for school grounds and other communal areas.

Q.27 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the area manager to add the laneway between Windmill Park and Crumlin Village and also the public area outside the post office to be cleaned on a weekly basis as it is a destination for illegal dumping.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean Crumlin Village twice a day on a daily basis, both morning and afternoon. We remove dumped rubbish from the above-mentioned locations there when necessary to do so.

Q.28 Councillor Tara Deacy

That broken railings on the green space on Cashel Road are replaced as people are using it as a way to illegally dump food on the green space and the hedge around the green on Cashel Road is cut back now that the nesting season is completed.

Reply:

Parks have programmed the cutting of the hedge above for the next few weeks. The dumping happens primarily behind the hedge. Parks had plans to remove both the railing and the hedge some years ago but were met with resistance from some local residents, which prevented the work commencing.

Q.29 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask that ramps and other traffic calming measures are installed on the section of Lismore Road between Ferns Road and Bangor Road. During the summer a young kid was knocked over by a car. The road is quite narrow, bends and has many cars parked on paths reducing visibility for children playing in the evening and weekends. The other section of Lismore Road and all surrounding roads (Stannaway, Bangor, Clonmacnoise, Durrow, Ferns) have ramps. This leads to the road being used as a shortcut by drivers trying to avoid ramps on other streets. Leighlin Road, which is designed with a similar shape and length, contains ramps too, so there is a precedence in the area.

Reply:

The criteria used by Dublin City Council in assessing requests for the installation of ramps are;

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

During site inspection in December 2018, the area engineer did not notice any speeding in the area at that time. A 24hr speed survey was subsequently carried out for Lismore Road. The results of the speed survey came back with readings of 10.88% speed violation and after studying the 85th percentile reading its only 29km/h during the 24hr period. With this information it is not be recommended to have ramps installed.

This area is within the new speed limits set by Dublin City Council for residential areas. As part of the new limits, "Speed Limit" signs are erected at all points where there is a change of speed limit. Incorporated into these new signs there is a "Home Zone" and "Slow Zone" sign along with the speed limit. This is to warn motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children.

Q.30 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to support the work being undertaken by the organisers of the D12 Bike Bus, and to urgently implement measures that will make it safe for children to cycle from this local area to Riverview Educate Together National School in Dublin 12. These measures include:

- Providing segregated cycling on the existing bike lane on Cork Street, Dolphin's Barn and the Crumlin Road.
- Continuation and physical protection of the bike lane through Crumlin Village, along St. Agnes' Road and through Crumlin Cross.
- Priority lighting sequences at junctions - Crumlin Children's Hospital and Crumlin Cross in particular - for cyclists and pedestrians (eg flashing amber bike lights to show during pedestrian crossing)
- Removal of 'kissing gates from parks so children can cycle through.

Reply:

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division is looking at the scope of the work and the measures that can be taken to provide safe walking and cycling facilities in the area and vicinity of the School. We will then submit a report of our findings in time for the December SEAC Meeting.

The following paragraph below explains the signalling infrastructure in currently in place. .

Please note the following signalised controlled junctions operated by DCC and connected to our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System are on the Riverview ETNS Bike Bus Route:

- Site 325: Crumlin Road @ Iveagh Gardens
- Site 629: Crumlin Road @ Rafter's Road
- Site 395: Crumlin Road @ Cooley Road
- Site 390: Crumlin Road @ Kildare Road
- Site 945: Crumlin Village @ Windmill Road/St. Agnes Road

Also on the route but not on SCATS is:

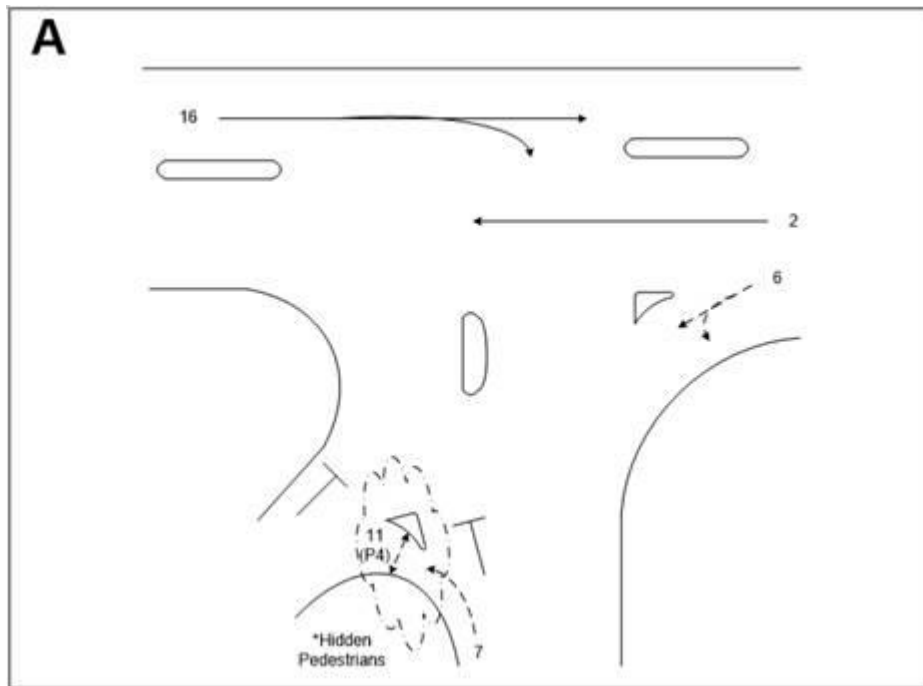
Site 520: St. Agnes Road @ the Church

We have varied the normal operation of SCATS at these sites to assist the Riverview Bike Bus in the morning and afternoon as follows:

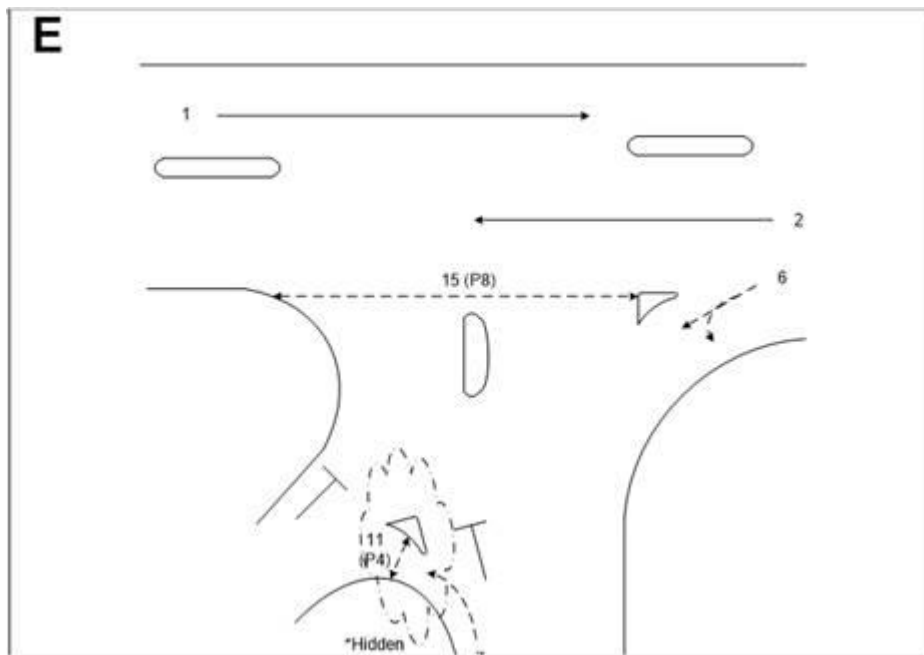
Pedestrian crossings at Sites 325, 629, 395 and 945 have been put on permanent demand in the AM and PM meaning they run each cycle without the need for the

pedestrian push button to be demanded. Additional green time has also been allocated to these crossings during these periods. These measures are to assist school children and adults wishing to join the Bike Bus en route and also to slow down vehicular traffic. These changes currently operate from 7.30 to 8.15 and from 12.40 -13.00 and from 13.30 to 13.50.

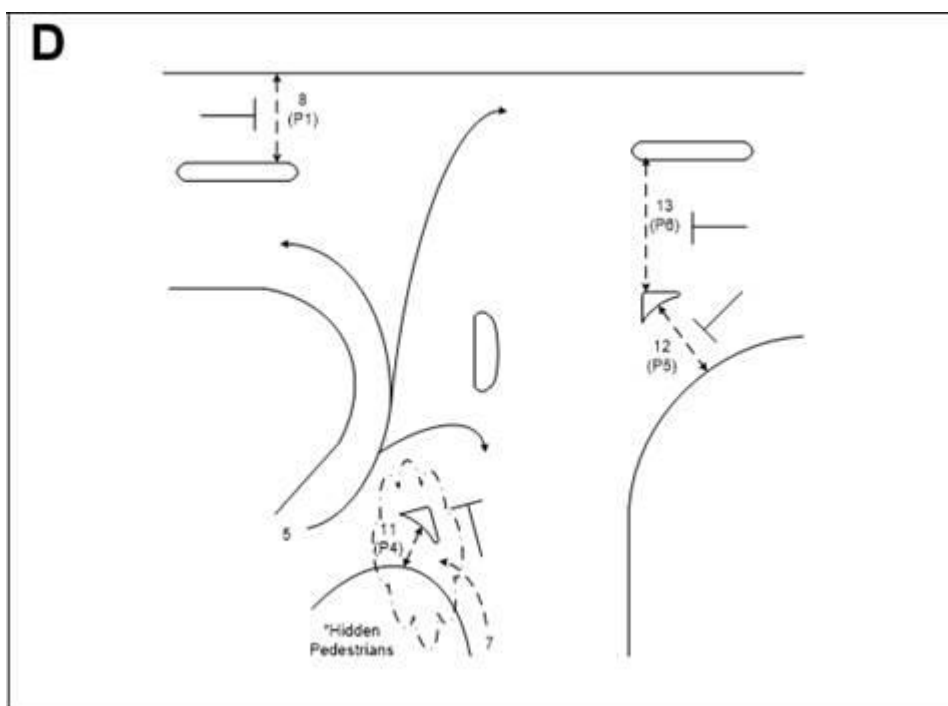
Site 390: Crumlin Road @ Kildare Road AM (to school) operation: Please note there are two opportunities or traffic phases in which the Bike Bus cyclists can travel from Crumlin Road to St. Mary's Road. In A Phase (shown below) cyclists can proceed with caution through the junction using the flashing amber, however, there is opposed right turning traffic from Drimnagh Road.



The second opportunity occurs in E Phase as shown below. In this phase, cyclists can proceed with caution through the junction to St. Mary's Road with no opposed traffic as the pedestrian crossing (P8) runs in this phase. Since this phase is guaranteed to run for at least 26 seconds and, since there is no opposing traffic turning from Drimnagh Road, we propose to place this pedestrian crossing on permanent demand to ensure that it runs each cycle thereby providing a better opportunity for cyclists from Crumlin Road to cross this junction in the morning. We have also varied the normal operation of this phase to allow for a longer All Red after E phase to give cyclists more time to safely clear the junction before subsequent traffic phases commence.



Site 390: Crumlin Road @ Kildare Road PM (from school) operation – please note that traffic/cyclist movements from St. Mary’s Road to Crumlin Road occur in D Phase (see below). We propose to modify the usual operation of D Phase, at specific times in the afternoon, to ensure that the traffic signal controlling movements from St. Mary’s Road to Crumlin Road runs for a minimum green time of 15 seconds as opposed to the standard minimum green time of 6 seconds. We will modify this arrangement as appropriate. It would be particularly helpful if the Bike Bus/Area Engineer could provide us with a specific time interval when they expect to arrive at this junction to allow us to provide more targeted measures. We have also added a longer All Red following phase D to provide the cyclists with greater time to clear the junction before subsequent traffic phases commence.



In relation to the request for removal of kissing gates from Parks, if there are particular parks that the D12 Bike Bus are referring to Parks can examine the request on a case by case basis, however, kissing gates are an essential means of deterring scramblers and horses from gaining entry to some of our parks so their removal would have to be given careful consideration. The route the D12 bike bus travel, as advertised online, is past Bunting Road Park, which does not have kissing gates along Bunting Road side.

Q.31 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if litterbins can be provided in Mount Pleasant Park, which is now frequented by people eating and drinking outdoors, with no bins available for rubbish.

Reply:

There is currently one bin just outside the park entrance at the Ranelagh end of the park, which is considered sufficient for a park of this size.

It is also visited by park staff to undertake regular maintenance including litter removal.

Q.32 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to ensure that the following improvements to mowing practices are implemented in the local area, in keeping with the terms of the mowing contracts laid out below:

- Prevent the shredding of rubbish and litter by council mowing operations by ensuring that rubbish is collected before the grass is cut. When rubbish is shredded by the mowers, it worsens the appearance of litter and means that instead of collecting one object, people have to pick up 20 smaller pieces of the object. The council's grass cutting contract requires that grass should be cut once every two weeks, weather permitting, all year around. The contract requires the removal of incidental litter during each site visit and prior to mowing to prevent shredding. This is not happening in this local area. (see photo attached)
- Prevent the spreading of grass along adjoining streets and paths after it has been cut. The contract states: "In the event of grass mowing being deposited on footpaths, roadways, the contractor shall collect the mowings and leave the area in a neat and tidy condition." This is not happening consistently in this local area.

Reply:

Having spoken to the contractors, their procedure for removing litter prior to cutting is, as they arrive with their mowers they first walk and litter pick the grass that is due to be cut. Then they start cutting the grass with mowers. On occasion, they may have missed a piece of litter in deeper grass, or it can blow in from the street just as the mower passes over and it will be shredded. I have instructed the contractor that when this occurs, stop the mower and remove the shredded litter.

All the contractors bring blowers with them, after they return mowers to the trailers or vans they are instructed to blow the footpaths clean where necessary. However, blowing excess grass off busy roads can prove to be difficult and dangerous at times, but where it is safe to do so, the contractors will do so.

Q.33 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the following provisions can be made to ensure prompt and effectual cleaning of greens and public areas after Halloween:

- That the council should arrange to place skips on greens or in estates in advance of Halloween to allow residents to legally get rid of household rubbish that might otherwise be burned.
- That the council would liaise with companies situated in industrial units, which are known to be a source of waste in an effort to help reduce the possibility of large quantities of industrial waste being collected here, such as those on Stannaway Road and Clonard Road, where much of the material for the Lismore Road bonfire is collected.
- That the council would liaise with local clean up groups and RAs to coordinate the removal of bonfire material
- That the council would undertake to ensure that when the green areas are cleaned, that they are cleared of all nails, sharp glass, and metal left after the bonfire. In the past, the larger material was removed, leaving behind smaller debris, dangerous to children.
- That the council would undertake to dig the soil up where grass has been scorched and replant grass seed immediately after Halloween.

Reply:

A clean-up crew will be arranged to clean up bonfire material on open spaces, however grass seed will not germinate in winter so re-seeding will not take place until spring.

There are no plans to provide free skips prior to Halloween in the South East Area.

Dublin City Council provide a bulky waste removal service. The initial cost of the service will be €40.00 per collection. A maximum of five (5) individual items can be presented at any one collection. (A three-piece suite of furniture would be classed as three items and not one item) If you wish to have more than five (5) items collected then an additional €40.00 charge will apply per additional five (5) items

Waste Enforcement Officers and Litter Wardens are visiting premises, which could be considered to be potential sources of bonfire materials. They are advising the businesses on the issues and storage of their waste/stock and associated items such as pallet trucks and trollies etc.

We would appreciate any information that the Community Groups and Residents Associations can give regarding the storage of bonfire materials. All information is treated in the strictest confidence.

Q.34 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following individual with sourcing alternative accommodation. This lady is a single mum who lives with her daughter currently in this rented accommodation through HAP; however, the apartment is very sub-standard. There is just one bed, no kitchen, it is very cold and damp with a lot of mould, and the mother suffers with many respiratory health problems as a result, which has been confirmed by medical professionals. Can the Manager please investigate this property and try to find a solution for this family.

Reply:

The above property was inspected in February 2020 under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. A number of issues were identified which were rectified by the landlord by early September.

However, the tenant has recently submitted further complaints regarding this property to the section, which have been brought to the attention of the landlord by the Environmental Health Officer. A further inspection of the property will be undertaken.

Q.35 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager for a full report on what is being done/has been done about serious and on-going breaches of health and safety guidelines at Monarch Steelworks, Clogher Road, putting nearby residents and their properties in danger, including:

- Long, heavy lengths of steel being transported on a forklift, overhanging property boundaries, adjacent to where children play.
- Failure to secure heavy loads or install an adequate safety screen to prevent them falling into or on adjoining properties.
- Welding taking place on the grounds of the premises with resultant fumes, sparks and debris travelling into adjacent gardens.
- Irregular hours of operation causing disruption to nearby residents.

Reply:

The issues raised by the Councillor are not planning enforcement matters they are issues for the consideration of the Health and Safety Authority who may be contacted at 1890 289 389 (between 9:00am and 3:00pm, Monday to Friday) or written to at:
Head Office: The Metropolitan Building, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1, D01 K0Y8.

There are no hours of operating restrictions in respect of these premises, as the use has been ongoing at this location for in excess of 30 years.

The complainant in this case has been made aware of these facts many times in the past.

Q.36 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for an update re serious overcrowding in the home of details supplied and if alternative accommodation can be found.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a Medical Priority with an application date of 14/02/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area M	3	5

The applicant was recently awarded a medical priority effective from 13/09/2020. It may benefit the applicant to increase her areas of choice as it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday to Friday via phone 9am – 1pm) to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocate 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.

Q.37 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the depot serving the Dublin 2 area has been changed recently. Residents report a deterioration in the street cleaning / maintaining, service.

Reply:

In June 2019, a new area structure was introduced for Dublin City Council that increased the number of Local Electoral Areas from nine to eleven. The Northside have five LEA's, the Southside have six LEA's. This had a direct impact on the structure of our street cleaning service. Historically, Waste Management Services have sectioned the DCC administrative area into six smaller, more manageable waste management areas and local management teams in each area work closely with our colleagues in the Area Offices.

When boundary changes were introduced as part of the new area structure, changes to waste management areas were also introduced to align our areas with the new Local Electoral Areas.

Our Bow Lane Depot used to look after the whole Dublin 2 area. A direct result of these changes is that part of the Dublin 2 area is now serviced from the WMS Central Area's Aldborough Parade Depot. A dedicated team is servicing the Dublin 2 area from 6am – 1pm Monday to Friday and a supplementary service is also in operation in this area from 2pm – 9pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 6pm Saturday and Sunday.

It is disappointing to hear that a deterioration in the standards of street cleaning to this area has been reported by some residents. We have very high standards across all of our waste management areas and will closely monitor the Dublin 2 area to ensure it meets these high standards.

Q.38 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the footpaths at 56 Kells Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12 immediately repaired and reinstated as a matter of urgency?

There has been many trips and falls here as the path is completely broken and crumbling. This footpath needs to be repaired/replaced and a proper dish put at this location. It was reported to me that a child had tumbled out of a pram here. See photos attached.

Reply:

Repair works will be scheduled for this location as soon as possible.

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the issue of the anti-social behaviour and fireworks attacks that are happening in and around Glovers Court and the York Street Area? This report to include all correspondence with an Garda Síochána and DCC estate management. Also, a full break down of what CCTV footage has been captured in and around York Street and the Glovers Court flat complex. Also, who monitors this CCTV footage? And what reporting mechanisms and responses are in place to deal with such incidents like fireworks being deliberately thrown into peoples' homes, passing vehicles and passers-by from Dublin City Council's housing estate?

Reply:

The South East Area Office received a complaint of fireworks being discharged from the courtyard in Glovers Court a couple of weeks ago. Our Estate Management team investigated this incident and followed up this complaint with An Garda Síochána. There was also an incident over the weekend where some fire damage was caused to the surface of the play area. A recent meeting took place with An Garda Síochána in relation to reports of anti-social behaviour in Glovers Court. As a result, Garda patrols have now been increased in Glovers Court and its environs. If the Councillor receives

any further complaints, please forward them to this office? Our estate management team will investigate these complaints. Whilst the CCTV is unmonitored, there is a recording facility, which enables designated persons to review footage within a 30-day period. Reporting mechanisms/ responses in relation to the anti-social behaviour mentioned in the councillor's question are that they should be reported in the first instance to the Gardaí for immediate response. At the same time, it is important that complaints are also reported to our Estate Management Section. A combined effort from the Gardaí and the Estate Management team, particularly where CCTV is available, can assist the Gardaí with their investigation. Person or persons identified as tenants of Dublin City Council involved in anti-social behaviour will be investigated thoroughly under Dublin City Council's Estate Management Strategy. Housing Maintenance are currently examining a proposal to put new entrance gate(s) at Glovers Court to improve security and which essentially will allow access only for tenants residing at Glovers Court.

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have regular checks conducted in the Camden Street/Wexford Street/Grantham Street area regarding illegal street furniture? Also, where there is legal street furniture licences that these premises are now putting out extra tables and chairs that are simply taking over the footpath. See photos attached.

Reply:

Regular checks are taking place and will continue in this area. An Enforcement Notice has been issued to a premises on Camden Street. There was no unlicensed furniture on Wexford St when it was last inspected on 30th September 2020 and Grantham Street will be inspected in the coming week.

We will continue to monitor these and other streets in the area going forward.

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report about the removal of litter bins from Camden Row and also Heytesbury Street and also what provisions are to be made for the reinstatement of litter bins in this area? Can this report also include the list of locations where bins have been removed and where there have been replacements in the SEA in the past number of years?

Reply:

The litter bin on Camden Row was removed as it was damaged beyond repair and a replacement bin will be installed there in the near future. The knocked-over litter bin on Heytesbury Street was refitted straight away and not removed. We see the removal of litter bins due to either being used for the illegal dumping of domestic waste or being constantly vandalised, as a last resort. In line with this policy, we have not been removing litter bins from the South East area in recent years. However, in recent months we had to remove a litter bin from St Patrick's Villas, Ringsend as the amount of dumping in and around the bin was causing great distress to the nearby residents.

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update on the report that I called for regarding the number of vehicles, motor cars vans parked in flat complexes and DCC housing estates in the SEA?

Reply:

It is not possible to submit a comprehensive report on the number of motor cars/vans and other vehicles that park within our complexes/housing estates on any given day, month or on an annual basis. For example, tenants going to and from work, tenant's

visitors, City Council staff attending to maintenance work. We also have older tenants and those tenants with certain medical needs. These tenants would depend on frequent visits by HSE staff and in some cases may need overnight visits. There is also unauthorised parking in some complexes. We do have parking permits for tenants and their visitors within our housing complexes, and housing estates. However, these permits can increase or decrease depending on demand. Permit parking acts as a preventative measure to discourage unauthorised vehicles parking within our housing complexes and housing estates.

Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full report with regards the intended demolition and regeneration of the Glovers Court flat complex? This report to include a full statement of intent from DCC as to the future of this block of dilapidated and unfit housing at this location.

Reply:

A feasibility study is near completion. It would appear at this initial stage that the most viable option is to demolish the block of flats and to build more and better homes on site.

The Housing and Community Services Department is endeavouring to expedite the regeneration of Glovers Court. Notwithstanding, the City Council applies for funding from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government under its Social Housing Capital Investment Programme. This involves a four-stage approval process.

A stage 1 application will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government by the end of 2020.

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager conduct a feasibility study with regards improvements for Elizabeth O Farrell Park at City Quay?

Reply:

There are currently no plans for a redesign of Elizabeth O Farrell Park. However, a bench has been requested and this will be considered for 2021. The park is currently maintained on an ongoing basis to a good standard and is in frequent use by the local community.

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please address the issue of illegal dumping on a plot of derelict land at the west side of Lombard Street East? This site has had furniture and bags of rubbish dumped on it on a regular basis.

Can the manager confirm whether this land is owned by DCC?

Reply:

This area will be monitored by the Litter Warden. He will liaise with Property Development with regard to the ownership of the site and take appropriate action.

The land referred to above is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the makeup of the membership of the SEA Drug Task Force, the south central area drug task force and the central area drug task force?

Reply:

The Drug Task Forces listed above operate under the auspices of the HSE and we will write to the HSE regarding the membership of same.

Q.47 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager how many permits have been granted to construction companies to derogate from the regularly permitted construction hours in the South East Inner City.

Reply:

The Planning Authority has granted 174 requests from January 2020 to the end of September for an extension to the permitted working hours from 22 development sites in the South East Inner City.

Q.48 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager is there have been reports of drainage issues at (details supplied) and if the council has plans to do anything about it.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Choke Car Service attended to a blocked shore at 34 details supplied and cleared this blockage on 1st October. We have no other reports of drainage issues here.

Q.49 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for an update regarding the Cabbage Patch.

Reply:

The South East Area Office has been working with a wide range of stakeholders over the last few years for the betterment of the Cabbage Patch in Dublin 8. This culminated last year in a public consultation where local residents were asked their views on key priorities for the future of the Cabbage Patch and among the items suggested were the refurbishment of the football pitch, play facilities for children and improved security. Last year we held a number of family friendly events during the summer, which were very successful, and we also organised a movie show and activities for last Halloween, which were very well received. Unfortunately, the impact of Covid-19 has seriously impacted our progress, as we have been unable to arrange events within the Cabbage Patch this year, as we would have liked. Tenders have issued for the refurbishment of the football pitch in the Cabbage Patch. However, the pitch refurbishment can only go ahead if the anti-social behaviour is under control and we are working proactively with An Garda Síochána in this regard.

Any plans for play facilities in the Cabbage Patch will depend on funding being available for next year.

Q.50 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to fix the broken railing along (details supplied)

Reply:

Housing Maintenance have logged this job for inspection and if deemed in need of repair, all necessary works will be carried out.

Q.51 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if it would be possible to provide planters or additional planting boxes for Whelan & O'Rahilly House in Ringsend.

Reply:

Planter boxes can be provided to community spaces as part of the Community Section's Friends of Green Spaces initiative, which involves local groups and volunteers working in partnership with Dublin City Council. Under this initiative, planter boxes and flowers/shrubs can be provided by Dublin City Council with a commitment from local groups/volunteers to maintain the boxes going forward. Whelan & O'Rahilly House will be examined as a suitable space in the next roll out of planter projects.

Q.52 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if we could look to improve facilities at Elizabeth O Farrell Park including the introduction of benches and the dog waste facilities.

Reply:

Parks Services will arrange to install a new park bench in Elizabeth O Farrell Park on a trial basis and if successful will install additional benches as required. It is not policy to install dog waste facilities in public parks: dog owners are encouraged instead, to dispose of their dog waste in a responsible fashion. There is a bin located outside the park.

Q.53 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if there is an update on the use of grafstop in the area and if there have been more trials approved.

Reply:

There have been issues identifying suitable locations for the trial of the Grafstop. 2 locations, although deemed suitable for the application of the sealant have not ultimately had sealants applied because the required waivers were not signed by all parties.

A new candidate site in the Portobello Area has been identified and is very keen to participate in the trial. The contractor has been asked to assess the suitability of the wall and if deemed appropriate a waiver will be issued immediately to allow the Grafstop to be applied. (Assuming the required waiver is signed.)

Q.54 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if there is an update on the application for the development of the old DIT Kevin Street site.

Reply:

The Planning Authority sought additional information from the applicant (GA Development Dublin ICAV) on 17th July 2020. The applicant has six months to respond to this request. However, it is anticipated that the applicant will submit the information before that date. On receipt of the information, the Planning Authority will have 8 weeks (application was supported by Environmental Impact Assessment Report) to assess the submitted information before making a final decision.

Q.55 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can I have a report please regarding the upgrading/refurbishment of our Older Persons' accommodation at Ravensdale Close?

Reply:

The City Architects Section is currently finalising a feasibility study for the complex. Once this has been completed, a decision will be made on any future regeneration of the complex.

Q.56 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Kells Road, Leighlin Road Green be considered for improvements including planting and footpath upgrade as part of the discretionary fund?

Reply:

Any spend from the Discretionary Fund in 2021, should there be one, will be agreed following the adoption of the 2021 budget.

Q.57 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can a welcome to Crumlin stone sign be installed on the triangular pocket park on the Crumlin/Old County Road?

Reply:

This matter can be considered in the context of next year's Discretionary Budget should there be one. In the interim, it is proposed to prioritise signage to Kimmage, as there are already a number of 'Welcoming' signs for Crumlin.

Q.58 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can I have a report please on the plans by the Crumlin Area Office to ensure that bonfires are kept to a minimum and that where there have been bonfires that a full clean-up be carried out in the immediate aftermath?

Reply:

As part of the Halloween Response Group, Waste Management Services will ensure that bonfire sites in public places in this area, which comes under our remit, will be cleaned up within a short period of time.

The Halloween response group has begun to coordinate the resources available from the various departments involved tackling the issues of bonfire stockpiling. Waste Management Services will provide normal day-to-day removal of materials in cooperation with the Area Depts. Additional resources including an on call response service will be provided in the 10-day period leading up to Halloween night with the availability of removal services provided up to 9pm each night.

The group comprises of the Waste Management Division, Waste Enforcement Unit, Area Departments, Parks and Landscape Services and the Housing Department who will all contribute a variety of resources dedicated to addressing stockpiling in their respective areas in the lead up to the Halloween period. Further support and input into the group will be provided by the customer services centre, media relations team and Dublin Fire Brigade

Waste Enforcement Officers and Litter Wardens are visiting premises that could be considered to be potential sources of bonfire materials. They are advising the businesses on the issues and storage of their waste/stock and associated items such as pallet trucks and trolleys etc.

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the delivery of the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route.

Reply:

The design of the drainage network is causing some delay to the project and now requires the input of a cellar survey to finalise the design.

Dublin City Council expects to implement an interim cycle route informed by the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route by the end of October.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the CEO when can we expect a report on the following trial Covid Mobility measures and can the CEO confirm whether these were successful and whether they will be made permanent:

- Grafton Street Quarter Pedestrianisation Trial
- Pigeon House Road mobility measures

Reply:

A report detailing the Grafton Street Quarter Pedestrianisation Trial including recommendations is being finalised.

A report on the Pigeon House Road Filtered Permeability Trial will be presented at the November South East Area Council Meeting.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following: The family are living in a very overcrowded situation in the two bedroom flat, and the youngest has epilepsy and behavioural issues, which are compounded by the living situation. Can the Area Manager please work to find more suitable accommodation in the area or close by for this family?

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a Medical Priority with an application date of 14/02/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area M	3	5

The applicant was recently awarded a medical priority effective from 13/09/2020. It may benefit the applicant to increase their areas of choice as it may increase their chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday to Friday via phone 9am – 4pm) to discuss options with the applicant should they wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet their household need becomes available and according to their position on the list.

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.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please respond to the following constituent questions in relation to the current works being carried out on the upper lawn on St Patrick's Park:

- 1: Who came up with concept?
- 2: When did this person come up with the concept?
- 3: Who established there was a need for this design instead of keeping the existing lawn?

- 4: What were the details of the need/requirement?
- 5: When was the tender advertised?
- 6: How long was the tender process?
- 7: How many companies were involved in the tender process?
- 8: Who won the tender process?
- 9: What was the budget?
- 10: When was the design signed off?
- 11: Who signed it off?
- 12: Was a consultation programme carried out with the local community?
- 13: Was notice of work advertised within the park or elsewhere?
- 14: Was notice of work advertised on the internet or social networks associated to Dublin City Council?
- 15: Was any local impact assessment carried out?
- 16: Was any consideration given to the timing of the work being carried out due to Covid19 restrictions?
- 17: Who is responsible for delivering the work?
- 18: Are there costs involved in the upkeep of the sculpture garden? If so, what are they?

Reply:

There has been only one complaint registered in relation to the landscaping works on the upper terrace at St Patricks Park and it was responded to. It concerned the loss of green space. Other than that, the works have been well received and it is not accepted that there has been any loss of greenspace. In fact, the Parks Service has done a lot of work in recent years to increase the tree canopy cover and greening of the area, which is evident along Nicholas Street and High Street. We have also opened the Peace Garden, which was closed to the public for over 10 years.

In relation to St Patrick's Park, there has always been ornamental planting on this space and the new scheme of planting is in keeping with that, albeit of a different style. I think the new trees and planting will bring a lot of joy to the local community and visitors alike and the majority of the space in the park still remains as amenity grassland.

City parks have never been busier than during the Covid pandemic and there is a real appreciation now of the health and well-being value of parks, trees and being close to nature. In this regard, the planting will be pollinator friendly and so will enhance biodiversity in this part of the city.

The works were conceived and designed in-house by our team of landscape architects and the works were tendered in accordance with procurement procedures. The scheme will be maintained by DCC staff who do an excellent job which was acknowledged recently with the award of a Green Flag which is an international standard administered by An Taisce.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the development of the Poolbeg West SDZ, in particular in relation to the competitive process for the Irish Glass Bottle Site, and can the Area Manager confirm whether the commercial agreement has been agreed between DCC and the Department given we have a new Minister for Housing.

Reply:

The update is that following an Oral Hearing, An Bord Pleanála's decision on the Poolbeg SDZ Planning Scheme, issued in April 2019, contained the following modification (No. 3):

“10% of new residential units provided on the lands included in this Planning Scheme shall be delivered as social housing in accordance with an agreement made with the planning authority pursuant to section 96 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

- Prior to commencement of development, subject to confirmed funding and value for money considerations, a commercial agreement shall be entered into between Dublin City Council, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the owners/developers of the residential element of the Planning Scheme for the delivery of 15% of the residential units approved on the lands included in this Planning Scheme for social and affordable housing purposes. These units shall be additional to the housing provided for social housing purposes as required above.”

The City Council will then commence negotiations in relation to the requirement to enter a tri-partite commercial agreement for the delivery of 15% of the residential units for social and affordable purposes, as soon as the new owners are confirmed.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please review the kissing gate on Sean Moore Park as it is causing accessibility issues for many people.

Reply:

Both kissing gates, from which you can access Sean Moore Park via Sean Moore Road were inspected recently and considered to be operating satisfactorily.

However, the kerb closest to the access gate at Clan na nGael, Fontenoy GAA club is not dished and may be causing accessibility problems to many park users.

We will discuss this with our colleagues in Roads & Traffic and see if dishing the footpath can be undertaken as a matter of priority to improve accessibility.

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager could he please examine the following regarding the segregated cycle route on Wexford Street / Camden Row:

'They've installed wands on the east side of Wexford Street (which is great)... but they've extended them, beyond the right turn (west) down Camden Row. So basically if you're trying to turn right on a bike, you can't, as it only becomes clear in front of Fresh. Photo attached is it makes it any clearer.'

Reply:

This is being examined by the engineer to determine if a gap is required to facilitate a cyclist making a right turn into Camden Row.

Q.66 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager to consider the following submission from the Ailesbury Road Residents' Association and consider what works can be done.

“Ailesbury Road is used by a constant flow of pedestrians, joggers, cyclists, schoolchildren and traffic. As winter approaches the lighting along the road is greatly reduced thereby affecting the safety of all of these people. This has been an issue constantly raised by residents, which we have tried to address from time to time over decades. We have been told the lights are being replaced by LED as the need arises but it really is totally inadequate and we ask that it be reviewed by an expert before the darkness sets in.

In tandem with this we find that traffic functions much better when the road lines and junctions are freshly painted - in particular the yellow boxes at the notorious Donnybrook junction. We also believe that a clear positioning arrow at the bottom of the road to turn right onto Merrion Road would ease the blocking of those cars wanting to drive straight ahead - likewise from the Sydney Parade or the Ballsbridge direction at that same crossroads.

From the residents point of view it would also be a safety improvement if the ends of designated parking on the road were not so close to the gates of the affected homes. There is considerable construction related traffic constantly parked on the road and it is very difficult to see past these vehicles if they are right up against the entrance/exit. It is a huge worry that a cyclist or vehicle is coming that cannot be seen and often we have to guess if the way is clear. A small amount of extra space at the outer limits would enhance visibility. We ask that an engineer or appropriate expert review this as it is very evident upon visiting the road during work hours."

Reply:

The submission from the Ailesbury Road Residents' Association is noted and is listed with the Area Engineer for examination and report to the Transport Advisory Group, the Councillor will be informed of the outcome. Enquiry No. 7017242 refers.

The light fittings on Ailesbury Road between Anglesea Road and Seaview Terrace were replaced with LED lanterns in 2015. The remaining low-pressure sodium (orange colour) lights will also be replaced with LED lanterns as part of a future lighting upgrade project.

We consider the installation of additional lighting on Ailesbury Road is not required. However, we will contact the Parks Division to request that the trees be pruned where necessary.

Q.67 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to repair the pothole outside (details supplied) and to advise the Councillor as to when Mayfield Road East and Hannaville Park roads will be resurfaced.

Reply:

A temporary repair to the pothole at details supplied will be carried out. Mayfield Road East and Hannaville Park will be examined for consideration for inclusion in Road Maintenance Services' 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.68 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the manager if he will investigate Leeson Street Bridge where the shores are sinking causing a very dangerous situation for motorists and cyclists.

Reply:

On inspection, no sinking gullies were noted on Leeson Street Bridge. Could confirmation of location please be provided to madeline.mcnamara@dublincity.ie for further investigation?