

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th January 2021

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the windows inspection that was carried out at the home of our tenant (*details supplied*). The tenant was told on foot of the inspection that she needed new windows and I am wondering when we can expect that her windows will be replaced.

It is current policy within Housing Maintenance to replace windows in Oliver Bond under the Voids Refurbishment Framework.

Reply

It is current policy within Housing Maintenance to replace windows in Oliver Bond under the Voids Refurbishment Framework.

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

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Email: frankq.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services what plans there are to reinstate/replace the Anne Devlin mural that was situated at Carmans Hall prior to recent development?

Reply

The 'Anne Devlin' mural was painted on the gable end of No 58 Meath Street which was demolished on foot of development permitted under Reg. Ref: 3985/17 (granted on appeal). There were no conditions relevant to the artwork. Requests to incorporate new artwork into the scheme would need to be made directly to the developer of the scheme, Salamisso Developments.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Local Enterprise Officer, South Central Area

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Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to carry out an inspection of the heating system/radiators at the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*) with a view to carrying out any necessary maintenance, repairs or upgrade so as to improve their output.

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection to be carried out to the heating system at this property and all necessary works will be carried out.

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

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Email: frankq.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether we could offer (*details supplied*), a 2 bed unit at the new development in Raleigh Square, Crumlin. They are currently in a three bed flat in Dolphin House and are looking for a transfer to a two bed in senior citizen housing. They need the extra bedroom because (*details supplied*) is on oxygen at

night and (*details supplied*) can't sleep with the noise of the machine. I believe we have previously offered them a two bed in the new development in Dolphin House but they felt that the position of the apartment was very vulnerable as it was at ground level and very exposed to the potential for groups of people congregating outside the door.

Reply

The above applicants are on the Housing Transfer Older List, with an application date of 09/09/1998, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area K	1	2
Area L	1	1

The applicant should remain in contact with the Allocations team in the Housing and Allocations.

It is noted that the applicants recently refused an offer of a 2 bed property in Dolphin House. The applicants will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet their household need becomes available

With regard to the properties in Raleigh Square, these properties have all been allocated and currently there is no availability of 2 bed properties within this complex.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

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Q5 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for a report on 4 bed units in the South Central Area to include numbers on the list for 4 beds, properties currently under acquisition or construction or refurbishment.

Reply

Housing Allocations:

Please see below the number of applicants on the 4 bed list for the South Central Area which would cover parts of Area J, K and L -

October 2020 COMBINED Waiting List figures by Bedsizes Req						
Bedsizes Required	Area J	Area K	Area L	Grand Total		
4 Bed	52	82	35	169		
Grand Total	52	82	35	169		

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

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Housing Acquisitions:

The Acquisitions Section has purchased three four bedroom properties within the last two years in the South Central Area. A further two four bedroom properties have been acquired through the Approved Housing Body Section in Dublin City Council.

The Acquisitions Section is not in negotiations to purchase any 4 x bedroom properties in the South Central Area at this time.

Contact: *Dymphna Farrell, SEO, Housing Development*
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Housing Maintenance

There are no void 4 beds in SCA at the moment.

Contact: *Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance*
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Q6 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services what plans are in place to link Bridgefoot Street and Brunswick Street cycle infrastructures - will these plans provide for cycle infrastructure on Queen Street or is there another route planned.

Reply

It is proposed to upgrade cycling facilities from Stoneybatter to Liffey via Queen Street and to upgrade existing facilities along Bridgefoot Street.

Contact: *Christopher K Manzira, Senior Executive Engineer.*
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Q7 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on Labre Park, including feedback from the consultation with residents and options to mitigate against any future flooding on the site.

Reply

Any future plans will have to adequately address the risk of flooding on the site. While it is understood that the residents' strong preference is for a full redevelopment we are continuing to work with all the partners to ensure we provide alternatives.

Contact: *Mary Hayes, Executive Manager, Housing & Community*
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Q8 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services that she ensures the contractor who cuts the grass on both sides of Kylemore Road does not cut away all the budding daffodils.

Reply

The contractor who cuts the grass in this area has been reminded of the presence of bulbs growing in this location.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*
Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services what are the plans to remove weeds on Sperrin Road?

Waste Management Services will arrange to have weed removal carried out at this location in the coming weeks.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the URDF for Cherry Orchard and to confirm when the funding will be made available?

Reply

Dublin City Council are awaiting a response from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government regarding the URDF 2020 bid.

Contact: Fiona Cooper, Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Development

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Q11 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council please look at ongoing problems with the operation of bottle banks in many of our communities. From my knowledge and observation, there appears to be a problem with proper maintenance and servicing of these facilities. Tesco Ballyfermot is a prime example and waste can be on the surface of the carpark for a couple of days before being sorted out.

Reply

Unfortunately, illegal dumping continues to be problematic at recycling facilities across the city. Since the pandemic began, we have been experiencing unprecedented and extraordinary levels of recycling and illegal dumping. Despite regular servicing, bottle and especially clothes banks often refill within hours and unfortunately people continue to dispose of items illegally as a result.

Rehab/Glassco endeavour to service and clean all bottle bank locations on a daily basis. However, this is not always possible due to the sheer volume of glass that is currently being recycled. Waste Management Services personnel also regularly clean around recycling facilities and continue to attend to reports of illegal dumping.

Unfortunately, our textile service provider has been experiencing difficulties due to the pandemic and we are currently working with them to address these issues. A review of our textile recycling service has just been completed and we intend to implement a number of changes on a phased basis beginning in Q1 2021.

Waste Management Services are also currently investigating the potential to introduce Quick Response reporting and details of collection schedules to on-street recycling facilities.

Contact: Sid Daly, Public Domain Enforcement Officer Waste Management Services.

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Email: sid.daly@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council please look again at what enforcement, if any, we have in the aesthetically poor development built in the late 1980`s (*details supplied*). From day one, the area has had a problematic relationship with the local community in relation to maintenance of the car park and general cleansing of the vicinity. I regret to say over the Christmas period the private area was filthy. Local residents who work tirelessly to keep Le Fanu Road clean are at their wits end to know what, if anything, can be done and would love a meeting with DCC by Zoom to see if we can get a strong commitment from the owners to maintain the area on a daily basis.

Reply

The Management Company responsible for maintaining the public areas is no longer trading and each unit is privately leased. Having spoken to the business community, it is my understanding that they keep their own premises clean however, there is a lot of littering from street drinkers and pedestrian traffic. Public Domain supported a clean-up operation in October to assist the hard pressed business community. The area most frequently littered is outside the remit of the Bye Laws for the prevention and control of litter (vicinity 50m either side of premises) however I will make further contact to garner support from the business community operating there to work together with Waste Management to alleviate the situation.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
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Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services has Dublin City Council sought possible cheaper options for the placement of mobile CCTV cameras to deter fly-tipping of waste in our communities. There is a small group who continually dump and it appears they do it with the knowledge they will never be caught. I and many others feel if a few were caught and mentioned in the media it will start a process of reversing this disgraceful practice of a few in our communities. Signage / a confidential line could be the start of empowering communities against this anti-social practice.

Reply

As a result of a tender competition for the provision of CCTV equipment for the purposes of capturing incidents of illegal dumping, a suitable contractor was secured and a Framework Agreement was put in place in December 2019.

In order to take enforcement action, it is necessary to be able to identify an alleged offender, which can be by either using vehicle registration details from CCTV footage or linking evidence from waste found to a name and address. GDPR prevents us from using private personal details in the media.

When details of the location are forwarded to the contact below, signage will be arranged.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.
Tel: 222 4243
Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please explain how a Take-Away can operate without any proper storage facilities for waste? I am aware that waste is left in lane-ways outside shops etc. much to determinant of the local area.

Reply

There are many commercial facilities throughout the city that do not have distinct waste storage facilities. These generally avail of 7 day waste collection services available to them as commercial operations in order to dispose of their waste on an ongoing basis or they have the use of commercial bins that are stored in the immediate locality including where appropriate in rear access laneways for example. Where the storage of such commercial bins is not managed and maintained to an acceptable standard Dublin City Council may pursue action under its Waste Bye Laws to have the commercial bins removed or managed in a way that does not lead to litter.

Commercial waste may be presented for collection after 5pm for collection on any day on which a collection is due that evening or in the next morning in the same manner that households may present their waste for collection prior to the designated collection day.

Waste should not be stored on the footpath indefinitely or in a manner that will create litter and if waste is stored in this way Dublin City Council may pursue action under the Waste Bye Laws or Litter Pollution Act as appropriate.

If there are specific premises that are of concern the Litter Prevention Officer can be contacted to arrange for these premises to be investigated by the Litter Warden Service.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.

Tel: 222 4237.

Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request our Traffic Department to look at the following query. I have asked on a number of occasions what measures DCC can take to deter through traffic in Chapelizod Village. Over the past couple of years, the area has become a traffic bottleneck as people avoid using the M50 motorway with its toll charges. A local resident, a doctor, has mentioned to me a number of accidents as people fail to stop at pedestrian lights etc. DCC needs to look at operating a contra flow system in the village to discourage these heavy volumes of traffic and, as the OPW often close off the Phoenix Park to through traffic. This only adds to the problems for residents of Chapelizod Village.

Reply

There are no current plans to operate a contra flow system to deter traffic through Chapelizod village. However, there are proposals to provide safer cycling facilities along the route. This may necessitate the introduction of measures such as a shuttle system to create space for cyclists. Such measures would also result in making the route less attractive for rat-running. There are no details of the proposed cycling scheme available at this stage.

With regards to people failing to stop at pedestrian lights, the pedestrian crossing will be reviewed in the coming weeks to determine if engineering intervention is required.

Ref. No. 7018568

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group

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Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson

I am aware Chapelizod Residents Association are looking for co-operation from Dublin City Council Parks Dept. for the development of a wildflower garden for pollinators at the entrance to Liffey Valley Park at the bypass bridge. The area, whilst a wild area, is not used for any real purpose, however our Parks Dept. cut back the grass on a regular basis. The area is 55m long by 3 m wide. The secretary of Chapelizod Residents Association has approached three local schools to work on a project to plant sustainable pollinators and manage the facility;- St Patricks Chapelizod, St Raphaels Ballyfermot and the Model School Inchicore. I am aware DCC have promised a small grant towards the project, and our Parks Dept. has done some bulb planting recently at this location. I would ask that, if successful, DCC would consider 3 bee hives behind the metal railing, one for each school here to solidify the project and promote sustainability of the project called the **BEE LOUD GLADE**.

Reply

Parks are aware of proposals for the BEE LOUD GLADE. The strip in question is adjacent to a busy thoroughfare and Parks would not support the suggestion for school children to plant it. There were bulbs also planted inside the entrance to Liffey Valley Park from St. Lawrence's Road and Parks would suggest that this would be a more suitable location for children to carry out pollinator planting/enhancements. Given the current restrictions, this project may need to be postponed until later in the year. Similarly, while the proposal for a bee hive is one Parks would be in favour of, it may be better positioned in the nearby allotments on the north side of the river, also in Liffey Valley Park.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3144

Email: brid.brosnan@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look into (*details supplied*) who is selling his apartment. There is a problem now that the certificate of compliance from approx. 29th of March 2005 is missing from his DCC file. Can we source this document, which he is happy to pay for if necessary? However, the omission of the document is stopping the sale going through.

Reply

The Councillor withdrew this question as the issue has been resolved.

Contact: Cora Roche A/Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area Office

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Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please give me a breakdown of the numbers on our housing list for the following areas;- Dublin 20, Dublin 10 and Dublin 12, with family sizes and waiting periods if possible and the time on list for those housed in the above areas in 2020.

Reply

Please find attached figures as requested, the areas included are Area J and Area L as Dublin 20, Dublin 10 and Dublin 12 would come under these areas. With regard to the family size this is only reported on for the Housing List.

Dublin City Council do not report in respect of how long an applicant is on the housing list prior to being housed.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

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Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please ensure that the Drimnagh area does not have a repetition of the serious weed problem encountered in the community last year with the ending of weed spraying? I have never had so many complaints about a single issue as this issue and we need to be much more pro-active with the problem this year. I regret the same issue applies for many areas in the South Central Area.

Reply

The Weed programme rolled out over late summer and Autumn was innovative in using super heated foam spray to kill weeds and sterilise seeds reducing the next season's growth. This should have a positive impact in the Drimnagh area where efforts were concentrated. Many of the initial challenges associated with introducing a new method of control have been addressed and delivery of service should be more streamlined and timely for the successive years of the contract. It must be noted that there are contractual and budgetary constraints. The SCA has an allocation of 43km any additional treatments would require additional funding.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area

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Reply

The following strategy will be employed in relation to the control of weeds on public roads.

Strategy for the Control of Weeds on Dublin City Council's Road Network 2020 to 2024

As part of Dublin City Council's commitment to eliminate its reliance on the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide for the control of weeds on its road network, an assessment of alternative products and methods for weed control has been carried out and a plan has been developed to cover the period 2020 to 2024.

This plan comprises three key elements:

Eliminate the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide.

Use of alternative weed treatments on all **residential** roads approximately 800km over **a three year cycle**.

The development of a strategy to involve local communities in the removal of weeds from 10% of the road network.

A tender competition was undertaken in 2020. The contract award criteria for this competition was designed to encourage applicants to put forward innovative, environmentally friendly and cost effective alternatives for the treatment and removal of weeds from our roads.

Dublin City Council appointed a contractor (Greentown Environmental) for the purpose of removing weeds from the road network in 2020. There is an option in this Contract to allow use of this contractor for three further periods of one year to cover 2021 / 2022/ 2023.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions the contractor only commenced works on 30th July 2020. The contractor used an innovative process/ product called 'Foamstream'. This involved the application of hot water, sugar and natural oils to the weeds and is an alternative to the use of 'Glyphosate' based products. Note in 2019 only 10 to 15% of roads were treated.

The appointed contractor is managed by the Area Offices, who will agree with the contractor a programme for weed treatment and removal and the particular methods to be employed on individual roads and streets across the City and its suburbs.

In 2020 Dublin City Council had a budget of €317,000 including VAT available for the treatment of weeds using this contract. This budget did not make it possible to treat every road in Dublin City Council.

As this plan represents a departure from the methods previously employed by the Dublin City Council to control weeds, its implementation and effectiveness will be monitored on an ongoing basis and if necessary, consideration will be given to revising the plan as appropriate and in the interest of maintaining the City Council's road network to a high standard.

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Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services request that Dublin City Council look at doing a generic environmental leaflet / magazine for each of our areas, which have serious problems with waste, scrambler bikes and other forms of anti-social behaviour? This publication could be time neutral with an inset, which has the capacity to empower local residents with contact details on who to report anti-social behaviours etc. Talking to residents they sometimes feel powerless to promote positive change, hence we need to empower people with knowledge on an occasional basis.

Reply

Waste Management and South Central Public Domain are primarily using social media to draw attention to issues and initiatives at present rather than producing a costly and resource heavy publication that would need to be sustained with new content on a regular basis. Any public domain issue can be reported directly on Fix my Street application on the Dublin City Council website or by using the following link <http://www.dublincity247.ie/> Alternatively you can also email the following address; southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

Local community publications are also frequently used to inform communities of area based initiatives or important useful information. Useful contacts can certainly be included in these online publications.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
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Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that DCC please ensure the tree severely leaning onto the public road outside (*details supplied*) along Gurteen Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, is removed and re-planted. I saw a potential serious accident happen here recently with a truck travelling down Gurteen Park. DCC said they would remove it a couple of months ago.

Reply

Parks will arrange for the tree at the above location be removed. The replanting in the same location may be difficult, depending on the amount of services etc are found in the pit, there are also overhead wires which will limit long term success of any tree replanted. It would be more advantageous to plant in the adjacent green, where trees will have space to thrive. Parks will arrange for planting at this location in the coming season.

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

Q22 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the regeneration of Dolphin House.

Reply

Dublin City Council officials have engaged collaboratively over the last number of months in discussions with representatives of the Dolphin House Regeneration Board.

The discussions were constructive and intensive and both sides hope to presently announce a recommitment to working together in partnership and to secure agreement for a revised masterplan for the future regeneration of Dolphin House.

Contact: Dave Dinnigan, Executive Manager
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Q23 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide any information on the roll out of future community crèche schemes. I understand that DCC have involvement in just two facilities at the moment: the Crumlin Childcare facility and Liberty Park Crèche. Are there further plans to roll out similar such services, which are sorely needed?

Reply

Dublin City Council has no plans at present to directly fund future community crèche facilities. An element of one-off funding may from time to time be paid for a specific purpose or as part of a multi-agency initiative. For information, the Dublin City Childcare Committee CLG (DCCC), established in 2002, is one of 30 City and County Childcare Committees operating nationally and is funded directly by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DECDIY) to develop, support and enhance early childhood services within the remit of Dublin City. DCCC is the first point of contact for anyone seeking advice, information or support in relation to early childhood care and education within Dublin City.

Contact: *Dáithí Downey, Senior Executive Officer, Strategy and Research*
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Q24 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if DCC's Historian in Residence could prepare a report on the history of urban horse culture in the Liberties.

Reply

Libraries management will take account of this request in the context of the historians-in-residence programme of work for 2021.

Contact: *Brendan Teeling, Dublin City Library & Archive*
Tel: 087 6184734
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide the number of public bins in the South West Inner City. Could you also provide a map of the bins, which would serve to indicate how far bins are from one another and highlight 'black spots'. I have personally noticed and received some queries on the lack of public bins, specifically for dog walkers seeking to appropriately bin dog waste.

Reply

There are currently 161 public litter bins in the old South West Inner City Electoral Areas comprising Merchants Quay, Ushers Quay and Killmainham electoral districts.

There is an open data map of all bin locations in the city available on the Dublin City Council open data hub at the following link that can be accessed at any time <https://data.smartdublin.ie/dataset/dcc-public-bin-locations> . This provides an interactive map of all bin locations in the city. There are also data tables available in the same location of the bin locations broken down by electoral district. It is not possible to provide this level of detail in a scanned or printed map.

Contact: *Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.*
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Q26 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to outline the Executive's position on an application made by Heyday Student Accommodation, Carman's Hall, the Liberties for a temporary change of use from student to tourist/visitor accommodation until the end of the 2022 academic year. Similar proposals have been granted permission until May 2021 but this would be the first of its kind to get temporary permission until May 2022. Can the Director of Services make a comment on the matter?

Reply

The current application 3767/20 was lodged on the 19th of November 2020 was for the temporary use of part of the approved student accommodation as tourist or visitor accommodation until May 2022. As the application is currently being assessed by the Case Officer it would be inappropriate to make any comments until a determination has been made on the proposal.

Contact: *Greg Bryan Administrative Officer*

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Q27 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update on allowing local community access to a currently gated garden at Rialto Cottages 30-45. I understand this is already receiving welcome attention from the Area Office. With further lockdown restrictions expected to last for the weeks (months) ahead, this under-utilised greenspace would be a welcome addition for the local community to have access to.

Reply

The plot of ground in question appears to be in the ownership of a former owner of *(detail supplied)*. Enquiries are ongoing however until such time as ownership has been established, Dublin City Council has no authority to permit access to the garden area mentioned.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to provide a report on the progress to date regarding the installation of windows for the Thomas Court complex?

Reply

Housing Maintenance are trying to expedite the works here, however the project is currently with the Planning Department, and we are awaiting approval from the Conservation Architect.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie
[Tel:222 3517](tel:2223517)

Q29 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services what measures have been agreed for School Zones in 50km/h areas and how quickly they can be rolled out.

Reply

The NTA do not support the installation of School Zones in 50km/h zones as outlined in the Section 5 of the NTA School Zone Design Principles:

5. Where School Zones treatments should be applied?

School Zones are suitable on the following roads:

- Local roads and some link roads as defined by DMURS;
- Roads with one lane or less in each direction;
- Where illegal parking at school time is an issue;
- Where vehicular speeds of 30kph are desirable;
- Where actual vehicular speeds are already 30kph or where School Zone traffic management elements are likely to bring speeds down to 30kph.

DCC and the NTA are working together to determine what is the most appropriate interventions for schools in 50km/h zones. Assessments have been carried out on a number of schools in 50km/h zones and the intervention measures proposed vary depending on the unique characteristics at each location.

We are also identifying those schools which lie within the 30 kph zones as per the 30kph consultation in 2020 which unfortunately was not accepted by the elected members. These schools will be included in the next round of consultation for 30 kph speed limits.

Contact: Antonia Martin. Communication & Promotion Officer, Covid Mobility Measures

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Email: covidmobility@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for a report on the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Madison Rd/SCR to provide security and safety as this section of the main thoroughfare.

Reply

The section of the South Circular Road between the junctions of Suir Road and Brookfield Road is over 500m without a crossing point, a detailed assessment will need to be carried out by the Area Engineer with regards installing a signalised pedestrian crossing point.

The junction of Madison Road/SCR will be included in this assessment and the ideal location will be chosen subject to the above review. The Area Engineer will also look at measures other than a pedestrian crossing to make the junction of Madison Road/SCR safer for pedestrians and motorists. The councillor will be advised of the findings by the Traffic Advisory Group in the coming months.

Ref. No. 7018570

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group

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Q31 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on solutions to the area at Pimlico cul-de-sac which is blighted with constant illegal dumping and if the rubbish has been forensically inspected for identification of the culprits - if CCTV can be utilised at Pimlico to deter this?

Reply

A flier with useful information has been posted to all households in the cul-de-sac and those fronting on to Pimlico giving householders an opportunity to familiarise themselves with their obligations and responsibilities under Presentation and Segregation of household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws 2018.

The next phase of compliance programme for this area is to request information from each householder on how they dispose of their domestic waste. This will be completed in due course.

Pimlico cul-de-sac is inspected on a daily basis by the Litter Warden who has reported that two to three bags of illegally dumped waste are removed on a regular basis. The Litter Warden has searched the bags for evidence in order to link the bag with a name and address and has not been successful to date so therefore no enforcement action could be taken. Information available to Dublin City Council would suggest illegally dumped waste is emanating from local households and is mostly pedestrian in nature.

CCTV is generally deployed in areas where vehicles are used in the commission of an offence. In this location, a privacy impact assessment indicated that CCTV would capture images of private residences thereby breaching GDPR.

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Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer, Waste Management Services
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Q32 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the works at Myra Close regarding the instalment of visually agreeable railings here?

Reply

Housing Maintenance will be engaging a contractor to install palisade fencing at Myra Close in the coming weeks and anticipate that the works will be completed by the end of Q1 2021.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
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Q33 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the Quaker burial ground and the Weir Home for Nurses at Cork St be designated an Architectural Conservation Area.

Reply

The Quaker Burial Ground and the Weir Home for Nurses at Cork Street, Dublin 8 is designated a protected structure on Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The reference number is 2054 with an address at 104 Cork Street, Dublin 8, and the description reads 'Former James Weir Home'

The Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities publication <https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Architectural-Heritage-Protection-Guidelines-for-Planning-Authorities-2011.pdf> explains the appropriate application of the designation of Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas

A structure is defined by the Planning and Development, Act 2000 (as amended) as 'any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or any part of a structure'. In relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, the meaning of the 'structure' is expanded to include:

a) the interior of the structure;

- b) the land lying within the curtilage of the structure;
- c) any other structures lying within that curtilage and their interiors, and
- d) all fixtures and features which form part of the interior or exterior of the above structures.

Architectural Conservation Area legislation may be used to protect the following:

- a) groups of structures of distinctiveness or visual richness or historical importance;
- b) the setting and exterior appearance of structures that are of special interest, but the interiors of which do not merit protection;
- c) the setting of a protected structure where this is more extensive than its curtilage;
- d) designed landscapes where these contain groups of structures as in, for example, urban parks, the former demesnes of country houses and groupings of archaeological or industrial remains;
- e) groups of structures which form dispersed but unified entities but which are not within the attendant grounds of a single dominant protected structure.

The site is also included on the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) DU 0018-020503. The description reads; *A walled burial ground, square in plan and accessible centrally from Cork Street is situated on the N side of the street. The E portion of the graveyard is utilised as a car-park for the adjacent property, formerly known as the James Weir Home for Nurses. Within the burial ground are small clusters of recumbent memorials, mainly mid-19th century in date, set in a lawn. A single upright grave marker survives close to the vehicular entrance to the site. Mature trees bound the parking area at the E and there are others along the wall at W. In 1901 a plan was drawn in advance of the construction of the Home for Nurses (see attached) referring to the Burial Ground of the Religious Society of Friends, indicating the then location of 18 gravestones and whom they memorialise. According to published sources (Butler, 2004) the graveyard was in existence in the 1690's.*

The designation of this structure the former James Weir Home and its curtilage site which including the Quaker Burial Ground as a protected structure and listed on the RMP offers the most comprehensive protection for this historically, architecturally and archaeologically significant site.

The Conservation Section of DCC have been engaging with the site owner in recent times. We had an offer of Built Heritage Investment Scheme funding in place in 2020 to carry out essential structural conservation works to the burial ground's historic boundary. However, timescales relating to procurement prevented the owners from availing of this grant funding and we intend to engage with the owners to pursue grant assisted conservation works in 2021 in line with the conservation plan for the site.

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Q34 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to schedule a hard pruning of trees at Ceannt Fort in the upper car park prior to Spring growth?

Reply

Pruning at this location has been planned, but commencement of work will be delayed due to Covid-19 related restrictions .

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*

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Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to replace the public light standard tops with the old swan neck type in the unique Ceannt Fort estate.

Reply

There are no plans to replace the existing public light standard tops with the old swan neck type at this time. However under our Lighting Upgrade Project being delivered over the next five years or so where all lights will be upgraded to LED lights the existing tops referred to will be replaced with swan neck type brackets.

Contact: *Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,
Public Lighting Services,*

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Q36 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can DCC please organise for the repair of the gates in to the Rossaveal Court senior citizen complex and be upgraded to include a manual release system? They were changed to a fob 8 months ago and have broken down on a number of occasions. There is no manual release system and residents are concerned if they break down during a power outage there will be no way in or out.

Reply

Housing Maintenance have contacted the company who looks after these gates and they have confirmed that there is a manual release function installed in these gates. One of the residents already has a set of keys to do this.

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

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Tel: 222 3517

Q37 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services that in order to combat the increase in illegal dumping black spots in Cherry Orchard, can DCC; ensure that the contractors remove the illegal dumping on green spaces in a more timely fashion, extra street cleaning is provided and extra resources are provided to remove illegal dumping of footpaths and roads?

Reply

Waste Management cleaning operations in the Cherry Orchard area Monday to Friday consist of a daily collection of illegally dumped material, daily servicing of all litter bins, litter picking, regular mechanical sweeping and prompt response to customer requests received through Dublin City Councils CRM system.

There is a limited service of litter bins at weekends.

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

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Parks staff pick litter in the parks in Cherry Orchard daily. Contractors pick the litter in the green and open spaces in Cherry Orchard once per week as per the contract.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*
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Q38 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services in light of the serious leaks and dampness in Ceadarbrooke, which affects City Council tenants, private rented sector tenants and home owners, will the DCC contact the management company requesting that a major repair plan is actioned to carry out the necessary works as soon as possible?

Reply

DCC Housing Maintenance have contacted the Management Company and we are awaiting on more information back.

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Q39 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services what is the rota and frequency for DCC staff and contractors removing illegal dumping on footpaths, roads and green spaces in Cherry Orchard.

Reply

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Parks staff pick litter and remove illegal dumping in the parks in Cherry Orchard daily. Contractors pick the litter in the green and open spaces in Cherry Orchard once per week as per the contract.

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