



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD AT 2.30PM ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2021 ON ZOOM**

- 1 Presentation on Planning Application Reference Number 3972/20**  
**Taken with Motions 4, 11 and 14.**  
**Order: Noted. Councillors wished to have their objections to the planning application recorded and were advised that any observations or recommendations cannot be taken into account in the determination of the planning application unless formally submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations.**
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2021**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 3 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**

  - i. Verbal update on Strand Road Cycleway.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - iii. Road Maintenance South East Area Works Programme 2021.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 Planning and Property Development Department Matters**

  - i. Report on proposal to initiate a variation of the Development Plan 2016 – 2022, Ballsbridge Hotel site, Pembroke Road, Dublin 4. For noting.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 5 Culture, Recreation and Emergency Services Department Matters**

  - i. Report on proposed tree works at Brickfields Park, Drimnagh.  
**Order: Noted.**

## South East Area Office Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development of 148 apartments at 1,3,5,7,9,11 Eglinton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4: Plás Eglinton / Eglinton Place.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- iii. Report on proposed revisions to approved naming and numbering scheme in a mixed use development at Cearnóg Charlemont/Charlemont Square, Dublin 2.  
**Order: Deferred to March SEAC meeting pending contacting the applicant asking if Tom Kelly could be referenced somewhere in the naming scheme.**
- iv. Draft Discretionary Fund 2021 for approval.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**

### **Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests the Manager to investigate with the various courier and distribution companies the possibility of developing an ECargo delivery depot (similar to one in Prague) with universal charging and showering facilities and which could possibly be located in part of a DCC car park or other such available premises.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

That the Manager would bring forward the long promised Belmont Avenue Traffic Plan.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Early Last Autumn this LAC agreed a motion that funding be made in the 2021 budget to repair and resurface Clareville Road. Details below will show the serious and unsafe state of this main thoroughfare. Therefore, that this meeting be made aware of when this work will be carried and to verify that the funding has been made available as agreed by this meeting.

"I'm wondering if you can help us with a solution to the condition of the road surface on Clareville Road which has steadily deteriorated since I was last in touch. It really is appalling and has been badly and irregularly patched in places over the years with no comprehensive resurfacing done, certainly not since we moved here over 6 years ago. I attach photos from directly outside my house (between the junction of Kenilworth Park and Westfield Road) which show the current state of that stretch of road.

Even in lockdown, Clareville Road is a very busy road-not quite the gridlock we see on it in normal times-but it is in constant heavy use with the 83, 83A and 18 buses and a steady flow of cars. Despite the fact that it is a main road, a busy road and a heavy use road, there is little investment in it in general and it shows. The most pressing element of that neglect is the appalling road surface-would you be able to escalate this within DCC so that it can be properly resurfaced and then properly maintained thereafter?

We would very much appreciate anything you can do on this, Mary. I look forward to hearing from you and just to say again that our parking solution is truly a game changer for us. It's such a pleasure to be able to park on the road again."

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Item 1 and Motions 11 and 14**

Further to my earlier motion some months ago requesting an update from ESB regarding their commitment to development their properties on Fitzwilliam Street Lower and Mount Street into apartments, it is now agreed that the ESB be invited to a meeting to give us an update on the above and also to bring us up to date on the reopening of their museum on the corner of Fitzwilliam Street and Mount Street.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of DCC calls on the CEO, Mr. Owen Keegan to suspend parking enforcement to ease restrictions with regards parking in the city centre and the greater Dublin area during the extended lockdown period. Many people are working from home and their cars are parked on streets. Many have contacted me as they have been fined for parking in prohibited spaces or that they were out of time. This has caused great stress to many people who are trying to cope with the many issues of lockdown and restriction. It is an unnecessary worry for many at this particular time and some measure of relief for the many who find themselves confined to home would be very welcome in these dark times.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillors Dunne, Conroy, Deacy, Feeney, Freehill and Moore**

This Area Committee notes that the citywide distribution of the Discretionary Fund is based proportionately upon the population size of each of the six Local Area Committee's. We further note that this is a fair method.

Given the above, we agree to use the same method of distribution within our own Local Area whereby each of our three Local Electoral Area's will qualify to receive a share of the 2021 Discretionary Fund in proportion to their population size and for this to remain the policy for future years.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

Many local communities have reported an increase in dog ownership since the pandemic. This has obviously led to increase in dog walking and dog fouling locally. Can we agree to develop an awareness raising strategy to both encourage and highlight safe dog walking, and the appropriate discarding of dog foul and invest in this initiative?

Many parents of young children, some learning to walk, in our green spaces have expressed their frustration and fear of dogs being let off leads to roam freely. Can we look at signage as a start point in our local parks to include Stannaway, Eamonn Ceannt, Bushy, and Brickfield Parks? Is there an opportunity to work with dog wardens on this with our park wardens?

Could we look at creating a dog park locally to work more efficiently with dog owners? Are there resources for this?

Can we address the huge increase in dog fouling that we have all experienced, and look to other communities that have dealt with this for good practice models. For example, a suggested dog fouling solution used in Laois: <https://www.facebook.com/1960985567528264/posts/2551863508440464/?sfnsn=mo>

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

Traffic Calming Brighton Road, Rathgar.

That this committee agrees to support the residents of Brighton Road with urgent traffic calming measures to address the ongoing dangers with speeding cars on this residential stretch. Since March the speeding on Brighton Road has got worse.

A great deal of work has already been done by residents to date. A petition was completed with 85% of residents asking that bollards be put in place, 100% of those petitioned requested that some type of traffic calming measure be put in place. This road houses three childcare facilities, a large number of young families and elderly residents. The residents have on many occasions expressed their concerns and are fearful that an accident is imminent.

Can this committee agree to take action on this under COVID Mobility Measures, or the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme? Can we, at a minimum, consider large strategically placed planters, larger ramps and/ or increased signage and address residents' concerns for once and for all before an accident occurs?

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

Given continual reports regarding anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in Willie Pearse Park, this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to take appropriate actions and for these to include the installation of CCTV around the playground areas.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

This area committee notes recent developments in respect of the Irish Glass bottle site in regarding the selection of a preferred developer.

The area committee also notes the commitment to the delivery of 900 social and affordable units on the site. Further, it acknowledges recent reports in the media regarding the failure to purchase lands for affordable housing at the site.

That the relevant groups in the council will seek to engage with the preferred developer and other relevant stakeholders at the Irish Glass Bottle site to ensure delivery of previously agreed social and affordable units.

Further that we will seek a meeting with the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to secure support from the department and the requisite funding to guarantee the delivery of at least 900 social and affordable units on the Irish Glass Bottle site.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 11 from Councillors Deirdre Conroy and Danny Byrne taken with item 1 and Motions 4 and 14**

That this committee agrees to support the retention of 29 Fitzwilliam Street Georgian Museum, which was a basic compensation to Dublin Corporation, South Georgian Core in 1978, after the ESB destruction of the Georgian terrace of 16 houses and the demolition of the interiors of 3 Mount Street properties. ESB plans

to abolish the museum to make even more income by selling three luxury apartments.

No 29 was restored in 1988, opened in 1991, closed in 2017 to suit ESB demolition of the 50 year-old replacement of 200 year old Georgian terrace.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee Calls on the Area Manager to address the following issues on Grantham Place, Portobello:

- Resurface the road which has been left in a terrible condition after the Weatherspoons development
- Address the ongoing issue of litter and illegal dumping on the road
- Address the issue of illegal parking that takes place blocking residents into their own homes where no enforcement takes place

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to explore options for the use of the vacant plot adjoining the Christchurch Q Car Park. I understand that there is limited development potential of this small plot due to the presence underneath of part of the old City Wall. However the site could be used as a community garden or a 'pocket forest'.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with item 1 and Motions 4 and 11**

That this Area Committee supports the Irish Georgian Society and local residents calls to reject the ESB Group's proposals to destroy the Georgian House Museum and convert the building into luxury apartments for sale.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Manager calls on the Area Manager to please consider installing pedestrian lights at the following locations:

The junction of Tritonville Road, Irishtown Road and Church Road

The junction of Sean Moore Road and Bayview

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee will agree that where work is being carried by any utility companies and by the council and any contractors on behalf of the council, are working late in the evening / night time that an advance letter would be sent to residents to inform them of the work to be carried out to include dates/ times / name of contractors etc.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 17 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee would agree that together with tidy towns groups that we could adopt the nobutts.ie street ashtrays.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

#### **Motion 18 from Councillor Carolyn Moore**

That this area committee recognises the work and contribution to Irish society of Dr Dorothy Stopford Price, who pioneered the use of the TB vaccine in Ireland, and whose life and work were inextricably linked to the communities of the South East Area.

As a child, Dorothy Stopford lived at 28 Highfield Road, and later in the townland of Terenure. She studied at Trinity College, completing part of her training working as a clinical clerk at the Meath Hospital. As a qualified doctor worked at St. Ultan's Hospital, Charlemont Street while residing on Fitzwilliam Place.

Dorothy Stopford Price pioneered the use of the TB vaccine in St Ultan's in 1937, making it the first hospital in Ireland or Britain to use the BCG. She was nominated for the World Health Organisation Leon Bernard prize for her contribution to social medicine, and was appointed head of the national vaccination programme by Noel Browne in 1949.

Her work was pivotal in ending the Tuberculosis epidemic in Ireland and in recognition of her contribution to Ireland's public health system, this area committee will write to the Commemorative & Naming Committee seeking to memorialise Dr Dorothy Stopford Price as a timely reminder of the importance of vaccines and in recognition of a trailblazing woman in science.

**Order: Agreed and motion forwarded to Arts, Culture and Leisure SPC.**

#### **Motion 19 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

This committee confirms the importance of retaining the Citizens Information Centre in Rathmines. The building is currently on the market for sale and it is agreed that we write to the Citizens Information Board pointing out the need to continue this service in the Rathmines area.

Furthermore we regret that CICs are not open to the public during shut down and can only be accessed by phoning in a phone no. There are many people who are faced with crisis situations and need easy access to services. The same applies to services in Bishop Street. People who need emergency help do not have easy access.

It is agreed that this committee write to both the CIB and Dept. of Social Welfare pointing out that they need to make a more easily accessible service available to people who need it.

**Order: Motion amended to request that the CEO of the CIB meet with the South East Area Committee and agreed. Members requested that this be included on the breviae to the next City Council meeting.**

#### **Motion 20 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee write to the Minister for Health and Chief Executive of the HSE;

expressing our collective disappointment at the manner in which a decision was taken to remove a lactation consultant position in the Dublin South East Local Health Office;

welcoming the statement issued by the HSE to the RTE Drivetime programme on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 that "A replacement lactation consultant has been designated to assist in Dublin South East";

noting that Ireland has one of the lowest rates of breastfeeding in the world;

recognising that all mothers that are breastfeeding who need support should have access to that support and should not have to contact the media or their local politicians begging for an essential resource.

seeking a report as to how Maternity Hospitals, Local Health Offices and Support Groups can be better resourced to support mothers and reverse Ireland's low rates of breastfeeding.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee requests that Dublin City Council work with Ranelagh Gaels to ensure it has access to playing pitches for its over 600 juvenile boys and girls in their academic across 30 plus teams.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 22 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee support the following request;

"I am writing to you on behalf of the Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Association (STTCA) in connection with the need for greater waste bin provision within The Green in Sandymount. While there are currently 6 old black/gold cast iron waste bins in the Green, it falls far short of what is needed.

During 2020, there was a remarkable increase in footfall in the Village of Sandymount due mainly to Covid 19 restrictions, with many more people out walking, walking dogs, running. families cycling, grabbing a coffee and/or food from the local shops and restaurants. This in turn increased the amount of waste generated, be it a pizza box, a burger box, coffee cups, newspapers, and plastic bottles. While some of these items are bulky, you will have to agree that the current capacity falls far short of the requirement. There are 2 Belly Bins outside the park, and they too have been filled to capacity.

My request today is for you to table a motion at your next South East meeting in conjunction with the Parks and Public Domain Departments of DCC, to look into this request. It may necessitate the removal of some of the old cast iron bins and replacing them with bins of greater capacity. As it is a Heritage Village which the residents are all very proud of, we understand that large "heritage type" bins can be sourced which would be more in keeping with the heritage ethos.

Waste and litter are always a big problem and in the absence of the twice weekly programme that Tidy Towns had (due to Covid), we placed extra plastic bags on the railings to assist with the extra litter within The Green. This initiative was also assisted by local restaurants and shops."

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 8 February 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

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

**Members:**

Danny Byrne  
Daniel Céitinn  
Pat Dunne  
Mary Freehill  
Carolyn Moore

**Members:**

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

**Officers**

Brian Hanney  
Mary Taylor  
Madeline McNamara  
John O'Hara  
Brid Brosnan  
Antonia Martin

John MacEvilly  
Jennifer Wall  
Patricia Reidy  
Michael Noonan  
Ludovic Beaumont  
Les Moore

Neil O'Donoghue  
Peter Nelson  
Gerald McEntaggart  
Claire French  
Karima McKeller

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**



**Question to the Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee**  
**Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to have the lane way from Beaver Row to Beech Hill Avenue cleaned and cleared of overgrown shrubbery and the two public lights there fixed.

**Reply:**

We will include this pruning request in our maintenance programme and complete over the coming weeks, subject to COVID restrictions.

Waste Management Services cleaned the litter and any remaining leaves from the above mentioned laneway on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The lights in the laneway between Beech Hill Avenue and Beaver Row//Beech Hill Road were repaired on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the seriously damaged (due to longevity not vandalism) speed ramps in the Beech Hill Estate assessed and replaced where necessary.

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to resurface these ramps.

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager for an update on the submission of expressions of interest etc. for the Pigeon House Hotel and Power Station.

**Reply:**

The brief for Stage 2 of the process to select a preferred bidder for the purchase and redevelopment of the Pigeon House Hotel, Power Station and environs, was sent to all bidders on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020. They were informed that the deadline for all submissions was 12 noon on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

However, in recognition of the difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic to business generally, an extension of time for the submission of the stage 2 proposal was granted to all bidders until 12 noon on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To request the Manager to take action towards street cleaning in Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar as requested in the email submitted with this question.

I wish to make a complaint about the current state of the streets in Dublin. I appreciate that the current situation makes things difficult for all services but I have noticed an increase in litter in Rathmines, Ranelagh, Rathgar and the surrounding areas. Bins are overflowing and face masks are often thrown on the ground after use. I have attached photos as evidence of this.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned areas are kept as clean as possible. We will ensure that our litter bins in these areas are emptied regularly and that litter, including face masks, is removed as quickly as possible.

Public parks and open spaces have undergone a surge in appeal over the past number of months. Parks Service are committed to empty the bins in Parks seven days a week, and continue to keep the issue of litter under review.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to give an update including timelines on the implementation of the Sandymount Flood Protection Works.

**Reply:**

As per monthly Chief Executives report, Phase 1 on the promenade is programmed to start in Q3 2021. However, Covid protocols elsewhere may affect this. Construction is estimated to take twelve months. Phase 2, 700m from the promenade to Sean Moore Park is at the pre-feasibility stage.

**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Given the significant amount of new completions on Morehampton Lane, Donnybrook in recent years and the consequential high level of development levies to ask the Manager when the long promised road resurfacing will take place.

**Reply:**

Morehampton Lane is not included in our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme but will be considered for inclusion in our subsequent programmes. In the interim, local repairs will be arranged where necessary.

**Q.7 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to address the parking issue on Garville Lane. The parking situation has resulted in safety issues for residents (including small children) and has caused serious problems this week for an ambulance and fire engine trying to access the lane.

**Reply:**

Dublin Fire Brigade carried out an inspection of the area in question on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 14:20 and reported that there is access and egress to the end of the lane. However, if the parking is not policed it could cause difficulties getting emergency vehicles to the incident.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement inspector will investigate Garville Lane to access the locations and review access for emergency services.

**Q.8 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the manager to arrange for the immediate completion of work in Tranquilla Park, Rathmines, to facilitate local residents to use the park for exercise during the Covid 19 restrictions.

**Reply:**

Parks Service will arrange to have contractors brought on site to complete the works at Tranquilla Park as soon as the current Government Covid-19 restrictions on construction work are lifted.

**Q.9 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to prioritise Clareville Road for resurfacing given the state of deterioration on this main road which has constant heavy use with the 83, 83A and 18 bus routes and a steady flow of cars. Also, it is the main route for cyclists between

Crumlin, Harold's Cross and Rathmines and presents a real danger to them and their bikes when some of the potholes are filled with rain water.

**Reply:**

Repairs to Clareville Road will be carried out in 2021 as part of the RMS Works Programme under Localised Repairs.

**Q.10 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to provide a list of all outstanding roadworks and traffic questions submitted by this councillor, together with the current status/progress toward resolving them.

**Reply:**

Cllr. Feeney will be issued with an update, early next week, on the status of all outstanding traffic questions submitted by her.

Cllr. Feeney will be issued with an update on the status of all outstanding Road Maintenance Services questions submitted by her.

**Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he would contact the developer of the complex at Elm Park Green to see when the remaining empty apartments will be released for sale or rent as the current high level of occupancy is an affront given the high levels of homelessness in the City. It is also of concern to residents of adjoining homes for their security.

**Reply:**

The City Council has been approached by a number of developers interested in acquiring units at Elm Park Green and subsequently entering a lease agreement with the Council. While the Council has indicated initial interest, no formal agreement has been finalised.

**Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager supply a full update and report on the Dublin City Council/Peter McVerry new build apartments at New Street Gardens. This report to include the allocation process for these units. How many people in the local area would be considered for these units? The overall cost and expenditure on these units. And what is the date that these units will be completed?

**Reply:**

Construction of 8 units at the New Street development is ongoing and is scheduled for completion at the end of February this year. The approved budget for this development is €2,133,445.

Allocations for the above units will be made in accordance with Scheme of Lettings Priorities, applicants who have selected this area as a preference on their housing application will be considered based on the length of time they have spent on the housing waiting list.

**Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the intended refurbishment within the Temple Bar area including Temple Bar Square? This report also to include what measures have been progressed for the proposed greening of the Temple Bar Area?

**Reply:**

The City Centre Public Realm Masterplan sets out a series of objectives and aspirations for the city core including the Temple Bar Area. Opportunities for greening and seating in this area is compromised due to the historic nature of the street layout,, underground cellars, services and the need for space for pedestrian movement at all times of the day. However, the opportunities to amplify the laneways was investigated through the Love the Lanes project and further enhancements agreed and implemented in conjunction with local stakeholders. These included green wall, hanging baskets and planters where space allowed. Small interventions were identified for the following locations;

- Essex St , at the Smock Alley Space - trees replanted and surface redone including stone cleaning
- The Essex Street /Civic Offices connection - enhance the pedestrian priority and proposal to provide level plateaux to facilitate new uses at the Civic Offices
- Blind Quay – works to clear vegetation, address antisocial behaviour and increase pedestrian space complete, surface permeable suds measure
- Junction with Dame St opposite Rates Office being delivered through planning gain. Improvement to junction with Copper Alley space and lane to the rear, improved accessibility animation and fabric/ greening
- Space at the central bank being retained for public access/ use including seating through planning gain

The intended refurbishment of Temple Bar Square area in line with the Part 8 permission will aim:

- to upgrade of square to allow for more public and cultural activities
- remove the existing street furniture, trees, outdoor seating terraces
- to provide new street furniture, new tree planting, seating and public lighting
- to extend the square as a single surface across the adjacent streets of Temple Bar, Crown Alley and Fownes Street to the adjoining buildings
- to pedestrianise Temple Bar Square and Crown Alley and exclude regular vehicular traffic from these areas from 11am to 6am

**Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate a full investigation as to the possibilities that can be employed at the Crampton Building Housing complex to install noise mitigating measures? Many residents here are constantly disturbed and are falling into ill-health as a result of the continuous noise from plant machinery, refrigerators that belong to the commercial premises on the ground floor. The issue has been ongoing for quite some time and it would appear it was not addressed at all during the regeneration of Crampton Buildings some years back.

**Reply:**

This unit has investigated a number of complaints from residents of Crampton Buildings with respect to noise from commercial premises on the ground floor. These include complaints related to noise from ventilation systems and other external plant such as chillers.

With respect to the noise from external plant, monitoring has been carried and readings were taken in the absence and the presence of the noise. No nuisance was determined and there was nothing actionable under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992.

For the purposes of determining if a noise complaint is actionable under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, regard must be had to Section 107 (6). It is a defence under this Section, that in the course of a trade or business, reasonable care to prevent or limit noise, was taken.

The complainants in this case was written to and advised of the outcome of the investigation and given copies of the results.

In all dealings with residents in Cramton Buildings, all complaints regarding noise have been investigated fully, and as part of the standard procedure in all such cases this Unit has informed them that of their specific rights under Section 108 of *the* Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 to initiate legal proceedings in their own right if they so choose and the procedure for doing so.

DCC will make contact with the Management Company of the commercial units to discuss noise preventative measures.

**Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager arrange, through the housing department Mr. Brendan Kenny, for a full presentation with regards the future of the site of Andrew's Court Complex? This report to include all other interested parties on this site with regards the development of this site. Also, all future plans with regards the development of this site and area. That consideration would be given for DCC Housing Dept. and the Callahan Hotel Group to give a full presentation on the possibilities for the future of this site. This would also include all social and public housing that is intended for this immediate area. It is important as local councillors, that we be given the opportunity to examine all possibilities of future housing in this area.

**Reply:**

The Housing Department will arrange for a presentation to be made to the South East Area Committee on the future plans for the site at Andrew's Court complex.

**Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the intended roll out of electrical car charging points in the St Kevin's, Portobello area? Many residents in this area are requesting electrical car points. What correspondence, if any, have been received by the ESB or have been sent by DCC to the ESB in relation to such infrastructure in the whole of the South East Area?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have

commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

A final draft report has been received and this is now in process of being agreed with all relevant departments/internal stakeholders (public realm, planning, transport, sustainable urban mobility, energy, disposals, CEs). In this interim, we are also making submissions to ESNB in relation to connection solutions as well as other players (CCMA, LGMA, the Department etc.) in this space to ensure that we provide the best possible customer experience for the City and across the Metropolitan area in line with international experience, rapidly changing technology and available resources.

We hope to be in a position to make a full presentation to the Councillors in the near future.

**Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager request that the Milltown Road Bring Centre and Bottle bank be relocated to a much more appropriate location? There is a lot of illegal dumping taking place here and there is an ongoing rat infestation as well as people depositing their bottles in the middle of the night. This is a working car park but many that enter into this car park are simply using it to deposit waste and there are no clear demarcation lines or warning notices to this effect. Many people assume that the line of cars waiting to deposit empty bottles etc. as simply looking for car parking spaces and that the car park is indeed full. While on the other hand it creates traffic confusion and congestion for the many cars using the Milltown Road that are faced with cars entering and exiting willy nilly and recklessly into the bottle bank. Needless to say this issue has been ongoing for over 10 years now to the dismay of local residents.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services is committed to recycling and providing the best infrastructure possible to enable citizens to recycle responsibly. Unfortunately, illegal dumping continues to be problematic at recycling facilities citywide, and has increased dramatically during the pandemic.

We have recently completed a review of our textile recycling service and intend to introduce greater capacity for textile recycling at our Bring Centres, which will enable us to remove textile banks from a number of highly problematic sites in the public realm. Milltown Car Park has been identified as one such site and will be addressed in early 2021.

However, the bottle banks at Milltown Car Park are well used by locals, collected regularly and maintained well by both the service provider and Waste Management crews. As it is the only recycling facility in Milltown on publicly owned land, I am not in a position to remove them at this time. However, I am happy to work with TAG to investigate potential traffic interventions to address the issues raised.

**Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the initiative by DCC for a competition to create and invent an appropriate household waste container? This was recently announced by DCC. There have been many inquiries around this from interested individuals but there appears to be very little information online.

**Reply:**

Recent media coverage referred to a pre commercial procurement process calling for 'innovative solutions to the on street storage and presentation of waste' undertaken

using public procurement to request proposed solutions to the issues identified and to apply for funding to develop and trial these solutions.

The procurement process was advertised, as normal, on the government public procurement portal Etenders and contained all relevant documentation relating to the tender process including the details of the deadlines for submissions (14<sup>th</sup> December 2020), the qualifying criteria and the details of the challenge.

The procurement process was aimed at small and medium enterprise to develop and trial these solutions within Dublin.

The procurement process operated within the strict guidelines applicable to public procurement and the deadline for responses as set out above had expired at the time of the media coverage which crucially omitted much of the relevant detail of the process.

The procurement process is currently being completed following the receipt and assessment of submissions.

Any enquiries received relating to the media coverage of this process have been advised of what is set out above.

**Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how much money is owed to DCC from the ESB networks in relation to road opening charges in the SEA?

**Reply:**

DCC accounts for ESB Road Opening charges are documented city wide and not by individual Area, (like SEA). Current city wide arrears for ESB from Roadworks Control Unit and Infrastructure Management Unit, are as follows:

**Roadworks Control Unit (RCU):**

- T Permits (Permits required by utilities for works on public roads) - €748,885.00
  - Repayable Works (Temporary Road Closure Licences) - €65,455.00
  - Suspension of Parking Bays (to facilitate road works) - €29,226.00
- (E&T Accounts on the 13<sup>th</sup> January). RCU Total €843,566.00

**Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU):**

- Reinstatement charges - €127,935.90
  - Long Term Impact charges - €136,368.79
- IMU Total €264,304.69

Therefore, records show that ESB owe RCU and IMU a combined **Total €1,107,870.69**

**Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the boiler maintenance program in the SEA? This report to include how many of our dwellings have been refitted with new boilers? How many have had maintenance services? How much money has been spent on the servicing and replacing of boilers in the SEA? What contractors have carried out this work? What DCC oversight was carried out with regards to this work? How much has DCC accumulated in the last three years with regards boiler maintenance fees to its tenants? Also, what public campaigns have been initiated to inform DCC tenants of their boiler maintenance renewal programme? These questions are to cover a 3 year period in general.

**Reply:**

In the South East Area during the last three years:

1. 6,956 domestic heating calls have been logged, which has included 468 new boilers being installed.
2. 9,393 boiler services were carried out.
3. €3.1 Million has been spent on providing this service.

Dublin City Council has a framework in situ for the service and repair of our domestic boiler stock which has no specific contract value. Daily inspections are carried out on the ground by DCC direct labour staff. Monthly reviews of statutory certification and submittal of contractors reporting are also carried out.

Dublin City Council applies a maintenance charge of €4 per week for the maintenance of domestic boilers and central heating systems. If all tenants in the South East Area were to pay the boiler maintenance charge it would total €3.12 Million approximately over this period.

All tenants are advised of this service in the tenant's handbook.

**Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate a fact finding as to how many motor cars, vans and trucks are now being parked in the SEA social housing flat complexes and other housing estates owned by DCC? Dublin City Council needs to conduct a pilot examination with regards vehicle parking in social housing flat complexes. Much of this parking in the flats is erratic, hindering any fire brigades or ambulances that may be entering into those premises and hindering many residents. It is high time that some order was placed on this issue and it is highly unacceptable that DCC Housing Dept. and DCC in general have no idea at any one given time how many cars or vehicles are parked in their housing estates or flat complexes.

**Reply:**

Unfortunately, it is not practical to undertake such a project. To gather accurate information would require staff to be on site for a continuous period over a number of days, at the very least. Even then, this would only provide a point in time measurement. Estate Management staff routinely carry out visits to flat complexes and housing estates. The majority of our housing complexes have parking enforcement in place. If a tenant notices cars illegally parked they contact the Parking Enforcement Company, if such a service is provided in complexes. Those complexes have signs displaying contact numbers, which tenants can ring should vehicles be illegally parked. All vehicles require a parking permit whether a resident or a visitor. It would be difficult to provide a total number of the vehicle's that park within our complexes, for example, cars that belong to tenants and their visitors, City Council staff attending to maintenance work, contractors, and other services that park in our complexes. In addition, we also have older tenants and tenants with medical needs that depend on visits by HSE staff on a frequent basis.

**Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

She writes,

"I wish to make a complaint about the current state of the streets in Dublin. I appreciate that the current situation makes things difficult for all services but I have noticed an



increase in litter in Rathmines, Ranelagh, and the surrounding areas. Bins are overflowing and face masks are often thrown on the ground after use.

Instead of focusing on the plan for water rapids in George's Dock, I think we should focus on keeping our streets clean first. They should also be hosed down."

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned areas are kept as clean as possible. We will ensure that our litter bins in these areas are emptied regularly and that litter, including face masks, is removed as quickly as possible.

**Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to have the road surface repaired when you exit Cambridge Avenue turning left on to Pigeon House Road, Ringsend.

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to carry out repairs at this location.

**Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issues from a constituent.

She writes:

"The route from our home in St Alban's Park to Sandymount (via Sydney Parade, Park Avenue, Gilford Road) is, for my son and I, and not to overstate the matter, punishing.

This is mainly due to the lack of, or inadequate dishing of footpaths at crossing points. This means that I no option but to lever my son's chair up steep kerbs a number of times on the journey, which is a severe strain on my neck and shoulders and a bone jarring experience for my son. Often too, the dishing, such as it is, does not meet any dishing on the other side of the road, which means that I have to push (sometimes running, to avoid oncoming cars) my son's chair along the road to get to a dished area farther away.

The pavements too are badly maintained and often narrow. Quite often, I find myself having to push my son onto and along the road on parts of Park Avenue (e.g. near Railway Union Sports Ground) as the position of the lampposts on them render the narrow footpaths inaccessible to wheelchair users.

Badly maintained pavements are detrimental to wheelchair users, many of whom suffer from osteoporosis.

Lately, I have been noting the crossings which are particularly difficult to navigate in a wheelchair.

So far, I have noted the junctions of the following roads:

1. Ailesbury Way and Ailesbury Road (beside bus stop no 2087)
2. Park Avenue and Sydney Parade
3. St John's Road and Park Avenue
4. Park Avenue and the St. John's Estate (opposite the church)
5. Gilford Drive and Park Avenue
6. Gilford Park and Gilford Road
7. Gilford Road and Park Avenue
8. Sydney Parade and Strand Road
9. St. John's Road and Strand Road"

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services has been in contact with this lady and will make arrangements to rectify these crossings wherever possible.

**Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to set out the background to the payment of 1.2 million euro to Covanta Europe Engineering Ltd. for demolition and remediation works at ESB Substation Poolbeg.

**Reply:**

**Introduction:**

The Dublin Waste to Energy Facility was developed under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract 'Project Agreement', which covered the design, build, financing, operation and maintenance (DBFO&M) of the 'waste to energy' facility.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the four Dublin Local Authorities (DLAs) were responsible for providing the lands on which the facility would be developed. The agreement further established that certain works to allow the land to be developed would be completed by the PPP Co., with the contract requiring the DLAs to reimburse the PPP Co for the completion of these works. The two main area of works are set out below:

**Demolition and site clearing works**

The contract required the DLAs to demolish and remove all above ground structures including major foundations to approximately 1 (one) metre below ground level. This included the demolition of an existing ESB substation.

The cost for the completion of these works was €52,000.

**Site remediation and associated site monitoring for the completion of these works.**

Under the Agreement, both the DLAs and the PPP Co. acknowledged that the facility was being developed on a brown field site and some level of contamination was expected. The parties further agreed to share the costs of remediation of pre-existing contamination on site utilising the following payment structure:

**Payments to cover potential site remediation from existing contamination**

PPP Co. takes the first €575k of such costs. Residual amounts above €575k paid by Dublin Local Authorities.

The overall cost for the remediation of the pre-existing contamination on the site, including the haulage and disposal of contaminated soil that was required to be taken off site, independent testing and analysis of the soil material was €1.76m. Utilising the above sharing thresholds, the DLAs costs was €1.19m.

The DLAs total costs for the demolition of existing structure and the remediation of the existing contamination on site was €1.24m.

**Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Could the manager give details of the cost of acquiring two units under Part V acquisition at Sandymount Castle Park, Dublin 4?

**Reply:**

The total cost of acquiring two Part V units at Sandymount Castle Park, Dublin 4 is €675,915.

**Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to provide details on the possible removal of on street parking spaces on Old Mount Pleasant, Ranelagh as part of a proposed school safety zone.

**Reply:**

The School Zones initiative, created by the NTA in collaboration with Green-Schools, aims to create a safer, calmer and more attractive environment outside of schools. The School Zone design gives priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school, and prioritise active travel (walking and cycling) to and from school. In addition, reducing traffic at school gates significantly improves air quality further improving quality of life for children and all others in the vicinity.

Dublin City Council is working on the preliminary design for a School Zone at Ranelagh Multi Denominational School. Currently, there is no footpath outside the school gate on the north side of Old Mount Pleasant, Ranelagh (left hand side on image below). The preliminary design is looking at the removal of 5 free parking spaces here to improve visibility of children accessing the school. When the design is complete, it will be shared with the school Principal so that they can inform the school community and local community of the design and the planned installation of the School Zone. Once the school has accepted the final design, the School Zone will be installed and its success is evaluated over time.



**Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on 14 St Mary's Road, Ballsbridge. Please note the reply received last September 2020. "Arrangements will be made to carry out a repair at this location". We are still awaiting a resolution of this issue.

**Reply:**

A repair will be scheduled here as soon as possible.

**Q.29 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Could tree pruning/replacement on Windmill Road be reviewed? Many of the trees are diseased, dead, dying or vandalised.

**Reply:**

Parks will request an inspection of the trees to be carried out by the Tree Officer. A number of trees are due to be planted at this location in this planting season.

**Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Could Parks look at painting the lampposts in Bangor Circle? They are in a terrible condition.

**Reply:**

We will examine the public lighting columns on Bangor Circle and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

**Q.31 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Could the nameplates on the following streets be inspected to see if they can either be cleaned, repainted or replaced?

- Fernvale Road, Innismore, Windmill Crescent, Parnell Road, Kildare Park.

**Reply:**

These nameplates will be inspected and arrangements will be made to carry out any necessary repairs.

**Q.32 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Are there any plans to enhance Bunting Park in Walkinstown? Residents have been in touch and have requested it be considered for planting, benches or other levels of enhancement. Is this park on the DCC schedule? Could it be looked at in the 2021 budget?

**Reply:**

Bunting Park is listed on the provisional parks improvements for 2021 for enhancement measures. Budgets are currently being finalised.

**Q.33 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Could DCC recommend a pedestrian crossing at the junction between Bunting Road/St. Mary's Road and Crumlin Village to Bus Connects under proposed changes? (One each way at the junction - people are always crossing there and it's very busy) Alternatively, can DCC complete this work?

**Reply:**

The area engineer will contact the National Transport Authority (NTA) to see if this junction is feasible.

**Q.34 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Could we have Monasterboice Road resurfaced? It's in very poor condition.

**Reply:**

Monasterboice Road will be considered for our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, local repairs will be arranged where necessary.

**Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Could the manager give details on the amount of funding approved for Part V acquisition of four units at Donnybrook Gardens, Dublin 4?

**Reply:**

The Royal Hospital Donnybrook is acquiring 4 units at Donnybrook Gardens, Dublin 4 as Part V compliance for PP2210/16. The funding approved for these units is €1,604,264.

**Q.36 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide a list of conditions and documents relating to the ESB and the Georgian House Museum on Fitzwilliam Street. Specifically, any documents that may exist outlining the commitment of the ESB to maintaining the museum.

**Reply:**

The relevant documentation for the use of No. 29 Lower Fitzwilliam Street is limited to the following planning applications.

By Plan No. 405/88 (12th May 1988), planning permission was granted for the restoration, refurbishment and conversion of No. 62 Mount Street Upper and 30 Lower Fitzwilliam Street into 4 apartments each and the provision of a Georgian Museum in 29 Lower Fitzwilliam and the basements of Nos 62, Upper Mount Street, and 29-30 Lower Fitzwilliam Street. Following the implementation of this permission, the Museum remained open until c. 2017 when it was closed to facilitate construction of the permitted development on the adjoining lands in the ownership of the ESB on Lower Fitzwilliam Street and Mount Street Upper. There were no specific conditions included in the permission concerning the approved or future use of No. 29 Lower Fitzwilliam Street.

By Plan No. 2013/95, planning permission was granted for a ticket office at the basement level of No. 30 to serve the Museum in number 29. There were no specific conditions included in the permission concerning the approved use of No. 29 Lower Fitzwilliam Street.

By Plan No. 3052/14 (14th September 2015), planning was sought and granted for the redevelopment of all the Twentieth Century office facilities at 13-28 Lower Fitzwilliam Street and the renovation and reuse of nine Georgian houses on the site and change of use for part of a tenth house (No. 12 Fitzwilliam Street Lower) all of which are Protected Structures. There was no express commitment given by the ESB to maintaining the Georgian Museum at no. 29 Lower Fitzwilliam Street. However, it was clear from the documentation submitted with the application that it was proposed to retain the Museum. The public notices stated that the development excluded the existing floor space of 29 (c.613 sq. m.) Fitzwilliam Street Lower (no internal works proposed), which will be protected as necessary during the redevelopment. This intention to retain the Museum was backed up by the written reports lodged with the application which stated that the building would remain in use as a Georgian Museum in its current location and that enhanced public access to the Museum would be provided with the addition of a new platform lift. Since no change of use or alterations to the building were proposed, no specific conditions were included in the permission concerning the future use of No. 29 Lower Fitzwilliam Street.

**Q.37 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager for an update on the plan in relation to the home of George Bernard Shaw.

**Reply:**

Provision has been made in Capital Programme 2021 -23 for refurbishment of 33 Synge St to accommodate writers-in-residence. A preliminary feasibility/outline design brief is under review and it is anticipated that Arts Office will issue an 'expression of interest' brief for works in Q1 Full access to the building to progress these elements is slowed somewhat by Covid-19 restriction to non-emergency work.

Alongside its proposed primary use as a residence for up to two writers at a time, consideration will be given to facilitate associated occasional public events programming both within the house, and in other venues of larger capacity. Residencies will afford the awarded writers significant time and space to develop their work, the opportunity to be influenced by the city's social and cultural environment, and to connect with and enrich the cultural programme of the city.

The residencies have the potential to complement Dublin City Council's existing literary programming (though the work of the UNESCO City of Literature office and City Arts Office) and to forge ambitious national and international partnerships, befitting Shaw's legacy.

The City Arts office is now overseeing the development of 33 Synge St and will regularly report to the committee with progress updates.

**Q.38 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to have the ramps along housing at City Quay cleaned. Residents have reported a lot of moss that is creating a slip and trip hazard.

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for a mobile crew to clean the ramps at City Quay.

**Q.39 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide a report of repair work scheduled to be carried out at details supplied.

**Reply:**

The works to the balcony are being addressed by the Area Maintenance Officer and an Engineer. As soon as Level 5 restrictions are lifted, these works will be carried out for the tenant.

**Q.40 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to arrange for cleansing beside the construction at Charlemont Street. Residents have reported road markings being difficult to make out due to dust and debris that is hazardous for cyclists.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services cleans Charlemont Street on a daily basis and on inspection on the 27th January 2021 was found to be in a clean condition. We will continue to ensure that this street is kept as clean as possible, particularly while construction work is being carried out there. Also we will speak to the construction site manager there and remind them of their responsibility to keep the area around their site as clean as possible while they are working there.

**Q.41 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to introduce radar speed signs in Ringsend, Irishtown, Londonbridge Road/Bath Avenue in conjunction with the proposed Strand Road Cycle trial.

**Reply:**

There locations will be assessed for speed and if radar speed signs are required locations will be identified.

**Q.42 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager for a list of social housing units that the council has nomination rights over that are operated by approved housing bodies.

**Reply:**

Approved Housing Body	Project	No of Units
The Iveagh Trust	Mount Anthony, and Bull Alley Street	64
The Iveagh Trust	Bull Alley Street	20
Peter McVerry	Clare Lane, Dublin 2	8
Clanmil	Elm Park	8
Focus	Greenmount Court, Harolds Cross, Dublin 6	28
Tuath	Shelbourne Plaza, South Docks Road, Ringsend, D4	53
Co-Operative Housing	Townsend Street D2 & and Dowlings Court	16
Sonas	Cambridge Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4	10
Tuath	Gallery Quay, Pearse/Macken St., Dublin 2	60
Cluid	Charlotte Quay/Grand Canal Wharf, Dublin 4	20
Tuath	Hanover Quay, Hanover Reach, Hanover Dock, Hanover Wharf	56
Tuath	Charlotte Quay, Grand Canal Wharf, D.4	16
Co-Operative Housing	Gloucester Street, Dublin 2	19
Daisyhouse	Portobello, Dublin 8	4
St. John of God Housing Ass	Rathmines, Dublin 6	4
Peter McVerry Trust	Castle Court Apartments, Castle Street, Dublin 2	13
Peter McVerry Trust	Eagle Lodge, Leinster Road West, Rathmines, Dublin 6	18
Peter McVerry Trust	Rathgar, Dublin 6	8
Royal Hospital Donnybrook	Cullenswood, Off Cullenswood Park, Ranelagh, Dublin 6,	29
Royal Hospital Donnybrook	Bloomfield Park, Bloomfield Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin 4	20
Royal Hospital Donnybrook	Beech Hill Terrace, Donnybrook, Dublin 4	19
Salvation Army	Longford Street Little, Dublin 2	80
The Iveagh Trust	Iveagh Trust Flats, Patrick Street, Dublin 8	70
The Iveagh Trust	Mount Anthony Est., Rathmines, Dublin 6	80
Peter McVerry Trust	Haddington Rd	18
Tuath	Denzille Lane Holles St	11
Tuath	Ffrench Mullen House	79
FOLD	Marianella, Rathgar	19
FOLD	Mount Argus Mill, Harolds Cross	13
Housing Association for Integrated Living	Rathmines Court, Rathmines, Dublin 6	7
<b>The Following AHB units are pepper -potted within mixed tenure housing developments in the South East Area</b>		
Cheshire Foundation in Ireland	D2	1
Alone	D6	2
Dublin Simon	D 2	1
Peter McVerry	D 2	1
Peter McVerry	D4	1
Circle Voluntary Housing Association	D 2	1
Dublin Central Mission	D4	1
Dublin Simon Community	D 4 & 6	3
Focus Housing Association	D 6 & 4	2
Housing Association for Integrated Living	Dublin 6W * & D 4	3
Oaklee	D. 4 & D6, D 2	6
Tuath	D 4 & D 6	3
	<b>TOTAL AHB units in South East Area</b>	<b>853</b>

**Q.43 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager if contact has been made with Google regarding the 46 apartments, they have suggested they will offer to key workers as per reports in the Irish Times in November.

**Reply:**

The City Council has not been approached in relation to this proposal. Reports indicate that Google was interested in working with an Approved Housing Body.

**Q.44 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to liaise with Waterways Ireland to increase cleaning along the canals and to ensure that residents, where safe & possible, have access to cleaning equipment.

**Reply:**

The matter of increased cleaning of canals will be raised with Waterways Ireland. Dublin City Council, Public Domain Section, has for many years supported the local canal volunteers along both canals in the city, providing cleaning and safety equipment to groups as needed. In recent years, a 'Canals Clean Up Day' has been held on both canals in the spring, supported by Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland. The Lord Mayor has for many years hosted a 'Canal Volunteers Appreciation Night' in the Mansion House in May to thank all those who give their time to help keep the canals clean in the city. Dublin City Council, Waste Management Section, removes bagged waste collected by these groups along the canals at agreed locations on their regular clean up days.

Materials will be supplied to Community Groups etc. as requested, and support will continue to be provided by the Public Domain Unit as needed. The Current Covid 19 restrictions are limiting the possibilities for local residents and volunteer groups to participate in community based clean-up activities.

**Q.45 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to fix the broken path on South Lotts Road at the junction with Gordon Street. A previous request indicated a need to wait until the January budget.

**Reply:**

This footpath is on our 2021 Footpath Reconstruction Programme.

**Q.46 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager arrange to have the footpath on St. Mary's Road from the church to the bowling club resurfaced? It's in really awful condition and makes the area look poor.

**Reply:**

This footpath will be inspected and arrangements will be made to carry out any repairs that are necessary.

**Q.47 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager arrange to have double yellow lines to one side of the entrance to The Belfry Estate on St. Mary's Road, Dublin 12? Residents report that people park on both sides when there are things on in the church or bowling club, which blocks emergency services from getting into the estate.

**Reply:**

The area engineer has not recommended double yellow lines at this location. The matter of vehicles parking on the side entrance to Belfry Estate is a matter for DCC's Parking Enforcement Team. The area engineer will forward Councillor Dunne's question onto Parking Enforcement.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement inspector will investigate the entrance to The Belfry Estate on St Mary's Road, Dublin 12 to access the location and review access for emergency services.

**Q.48 Councillor Pat Dunne**



Can the Area Manager arrange for a road name sign to be added to the Belfry Estate of St Mary's Road, Dublin 12?

**Reply:**

The Belfry Estate is not in charge to Road Maintenance Services so we do not have jurisdiction to erect a nameplate.

**Q.49 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager arrange for the grounds of the Belfry Estate, St Mary's Road, Dublin 12 to be taken into the charge of this council?

**Reply:**

The Planning and Property Development Department have not received a request to take the development at Belfry Estate, St Mary's Road, Dublin 12 in charge.

The taking in charge procedure may be instigated in the following ways:

A) The developer advises that a development has been completed and requests that it be taken in charge under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. A formal request should be submitted to Dublin City Council Planning Department.

B) The residents may request that their development be taken in charge under Section 180, subject to subsection (3), of the Planning and Development Act 2000– the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. A formal request should be submitted, containing a list of signatures representing a majority of the property owners of the relevant dwellings.

On receipt of this request, notices will be sent from the Planning Department to the relevant service divisions of Dublin City Council, requesting that inspections be carried out in order to ascertain the current status of the development. The services involved are drainage, road maintenance, public lighting and parks & landscapes. The service division reports will indicate if the development is up to the standards required for taking in charge and will detail any outstanding works to be completed if the estate is deemed not to be up to standard.

When the services are fully certified as being up to standard, the final procedures for taking in charge will be initiated through the local area office at the Planning Department's request.

- A report is prepared for the Area Committee.
- The Area Committee approves.
- An advertisement is placed in a national newspaper advising of the intention to take the area in charge.
- The relevant documents in relation to the development to be taken in charge go on public display for 4 weeks. Submissions may be made to the City Council for up to 6 weeks after it has gone on public display.
- At the end of the 6 weeks a report is prepared for City Council.
- Following the City Council's decision to take the development in charge, details must be entered in the statutory Schedule and Map. A Manager's Order is prepared with attached map stating that the area defined on the map has been taken in charge and this is recorded in the statutory Schedule and Map, which is available for public inspection.

Planning and Property Development Department can be contacted and the information and documentation needed to get started can be provided.

**Q.50 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager arrange to replace litter bins that have been previously removed from the following locations in Dublin 12?

Parnell Road (Dolphin fire station)  
St. Mary's Road at bus stop.  
Bottom of Old County Road

**Reply:**

Arrangements are being made to replace all bins that have been removed due to being damaged or unsafe, such as those listed above.

**Q.51 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager to arrange with Waste Department to move and improve the negative visual impact of the bottle banks on the Evergreen car park site in Terenure Road North.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services are engaged in a program of animation of bottle banks at highly visible locations. The bottle banks in Terenure were recently given an Art Deco inspired facelift, which has been well received by locals.

Unfortunately, the height restriction barriers at both entrances to this car park prevent HGV access. As such, it is not possible to move the banks further into the car park as they would be inaccessible to our service provider. Waste Management Services have made several attempts to find an alternative location for bottle banks in Terenure but have been unsuccessful to date. We are happy to continue to work with the Area Office to investigate any suggested locations.

**Q.52 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager to request Traffic Department to assess the parking situation on Garville Lane, where the road is narrow and the enquirer states that ambulance and fire brigade cannot access the area.

**Reply:**

Dublin Fire Brigade carried out an inspection of the area in question on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 14:20 and reported that there is access and egress to the end of the lane. However, if the parking is not policed it could cause difficulties getting emergency vehicles to the incident.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement inspector will investigate Garville Lane to access the locations and review access for emergency services.

**Q.53 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager to arrange for Road Maintenance Department to carry out road repair on Mount Tallant Avenue please.

**Reply:**

Mount Tallant Avenue will be inspected and arrangements will be made to carry out repairs where necessary.

**Q.54 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager is there an issue in terms of the reliability of the road re-surface in Sandymount Green? A complex survey of information was sent to SEAC councillors by the enquirer.

**Reply:**

The installation of a pedestrian crossing in Sandymount Green required a section of roadway to be excavated and renewed. This work was undertaken by a contractor from the DCC Framework as per the normal process for any works of this type within the city. The DCC procedures for projects of this type require that there is a snagging and acceptance process and this is currently being undertaken by DCC engineers in conjunction with DBFL Consulting Engineers.

If there are any issues which arise from this process, the contractor will be required to rectify them, as per our normal contractual arrangements.

**Q.55 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager if planning department can advise if there is proposed development involving St Andrew's Court and Sandwith Street.

**Reply:**

A development proposal involving St. Andrew's Court and a property at Sandwith Street Upper is not proceeding at present.

The Housing and Community Services Department will arrange for a presentation to be made to the South East Area Committee on the future plans for the site at St. Andrew's Court complex.

**Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the progress to place the Poolbeg Chimneys on the Record of Protected Structures.

**Reply:**

The ESB has given a written commitment in 2017 to the ongoing maintenance of the two chimneys (built in the 1970's) over the next ten years. The purpose of the maintenance programme is to stabilise the deterioration of the structures since they were decommissioned in 2006 (Chimney B) and 2010 (Chimney A), as in line with ESBs low-carbon strategy. The ESB state that in order to prevent further deterioration of the chimneys steel caps were erected in 2015 and that the ongoing cost of the maintenance programme, which includes the removal of hazardous material and the decarbonising of the inner thermal lining, will run to several million euro, and that this will secure the chimneys in the medium term.

It is accepted that the chimneys, although no longer in use, now have become an iconic feature in the Dublin Skyline. The issue is that the stability of the chimneys in the longer term may give rise to the need for the structures to be encased in a new concrete or fibreglass casing. These interventions are likely to alter the appearance and integrity of the structures as originally designed. ESB is concerned that adding the chimneys to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) will not provide any additional security to that provided under the maintenance programme, and may actively impede any ongoing structural interventions or necessary external cladding in the future.

The Planning Department has requested an update from ESB on its maintenance programme and will apprise the Area Committee when this is provided.

**Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if could please resurface Arnott Street, especially the Heytesbury Street end, this year as it is in very bad disrepair.

**Reply:**

Arnott Street will be considered for our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, local repairs will be arranged where necessary.

**Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please once again seek to find a solution to the ongoing issue of parking on Hagans Court, Dublin 2. This is the third time I have raised this issue and it still persists. The current system makes ingress and egress to the properties here really difficult, and it is hard for bin trucks to access the street too and service the buildings when cars are parked here. The owners have asked whether there might be a solution that they could over the cost of, such as double yellow lines, or some other solution that would help reduce parking here as enforcement is not taking place and therefore is not a solution. Can the Manager please explore some options for the occupier?

**Reply:**

The Parking Policy and Enforcement inspector has investigated Hagans Court and recommended renewal of the double yellow lines. Over the last four months of 2020 13 vehicles have been clamped for illegal parking on Hagans Court.

**Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what plans are in place to increase the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging points in the South East Area, in particular Dublin 8 and Dublin 6.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

A final draft report has been received and this is now in process of being agreed with all relevant departments/internal stakeholders (public realm, planning, transport, sustainable urban mobility, energy, disposals, CEs). In this interim, we are also making submissions to ESBN in relation to connection solutions as well as other players (CCMA, LGMA, the Department etc.) in this space to ensure that we provide the best possible customer experience for the City and across the Metropolitan area in line with international experience, rapidly changing technology and available resources.

We hope to be in a position to make a full presentation to the Councillors in the near future.

**Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he provide a report on the success of the trial lamp post charging point on Sir John Rogerson's Quay that was installed as part of the Smart Dublin Project.

**Reply:**

Two twin head 22KV EV Chargers were installed on Sir John Rogerson's Quay in late 2019 and were expected to be commissioned in Q1 2020. Due to technical issues and the Covid 19 situation the chargers were not commissioned at that time. In the meantime a Regional EV Charging Group was established and commissioned consultants to draw up a regional EV Charging strategy for all 4 Dublin Local Authorities. Their report is to be presented to the 4 C.E.O. s shortly. It has become apparent that local authorities do not have the resources to operate, manage and maintain a network of EV chargers. The Council has therefore commenced discussions with ESB E-cars who manage the current stock of on-street EV chargers with a view to having ESB E-cars take over the operation and management of the EV chargers on Sir John Rogerson's Quay.

**Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he could examine the possibility of using alternative methods for 'bait stations' for capturing vermin. My understanding is the current process uses open ended bait boxes containing poison, that is easily accessed by other small animals and birds. If they were made more environmentally friendly they could be placed more plentifully in public areas such as parks.

**Reply:**

The placing and collecting of bait stations used in the South East area parks is carried out under contract. The traps that are used allow rodents to access the bait but are secure enough that they protect children and pets from coming into contact with the poison. They also protect the poison from bad weather conditions, which prevents leaching.

Unfortunately, there is not a very environmentally-friendly way of baiting for vermin due to the risk of secondary poisoning to other animals. For example, birds of prey that feed off dead rats. However, we have not seen evidence of this in our parks and the product is designed to work slowly so that the rat dies in its nest.

In relation to poisoning small birds, it is highly unlikely that small birds would climb into a trap of this type and there is no evidence that song birds are poisoned this way. We have not seen other small animals poisoned in parks either. The type of bait used is specific for rats, is bitter tasting and would not be attractive to small birds. There have been cases of poisoning in garden birds when people use slug pellets, so this may have created some confusion.

**Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne**

Can the Area Manager please provide a progress report on the enhancement of the Werburgh Street/Dublin Castle area and the OPW Masterplan for Dublin Castle? Can the Manager outline how the two projects are connected and what stage the projects are at?

**Reply:**

Work is continuing on the preparation of plans for the enhancement of Werburgh Street / Ship Street area to the west of Dublin Castle, so that an integrated approach can be achieved. There are multiple land ownerships / titles in the area and DCC is making steady progress with the programme of site acquisition and assembly in the vicinity of the castle walls.

DCC made a submission under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) to support the regeneration of the lands fronting Werburgh Street / Ship Street. The OPW and DCC have agreed to collaborate for a masterplan for both Dublin Castle and Werburgh Street area. The Werburgh Street Church is also an important landmark, and investigations are underway in relation to possible use of this historic building for cultural events.

**Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager whether homes in the following locations Vavasour Square Dublin 4 and Zion Road Rathgar would be suitable for external insulation, or are they prohibited in carrying out such works due to the architectural heritage of the areas, or could they be potentially exempt under Section 5. Can the Area Manager also confirm whether if a property is located in an Architectural Conservation Area, Special Amenity Area Order, or is a protected structure/listed building, whether development restrictions also apply to the rear of a building?2

**Reply:**

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 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage(DHLGH) Advice Series publication Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings (2010) <https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Energy-Efficiency-in-Traditional-Buildings-2010.pdf> states '*As traditional walls are generally of solid masonry, thermal upgrading can usually only be considered in two ways: lining the*

*interior of the wall or applying a new face to the exterior of the wall. Either of these actions can have a significant effect on both the character and the physical well-being of a historic building and, in the context of a protected structure or an architectural conservation area, generally require planning permission and may not be considered appropriate.' This is because 'Wall finishes are an important element in the quality and character of traditional buildings and may include exterior finishes such as cut stone, rubble walls with dressed openings, brick, or lime render'*

Buildings on Zion Road, which are protected structures, would require planning permission to carry out development works, however because of the material impact of external wall insulation (EWI) on the original exterior finishes which are an integral part of the significant character of the protected structure, this application would not be considered exempted or appropriate development.

In relation to Architectural Conservation Areas, where it is the *b) the setting and exterior appearance of structures that are of special interest*, it is usually the street fronted elevations that are of special interest and therefore the application of EWI would undermine this special interest and would not be considered exempted or appropriate development. However some ACAs are a grouping of streets and therefore the rear elevations are part of the special interest. In this instance, EWI would undermine this special interest and would not be considered exempted or appropriate development.

For heritage buildings in general, like Vavasour Square Dublin 4, the application of EWI to these brick facades would not be considered exempted development under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) as per *4(1)(h) development consisting of the carrying out of works for the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of any structure, being works which affect only the interior of the structure or which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures.*

Overall, EWI would not be considered the most appropriate upgrade for a protected structure, Architectural Conservation Area or heritage structure. The Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings (2010) publication referenced above sets out a whole house approach to effectively improving the energy performance of traditional building stock with minimal impact on character and fabric in a series of case studies and analysis of best practice research.

**Q.64 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the active wheelchair symbol, along with the cargobike symbol can be added to the new cargo bike stands such as the stands in St. Stephen's Green South. The larger parking spaces also act as more accessible cycle parking for disabled people, many of whom use non-standard cycles such as tricycles, hand cycles etc.

**Reply:**

The possibility of adding a wheelchair symbol to the cargo bike parking in St Stephen's Green South will be investigated.

**Q.65 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager for an update on 33 Synge Street and an update on its proposed use.

**Reply:**

Provision has been made in Capital Programme 2021 -23 for refurbishment of 33 Synge St to accommodate writers-in-residence. A preliminary feasibility/outline design brief is under review and it is anticipated that Arts Office will issue an 'expression of interest' brief for works in Q1 Full access to the building to progress these elements is slowed somewhat by Covid-19 restriction to non-emergency work.

Alongside its proposed primary use as a residence for up to two writers at a time, consideration will be given to facilitate associated occasional public events programming both within the house, and in other venues of larger capacity. Residencies will afford the awarded writers significant time and space to develop their work, the opportunity to be influenced by the city's social and cultural environment, and to connect with and enrich the cultural programme of the city.

The residencies have the potential to complement Dublin City Council's existing literary programming (though the work of the UNESCO City of Literature office and City Arts Office) and to forge ambitious national and international partnerships, befitting Shaw's legacy.

The City Arts office is now overseeing the development of 33 Synge St and will regularly report to the committee with progress updates.

**Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to address the following ; potholes have developed around two drain access covers/manholes in the roadway outside 15 and 17 Marine Drive, Sandymount.

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services will liaise with Irish Water to arrange repairs to the surrounds of these 2 no. combined drainage manhole covers.

**Q.67 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the housing position of details supplied can be prioritised. The tenant is in ailing health and has medical priority.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with a medical priority and an application date of 26/03/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area L	1	16
Area M	1	14
Area N	1	10

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

Dublin City Council 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.



**Q.68 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager arrange to have dog waste bins installed at Mountpleasant Square Park?

**Reply:**

The Waste Management Services Division no longer installs dog foul specific bins as our experience is that these bins do not offer the capacity required to manage the level of use where they have been supplied. The preference is for the installation of standard public litter bins that can cater for all types of litter generated and provide adequate capacity for the level of use required.

This area will be surveyed to identify appropriate locations for the provision of a standard litter bins and provide for installation in a suitable location in proximity to the park.

**Q.69 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager arrange gates to be installed on the stairwells at Cuffe Street Flat complex, Dublin? There is a serious ongoing problem with drug dealing and taking, that is openly happening in the Cuffe Street Flat complex. Many residents feel intimidated by these individuals who partake in this behaviour on the stairwells of the complex. Residents are also disturbed throughout the night by the noise of these people. Would it be possible to erect gates on the stairwells, in an effort to prevent these individuals from gaining access to them? I know Bishop Street flats have gates, such as the ones I'm requesting, which only residents have the keys to. I believe something similar here could work.

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance is not in favour of this proposal. This work would change the layout of the complex the whole structure would have to be reassessed for fire prevention and safety. If the layout of the structure are changed Dublin City Council would then have to implement modern day fire prevention methods, and this would prove very costly. To install gates would mean that electrical wires would have to run back to each property in the complex to facilitate each tenant to open the doors remotely. This would be expensive and labour intensive as City Council would have to ensure that all cables are hidden from view, while issuing fobs and maintaining this will bring logistical issues. Past experiences has shown that these gates are prone to vandalism. For example, Dublin City Council pays, on average €12,000 per annum, in a similar complex maintaining and repairing such gates. The South East Area Office is working very closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to anti-social behaviour in Cuffe Street Dublin City Council is also looking at the possibility of installing CCTV in Cuffe Street.

In 2010 the Health and Safety Authority (HAS) issued a safety alert relating to the risk to pedestrians from crushing hazards on electrically powered gates. This risk was highlighted by the deaths of two children in the United Kingdom. A further safety alert was issued by the HAS in 2015 because of a fatality in Ireland where a person was trapped and fatally injured by a powered gate. The time gates are not operational, allied to H&S concerns, means DCC does not recommend them as a response to anti-social behaviour. However, we will contact Pearse Street Garda station and bring the security concerns to their attention and follow up on anti –social behaviour complaints

**Q.70 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager arrange for the council property at (details supplied) be externally insulated under the Fabric Upgrade Programme?

**Reply:**

Our records show that this house had attic and cavity wall insulation installed in 2013 under phase 1. There is an existing BER C2 rating in this property. Therefore, there will not be any further measures done under phase 2.

**Q.71 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager arrange for a cul-de-sac sign to be erected at the entrance to the cul-de-sac at the end of Melvin Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W?

**Reply:**

A new sign pole & Cul de Sac sign was installed on 29/01/21.

**Q.72 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager arrange to have signs erected to remind people to clean up after their dogs to be placed at the entrance to the park adjacent to Neagh Road in Terenure, Dublin 6W?

**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to put in place signage relating to dog fouling as requested.

**Q.73 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager please arrange for urgent action to be taken to address the dampness problem in the council property at details supplied?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection of the dampness at the above property and all necessary works will be carried out. This inspection will take place once Level 5 restrictions have been lifted

**Q.74 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager arrange for the step up to the shower in the council property (details supplied) be lowered to ground level to enable the elderly tenant to use the shower?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection of this step/shower and if feasible the step will be lowered for the tenant.

**Q.75 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager provide me with a date as to when the re-design of the junction at Werburgh Street/Christchurch Place will take place?

**Reply:**

Initial topography and utility surveys are currently underway. Once this information has been received this will inform the design and timeline of this junction.

**Q.76 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager arrange for the council to call to the council property at (details supplied) to address the outstanding the maintenance issues the tenant has been reporting to the council over the past two years?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance refurbished this flat in 2016 to a very high standard. The flat was insulated throughout, a new fitted kitchen was installed, a composite fire door was put in and the property underwent extensive renovations. The tenant altered the

hallway without our permission and comprised the fire safety in the hallway. The maintenance issues that the tenant is reporting do not represent fair wear and tear.

**Q.77 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager arrange for the council to call to the property at (details supplied) and secure the boundary wall which backs onto is owned and maintained by Dublin City Council? The wall in question, which is holding up the riverbank, is so badly cracked it is on the verge of collapsing and is in urgent need of repair. While this house is privately owned, the land it backs onto it owned and maintained by Dublin City Council

**Reply:**

The Water Pollution Control Section did visit details supplied on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of January to assess the issue raised above. On the 27<sup>th</sup> we did meet with the resident. The lands on either side of the wall referenced to above are not in the ownership of the Local Authority. From our investigations the rear of details supplied adjoins the lands of the IRFU/Aviva Stadium, vis-a-vis the ditch running between the outdoor playing pitch and the properties.

We have received input from the Senior Engineer who was in charge of the flood alleviation works along the Dodder some years ago. He has advised that there were considerations given toward ceding over private lands in the IRFU grounds (the referenced ditch), they were never progressed. This may have caused a misunderstanding, nonetheless, the boundary wall is not owned, maintained or constructed by DCC.

**Q.78 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

Can the Manager please provide me with an update on the works to the roof at McDonagh House, Whitefriar Street, and have these works been able to stop the leaks into certain tenants' homes?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance has been addressing the issues with the roof at McDonagh House. They are planning to use a hoist in order to investigate further. Once they know the cause of the leak, all necessary works will be carried out.

**Q.79 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the green on Cashel Road (opposite Crumlin Hall) can be rolled in February / March to level the ground and smooth out the tyre tracks from recent scrambler use ahead of the grass needing to be cut.

**Reply:**

Following the large volumes of rain during the winter months, any machinery driven onto the green now would add to the damage. Parks will wait until the grassed areas dry out before mowing will recommence. Once regular mowing starts again the grass will knit back quickly.

**Q.80 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if some of Crumlin's featureless green spaces can be identified for improvements such as seating, planting, play areas or 'teen spaces' to make them a better amenity residents of all ages in the local community. Small greens like Windmill Park or Derry Drive would benefit hugely from even small planting schemes, while bigger greens like Clonmacnoise would lend themselves to mixed use improvements.

**Reply:**

Parks are proposing match funding for discretionary funds to improve some of the green spaces in Crumlin to enhance tree planting and planting which should add some interest.

**Q.81 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if a planting plan can be developed to enhance the biodiversity of Pearse Park, including planting wildflowers in the south-facing area behind the bowling club and identifying areas suitable areas for small-scale rewilding initiatives in line with the DCC re-wilding policy?

**Reply:**

Parks can look to develop some areas of wildflower in Pearse Park. There are reports of increased antisocial behaviour and drug dealing in this park. Any interventions need to be careful not to provide cover for these activities.

**Q.82 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if something can be done to prevent illegal and dangerous parking at Garville Lane, where emergency services were recently unable to gain access to a residence on the lane due to the lane being blocked with illegally parked cars.

**Reply:**

Dublin Fire Brigade carried out an inspection of the area in question on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 14:20 and reported that there is access and egress to the end of the lane. However, if the parking is not policed it could cause difficulties getting emergency vehicles to the incident.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement inspector will investigate Garville lane to access the locations and review access for emergency services.

**Q.83 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for a safety inspection and report on the recently laid concrete work at Sandymount Green, carried out by Actavo contractors. Councillors were recently made aware that this concrete was laid just before heavy rainfall, and that placing and finishing concrete in the rain compromises its strength, increasing the tendency for dusting and scaling to develop.

Can the manager confirm that this work has been thoroughly inspected and there is no safety concern or potential liability due to the laying of this concrete in sub-optimal conditions?

**Reply:**

The installation of a pedestrian crossing in Sandymount Green required a section of roadway to be excavated and renewed. This work was undertaken by a contractor from the DCC Framework as per the normal process for any works of this type within the city. The DCC procedures for projects of this type require that there is a snagging and acceptance process and this is currently being undertaken by DCC engineers in conjunction with DBFL Consulting Engineers.

If there are any issues which arise from this process, the contractor will be required to rectify them, as per our normal contractual arrangements.

**Q.84 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if this committee can liaise with An Garda Síochána regarding the issue of open drug dealing taking place in Pearse Park, near the playground.

**Reply:**

Parks are aware of this issue and have made contact with the local Gardaí regarding the issue.

**Q.85 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to reinstate a Park Attendant to Palmerston Park. The park has deteriorated as a result of the significant increase in numbers using the park and the lack of a Park attendant to oversee and manage it. Issues highlighted include:

- large numbers of dogs running off leads and fouling
- children riding bicycles through flower beds and climbing railings into the pond area.
- Pond area has been partially drained and now looks like a rubbish dump full of all sorts of debris.

Our parks are now more needed than ever. It would be a shame to see them deteriorate because of insufficient maintenance and supervision to address the issues arising from the increase in numbers currently using them.

**Reply:**

There has been a dramatic increase in footfall and public use of all parks over the last year due to Covid restrictions, which has inevitably put pressure on the infrastructure and maintenance of parks. Lawn areas in particular are suffering from high footfall which is compounded by the wet weather over recent months. We will implement a maintenance programme in late spring when ground conditions and temperatures allow and which will address this problem.

In respect of the issues raised which are anti-social in nature and much of which occur under the supervision of adults, the following will be undertaken:

- Additional signage will be installed and the Dog Warden will be requested to visit the park more frequently.
- Children cycling through the flower beds does occur occasionally, especially when plants have not yet become established. We will investigate how we can address this issue by planting more robust pollinator friendly plants to provide impact early in the season.
- The pond area has now been cleared of debris and the water level increased.

Park staff regularly communicate with the Community Garda in respect of anti-social activity and a new gardener has been assigned to this area since late 2020. He will be focusing on improving the maintenance and planting in the park.