

# MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

# HELD ON MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

- 1 Presentation on Sandymount Coastal Flood Defence Scheme taken with Emergency Motion 2. Order: Noted.
- 2 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 12th July 2021 Order: Noted.
- 3 Environment and Transportation Department Matters
  - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. Taken with Motions 13, 16, 21, 27 and 28. **Order: Noted.**
- 4 Culture, Recreation and Emergency Services Matters
  - i. Report on proposed Part 8 works at Donnybrook Graveyard, Donnybrook. For information purposes only. **Order: Noted.**

# 5 Planning and Property Management Department Matters

- I. Report on proposed disposal fee simple: site to rear of 12 Coolevin Road, Dublin 12. Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- II. Further report on proposed disposal fee simple: plot to rear of 20 Cambridge Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 4. Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- III. Report on proposed disposal: 15 year licence playing field Bushy Park, Dublin 6W to Sportsworld Running Club. Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- IV. Report on proposed disposal: fee simple lands at Berth 47A adjacent to PigeonHouse Road to Dublin Port Company.
  Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- V. Report on proposed disposal: Surrender of existing lease and grant of new 10 year lease retail unit at junction of Drury Street and Stephen Street Lower to Deenish Ltd. T/A Masa.

#### Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

- VI. Report on proposed disposal: 31 year lease of 133 Upper Rathmines Road, to HAIL Housing Association. Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- VII. Report on proposed disposal: 10 year lease of 190A Rathmines Road to MART Gallery & Studios DAC. Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- VIII. Report on proposed disposal: fee simple plot to rear of 363 Crumlin Road.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

#### 6 South East Area Office Matters

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City. Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development at Parnell Avenue, Dublin 12 as An Linn Mhuilinn/Mill Pond. **Order: Agreed.**
- iii. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development at South Dock Street as An Longlann / The Dockyard. **Order: Agreed.**

#### 7 Motions

# Emergency Motion 1 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn taken with Motions 11 and 12

That Dublin City Council:

- notes with alarm the rat infestations which came to the fore during the summer in the new York Street flats despite works to contain the problem,

- acknowledges the regular rat infestations faced by City Council tenants as an ongoing public health hazard,

- recognises the work done to combat these infestations in some flat complexes with work done to bin storage areas, maintenance and improvement of public spaces, and other works done to combat infestations,

- regrets that the dispersion of these works has been constrained by resources and, consequently, has been uneven with consequences in particular for, but not limited to, older complexes,

- further recognises the consequent neglect to the remaining complexes which has damaged the City Council's reputation as a landlord,

- deems the current public health response arrangement with the HSE as unaccountable and recognises that pest control is the responsibility of the landlord,

- commits to expanding the City Council's in-house pest control capabilities,

- resolves to re-examine the Housing Maintenance budget in the context of the forthcoming budget to combat neglect and expand pest control, and

- calls on the Lord Mayor to ensure that a report addressing these matters is presented within 2 months.

Order: Report to Councillor.

#### Emergency Motion 2 from Councillor Mannix Flynn taken with Item 1

That this meeting of the south east area calls on the executive of Dublin City council to meaningfully engage with the community and residents of Sandymount regarding their plan for the Strand Road cycleway: "*The Way Forward*", which was successfully launched by the community recently. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

# Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to seek agreement with Irish Water on the establishment of a Community Liaison Committee including residents and Councillors along with Dublin City Council and Irish Water that can deal with local issues arising from the operation of the plant.

#### Order: Agreed.

#### Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an update on the status of the disposal agreement with Bective LTC to facilitate the development of the Dodder Greenway. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

#### Motion 3 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Claire Byrne

This Committee supports the initiative of the Ballsbridge Tidy Towns Group for the development of a community garden at the ESB owned lands at Beatty's Avenue as outlined in the document circulated with this Motion and requests the Manager to write to the ESB expressing our support for the proposal and requesting their support and co-operation for same. The Committee further requests the Community Development Team to give whatever support it can to this initiative. See attachment in pack.

#### Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC South East Area, calls on the City Manager to initiate the process for a Sandymount Local Area plan to coincide with the Dublin City Council development plan. This area of Dublin is a unique residential location with many important amenities and historical structures. It is a unique village business and residential area that is in very great need of a proper local area plan that would protect this vibrant area and its environs into the future and give it a proper planning process.

#### Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of the South East area call on the elected members and the executive to begin a process of delisting from the order of protected structures certain inner city flat complexes. Many of these flat complexes are not fit for purpose and they need entire modernisation. In many cases, certain sections of these flat complexes need to be considered for demolition, particularly where we have a number of examples of their architecture.

Many of these flat complexes were designed by Herbert Simms. Indeed, Herbert Simms was mindful of the dreadful conditions at the time that many of our city dwellers were living in, particularly the tenement slums. If Herbert Simms were alive today, I am sure he would have no hesitation and doubt in coming to the conclusion

that many of these flat complexes are now unfit for purpose notwithstanding their architectural merit. Housing is about people and at this present moment a large amount of our tenants and residents are suffering greatly in flat complexes such as Oliver Bond, Pearse House, Markievicz House, McDonagh House, Whitefriar Gardens etc., to mention but a few.

We need to reconstitute these entire blocks and there is a unique opportunity here to make proper interventions and bring these flat complexes up to a human living standard.

Architectural sensibilities and aesthetics should not be imposed on our residents that is going to lead to further suffering.

Like Herbert Simms, we need to think anew and create a better future for our tenants in these dreadful flat complexes.

Simply retro-fitting many of these buildings is a complete waste of time, rather grandiose and an appeasement to a certain professional clique who don't live in these flats and these damp unsafe inhuman conditions.

#### Order: Report to Councillor.

#### Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC agrees to set up a city centre special committee to deal with the ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour, public safety, assaults and criminality that is now widespread in our entire city centre and indeed throughout our city.

Order: Motion agreed and agreed to refer the matter to the Citywide JPC, Protocol Committee and to include on breviate to City Council.

#### Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC call on the Commemorations committee of Dublin City Council to erect a plaque in the honour of the first RIC policeman to be killed during 1916 rising at Dublin Castle Gates on Castle Street. (Constable James O Brien, from Limerick)

In recent years there has been a wreath laying process here on Cork Hill. It would now be appropriate that a permanent marker would identify this person. It is also important to note that many in the RIC worked as secret agents for the cause of Irish freedom and the Irish Republic. Many of these individuals were unknown and unidentified for various reasons.

It is time to honour all of our dead and those who died in the conflicts.

Order: Motion amended to call on the Commemorations Committee to consider erecting a plaque. Agreed and agreed to refer to the Arts SPC. Cllrs. Dunne and Ceitinn dissented from the erection of the plaque.

#### Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill

More than 316 bus stops in the Dutch city of Utrecht have been transformed into mini urban havens for bees. The bus stops, which are owned and managed by operator RBL Outdoor on behalf of the local government, have been installed with green roofs to help meet the city's requirements for healthy urban living. Green roofs help to capture fine dust and rainwater and encourage biodiversity by providing ideal conditions for bees to thrive.

I successfully tabled a motion to this effect to the review of the Development Plan asking the NTA to allow us use our bus stops in Dublin. In the meantime, it is agreed that DCC consult with NTA to set up a pilot area from Grand Canal rough Harold's Cross Rd to Terenure village to provide green roofs on all bus stops on this route as a first step in using these bus stop roofs for biodiversity. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

#### Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill taken with Motion 30

This committee has on a number of occasions unanimously agreed that the gate at Rathmines Town Hall leading to Gulistan be kept open during the day. Despite this, our decision has been ignored, it is agreed yet again that the Council provide access to the Gulistan Bring Centre from Rathmines Road. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

# Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Recognising the very serious lack of publicly accessible playing fields for GAA and soccer in the Dublin 6 area, this committee agrees to establish a working group to investigate all possible opportunities and recommend solution. The group will comprise of personnel from Parks Dept., Sports Officer and elected members who will work in consultation with local sports clubs to examine ways to facilitate young people in the area who have very poor access to sports facilities locally. It is agreed that this group reports back to this committee by November LAC. **Order: Agreed.** 

# Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Motions 1 and 12

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to meet with the residents of Glovers Court flats to discuss the range of ongoing issues that the residents in the complex are experiencing which includes:

- Rats
- Inadequate Bin Storage
- Smells and dirty water in the flats and the along the shared corridors
- Trees in need of pruning
- Damp
- Poor drainage
- Anti -social behaviour inside and outside the complex
- Overall redevelopment of the complex

These issues have been raised repeatedly yet they still persist and immediate action needs to be taken.

# Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Motions 1 and 11

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to meet with the residents of York Street flats to discuss the range of issues that the complex are experiencing. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

# Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Items 3.i Motions 16, 21, 27 and 28

That this area committee agrees to write to the owners of Brown Thomas requesting that they engage in detailed discussions with Dublin City Council with a view to finding a solution for exiting the Brown Thomas Car Park so that we can facilitate the further pedestrianisation of South William Street. **Order: Agreed.** 

# Motion 14 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would agree to see how we can progress an initiative to have a policy to have a community and family memorials policy, which would involve family memorial benches and tree planting in a park, cemetery, street or other public space (subject to the availability of suitable locations). See attachment in agenda pack.

Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 15 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That's this area committee would agree to request our parks department to conduct an audit throughout the south east area with the aim to make provision for more allotments and community gardens. This would have numerous social, health, economic and environmental benefits. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

# Motion 16 from Councillor Mary Freehill Items 3.i Motions 13, 21, 27 and 28

That the Traffic Dept. set out their plan to provide bus arrival times at all bus stops and also explain the criteria currently used.

Furthermore to facilitate west/east movement in e.g. Dublin 6 and 4 who do so many of No. 18 bus stops not have the expected bus time of arrival, furthermore because this is a contracted service, it's not on bus connects time table. This is a serious impediment to encourage people leave their cars at home and use public transport when they cannot plan their journey. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

#### Motion 17 from Councillor Mary Freehill

I have tabled many motions in relation to a tree outside 35 Mt. Drummond Square that when in full bloom completely covers the telegraph poles and their connections. This has resulted in neighbours losing broadband connections. Despite my efforts would the Parks Dept. explain why nothing is done about this tree? **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

#### Motion 18 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee supports the community initiative to commemorate the writer, Christy Brown. The small green close to his family home on Ferns Road in Crumlin is under the control of our Parks Section. Local community groups are keen to develop this as a community garden with an appropriate memorial. **Order: Agreed and agreed to refer to Arts SPC.** 

#### Motion 19 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee asks that our Parks Section maintains and improves the public greens in Crumlin and Kimmage to the same standard as the local parks. These greens were incorporated in the Herbert Simms design of the Public Housing Scheme and form the shape of the Clonmacnoise Cross. These greens were to designed to provide a public amenity and should be seen as "Parks without railings" and maintained as such. Local community groups are keen to work with our Parks Section to achieve this objective.

Order: Report to Councillor.

#### Motion 20 from Councillor Anne Feeney

To call upon this committee to request Dublin City Council Parks and the South East Area Office to jointly lead an inclusive working group to address the ongoing anti-social behaviour issues in Mount Argus Park. These issues are resulting in a much loved park being abused and becoming an increasingly hostile and unsafe environment for many local residents, including young children. Gardaí are called all too often and do respond, but longer term solutions are required. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

#### Motion 21 from Councillor Anne Feeney Items 3.i Motions 13, 16, 27 and 28

That this committee calls upon the Manager to address the ongoing illegal parking and congestion issues at Kimmage Grove. The popularity of Larkview Football Club (DCC property) with limited/no parking has resulted in congestion, parking on green spaces and causing a blockage at the entrance to this small estate and its cul de sacs. Both the club and representatives of the residents would like the possibility of flexible bollards put in place or other measures to deter illegal and irresponsible parking.

# Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 22 from Councillor Anne Feeney

That this committee calls upon the Manager to arrange deep cleaning of the Swan Leisure Plaza forecourt (Rathmines), including cleaning of the public seating currently available. The area is very dirty, largely from bird droppings. In addition, enhancement of the plaza is badly needed for this much used and central amenity in Rathmines. Enhancements should include more seating and cycle stands, planters and bins.

# Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 23 from Councillor Anne Feeney

That this committee requests the Manager to conduct a survey and study amongst businesses, local resident groups and other appropriate stakeholders to ascertain the positives and negatives following Covid related initiatives in local areas, with a view to continuing or reintroducing in Spring/Summer 2022 what worked well and added value to our communities. This study should reach beyond the city centre area and into our urban villages.

Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 24 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee notes the enthusiasm that the extended public swimming hours, this summer, in Crumlin Swimming Pool received. Given this public support we call for these extended hours to be continued on a permanent basis. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

# Motion 25 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That this area committee calls for the City Manager to ensure that the football clubs that use Ringsend Park are able to develop club membership and increase capacity of the park to ensure that this happens.

# Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 26 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That this area committee calls on the Council Management to ensure that the football clubs that currently use Ringsend Park are able to develop and meet the local demand by the local community before clubs that are not current park users and use up the limited capacity of the park.

# Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 27 from Councillor Kevin Donoghue taken with Items 3.i Motions 13, 16, 21 and 28

This area committee agrees to trial the installation of bicycle repair stations in the area committee. Such stations should include a variety of repair tools and pumps for cyclists.

# Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 28 from Councillor James Geoghegan taken with Items 3.i Motions 13,16, 21 and 28

That the South East Area Committee agrees that a review for proposals for the future of Sandymount Green, involving a consultation similar to the one taking place for Capel Street and Parliament Street, is commenced, now that that the pedestrianisation trial initiated by Sandymount and Merrion Residents' Association, and local businesses has ended; that the committee agrees that the objective of this review is to explore whether some or all of the changes introduced in the trial could be made permanent.

#### Order: Report to Councillor.

#### Motion 29 from Councillor James Geoghegan moved by Cllr. Feeney

That the South East Area Committee agrees that a presentation be given at our next area committee meeting on all flood relief measures along Sandymount Strand.

Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 30 from Councillor Hazel Chu taken with Motion 10

That this area committee agree to open the access through Gulistan Depot so there can be thoroughfare between Mount Pleasant Avenue and Rathmines. Understand that the access was closed due to previous health and safety assessment during Covid. I would ask this committee to determine what specifically the risks are and how to mitigate to ensure that we can provide more avenues of travel by foot especially in light of the new school service that will be going into the former Rathmines DIT site.

#### Order: Report to Councillor.

# Motion 31 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this committee will give full support to progressing the community endeavour to transform the stretch of public green space from 155 to 153 Leinster Road into a 'Biodiversity Pathway' - acknowledging the proposal would offer community gain, aesthetic and educational benefits, along with biodiversity enhancement for an urbanised part of the city and the improvement of an area that attracts litter and complaints from local residents and requires maintenance by DCC. **Order: Report to Councillor.** 

#### 8 Questions to the Chief Executive 13th September 2021 Order: Noted.

#### <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u> Chairperson Monday 13 September 2021

# Attendance:

# Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson) Claire Byrne Deirdre Conroy Kevin Donoghue Mannix Flynn Carolyn Moore

#### Officers

Brian Hanney Brian Kirk Jennifer Wall Ciaran Loughnane Gerard McEntaggart Mary Taylor

#### Apologies: Paddy McCartan

# Members:

Danny Byrne Daniel Céitinn Pat Dunne Mary Freehill Claire O'Connor

Leah Johnston John MacEvilly Brendan Doggett Margaret Mooney Christina Todd

# Members:

Hazel Chu Tara Deacy Anne Feeney James Geoghegan

Derek Kelly Neil O'Donoghue Gerry O'Connell Leah O'Connell Les Moore Non-Members:

# South East Area Committee Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# Q.1 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the Manager to clarify plans for the installation of a toucan crossing at Serpentine Avenue referred to in the following email and to provide drawings in which such a crossing is included.

From: SEA Questions Motions <SEAQANDM@dublincity.ie> and Sent: Thursday 15 2021 13:38 Julv Cllr To: Dermot <Dermot.Lacey@dublincity.ie> Lacey SEA Questions and Motions <SEAQANDM@dublincity.ie>; John MacEvilly Cc: <john.macevilly@dublincity.ie>; Mary Taylor <mary.taylor@dublincity.ie>; Brian Hanney <br/><br/>dublincity.ie>

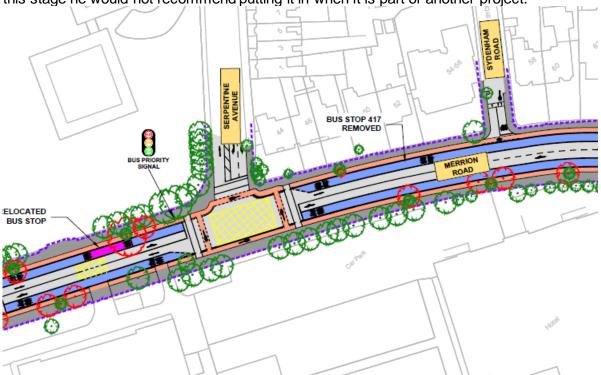
**Subject:** 6.i TAG Serpentine Avenue Pedestrian Crossing, SEAC follow up Jul 21 Good afternoon Councillor,

Further to your request at Monday's SEAC meeting for a report on the Serpentine Avenue pedestrian crossing please see below the response from Traffic:

The Area Engineer has looked into the matter of a pedestrian crossing on Serpentine Avenue at the junction with Merrion Road. The Area Engineer is not in favour of locating a pedestrian crossing at the aforementioned junction, as part of Route 14 (UCD to Ballsbridge) to enhance walking, cycling and bus infrastructure on key access corridors in the Dublin region. There are proposed plans for the junction of Serpentine Avenue and Merrion Road, in terms of providing TOUCAN crossing points across Serpentine Avenue and Merrion Road. This will require the junction to be upgraded and improved, the Area Engineer is not in favour of providing a pedestrian crossing at this location, where funding has been made available by the National Transport Authority through Bus Connects for major improvements to this junction.

# Reply:

There is in the Bus connects drawings a clear Toucan crossing at this location and it has been confirmed by the NTA that this is part of the Bus Connects project and will be implemented accordingly. The Area Engineer was merely saying that as this was the case at this stage he would not recommend putting it in when it is part of another project.



Drawing from Bus Connects available on their website clearly showing the proposed crossing.

# Q.2 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

Can a ramp be put in place on the footpath at details supplied as the resident is wheelchair bound and cannot lift the chair over the footpath as it stands due to its height and depth? It was previously deemed a medical emergency and correspondence has already been made with DCC.

# Reply:

The Area Engineer will assess the issue raised by Cllr. Deacy if Cllr. Deacy can email the details on behalf of the resident of issues he or she encounters with accessing the pavement at details supplied.

# Q.3 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

Could the utility boxes (Virgin, ESB, traffic) alongside the canal on Parnell Road be painted and could graffiti be removed from the Health Centre and Scout Den on Parnell Road?

# Reply:

Contact was made with the Irish/Polish Scout Troop and assistance was given to facilitate the removal of the graffiti at the end of July.

The HSE boundary wall on Parnell Road was cleared of graffiti. Area Inspected 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Utility Boxes were cleared / repainted on Parnell Road.

# Q.4 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could the manager look at the parking scenario at the shops at 116, 118, 120 Sundrive Road? Vehicles are dangerously double-parking here. Vehicles and cyclists exiting from Ferns Road (looking towards Sundrive Park) cannot see other vehicles turning left at speed from Sundrive Park. Can something physical be done with this space to prevent double-parking like the reduction of the length of the car parking spots, introduction of markings on street?

# Reply:

The Area Engineer will look into the issues raised by Cllr. Deacy, once an assessment has been carried out the Area Engineer will notify Cllr. Deacy.

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7022473) 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.5 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could the manager look at the chaotic parking situation outside the DCC Depot on Sundrive Road? The paths are blocked here with vehicles on a regular basis. Could either spaces be marked on the path with enough space for pedestrians or can no parking marking be put on the pathway to prevent this? I witnessed a mobility scooter user having to do a u-turn and cross the road the other day due to inconsiderate parking here.

# Reply:

Parking Enforcement will ensure that this area is patrolled and illegally parked vehicles are enforced.

# Q.6 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

Could the broken utility box at 173 Clonmacnoise Road beside the bus-stop be removed?

# Reply:

Virgin Media, the asset owner of this redundant aboveground cabinet, have put it on their works programme for removal by the end of September 2021.

# Q.7 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could bollards be added outside 27a Ravensdale Drive? Despite yellow lines, cars are still parking here and making it impossible for people in wheelchairs and buggies to get to the park safely. The area is also on a corner and makes it dangerous for road used.

#### Reply:

The Area Engineer has recommended No. 3 cast iron flute bollards (similar to the cast iron bollards in place on the opposite side of Ravensdale Drive). To be located between the public lamp stand positioned at KCR Builders Providers to end 1m before driveway of No 27A Ravensdale Drive.

#### Q.8 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the Manager if Dublin City Council is aware of the ownership of the lane (and the plot of land at the top of the lane) to the rear of Beach Avenue, Sandymount and if they could contact the owner with a view to having the very high trees overhanging and blocking light from some of the houses seriously pruned.

#### Reply:

The laneway in question and the plot of land at the end of it adjoining the Star of the Sea School are not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

As the land is not registered with the Property Registration Authority it is not possible to ascertain who the owner may be.

#### Q.9 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the Manager if as a matter of urgency they will respond to the complaint lodged with Dublin City Council (DCC Response ID ANON- NAQ6- 68AC-8 Ref no: 7020778) regarding an overlong parking bay that blocks are existing the property of \*(details supplied).

#### Reply:

Under service request SR 7020778, the Area Engineer has recommended that the existing pay and display/permit parking bay signage pole be moved closer to the existing parking bay, opposite the gates of details supplied. Due to the high demand for residential parking, 11 parking spaces and currently 17 residents with parking permits, the Area Engineer does not recommend any reduction in the existing parking bays at this location.

#### Q.10 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the Manager if he would arrange for the street signs at the following to be instated or repaired as requested

I) Street signs as follows:

a) Street sign for Mornington Road at entry from Ashfield -No sign at all at the moment

b) Street sign for Mornington at the upper end-junction. Current sign unreadable as lettering removed

c) Street sign for Chelmsford Lane at junction with Sallymount Avenue, current sign unreadable as above.

d) Two street signs on Triangle (over Quillsenens estate agent)

e) Saying Cullenswood Road -the official name for that short section and ii) Saying Charleston Road with arrow as Charleston Road starts after Luas bridge.

#### Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect the locations and street nameplates requested above and will add the necessary works to the Street Nameplate Works Programme. Road Maintenance Services will endeavour to complete this work as soon as possible.

# Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the following:

Footpath no.70-88 (Chelmsford to Chelmsford lane section of 'Ranelagh'). What is status of proposal to repave with granite paving?

#### Reply:

At present, the Roads Divisions has no plans to upgrade the footpath at 70-88 (Chelmsford to Chelmsford lane section of 'Ranelagh') with granite paving.

#### Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could arrange to have the double yellow lines referred to in the email below (details supplied) reinstated as soon as possible. It refers to Swan Place, Dublin 4.

#### Reply:

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any reinstatement required will be carried out within 30 working days of the SEAC meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. (*Subject to conditions outlined within the existing statutory request*).

#### Q.13 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

Can the footpath at 42 Lavarna Grove be repaired as soon as possible, there have been a number of accidents in recent months and the residents have requested it's repaired as a matter of urgency? Please see the photos attached, it is in very bad condition.



# Reply:

Road Maintenance Services is liaising with the utility company responsible for this cover to arrange for repairs to be carried out.

#### Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent. The case number is 2587126 and has been previously reported to DCC.

He writes,

"The footpath on Gilford Road between Brabazon House and the Strand Road is now in an even more dangerous condition than previously. Given that this section of footpath is used by a lot of elderly people, including the residents of Brabazon, it is essential that it is repaired to an acceptable standard immediately."

# Reply:

The defects in this section of footpath are on our works programme for repair.

This footpath will also be put forward for consideration for our 2022 Footpath Reconstruction Programme.

# Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could the manager address the following issues raised by a constituent?

He writes,

Flood Relief. DCC is procuring a consultant for planning and constructing a new boardwalk along the strand, to combine cycling access with increased flood defences at the North Strand, Village area.

Flood Defence Project - phase 1 (section along the Strand promenade) is due to start in September 2021.

Do you know if a consultant is on board?

Do you know if the timeline for the Flood Defence Project phase 1 is on target?

What exactly is going to be done?"

#### Reply:

A presentation from the flood defence team on the flood defence work in this area and what is proposed is scheduled for the September SEA area committee meeting.

#### Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issues concerning Strand Road cycle route.

He writes,

"My concern here is that DCC are spending the public's money on implementing these decisions and then the public have to spend their own money to fight the case, it's very easy for DCC to say that they are going to appeal the decision but they are spending OUR money and not their own in doing so, there's something wrong with that.

Anyway originally there was some thought about incorporating this cycle track into the proposed boardwalk on the seafront that was being considered, but now we're all reading the alarming reports that this area and the surrounding areas will be underwater by 2030 as it is as we all know, considered a flood plain, so why are DCC not being proactive and start building the flood defence on the sea front and they could incorporate the cycle path into that.

This flood defence was mooted about 12 months ago and I believe would take about 3 years to complete so now 1 year has gone by and nothing has been done. I think that this proposed flood defence and cycle track should be put back on the agenda for discussion, which I believe would get the support of both sides, i.e. the cyclists and the residents because everybody is then a winner."

# Reply:

A presentation from the flood defence team on the flood defence work in this area and what is proposed is scheduled for the September SEA area committee meeting.

# Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to repair the footpath adjacent to 14 St. Mary's Road, Ballsbridge. This is the third time this was requested, the last time being September 2020 and nothing has been done. The issue has become one of safety, as many of our senior citizens are now venturing outside following the easing of pandemic restrictions.

# Reply:

This defect is on our works programme for repair. Repairs will be scheduled within six weeks.

# Q.18 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to arrange to have the name plate on Airfield Court, Donnybrook repainted.

See pic below,



# Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have this sign re-painted.

# Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a general tree pruning on Airfield Park, Donnybrook with particular emphasis on a cherry tree adjacent to number 4 Airfield Park, Donnybrook.

# Reply:

There are 51 trees on Airfield Park with 18 in the adjacent estate of Airfield Crescent. These comprise of mixed species including Birch, Cherry, Rowan and Acer and are generally in reasonable condition. However, about half the trees on Airfield Park would benefit from some pruning work, which will be added to our tree pruning programme and undertaken during the dormant season, when a more detailed inspection will be undertaken.

# Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the issue raised from a constituent pertaining to Sandymount Green.

He writes,

"I feel there is a great opportunity with the right investment by the council to make this into a great civic space addition to Sandymount Village. If permanently pedestrianized, it could serve both as a place for adjacent restaurants to have outdoor dining creating a unique atmosphere. It could also be used as a space for market stalls for market type events. In Dun Laoghaire they have beautiful pedestrianized spaces with large umbrellas for rainy weather so an undercover space can be made easily. They are nicely surfaced and have nicely arranged public seating in these areas that we could easily emulate in this Sandymount Green adjacent street. These large umbrellas in combination with tasteful lighting could make this an atmospheric location.

I feel it would be a great opportunity lost to allow this street to return to normal. If implemented correctly this would be a great addition to the village. Any councillor with the initiative to get behind such a project I feel would gain great credit in the community for such a proactive and beneficial addition to the village. While some may complain about the inability to drive down that road the other side of Sandymount Green provides easy access to Newgrove Avenue.

I ask you that you put forward a motion to make this street permanently pedestrianized and supply funds to resurface it and establish large umbrellas (as can be found in Dun Laoghaire) and tasteful public seating and lighting."

# Reply:

Under the current Casual Trading Byelaws there is only one designated trading pitch on Sandymount promenade. The pitch is designated for the sale of tea/coffee and light hot and cold snacks between the hours of 7am – 6pm Monday to Saturday.

This pitch is currently occupied and there is a long waiting list. In order to go on the waiting list, an expression of interest form which is available on the website must be completed and returned to the Licensing Unit at Ground Floor, Block 4, Civic Offices or emailed to casualtrading@dublincity.ie

The process to review the Bye-Laws will commence shortly with the first draft expected to be submitted to the Climate Action, Environment and Energy SPC in the coming months. As part of the process the Bye-Laws will go to public consultation. All submissions will be considered

for inclusion in the new Bye –Laws before going to Council for adoption. Casual Trading can have a positive impact on an area by bringing more business to the area

The temporary measures were in place for July and August to facilitate outdoor dining the space. It is intended to now undertake a consultation to gather feedback on the temporary measures and to get views on what measures people would like to see for this area.

Public Lighting Services will link in with any projects that come up for improvements in Sandymount Green area.

#### Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager supply a full report with regards the possible disposal of the building Chatham Street School of Music on Chatham Street? This report to include a full appraisal of the building and its condition. Its status as a listed building. How DCC made the decision to dispose of this building? Has the Council considered any further use such as performance space, cultural centre, art gallery, live music venue, dance studio? Also, to supply a full report on the evaluation of the building.

#### Reply:

The leasehold interest in the former School of Music, Chatham Row, Dublin 2 was surrendered by TU Dublin (formerly Dublin Institute of Technology) in January 2021.

The council has engaged consultants to explore possible uses for the building including cultural use such as artists' studios, exhibition space, music venue etc. There are no plans to place this property on the market.

The former Conservatory of Music and Drama (now TU Dublin Conservatoire) building on Chatham Row is not on the City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS).

#### Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager as a matter of urgency address the issue of a massive rat infestation in and around the York Street apartments in York Street, Glovers Court, Mercer Street area?

#### 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 rat infestation. The investigation of complains and subsequent enforcement action and the provision of advice in relation to rats 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.

Dublin City Council, working with the Health Service Executive (HSE), takes the matter of pest control extremely seriously and are working with all stakeholders to eradicate any pest issues that arise in City Council apartment complexes, like York Street (newer), Mercer Street and Glovers Court complexes.

Specifically, a significant programme of works has been undertaken across these complexes and the details are outlined below:

1. The Council has established a specific Pest Control Unit in order to bring greater focus to the issue of pest control and to build upon the successful results we have had in other locations. This Unit will be more visible to residents and it will involve increased numbers of staff working in this area.

2. Within Dublin City Council's apartment complexes, the responsibility for problems with rats in particular is split between the City Council and the HSE. The HSE is responsible for rat issues within internal properties, including gardens. The Council is responsible for rat issues in common areas within the apartment complexes.

We acknowledge that there has been an increased number of reports of rodents over the last few months and so the Council is committing to setting up a unique email address for pest control queries across our housing provision and to setting up a unique mobile number, so that residents can text pest control queries directly into the City Council, thereby simplifying the process. We will also work with our Customer Services section to ensure that callers with any pest control issues are being dealt with in a manner that will facilitate a quick turnaround and resolution of any problems.

- 3. We have secured the bin area and any visible access points to the bin area in the York Street (newer) complex and will investigate what further works are required across these complexes. We have also made all of the bins pest-proof through the installation of bungs to prevent rats gaining access through the exit valves.
- 4. We have undertaken specialists training with our caretakers to assist with the identification and resolution of issues to ensure enhanced pest control. Furthermore, to lay bait in our housing complexes requires specialist training and we have increased the numbers of qualified staff able to do this from two to six.
- 5. Where needed, the relevant complexes are being treated on an ongoing basis for pests by both City Council staff that are especially trained in this field, and by the HSE. The Council are committing significant staff resources to these areas in particular and the HSE have similarly attended regularly too.
- 6. To deal with the pest control issue effectively, it is essential to eliminate the food source for pests and so we work with all relevant parties to identify and remove any accessible food source for rodents. This includes working with our on-site caretaking service to ensure the bins are secure and that lids are closed, and also providing advice to ensure we reduce any available food source for rodents.
- 7. A significant programme of works has been undertaken by the Council across these complexes and where we identify any additional remedial or improvement works necessary, these will be undertaken. We also commit to working with residents to fully resolve this issue.

The council, in conjunction with the HSE, will continue to monitor this situation, and engage with all relevant stakeholders to identify and eradicate any pest control issues.

# Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the Parks Department prune the trees at the top end of Clanbrassil Street which are in front of the city council houses? There is a cluster of trees here which entirely block the lights of the residents. There is also a huge issue in relation to the sap that comes off the trees and indeed fallen leaves. There has been very little maintenance of these trees over the years. Many residents want some of these trees removed and those that remain pruned and kept in proper order. The residents have to keep their lights on throughout the day, as there is no light. This is unacceptable, very costly and leading to fuel poverty for many of our residents here.

# Reply:

Dublin City Council will prune these trees when the pruning season commences at the end of September. They will also sweep and power hose the pavements.

# Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can DCC consider purchasing the site of land which is now in Peters Place for a 'Pocket Park' of green space for the residents?

# Reply:

This matter will be investigated and a reply will be sent to the Councillor directly.

#### Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ensure that the proclamation in the Rotunda of City Hall is properly displayed and simply not discarded and dumped into a corner? This is a very important document that deals with our history and it is entitled to a dignified position within City Hall rotunda. Consideration should be given for a proper proclamation to be mounted permanently on the wall of the Rotunda and that consideration be given to the removal of the triptych of Anne Madden's work and be replaced by the proclamation at this location. It is more appropriate to have the proclamation in this building than a permanent display of Anne Madden's work which can relocated to the Hugh Lane Gallery or Civic Offices.

#### Reply:

The original copy of the proclamation is on display in a cabinet in the basement of City Hall. This belonged to Nurse Elizabeth Farrell and was donated to Dublin Corporation. In determining the location of its display, factors such as the light and humidity conditions must be considered to preserve the piece.

Due to the works to be carried out in City Hall, the proclamation will be temporarily removed and stored in a suitable location/environment and a future location will be examined following completion of these works. The Protocol Committee will be consulted in advance.

With regard to the Triptych by Anne Madden, this was a gift to the city and one of the conditions of the gift was that it would be displayed in City Hall, therefore it is not proposed to relocate this artwork.

# Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue an update with regards the process of the orders of protected structures that were agreed by DCC and the South East Area with regards the RTE campus? This report to include when this order of protected structure is due before the council? Why has there been such an undue delay in protecting these important buildings? When can we see a positive outcome here?

# Reply:

The City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS) comprises more than 8,400 structures.

However, there remains a very large number of nominated additions to the RPS, consisting of c. 220 proposals requested by Elected Representatives (including your request) and members of the public to be considered and assessed. There are also some 1,250 statutory recommendations for additions to the RPS made by Minister since 2014, under Section 53 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), awaiting review and assessment. The Minister's recommendations arise from a survey of Dublin City (mainly within the canals) by the National Inventory for Architectural Heritage (NIAH), which has been ongoing since 2012.

In November 2019, the City Council's Planning and Property Development SPC agreed a methodology to expedite proposed additions to the RPS in a systematic manner, based on the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines 2011 and NIAH/Ministerial Recommendations under Section 53(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The methodology agreed to prioritise 20th century structures in addition to industrial sites, early buildings and under-represented typologies.

Since then, the Conservation Section has been systematically bringing forward proposed additions under Section 55 in accordance with this methodology, based on the agreed prioritisation list. The RTE structures are currently being examined by Conservation as part of the review of the City Development Plan.

# Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report on how DCC SEA intend to deal with the upcoming fireworks issue this Halloween (Samhna)? Already we have many tenants and city residents and businesses complaining about the use of fireworks.

As you are well aware last year there was fireworks mayhem. Can DCC publish their plan in conjunction with An Garda Siochána as to how this issue is to be dealt with and what protections are going to be afforded to the many residents, particularly in our flat complexes who have to put up with this dreadful situation year on year?

# Reply:

The possession of and use of fireworks is a matter for the Gardaí to enforce.

If members of the public are concerned about fireworks being set off or stored they can report it to the Gardaí. They should phone their local Garda Station or call the Garda confidential line on 1800 666 111.

In relation to Halloween, the South East Area Office will work proactively with the Housing, Waste Management and Parks Divisions to remove material collected for bonfires and to mitigate the environmental impact of Halloween.

#### Q.28 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the manager and Parking Department if double yellow lines are acceptable to be provided outside The Village Inn Lisle House, Lisle Road, Dublin 12. Proprietor Larry O'Shea, as there is parking on the road, which blocks customers accessing or leaving the Village Inn external car park.



#### Reply:

The Area Engineer will look into the matter raised by Cllr. Conroy. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

#### Q.29 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Manager and Parking Department to address the illegal parking at Kimmage Grove – Larkview Football Club at the entrance of the estate where I am advised by the enquirer that drivers are blocking the cul de sacs each night, parking on yellow lines and on the grass verge.

# Reply:

Parking Enforcement are aware of the parking issues in Kimmage Grove associated with Larkview FC. DSPS have been attending Kimmage Grove regularly to address any issues with illegally parked cars on the roads and footpaths.

The issue of cars parking on the green area outside the main gate of Larkview is a matter for the Parks Dept.

Parks have appointed a contractor to install bollards along the roadside edge of the above green space to prevent access by cars. Parks anticipate this work to be completed in the next week or two.

# Q.30 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for a progress report on 'the compiling of an application to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the demolition of Glovers Court and replacement with more and better new homes' as stated in response to my motion in May 2021, and if this application has not yet been submitted can the area manager please provide an timeline as to when this application will be submitted.

# Reply:

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

The Housing and Community Services Department endeavours to submit a Stage 1 application for initial approval and appraisal to the DHLGH by the end of September 2021. Upon receipt of Stage 1 approval, the procurement of a design team will commence and consultation will be arranged with the residents and local community.

# Q.31 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he will please examine the possibility of implementing traffic calming on Grattan Street, Dublin 2. The street is being used as a rat run with cars travelling at high speeds and something needs to be done urgently to calm the flow. Options to consider could include installing traffic lights at the junction of Lower Mount Street, introducing a one way system and pedestrianizing part of the street.

# Reply:

The Area Engineer will carry out a site visit and look at the issues raised by Cllr. Byrne. The Councillor will be notified of any recommendations by the Traffic Advisory Group once a decision has been made.

# Q.32 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on what action will be taken with regard to the following property at details supplied which has been listed as a derelict building and entered into the Derelict Sites Register in July 2019.

# Reply:

The site was entered on the Derelict Sites Register in July, 2019 and is subject to a Derelict Sites Levy of 7% on market value since 2020. The site was identified for potential acquisition by the council under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in October, 2019. However, the acquisition was placed on hold following representations received from the owner in 2020 that he intended to renovate the site, but the property was subject of high court litigation, which was preventing him from doing so. The matter is currently under review by the Derelict Sites Unit.

# Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the redevelopment of St. Andrew's Court, and he can he provide a timeline for these works. The residents are living with severe damp problems and they have access issues due to barriers along the shared corridors.

# Reply:

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

DCC has received Stage 1 approval from the DHLGH for the regeneration of St. Andrew's Court.

An integrated design team, namely O'Donnell Tuomey Architects have been procured and appointed to the project. They are currently working on design proposals. Consultation with former residents and local elected members, compliant with government Covid 19 guidelines, will take place over the coming months.

All tenants have now been decanted from St. Andrew's Court to allow for its redevelopment.

We will investigate any access issues due to barriers along the shared corridors.

#### Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the following:

- Dublin City Council meeting with the developers of the hotel at Portobello Harbour
- The installation of a coffee dock and public toilets in Portobello

#### Reply:

A meeting was held last week between Dublin City Council and representatives for the proposed hotel to discuss arrangements for managing the build and the regeneration of the plaza at Portobello. We are awaiting further information from the hotel and thereafter we will arrange a meeting with Councillors to set out in some detail how the initial phase of public consultation will proceed.

Following consultation with the tenderer, the area office and various City Council Departments, the provision of the coffee dock and toilets at Portobello was deemed problematic due to the impending development of the adjacent site and uncertainty as to how this are will look post development. There will be a coffee dock/toilet close by at Wilton Terrace as previously advised to Councillors.

# Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what action can be taken by Dublin City Council to support the residents of Poolbeg Quay in fixing the ongoing water ingress issues the complex is experiencing and can he outline what financial support is available to the residents from DCC given that they were built by DCC as the costs quoted to fix the problems are unaffordable to the residents and the management company.

# Reply:

This development was built under a Dublin City Council Affordable Housing scheme in 2004. It is not social housing and the units are privately owned. The undertaking of any repairs therefore are the responsibility of the management company or owners of the apartments. Dublin City Council is not in a position to intervene in this matter.

# Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager has an there been an impact assessment of traffic increases on Fishamble Street as a result of the pedestrianisation of Parliament Street, and would Dublin City Council consider making Fishamble Street one way.

# Reply:

An assessment of the traffic on Fishamble Street shows that on comparing Friday evenings (the busiest weekend evening) before the traffic free evenings commenced to evenings when Parliament Street was traffic free over the busiest 3 hour period there was on average an increase of 67 vehicles on Fishamble Street. 67 vehicles over three hours would not be considered significant.

Following the consultation on Parliament Street and depending on which option is persuaded, Fishamble Street and other local streets will also be considered.

# Q.37 <u>Councillor Danny Byrne</u>

To ask the manager if there is a greening strategy for the south-east area and if so to please provide me with details of same.

# Reply:

The Greening Strategies that have been conducted to date within the Dublin City Council administrative area are; North East Inner City Greening Strategy, Liberties Greening Strategy, and Greening Stoneybatter Strategy. These areas have a long-recognised deficit in green spaces and quality infrastructure while at the same time the highest population density.

However, Park Services equally works among all areas towards improving the provision and quality of its amenities to ensure that all residents, workers and visitors have access to a public green and open space.

# Q.38 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if sections of our parks in the south east area can be made into small dog parks where owners can allow their dogs "off leash ".

#### Reply:

Dog parks can be successful if appropriately located and used responsibly. However, they require a significant land take with most international recommendations for at least an acre. Moreover, dog parks are not for every dog and many dog owners avoid them. Therefore, it would be very difficult to justify giving over a significant quantum of the limited open space in the area to a dog run that would only be used by some of the dog owners visiting our parks and would severely limit the potential of the park to serve the wider community.

Furthermore, as dog park facilities require high footfall, there is also the potential for injury to dogs or owners if an aggressive or fearful dog feels under threat or trapped. A passive supervision is required to ensure that the facility could be successful and is safe and secure for potential users. As these facilities cannot be manned, the council must rely on visitors to use the dog park appropriately to avoid injury to either dogs or owners.

Taking all these points into consideration, Parks Section do not have plans at this time to install a dedicated dog run in the South East Area. The Parks Bye Laws currently allow dogs to be exercised off leads before 11am and in the last hour before the park is closed providing the dog is under effective control.

#### Q.39 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for the brambles in Mount Argus Park to be cut back as they are a danger to pedestrians and small children in buggies.

# Reply:

Parks have commenced removal of brambles, and will continue this work over the coming weeks.

# Q.40 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update on the Traffic Management solution options for Rathdown in Terenure. This was promised at a meeting of the South East Area Committee on 2nd Feb 2021. Seven months wait and no proposed solutions/options is unacceptable to this Councillor and local residents.

#### Reply:

A report proposing changes to the existing parking arrangements on Rathdown Avenue and adjacent roads will be issued to Councillors in the coming weeks. No works will be carried out until the Councillors and residents of Rathdown Avenue have considered the report.

#### Q.41 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the Manager for an update on the long overdue resurfacing of Clareville Road, Harold's Cross. The road surface is in a shocking condition, particularly given that it is a road with heavy traffic and two regular bus routes (83 and 18). In which quarter of 2021 or 2022 will this work be undertaken?

# Reply:

Arrangements are being made to have repairs carried out on Clareville Road carriageway. These repairs are scheduled to take place at the end of October 2021.

# Q.42 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if some or all of the benches along the Grand Canal which are backing on to streets be re positioned as requested by residents.

#### Reply:

There are many benches along by the Grand Canal and there are no plans to reposition some or all of the benches which are backing on to streets. In relation to benches in close proximity to Portobello Plaza they can be included in the proposed public consultation on the future of the plaza.

#### Q.43 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can a Traffic Management and Parking scheme be put in place to deal with the traffic chaos that regularly occurs on Windmill Road in the vicinity of Willie Pearse Park? When football matches and training are taking place local residents cannot get in out of their own homes. Can our Traffic Advisory Group have this road surveyed and then put in place measures to deal with this problem?

#### Reply:

This request ((Enquiry Ref: 7022474) 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.44 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the green at the entrance to Aisling Close Dublin 12 be reinstated following damage caused in recent months?

#### Reply:

The damage at the entrance to Aisling Close was caused following works to a private residence. The resident has been contacted and has committed to repairing the damage.

# Q.45 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have the shrubs in the garden to the rear of the back block in Beechill Villas removed as they are giving cover to significant anti-social behaviour in Donnybrook and being used as a storage area for drugs and alcohol.

#### Reply:

Dublin City Council's Mobile Unit have carried out works at this location in 2020. They will carry out a further inspection and do all necessary works that are required.

#### Q.46 <u>Councillor Daniel Ceitinn</u>

To ask the manager if he will write to the Gardaí in Donnybrook and request that Gardaí continue to disrupt the late night anti-social behaviour in the rear gardens of Beechill Villas.

# Reply:

I will make contact with An Garda Síochána in Donnybrook regarding this issue.

# Q.47 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on a request for Double Yellow Lines on Sundrive Road from outside number 87 as far as number 53 (Enquiry Ref: 7021266).

# Reply:

Service request 7021266: Not recommended.

The Area Engineer attended a site visit in 20<sup>TH</sup> July 2021, the Area Engineer is not in favour of locating double yellow lines between 53-87 Sundrive Road. Firstly, there is a kerb located on the east side of Sundrive Road at the above location. By providing double yellow lines at this point it will facilitate vehicles parking on the pavement.

Secondly, the Area Engineer is of the opinion that providing double yellow lines will mean increases in vehicular speed through this section of Sundrive Road. The current situation of allowing vehicles to park at the aforementioned location facilitates traffic calming.

#### Q.48 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for increased illegal parking enforcement measures at the junction of Blarney Park and Sundrive Road, in particular if workers at the adjacent Dublin City Council yard could be asked to be mindful of causing obstructions to pedestrians when parking council vehicles on footpaths.

#### Reply:

The Parking Enforcement Inspector will attend the area and assess it and request that suitable enforcement is carried out.

#### Q.49 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if a public bin could be installed on the footpath outside Centra on Kimmage Road Lower.

# Reply:

Waste Management Services are not in favour of installing litter bin at Centra on Kimmage Road Lower. We have seven litter bins in this area of the Kimmage Road and deem it well serviced.

# Q.50 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if an outdoor exercise machine could be installed at the park on Neagh Road.

# Reply:

Subject to local consultation on the design and location of the outdoor gym equipment, this can be included in the 2022 budget estimates for funding.

# Q.51 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if a family will be rehoused (details supplied)

# Reply:

This family are in position 2 for Area M and 5 for area N. There are currently no 4 bed units available to allocate in Area M or N at present. As soon as an offer of accommodation is available, we will contact the applicant directly. It is not possible to estimate when this may happen.

The applicants also have an area of preference with DLRCC. If they wish to change this area of preference back to a DCC area, they can contact the allocations office to arrange that. Alternatively, if they wish to remain on DLRCC list, they can contact them to see what position they hold on their list.

The applicants should continue to link in with their Housing Support Officer in relation to HAP viewings that may become available.

#### Q.52 <u>Councillor Daniel Ceitinn</u>

To ask the Manager if he will liaise with the relevant authorities to arrange for brown tourism signs for Poolbeg Lighthouse, swimming locations, and the Shelley Banks as well as other notable locations on the Poolbeg Peninsula, in particular from the roundabout at Sean Moore/Pigeon House Road.

#### Reply:

The importance of the Poolbeg Peninsula as a destination and the quality of its attractions is recognised. However, prior to erecting directional signage, it will be necessary to identify a safe and pedestrian friendly route(s) to the various attractions located on the peninsula. When this route(s) has been identified, locations can then be selected for the erection of individual signs and the delivery of a co-ordinated pedestrian wayfinding system for the Poolbeg Peninsula.

#### Q.53 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he is satisfied that the necessary traffic and parking arrangements will be in place to facilitate the major development of the Irish Glass Bottle site and if he will elaborate on the Council's engagement (previous or planned) for same.

#### Reply:

This site is subject to a live planning application, ref reg. PWSDZ3207/21 and as such, the Transportation Planning Division cannot comment on the specifics of the proposed development at this stage.

It should be noted that the former Irish Glass Bottle site forms part of the Poolbeg West Planning Scheme and previous permission was granted for enabling works and infrastructure under reg. ref. PWSDZ3270-19. The Planning Scheme (revised April 2019) has a maximum residential car parking ratio of 0.8 per unit.

# Q.54 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for a report on the usage of Capel Street /Parliament Street during the trial pedestrianisation.

#### Reply:

During the hours of the traffic free evenings (Fri – Sun, 6:30 - 11.30) it was observed that the carriageway on Parliament Street was well used for outdoor dining. This dropped slightly when indoor dining resumed particularly on Sunday evenings but a large amount of the carriageway continues to be used during the evening. There was also a large amount of cyclists in both directions.

On Capel Street, the buildouts that had been installed were used for outdoor dining rather than the carriageway, with the carriageway being used by pedestrians and cyclists. Any cars that remained parked on Capel Street when the traffic free evenings commenced, used Capel Street to exit, typically 10 - 20 cars each evening.

Further details will be provided in a report following the consultation.

#### Q.55 <u>Councillor Kevin Donoghue</u>

To ask the manager if the lanes at the 'new houses' in Irishtown could be flagged for clearing.

# Reply:

Dublin City Council Mobile Crew inspected these lanes in July of this year and removed a large amount of household rubbish that had been dumped in the lane. A further inspection will be carried out and all necessary works will be done.

# Q.56 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if it would be possible to engage with insurance Ireland regarding the difficulty of homes in Ringsend and Irishtown in securing home insurance, particularly flood insurance, to see what measures the council might take to mitigate this difficulty.

# Reply:

We have previously engaged with the Insurance Federation of Ireland (IFI) and the Office of Public Works (OPW) on this matter for the whole of Dublin City. The IFI are connected to around 75% of the insurance companies in the republic. This may be changing significantly due to Brexit. They await completed flood maps from the OPW for each particular project, while the OPW await the completion of flood works on the Dodder Ringsend to Beaver Row flood cell, in this area.

The estimated completion date for construction of the three remaining elements of this flood cell is Q4 2022. In the interim, Dublin City Council provides estimates of current flood risk for the owners of individual properties for flood insurance enquiries.

# Q.57 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manger to host a meeting with Cllrs for the South East Inner City and Gardaí from Pearse street to discuss recent events in the area

# Reply:

I will arrange a meeting for Councillors with An Garda Siochána in Pearse Street and will let Councillors know when this is arranged.

# Q.58 <u>Councillor Kevin Donoghue</u>

To ask the manager for a report on the use of CCTV in the Pearse Street area, if there have been cameras broken and repaired etc.

# Reply:

There is CCTV within Pearse House and some of this has been vandalised this year. Arrangements have being made to carry out repairs.

# Q.59 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to add Bath Avenue and satellite streets to the programme for tree pruning.

# Reply:

The trees on Bath Avenue and surrounding roads O'Connell Gardens have been inspected and following the ground inspection it was found necessary to undertake pruning of the subject trees. It is anticipated that pruning will be undertaken as part of 2022 tree pruning programme.

# Q.60 <u>Councillor Kevin Donoghue</u>

To ask the manager if the ESB are installing electric car charging units being installed on Bath Avenue and if so where they will be placed.

# Reply:

There are no known plans to install charge points on Bath Avenue at present. However, Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

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

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

The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points. However, there still remains some key items that require additional work and consequently the strategy has not as of yet been fully finalised and agreed.

Some of the remaining key items relate to collaboration across the four Dublin Authorities to ensure interoperability for the citizen and resourcing requirements. Nonetheless, discussions are continuing as a pressing matter and are ongoing with ESBN, the Department, the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and internally in this fast evolving space, with a view to finalising and agreeing a way forward (to include presentation to Council) at the very earliest opportunity.

In addition, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled.

Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to increase the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study.

# Q.61 Councillor Pat Dunne

Captains' Place. With regard to the newly built older persons' apartment blocks beside the Rosary brought up the following points:

Could the feasibility of adding some recycling banks near their building be examined? Also, could an update be given on the building sites and hoarding? There is constant dumping and it is visually unattractive, and residents feel like they are living in a building site.

# Reply:

Due to the highly residential nature of the area, finding new sites for on street recycling facilities in Crumlin/Kimmage has long been problematic. New sites of this nature must be at least 50 metres from residential properties per SI 600 of 2001, and sites must be safely accessible for service providers. There can be no trees or overhead wires in close proximity, and service access must not conflict with bus or cycle lanes.

Waste Management Services spent a considerable amount of time attempting to find an alternative location for the bottle banks that were formerly located on Sundrive Road last year, without success, including the area around Armagh Road Primary Care Centre.

The Crumlin and Kimmage area however, contains a relatively high level of recycling infrastructure compared to other parts of the city, including Windmill Road and Eamonn Ceannt Park Bring Centres and a number of bottle and textile banks located on both public and private land.

# Update on building site and hoarding:

Following inspection by the Building Control inspector on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September the construction site area was found to be under the control of the building contractor. The site was secure with locked gates and perimeter hoarding in place. Some waste building materials were on site and largely sorted and segregated. The Building Control Inspector was informed that these materials are due to be removed in the coming week.

The area was inspected on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and no illegal dumping was identified at that time. If there is waste being dumped in the vicinity it should be reported to the Customer Services Centre on 01 2222222 or <u>southeast@dublincity.ie</u> A litter warden will monitor the area and investigate issues of illegal dumping.

# Q.62 Councillor Pat Dunne

In relation to Star Bingo Lane entrance to Willie Pearse Park could a meeting be held with Parks, Star Bingo and local residents to see how they laneway can be made safer, reduce dumping fires and anti-social behaviour.

# Reply:

The issues around this laneway will be discussed at the next Kimmage/Rathmines Litter Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

In the meantime, the area will be monitored by the Litter Warden and Waste Management Services will attend to the cleansing of this laneway.

# Q.63 Councillor Pat Dunne

There has been an increase in fires in the last few weeks in the Crumlin area. Lourdes football pitches and fires on Sundrive & Bangor Circle. These fires happen at night-time but when Gardaí are called the debris is not removed and the fires are often lit a while later. Can an interim solution until Halloween be set up to allow for these items to be removed as a priority to prevent fires and to liaise with Gardaí? Similarly, when fires occur, can the removal of debris be removed quickly, and the area cleaned up.

# Reply:

As part of the Halloween response group, Waste Management Services will play their part in tackling the issues of bonfires in the Crumlin area on the lead into Halloween.

The response group will meet early September and agenda point will be raised around interim period. The prevention of stockpiled material is the key goal. Reports of bonfire materials are welcomed from all sources and are currently being collected from a number of locations by relevant departments (Parks, Housing, and Waste Management).

# Q.64 <u>Councillor James Geoghegan</u>

To ask the Area Manager if Granite Place, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 can be resurfaced.

# Reply:

Granite Place carriageway will be inspected and repairs scheduled as required.

# Q.65 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the dangerous hole in the path on Dunville Avenue as per the attached image is fixed.



#### Reply:

This inspection cover has been replaced.

#### Q.66 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he could address the issues raised in the email below.

"To be honest I despair at the ostensible lack of action (or pride in their work) by Dublin City Council in maintaining the trees and general planting and the control of weeds in the Rathmines/ Ranelagh area. The COVID situation should no longer hamper outdoor work. This is in complete contrast to for example the proactive initiatives by the council in Blackrock and Dun Laoghaire areas. In these areas there are more seating options and attractive planting. There is practically zero maintenance and many overgrown trees and weeds in the Rathmines/Ranelagh area.

I am struggling to understand why this situation is allowed to prevail and my fear is that the plants and weeds will get so out of control that they will be simply removed one day.

Please explain what is happening and clarify what the council is doing in this area. Please do not quote Covid as a justification in your response - this is outdoor work and other councils have risen admirably to the challenge."

#### Reply:

The removal of weeds is managed by the local Area Office using a contractor. This is financed by Road Maintenance Services.

The Ranelagh/Rathmines areas are well represented on the list for weed control in 2021. The weed control contractor is still operating in the area and will continue to respray locations with significant regrowth.

Additional resources were assigned from Waste Management to manually clean and weed areas within the Rathmines /Ranelagh areas in August.

If the Councillor has any specific locations in the Rathmines / Ranelagh area for consideration please contact the Public Domain Officer.

It is not clear from the question as to the specific locations in question, however in relation to Parks, we endeavour to maintain and manage open spaces and public parks in Rathmines and Ranelagh to the highest standards.

There has been a change of policy in the last few years to eliminate the use of chemicals and herbicides which is better for the environment and human health. This change of practice also enhances biodiversity, however it is acknowledged that what may be perceived as overgrown 'weeds' and the 'wilding' of green areas is not to everyone's aesthetic preference. In general however, the increase in wildflower areas both in Dublin City and the other Dublin local authorities has been well received and the raising of awareness in local communities is on-going.

Regarding trees, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services has an extensive tree care programme whereby trees are prioritised based on a condition assessment. To ensure that

the city tree canopy is maintained for future generations, new trees are planted each year as replacements and as new succession planting.

Nonetheless, if there are specific trees or particular locations of concern to the local community with respect of any possible oversight, we are available to arrange an inspection by contacting the undersigned.

# Q.67 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he could address the issues raised in the email below.

# Subject: Re: Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper

Dear James, we have just learned that Rathmines is going to become a dedicated bus corridor with no access for residential cars. We would ask you to support the reopening of access via Mountpleasant Avenue Upper for residents of Mountpleasant Avenue Lower, Richmond Hill, Bessborough Parade, Mountpleasant Terrace and Bannaville. Moving the no entry point from the junction of Richmond Hill to the end of the Avenue at the canal would be a simple fix for everyone for the future. It would leave the whole avenue connected for residents and commuter cyclists while cutting off all commuter car traffic in both directions. Many thanks for your consideration of this idea.

# Reply:

The traffic calming measures introduced at Mountpleasant Avenue was for pedestrian priority as the road was very narrow and there were complaints that cars were mounting the footpath. Regarding the bus priority measure proposed in the Bus Connects CBC project, the BusConnects project is a National Transport Authority (NTA) project. It is a matter for the NTA regarding the traffic analysis and the preferred route options. Thus for this project questions should be directed to the NTA. This can be done via their website, email, calls and digital media, via the <u>cbc@busconnects.ie.</u> Or via their postal address. However the NTA as per their statutory requirements for Environment Impact assessment report and the Traffic Impact Assessment Report, extensive analysis and traffic modelling have been carried out along with comprehensive public consultation process undertaken in relation to the BusConnects proposals.

The scheme will also have to undergo a period of statutory consultation where any issues can be raised with An Bord Pleanála.

# Q.68 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager, further to my question to the Chief Executive in April if he can provide a copy (by email) of each of the filed court documents in proceedings bearing court reference number 2020/111 JR and 2020/112 JR respectively which have been opened in court and which have concluded in the delivery of a judgment; if he could also provide a copy of the Notice of Appeal filed to the Court of Appeal in respect of the appeal of these proceedings.

# Reply:

DCC is not a party to proceedings numbered 2020/111 JR. A judgement in the case numbered 2020/112 JR has been delivered and in under appeal by DCC. Court papers are available only to the parties. The judgement in the case 2020/112 JR is available on the court's website.

# Q.69 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the area manager for a timeline for repair, works and maintenance on the pond in Palmerston Park. How regularly is the pond cleared of refuse, mud and other debris; how regularly are water levels maintained or reinstated; and what is the timeline for repairing the fountain?

# Reply:

The pond is empty at the moment to facilitate cleaning and repair of both the mains connection and the waterfall pump, which have been vandalised. There is a delay with the appointed contractor coming to site. When full, the pond is cleaned daily of litter and other debris. Parks plan to install a heritage railing to the rear of the pond to curtail access and are planning an updated planting scheme this winter. When full, the pond water levels are topped up regularly due to the in and out flow levels.

#### Q.70 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if waste bins can be installed at key points along Leinster Road. As a main thoroughfare to and from Rathmines the street is currently subjected to heavy littering.

#### Reply:

Waste Management would not be in favour of installing bins on Leinster Road, this is a residential street and with no significant litter generation spots.

Main routes either end of Leinster Road are serviced daily and have adequate litter infrastructure.

#### Q.71 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the area manager if a waste bin, dog poo bin, or awareness signage directing dog walkers to nearby bins can be placed at St Clare's Avenue? The street has become a dumping spot for bagged dog poo in recent months (see attached).

#### Reply:

Waste Management Services are not in favour of installing litter bin at St Clare's Avenue. Harold's Cross Road is serviced at significant litter generation points with bins.

The avenue will be inspected by local management and decision on awareness signs or appropriate actions will follow.

# Q.72 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the open green space beside the health centre on Crumlin Road (opposite Crumlin Shopping Centre) could be leased to a community group in order to create a community garden or allotments. The space lacks direct access and has been unused for many years.

#### Reply:

The matter will be investigated and a reply will issue directly to the councillor.

#### Q.73 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if a meeting with residents of Raphoe Road could be arranged with a view to making improvements to the street, including the addition of greenery and planting and traffic calming measures

#### Reply:

The Community Team will be contacting the residents of Raphoe Road and will work with them through the Crumlin Clean Up Group to address their concerns following on from the pilot survey conducted by the group.

Raphoe Road has speed ramps, Slow Zone signage off the Crumlin Road, and double sided parking which are all measures that are used as traffic calming measures.

The Traffic Area Engineer will investigate if any further measures are required.

Parks can attend any meeting arranged, however, the street in question is very narrow, with narrow footpaths and a lot of overhead services. Other than buildouts into the carriageway

(and resulting loss of car parking) opportunities for adding greenery and planting will be limited.

#### Q.74 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to outline specifically what plans are in place in the South East Area to deal with the spectrum of illegal and/or antisocial behaviours associated with Halloween but which local residents find they are now dealing with from July to October. These behaviours include but are not limited to fireworks, bonfires, hoarding of rubbish for bonfires, and are already having an enormous impact on the mental health and wellbeing of local residents, particularly elderly residents and those with small children and pets.

#### Reply:

The South East Area will work with Housing / Waste Management/ Waste Enforcement/ Parks Department/Gardaí & contractors to remove bonfire material as reported / identified.

Small amounts of material are being picked up by Waste Management on an ongoing basis. However, the bulk of the activity/collections will occur in the week before Halloween and the plan will reflect this.

The issue of fireworks is a matter for the Gardaí to deal with. Any fireworks recovered in the course of DCC activities are handed over to the Gardaí for disposal.

#### Q.75 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the area manager what can be done to deal with the marked increase in anti-social behaviour in Mount Argus Park in recent months, including drinking, drug taking, public defecation, and hostile and aggressive behaviour towards families and other park users.

#### **Reply:**

A preliminary meeting took place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept to discuss this matter with Councillors, the DRHE and the Gardaí. A follow up meeting is being arranged and will include representation from our Parks Section and the local Family Hub.

#### Q.76 <u>Councillor Hazel Chu</u>

To ask the manager for the continuation of pedestrianisation on the side of Sandymount Green that has been pedestrianised?"

#### Reply:

The outdoor dining trial which included the pedestrianisation of one side of Sandymount Green was for the months of July and August and that trial has now finished. The Area Office chaired meetings with various stakeholders in Sandymount Green during the duration of the trial.

There are no plans to continue the pedestrianisation at this time. However, arrangements are being put in place to conduct a review of the Sandymount Green Outdoor Dining Trial and I will revert to Councillors with further details as soon as they are available.

#### Q.77 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager of plans for traffic calming for Dunville Avenue and surrounding areas, for a mobility access space to be placed in front of the pharmacy that service many users requiring disability access and to look at repairing of footpaths, and place in safety measures for Church Road and Castlewood in light of the increase drop offs for local facilities.

#### Reply:

The query in relation to traffic calming and mobility access space has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. (Ref: 7022475). The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

More information is needed from Cllr. Chu regarding the locations referred to Church Road and Castlewood.

# Q.78 <u>Councillor Hazel Chu</u>

To ask the manager of resurfacing of footpaths and cycle ways in various SEAC areas including Orwell Road (around Marinella), Winton Road, Merrion Road and Nutley Road.

# Reply:

These roads will be put forward for consideration as part of the 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes.

# Q.79 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the manager the status of plans of 24 cycle lane for Ranelagh and Rathmines.

# Reply:

Clarification was requested with regard to which cycle lane was being referred to. The Rathmines to Milltown proposed Cycling project requires initial route assessment to be carried out. A response will be issued for the October 2021 South East Area Committee Meeting.

# Q.80 Councillor Pat Dunne

Regarding Double Yellow Lines - Could a review of roads be undertaken in Crumlin with a view to adding yellow lines? Parking is occurring on many street corners and making it dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. The yellow lines will serve as a reminder to drivers that they cannot park there. A list of corners can be supplied if it would expedite this process.

# Reply:

It is current practice by Dublin City Council not to provide double yellow lines on street corners. Under the Roads Traffic Act (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 (c) a vehicle shall not be parked on a public road within 5 metres of a road junction. The elected representative can report by sending in a list of illegal parking locations to Dublin Street Parking Services on 01-602-2500 or email: <u>info@dsps.ie</u>, or to Garda Siochána for enforcement under the law.

# Q.81 Councillor Pat Dunne

After the recent successful mattress recycling event in Rosary College, could we look at a trial run before Halloween the placement of skips to reduce household dumping? This scheme has been successful for a number of years in the South Central Area.

# Reply:

The Area Manager & Public Domain Officer will look to place some waste receptacles on a once off basis in the Crumlin/Drimnagh areas in advance of Halloween.

It should be noted that Dublin City Council provides a bulky waste collection service that is available all year round for residents to use. The cost is €40 for 5 large items. Arrangements can be made by contacting Dublin City Council Customer Services Centre on 01 222 1000.

# Q.82 Councillor Pat Dunne

Regarding the 83 bus terminus at Stannaway Avenue - Could DCC contact Dublin Bus to ask for the terminus bus shelter to be reinstated? There are many senior citizens complexes close by, and with the winter coming on, it would be important that people would be able to shelter from the rain.

# Reply:

Although bus shelters would have required planning permission from the local authority, the National Transport Authority (NTA) has the responsibility for the development and implementation of public infrastructure including the provision of bus shelters. Thus the NTA would initial bus shelter requirements to the local authority.

The NTA have a 'General Enquiries' page for accessibility request which is <u>accessibility@nationaltransport.ie</u> and DCC will forward on the request on behalf of Councillor Pat Dunne to this email address so they aware of the local issues.