

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if any arm of the City Council could look at the old baths on Sandymount Strand to see if there is any way that they could be put to use in these Covid times with a view to providing a controlled outdoor swimming area.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could look at the possibility of installing more Community Book Sharing facilities across the area as described in the email submitted with this question and on a trial basis perhaps in the vicinity of Donnybrook Fire Station.

I look forward to participating in Donnybrook Plan, I saw this on Dunville Avenue, and would love to think we could do the same in Donnybrook (I for one would love to share my books) Area to the left and in front of Fire Station a possibility. Would welcome your comments about how to go about getting this done, and maybe coming up with a better design.



Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the following issues pertaining to the Gulistan area.

Pedestrian Gate

I am writing to draw your attention to the fact that the pedestrian gate from Gulistan Depot to Rathmines has been locked since the start of the pandemic, forcing people onto the heavily congested footpaths in Rathmines. The reason given by the depot staff that they need to be able to control access to the recycle centre is nonsensical - it is an outdoor facility, and allowing pedestrian access is hardly going to create any problems for them. Locking the gate is needlessly putting people at risk by adding to the congestion in Rathmines Village.

Bike Bunker

I very much hope that one of the new bike bunkers will be made available here soon. I think one of the parking spaces at the junction between Castlewood Terrace and Gulistan Cottages would be ideal for a bike bunker.

Weeds/ Street Cleaning

The upkeep of these streets is truly abysmal. Last summer enormous weeds proliferated everywhere and I can't remember the last time I saw anyone from the council sweeping the streets. Cleaning usually only happens in response to complaints from us. I do not see the same level of neglect on the more expensive roads in our neighbourhood.

Bins

With no back or front gardens, these houses are not suited to wheelie bins, and plastic bin bags get ripped apart by animals. Surely a better solution would be some kind of communal bins (like in Spain)? I have noticed that many of the houses on Mount Pleasant Place leave their wheelie bins permanently on the pavement outside their houses, making it unpleasant and difficult to navigate the street (particularly for anyone

with a buggy or in a wheelchair). I would imagine that they would also welcome a similar solution.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will give a comprehensive response to the issues raised in relation to Dartmouth Square in the email submitted with this question.

“Subject: LEAVE NO TRACE - DARTMOUTH SQUARE PARK seeking your permission to get bin moved.

Ranelagh Village Improvement Group

You might be aware of the great turn out we had here in the square and all across the greater Ranelagh area making submissions to the City Development Plan looking for a Ranelagh Village Improvement Scheme. It was a tremendous burst of energy and fun during bleak times. We await a result

Dartmouth Square - Party Central March 2020-March 2021

1. Dumping household waste in our bins, general waste (beer bottles, coffee cups, dog poop bags and pizza boxes). On a regular basis over the weekends in particular we as neighbours had to go out and clean the streets with blue bags. We often had 10/12 bags hanging off the railings. The week before last I went out to find broken bottles thrown all over the ground. Coffee cups and rubbish. Decided I wasn't cleaning it up. When returned it was all still there with huge amounts of stuff on top. While I was off walking two people drove up to dump the bags from their car in our bin and another person put the contents of a shopping bag in the same bin. All raw meat.

The Committee got together and decided that we didn't want any more bins and we would try to get people to buy into Tidy Town's project "LEAVE NO TRACE". We are heading towards our third weekend and we are delighted with the response. We are getting nothing but positive feedback from people using the park.

We want the bin on the West side removed, bear in mind we had never requested a bin.

2. Key holder - This time last year DCC decided that they were withdrawing the man that opened/closed gates to the Park for financial reasons. DCC had only paid the guy a stipend. It was intended that all the gates would be left open on a permanent basis. This would be impossible here as we are so close to park and it poses security risk to all of us, children and cars, so we have been opening and closing the Park ourselves. Bear in mind we as a community helped DCC buy back the Park when they didn't have enough money in 2013. The amount paid equates to a quarter of the park. So will they give us back the money so we can employ someone to open and close the park?

3. After the 2013 issues we were presented with a plan for large scale improvements in the square by Les Moore, since then we have to rattle everybody's cage to get the slightest thing done.

4. Car parked on the west side of Square for months no tax or insurance clamped and unclamped on a regular basis. Eventually they towed it away two weeks ago and its now back again on the north side of the square clamped again. No tax or insurance. Obviously Parks don't like Dartmouth Square as much as they like other Parks or maybe it's Ranelagh generally

Please feel free to ring me or we can meet in the Park with other members of committee”

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to ensure that the Double Yellow Lines previously in place (and still partially visible) along the road at the side of the Amazon Building leading to Burlington Gardens – off Burlington Road – are repainted and that the metal receptors on this public road are removed as a matter of urgency. The works on the Amazon

buildings are now completed approximately three years and there is no case for the official road marking not to be reinstated and the unofficial metal receptors not being removed.

The parking problem has arisen since Amazon commissioned their new HQ about 6 years ago. Prior to Amazon's Shannon House there was double yellows on both sides of the road. Subsequent to Amazon's occupation of the building the yellow lines on their side of the road became obscured by the works at the construction period but still may be seen where they have not been eroded. Also Amazon's builders left metal receptors in the road so that they can cordon off the parking for themselves by inserting poles.

Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will have the "make shift drain" (according to a resident) at the pavement at the pedestrian crossing outside O'Brien's on Sandymount Road examined and upgraded. I am told that water constantly stagnates there and makes crossing for the elderly in particular difficult. Also if there could be a review of the footpaths generally through the Village as I am told they need upgrading.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to report on the public lighting along the main Sandymount Village area as I am told it is very dark in the evenings.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the concerns raised by Dodder Action in relation to proposed works along the Dodder as submitted in the email with this question.

Dodder Action, a voluntary group dedicated to the maintenance of the River Dodder, is aware of the proposal, adopted by South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council and Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council in 2003, to build 584 metres of flood walls at a height of 1.48 metres between the river and the riverbank in Milltown.

We have concerns about this plan as it is outlined in the River Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Management Plan (2014), particularly the proposal to build 1.48 metre walls on the river bank at Shanagarry Apartments (DCC) and the Al Hussain Islamic Centre (DLR).

These walls would destroy some of the most beautiful views on the River Dodder. They would impact the enjoyment of the thousands who walk the river banks every day. They would also be detrimental to the wildlife in and along the river, from otters, to birds, to insects to fish to vegetation.

Consultant engineers Byrne Looby, informed of our concerns, have clarified that surveys of the river are on-going and public consultation will take place before any new flood defences are constructed. They add, however, that the suggestion by Dodder Action that modern flood mitigation measures allowing controlled flooding in the less populated upper reaches will help with additional flooding caused by climate change, but not with the flood risk already calculated.

The flood risk to the Shanagarry Apartments and the Al Hussain Centre is calculated to be a once in a century event. Even at that, the Shanagarry Apartments are built on stilts, presumably due to the perceived flood risk, and the flood risk relates to the car park. If Byrne Looby still finds that a wall is absolutely required to protect the Al Hussain Centre and the Shanagarry Apartments, it is Dodder Action's contention that a flood wall should be constructed between the apartments/Al Hussain Centre and the river, not between the river and the river bank. This simple solution would avoid the destruction of a noted beauty spot rich in industrial heritage and wildlife.

Dodder Action wishes to alert you, in your role as a public representative for this area, to this potential risk to the river and its banks in the hope that you will use your influence in the River Dodder's favour. To that end, we will be happy to furnish you with any further information you may require.

Q.9 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the main road running along Palmerston Park be designated as a 30km area? The Park area has a large number of children (there is also a nursing home on the street) and many cars regularly race up the street.

Can DCC look at creating wider footpaths and cycling lanes as part of the Covid Mobility Response especially at the top section of Upper Rathmines road leading up to the junction with Palmerston Park? With the COVID crisis, the pathway is often congested and it is necessary to walk on the road. As it is the road is not wide enough to accommodate two lanes (given the priority for parking along this section currently). Parking should not be permitted along this stretch of road, or should be on one side only.

Could a traffic calming measure be put in place needs, residents have suggested a 'press-button-for-the-green-man' on the left hand side of Upper Rathmines junction with Highfield Road / Dartry Road / Palmerston Park? There is a button on all the other sides of this junction, but not there. It would really help and make it safer.

Is this road included in this year's budget for road surfacing? The road has a lot of big holes and is unsafe for cycling along the park. The holes are visible coming from Palmerston Road and turning right, and cycling along the side of the park to the junction.

Q.10 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the request for a yellow box at the junction of Larkfield Grove and Clareville Road be reviewed? A number of residents have been in touch again to express their frustration about this on-going issue. Please see attached 3 photos of the crossroads at Larkfield Grove Clareville Road clearly showing traffic blocking residents in. A yellow box junction would certainly facilitate residents in exiting their own street a little easier.

2 photographs were taken at 16.56 & 17.41 on Thursday 3rd December & a 3rd 8.13 am on Friday 4th December. Videos are also available.

Engineer out for 1 hour in summer time during the pandemic.

Residents would like this matter reviewed and a logical attitude from the council. Residents are open to speak to DCC over the phone who have been blocked in. It has been suggested that DCC visit/ call out during school term between 8 am & 9.15.

Q.11 Councillor Tara Deacy

On February 12th I emailed Parks about the on-going issue the Leylandii trees in Royston are creating. I am aware that residents have been in touch several times, and I have also followed up myself. Can these trees be removed, my previous email Feb 12th outlines the reasons why and their removal would be very much appreciated by the residents, due to on-going anti-social behaviour issues and general discomfort they are causing.

Q.12 Councillor Tara Deacy

Having received correspondence from a number of residents about opening the entrance to Pearse Park between Crumlin Bowling Club and St Mary's Anglican Church, I would like to request that we open that up this entrance, it is a much brighter entrance and it would be great to see it opened up especially coming into the summer.

Q.13 Councillor Tara Deacy

Residents have asked that we respond to the on-going issues around anti-social behaviours/drug use in Eamon Ceannt Park (Sundrive Park). While the park wardens do an excellent job of cleaning up could we provided with what solutions exist to stop the behaviour from occurring. This could be in the form of increased (any) Garda patrols in the night, locking the gates as a deterrent or perhaps sending litter wardens at weekends and fining those who breach existing laws. I am aware there is a working group in place working on this 'Friends of Eamon Ceannt', could we get some feedback in terms of how we can communicate this work to our constituents with a view of addressing these issues?

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager supply a full report with regards the recent anti-social behaviour at Glovers Court, York Street which involved a street fight and also violent attacks in and around the flat complex which was captured and put out on social media? This was a pretty serious incident and it also involved a substantial amount of An Garda Siochána to attend the scene. Can the manager supply the following information: Have DCC issued any sanctions to the individuals involved? What measures have DCC taken with regards further security at Glovers Court and York Street Flats area.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the extra charges that have been applied to parking permits for residents of social housing flat complexes in the SEA? This report also to include what legislation was used to increase these charges? Was there any report supplied to the Traffic and Transport SPC or the Housing SPC with regards these increased charges? Are these increased charges to be rolled out across the entire Dublin Local Authority Area? What official took the decision to allow these increases? Was there ever a report brought to the SEA for approval for such increases?

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to what plan of action, if any, is being considered to address the issue of drinking on the canal in the Portobello/Charlemont Street area of the canal and the general issue of anti-social behaviour within this area?

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report to the SEA with regards the intended installation of dozens of wind turbines within Dublin Bay? Can the manager arrange a presentation from those involved in this initiative so as we can have full transparency and clarity?

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards a number of vacant apartments and flats at the end of Townsend Street as it joins with Tara Street? These flats are above shops and were formerly in the possession of DCC. They have remained boarded up for 15 years which is unacceptable in the present housing and homeless crisis situation. Can manager ascertain as to who now owns these dwellings? What is DCC's involvement in these dwellings? What is the future of these dwellings?

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards the security firm which is now involved in the Dublin Docklands Area and Dublin City Council estate? Recently a camera crew from RTE, filming a news item on the white water rafting system, were stopped and told they couldn't film in the area. There was a number of councillors present being interviewed for this news item and it was a rather peculiar demand coming from a private security firm. What authority does this security firm have for such action given that this is a public domain?

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager look at the possibility of removing a number of seats and benches at Ross Road/Bride Street flat complex? These seats within the complex are the subject of much anti-social behaviour, drinking and drugging all hours of the night. Residents are very concerned about the security in this area and the continuation of this anti-social behaviour.

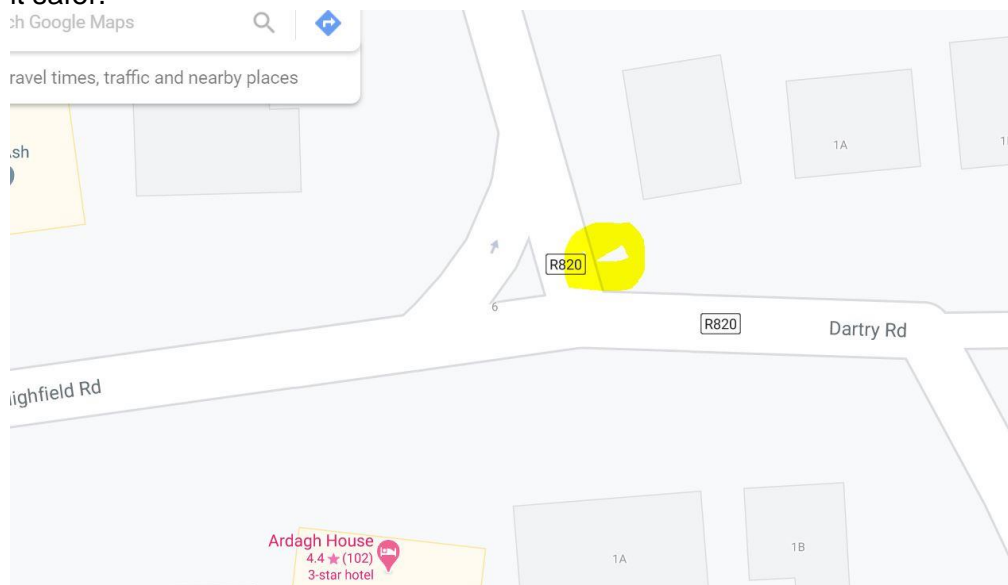
Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how much rent is owed by social housing tenants to Dublin City Council since the lockdown and pandemic began? Many vulnerable communities who are in our housing estates are falling into a huge poverty trap which is resulting in rent arrears and indeed arrears for other amenities like gas, electric etc.

Q.22 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager if a pedestrian button can be provided by Traffic Department at the junction with Upper Rathmines Road/Highfield Road/Dartry Road/Palmerston Park, a junction that has difficulty to cross by pedestrians.

The image demonstrates that the button is needed on the left hand side of Upper Rathmines junction with Highfield Road / Dartry Road / Palmerston Park. There is a button on all the other sides of this junction, but not there. It would really help and make it safer.



Q.23 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager if Brighton Road, Terenure can be provided with low speed signage, 30kmh, as the resident notifies that other roads have the 30kmh signage.

Q.24 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can ensure that the works described below that were promised in November 2019 are completed as a matter of urgency and safe access and egress is ensured in this area so close to the playground – including some form of safety barrier inside the park.

“South East Area - TAG Meeting Minutes for Noting 30/10/2019 (Area Committee Date: 11/11/2019)

25 7011884 Yellow Box CLYDE LANE (SE) Dublin 4 requested safety measures at both entrances to Herbert Park on Clyde Lane.

Recommended Yellow Box on Clyde Lane at entrance to Herbert Park (Bowling Green end): At a point 2.5m on the south side of Clyde Lane opposite side of No. 21, Clyde Lane beginning at the south west gate post a junction box (M 121) to be lined north east for 2.57m (across the entrance/exit) of Herbert Park. The junction box should extend 2.97m north-west to edge of existing parking bay then for 2.57m south west ending at the south west gate post.

Addition of two worded “SLOW” (M 114) road markings traversing Clyde Lane, both “SLOW”

Road markings should be 2.27m wide. The first “SLOW” to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m south west from the edge of new junction box. The other “SLOW” to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m north east from edge of the “SLOW”.

Yellow junction box on Clyde Lane at entrance to Herbert Park (Tennis Courts end) to start at a point 2m north east on opposite side to property 8A, Clyde Lane beginning from the south west entrance/exit gate post to Herbert Park. To be lined for 2.57m north east (across the entrance/exit) of Herbert Park. The box junction to be extended 2.97m north west to edge of existing parking bay. Box junction to continue 2.57m south west before curtailing at the south west gate post.

Addition of two worded “SLOW” road markings traversing Clyde Lane, both “SLOW” road markings should be 2.27m wide. The first “SLOW” to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m south west from the edge of new junction box. The other “SLOW” to traverse Clyde Lane 2.5m north east from edge of the “SLOW”. The Parks Department have been requested to examine what measures may be appropriate on the Parks side”

Q.25 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please state why Palmerston Park is not in the ownership of DCC according to the LDA Assets database and would you state who is it registered to please.

Q.26 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager if cycle parking can be provided at the lower end of Upper Rathmines Road, and/or outdoor seating outside café/bar units. I am notified by local business that double yellow lines outside all their businesses in upper Rathmines road “have appeared out of nowhere” This enquirer requests that Dublin city bikes extend to this area and some bike rails as there is nowhere for anyone to park their bikes in the area.

Q.27 Councillor Tara Deacy

As you know speed limits have been recently changed and a "slow zone imposed" on a large number of roads in Dublin city.

Could you please tell me pursuant to what decision/ resolution did this happen?

Can you tell me when it happened? As it stands Garville Avenue Upper, Brighton Square and Brighton Avenue in Rathgar/ Terenure are part of this slow zone.

Brighton Road is not.

This has led to a very confusing RTA situation:

1. As one leaves Brighton Road moving onto Brighton Square there is no sign indicating to the driver that they are entering a slow zone or that the speed limit is changing;
2. As one leaves Brighton Road moving onto Terenure Road East there is a 50km sign suggesting that the speed limit is changing when in fact it is not (as Brighton Road is still currently 50km per hour);

Can you explain why Brighton Road is not included in the slow zone? There are three child care facilities on the road. The road has a huge amount of children cycling, scooting and in buggies to and from these facilities.

I am of the view that the current speed limit of 50km on Brighton Road is dangerous. There has been a dramatic rise in delivery vans during the pandemic. A van driving at 50km past a Montessori school is, in my view, highly dangerous. Can this be addressed as soon as possible?

Q.28 Councillor Tara Deacy

I previously asked the manager to repaint and repair the lampposts on the following streets: Lismore Road, Ferns, Durrow Road, Aughavanagh Road, Glenealy Road, Rathdrum Road. Q20 November 2020 refers.

Received the reply:

We will examine the poles on Lismore Road, Ferns, Durrow Road, Aughavanagh Road, Glenealy Road, Rathdrum Road and if the poles on these roads are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to the list for future painting programmes subject to available finances.

Were the poles examined and when will they be repainted?

Q.29 Councillor Tara Deacy

Further to 12/10/2020 Q.28 asking the manager if broken railings on the green space on Cashel Road could be replaced as people are using it as a way to illegally dump food on the green space and the hedge around the green on Cashel Road is cut back now that the nesting season is completed. Could this be followed up?

Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy

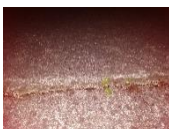
I raised the issue of illegal parking at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads. It was highlighted at the time that this would be monitored and if it were to persist further action would be taken. Locals have sent me photos on number of occasions and the issue has indeed persisted and in fact gotten worse. Can we now look at the installation of planters as was discussed as soon as possible so we can avoid a serious accident in the near future? - This is still a problem. Can we look at addressing this again?

Q.31 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask a manager to deal with this issue from a constituent on Ramleh Close, Milltown, Dublin 6. She writes:

"As can be seen from the photo attached below there is a 3/4 cm dip on the footpath and anyone could trip there.

Ramleh Close and Ramleh Park footpaths have become very neglected. They haven't been looked at in over 25 years. The area has a large older population the older residents feel obliged to walk on the road for safety reasons."



Q.32 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent, he writes:

"I am living on Strand Road Sandymount an area where many people visit to walk and enjoy the beautiful beach. I was hoping you could get some swift action from Dublin City Council on the provision of temporary Public Toilets throughout the city in this time of global pandemic. It was great to see this happen at the top of Grafton Street last summer however that is not nearly enough. We need public toilets in all our parks and areas of natural beauty.

People want to get out and about and have no choice if caught short to urinate in public.

It is looking very likely we will have a spring summer 2021 of only meeting family/friends outdoors so people need to have a place to use a toilet.

It saddens me to see a toilet just up the road on Strand Road, Sandymount beside the Martello tower that requires 20 cent coin to use this one toilet cubicle. Surely budget can be found to provide some FREE public toilets. Just today I saw a distressed elderly man who could not manage to get the coin mechanism to work to open the door and he had to dash into the bushes to urinate.

I hear all the arguments that providing toilets will encourage people to gather and encourage anti-social behaviour. This is archaic thinking in the 21st Century. Extraordinary times call for people to rethink and reimagine our public spaces and act quickly."

City council cannot rely on private business bars, cafe, restaurants, hotels, service stations to provide toilets when many are closed ".

Q.33 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue in relation to Dartry Park from a constituent,

She writes,

"I have heard that it is proposed to allow Ranelagh GAA Club to use that park regularly. I do not know if that is true - perhaps just a rumour. I have been at the park when Ranelagh GAA have been there. The number of people - and the number of cars - makes the park far too unpleasant for other users to enjoy it. I would be grateful if you could let me know if it is true that Ranelagh GAA will be permitted the regular use of the park.

If it is true, I should like to know -

What are the terms of the original grant of the land to Dublin City Council?

Whether Ranelagh GAA can be given permission to use the park without any public consultation even though there is currently no pitch in the park;

How representations can be made not to permit the establishment of a pitch - or at least to permit its use only after 11 am to allow dogs use of the park until that hour.

Finally, I should like an opportunity to inspect the grant of the park land to Dublin City Council".

Q.34 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

"Whilst out on walks around the Sandymount/Ballsbridge/Donnybrook/Baggot Street area recently, I am absolutely appalled at the huge number of overflowing DCC waste

bins. Surely this is one of the DCC's most basic services? The need to have bins emptied is much more important than either a white water rafting or cycle track facility."

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give details of the amount of grant funding from DCC to Marian College Swimming Pool to include all years since the commencement of funding, and the annual amounts.

Q.36 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can bollards or some other measure be added to the footpath on Windmill Road at side of Pearse Park to stop illegal parking on the path? The path is impassable for wheelchairs and buggies, particularly those using the local crèche.

Q.37 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the issues submitted with this Question to be examined and a response issued to this Councillor and the residents' group by the end of April and that, when allowed, an "onsite meeting would be held to progress these matters further.

- Re-Surfacing - while extremely thankful for the re-surfacing budget allocation, the Residents Association wondered if we could dove-tail the Ashfield Rd & Ashfield Ave lane junction re-configuration with already authorised resurfacing works, either:
 - By temporarily putting in some soft landscaping material, contained in immovable containers (barrows/barrels) to create the same effect
 - Followed by permanent works in the next budget allocation (extending the footpath out on both sides to reduce this junction point to single lane), to traffic calm a junction that is being used by commercial traffic for daily commercial deliveries, daily waste collections (Keywaste/Citybin), and high volume restaurant Deliveroo collections, which traffic movement includes the reversal of commercial vehicles through the junction in a residential area at times when kids are walking to school.
- Litter – much of the litter in the area tends to congregate towards the bottom of Ashfield Road, reasons being – (1) litter from Keywaste/Citybin daily commercial wheelie bin pick-ups at the lane (2) litter blown up Ashfield Rd from Ranelagh Rd (wind tunnel effect). In contrast, the Devlin Hotel and Tribeca have their wheelie bin waste picked up on Ranelagh Road.
- Tree Map – the suggestion was we plot the existing trees on a Tree Map and make recommendations regarding:
 - Remove unsuitable trees (root system undermining footpaths) & replace with suitable trees (e.g. deep root systems)
 - Plant suitable new trees in suitable locations, particularly towards the bottom of Ashfield Road
 - Tree Map – insert later
- Pathways – as part of a future budget allocation:
 - The pathways on the right hand side (even numbers) as you drive down Ashfield Road were reinstated circa 1991, and it was promised at the time that the opposite side (odd numbers) would be done subsequently, but this never happened.
 - The latter (odd numbers) pathway is in poor shape, with kerbs too low in many places, with damaged kerb in other places, and tree root damage elsewhere.

- Foot-paths around the parking meter (beside lane), kerbs are badly damaged from commercial traffic turning/reversal movements
- An additional suggestion was that these pathway reinstatement works could be part of a pilot scheme to install power points for electric cars, as part of the Climate Action Plan.
- Traffic calming – road signage in several locations could be improved (1) access to Ashfield Rd from Ranelagh Rd needs improved signage to warn traffic it's a 1-way system (2) peak morning traffic from the top of Ashfield Road to Mornington Road is illegal until 10am, and this byelaw is breached daily.
- Yellow Box - the yellow box on Ranelagh Road opposite Ashfield Road is too small, and inhibits traffic turning right towards Sandford Road – solution is to add say 3m to the Yellow Box (Sandford Rd side)
- Counter Flow Cycle Lane to the bottom of Ashfield Road.

Q.38 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the following ESB poles be painted as they are in a poor condition? If this is the responsibility of the ESB can the Area Manager request them to do this? Also can our own painting crews or contractors paint as many public lighting poles in the Dublin 12 area as possible?

- Outside [23 Ardagh Road](#)
- Outside [2 Armagh Road](#)
- Outside [63 Captains Road](#), Opposite [103 Captains Road](#), Outside [334 Captains Road](#), Outside [226 Captains Road](#)(Lorcan O' Toole Park)
- Outside 1 and 11 Derry Drive,
- Outside 40 Lorcan O Toole Park
- Outside [1A Park Crescent](#) (Lorcan O Toole Park)
- Outside 48, [106A](#) and 159 Windmill Park

Q.39 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the manager to ensure that Kimmage/Rathmines gets its fair share of the promised new park bench allocation .That some of these, in addition to local parks such as Willie Pearse and Eamonn Ceannt be placed in non-park green spaces in the Crumlin/Kimmage area like Bangor Circle. Resident groups could assist in selecting locations.

Q.40 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the manager to resolve the problem on St. Mary's Road of cars blocking the view of drivers exiting the Belfry estate. Cars are parking on the pathway - could bollards or some other preventative measure be used as enforcement does not seem to be working?

Q.41 Councillor Pat Dunne

Could we look to have the presentation of the bottle and clothes banks improved outside Dolphin Fire Station? Could the litter bin that was removed for repair from this location also be replaced?

Q.42 Councillor Pat Dunne

Could the bins that were removed for repair from St. Mary's Road near bus stop / Old County Road (near DID) be replaced?

Q.43 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the playground gates be fixed & unlocked in Willie Pearse Park also can graffiti in the form of (details provided) be removed?

Q.44 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Parks Section outline the protocols that they undertake when placing rodent control boxes in our parks? Some users of Brickfield Park reported seeing such boxes in the park earlier this year. There is a concern among dog owners that their pets could be poisoned. Why was there no warning signage in place?

Q.45 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can DCC begin a process to take into charge a small piece of land located at the end of Kildare Road (see map)? This effective No Man's Land has a small ESB sub Station on it. It has been neglected by the owners and is a magnet for illegal dumping. Local community and residents groups are willing to tend to the land by creating a community garden or similar.

Q.46 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if a gully inspection can be carried out by the drainage department at 123 Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4 which continuously overflows following the accumulation of rain.

Q.47 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if further to the passage of the South East Area motion number 22 on the 8th of February 2021 if at the request of Sandymount Tidy Towns and the Sandymount community he can provide additional bins on Sandymount Green and also an increased collection service on weekends and bank holidays.

Q.48 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if the following issues in Dartmouth Square can be investigated as set out in the email from details supplied to all councillors and a reply furnished.

"Dartmouth Square - Party Central March 2020-March 2021

1. Dumping household waste in our bins, general waste (beer bottles, coffee cups, dog poop bags and pizza boxes). On a regular basis over the weekends in particular we as neighbours had to go out and clean the streets with blue bags. We often had 10/12 bags hanging off the railings. The week before last I went out to find broken bottles thrown all over the ground. Coffee cups and rubbish. Decided I wasn't cleaning it up. When returned it was all still there with huge amounts of stuff on top. While I was off walking two people drove up to dump the bags from their car in our bin and another person put the contents of a shopping bag in the same bin, all raw meat.

The Committee got together and decided that we didn't want any more bins and we would try to get people to buy into Tidy Town's project "LEAVE NO TRACE". We are heading towards our third weekend and we are delighted with the response. We are getting nothing but positive feedback from people using the park.

We want the bin on the West side removed, bear in mind we had never requested a bin.

2. Key holder - This time last year DCC decided that they were withdrawing the man that opened/closed gates to the Park for financial reasons. DCC had only paid the guy a stipend. It was intended that all the gates would be left open on a permanent basis. This would be impossible here as we are so close to park and it poses security risk to all of us, children and cars, so we have been opening and closing the park ourselves. Bear in mind we as a community helped DCC buy back the Park when they didn't have enough money in 2013. The amount paid equates to a quarter of the park. So will they give us back the money so we can employ someone to open and close the park?

3. After the 2013 issues we were presented with a plan for large scale improvements in the square by Les Moore, since then we have to rattle everybody's cage to get the slightest thing done.

4. Car parked on the west side of Square for months no tax or insurance clamped and unclamped on a regular basis. Eventually they towed it away two weeks ago and its now back again on the north side of the square clamped again. No tax or insurance.”

Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area manager if the contents of this email from a resident on Strand Terrace, Milltown, Dublin 6 can be considered in full and a reply on the issues detailed given:

“I am writing in relation to some issues in my area of Strand Terrace in Milltown, Dublin 6. I know from speaking with my neighbours that the general consensus is that our little community has been all but forgotten by Dublin City Council. Having spent the majority of the last 12 months at home I can safely say that the only time I have seen a council worker on the terrace is when I called myself to report a dangerous tree branch and even then it took multiple phone calls and emails before the issue was finally sorted out.

Firstly there is the issue of the DCC carpark located opposite Wilde & Green. I know the issue of the entrance to this carpark has been raised before and that traffic engineers have said that moving the entrance is not an option but surely there are some traffic calming measures that can be put in place to reduce the speed of the traffic coming down the hill. Due to the nature of the entrance many user don't realise that there is also a lane way there which has led to countless near misses with people entering the carpark at speed without paying any attention to traffic exiting the lane.

The carpark also contains the bottle and clothes banks which in themselves attract a lot of rubbish due to peoples' inability to use them properly. These banks are used extensively and are often full to capacity so it should be arranged that they are emptied more frequently and a "proper" clean up down around them regularly.

This year the earthen bank which separates the carpark from Strand Terrace became infested with rats and had to be laid with poison. Living directly on the river the odd rat is to be expected but the reason that this situation developed is that over the years this bank has been left totally unmaintained. Branches from the trees have been cut and just left underneath and therefore the bank is totally inaccessible to dogs and foxes which would normally keep rat numbers under control.

The river walkway, which has always been popular, has seen an explosion of walkers during lockdown. At a meeting in the Milltown Parish Hall in 2019, which I know a number of you attended, I asked that the council do work on this at least once a year to clear fallen leaves and cut back brambles which encroach on the path and to be fair they did do a job on it shortly afterwards. However this has not been done in the last 12 months and in places the path gets waterlogged due to leaves which by now have turned to mud and once spring arrives the brambles and weeds will once again take off. Also on the upper trail on the Clonskeagh Bridge end of the river walk a large branch has fallen from a tree located in Scully's field and has been obstructing the pathway for at least the last 6 months.

My daily dog walk takes me across the river into Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown territory and I look enviously at their large compacting bins and wildflower areas and wonder why DCC is so far behind the curve. Milltown has so many green areas that would be perfect for conversion to wildflower meadow.

If it were not for the Dodder Action Group and their regular clean ups I wouldn't like to know what the litter situation in the area would be like. The bin at the bus stop is

constantly over flowering and is not adequate for the area. Residents have learned to leave their bins out for the shortest amount of time possible as they will inevitably be used as a public bin.

As residents we cut the grass on the terrace and clean up all the fallen leaves in the autumn and take pride in our area but as households that pay property tax we do expect some level of input from the council too.

Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could liaise with the Property Management Section with a view to waiving the licence fee for storage for details supplied for the duration of the pandemic.

Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what housing options are available for details supplied. This tenant is currently 10 on the housing list and is down for a 4 bedroom house in the locality. They were recently advised to apply for a 3 bed instead, but they are concerned that this may affect their place on the list. Can the Area Manager please confirm whether changing requirements would affect the tenants placing on the list and when this family can hope to relocate to a house?

Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will the tarmac on the pathway on Cuffe Street at the junction of Wexford Street (outside the burrito bar) be fixed, which was left by utility companies after a development there. The tarmac is uneven and unsightly and the flagstones should be replaced immediately.

Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please take some action to address the ongoing issue of illegal dumping and litter problems from details supplied. Repeated complaints have been made by the residents and I have raised this issue before. No dumping signs were installed back in 2019, however the problem persists. Untagged rubbish bags are regularly dumped at the railway arches. Can the manager please outline what steps will be taken to address this issue? Can the Area Manager also arrange for an inspection of this property as neighbours seem to be concerned that this is operating as an AirBnb without permission?

Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install double yellow lines along the residential side of Ringsend Road. Paid parking is currently permitted in front of all houses, and residents' access in and out of their driveways is often blocked off as a result of cars parking across them.

Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following details supplied with retrofitting her home. This individual is elderly, relatively house bound and is struggling to keep warm due to very poor insulation in these houses.

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the ongoing issue of damp and mould at the following address details supplied. The tenant has a 5 year old daughter who suffers from asthma and the mould is greatly affecting her health.

Q.57 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to provide cleaning in the Grand Canal basin where there is a significant build-up of litter and, where necessary, to liaise with Waterways Ireland to allow for the same.

Q.58 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager about the possibility of improving lighting and installing CCTV along Sean O Casey Bridge. Residents have reported witnessing or being victims of very serious anti-social behaviour.

Q.59 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager that South Lotts receive information on the follow on impact of the Strand Road cycle trial and to install speedometers along South Lotts Road in advance of the trial.

Q.60 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to improve bin facilities between Londonbridge Road and Fitzwilliam Quay. There is a significant increase in foot traffic and litter. Further if the manager could replace the barcode on the existing bin along that route as it has been removed.

Q.61 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager what plans are in place for increased collections at bins in the area over the summer.

Q.62 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to outline a summer plan for dealing with anti-social behaviour in Portobello Harbour.

Q.63 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for an update regarding the installation of planters at Whelan O Rahilly House.

Q.64 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to install more bins along the Irishtown Nature Park and walk towards Poolbeg lighthouse and to increase cleansing as litter is building up during the good weather. Similarly if signage around litter could be installed.

Q.65 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to provide for cleansing at the unoccupied property at the corner of R111 and R802 beside the Maxol Station near Sean Moore Park or to engage with those responsible for the property. Litter has become an increasing problem in the area.

Q.66 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for an update regarding works at the IGB site and whether wildlife surveys need to be carried out on the site.

Q.67 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if information is available to Dublin City Council on the timeline for repairs to the damaged brick wall between the canal and the footpath opposite numbers 26-31 Dolphin Road. The wall was damaged in a presumed road traffic collision in June 2020 and presents a clear danger to the public if it were to collapse on to the canal tow path below. While repairing the wall may be the responsibility of Waterways Ireland it is incumbent on Dublin City Council to ensure

this work is done as soon as possible. Waterways Ireland has been made aware of the damage.

Q.68 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the wait time at the signalised pedestrian crossing opposite Monto Cafe, at 45 Sundrive Road, can be reviewed with a view to reducing it to eliminate a potential pinch point for pedestrians.

Q.69 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if something can be done to prevent the continuous double parking of cars and other vehicles at the junction of Kimmage Road Lower and Sundrive, which often leads to drivers turning left off Sundrive having to abruptly swerve to avoid double parked cars that are not in their sight line as they round this bend. The road markings and facilitation of double parking at this busy junction also presents a clear danger to cyclists and pedestrians with reduced visibility.

Q.70 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if an area within Palmerston Park can be identified and set aside to accommodate outdoor exercises such as Park Hitt or outdoor yoga. The large, open green area in the eastern area of the park is frequently crowded, lends itself to ball games, and often has dogs running off lead. Local instructors have expressed an interest in having a low-traffic space to hold outdoor classes in line with ongoing restrictions.

Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if additional dog fouling bins can be provided in Rathmines, namely at Grosvenor Square, Mount Drummond Square and Grosvenor Lane where the dumping of bagged dog poo is an issue of increasing concern to residents.

Q.72 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the visual appearance of the large concrete islands at the fork of Kildare Road and Clogher Road can be improved or enhanced, perhaps with planters or other greenery.

Q.73 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if Rutland Grove can be assessed for inadequate street lighting with a view to improvement, as residents find it to be poorly lit at night.

Q.74 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager for an update on the South Dublin Quietway. The route did not appear on the report: Update on the Implementation of Proposed Cycling Projects - a 5 Year Cycling and Walking Plan (item 16 on the March monthly council meeting agenda). Can the area manager confirm it is still this council's intention to undertake a consultation on this route and ultimately deliver it?

Q.75 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent. He writes:

"I am a resident of Waterloo Lane and have recently been delighted to learn that funds have been allocated for the badly needed resurfacing of the lane from Leeson St to Burlington Road. An issue that I, and many residents on the lane, feel strongly about is the high speeds at which many 'rat-running' vehicle travel which poses a constant and serious risk to residents, in particular the many young children. I have 3 children under 4 years old. If it is not already part of the plan, I strongly request that some traffic calming measures like speed bumps be included as part of the resurfacing project and

ask you to make representations to the appropriate persons/department in the city council."

Q.76 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent. He writes:

- "To briefly outline our proposal we would like to place our health food trailer (picture attached), serving tea, coffee, acai berry bowls, smoothies, and various baked good in the area of Sandymount beach. We would ideally open 7 days a week from 8 am to 5pm, but these hours are subject to change to be in line with the priorities of the council.
- Our offerings are procured through local producers and small business, with whom we already have a strong network. Our mission is to support our local community through good quality healthy food and to provide them with a wholesome and healthy experience.
- As the Corona virus has changed the landscape of trade, we believe now is the perfect time to provide the option for outdoor Covid-friendly grab and go healthy treats and hot beverages, in the manner which has already been executed by a number of businesses throughout Dublin, but as of yet not done on Sandymount beach.
- Our business will be eco-friendly with biodegradable packaging and sustainably sourced ingredients, as well as seasonal offerings procured from our local vendors."

Q.77 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the utility boxes at 212 Bangor Road and at the junction of Leighlin/Bangor Road be painted as part of the utility box decorative scheme?