

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
15th September 2021

- Q1 Councillor Daithí Doolan (deferred from July meeting)**
To ask the Director of Services to please outline in tabular form the number of staff that worked in the Ballyfermot office for each year since 2000 up to present day, and to please include their roles or job titles i.e. housing, allocations, admin, community, estate management etc. ?
- Q2 Councillor Michael Watters**
To ask the Director of Services when the remaining flats at St. Teresa's Gardens are set to be demolished?
- Q3 Councillor Michael Watters**
To ask the Director of Services if there are any plans to bring the empty maisonettes at 66 to 80 Lissadel Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12 back into use.
- Q4 Councillor Michael Watters**
To ask the Director of Services if they could arrange for the empty maisonettes at 66 to 80 Lissadel Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12 organise a clean-up as a matter of urgency, as the residents in the area are unhappy that this area is being used for illegal dumping and burning of rubbish, these issues have also increased the amount of vermin in the area.
- Q5 Councillor Michael Watters**
To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the Inchicore library, Dublin 8 and when a library will once again open in Inchicore.
- Q6 Councillor Michael Watters**
To ask the Director of Services to contact the LDA to request that they return the public library at the Digital Hub on Thomas Street, Dublin 8 to Dublin City Council and that this is reopened as a public library.
- Q7 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
To ask the Director of Services to install bicycle stands outside number 120 Emmet Road Inchicore to facilitate active transport users to the new businesses at this location and environs.
- Q8 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
To ask the Director of Services to alter the times for the pedestrian crossings at the junction of Memorial road and Chapelizod bypass - now that schools have returned I have received reports that the crossing time is not long enough for pedestrians with children to cross safely.
- Q9 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**
To ask the Director of Services for a status update on the refurbishment of Inchicore Library. I understand the library has been empty of all books and equipment for some time and that construction was delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Can the following be answered?
- What is the revised project plan?
 - Will the existing tender be renegotiated, or will the project go to tender again?
 - What are the revised timelines?

- Can you confirm whether the Council is still fully committed to Inchicore Library renovation and that the project will proceed?

Q10 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on current plans to jointly deliver social and affordable homes at the St. Teresa's Garden site with the LDA. This is due to be delivered as part of the joint masterplan for the Bailey Gibson, Player Wills and Church Lands sites, which are now the subject of judicial referral to the Court of Justice of the European Union. What impact will this have on the delivery of this much-needed housing?

Q11 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on plans to deliver a much-needed community sports amenity, a full-size, all-weather pitch for use by local sports teams, as campaigned for Sporting Liberties, at the St. Teresa's Gardens site. This is due to be delivered as part of the joint masterplan for the Bailey Gibson, Player Wills and Church Lands sites, which are now the subject of judicial referral to the Court of Justice of the European Union. What impact will this have on the delivery of this much-needed sporting amenity?

Q12 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the roll out of green and brown bins to Dublin City Council tenants in public housing complexes.

Q13 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to outline the Area Office's plans to liaise with local schools in the South West Inner City Area in the run up to Halloween to mitigate and prevent the use of bangers and fireworks.

Q14 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to resurface the football/basketball surface in Jim Mitchell Park?

Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to consider building an extension in (details supplied)

Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to outline the 2021 time frame and budget for traffic calming in Ballyfermot, Drimnagh & Walkinstown

Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to consider installing speed bumps & signage in an attempt to reduce traffic speed along Dowland Road?

Q18 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure the green space on Dowland Road is properly cut and maintained, with grass along the verge and around the trees cut as soon as possible?

Q19 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services how many houses, originally City Council houses, in DSC are now being leased back to the local authority or to an Approved Housing Body in order to provide housing to those on DCCs housing list?

Q20 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask that the Director of Services attend to the significant flooding that regularly occurs at both ends of the junction between Golden Bridge/Connolly Ave.

Q21 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask that the Director of Services attend to the flooding that regularly occurs at SCR entrance to Rothe Abbey?

Q22 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the negotiations with the owner of the railed garden at Rialto Cottages that commenced some months ago?

Q23 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services if the copious amount of fallen leaves can be frequently gathered up at the SCR, Kilmainham area as they conceal the delineation of footpaths and road making it dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.

Q24 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services what are the access times of the refurbished St Catherine's Park and to engage with a local resident who has offered to assist with the opening/closing?

Q25 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services -with the return to offices happening, and the prioritizing of cyclists can the Roads Department consider the following suggestions by residents that would make the route from Kilmainham to the city safer and smoother please;

-Bow Lane: There are a number of drains, manhole covers and potholes that aren't level with the road surface. This means taking a road position further out than is often ideal or weaving around the bumps. Can these be brought level with the road surface?

-Thomas Street: Any chance the inbound bike lane could be protected?

-Thomas Street/Bridgefoot Street Junction (inbound): Cars turning left onto Bridgefoot Street often enter (and block) the Bus Lane/Bike Lane here while queuing for the lights. A quick win here would be to use wands to protect the bus lane from people entering it before the continuous white line becomes a broken white line (for left turns). Something similar has been done on Harold's Cross Road (see below).

-Thomas Street/Bridgefoot Street/Thomas Court (outbound): The advanced cycle signal here is great. However, I've still had a number of near-miss left hooks here where traffic turning left on Thomas Court cuts across the bike lane without looking. A number of really easy quick wins here could make this safer.

- Reinstate the markings across the junction: for whatever reason the bike lane markings aren't visible across the junction. Reinstating these (maybe with some red paint in the bike lane too) would reinforce that there is a bike lane.
- Wands: Some wands protecting the bike lane through the junction would reinforce the separation and force cars to take this turn at a slower speed.

-Thomas Street In General: Any chance of some parking enforcement - bus lanes in both directions are regularly blocked by delivery drivers and double parking.

-Cornmarket/Bridge Street (inbound):

- Protection: wands would be useful to reinforce the advisory cycle lane before the left slip here in order to prevent 'left hook' accidents.
- Surface: The road surface at this junction is not level with **any** of the manholes (and this problem continues until Christchurch). Some of the dips in the surface are quite large that you have to navigate around them in traffic when cycling. Is there any reason these can't be brought level with the road.

- Advanced cycle signal: after this junction some cyclists have to reposition themselves for the following junction (using either the right turn or second lane). An advanced cycle signal would help make this safer.
- Cornmarket/Francis Street (outbound)
 - This junction again poses a left hook risk. Some wants to reinforce bike lane, an advanced cycle signal and an advanced stop line (as well as some bright paint across the bike lane) would all help to reinforce the bike lane.
- Christchurch place/Lord Edward Street: before any more significant upgrades as part of Busconnects - would it be possible to widen and protect the existing advisory bike lane. The road width here can handle it.
- Lord Edward Street and Dame Street: the streets will likely see future changes as part of Busconnects and the College Green Plaza so I only have a small request. There are a number of large manhole covers that are not level with the road surface as well as some other pot holes. The size of some of these holes and drops **force** cyclists to weave dangerously on these streets. Surely these can be quickly audited and repaired? Many of the largest drops are on newly surfaced stretches as well (e.g Dame St/Georges Street junction).
- Conyngnam Road/South Circular Road Junction: This road is due to have an upgrade to its cycling facilities which is great and much welcome. The surface here is however in very poor condition, with lots of quick set tarmac and loose gravel in the junction. The loose gravel in particular is very dangerous for bikes. Can this surface be more substantively fixed and the entire junction swept.
- The Canal (to Harolds Cross)
 - Is there a good reason this cycle lane is not a) 24 hours, 7 days per week and b) protected (as the very least at junctions)?
 - Dolphin Road/Herberton Road: Is there a reason there is no cycle lane through this junction? Again protection from left hooks is an issue that could be easily mitigated against.
 - Advanced cycle signals: Given that this a popular cycle route, can advanced cycle signals be considered at all junctions, which again mitigate against left hook type accidents.

Q26 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to arrange repair of the entry door at Garden View complex, Francis St. The door to the left of the courtyard no longer locks and is in a state of decay. It could be salvaged and like the adjacent entry door be fitted with “fob” mechanism for security and ease of access for the older residents”

Q27 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services an update on the derogations granted at the construction site in Military Rd, the new Garda HQ?

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Director of Services position a small ramp / dishing on Ballyfermot Road next to pedestrian lights facing the GALA / Super Savers Store on the residential side of Ballyfermot Road one of the residents facing the lights is confined to a wheelchair and needs to travel half way down the street to get a safe place to cross the road a dishing beside the pedestrian lights would sort the problem out.

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services look into the following (DETAILS SUPPLIED).

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please have the Kileen Road Bridge on Le Fanu Road / Kileen Road cleared of all weeds/rubbish? It is hard to believe this narrow bridge with no footpath used by thousands of cars every day was left in such a poor state putting people crossing by foot in real peril as they avoid the weeds/vegetation.

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please explain when tree stumps are removed from the kerbside why do we continually re-instate with concrete and not replace with another tree? All too often I see areas having trees which need to be removed, just replaced with concrete. I have many examples.

Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please give us proper plans for Landsdowne Park, Drimnagh. Many residents wish to see this potentially beautiful area used as a regional park with play facilities etc. In addition are we considering the re-opening of the Pitch and Putt which was a great addition to the area?

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Could the Director of Services seek to work with the Ballyfermot Community / Business Community to trial a Car-Free afternoon / Day in the coming weeks/months. More and more people are looking to see if these trials could deliver a better quality of life and retain/build business in our communities.

Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services could consideration be given for the positioning of a zebra crossing near the junction of Blackditch Road / Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 to aid the safe crossing of children to the hugely successful Play-ground / Skateboard Park. I have witnessed hundreds of young and not so young crossing this busy junction over the summer. I would worry with the traffic volumes, the potential for an accident here.

Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please give me a position on the following:
Cars and vans everywhere; some parked for years on the public footpath, outside of homes on the public road etc. that will never move again rotting in front of our eyes. I have checked out the tax/insurance and many are out of date for many years. They can be owned by people whose neighbours might not feel too happy in asking that they be moved.