

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 10th May 2021

Q.1 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to install Sheffield bike stands on Upper Rathmines Road on the Post Office side of the road where there is a real need for cyclists to securely lock their bikes while using the Post Office, Bar, Takeaway and other retail premises at this end of Rathmines. Many of these premises also have CCTV which adds to the secure location for parking bikes. While there are some Sheffield bike stands on Rathmines Avenue, they are not easily seen.

Q.2 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ensure that our Covid Mobility section engages with the schools, parent associations, and local environment groups such as Crumlin Community Clean-up, regarding the permanent horticultural plans for the Safe School Zone at Scoil Una Aoife and Scoil Colm on Armagh Road? This request is made following the recent installation of temporary planters at this location.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can provide a comprehensive response to the serious drainage problems referenced in the letter submitted with this question.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could supply the clarifications and updates arising from the reply to question number 3 below at the March 2021 meeting as sought in the email supplied with this question.

“Sorry for the late reply. I appreciate your efforts and look forward to seeing if any progress is made in relation to the carpark entrance issue.

Unfortunately in their haste to answer the question you posed the respondent seems to have failed to read or understand the question correctly.

At no time did I raise any issue relating to the area in front of the cottages at Strand Terrace as from experience I know that this area is not in charge of the Parks Services as they are so eager to point out. My issue is in relation to the embankment that separates Strand Terrace from the Dublin City Council operated carpark. Am I to understand that this area is not under their charge either, even the area on the carpark side of that embankment?? I am now curious to know what the situation is so that I can find out who is responsible for it. Maybe you yourself might be able to shed some light on this for me Dermot.

You may be able to advise me in relation to another matter also. How would I find out where the water mains shut off is for these cottages.

No one living here know where they are located and I even had a DCC worker ask me recently if I knew their location. This is something I would like to know as it raises issues anytime any plumbing works need to be carried out and we have to have our bathroom redone soon and I know I will be asked about this once again.”

Question to the Chief Executive
Committee

South East Area
Meeting 8th March 2021

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have a further look to see what measures (perhaps a new direct from footpath pedestrian entrance) can be taken to improve safety for all at the Dublin City Council car park at Milltown, Dublin 6.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group will liaise with the Parks Department and a report on the matter will be issued in the coming weeks.

Contact:

Gerald McEntagart, South East Area Engineer, email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if there is any update on the request to upgrade and repair Wilfield Road, Sandymount as requested in June 2020.

As you can see from the photos the section of road between house 60 and 64 is dangerously damaged. It has been like this since the big snow fall of 2018. I am a cyclist and have always been careful of this patch. My concern about this now as there are a considerable amount of children from 3 upwards with their parents from the road cycling presently and yesterday I witnessed a child taking a fall here.

I am writing to you as I hope that you may be able to contact the relevant department and get this dangerous section of the road repaired.

This would be an ideal time to get work done as there is very little car activity presently.

Thanking you in advance



Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the proposals contained in the email submitted with this question to be examined. Essentially the resident is asking that the parking bay at the top of the road be switched to the opposite side of the road to create a chicane type barrier to reduce speeding on what is otherwise a lengthy strip of road in a small residential street. This occurs on a parallel road and works very effectively.

Sandymount Castle Drive, Sandymount, Dublin 4.

Double yellow lines go from top to bottom on one side, on Castle Drive, so traffic volume and speeds are unhindered along that side of the road. Castle Road has a different layout (quick visit would be helpful) which slows and deters the movement of traffic there. On the completion of the new houses/apartments it is obvious where safety issues are going to be a problem for the community.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for at least one bin to be installed inside the Mountpleasant Square Park to complement the one outside.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager write to the owners of a derelict site at the bottom of Liberty Lane at the Kevin's street end (Photos attached) with regards the ongoing anti-social behaviour on the site, continuous dumping and rat infestation? The small laneway beside this vacant site needs to be gated and the public right of way extinguished as this site has become dangerous with many people loitering here and harassing passer-byes. A site levy needs to be imposed on this site to ensure that this site is properly maintained. The whole of Liberty Lane has become an absolute mess and an area that nobody in the neighbourhood will use as a result of the anti-social behaviour and the personal safety threat.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards outbreaks of Covid 19 in the past year at the Bow Lane Depot and also outbreaks that took place in Homeless Emergency accommodation within a mile radius of this depot?

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager put in place a proper cleaning schedule for Leinster Square, Rathmines? This area is fast becoming a dumping ground and the residents group regularly complain of a lack of cleaning and engagement by DCC. In relation to this, a new residents' committee has been set up to address the issues of parking, anti-social behaviour and littering. Can I ask that DCC make contact with the group and arrange for these issues to be addressed for the betterment of the community at Leinster Square, Rathmines?

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager as a matter of urgency liaise with the residents and residents' committee at Ffrench Mullen House in relation to issues of personal safety, anti-social behaviour? The residents at Ffrench Mullen have in recent times erected a gate from plastic roadside barriers (see photos) in order to stop their homes and apartment complex from being invaded by hordes of drinkers from the canal. The safety of this community and its people must be addressed and a gate should be installed in the same way we installed gates on the likes of Glovers Court, that can be closed over in the evening in order to give the residents here some measure of peace of mind and security.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the issue of the sewage blockage that is now a regular occurrence in Peters Place, off Charlemont Street?

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager, as a matter of urgency, install security cameras at O Carroll Villas? This area has now become a drug dealing den as a result of the cameras being very effective at the York Street/Mercer Street end. The drug dealers have now moved to O 'Carroll Villas. This has resulted in a continuous threat to the residents here. Many who live here are very elderly and also many very young families.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please address the issue of the ongoing pitching of tents along the canal? Many tents are now installed along the canal on a regular basis. This is a major health and security problem and is simply adding to the ongoing chaos and non-management of the entire area around Portobello, Baggot Street and Grand Canal area.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the process for the order of protected structure and listed building for the unique apartment buildings Wilton Court and Wilton Terrace? These fine apartments were constructed and built in the 1940s and they are a fine example of early apartment building in Dublin. They complement the area and lend to the whole idea of a residential living city, while all around them there is an orgy of office block building.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the issue of horse droppings that is taking place in the south east area that has been littering the streets for quite some time? All horse and carriages who are licensed by DCC must ensure that there is a clean- up and that the horse is fitted with bag to collect the droppings.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager urgently address the issue now that is all too often a regular occurrence, of a massive rat infestation in and around the York Street flat complex? Many residents are reporting rats running around the balconies, running around the play yard area and basically taking over the flats. This issue has been ongoing in the city for quite some time. Suffice to say, it is unacceptable that the local authority has not properly addressed this issue with other agencies such as the HSE, bearing in mind the summer which is now upon us and that many people will be outdoors in the flat complexes. Can we please address this issue? If we have to use our discretionary fund to address this, so be it.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange for a replacement street name plate on Shrewsbury Road at its junction with Ailesbury Road. See pic.



Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address the issue of part v acquisitions off site from the Tara Towers development. Where will the units be located and what are the costs involved?

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to reply to the following issue from a constituent in relation to The Graving Docks.

He writes:

"If they are sold in the future DCC should provide an alternative location in the Docklands for the wonderful street artists that work on the hoarding down there. It is one of the few genuine pieces of authentic art & culture in the Docklands and should be maintained in some fashion."

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

He writes:

"The East Link Bridge is in dire need of resurfacing, there is an accident waiting to happen on that bridge between bike users, pedestrians and articulated lorries navigating huge pot holes. Perhaps the operators could invest some of the toll fares in the upkeep of the road."

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with an issue on Sandymount Green from a constituent.

He writes:

"I'm writing to you in the hope that you raise the issue of the lack of refuse bins in the park on Sandymount Green. If it wasn't for one particular resident who each day puts out refuse bags on the park railings the place would look like a tip and overrun with rats. This lady moves the full refuse bags to a waste bin area to be picked up by DCC but I have observed the operative emptying the bin but leaving the bags it's obviously a "it's not my job" mentality.

I also draw your attention to the fact that DCC totally removing the waste bin from the bus terminus at the junction of Park Ave and St John's Road with the result that people getting in or off the bus together with other individuals are just leaving rubbish on the ground. I contacted DCC who told me that the bin was removed as it was always full and overflowing onto the ground. So instead of putting in one of the "Big Belly" bins to cope with the rubbish the brains in DCC decided that the best way to deal with the issue is to remove the bin totally and the rubbish would vanish. Perhaps they might listen to you as they've no regards for the residents of the area as evidenced by the proposed cycle way."

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the issues and concerns raised in the following email from a constituent re Sean Moore Park and Grand Canal Dock.

She writes:

"Increasingly there have been a group of teenagers who are causing trouble. They are picking on the kids and have no fear of the parents. Last week there was a terrible incident where one father was playing with his two kids (11 and 6) and the teenagers tried to attack the kids, steal his bike and then tried to attack the father! These kids have no fear or respect for anyone. Lots of the parents at the school are very concerned about this dangerous behaviour. I have only just started to give my 11 & 9 year old sons the independence to go there by themselves and now I am afraid that it isn't safe. There are lots of stories going around now about gangs of teenagers who are terrorising innocent people in the area. This evening I was in Grand Canal Dock and a group of teenagers passed by. A guy in his 30's passed them by and they threw a raw egg at him. He was just minding his own business walking along. They then headed over to the old ship wreck and were running all over it. They seem to have gotten out of control over the last few months as every day I hear new stories".

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issues from a constituent in Ballsbridge concerning clean-up efforts in Herbert Park.

He writes:

"A clean-up effort was arranged in Herbert Park on Good Friday and about 30 Anglesea Road residents helped to fill many bags of waste. However that does not address the fundamental problem of litter being created due to a shortage of bins in the park. I know that DCC are concerned that more bins will result in more deposits of domestic waste and I am also aware that one of the solar-powered bins was vandalised shortly after it was installed in the park. Clearly that is regrettable but I would suggest that the solution is not to have an insufficient number of bins to meet reasonable requirements of park users even in 'normal' times, let alone during current circumstances.

My purpose in contacting you is not to criticize DCC's Parks Dept. who do a great job but to advocate for an increase in the number of bins. In asking for this, please also let us know what sort of reciprocal actions from the residents' associations, the Tidy Towns committees (and others) would be most helpful. For example, if finance is the stumbling block, we could organize a 'go fund me' campaign.

In addition to more bins, perhaps some signage to remind people not to litter and to take their rubbish home if bins are full might have some deterrent effect."

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the lines repainted at the corner of Mace supermarket Sandymount as this is a seriously dangerous junction with roads coming from many directions and, having observed, and been involved in, quite a few 'near misses' as folks drive straight through onto Seafort Avenue misled because the road goes straight on...and drivers coming the other way have had many skirmishes all because one very important white line is not visible!!

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could the manager arrange for an inspection of trees on Shrewsbury Road Ballsbridge? Concerns have been expressed about the condition of some of the trees, particularly one adjacent to number 5 Shrewsbury Road.

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to inform the area committee of an opening date for the resurfaced bowling green in Herbert Park as members are looking forward resuming bowling activities.

Q.28 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Traffic Manager to approve double yellow lines on the first corner of road inside Mount Argus Estate (see photos attached). This request has been made many times over the last few years and the response is that there is no need for double yellows on corners as it is illegal to park on them. However, I would ask the Manager to treat this as an exception given there is an ongoing issue of parking on this corner making it a blind spot for motorists and young children at this main bend in this very busy estate. Double yellow lines have been placed on the corner of other roads in the Kimmage Rathmines area recently and this one should also be treated as an exception given the dangers.



Q.29 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address the ongoing problem of illegal parking on Swanville Place, Rathmines. This is a narrow cul de sac with a number of houses on it and double yellow lines. There is an ongoing issue of delivery vehicles from shops and restaurants on Rathmines Road lower using this small lane to park illegally while they are making deliveries.

Q.30 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to increase the number of public bins in the Rathmines area (including Mount Pleasant Square) from now until end of summer given the significant increase in footfall in this area and resultant increase in litter.

Q.31 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide an update in relation to the following housing application case (details supplied).

Q.32 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange for our Road Maintenance section to inspect the footpaths in Lavarna Grove, Terenure and carry out necessary repairs following the inspection?

Q.33 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to initiate a review of the parking on Leinster Square as there is an ongoing problem of double parking and congestion as a result of being opposite the Swan Centre shops and there is an opportunity to enhance this square/road in Rathmines. Some suggestions from local residents which could be considered include:

- Short term: reduce available parking to make it less attractive to shoppers or make resident only parking. This could be done by using council provided planters which would also improve biodiversity and appearance.
- Public space - parklets - use planters to create public space for residents and wider public to enjoy.
- Long Term: Make it a greener space to help sustainability, biodiversity and improve the public environment for the enjoyment of all. Reduce parking, plant trees/plants, install seating etc. Seating etc. could be managed by the residents to minimise anti-social behaviour akin to Clonakilty's system where businesses bring the loose seating in at night. Leinster Square could once again be a Square with emphasis on the human instead of the car.
- There are other measures that could be taken not listed in the above.

Q.34 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager if there are any plans for DCC to work with ESB or others to provide more electric charging points for electric/hybrid cars in the South East Area, particularly in areas where there is no off street parking for residents to install their own charging points.

Q.35 Councillor Tara Deacy

I would like to follow up on this question from last month. Can I get the current painting list, so there is some understanding of where all these streets lie?

Q.28 Councillor Tara Deacy

I have 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?

Reply:

The public lighting poles on Lismore Road, Ferns, Durrow Road, Aughavanagh Road, Glenealy Road and Rathdrum Road have been examined and they are on the list for painting.

All poles that are added to the list for the painting programme are painted in the order they were added to the list.

The poles on the roads this question refers to, will be painted in turn, following the order they were added to the painting list.

No timeframe can be provided at present for when the poles on these roads will be painted as all painting is subject to available finances and to the number of poles that are ahead of these ones.

Contact:

Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division, email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q.36 Councillor Tara Deacy

What is the position now in terms of these railings? I submitted questions in 2020 and 2021 on same.

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?

Reply:

Parks had plans to remove both the railing and the hedge some years ago but were met with resistance from some local residents which prevented the work commencing.

We will re-examine the situation over the coming period and report directly to the councillor.

Contact:

Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent, email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.37 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can I get some feedback in terms of this question I raised last month? In terms of fines, how many have been handed out. Residents have been in touch again about this junction.

Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy

I raised the issue of illegal parking at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads many times. 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?

Reply:

The Dublin Street Parking Services have been enforcing against illegal parking on the footpath at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads and this enforcement will continue as the issue is ongoing.

Contact:

Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement, tel.: 222 3847, email: hugh.fahey@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can we sweep the gully drains in Derry Park, Lismore Road, Ferns Road, Cloyne Road, Sundrive Road (shopping area outside Apache Pizza & Credit Untione)?

Q.39 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the manager to repaint and repair the lamp posts on the following streets the majority of which are rusted.

Clogher Road
Clonmacnoise Road
Crumlin Park
Downpatrick Road
Fernvale Drive
Leighlin Road
Monasterboice Road

Q.40 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the manager for a list of the abandoned vehicles removal requests, the location, the date requested, date expected to be removed and current status of request, that have been reported on the CRM in the last 12 months in the Crumlin/Kimmage area. What is the expected turnaround time for removal of an abandoned vehicle? A number of residents have mentioned vehicles not being removed despite requests being sent in via CRM.

Q.41 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the manager to plant more street trees on Kildare Road on the section between Bangor Road and Sundrive.

Q.42 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager and Litter Management to provide the necessary outdoor bins in Rathgar, in local parks and its environs. The outdoor activity of all communities is significant over the last 14 months.

This submission states that outdoor activity is also happening on a large scale every Friday and Saturday night, and it's making parks unwelcome places for families and elderly residents in the area, by day, due to the massive litter left behind. I am notified it is becoming a serious health and safety issue with broken glass being left behind in addition to all of the trash.

The photographs are from the Dartry Park on the Dodder on Sunday morning 25 April (residents spent 90 minutes cleaning it up).



Q.43 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager on behalf of residents of Rathdown Park, Terenure to ask Traffic Department to replace the 4 large traffic signs on the roundabout (black & yellow chevrons with a large separate arrow sign on top of each) described as 'very unsightly and are a magnet for graffiti.' Resident notifies far smaller chevrons are on main road roundabouts and indeed on some motorway roundabouts.

The small amenity tree planting carried out by the City Council to make good recent trenching works for water services, which included loss of the tree on the roundabout, are completely obscured by the large chevron signs. As seen in photo submitted by enquirer.

Enquirer states that there are yield signposts on the approach to the roundabout from all 4 residential roads and query the need for chevron signs at all.

It is requested to have the large blue arrow signs replaced with smaller arrow signs, in keeping with a residential area and allow residents and visitors to Bushy Park see recent tree planting.



Q.44 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager to ask the Traffic Dept. to address the concerns of residents in Crumlin on the lack of pedestrian crossing on wide junctions. I have brought these up issues up by other residents last year. And it appears to still be an issue.

Clogher Road and Parnell Road, very busy junction, it is only possible to cross safely (using a signalised crossing) in one direction i.e. the western crossing.

Quote from Enquirer “To cross in any of the other three directions requires taking your life into your hands.” This is especially the case in relation to the elderly, the less-abled and those crossing with young children. It is not uncommon to see people run across the road, narrowly avoiding a collision with fast-moving traffic.”

“We have raised this issue on the portal on the Dublin City Council website but have received no response. We note that funding has been allocated to improving the on-road cycle facilities along the canal recently and perhaps this issue (and that of other similar inadequate crossings along the canal) could be addressed as part of that project.”



A less serious but very frustrating issue is the wait-time at the one pedestrian crossing provided on Sundrive Road (near the junction with Blarney Park). It often takes over a minute for the pedestrian crossing to turn green after the button is pressed.



Sundrive Road

Enquirer states “Cars are constantly parked in a haphazard way that forces pedestrians to weave between them and sometimes to step out onto the road. What designated parking spaces there are often provided inside the footpath which means that cars have to traverse the footpath to access them? This leads to a complete free-for-all where people feel they can park wherever they like on the footpath. This is even more egregious when there is a car park provided opposite Supervalu Sundrive that is often next to empty.”

Sundrive Road is used as a route to school for many children attending Scoil Mológa and Harold's Cross National School on Clareville Road. Along with the above issues the width of the road allows for and often encourages speeding, making it a very hostile experience for children walking, cycling or scooting to school.

Q.45 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager to ask Litter Management to provide additional waste bins in Rathmines, and also Rathgar, which I’m advised have the least amount of outdoor bins, when there is a massive community spending time outdoors.

I will have to bring this to City Council as well as the enquirers are requesting public toilet facilities throughout the city, where there are already public toilets in ‘takeaway food and alcohol’ units, the toilets should be accessible. As there is a major issue of faeces on roads and lanes [Richmond Mews], and broken glass.

Q.46 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the manager ask for our Play Development Officer to make contact with (details supplied) who is a resident of Innismore in Crumlin Village? He and other residents in this small estate would like to erect a small playground for their children on their small green. They would welcome any assistance or advice in this endeavour.

Q.47 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange for the grass to be cut on the greens in Innismore Estate Crumlin Village?

Q.48 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the footpath outside details supplied could be fixed as soon as possible as there is an elderly resident in the adjacent home and the condition of the footpath is causing a problem.

Q.49 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the below could be looked:

“ I would be very interested in learning how/if it would be possible to get Dublin City Council to plant trees on this Harcourt Terrace, Dublin 2. Historically, this street was a mall that had a row of incredible oak trees down the centre until the council removed them in the 1970s and replaced the mall with tarmac. It would be great to see trees restored to this street either as a mall (i.e. down the centre) or alternatively on the side of the road. It would also be great to remove one or two of the parking spaces (these are only used by nearby office workers and not the residents of the terrace) and replace them with plants such as can be found on St Brigit's Street Upper in Dublin 9.

Q.50 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if “The Bridge “ changing rooms in Ringsend Park could be put into use for the benefit of the local community and students of Ringsend College as the previous occupant no longer uses this facility.

Q.51 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if St Matthew's school, Sandymount could be assessed or surveyed in terms of accessibility for school drops for buggies and prams etc., many of the junctions could do with being dished. In addition, there is a lot of overhanging foliage on Cranford Place.

Q.52 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager for an update on how often the following streets are cleaned: Sandwith Street, Fenian Street, Holles Street and Merrion Square North?

Residents report a lot of dog faeces on these streets, which is unacceptable anywhere, but particularly in the environs of a maternity hospital.

Q.53 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if consideration could be given to installing “age friendly parking” in council owned / operated car parks and streets.

Age friendly parking spaces are courtesy spaces (similar to parent and baby spaces), the idea being that the public is asked to respect these spaces and leave them free for older people to use.

This would make Dublin city a more age friendly and supportive place to live and visit.

Q.54 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for a report on a lock up on Pigeon House Road, Ringsend previously used by the Stella Maris Rowing Club. The club used this lock up for many years and was asked to leave it by DCC in 2018. Despite vacating it, the lock up is now unused and the rowing community could really do with the space for the safe storage of their boats, trailers and equipment. Please advise on plans for this lock up.

Q.55 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager about the housing position of details supplied. The applicant is in very over-crowded and unsuitable accommodation at present.

Q.56 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager for an update on the parking scheme at Havelock Square. The residents, having passed this, are waiting an inordinate amount of time for the parking scheme to be out in place.

Q.57 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if I can have an update on the housing position of details supplied.

The enquirer states that she had to email the council parks department a number of times to come and clean up the nearby park at Mount Pleasant Square, there is only one small bin outside the gate.

Quote "The council refuse to acknowledge a continued request for a bin from me and my neighbours who are also frequent park users for additional bins."

Q.58 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if it would be possible to plant trees along Harcourt Street.

Q.59 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to increase the number of bins provided in areas where there are large numbers of people and to increase frequency of cleansing.

Q.60 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager about the ownership of the small piece of land at the junction of South Lotts Road and Bath Avenue Place. Is there a piece of land here owned by the Pembroke Estate and does that impact on the planning permission given to the former garage across the road?

Q.61 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to provide infrastructure that would improve safety at the crossing from Montague Street to Camden Street. It is currently quite hazardous to cyclists in particular.

Q.62 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to tag bicycles for removal in South Lotts. A few were done in recent days but there are a number that have been there for some time and were missed.

Q.63 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager when the Dublin Bike station at Barrow Street will be reinstalled or replaced. The area has been without the stand for a long time with no replacement.

Q.64 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to investigate a number of abandoned cars on Thorncastle Street and also to outline the process for dealing with abandoned cars.

Q.65 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to liaise with the relevant authorities for the removal of graffiti underneath the rail bridge on South Lotts Road.

Q.66 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the Traffic Department to examine the school pencils at Clareville Road school. I have been contacted by cyclists who say with the narrowing curb on the road it makes cycling very dangerous. This needs to be urgently examined before there is an accident at this point.

Q.67 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can DCC have picnic benches installed in Eamon Ceannt and Stannaway Park? The park benches are great, but for outdoor eating in the good weather picnic benches are much better for kids and families. OPW and Fingal CC have installed plenty in their park spaces during the pandemic. Can this be considered?

Q.68 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on additional public bins in public spaces along the Grand Canal and Poolbeg/Irishtown/Sandymount.

Q.69 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on works on the Sean Moore Road Roundabout including painting.

Q.70 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if works will be undertaken to fix the lighting and paint railings at the grotto on Bremen Avenue.

Q.71 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will resurface the end of the Bremen Ave cul-de-sac by 17 to 21 Bremen Avenue under the trees with artificial grass or rubber safety matting and consider installing benches in consultation with local residents.

Q.72 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will ensure that the grass which is growing over the footpaths in the new houses, particularly along Bremen Avenue where the estate border the Irishtown Stadium, is pared back and maintained.

Q.73 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update regarding the clearing of weeds in the housing lanes off Bremen Avenue and Bremen Road.

Q.74 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if the council still installs "Children at Play - Drive Slow" signs and if so if he will arrange for the installation of such signs, as well as ensuring the appropriateness of cul-de-sac notifications, along Kerlogue Road, in particular towards the cul-de-sac end possibly on the lamp post beside 15 Kerlogue Road.

Q.75 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on the Portobello public consultation; when it will commence and the form it will take.

Q.76 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can we install a traffic island at the corner of Clonmac and Sundrive Road? Residents are having serious speeding issues with folks coming off various roads of four roads and taking this turn at high speed which has safety concerns for elderly, visually impaired and children that try to cross here.

Q.77 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if double yellow lines can be added at the first corner of the road inside the Mount Argus Estate in Harold's Cross to ensure safety and visibility for residents and road users.

Q.78 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to ensure that the delivery of a school zone to Armagh Road, which will be designed to deliver elements of a standard school zone suitable for a 50kmph road, is done in an holistic way that takes account of the other facilities accessed by this road and takes full advantage of national funding streams available. Armagh Road is home to multiple schools, health centres, a music school, age-friendly housing, and two youth clubs, all within a 200m stretch. The pathways here are wide and should be considered for segregated cycling to ensure safe routes to school for students, and much-needed infrastructure for this busy thoroughfare.

Q.79 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the timing and functionality of the pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights outside Lidl in Rathmines can be reviewed. Residents report multiple occasions where the lights have failed to provide an opportunity for pedestrians to cross.

Q.80 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to ensure that bins are installed on Mount Pleasant Avenue and Palmerston Road. There are currently no bins between the canal and Palmerston Park for people taking this circa 2km route between two popular amenity areas, and littering from takeaway coffee and food is increasing, as is dog fouling.

Q.81 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the footpaths at Lavarna in Terenure can be inspected and assessed for resurfacing, as uneven surfaces currently pose a threat of fall risk for elderly residents in particular.

Q.82 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he provide an update on the lamp post charging points on Sir John Rogerson's Quay, can he confirm whether they will ever be switched on, and if not will they be replaced with an alternative functioning EV charging point in this location.

Q.83 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can you ask Traffic to re assess the traffic light sequencing of the lights at College Green at the junction of Grafton Street and the main entrance to Trinity College. These only ever go green when a Luas or bus approaches from the south meaning cyclists are left waiting for a green that will never come. Perhaps a cyclist priority light could be installed here.

Q.84 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager are there plans to introduce cycle lanes and improved pedestrian facilities on Tara Street , which currently only facilitates 3 to 4 lanes of cars.

Q.85 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the roll out of safe, secure bin enclosures in our housing complexes.

Q.86 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please outline the rationale for providing a set of traffic lights on Nassau Street located just 10 metres away from an existing set of pedestrian lights, and how much did the installation cost.

Q.87 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please write to the Gardaí to ask for more enforcement of breaking of red lights along the canal from Pearse Street to Leeson Street Bridge.

Q.88 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what are the plans for DCC land adjacent to the old Pigeon House Road halting site and the Coastguard Station houses, which is currently vacant. Can the Area Manager please allow the Stella Maris Rowing club to store their trailers in a lockup on this site temporarily as they have done previously while the site is lying idle?

Q.89 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can she please address the following issue:

There is a railway bridge that passes over the street, Cumberland Street just off Pearse Street and on the underside of the bridge there is a sort of space enclosed by a grating. Pigeons and other birds regularly become trapped inside this space behind the grating and become very distressed. Can the Area Manager please try to address this issue?

Q.90 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager to respond to the issues raised in the following email and attached photographs.

"I am following up on previous message to see if there is anything you can do to request the bushes and trees on the green in Ramleh Park/Close are cut back and the green area cleaned up and if possible some reseeding of grass as have the green is bald and just muck.

As mentioned in previous message, because it's so overgrown there are teenagers coming and drinking in behind the bushes in the evenings etc. and leaving litter around including cans - dangerous for dogs and kids.

The council have a contract with a company (Peter O'Brien / Swords) to cut the grass a few times a year but they don't maintain/seed the grass or cut back any of the big trees / bushes. This is the only small green area for all of Ramleh Park and close and is used a lot but unfortunately is not in great shape.

If you could advise how we can get the council to do an annual cutback of the bushes and also if they would reseed the grass it would be appreciated. X keen to get the green cleaned up as she minds her grandkids in the afternoon and they play out there."





Q.91 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager to respond to the issues raised in the email below:

“Now that the evenings are getting longer and the weather is better there are children playing on the above roads. Cars turn off Serpentine Avenue, sometimes at speed and it is a concern to parents with their children on the street. Would it be possible to engineer traffic calming measures at the Herbert Green/Serpentine Avenue intersection to slow down cars as they take the corner? Also would it be possible to introduce *children at play* signage to educate and warn drivers? The road also does require a resurface and re-marking.”

Q.92 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager in respect of Planning REF: 2625/21 if he could consider the below email and furnish a reply;

“We are contacting you about the above, which will involve the demolition of a historically important building (Garland House) & the construction of 40 Apartments in blocks extending to 5 storeys in height on a small site, located in a poorly accessible location. The proposed development will not comply with the current zoning for the area (Z2) & has serious implications for the area.

> We would appreciate it very much, therefore, if you would lend your support to the residents of the area in seeking to have this development turned down, please.

> In addition, as an important starting point, the listing of the Garland House building as a Protected Structure is critical. This was built in 1923, is a wonderful building & is the site of the former Church of Christ Scientist, founded by Mary Baker Eddy in the USA in the early 20th Century.

As we mentioned, your support in having the building listed & in relation to opposing the Planning Application would be appreciated.”