

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
09th December 2020

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether, on foot of a request from a local residents association, we could request a review of the lighting along the Canal inside the Luas Line between Suir and Inchicore bridges, with a view to installing low level lights to increase safety and enhance the experience of all who use it. Many people use this facility for walking but the lighting is totally unsuitable for winter time. This is especially important given that during the Pandemic, more people are working from home and need to rely on the local outdoor amenities for physical and mental health activity.

Reply

Dublin City Council recently upgraded the lighting on the north side of the canal from Vincent Street West to Tyrconnell Road. This improvement followed an upgrade a number of years ago from Suir Road to Vincent Street West. The latest improvement means that there is public lighting along the entire north side stretch of the canal from Suir Road to Tyrconnell Road.

Any infrastructural improvements including public lighting to the southern flanks of the Grand Canal at this location are the responsibility of Waterways Ireland.

In the longer term, pedestrians and cyclists will benefit when the premium cycle route from Portobello to Tyrconnell Road is completed over the coming years.

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Q2 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to provide double yellow lines at (*details supplied*)

Reply

This section of parking is strategically placed as a soft traffic calming measure. Cars that are parked here slow traffic down as they have to give way to the oncoming cars.

The Area Engineer will look into the idea of improving visibility by increasing the existing double yellow lines to remove a small section of the parking near the entrance to (*details supplied*) if it is required.

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Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to report on the public lighting along the Canal inside the Luas Line between Suir and Inchicore bridges. It is very dark and puts people off walking this stretch. Appropriate lighting would help secure the area for locals.

Reply

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Q4 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to ask our Roads Department to carry out maintenance works to a manhole on Francis Street which is not fitting its opening properly. A local resident reports the noise as a disturbance at night. It is the first manhole on the left hand side as progressing down Francis Street from Thomas Street/Cornmarket.

Reply

An inspection was carried out on by The Infrastructure Management Unit on 25th November 2020, in response to this question. Noise from Irish Water sluice valves was identified when traffic passed over them. These sluice valves have been referred to Irish Water for immediate attention and repair.

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Q5 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Planning Manager for a report detailing planning permissions applied for and/or granted in respect of Lidl on Thomas Street.

Reply

Please see attached report.

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Q6 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to consider upgrading the traffic lights at the junction of Donore Avenue and South Circular Road. At the moment, the crossroad junction can only be crossed by pedestrians at two locations, rather than four (details provided: excluded crossing highlighted in picture provided).

Given the number of schools located in this area (St Catherine's, Scoil Treasa and Griffith Barracks), the planned redevelopment of the Bailey Gibson/Player Wills and St Teresa's Garden sites and the local Mosque, there is increased footfall in this area that warrants the upgrading of this junction from a pedestrian perspective.

Reply

Ref. No. 7018187

The junction of SCR/Donore Avenue will need to be assessed by the Area Engineer for the installation of a Pedestrian Crossing. The councillor will be advised of the findings by the Traffic Advisory Group in due course

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Q7 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to consider adding yellow boxes, or other relevant measures, to the Donore Avenue/Marrowbone Lane junction on Cork Street. Given the size of this junction, there are issues with exiting from Donore Avenue and Marrowbone lane with cars who catch an orange light and by the time they reach the next pedestrian crossing the light has gone green for pedestrians. This can lead to cars occupying this 'no man's land' space (details provided: see possible yellow boxes in picture provided). Could the Director of Services consider ways to improve this junction, whether that be the speed at which the lights change, or the introduction of a yellow box system to move cars on?

Reply

The Intelligent Transportation Systems section will carry out a review of the operation of the traffic signals at this junction and will issue a follow up response when this review is completed.

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Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for a report and if possible for TAG to find solutions to the serious parking issues on Basin Lane right hand side adjacent to the flat complex? Visibility is extremely compromised for those entering and exiting the complex with the added risks to those children accessing the 3 schools at the top of Basin Lane.

Reply

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) for attention. This issue will be examined by the traffic engineer who will report back to the Traffic Advisory Group. The councillor will be advised of the Traffic Advisory Groups findings in due course

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Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to provide a report on the regular accumulation and blockage of drains at the rear of the residential/commercial units New Street South/Maplas Street? It is a shared drain and as many of the residential units are held by DCC, a communal solution is required.

Reply

The sewers on Malpas Street serving the Old Mill Court were inspected on 25/11/20 and were found to be free-flowing, clear and functioning normally.

The private combined drain in the yard to the rear of the building was however found to be blocked with grease. The bowl of the private outfall manhole from this development appears to be blocked. However, sewage is getting away to the public sewer via the open rodding eye of the outfall manhole. When the trap is cleared and functioning again, a cap needs to be put in the rodding eye to prevent smells in the drains and also to deter rodents from travelling through the manhole. As the issue is on private property, it should be referred to the property owners/management for follow up.

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Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for a copy of “good neighbourhood” policy agreed with (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report was sent to the councillor.

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Q11 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask that the Director of Services to reconsider installing a “School Zone” at Griffith Barracks National School on the SCR. Furthermore that the traffic lights on the SCR-adjacent to Sally’s Bridge be upgraded to include a pedestrian light for safe crossing by the children attending Griffith Barracks.

Reply

The Covid Mobility Team are liaising with the NTA to determine the most appropriate interventions to implement at schools in 50km/h zones. The request for an upgrade to the traffic lights will be assessed by the technical team.

Contact: Antonia Martin, Communication & Promotion Officer,
Covid Mobility Measures
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Q12 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services how parking at (*details supplied*) can be effectively managed and enforced.

Reply

The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to patrol this area to enforce against illegal parking.

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Q13 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if DCC can consider adding a 'Children at Play' sign near St. Catherine's National School off the Donore Avenue (*details supplied*).

Reply

A new School Zone has been introduced at St Catherine's National School on Donore Avenue recently. As part of this upgrade, bollards and new signage have been installed on the surrounding roads on the approach to the school. (*details supplied*). now has new road markings to alert motorists of the new School Zone and a 30Km/hr speed roundels at both ends of the road.

Any more signage would be considered proliferation and not recommended.

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Q14 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update on two sites (*details supplied*), which have both been granted planning permission but continue lie vacant and derelict.

Reply

(1) The Derelict Sites Section has active files on sites at (*details supplied*). The Section sought a firm timeline from the owner on proposals to redevelop the site but has not received a response to date. In the absence of same it is now proposed to take formal action under the Derelict Sites Act and serve a S8(2) Notice of Intention to enter the sites on the Derelict Sites Register on the owner.

(2) The site at (*details supplied*), was declared a derelict site in accordance with Section (3) the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 and a Notice of Intention to enter it on the Derelict Sites Register was served on the owners on 28th October, 2020. The period for making representations has now passed and in the absence of same a S8(7) Notice of Entry on the Derelict Sites Register will now be served on the owners and the site entered on the Derelict Sites Register. A site entered on the Derelict Sites Register incurs a derelict sites levy of 7% of the site's market value, which will continue to apply for as long as it remains entered on the Derelict Sites Register.

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Q15 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services what is the current status of this vacant site (picture provided) is along St. James's Walk/Basin Lane.

The site at 1-4 Brandon Terrace, Dublin 8 (VS-0043) was published on the Vacant Sites Register on 28th July 2017. A Demand for payment of the Vacant Site Levy for 2020, calculated at 7% of the sites market value will be served on the owners of the site in January 2021.



The remainder of the site at St. James's Court Industrial Park, James's Walk, Dublin 8 is currently being investigated for suitability for inclusion on the Vacant Sites Register. This site is complicated by the fact that it is zoned Z9 (to the front of the site) and Z10 (to the rear of the site) and the suitably zoned section of the site Z10 would appear to be landlocked.

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Q16 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on engagement with the EPA and Diageo regarding the excessive noise emanating from its operations at Emmet Buildings/Bonham Street area? Can a copy of Diageo's licence be provided that clearly show the permitted hours of work and the limitations on noise.

Reply

The Diageo facility at St. James's Gate is subject to an Integrated Pollution Control licence from the Environmental Protection Agency. Such licences relate to all potential forms of pollution from the facility including noise. As the Environmental Protection Agency are the enforcing authority in this situation, Dublin City Council does not have jurisdiction in this matter in terms of the enforcement of noise control legislation.

Furthermore, there are provisions for good defences for causing a noise nuisance under Sections 107 and 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 if the noise is in accordance with the terms of an Integrated Pollution Control licence .

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Q17 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To request the Director of Services to ask the Traffic Department whether consideration could be given for the installation of a school zone at the location of the Griffith Barracks national school on the SCR in Dublin 8 and if not, the reasons why. If not what alternative proposals could be made at this location to enhance the safety of children and their guardians who are walking or cycling to school.

Reply

The Covid Mobility Team are liaising with the NTA to determine the most appropriate interventions to implement at schools in 50km/h zones.

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Q18 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to outline whether, in light of the SCR being designated as a prescribed route for construction traffic, whether any traffic risks assessment was carried out for the junction of Brookfield and SCR Road, ahead of

the commencement of construction at the James Hospital site of the new National Children's Hospital and for a copy of the results of said assessment.

Reply

The National Children's Hospital development was lodged as a Strategic Infrastructure Application (SID) with An Bord Pleanála in 2015 and was granted permission subject to conditions in 2016. The following conditions relate to the design of the junctions at James Street and Brookfield/SCR and construction management.

7. Prior to commencement of development the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with, Dublin City Council the following:

(a) Detailed design proposals for all access points to the Saint James's Hospital Campus site being the access off James's Street; the access off Mount Brown and the access off Brookfield Road.

(b) The number and location of CCTV cameras to monitor trip generation at the access points subject of (a) above.

(c) Detailed design proposals for the temporary alignment of the internal access road to form a fourth arm to the South Circular Road/Brookfield Road junction for the construction stage.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable development, traffic safety and to avoid traffic congestion on the adjacent road network.

9. Prior to commencement of development, Construction Management Plans shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, all three planning authorities. Each Construction Management Plan shall include, inter alia, a Construction Traffic Management Plan. In the case of the Saint James's Hospital Campus site, this Construction Traffic Management Plan shall be such as to minimise HGV movements to and from the site between the hours of 0700 and 0900, Monday to Friday.

Reason: To protect the amenities of neighbouring properties and in the interest of traffic and pedestrian safety.

The SID application was accompanied by an EIAR which included chapters on Traffic and Transportation and Construction. This was assessed in detail as part of the application.

The construction management process is an ongoing one which requires regular liaison with Dublin City Council and with Road Works Control Section with particular regard to construction traffic management.

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Q19 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Traffic Department to conduct a review of the traffic and pedestrian light sequence at the junction of Davitt/Suir Road and to make recommendations to enhance the safety of all road users, especially pedestrians and cyclists at this junction.

Reply

The Intelligent Transportation Systems section has carried out a review of the operation of the traffic signals at this junction. This is a complex junction serving pedestrians, cyclists, a number of distinct traffic movements from four signalised approaches, as well as providing priority to public transport modes including bus and the Luas. We have reviewed the phase safety timings and can confirm that they currently meet the required standards.

In addition to these minimum requirements we recently increased the All Red times for movements from Dolphin Road to Suir Road to allow longer time for cyclists to clear the junction before subsequent traffic or Luas phases commence. We also increased the minimum amount of green time that this movement receives so that cyclists have a guaranteed longer length of time to travel from Dolphin Road to Suir Road. As an additional precaution, for pedestrians crossing the signalised crossing on the Suir Road arm of the junction, we have a 4 second delay in place meaning that the pedestrian green man does not come on until 4 seconds after the pedestrian phase commences which allows even longer time for any remaining cars/cyclists to have cleared the junction. Please note there are also sufficiently long all reds in place after the Luas passes through the junction to ensure that the tram line is clear before subsequent traffic phases commence.

Regarding the sequencing of signals or other measures being considered for pedestrians and cyclists - please note that there is currently a design for this junction being progressed by the National Transport Authority as part of the Grand Canal Cycle scheme. We will await the outcome of this design process before making any further changes to the sequencing of signals at this junction.

Please also note that we have referred this query to the Sustainable Mobility and Projects team for comment and they have confirmed that we can expect to have a proposed design for this junction, as part of the Grand Canal Cycle Scheme, from the National Transport Authority by Q1 2021.

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Q20 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To request the Director of Services to ask our Traffic Department to install a green man pedestrian light at the crossing over Donore Avenue for pedestrians coming from the direction and the side of the road of the National Stadium/Dublin Mosque. There are a significant number of school children using this crossing and it is deemed to be unsafe. If it is not possible to install a green man pedestrian light, could the Traffic Manager explain why and make alternative proposals to increase pedestrian, especially child, safety at this junction.

Reply

Ref. No. 7018187

The junction of SCR/Donore Avenue will need to be assessed by the Area Engineer for the installation of a Pedestrian Crossing. The councillor will be advised of the findings by the Traffic Advisory Group in due course

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Q21 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To request the Director of Services to ask our Housing Maintenance section to carry out works at the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*) to include: repair works to kitchen furniture, floor and door; uneven surfaces in the flooring of the unit which present a hazard; holes in the wall which the tenant reports are as a result of works that took place in adjacent unit.

Reply

Housing Maintenance removed the kitchen door after it had been damaged, it has not been replaced yet as there are supply issues with doors due to Covid-19. The door will be replaced as soon as this issue is resolved. There is a step between the hall and living room which cannot be altered, but besides this we are not aware of any uneven surfaces. We are not aware of any holes in the wall, other than holes for service points, these walls are concrete and there have been no adjacent works that would have caused this.

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Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services when will Phase 2 of the insulation programme start in Ballyfermot?

Reply

Phase Two of The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme has already commenced in Ballyfermot with upgrade works carried out in Landen Road, Decies Road, Cremona Road, Ballyreety Road, Thomond Road, O'Moore Road and Ballyfermot Avenue. The Programme is temporarily on hold while we await further funding confirmation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can she confirm, when will the agreed disabled parking bay be installed at (*details supplied*).

Reply

The disabled bay was recommended on the 29/10/2020 and is currently going through the TAG process at present. It is currently with An Garda Síochana to complete the necessary statutory consultation. (This can take up to one month) Once this stage is complete it will go to Manager's Order and the Traffic Officer for installation. We cannot put a timeframe on this but generally the Traffic Officer would prioritise the installation of disabled persons' parking bays.

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Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can she confirm when the pedestrian crossing will be installed at Kylemore Road and Bluebell South?

A pedestrian crossing at the junction of Kylemore Road and Bluebell South is on the Transport Advisory Groups works programme for 2021 as part of the NTA stimulus package. It is anticipated that works will be complete in Q2 or Q3 of 2021.

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Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can she confirm when the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Cherry Orchard Avenue and Blackditch Road will be installed?

Reply

The junction of Cherry Orchard Avenue and Blackditch Road will need to be assessed by the Area Engineer for the installation of a Pedestrian Crossing. The councillor will be advised of the findings by the Traffic Advisory Group in due course.

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Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services how much funding is provided each year for pedestrian crossings and how many crossings does that actually fund?

Reply

In 2020 there was a budget of €250K allocated to the South Central Area for Capital Works. This amount would typically allow us install two pedestrian crossings depending on size and complexity of the site. There would also be funds in the above to cover other minor works.

In 2021, the South Central budget for capital works has not been confirmed however we are working with the NTA to make use of their stimulus package. A number of schemes have already been given outline approval, and we anticipate that funding from the above stimulus package will exceed last year's South Central Area budget.

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Q27 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services when will the traffic calming sign at Cloverhill Drive be erected, it was agreed in 2014?

Reply

On clarification with Cllr Doolan, a "Children at Play" traffic calming sign was agreed at the TAG meeting on 25th June 2019. The Traffic Officer has reported this sign will be installed by early next week.

Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Traffic Advisory Group

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Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can DCC reach an agreement with Irish Rail to ensure the footbridge at Cherry Orchard Avenue is regularly cleaned.

Reply

The Public Domain Officer and The Cherry Orchard Project Manager had a meeting with Irish Rail regarding the upkeep of the Bridge on the 9th July 2020. Subsequently three clean-ups were completed in August, October and November. We discussed improvements to the footbridge and we will continue to keep this on the agenda for 2021. The team responsible for line side cleaning and environmental improvements are regular contact with us and any complaints regarding cleaning have been addressed readily when brought to their attention. We continue to keep up regular communication.

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Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, in noting the serious implications for the future development of Labre Park, will the Director of Services outline what process of consultation has taken place to update Labre Park residents about recent developments, what was the feedback and when will there be further consultation with residents?

Reply

Dublin City Council's Traveller Accommodation Unit and Clúid staff were on site 12th/13th and 17th November to meet with all residents regarding the redevelopment.

Residents are understandably frustrated by the lack of progress to date and the limitation placed on the site due to the flood risk assessment. To their absolute credit, families remained very open to working with Dublin City Council and Clúid Housing Association. Some residents indicated their interest in alternative options for new homes (temporary or permanent) if they are appropriate to their needs. Traveller Accommodation Unit staff are working to progress these options.

Further consultation will take place once all stakeholders are in agreement on the implications of the Flood Risk assessment and the Redevelopment will be paused until then.

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Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please ensure the car park surface at Tesco Ballyfermot Road is repaired / resurfaced as needed and regular cleansing takes place particularly in the vicinity of the bottle bank.

Reply

Waste Management Services regularly clean and remove dumped rubbish from the above mentioned car park, particularly in the vicinity of the bottle bank. We will continue to do all we can to keep this location as clean as possible.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

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Arrangements will be made to have the car park inspected and any necessary defects logged for repair by DCC Road Maintenance Services.

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Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the vegetation growing from The Gaels Park out onto the public footpath at Drumfinn Avenue, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, which is under the management of SDCC be cut back before an eye is taken out. I am asking the Director of Services to request SDCC do the work before Christmas.

Reply

Parks can liaise with SDCC in relation to the matter outlined above.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that "Children at Play" signs be erected at the Park end of Drumfinn Avenue, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, from 111 up to 147 Drumfinn and a couple of signs at Cleggen Park towards the sharp corner with Drumfinn Avenue.

Reply

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) for attention. This issue will be examined by the traffic engineer who will report back to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the Traffic Advisory Groups decision in due course.

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Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that dog poo bins be erected in the Lawns Park and Markievicz Parks, Ballyfermot, and at the DCC entrance to the Gaels Park, Gurteen Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Dog poo is spoiling our Parks and is a serious health issue.

Reply

The installation of dog fouling bins has ceased as they were being used for both general litter and dog foul and their limited capacity meant that this led to the regular overflowing of the bins between servicing. Dog walkers in these areas can use the standard litter bins to dispose of their dog waste.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

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Parks have bins in the above mentioned parks and have a policy that any bin will do when it comes to dog litter.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to implore the Parks Department to please clear out to heavy vegetation from the small grassed area outside no`s 26 to 34 Clifden Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

Reply

Parks will arrange to have the undergrowth cleared out from the above location early in the new-year.

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Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure whatever utilities left the public footpaths outside No 122 Drumfinn Avenue, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, in a shocking state with poor repairs please be asked to make good all there works. I cannot believe it was left the way it was.

Reply

An inspection was carried out on by The Infrastructure Management Unit on 26th November 2020, in response to this question. The damaged area of concrete outside 122 Drumfinn Avenue is a Gas Networks Ireland utility reinstatement. It appears that it was subjected to vehicular traffic prior to necessary curing of the fresh concrete. This area of footpath has been referred to Gas Networks Ireland for repair.

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Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that consideration be given for the installation of a yellow box on the road way outside the small pedestrian gate at St Louise's School, Drumfinn Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, which faces the Rosaveal Court Older Persons complex. The school principal has asked that the work be done as cars travel up the small access road and block the entrance where a child with mobility problems has to get in and out of school.

Reply

Contact will be made with the School Principal to arrange the best location of a Disabled Bay outside the School.

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Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services what improvements are proposed for Turvey Avenue Park, Inchicore, Dublin 8. I recently spoke to a lady who does environmental improvements here and she was looking for the tarmac kick about area to be replaced, goals replaced and good planting on this lovely pocket park.

Reply

Parks have recently organised, with assistance from the Area Office, to have the kickabout resurfaced, and have re-placed the goalposts. Parks are familiar with the environmental group working in this park and have donated bulbs etc to them and have supported their efforts at litter picks etc.

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Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please tell me the costs to date which we have incurred in St. James Graveyard, James Street, Dublin 8, in its rehabilitation. Who owns the graveyard and what access will the general public have to visit this important graveyard and who will maintain it?

Reply

There were approximately 170 memorials repaired with the final account of about €200,000.00 ex. VAT. It includes significant conservation repairs to the large Toby Butler monument and emergency repairs to prevent further deterioration and make safe a large number of other memorials. It also encompasses repairs to the most urgent areas of the graveyard wall including vegetation removal, capping repairs, filling of voids, repointing and in-filling of two sections using salvaged brick all with lime and sand mortar.

The graveyard is owned by Dublin City Council and is currently unsafe to the general public due to uneven ground conditions. Accompanied access for family members of those interred in the graveyard and interested parties can be arranged by contacting Parks and Landscape Services. There is advanced plans for Phase 2 works to improve accessibility and presentation of the graveyard for the visitor when funding is available.

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Landscapes Service

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Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Director of Services please ensure that traders cannot leave overfilling bins in lanes adjoining their businesses. I am aware of filth and dirt constantly being left out in public view in (*details supplied*). There is a concern some of this waste may not be going to approved sources. Can we remind them of their responsibility to store and present waste in a proper matter without leaving the lane in a poor state?

Reply

The public domain officer has requested waste enforcement to conduct a waste audit on (*details supplied*). The area will be monitored and appropriate action taken.

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Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Director of Services please look at what options are available to discourage the horrific levels of through traffic in the Ballyfermot area and that a traffic count be done in January / February 2021 in order to determine the true extent of traffic movements.

Reply

Due to Ballyfermot being a large geographical area, the Area Engineer would need a list of specific roads and issues that are causing major concerns in order to process this request.

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