

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

**Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services what steps have been taken by DRHE in relation to Carman Hall to begin the process of finding alternative homeless accommodation and whether any conversations have begun with the Dioceses in relation to making the Hall available again for community use.

**Reply**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) and Dublin City Council (DCC) Housing and Community Services has applied for Part 8 planning permission for the retention of the existing use of the Carman's Hall, Dublin 8 as emergency accommodation, as necessitated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The DRHE are working with the NGO managing this service to relocate from this site and we will confirm the closure details when we have an agreement in place with the NGO and service users accommodated at these premises.

The Dublin City Council leases Carman's Hall from the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin and any future use of the building is a decision for the Archdiocese.

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**Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services that the pavement outside (*details supplied*) be repaired and the overgrown tree roots be addressed as the lifted and broken pavement presents a hazard to pedestrians, particularly those with mobility or sight limitations.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance inspected this location and confirm that the defect has received a temporary dressing and is logged on our works list to receive the final permanent repair, which will be carried out the next time we have a crew available in the area.

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**Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services whether (*details supplied*) is owned by the local authority and if so, could we arrange a clean up of the site which has remained empty for some time and residents report problems with vermin due to the build up of rubbish. If it is not owned by the local authority could the Area Office take steps to report it to and follow up with the HSE?

**Reply**

(*Details supplied*) is a private residence. The Public Domain Officer will investigate the ownership of the property and engage with Environmental Health Officers to see what steps can be taken to improve the situation.

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**Q4 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services to ask our Planning Enforcement section for an update enforcement procedure initiated on 33-34 Island Street Dublin 8 ref 8194.

**Reply**

Planning enforcement do not have a file open on the site in question, however I can confirm that Sisk are occupying the site at the corner of Bridgefoot Street and Island Street.

Due to Covid-19 Sisk's were required to provide additional ancillary accommodation to assist with the implementation of social distancing i.e. Canteens, Offices, Meeting Rooms etc. and to allow for the rearranging of accommodation at the main site compound.

Sisk approached Property and Planning Department with a view to occupying the site and have entered into a license agreement with the Planning & Property Development Department, this license is for 12 months but Sisk are hopeful that they can decamp earlier (possibly in 6-9 months' time). I would note that the period of occupation is reliant on the progress on site.

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**Q5 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

To ask the Director of Services for an overview of the public realm and greening projects in the South West Inner City, including their current status and whether they have funding assigned.

**Reply**

**South Central Area Office | South West Inner City  
Public Realm, Parks and Greening Projects 2020 - 2023**

**Capital Projects >€500,000**

Capital projects with a value greater than €500,000 are approved through the CPSO\* process and hence are often permitted to advance to certain stages (concept, preliminary design, part8...etc). Projects may be listed, but waiting necessary resources. With the exception of Bridgefoot Street Park (a Parks & Landscaping Services project), projects are assigned funding from the *Housing & Community Capital Projects Budget 2020-2022*.

\*Corporate Projects Support Office

<b>Project</b>	<b>Value/ Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme	3.8m	Proceeding to site October 2020 – 10 month construction time
Bridgefoot Street Park	1.5m	Onsite - completion January 2021
Newmarket & Environs Public Realm Project	Prov 4.4m	Part 8 approved 2017. Awaiting allocation of E&T resources

Meath Street Public Realm Project	Prov 3.7m	Currently subject to preliminary design with expected Part 8 in Q1 2021
Vicar Street Square	Prov 800k	Approval to develop a concept scheme for tarmac play area and environs

#### Capital Projects >€500,000 (not yet listed with CPSO)

Project	Value/ Budget	Status
Dolphin's Barn Village Enhancement Scheme	Est 1.8m	Part 8 approved in 2018. Subject to review with NTA Busconnects
James Walk Linear Park	Est 3m.	Masterplan under development. Delivery in phases.

#### Greening Projects c. €100,000 or under (funding assigned)

These are projects that arise out of The Liberties Greening Strategy and are largely being delivered by the Area Office and Parks & Landscaping Service. Projects are funded via *Housing & Community Capital Projects Budget 2020-2022* or *Discretionary Fund*.

Project	Value/ Budget	Status
Cork Street Greening Strategy	-	Project suspended until clarity on Busconnects programme
Bridgefoot Street Median (replacing hard median surface with landscaping)	Est 120k	Currently out to tender for completion alongside park
James Street Median (repaving and planting scheme)	Est 80k	In design. Expected to tender in Q4 2020
Cromwell Quarters Steps (resurfacing)	40k	In design, to tender for with James Street Median
Reuben Street Treeplanting 1	60k	Main works completed, tree planting in November
Basin Lane/ Oisín Kelly Park	Est 50k	Proposed to remove the existing railings, tree surgery and general landscaping improvements.
St Catherine's Park	40k	Conservation work, groundwork and landscaping

#### Projects under consideration/ Concept stage

The following are areas where there is considered scope for greening projects or small public realm improvements. Projects here are in early stages or aspirational and funding is not yet assigned.

Project	Value/ Budget	Status
Inchicore Village Small Public Realm Interventions	-	Developing a series of 'quick wins' to enhance public realm and connectivity in the village
Weaver Square Environs	-	Considering coordinated public realm improvements in tandem with Weaver Park and new housing developments.
Reuben Street & Environs	-	Assessing streets for additional tree planting

Carman Hall	-	Assessing street for tree planting
Robert Street	-	Assessing street for tree planting and buildout public space
Island Street/ Bonham Street	-	Longer term plan to revitalise public realm in vicinity of new Bridgefoot Street Park and housing developments
Blackpitts	-	Considering opportunities for 'depaving', tree planting and greening
Turvey Park	-	Revitalisation of existing park and amenity space

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**Q6 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services the current status of the development of the Grand Canal cycle path from Portobello to Bluebell, and to arrange a meeting with Waterways Ireland and Councillors to discuss said development.

**Reply**

The Grand Canal Greenway (Portobello to Blackhorse Bridge) is currently on hold. Dublin City Council is currently engaged in discussions with the National Transport Authority on the possibility of funding the scheme from 2021 onwards.

The scheme will be included in a programme for delivery over the next five years if funding is confirmed in principle. This would facilitate reengaging with the various stakeholders, including Waterways Ireland and Councillors. The project is also under consideration for inclusion in Dublin City Council's capital programme for 2021 to 2023.

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**Q7 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services to ask our Roads Maintenance Section whether they will resurface the road and repair the footpaths at Donore road in Dublin 8. Residents report poor surface and breaks in the footpaths due to overgrown tree roots.

**Reply**

Road maintenance has surveyed Donore road and footpaths and have logged all defects to our works list for repair. The resurfacing of Donore road will be considered for possible inclusion in our 2021 resurfacing contract, which will be dependent upon available funding.

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**Q8** **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services what steps need to be taken so as to facilitate SICCDA to paint the building in which they are located (number 90 Meath street) given that it is located between 2 protected structures. (The Meath Street Church and Stiner school (Number 92)).

**Reply**

SICCDA premises at 90 Meath Street is a private property and it's not a matter for Dublin City Council to oblige its refurbishment. It is noted, that the building currently has a render finish, common across the city, which is often left unpainted. Given 90 Meath Street's location with the Thomas Street & Environs Architectural Conservation Area and adjacent to protected structures, it is recommended that SICCDA seek advice from the Conservation Section before embarking on any change to the decoration of the building.

The Area Office annually operates a shopfront improvement scheme that is available to SICCDA should they wish to undertake refurbishment. The building may also be eligible for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, operated annually by the Department of Housing, Heritage & Local Government through Dublin City Council Conservation Office.

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**Q9** **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services whether the regeneration review of our housing estates has been completed, and if so, whether a report on Michael Mallin House Dublin 8 is available, and if so, to provide said report to this Councillor.

**Reply**

Dublin City Council, building upon its experience of regenerating complexes, is seeking to develop a strategy to regenerate its apartment complexes that are over 40 years old and build more and better homes. Dublin City Council has currently over 6,000 apartments that are built more than forty years ago. The Housing and Community Services Department has audited all its apartment complexes with regards current condition and development potential.

A meeting will be arranged shortly to discuss its findings with the councillors for the South West Inner City Electoral Area. Relative to other complexes within the South West Inner City Electoral Area, Michael Mallin House does not appear as a priority at this time.

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**Q10** **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services whether the adult child of a tenant, already on the rent for the tenancy, can become the main tenant so as to avail of the tenant purchase scheme for that property or whether the adult child can gift to the parent, the main tenant, the monies necessary to avail of the scheme.

### **Reply**

Under the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme 2016, only the main tenant can apply, if eligible, to purchase their home. Other persons who reside in that property are not eligible to apply. It is not possible for another person residing in the property to become the main tenant simply to purchase the property. Upon the death or departure of the main tenant, a family member residing in the property, may, if eligible, apply to succeed to the tenancy.

An adult child can gift money to their parent in order to assist them to purchase as long as that parent fulfils all other eligibility criteria under the scheme. However the adult child would be strongly advised to seek legal advice before doing so as they will not be the purchaser and will not be the owner of the property or named on the deeds.

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### **Q11 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the traffic situation on Jamestown Road, it was agreed at the last meeting that residents would be consulted with before any further restrictions were imposed.

### **Reply**

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit recently organised for the existing double yellow lines to be freshly painted on Jamestown Road. Complaints were received that delivery vehicles have not been able to deliver material to a business on this road as parking on Jamestown Road prohibited the delivery vehicles travelling down the road. This situation was due to illegal parking of vehicles on double yellow lines and footpaths. The Dublin Street Parking services were instructed to enforce against illegal parking of vehicles on this road. Apart from access for delivery vehicles, the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit is concerned about access for an ambulance or a fire tender if they needed to access this road.

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### **Q12 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services that residents welcome DCCs actions to prohibit cars parking on the footpath along Tyrconnell Road, but residents have asked that the Covid Mobility Team consider moving the traffic barriers off the footpath and on to the road?

### **Reply**

The new bollards on Tyrconnell Road were installed in accordance to DCC best practice. DCC require minimum footpath widths to be 1.8m, at its narrowest point the width on the footpath at the bollards measured 2.4m. Well exceeding our minimum requirements. There are a number of health and safety reasons which were considered in the installation of these bollards including Tyrconnell Road being a major arterial and bus route with a speed limit of 50km/hr. The installation of bollards on the road may provide a false sense of safety to pedestrians, would also mean introducing a hazard to cyclists and motorists along with the creation of a water hazard in the water channel.

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**Q13 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on actions taken by DCC to prevent cars parking on footpaths in Drimnagh, as agreed in my motion passed at the September SCAC meeting?

**Reply**

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Inspector investigated the route of the Ivy Gardens Cycle Bus and identified locations where vehicles parked on footpaths obstructing this route. The Dublin Street Parking Services clamped a number of vehicles on the route a number of times during the month of September. The Dublin Street Parking Services have continued to identify illegal parking on footpaths in Drimnagh and clamp them for such illegal parking.

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**Q14 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for a detailed update on the proposed construction of new dressing rooms in Brickfield Park.

**Reply**

Subject to planning approval and available funding it is envisaged that this project could proceed to construction in 2022.

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**Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services, with regard to outstanding maintenance issues at (*details supplied*), can she assure the tenant that these issues will followed up asap? The tenant informs me that he has been trying to have the repairs carried out for the last 10 years. The windows need to be inspected with view to replacing them. A new shower was installed but put in on wrong side and now a new safety rail needs to be installed. Needs a new bath.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance have previously inspected the PVC windows and they are in good condition and not in need of replacement. The foreman will call to the tenant to inspect the other issues in relation to the bathroom and all necessary works will be carried out.

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**Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to work with the Bluebell Environment Group and carry out the following works in Bluebell;



- a) clear the top layer of weeds off the green area near on Bluebell Road, at the entrance off Nass Road to Bernard Curtis House, and replace with thin layer of top soil. This will allow the environmental group plant flowers here.
- b) clear the weeds at the green space, on Bluebell Road by the entrance to the community centre, prevent grass from growing so as youth club can put in and mange flower boxes
- c) cut bushes back in front of shops at Huband Road
- d) cut back trees around community centre and clean the green areas.

**Reply**

Parks have met Bluebell Environment Group on site with a representative from the Area Office and the community centre and discussed the issues outlined above:

- a) Area Office are to investigate if this area is in DCC ownership or not
- b) Parks have sought prices for installation of bound gravel in this area with support from Area Office for funding
- c) Parks will arrange
- d) These trees belong to the community centre.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*

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The Public Domain Officer will work with the Area Office, Community Development and Parks to address the issues outlined. Any available resources that will be employed within budget constraints.

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**Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to confirm if, as part of the contracts to cut grass in public parks and green spaces, private companies must prepare the parks by cleaning up rubbish first, trim edges and gather grass and rubbish once work is completed?

**Reply**

As part of the landscape maintenance contract, contractors are required to pick litter before mowing the grass. Edge trimming and grass collection is not part of the specification. All contractors do bring blowers with them so that following mowing the footpaths can be cleaned where necessary. At times blowing excess grass off busy roads can prove to be difficult and dangerous, but where it is safe to do so the contractors will do this activity.

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**Q18 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

To ask the Director of Services if there are plans to resurface Abercorn Terrace. Nearby streets were resurfaced roughly ten years ago, but Abercorn Terrace was excluded.



**Reply**

Road Maintenance recently visited this location and will put Abercorn Terrace forward for consideration in our 2021 Resurfacing contract, which is dependent on available funding.

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**Q19 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin**

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Housing Maintenance section review the work needed at (*details supplied*) and to complete the works that was already started by Dublin City Council? There are issues with the windows and ceiling.

**Reply**

The tenant will need to contact the Rents Section (Charlotte Dunne Tel: 222-3844) in the first instance, before any further maintenance can be carried out.

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**Q20 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin**

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Housing Maintenance section to inspect the rear windows in (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection of the seals on these windows by the glazier this week and he will organise repairs/replacements if necessary.

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**Q21 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin**

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Housing Maintenance section to inspect the front windows in (*details supplied*). The resident has raised the issues with DCC and is still awaiting a response. The windows are in need of repair.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection of the front windows and all necessary works will be carried out.

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**Q22 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin**

Can I request an update on the playing field that was promised to the De La Salle GAA club by the Brothers and the new developer? Has DCC been approached to facilitate this piece of land and is the developer within regulation by including a pitch area that is to be allocated to another entity within his 25% of green space within their planning application?

### **Reply**

The De La Salle Brothers sold lands in Ballyfermot that included the former national school and the Mount La Salle monastery building. The lands are zoned Z15, to protect and provide for institutional and community uses, and the main section of the school building is a protected structure. Residential use is open for consideration in Z15 lands. Section 14.8.14 of the CDP states that:

*“Where there is an existing institutional and/or community use, any proposed development for ‘open for consideration’ uses on part of the landholding, shall be required to demonstrate to the planning authority how the proposal is in accordance with and assists in securing the aims of the zoning objective; how it secures the retention of the main institutional and community uses on the lands, including space for any necessary expansion of such uses; how it secures the retention of existing functional open space e.g. school playing fields; and the manner in which the nature and scale of the proposal integrates with the surrounding lands.*

*In considering whether there is no longer a need for the existing institutional use, the planning authority shall consult with the owner/ operator of the existing institutional and community uses and the relevant statutory provider (e.g. the Department of Education and Skills in the case of schools, and the Department of Health and the HSE in the case of hospitals). A masterplan is required in these circumstances. The masterplan, which may necessitate a variation, shall set out a clear vision for the lands zoned Z15, to provide for the identification of 25% of the lands for open space and/or community facilities (instead of the 10-20% public open space provided for in earlier in this chapter. The masterplan must incorporate landscape features which retain the essential open character of the lands zoned Z15. It must also ensure that the space will be provided in a manner designed to facilitate potential for future public use and protect existing sporting and recreational facilities which are available predominantly for community use.”*

The applicant has entered into pre application consultation with An Bord Pleanala.

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### **Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the following question that I asked last month. That Dublin City Council please look at the breach of planning with the unauthorised development of a garden shed into a rented dwelling at (*details supplied*). I have had a number of residents in the vicinity onto me in relation to the fact this development is now offered on DAFT.ie for €1,400 per month, access is through the main house. I am asking this be addressed without delay, with the serving of court papers, the ESB. I wish now to ask that the main dwelling is checked out for its suitability, with the number of private residents living here and I would ask that a visit from DCC take place to check its suitability. I am told by neighbours there are 9 rooms let out at €800 per month, with a shared kitchen with 4 chairs. The real concern I have is the potential of fires and anti-social behaviour with such a large multi occupancy dwelling on a residential road. Bins etc are now a feature in the front garden. I should point out to date the people living in the main house are fine, but this could change very easy with such a large number living here.

### **Reply**

The owner of this premises has been instructed by the Planning Enforcement Section not to use the shed referred to for habitable purposes in the absence of a proper

grant of permission. The Planning Enforcement Section will continue to monitor the property concerned in terms of the concerns relating to the shed.

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A reference report will be sought to ascertain the ownership details of the property and then check and see if the property is rented. If rented, an inspection under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 will be scheduled by the Environmental Health Officer. Following this inspection any necessary enforcement action will be pursued with the owner of the property.

The unauthorised use of the garden shed is a matter for planning enforcement who have been in contact with the owners.

Contact: Bernie Doherty, Senior Executive Officer, Private Rented Dwellings Section

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This premises will be investigated to determine how it is being operated. Further action will be pursued with the person in control of the premises, under the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003 if applicable, and enforcement will be taken as necessary.

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**Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look at the state of the public footpaths along the Crumlin Road, with particular attention on the stretch from the corner of Errigal Road and Crumlin Road fronting Our Lady's Hospital. The footpaths are very well used along here however, there is a need for full replacement. Over the years, the road surface was replaced, however the footpaths were never touched. I should point out a lot of footpaths along the Crumlin need replacing.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance inspected the footpath fronting Our Lady's Hospital and noted a large number of defects especially uplifting by tree roots. I will put this stretch of footpath between Errigal Road and the Kildare Road junction forward for possible inclusion in our 2021 Minor Works Footpath Contract which will be dependent on available funding.

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**Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that I be given an update on the ongoing issue of addressing the anti-social behaviour at the playground at the new skateboard park at the Lawns Park, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Part of addressing the problem should be the construction of new railings, opening and closing times, proper signage and an inter-agency approach. The facility, minus the anti-social

behaviour offered thousands of children a lifeline after the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. The provision of railings is something many facilities offer, like the play facility in the Phoenix Park. If we get a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of lock down we need to be in a position where we can close off this facility. I am aware most of the problems happen after BYS staff leave the facility after dark.

**Reply**

Parks have received quotes for a number of options for fencing the skate and play park in Le Fanu. These options need to be assessed to see which offers the best solution and value for money. All options provide the possibility of locking the space and provide a deterrent to youths entering after closing time. Signage will follow after fencing is placed.

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**Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please give me a full report on the ongoing delays on the commencement of the full redevelopment of Labre Park Travellers Development on Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. I am very worried that this project will again be left behind, to the detriment of families who have lived here in very poor conditions for many years. I would ask that the re-development look upon the full redevelopment of all adjoining sites to ensure a positive natural environment for all living here including local business and adjoining communities. The availability of large tracks of land here have become unmanageable over many years creating all sorts of problems in the area.

**Reply**

It has been agreed that Senior Management for the Traveller Accommodation Unit will be organising a meeting in the coming weeks with Councillor's to give comprehensive report on the redevelopment of Labre Park.

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**Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please look upon the following complaint. A resident of Ballyfermot Crescent / Avenue has contacted me on a number of occasions in relation to the very poor state of the area, with weeds, waste needing attending and litter picking. In addition, the complainant tells me there is regularly a horse left in the front garden of (*details supplied*). I would ask we check out the matter and advise me of what can be done if it happens again.

**Reply**

The Licensing Unit received a complaint about the horse at (*details supplied*). The complaint was dealt with and the owners are no longer keeping the horse in the front garden.

Waste Management Services had Ballyfermot Crescent/Avenue litter picked on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and swept by a sweeping machine on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020. This area is cleaned on a weekly basis and has been included on the list for the current weed removal programme.

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**Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look at following application to purchase their home (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

The purchase price of a property under the Incremental Purchase scheme is the current market value of the property at time of application, less a substantial discount of either 40%, 50% or 60%, depending on the tenants income. An extension was built on to this property (*details supplied*) for the tenants, by Dublin City Council, to enhance the quality of life of a family member, which has increased the market value of the property. When determining a valuation, extensions built and paid for privately by the tenants are excluded from the valuation as the tenant has already paid for the work, but where an extension was built and paid for by Dublin City Council and has added value to the property it is reflected in the valuation. The property at (*details supplied*) has been determined to have a current market value of €230,000 and as the tenants are being given a 40% discount on the market price, has been offered for sale to them at a price of €138,000.

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**Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look at the following housing request for (*details supplied*) that consideration be given to the housing of this applicant. She has lived at the above HAP tenancy for the past few years with her 2 children. She is hoping to be considered for a new vacancy which arises due to the purchase of No 15 Cleggan Road by DCC. I am aware she has current accommodation but she would love the permanency a dwelling provided by DCC would give her moving forward.

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Transfer HAP Housing List, with an application date of 01/07/2010, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area E	3	201
Area J	3	87
Area K	3	111

The applicants interest in Cleggan Road has been noted on her file, however, based on the applicant's current position for each area of choice, it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. She 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 allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants 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.

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**Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look upon the following - that the rent sought by DCC to the SOLAS Project for the new property at the Coombe, Dublin 8 be reduced from the annual of (*detail supplied*) a charge similar to the charge for another premises this youth organisation has from DCC. Due to the large expenditure of €25,000 to €30,000 for the refurbishment of the building, will DCC look upon helping out the organisation with some sort of help reflecting that the group is working with some of the most marginalised in the South West Inner City. Every young person supported here helps build a more sustainable community.

**Reply**

Solas After Schools Project CLG currently occupy two premises in The Coombe, Dublin 8, details as follows:

**80 The Coombe:**

The premises at No. 80 The Coombe, Dublin 8 was advertised for sale in 2014 seeking an annual rent of €4,500 p.a. Solas After Schools Project CLG approached DCC and indicated their interest in the premises but that they would not be in a position to afford the market rent and offered to pay rent in the amount of €2,400 per annum which DCC agreed to accept, so long as the property was used for non-profit making educational community purposes only. This agreement was renewed annually and the latest agreement expired on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Solas agreed terms for the renewal of the licence agreement for a further period of 5 years from 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 subject to an annual rent of €2,400 p.a. DCC has not increased the rent on these premises in line with the current market value which now stands at €8,500 p.a.

**82 The Coombe:**

In 2019, due to the expiration of their lease in another premises, Solas After Schools Project CLG sought the assistance of DCC to find alternative accommodation in the Dublin 8 area. Solas After Schools Project CLG expressed an interest in the premises at 82 The Coombe, Dublin 8. This premises had been left idle for some time and was in need of repair/refurbishment. Solas After Schools Project CLG offered to undertake the refurbishment work themselves estimated to be in the region of €30,000. DCC, in acknowledgement of this, agreed a reduced licence fee in the amount of €200 per annum to Solas After School Project CLG for a term of 12 months from 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 so long as the property is used for non-profit making educational community purposes only.

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**Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please remove the large concrete slab left on the public footpath outside the Iceland Shopping Centre car park at Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Can Dublin City Council also please find out who is responsible for the lack of cleansing / care of the private car park fronting the group of shops here including the Post Office etc. I saw a near accident with this concrete slab last week with a child coming off a scooter here. Thank God things looked up for the child. A group of local residents including myself, spent 4 hours cleaning all the waste and weeds from the road, however the concrete mentioned above was above out of our capabilities.

**Reply**

The Public Domain Officer has inspected the location. The heavily littered area has been cleared as part of an ongoing environmental initiative with the co-operation and assistance of the business lease holders in the Shopping Centre. The Concrete Blocks have been removed and remedial works on Carpark boundary wall, landscaping, littering and illegal dumping will be discussed with all stakeholders with a view to working together on a viable solution.

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**Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services can Dublin City Council facilitate a small meeting with a group of residents I met over the summer in relation to the proposed pocket play-facility promised for the Elmdale Area of Cherry Orchard. This group display a strong community focus and are regularly involved in community clean-ups etc. They have mentioned they would be willing to take a lead role in the development of a play facility here.

**Reply**

A number of meetings have been held with the residents in the new estate in Elmdale with the intention of supporting them with the establishment of an environmental group and organising some events for the children. DCC staff and the Cherry Orchard Integrated Youth Services facilitated outdoor meetings at which issues such as environmental improvements, the management of the open spaces and the installation of play equipment were discussed. As a result of these meetings, a contractor was engaged to clean up and maintain the green areas for a number of months until it is taken in charge by Parks Services. Further, the contractor has also been engaged to plant wildflowers and mixed bulbs on the berm facing the houses. At the request of the residents, small items of removable play equipment will be purchased and stored by them as there are mixed views regarding any permanent installation of play equipment. COIYS are working with young people to identify a project for them possibly on the environment also. A good working relationship has been established which we hope to build on despite the restrictions on gatherings.

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**Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please have a look at the traffic mayhem along Gurteen Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. With children coming and going



from school in the mornings and afternoons, some of the school community and local residents feel a one way system would facilitate the entry / exit of motor vehicles and there is serious concern of a potential accident here. With the large number of traffic movements, an observation between 2.25pm to 2.55pm will give an indication of the problem.

**Reply**

DCC has emailed all primary schools in late August/early September asking them to express interest in our new School Zones trial. DCC have not got a response from the schools at this location. If they would like this area looked at by the Covid Mobility School Zone team we are still accepting applications.

For further information and to apply, please visit

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/1cf2bdad/>

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**Q34 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services, to outline the Covid mobility plan for Inchicore, what consultation took place and what is the timeframe for its implementation?

**Reply**

As part of the Covid Mobility Plan for Inchicore, Bollards were placed along the Tyrconnell Road across from Tesco to protect pedestrians using this footpath and aid social distancing by preventing illegal parking on the footpath. Our Business Liaison Officer consulted with Tesco who did not have an issue with these Bollards.

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**Q35 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the proposed redevelopment of Labre Park, including the Part 8 process?

**Reply**

Senior Management is meeting Councillors in the coming weeks to give a comprehensive update on the redevelopment of Labre Park, addressing all issues relating to the Part 8 process.

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**Q36 Councillor Maire Devine**

To ask the Director of services to provide a list ( 2017 -present) of requests for the South Central Area by owners of purpose built student accommodation, hotels and co living for a "Change Of Use" detailing what that change would be?

**Reply**

A search of the APAS planning system for 'change of use' of purpose built student accommodation, hotels and co living in the South Central Area between the 01/01/2017 and the 9/10/2020 found no planning applications.

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**Q37 Councillor Maire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services can details be provided as to the reasons why there was a decision to give a Social Housing Exemption Cert to the development of 42 housing units at Lawlor's Corner- 03/09/20?

**Reply**

Section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 provides that a person may apply for a certificate stating that Section 96 shall not apply to a grant of permission in respect of development for nine houses or fewer or if the housing is on land of 0.1 hectares or less. In the case of this particular application the Social Housing Exemption Certificate was issued as the housing is on land of 0.1 hectares or less.

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**Q38 Councillor Maire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services when road and footpath upgrading is scheduled for Ceannt Fort with priority given to O Reilly Avenue. The present conditions pose slip/trip hazards. Residents are willing to facilitate access to their area for the planned duration of the works.

**Reply**

Road maintenance has carried out works in Ceannt Fort to date and checking our system we noted three defects on our works list for O' Reilly Avenue. We will need to develop a Traffic Management Plan and apply for a road closure to O'Reilly Avenue. There is a lead in time so we would estimate a crew being available around the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2020 onwards.

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**Q39 Councillor Maire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that significant localised flooding occurs at the Ceannt Fort Estate, most recently last July/August with heavy rain. As winter approaches, can a systematic cleaning and clearing of the drain network be carried out?

**Reply**

The Surface Water Section carries out the maintenance of road gullies and their connection to the network only. Defects or capacity issues with the main network itself should be directed to Irish Water as the area is served by a combined sewer.

Surface water carries out routine cleaning of the gullies in this area. The whole Ceannt Fort area was cleaned on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2020. The latest cleaning commenced last week and will continue on this week. Currently 16 of the 40 gullies have been cleaned. No defects have yet been found.

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**Q40** **Councillor Maire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services if there is a scheduled pruning in the Tree Strategy for Ceannt Fort.

**Reply**

The Tree Care programme includes for a number of trees at the above location to be pruned. The pruning is expected to be carried out in the coming weeks.

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**Q41** **Councillor Maire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services can a ramp be installed alongside the 40 Steps at Mount Brown to ensure access for all?

**Reply**

The Area Office had previously sought advice from the City Architects and Roads Design Division on the potential for a ramp at Cromwell Quarters however the steep incline and narrowness of these steps precludes the development of a ramp to acceptable safety standards.

The Area Office intends enhancing the appearance of the concrete steps by adding stone and other surface treatments and upgrading public lighting. As part of this project, the provision of a cycle run alongside the central handrail will be considered to allow bicycles to be pushed up and down the steps more easily.

This work had previously been allocated funding under the Discretionary Fund in 2018 and we are now in a position to commission the work. It is expected that it will be done together with refurbishment of the median area at James Street as part of our ongoing Public Spaces Programme.

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**Q42** **Councillor Maire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services can the details of requests by the public to the COVID Mobility Programme be broken down for the South Central Area?

**Reply**

Due to the high volume of requests, it will take some time to extract the South Central Area Requests. We will revert directly to the Councillor once the information is gathered accurately.

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**Q43** **Councillor Maire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services to request that all suitable retail businesses receive support and guidance in setting up temporary outdoor spaces (public and private) to protect public health as we face several months of winter.

**Reply**

The Public Spaces Working Group (PSWG) established by the Chief Executive comprises a multi-disciplinary team from Director of Services, Street Furniture Unit, Dublin Fire Brigade and Covid Mobility Team. The Covid Mobility Team have a dedicated Business Liaison Officer to assist businesses. All enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to [covidmobility@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidmobility@dublincity.ie). The PSWG are finalising a document outlining and advising on all aspects in relation to street furniture to assist businesses. Free 6 month temporary Covid street furniture permits are being issued where sufficient space is available to accommodate street furniture while ensuring traffic and pedestrian safety and complying with public health directives. On street interventions such as footpath build outs are being carried out to assist businesses with street furniture. All existing street furniture licences have been extended by 6 months free of charge. PSWG have dealt with over 200 applications to date.

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**Q44 Councillor Maire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services what recourse has this Area Committee got in supporting neighbours whose homes are negatively impacted upon by neglectful house owners resulting in damp, rodent infestation and overgrowth to their property?

**Reply**

If the property is confirmed as rented property, an inspection could be arranged by the Environmental Health Section to check for compliance with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulation 2019.

Following this inspection any necessary enforcement action would be pursued with the owner(s) of the property.

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**Q45 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the current state of play of the public realm plan for Dolphins Barn junction. This follows a previous question to the Director in July and the publication in September of the *New Dublin Area Bus Network* by Bus Connects. The junction is in need of major improvement, especially at the corner where the Masseys funeral home is, the railing and the narrow turn make it impossible for pedestrians to social distance.

**Reply**

Approval under Part VIII was given to the Dolphin's Barn Village Enhancement Scheme in 2018. The scheme envisages significant improvements to pedestrian facilities in Dolphin's Barn including changes to the junction with SCR.

Usually the next step would be proceed to detailed design and construction (subject to staffing and budgetary resources).

However this project is significantly impacted by the National Transport Authority's Busconnects Project (Core Corridor 9 - Greenhills to City Centre includes Dolphin's Barn Road and Cork Street). It is envisaged that the Part VIII might, in large part, be delivered by Busconnects. Discussions remain ongoing at corporate level between

Dublin City Council and NTA on Busconnects and hence no further work has been undertaken on this scheme.

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**Q46 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services for a specific update on DCC's Covid Mobility Plans for the Inchicore/Kilmainham area. DCC has done excellent work across Dublin in making public realms more 'pandemic proof' but communities outside of the city-centre, such as Kilmainham/Inchicore have yet to be consulted or improved – Inchicore Community Development Group's '[To It, Not Through It](#)' plans for Inchicore village offer a good starting point. Can the Director of Services offer a progress report on plans for a Covid mobility plan for the Inchicore/Kilmainham area?

**Reply**

The report 'To It, Not Through It' was assessed by the Area Engineer. Even though the report mentions retractable bollards and a "bus gate", it was felt this would be an obstruction to the Bus Connects project. Bus Connects have a proposed route through Inchicore called the C Spine Route (C 1, C2, C3, C4) and route numbers 93, 95. This would indicate that Inchicore is a major part of the Bus Connects plans and any such changes as suggested in the report would be obstructive and costly and end up being taken out again in the near future. Therefore it was felt that no major interventions would be installed in the Inchicore / Kilmainham Area at this time. As part of the Covid Mobility Plan for Inchicore, Bollards were placed along the Tyrconnell Road across from Tesco to protect pedestrians using this footpath and aid social distancing by preventing illegal parking on the footpath.

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**Q47 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the Part VIII plans for upgrades to Meath Street. What is the current timeline for the project? Has the Covid economic situation had any impact on the funding for the project?

**Reply**

The Area Office commissioned Haslem & Co Architects in 2018 to develop a concept public realm scheme for Meath Street and Environs. That process included engaging with internal technical department as well as a series of public consultations with businesses and local residents at the end of 2018. The concept plan was produced in 2019.

The Area Office now has corporate approval to advance a more detailed, preliminary design for Meath Street with the assistance of our Roads Design Division. Haslem & Co Architects have again being engaged for design services. Engagement with technical departments is currently ongoing and it is anticipated that a proposal for Meath Street will be brought forward for approval under Part VIII in Q1 2021.

Further progress (to detailed design and construction) will be subject to Corporate Projects Support Office approval and financial provision.

An overview of all public realm projects active in the South West Inner City area is included for the councillor's benefit.

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**Q48 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services what DCC proposes to do to bring many derelict, empty and vacant commercial properties on Emmet Road, Inchicore back into use?

**Reply**

In December 2018 Kilmainham Inchicore Network carried out a survey of Inchicore Village categorising retail premises into NACE economic activities. At that stage 16 of the 64 premises identified were described as vacant. With information from DCC Valuation office ownership of the vacant premises was identified and letters were sent to owners to engage in dialogue around what plans were in place for their premises. The Shop Front Improvement Scheme was in operation and owners were made aware of this opportunity. Local estate agent David Brock offered to engage with owners and help in reletting/reselling, this was outlined to owners.

In December 2019 the number of vacant premises had decreased to 6. Since the Covid – 19 pandemic began the number of vacant properties has increased. Over the last few months owners of vacant properties have been contacted again by KIN asking what their plans are for their premises. Owners have been informed about a new local social Enterprise **D8 Development** that would like to lease vacant premises in their current state; refurbish the premises and sublet them at affordable rates. To date there has been engagement in this process by at least two owners of vacant properties. The process of engagement with vacant and derelict premise owners continues on an ongoing basis.

DCC enforcement office have been informed of premises that are deemed dangerous and the statutory process of engagement commences.

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The Derelict Sites Unit will work with the Area Office to compile a list of the commercial properties on Emmet Road that are considered to be derelict. The Unit will then arrange for inspections of the properties and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of their condition. A report on the findings of the inspections will issue to the Councillor.

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Emmet Road (formerly St. Michael's Estate) Inchicore, is being developed by Dublin City Council (DCC) as pilot cost rental project. Approximately 420 dwellings are proposed for the c.4.9 hectares' site comprising of a mix of 70% cost rental and 30% social housing units, supplemented and supported by retail (including a 2,000 sq. m supermarket), café with outdoor seating and community facilities fronting a new civic space off Emmet Road.



In May 2020, Bucholz McEvoy were appointed as Architect lead for the design, obtaining all statutory consents and delivery on site of a new sustainable neighbourhood of the highest quality.

A planning application in accordance with Part 10, Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) will be lodged with An Bord Pleanála in early 2021. On site development is due to commence in 2022. The development will take a number of years to implement.

The Emmet Road project will act as a catalyst for the regeneration of Inchicore by creating the conditions for market recovery and investment in existing privately owned vacant and derelict retail properties.

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**Q49 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the Hybreasal Estate/Paddocks parking situation. A local agreement, which had been in place for 11 years abruptly ended without prior consultation with residents. In email correspondence from July of this year, the Director confirmed the matter was being dealt with by Traffic. Can an update be provided please?

**Reply**

The decision has been taken to change a section of controlled on-street parking on the South Circular Road, to a Pay and Display & Residential Permit Parking Area, to address the significant issues experienced by residential parking permit holders in the area with respect to parking their vehicles.

A Letter has been sent to the residents association of Hybreasal House informing them that the controlled parking area outside the development will become pay and display parking from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. Having looked, and made enquiries, I can find no evidence of an agreement between Dublin City Council and the residents of Hybreasal House or the Paddocks Developments with respect to on-street parking.

If the residents of the private apartment / housing developments referred to above require a parking provision, I might suggest that they make representations to the relevant management company.

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**Q50 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services if it would be possible to resurface the road in Abercorn Terrace, Inchicore. Residents say surrounding roads, Inchicore Parade and St Patrick's Terrace, were resurfaced ten years ago but that their road has been untouched for some time. This has meant that the surface has considerably deteriorated by comparison. Residents have actively engaged the Council and been told 'next year' for some time. Could the Director provide a timeline for when resurfacing will be carried out?



**Reply**

Road Maintenance recently visited Abercorn Terrace for an inspection and like the previous two years, it will be put forward for consideration in our 2021 resurfacing contract, which I must stress, is entirely based on available funding and budgetary constraints. I will endeavour to have this stretch of carriageway included in our upcoming contract works for next year.

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**Q51 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of services if DCC can offer any clarification as to which body will be responsible for cycle lanes from Lucan road, through Chapelizod and into the city centre. In a recent Bus Connects document it appears that this route will fall under the remit of the NTA, route 6 in their 'Cycle Network Plan' Documentation. If this is the case, will DCC have any input into design etc. and would there be a way for members of the public to make submissions. Can any other information, such as implementation timeframe etc., be offered by DCC?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council has proposals for cycling facilities along the Liffey Corridor and Chapelizod Road that would link Parkgate Street to the City Boundary, linking with the facilities to Palmerstown that have been implemented by South Dublin County Council. The development of these facilities are currently on hold. Facilities along Route 6 of the Busconnects programme will be the responsibility of the National Transport Authority. More information can be obtained on busconnects.ie.

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**Q52 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services if a speed survey has ever been carried out on the Lucan road, Chapelizod, of both east and west bound vehicles? If so, when was the survey carried out and what were the findings? If a speed survey has not been carried out, or was carried out a number of years ago, can a new speed survey be undertaken? If so, when will this take place? If the survey shows excessive speeding of vehicles, can traffic calming measures be investigated?

**Reply**

More information needed about the specific location on the Lucan Road within the Dublin City Council area.

DCC will then arrange for an up to date Speed Survey to be carried out at this location and report back with the findings and recommendations

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**Q53 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services what is the general plan to make Chapelizod a safer village to walk and cycle in the short term, the medium term and the long term?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council will be in contact with the councillor to discuss specific issues regarding the general plan to make Chapelizod a safer village to walk and cycle in the short term, the medium term and the long term

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