



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 JULY 2021

- 1 **Presentation on Belmont Avenue Traffic Proposals**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Video viewing of "My Home is Crumlin"**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Election of Chairperson**
Order: Cllr. Dermot Lacey elected as Chairperson.
- 4 **Election of Vice-Chairperson**
Order: Cllr. Tara Deacy elected as Vice-chairperson.
- 5 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 14th June 2021**
Order: Agreed.
- 6 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 29th June 2021.
Taken with Motions 3, 6, 9, and 10
Order: Noted.
- 7 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Update on Sculpture Dublin.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Dublin City Council Play Strategy. Presentation and report.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Report on Successful Community Monuments Fund Applications 2021.
Order: Noted.
- 8 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Proposed Disposal: Grant of licence for The Junction, 121 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 to St. Andrew's Resource Centre.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 9 **South East Area Office Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services South City.

Order: Noted.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Further to my motion last month in relation to provision of public seating on Rathmines Plaza and also to make space for table and chairs it is agreed that

1. The bench that is already in poor condition be removed to provide for more tables and chairs around the canopy of the Swan Leisure Centre. This would be a very real asset to the Rathmines area as the amount of open dining space in the area is very limited.
2. The process of taking Rathmines Plaza in charge commence forthwith.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That DCC take in charge the strip of land on the east corner of Grosvenor Square and Leinster Road Rathmines, (I have already been in contact with Development Dept. regarding ownership). Furthermore, that through discussion with the Biodiversity Officer, we agree this area be designated a biodiversity area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill Taken with Item 6.i, Motions 6, 9 and 10

On foot of the Traffic Report agreed at June City Council meeting which states there must be a clearance of 2.5 meters on footpath; to protect residents of narrow roads in our area, that a working group comprising Traffic and Planning Departments and councillors be established to focus on finding a sustainable parking solution to protect residents of these narrow roads in our area. Furthermore in the meantime that both departments agree to a zoom meeting with affected residents to discuss possible options and protection from being clamped in the meantime until we find a solution.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agree to create a breast-feeding area in Stannaway Park to allow new and nursing mothers a place to meet and socialise. To add to the new benches put in place and to install a cover/shelter be in through trees planting around it or a physical shield. Please see photo attached as an example.



Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Tara Deacy

Based on the needs identified through the excellent video 'My home is Crumlin' created by young people through Blooming Crumlin, that this committee agree to identify a suitable area/building/premises for young people to 'hang out', for those young people interested in the arts and other activities to call their own. This could take place in collaboration with youth services and also through collaboration with

the CYPSC locally.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill Taken with Item 6.i, Motions 3, 9 and 10.

This committee expresses serious concerns to NTA and An Bord Pleanála if they recommend a 24/7 Bus Gate on Rathmines Road. Local residents accept the need for this gate at rush hours but not on a nonstop continuous basis.

Such a proposal would have serious implications for the residents and commercial life of the village of Rathmines

- It would landlock residents of Grove Park making it impossible for them to enter and egress their road
- it would turn Rathmines shopping area into a ghost town and have serious implications for the commercial life which would make it impossible for Rathmines small traders in the area to survive who depend on the weekly shopping of local residents
- A 24/7 bus gate would drive traffic into small narrow roads which would have serious safety implications for local residents of these road.

Order: Motion amended to include An Bord Pleanála and Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillors Pat Dunne, Carolyn Moore and Tara Deacy

That this Area Committee recognises the opportunity to greatly improve the public domain entrance to Eamonn Ceannt Park at the Rutland Grove, as part of the Part 8 development of a new depot.

We commend Parks Management for their engagement with local residents and ask that the observations of those residents be fully considered as part of the development.

We also refer to Part 8 Ref 176/2007 for the pavilions which included the provision of 30 new car parking spaces and is still valid. These car parking spaces have still not been provided and this is causing ongoing issues for local residents with illegal and dangerous parking. We now ask that the provision of legal parking spaces be included as part of the depot development, that cycle parking is provided, that enforcement of illegal parking is increased, and that the public realm improvements at the entrance be also included.

We believe that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to enhance this section of the park and will support any necessary increase in the funding allocated to this project to achieve these objectives.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This Area Committee notes with concern the withdrawn of the local Dog Warden Service from Dublin 12 which was servicing Eamonn Ceannt and Brickfields Parks. We call for the immediate restoration of this service.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill Taken with Item 6.i, Motions 3, 6, and 10.

There have been incidents of double yellow lines being painted out with grey paint. The latest being on Mount Argus Road. It is important that the Traffic Department takes urgent action and furnish the clampers with maps where parking is not allowed. In the Mount Argus Road case, parking on the pinch point where the DYs have been painted out means that traffic cannot get through.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy Taken with Item 6.i, Motions 3, 6, and 9.

That this committee supports the request that the Traffic Department and Parking Enforcement can ban speeding on The Grove, the entrance to Terenure Rugby Club which has caused locals significant problems over the past number of years with speeding cars all day and night. The enquirer states that the club grounds, Lakelands are visited by 1000s of people to enjoy the park and look at the swans who are breeding now. However the cul de sac is narrow and the speed of traffic will cause serious injuries if it continues. In the first instance Dublin City Council must review the traffic movements on Greenlea Grove and address traffic calming measures, including ramps and double yellow lines BECAUSE the parking on the Grove makes the Cul de Sac narrow and dangerous. The local resident recommends the solution to this problem is to provide an alternative entrance from the main road where there is wider access.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

That the South East Area Committee asks the manager if a new underground waste collection system can be developed in Dublin City and its busy urban villages. I have seen these in Ljubljana in Slovenia when I wrote a Travel Feature there in 2018, there was no litter on any path or road, so that far more litter is concealed and removed.

Many more residents in DCC are advising that they have seen these underground waste bins in other cities and notifying me and requesting DCC take this on. In particular, throughout South Georgian Core, where there is a mix of residential and offices. Details below:

Fitzwilliam Street Upper Refuse collection is a constant issue. As we are classified as primarily a business district by the various waste disposal companies, opportunities to leave out rubbish are very limited and very few companies are interested in collecting domestic waste.

Those that are, have very limited time slots, use plastic bags and only collect every 2 weeks. The system is VERY un-user friendly and results in bags being left on the streets, pigeons ripping them open, and if you miss the strictly speaking 2 hour slot to leave your bags out, you then have a month long build-up of rubbish rotting in your house before the next collection. It is a system which is not fit for purpose and very unhygienic. Demonising and fining residents is not the answer to the problem. Providing a refuse collection which facilitates people's life styles is. One size fits all might be convenient for the operator, but not the customer.

So for solutions. A very simple and effective solution used in many countries in Europe, is the Finish system of deep hole collection points (see photos attached). A company called Molok provides it <https://www.molok.com/>. It is a system available in Ireland as there is an agent listed. However, I would suggest contacting the parent company to find out how larger cities have implemented the system.

In my opinion it is precisely what the council needs to adopt and run itself. It is an investment in infrastructure.

A fleet of trucks are needed to collect the waste which is deposited in branded bags bought by residents. The residents then bring them to waste disposal points to deposit them, avoiding clutter on the streets and pigeons feasting on left over rubbish. It is a tidy hygienic collection SYSTEM. The collection points are

disguised deep holes in the ground, with huge bags inserted in the drums, which are neatly and simply extracted and dumped in the truck. It is very labour efficient and safer than picking up and handling thousands of bags. It is also very space efficient and not intrusive. Holes are dug into the ground at convenient locations so people can walk to them..... just like the old system of post boxes. The key thing is the council must devise and adapt its collection routine to meet the demand of the areas.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne moved by Cllr. Lacey

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to extend the pedestrianisation hours of Parliament Street to support businesses through this stage of the pandemic.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne Moved by Cllr. Lacey.

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to reinstate the bollards and flower pots that were recently removed from Pigeon House Road, and to consider making the traffic calming measures here a permanent feature.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this south-east area meeting of Dublin city council calls on the CEO Owen Keegan and Mr Brendan O'Brien to immediately revert the traffic signals to their original settings in order to avoid the massive continuation of traffic-congestion on our city streets as our city opens up.

Order: Report to Councillor.

11 **Questions for the Chief Executive 12th July 2021**
Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 12 July 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill

Members:

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

Members:

Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan
Carolyn Moore

Officers

Brian Hanney
Mary Taylor
Gerard McEntaggart
Aaron O'Connor
Michael Noonan

Leah Johnston
Jennifer Wall
Andrew Duff
Christina Todd

John MacEvilly
Will Mangan
Derek Kelly
Debbie Clarke

Apologies:

Claire Byrne

Non-Members:

Trevor Clowry, Bloomin Crumlin

Question to the Chief Executive

**South East Area Committee
Meeting 12th July 2021**

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager for an update on the promised resurfacing on Herbert Lane, Dublin 2.

Reply:

Herbert Lane will be recommended for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, temporary repairs have been carried out on the laneway.

Q.2 Councillor Claire O'Connor

To ask the manager to attend to a dead tree in Cowper Gardens.

Reply:

This tree will be removed in the coming weeks.

Q.3 Councillor Claire O'Connor

To ask the manager to attend to Beechwood Avenue needs cleaning.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Beechwood Avenue cleaned on the 28th June 2021.

Q.4 Councillor Claire O'Connor

To ask the manager to attend to lights on Beechwood Avenue being held together by tape.

Reply:

A more precise location (pole number / house number) would assist in providing a more detailed answer, but we presume that the query relates to the old concrete columns in the area of Beechwood Avenue. There are known issues with these columns, one of which is that small parts of concrete can become loose and fall, hence the use of the plastic wrap. These columns are on an upgrade works program that will address the issues with these concrete columns.

Q.5 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update report with regards the Temple Bar book market? This report to include what contact, if any, has been made recently with the Temple Bar book market traders? When can the traders go back to the market at Temple Bar? What is the status of the works on Temple Bar Square? How long with Temple Bar Square be used for outdoor dining purposes? What infrastructure, if any, has been made available to the Temple Bar book market traders to continue to trade in the area on a temporary basis, like at Bernard Square or Palace Street?

Reply:

Temple Bar Company manages the Temple Bar Markets on behalf of DCC and have been in regular contact with all the traders including the book market traders. The traders from the Temple Bar book market were temporarily moved last June to the designated trading spots in Bernardo Square as there were works planned for Temple Bar Square. Currently the square is being used for outdoor dining as part of the City Recovery Plan. The outdoor dining licences have been issued to 31st July in this location. The situation will be reviewed prior to that date and a decision will be taken as to whether to extend the period of the licences.

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the process for traffic calming measures with single lane access for vehicles at the Longford Street entrance to Georges Street roadway? This stretch of road from Noel Purcell Way to Longford Street consists of a number of feeder lanes such

as lower Mercer Street, Upper Mercer Street, York Street and Stephen's Green Carpark that feed into this very narrow stretch. Traffic has a tendency to go straight ahead to Golden Lane which is very congested, or it does a left hand turn onto Aungier Street or a right hand turn onto Aungier Street going north. The footpaths here, particularly at the Thomas Moore House side cannot take the volume of pedestrians. It would be appropriate that these footpaths be built out, that the left hand turn onto Aungier Street would be rescinded and that a single lane of traffic would be installed.

Reply:

The area engineer attended site on 2nd July 2021. The pavement widths on the east side of Longford Street Lower at the junction with Aungier Street at Thomas Moore House is 1.8m and this pavement width increases to 1.9m just before the junction with Bow Lane East.

The pavements widths on the west side of Longford Street Lower at the same locations above are the same widths namely 1.8m and 1.9m respectively.

Both pavement widths are in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. Which states that:

"Minimum footpath widths are based on the space needed for two wheelchairs to pass each other (1.80m).

The Area Engineer does not recommend single lane traffic on Longford Street Lower, the Area Engineer would not recommend a no "LEFT TURN" onto Aungier Street from Longford Street Lower. There are many businesses in the vicinity of Aungier Street. Rescinding this "LEFT TURN" would result in further congestion on adjacent roads.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager investigate the damage that is being caused by the speed ramp at London Bridge Road, Ennis Grove, Dublin 4? I sent in the exact details to Road Maintenance on 31st 5th 21 and have had no response. It would appear that vehicles using this ramp are causing a huge amount of damage to the structure of nearby houses because of the vibration impact of the vehicles as they descend from the ramp. This is an urgent matter needing immediate attention.

Reply:

This ramp is due to be resurfaced within the next 4 weeks as part of our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager initiate a procedure whereby all premises granted street furniture licenses and permits in the SEA are obliged to display such licences in the public domain? Recently with the advent of street furniture and outdoor dining initiatives the public domain and indeed the footpaths are being overrun in many cases with illegal furniture. Many people are finding it difficult to walk the footpaths or indeed to get into their homes or apartments with particular reference to Parliament Street which has 200 persons living on it. Not to mention those with disability, wheelchair users and those with children buggies.

Reply:

It is a condition of all street furniture licences that they are displayed. Enforcement in relation to street furniture has been significantly increased, in particular in relation to blocking footpaths, furniture in the public realm without a licence and fire safety issues.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ensure that those using the footpaths within the Camden Street Area for street furniture and outdoor dining obey the rules of their licenses and do not hoard the footpath? See photos attached.

Reply:

Inspections will be carried out on Camden Street this weekend (w/e 11th July), and any identified issues will be dealt with. As part of our increased enforcement in relation to outdoor furniture, regular inspections are taking place, with particular emphasis on businesses without licences, footpath blocking and fire safety issues. A new complaints email has also been set up streetfurniturecomplaints@dublincity.ie.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full report with regards to what cycling infrastructure initiatives or what cycling promotion programs are being initiated within Dublin City council flat complex? Will the flat complexes have safe place to lock up their bicycles? Will the flat complexes be given bicycles sheds/stores like we have in the more affluent areas of Dublin? What Sheffield stands will be installed in the flats?

Reply:

We are trialling bicycle stands in Bonham Street Apartments. Once the complex is complete we will see how effective these have been before making a judgement on other areas.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regards the refurbishment of the dilapidated and dangerous children play area of C Block Mercer House?

Reply:

The South East Area Office has requested a playground specialist to inspect the play area in Block C Mercer House. Due to COVID there is a delay installing and repairing playgrounds. However, the South East Area has asked that the Mercer Street playground be prioritised. Once the inspection is completed, the South East Area will examine the proposed work and costings. The South East Area is committed to the provision of a safe play area in block C. In due course, we will inform the residents of the timeline and the type of works to be carried out. It is envisaged that the play area will be completed this year.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards what initiatives or programs have been rolled out in order to enhance the security and safety of the residents in Ffrench Mullen House who are continuing to suffer gang invasion and high levels of anti-social behaviour? We need to afford these people at Ffrench Mullen, who are our tenants, the same attention we afforded to the residents of Portobello.

Reply:

The South East Area Office is maintaining close links with An Garda Síochána and Tuath Housing regarding complaints of anti-social behaviour in the environs of Ffrench Mullen House. To date, Tuath Housing has installed more lighting and aggressive shrubbery in the area where the majority of the anti-social behaviour is reported. This was completed on the advice of the Crime Prevention Officer from An Garda Síochána. Tuath Housing holds a clinic every Tuesday in the TK2 centre by appointment for the tenants if they have any issues or concerns.

Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána met with a group of tenants from Ffrench Mullen House. The tenants requested a gate to be erected at the entrance to the walkway. The tenants' group was informed of the reasons why this would not be possible. However, Dublin City Council committed to considering what further measures could be introduced to reduce the anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the walkway. Our Housing Maintenance Division is considering placing a fence at the side of the walkway to eliminate any access on the left as one comes in from Charlemont Street. In relation to the gate and as indicated previously with the tenants' group, the walkways are integral parts of the Master Plan for

the Charlemont Square Development and there is no planning permission for any gates in this walkway.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager liaise with the RSA and JC Decaux and all the other private bike hire services within the city to come together for a full public campaign for cyclists, scooter users and electric bike users of the importance of the rules of the road and to call on those road users to familiarise themselves with the rules of the road? One would be hard pressed to catch many cyclists who would have a clear understanding or indeed who have read the rules of the road for cyclists. Indeed many of the bike hire schemes should be compelled to supply a copy of the rules of the road for cyclists and to display it on their apps. in particular in the bike delivery services like Deliveroo etc.

Reply:

Characterising one set of road users in this fashion is generally not helpful and indeed is very unfair to the vast majority of law abiding cyclists. DCC would propose instead to look at a campaign in partnership with the RSA reminding all road users of their responsibilities and obligations.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full update as to how many fast food vans or food trucks have been granted trading licenses by DCC in the past year? Also to clarify the law in relation to such trucks trading from private grounds such as car parks etc. See photos attached of such a vehicles trading on private ground.



Reply:

The Licensing Unit issues casual trading licences to people who wish to trade in a public area. We have two types of licences, Designated Licences and Event Licences.

Event Trading Licences are issued for people to trade in the vicinity of certain events like matches and concerts and we have issued zero in the past year.

Designated Trading Licences are issued annually and DCC have very few designated pitches that can sell hot and cold food all of which are either filled or will be filled by a waiting list. Two hot foot day time traders and zero night time traders renewed their licences in the last year.

The Licensing Unit does not issue licences for food trucks trading from private property.

Mobile units trading from private land may or may not require planning permission depending on the use history of the land concerned and also whether the use is ancillary to the main approved/permitted use of the land concerned and also the hours and number of days on which they operate. Each case would have to be assessed on its merits. Covid legislation also allows for the operation of takeaway services from properties that would have previously had indoor dining facilities, so once again, each case would have to be

assessed on its merits. Given that we are currently in the middle of a pandemic and that government health advice is to facilitate and encourage outdoor consumption of food and drinks, Dublin City Council is currently not proactively pursuing cases of trading from mobile units on private land unless we are satisfied that they are causing a nuisance to adjoining properties. This will be reviewed at the end of September 2021.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager look at the possibility of supplying more street cleaning services and street wash services within the SEA particularly within the city centre? Many of these streets have become stained and very dirty as a result of the increase of outdoor dining and drinking etc. Indeed many of our laneways and streets are continually used as public lavatories. Would it be possible for Dublin Fire Services or indeed the Civil Defence Fire Brigade Services to come and assist DCC Waste Management to hose down our health hazard street? This is in the public interest and public health and safety.

Reply:

Dublin Fire Brigade are aware of revised arrangements to increase the level of street cleaning in Dublin. Dublin Fire Brigade's resources are focused on their existing mandate and operational activities. It is not appropriate that these finite resources are diverted or diluted for the alternative duties outlined.

Waste Management Services have planned in additional crews, resources and equipment into the city centre for the purpose of power washing key streets and areas of concern.

Additional activity will commence 29th June 2021 for a 5 day period and will be reviewed weekly throughout the summer.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

He writes,

"I live in Ringsend Park and our garden abuts the park itself and is in close proximity to both the tennis and basketball courts. As with all summers we are currently subject (and have been for the past number of months) to noise/music emanating from users of these facilities from morning till night. The noise generally starts at 7am and continues till past 10pm. While an annoyance at best when indoors it is considerably worse when trying to enjoy or use the garden, particularly so at weekends.

Most often it is due to users not being aware that a residential area is so close to the courts. Can you please advise as to how I can go about getting signage erected advising the users that they are close to a residential area and to be considerate of same?"

Reply:

This location has been inspected over recent weeks and while the courts are very busy the noise levels were not considered to be high and in fact were barely noticeable.

However, we will arrange for signs to be erected advising users of these facilities that they are close to a residential area.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the issues raised in the following email.

There are gold ribbons around the trees and street furniture on St. Mary's Road, Ballsbridge and on other roads in this area, e.g. Northumberland Road.

We hear that this has been done to alert residents to the fact that DCC is intending to construct a cycle lane on our road. As this would have huge implications for us, we are very anxious to know what is happening.

Reply:

Dublin City Council currently has no plans to construct a cycle lane on either St. Mary's Road or Northumberland Road. The nearest planned cycle lane is on Pembroke Road, which is proposed as part of the BusConnects UCD Ballsbridge to City Centre Core Bus Corridor.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

She writes,

"Is there anything that can be done about the speed limit on the Strand Road as 30 kph is absolutely ridiculous and also very hard to maintain. I have seen drivers getting frustrated at the lack of speed and blasting other drivers who are trying to drive at the reduced limit.

In my opinion this will cause more accidents than the higher speed of 50 kph.

I've also noticed that there are still cyclists cycling on the walk way where it clearly says no cycling and with the lovely weather there are more and more people taking advantage of this facility in particular the more elderly members of our community. I have pointed this out before and can only hope that there are no accidents with anyone being hit by these cyclists but in particular the elderly and children."

Reply:

Due to the High Court legal challenge and the stay subsequently granted forcing the City Council to stop work related to the Strand road trial which resulted in unfinished roadworks on Strand Road it is necessary to have a 30kph speed limit.

Cycling in an area where cycling is prohibited is an enforcement issue.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a constituent in Milltown.

He writes,

"I am writing to you about an increasingly worrying problem in Scully's Field which, as you will know, is right beside Strand Terrace on the Dodder in Milltown.

Nearly every weekend over the past number of weeks, crowds of children are gathering in the field to drink. These are children who look as young as 13/14 years of age. Scully's Field is protected natural habitat which includes a bat population. Sadly, each weekend the level of rubbish left behind is destroying this habitat and increasingly threatening that wildlife. In addition, there is now a significant increase in anti-social behaviour which includes children regularly falling around the place drunk and plants being ripped out. We had to break-up one fight this year and on another occasion we witnessed a kid falling into the river drunk only to be pulled out by friends. I was also recently approached by two detectives investigating an assault in Scully's Field a number of months ago - they were looking for access to CCTV footage from our security cameras.

I confirm that these concerns and problems are shared by my neighbours living on Strand Terrace. Frequently during weekends we and others call An Garda Síochána at Donnybrook station who come out and try and disperse the children - for them to only return within a short time frame.

This urgently needs to be addressed in light of the above, and I would appreciate hearing from you. There is a real need to do something to prevent access to parts of Scully's field

by these children and de-escalate this problem. Failure to do so will undoubtedly lead to more damage to this natural habitat, and at the same time an increase in anti-social behaviour and as a result, an increase in the problems associated with it and outlined above."

Reply:

The South East Area Office has been in contact with the owners of Scullys' Field and they say they are in the process of organising a clean-up of this area and will look again at possible options of securing it further.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue raised by a constituent.

She writes,

"I am a resident of the Pines apartment building on Anglesea road. My apartment faces out on to Herbert Park. As you probably know the park is a gathering place for people to meet with friends. The problem is that as the evenings go on the groups get louder, playing music in speakers and usually ends in a lot of loud shouting and roaring. It has gone from 3 or so nights a week to most nights and it keeps me awake. The guards are usually responsive to doing something about it but I've noticed at the weekends they don't clear the park until 1 am and midnight during the week. I think this is too late. This is around the bandstand / lake area of the park near the Herbert Park hotel.

Is there anything more that can be done? I appreciate people want to meet up with friends but I am not in favour of it if it continues into the early hours and impacts on my sleep. I work long hours (from home!) and while I am sympathetic to it at the weekends, it is now pretty much every night which means I cannot get to sleep. As I type this email there is a large group shouting outside my window.....and this is a nightly occurrence. I'm coming to the end of my tether on this."

Reply:

Park Services are working closely with local community Garda with regard to the issue raised and we have noticed that numbers using the park have decreased in recent weeks following the lifting of Covid restrictions.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

There are three sets of pedestrian lights at the Sean Moore Road Beach Road junction. Currently there is no audio or vibrations that allow the visually impaired to cross safely. This is an impediment to their independence. Could the manager respond to this issue?

Reply:

The ITS Section has recently received a query on behalf of a visually impaired customer who lives locally and a response was issued in relation to the Sean Moore Road / Beach Road junction.

The Sean Moore Road / Beach Road junction is a very large junction that comprises of over 15 signal groups and seven pedestrian crossings. Some of the pedestrian crossings comprises of the older generation push button units that do not have the audio tone functionality. This junction also comprises of Aldridge pedestrian buttons which are the newer pedestrian push buttons with the audio tone functionality. Our maintenance contractors attended the junction and confirmed that there are both older yellow push button units and newer Aldridge push button units present at this junction however there are significant constraints due to the controller hardware and cabling which restricts the audio tone functionality across all pedestrian crossings at this junction.

A recommendation has been put forward that junction upgrade works be undertaken here that replace the older generation push button units and rectify the pedestrian audio tones such that all crossings are brought up to standard. Funding was made available from the NTA to undertake this work as part of the Strand Road cycle trial.

The Strand Road Trial Cycle Scheme has now been delayed pending a Judicial Review and there is a High Court stay on undertaking any work connected with the trial. The judicial review case has been completed in the High Court and the judge has reserved judgement and the stay on any works remains in place. This matter will be reviewed again following the High Court's decision in this matter.

Q.22 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can we get clarification on the issues raised by residents around new parking arrangements on Coulson Avenue, Rathgar?

Reply:

The Area Engineer has been made aware that residents on Coulson Avenue are concerned with the new rules on parking in their area. The Area Engineer has forwarded onto Cllr. Deacy the background to the issues raised by one of the residents on Coulson Avenue. Parking Enforcement is investigating the issue of the single yellow line on the south side of Winton Avenue.

The Parking Enforcement Division will review and respond to the Councillor in due course.

Q.23 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to investigate the illegal parking and blocking of driveways along Rathdown Avenue and if double lines could be put down along one side of the avenue.

Reply:

DSPS will investigate the complaint of illegal parking on Rathdown Avenue and enforce as required.

A report on this issue is now completed and is currently being reviewed. The findings and any recommendations will be provided to the Councillor in the coming days. The Traffic Advisory Group have informed An Garda Síochána and requested that they monitor the area also.

Q.24 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to look into paving the laneway besides 59 Wilfield Road.

Reply:

The laneway referred to is not in Dublin City Council Road Maintenance Services charge and will not be considered for paving. It would appear to be a private laneway.

Q.25 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to look into locking the park gates of Mount Pleasant Square Park after 9pm and to fix the locks for Sandymount Green.

Reply:

We are currently seeking quotations to undertake repairs to a gate on Sandymount Green which Sandymount Tidy Towns raised with us at a recent meeting but are not aware of any issue with gate locks.

There are some incidents of casual late night drinking in Mountpleasant Square Park, therefore gate opening facilitates Garda access to monitor the problem.

Q.26 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to follow up on the maintenance of the trees surrounding Ringsend Park.

Reply:

There is an ongoing programme of tree work which we undertake both in Ringsend Park and on the roads adjacent to the park. If there is a tree at a particular location please advise, and necessary works will be undertaken, if required, following an inspection of the tree.

Q.27 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to clear the storm drains along Sandymount Avenue due to a blockage causing flooding.

Reply:

An inspection of the gullies on Sandymount Avenue took place on 8th July 2021 and 21 of the 21 gullies were cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew in the Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division. No issues were noted.

Q.28 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to implement measures to tackle excessive dog fouling on the footpaths for the Ringsend Park area.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's Animal Welfare Unit is currently in the process of working with Waste Management to provide additional signage in relation to owners cleaning up after their dogs. The Animal Welfare Unit will also patrol the area at intervals.

We will ensure that the above mentioned area is included in the various measures to tackle the dog fouling issue there. Our litter warden will include this area as part of his regular patrol.

Q.29 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to investigate illegal dumping on the laneway besides Bremen Road and to install a gate to prevent further dumping.

Reply:

While Dublin City Council have some social houses on this road, the majority are privately owned. Therefore, it is up to residents to come together and decide the best course of action for their community. Dublin City Council will look at the solutions and act accordingly.

Q.30 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to look into creating a disabled parking space on Leukos Road.

Reply:

There are currently two disabled parking spaces on Leukos Road. The link provided gives details on how to apply for a residential disabled parking bay and the criteria that must be met for an application to be considered.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/disabled-parking>

Q.31 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to look into establishing a pedestrian crossing on Rathfarnham Road near Fergus Road.

Reply:

The area engineer has completed the Capital Works Programme for 2021 and will compile a list of civil engineering works towards the end of 2021. These will include the possible provision of future pedestrian crossing throughout the south east of the city.

The area engineer will assess the possible provision of a pedestrian crossing on Rathfarnham Road near Fergus Road. This pedestrian crossing will be assessed along with other requests for pedestrian crossings the area engineer has received.

Q.32 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to look into the below issues raised from this email:

'I write to you to encourage you to add to your recent success in getting Ashfield and Mornington Roads resurfaced by helping to significantly increase the traffic flow and convenience of traffic entering Ranelagh from Ashfield Road.

By far the biggest impediment to this is vehicles entering the Left lane with a view to turning Right. This blocks all filtering to the left which accounts for over 90% of the traffic.

There are two simple solutions to this,

#1, move the traffic lights from their current position 20 m or so to the right, up to controlling this junction or

#2 just put up simple clear signs at the bottom end of Ashfield Road stating Ring Lane Turn Right and Left Lane Turn Left.'

Reply:

All new signalised crossings (including relocated signalised crossings) need to be assessed together with other upgrades/improvements for existing junctions.

The junction operation will be assessed and a recommendation made. Improvements/upgrades are subject to funding and, if required, will be included in a programme of works to be established for the area.

#2 There is limited space at the bottom of Ashfield Road where it meets Ranelagh Road for additional signage. As part of the operational assessment for item 1 above, a review of the existing signage will be performed and any recommendations will be made in conjunction with the overall assessment.

Q.33 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager to look into the issues raised for the Mount Argus Estate in Kimmage in the email below:

'Here in this Estate are approximately 80 houses with almost all residents on a WhatsApp group. For years now, we have campaigned, pleaded & even begged for double yellow lines inside the estate, even if only on one corner. It is the primary corner which is an 85 degree turn to the left on Mount Argus View. A completely blind spot for both access and egress in the event of the on corner parking. Issues are further compounded by the following.

1. Many residents on Lower Kimmage Road have no off-street parking, hence using the estate.

2. Business areas around the Sundrive junction use the estate while at work, including a few staff from Supervalu.

Reply:

Double yellow lines were located on south side of Mount Argus View commencing west of driveway of No.9 to extend west for 8.50m. Parking enforcement are aware that some of the double yellow lines were painted over. Parking Enforcement informed the Area Engineer about this. The Road Marking Team will reinstate the painted out double yellow lines as soon as their work load allows them to do so.

Q.34 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to arrange for litter removal and cleansing on Synge Street.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Synge Street cleaned on the 7th July 2021.

Q.35 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to arrange for cleansing in South Lotts.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean South Lotts with a hand vac and large road sweeping machine five days a week, Monday to Friday.

Q.36 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager about the possibility of extending the hours of pedestrianisation of Parliament Street.

Reply:

The pedestrianisation of Capel Street and Parliament Street are interlinked, as traffic volumes on Parliament Street largely originate from Capel Street. Due to the competing needs of businesses in this area, it is not feasible to extend the hours of pedestrianisation, although the weekend evening pedestrianisation has been extended for a further six weeks. The use of loading and parking spaces on Parliament Street will be considered if there is consensus on their use for outdoor dining.

Q.37 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to liaise with those responsible for the pedestrian traffic tunnel at details supplied. Public urination has become a serious problem there.

Reply:

The South East Area Office contacted the management company and received the following undertaking:

“We have full time (24/7) security personnel in place to monitor and patrol the park and the perimeter of the development sites at Wilton Park.

We have asked them to increase their focus on the area in question as part of their routine checks.”

Q.38 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to liaise with details supplied regarding painting in her apartment at details supplied.

Reply:

As per Tenant’s Handbook internal painting is the responsibility of the tenant.

Q.39 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to clear foliage at details supplied, foliage is blocking sunlight coming into the apt. It seems others were cleared but this apt. was missed.

Reply:

Dublin City Council will investigate this matter and carry out any necessary works.

Q.40 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if signage could be erected in parts of Ringsend Park to indicate proximity to resident homes and the impact of noise late in the evening.

Reply:

Appropriate signage will be erected over the coming weeks. However, excessive noise levels late in the evening should be referred to the Gardaí.

Q.41 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for an update in relation to anti-social behaviour near Ffrench Mullen House.

Reply:

The South East Area Office continue to liaise closely with An Garda Síochána and Tuath Housing in relation to anti-social behaviour in the environs of Ffrench Mullen house. Anti-social behaviour is a matter for An Garda Síochána and to date Tuath Housing have installed more lighting and aggressive shrubbery in the area where the majority of the anti-social behaviour is reported. This was completed on the advice of the Crime Prevention Officer from An Garda Síochána. Tuath Housing holds a clinic every Tuesday in the TK2 centre by appointment for the tenants if they have any issues or concerns.

Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána met with a group of tenants from Ffrench Mullen House. The Tenants requested a gate to be erected at the entrance to the walkway. The tenants group were informed to the reasons why this would not be possible, however, as promised at the meeting, Dublin City Council met with the Architects for Charlemont Square; reps. for the Developer and also our Housing Maintenance Division on site at Ffrench Mullen House to investigate what additional measures could be introduced to reduce the anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the walkway. Our Housing Maintenance division are considering placing a fence at the side of the walkway to eliminate any access on the left of the walkway as you come in from Charlemont Street. In relation to the gate and as indicated previously with the tenants group, the walkways are integral parts of the Master Plan for the Charlemont Square Development and there is no planning permission for any gates in this walkway.

Q.42 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager how a business can apply to have planter bollards installed outside their business and if it would be possible at details supplied.

Reply:

Zebras are installed in order to facilitate outdoor dining in some locations. However, the location at (details supplied) is in an area of pay and display and residents' parking, where there is a high demand from residents for parking, particularly at night. The outdoor dining permit was granted with the full understanding that the licenced area on the roadway was to be available for parking outside licenced hours, so zebras will not be installed there.

Q.43 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if an AED (defibrillator) could be installed at each flat complex across Dublin City and in strategic places across the city. Perhaps these could be corporately sponsored.

Reply:

It is not standard procedure for Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance to install or maintain defibrillators on site in our complexes. This is not a service that Housing Maintenance is considering at this time.

Q.44 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if a solution can be found to the following;

I live in the Court Apartments complex on Wilton Place in Dublin 2. About a month ago a pedestrian pathway tunnel was constructed on Wilton Place due to the footpath being closed for construction work on the Georgian Terrace. This has created a real problem of concern for the residents of Court Apartments. Due to increased socialising along the canal, particularly at the Mespil Lock, and no public toilets within walking distance, people have been using this walkway to urinate. As you can see from the photos attached, it is a blind corner. At least 5 times over the past two weeks I have walked directly into someone urinating there. It is incredibly uncomfortable and as a result I don't walk inside the tunnel anymore. This building is predominantly older people in their 60s and 70s and mostly women and I have serious concerns for their safety not only by walking into an intoxicated

person openly urinating in public but also by walking on the road in the dark to avoid the tunnel. I have rang the Gardaí about this problem and flagged down a passing patrol car to alert them. The problem persists. The renovation work that has led to this problem is being carried out by IPUT. Somewhere between DCC and IPUT there must be a solution to ensure the safety of residents.

Reply:

The South East Area Office contacted the management company and received the following undertaking:

“We have full time (24/7) security personnel in place to monitor and patrol the park and the perimeter of the development sites at Wilton Park.

We have asked them to increase their focus on the area in question as part of their routine checks.”

Q.45 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if pest control could asses details supplied as it has a serious vermin problem.

Reply:

The Environmental Health Section in Dublin City Council has no statutory powers in relation to pest control and do not investigate complaints in relation to vermin. The investigation of complains and subsequent enforcement action and the provision of advice in relation to vermin is a matter for the Health Service Executive.

The Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919 is enforced by the Health Service Executive, Environmental Health, Pest Control Section, Unit 13F, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Tel: 01 809 8300.

Advice is provided on the HSE web site at http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_Householders.pdf and at http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_the_Construction_Industry.pdf

There is a mix of private and social houses on this block. Pest control has been out to Dublin City Council's tenants. This situation here is being monitored.

Q.46 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will engage with the residents of the new houses in Ringsend regarding the installation of a 'Welcome to the New Houses' sign for the Bremen Road and Pine Road entrances to the estate and if he will have such a sign installed with the residents' support.

Reply:

The matter will be examined and a reply issued to the councillor in due course.

Q.47 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he has or will engage with the Ringsend/Irishtown Tidy Towns group regarding the installation of belly bins for Ringsend and Irishtown.

Reply:

Waste Management have installed 2 Big Belly Bins in Shelly Banks and the entrance to nature reserve this year. Engagement with community groups and Tidy Towns has been ongoing with our area offices. Waste Management are aware of this request.

20 Big Belly Bins have been procured this year, with any future procurement, locations and suggestions from Tidy town group will be considered in line with needs.

Q.48 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if the section of Pine Road between 28 and 31 could be repaired/resurfaced.

Reply:

This section of Pine Road will be considered for resurfacing when formulating the 2022 works programme. In the meantime any temporary repairs to keep the carriageway safe will be carried out.

Q.49 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will ensure a comprehensive cleaning of the new houses, Ringsend for the removal of weeds, dead weeds, and litter/illegally dumped material across the entire estate including the housing lanes as the estate is in dire need of a thorough cleaning including tree pruning where appropriate.

Reply:

Waste Management has been requested to conduct a thorough cleansing of the area listed. This estate has been scheduled for treatment by the Weed Control contractor for 2021.

Waste Management Services clean this residential estate every three weeks and remove dumped material from there when necessary.

Q.50 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he has plans for the refurbishment, cleaning, or otherwise improve the playground in Ringsend Park.

Reply:

The junior playground, which consists of play elements suitable for children from 2 to 12 years of age, is maintained daily during which the play equipment is inspected to ensure it is in a safe condition for use.

The senior playground, which has equipment appropriate for older teenagers and more adventurous children, is currently being upgraded, and it is anticipated that this will be open for use by mid-August.

Q.51 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if DCC will engage with a tenant (details supplied) regarding their concerns and seek a resolution to the matter of hygiene issues with neighbour.

Reply:

The Project Estate Officer will contact this tenant in relation to this matter.

Q.52 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if double yellow lines could be installed on Sundrive Road from outside number 87 as far as number 53.

Reply:

A request for Double Yellow Lines on Sundrive Road from outside number 87 as far as number 53 (Enquiry Ref: 7021266) is listed for examination and report by the Transport Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.53 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if signs could be placed at entrance to park and entrance to playground at the park on Neagh Road reminding people to pick up dog poo.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's Animal Welfare Unit are currently in the process of working with Waste Management to increase the number of dog bins in parks and providing additional signage in relation to owners cleaning up after their dogs. The Animal Welfare Unit will also patrol the park area at intervals.

Waste Management Services had signs placed at the above mentioned locations as requested on the 2th July 2021.

Q.54 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if the residents of Peter Place, Dublin 2 could be consulted regarding the installation of a railing along green area at the back of 1-6 Peter's Place, Dublin 2, to prevent its use as a public toilet.

Reply:

A feasibility study will be carried out here to see what is needed. Following on from this all options will be considered and any necessary work will be done.

Q.55 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if trees on Derravaragh Road could be trimmed.

Reply:

The trees on Derravaragh Road are included in our tree pruning list and it is anticipated that pruning will be undertaken as part of this year's tree pruning programme.

Q.56 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if DCC could reopen the public access gate at the side of Rathmines Town Hall linking Gulistan Cottages with Rathmines village.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is obliged by law to ensure the health, safety and welfare of staff, patrons and visitors to all council premises and facilities. Waste Management Services Health & Safety Unit reviewed operational procedures at each Bring Centre at the beginning of the pandemic and a variety of location specific restrictions were introduced to allow us to continue to provide essential services during this difficult time. A one way system was introduced at Gulistan Terrace Bring Centre to ensure the continued health, safety and welfare of staff, patrons and visitors to this facility. The pedestrian gate was closed to prevent the bring centre being used as a short cut by persons not using the facility. As such, we are not in a position to return to normal operational procedures until directed to do so by our Health & Safety team.

Q.57 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager clarify for the residents of Coulson Avenue our policy regarding parking on narrow streets such as this street? This request follows the general discussion regarding parking issues on footpaths at our last area committee meeting after which confusion seems to have circulated.

Reply:

The Area Engineer has been made aware that residents on Coulson Avenue are concerned with the new rules on parking in their area. The Area Engineer has forwarded onto Cllr. Deacy the background to the issues raised by one of the residents on Coulson Avenue. Parking Enforcement is investigating the issue of the single yellow line on the south side of Winton Avenue.

The Parking Enforcement Division will review and respond to the Councillor in due course.

Q.58 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to conduct a review of congestion and parking on Observatory Lane (leading to Rathmines Cricket grounds), Rathmines. Parking is legal on one side of the lane, but this has the effect of causing a lot of congestion with cars and bikes particularly at weekends and can often result in it being very difficult for residents on the lane to access or exit their homes.

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7021567) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.59 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to repair the footpaths and road on Riversdale Grove, Terenure. This is a small residential street which badly needs repairs to avoid trip hazards.

Reply:

This street will be considered for resurfacing when formulating the 2022 works programme. The footpaths will be examined and any defects will be logged onto our asset management system for repair in 2021.

Q.60 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update with a timeline re the request for double yellow lines on the first corner to the left as you drive along Mount Argus View, Harold's Cross. This is an extremely dangerous and blind corner and a request has been submitted on a number of occasions by many Councillors for this safety intervention.

Reply:

The area engineer has recommended double yellow lines on Mount Argus View, these double yellow lines will be located on the left hand side of Mount Argus View when the Road Marking Team's workload allows.

Q.61 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for the tree on the footpath outside details supplied to be removed or at a minimum pruned. The falloff from the tree is causing the resident health issues as she has a respiratory condition. There is no need to replace this tree as there are a lot of trees on this road.

Reply:

A detailed inspection will be undertaken of this tree over the coming weeks.

Q.62 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to assess the lane off Leinster Square for an appropriate mural as part of the 'Paint your Town' initiative.

Reply:

The locations are set for this initial call out as locations have been evaluated and authorised for consideration by Artists. If the Councillor could supply actual address of location or Geo pin and any available information regarding the owner we will seek to include it at a later date.

Q.63 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address the consistent waste management issue on the lane way behind details supplied. A takeaway restaurant backs onto this lane way and the build-up of rubbish from this restaurant is causing a pest issue and is unsightly and unacceptable for other residents whose homes back onto this well used lane way. Dublin City Council waste management do respond when calls are made to have the rubbish removed, but it is an

ongoing issue and needs to be taken up with the restaurant in question or whoever else is using the lane way as a dumping ground.

Reply:

The Litter Wardens are engaging with the business referred to. Waste Management removed material from this laneway W/C 5th July 2021.

Q.64 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update in relation to details supplied. Is this on the derelict site register? Is it registered for commercial rates and if so to whom? Is the council taking any action in relation to the site?

Reply:

DCC Dangerous Buildings Inspector did proceed to inspect the above named premises as of 9/05/2021, under remit of the **Local Gov. Sanitary Services Act 1964** (as amended), further to a complaint from a member of the public.

DB additional further inspection 3/6/2021

The DB Inspector noted: - 9/5/2021

“Cracks visible to gable wall and under window sills to front of building. Cracks appear to be in render rather than structural.

Chimney (noted as ‘false’ – as it is advised to be a comms equipment aerial / receiver or sim.) is plumb and shows no sign of instability.

Roof is old but not in a state of disrepair.

No immediate safety risk at this time”

No further action warranted by DB

The DB Inspector noted: - 3/6/2021

“No change since Inspection in May - above

No further action warranted by DB at this time.”

The DB Inspector will continue to periodically monitor, as is our remit under the above 1964 Act.

The property is list rateable and the occupiers are liable for the rates.

The site was recently inspected and is not considered to be a derelict site in accordance with Section (3) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

The Vacant Sites Unit is currently assessing this site’s suitability for entry on the Vacant Sites Register as per the criteria outlined in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015. This includes a search on title by the Property and Title Research Unit to clarify the ownership and boundary of the premises. Upon receipt of the required information, the site will be inspected by a Dublin City Council Planner.

Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to consider having the bottle banks in Terenure Car Park only open from the car park side. While the painting of the recycling units looks great, there is still a problem in relation to broken glass on the street side. Access from the car park side would help to eliminate this danger for passing pedestrians and the unsightly appearance for residents on the opposite side of the road.

Reply:

Waste Management Services maintenance personnel will investigate the possibility of blocking access to one side of the bottle banks at Terenure Car Park.

Q.66 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to urgently request the traffic engineers to engage with Councillors, local residents, Gardaí and Parks Division to present viable proposals in relation to the ongoing traffic congestion issues in Rathdown, Terenure. We have been waiting since February for a report that was promised for March. It is now July and no resolution or proposals.

Reply:

A report on this issue has been completed and is currently being reviewed. The findings and any recommendations will be provided to the Councillor in the coming days. The Traffic Advisory Group have informed An Garda Síochána and requested that they monitor the area also.

Q.67 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide residents of a number of local roads which are very narrow, with options re parking, if they can no longer park on the footpath as heretofore e.g. Coulson Avenue, Riversdale Grove, Brighton Ave and others. While it is appreciated that parking must be responsible and allow for permeability by pedestrians and those with disabilities in particular, where this is done and the street is too narrow for parking fully on the road, these streets should be identified and granted an exemption from enforcement of the 2.5m pavement clear rule.

Reply:

The Area Engineer has been made aware that residents on Coulson Avenue are concerned with the new rules on parking in their area. The Area Engineer has forwarded onto Cllr. Feeney the background to the issues raised by one of the residents on Coulson Avenue. Parking Enforcement is investigating the issue of the single yellow line on the south side of Winton Avenue.

The Parking Enforcement Division will review and respond to the Councillor in due course.

The Transportation Division is preparing advice around narrow roads and streets with respect to the guidance on footpath parking which issued recently.

Q.68 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the trees on Stannaway Avenue outside both sides of Stannaway Court be pruned to allow more visibility? The area behind the trees is being used as a dumping ground and there is anti-social behaviour such as drinking and drug-taking place.

Reply:

The tree at this location have been included in our tree pruning programme and will be pruned over coming weeks.

Q.69 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can new trees be planted on the two greens on Windmill Road? Neighbours have seen they've been added to a number of other small greens and they are surviving and look great. Could the small tarmacked area outside the swimming pool on Windmill Road on the public street be changed to grass or flowers bed?

Reply:

These locations will be assessed for underground services and, if possible, suitable trees will be trees planted in early 2022.

Q.70 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the manager look at a solution to the parking issue outside 21-33 Armagh Road that has been directly created due to the new school safe zone? Parents/Cars are now blocking our houses and visibility is difficult leaving the house and making it dangerous. One resident who is a wheelchair user, has found this parking extremely problematic. While the schools are closed could you look at installing a small fence and some plants like the worked carried out on Summerhill recently. See: <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/E5DsKTFWUAEwJnE?format=jpg&name=medium>

Reply:

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

The Schools Outreach Officers have been made aware of the parking issues that residents on Armagh Road are facing since the installation of the new School Zone. We have highlighted this with the school principals and we will begin to roll out a new School Zone Action Plan and a Parent Awareness Campaign for Scoil Úna Naofa and Scoil Coláiste Eoin in the coming weeks. This will educate both children and parents on the features of the School Zone and the correct behaviour to be adopted in these School Zones and should improve the parking situation on Armagh Road.

Q.71 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the manager look at improving the ramps at Rathdrum Road and Rutland Avenue? The ramps are currently ineffective and cars are driving dangerously through the area.

Reply:

The Area Engineer has noted Cllr. Dunne's past request for traffic calming improvements on Glenealy Road and Rathdrum Road in addition to Rutland Avenue which are all located in the same area. The Area Engineer will be assessing all of the aforementioned roads in the next four weeks.

Q.72 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the manager arrange for an inspection of the footpath at details supplied? Tree roots are causing a trip hazard and damaging garden walls at this location.

Reply:

An assessment of the tree roots and damage to the garden wall will be undertaken and a report issued in due course.

Q.73 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can TAG look at getting a pedestrian crossing at the group of shops on St. Agnes Park? Every day, children are trying to cross in-between parked cars at the chipper and the spar.

Reply:

A request for pedestrian crossing on St. Agnes Park (Enquiry Ref: 7009067) is listed for examination and report by the Transport Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.74 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to remove graffiti in Petersons Court and City Quay and to nominate the area for use of graff stop.

Reply:

Dublin City Council will investigate the affected area and carry out any necessary work.

Q.75 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to provide cleansing at City Quay including litter and moss that has built up in the area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean City Quay on a daily basis. Manual removal of moss from the cobbled area here is a difficult and time consuming task and consideration will be given to including this area in the weed spraying programme for this area.

Q.76 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the deep potholes in the road and in the cycle lane in Rathgar village (just before Orwell Road) can be filled so as not to cause injury to cyclists.

Reply:

The matters raised will be examined and a response will be sent to the councillor as soon as possible.

Q.77 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if bollards, planters or enforcement measures can be used to prevent players using Whealen Park in Kimmage from parking illegally, dangerously and on the green at Kimmage Grove?

Reply:

Parking Enforcement will patrol the areas to ensure illegal parking is enforced.

Q.78 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if a 'Slow Zone'/30kmph sign can be erected at the entrance to Greenlea Grove, off Greenlea Road, Terenure, and also facing the exit from Terenure Rugby Club. Greenlea Grove is becoming an increasingly busy through-way and drivers are not taking due care or travelling at appropriate speeds for a narrow and short cut-de-sac.

Reply:

As agreed and ratified by the DCC Councillors, all residential roads within the DCC jurisdiction are deemed to be 30Km/h (except for approved arterial routes, where the pre-existing speed limits still apply).

These new speed limits were fully implemented, throughout the DCC area, at the end of Q2 2021.

30Km/h "Slow Zone" Speed Signs designate where changes of speed occur, and as such, are not deployed as "repeater" signage.

Q.79 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if trees can be planted along the street on Captain's Road (the section between Armagh Road and Stannaway Road) and Captain's Drive.

Reply:

This location will be inspected in the coming weeks to ascertain if it is possible to plant trees at this location, taking into account there may be services located underground.

Q.80 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the abandoned vehicle details supplied can be removed from Ravensdale Drive. It has been abandoned for months.

Reply:

I will arrange an investigation into the above mentioned vehicle and if it is found to be abandoned, I will arrange for its removal.

Q.81 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to look at replanting trees on unused tree pits located on Captain's Avenue?

Reply:

This location will be inspected in the coming weeks to ascertain if it is possible to plant trees at this location, taking into account there may be services located underground.

Q.82 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager to clarify all road names where residents have to park a car outside on narrow roads, partially on footpath, that are NOT going to be clamped. Letter sent to residents in Coulson Avenue has caused stressful concern. Enquiry is suggesting they cannot park outside their home, and have to park out on Rathgar Avenue and be given parking permits. Other residential narrow roads from historic periods include Templemore Avenue, where residents have confirmed in the past that they have permission by DCC to partially park on the path.

Reply:

The Area Engineer has been made aware that residents on Coulson Avenue are concerned with the new rules on parking in their area. The Area Engineer has forwarded onto Cllr. Deacy the background to the issues raised by one of the residents on Coulson Avenue. Parking Enforcement is investigating the issue of the single yellow line on the south side of Winton Avenue.

The Parking Enforcement Division will review and respond to the Councillor in due course.

Q.83 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager, since I brought up the parking issue in Rathdown Crescent, Rathdown Avenue, last year, when will the issue of this two-way driving route be resolved with double yellow lines on the Bushy Park side of the road.

Reply:

A report on this issue has been completed, which is currently being reviewed. The findings and any recommendations will be provided to the Councillor in the coming days. The Traffic Advisory Group have informed An Garda Síochána and requested that they monitor the area also.

Q.84 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager, if DCC can address a list of issues on the Laneway at rear of Brighton Square and Garville Avenue, Rathgar. A letter has been sent to Chief Executive on 20 May 2020 and a copy of it sent to me in May 2021 and the enquirer is requesting further information and I request a copy of the response from the Chief Executive.

I have visited the area last month; I had no access to the laneway. The enquirer letter also included a copy of his documents to the Chief Executive sent 7th May 2020.

Response on what can be done on the Laneway and its drainage issue required.

Reply:

A copy of the reply to details supplied will be sent directly to the councillor.

Q.85 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if the Parks Department can confirm full time pitches for Ranelagh Gaels as the children are having to go to different pitches each week and parents set up the pitch each time.

Reply:

There is big demand for pitches from all sporting organisations throughout the city and it is not unusual for clubs to use facilities at different location. The current allocation of pitches for Ranelagh Gaels was agreed with the club.

Q.86 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please increase the cleansing of Ropewalk. This is full of litter and dog waste and doesn't appear to be cleaned properly.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean Ropewalk five days a week, Monday to Friday. Dog foul is removed as part of this cleaning schedule.

Q.87 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could carry out some minor pruning of the trees in Hazelbrook Drive and Hazelbrook Road. The trees are overgrown and are covering the stop sign at the entrance.

Reply:

Vegetation has been removed from around the stop sign in recent days. Additional pruning will be carried out on the tree during the dormant season over the autumn/winter months

Q.88 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following details supplied in seeking alternative housing, preferably in Charlemont / Ffrench Mullen House. This person and her family are living in an incredibly overcrowded situation which is affecting everyone's physical and mental health

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 02/02/2016, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area L	2	105
Area M	2	85
Area N	2	130

The applicant's interest in the Charlemont and Ffrench Mullen have been noted on her file.

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

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

I note the applicant has been previously advised in respect of HAP, which she may be eligible for. It will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another

property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.89 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please erect signs near the tennis and basketball courts in Ringsend Park to remind people that they are close to a residential area and to keep the noise down.

Reply:

Appropriate signage will be installed at this location over the coming weeks.