

**Question to the Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee**  
**Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Can I request the Manager to have the idea for a Jewellery Quarter as outlined in the (details supplied) with this question examined with a view to possible implementation?

**Q.2 Councillor Daithi Doolan**

Can the Area Office please provide me with an update on the proposed new dressing rooms in Brickfield Park?

**Q.3 Councillor Tina McVeigh**

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the long standing dereliction and vacancy of houses on Daniel Street, Dublin 8, in particular number 50 and up to five others reported derelict/vacant for considerable time on that street.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if the footpaths around Dartmouth Square - particularly the section on the North side which is in a deplorable condition be included in the works programme for upgrade.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if the footpaths at Lea Crescent, Sandymount are repaired as soon as possible as they are currently in a dangerous condition.

**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will explore the option of upgrading the current cycle lane route from Ringsend to Pearse Street using a combination of bollards and outside the lane parking as in Fitzwilliam Street.

**Q.7 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the area manager if the footpath surface outside Spar at 54/56 Donnybrook Road could be inspected and resurfaced as it is posing a hazard for pedestrians and shoppers.

**Q.8 Councillor James Geoghegan**

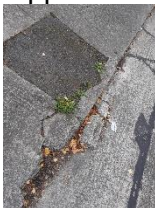
To ask the area manager if a reply could be furnished in respect of the issues raised in this email details supplied.

**Q.9 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the area manager if a reply could be furnished in respect of the issues raised in this email.

**Q.10 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can the footpath at 13 Bigger Road be repaired, children and elderly residents have tripped several times on it? See attached photo, it is completely broken.



**Q.11 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Has there been any research done by DCC in relation to any health risks associated with RF Masts like the one planned/proposed for the corner of Clogher Road and Sundrive?

It had been proposed at the Economic SPC that an information campaign would be rolled out dealing with the questions residents have around this. Has this happened? Could we look at rolling out a similar programme in our own local area?

**Q.12 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Is there any update since the October meeting around the requested dishing of 17 Rathmines Close?

**Q.13 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the area manager if a reply could be furnished in respect of the issues raised in this email.

I spoke to you during the last election campaign about the parking situation on above road.

The problem is the council has refused to put yellow lines on one side of the road without also installing parking meters which the majority of residents voted against they just want no parking on one side for safety and access reasons.

There are two schools which use the road Lakelands at one end and educate together at other end access to property is not possible at school starting and finishing times.

A number of children use scooters and if one side of road was parking free they could remain on footpath which is a safer option due to volume of cars and jeeps also an ambulance or fire engine could not gain access in emergency.

Thank you for your interest.

**Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent. She writes,

"The noise levels at night in Ranelagh/Rathmines, through the night, from Luas works or night time roadworks maintenance has become unbearable. It is not possible to get reasonable rest at night due to it. It is not just the noise, the pitch vibrates brain and body in an unpleasant, disruptive way that is impossible to rest in never mind achieve sleep. It is happening from circa 1am until after 6am. I ask that you contact Luas and DCC and ask them to reset their working hours to sociable ones and let us sleep through the night. I am expected to pay property tax, yet any quality quiet sleep in my house as a result of Luas and DCC work practices, has not been possible from some months. My patience, good humour and qualities that make me a reasonable citizen require night time access to reasonable rest and sleep."

**Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

He writes,

"I live on Chelmsford Road Ranelagh. But recently I'm appalled with the state of Ranelagh Gardens. In last year it has become overgrown especially around the pond with I've noticed recently has led to a rat infestation of them living in this overgrown area. Also the pond water itself is filthy and island on pond totally overgrown also. This

park up until 18 months ago was always well maintained and I'm shocked with this level of decline. I hope you can get something done to fix this. Also Ranelagh needs a bottle and clothes bank this should also be a priority."

**Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue.

Six sewer lines connect across back gardens on Serpentine Park, Sandymount and join at 24 Serpentine Park where the lane goes to the front and into the road to the main sewer. The connector to the road blocks repeatedly and residents have to clear this blockage themselves.

The issue has been raised by me in the past and I am asking the area manager to give it urgent attention.

**Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

"I live in Sandymount and am deeply concerned about rising sea waters due to climate change. I live not on the sea front but where I live is only a few metres above sea level and it is getting harder to be insured for house flooding. The insurance premiums are sky high if one is lucky enough to get an insurance company to insure in this area against flooding

I was told flood defence plans were ready to go and still nothing is happening. This is of real concern we have a family that we hope will be able to avail of the house we will leave behind for them. There might not be a Sandymount in years to come!

I see no evidence of flood defences being built."

**Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a constituent details supplied:

**Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to arrange for the repainting of the street nameplate on Burlington Road at its junction with Waterloo Road.

**Q.20 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager further to the reply to question 18 at the Area Meeting in October can the Housing Advisor from the Kimmage/Rathmines area please telephone details supplied in respect of her housing needs and if a different section, can the Housing Assistance Payment section please also contact her as she faces eviction in February 2022 with no alternative accommodation available to her at present and also confirm who the notice of eviction is to be sent to and what email address it can be sent to.

**Q.21 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to investigate reports of illegal parking on Grantham Street between Grantham Place and Synge Street.

**Q.22 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide lighting at details supplied. Senior residents are reporting difficulty seeing and are concerned about safety. Having inspected the area myself, the current lighting is not sufficient.

**Q.23 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to clear the lanes at Cymric Road & Kyleclair Road. Residents have been asking for this to be done since July.

**Q.24 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager for an update on the repair work scheduled to be carried out on the footpath in South Lotts Road.

**Q.25 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the manager if he could investigate the potentially illegal disposal of sewerage from a private residence in Rathmines Park (details supplied) via a pipeline into the Rathmines Avenue flat complex.

**Q.26 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the manager to confirm if work around the Tree of Hope in Ravensdale Park was carried out by DCC officials, and to indicate if Dublin City Council has any intention of removing or replacing the Tree of Hope.

**Q.27 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the manager for an update regarding any assessments made by the Parking Enforcement Officer in relation to illegal parking at the Blarney Park/Sundrive Road junction.

**Q.28 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if negotiations on social and affordable unit pricing for the Poolbeg SDZ/IGB site development have begun; the price sought for affordable units; the price sought for social units; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.29 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on the Pigeon House redevelopment tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.30 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if the Council will engage with the developer of the Poolbeg SDZ/IGB site to erect hoarding on the Sean Moore Road to encourage rats and other wildlife driven from the site due to ground works and other preparatory works away from residential areas as works commence and disturb the site.

**Q.31 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the reason for the poles on the footpath at the corner of Thorncastle Street/Bridge Street opposite St Patrick's Church; if there are any plans to reconfigure this area to make better use of the space; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.32 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if paint works will be carried out on the external walls at a location details supplied as the tenant has been waiting a number of years for these works to be done following the injection of insulation c. 3 years ago. Holes in the wall were made for the injection of insulation and were to be painted over but were never painted.

**Q.33 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to arrange for a slow sign and/or a ramp at the road into Ffrench Mullen House from Charlemont Street in consultation with the residents' association; if he will arrange for a pole with an appropriate safety sign at the corner of the footpath on the turn around Ffrench Mullen as there is no distinction for drivers at this point

between the road and the path as they are level with no divider and it is creating an unsafe environment.

**Q.34 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the status of the Glovers Court regeneration proposal; if this has been submitted to the Department; if not, when it is to be submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager has the public park at Marianella in Rathgar been transferred to DCC as required in the planning permission and details supplied.

**Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to have the badly broken pavements and roads in Lavarna Grove, Terenure resurfaced or repaired in the short term. The pavements have become very dangerous in terms of trip hazards for pedestrians. In addition the roads are in a bad state and given the constant traffic through this residential area between Fortfield Road and Terenure Road West. In addition I would like an update in relation to the pruning of trees at the junction with Terenure Road West as these trees completely overshadow lights (on poles 1, 2 and 3) creating a pitch dark section of this road which is unsafe for pedestrians at night. With the clock now changing to winter time this should be done urgently.

**Q.37 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the tree stump on Rathdown Crescent to be removed as soon as possible. The tree was felled by DCC Parks' staff and removed, but the crew were unable to remove the stump of the tree without heavier equipment. They committed to come back and remove this, but to date it has not been removed.

**Q.38 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to advise the Councillor as to what licensing arrangements are in place for mobile coffee/food trucks at this stage of the Covid Recovery plan and what is the plan now that local businesses have re-opened. Many of these providers were positioned close to busy retail areas during Covid.

**Q.39 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager for school safety zone markers to be put in place outside Presentation Primary School (Terenure Road West) and St. Joseph's Boys School (Terenure Road East). These are large schools with exits onto busy main roads as is the case with other schools in the area. However, they do not have the same high visibility school zone markings and I believe there are no plans to install them as they are on main roads, but so too are other schools. Indeed there are school zone markings on Leinster Road where there is no school, but it is also an area that has children emerging onto it from Leinster Square.

**Q.40 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager, for the safety of cyclists to protect the cycle lane on Rathfarnham Road with wands from the pedestrian crossing outside 8 Rathfarnham Road to the parking bay outside Lidl, and to reinstate the pedestrian crossing at 8 Rathfarnham Road.

With Lotts & Co having recently opened at this location, locals report that already the cycle lane is frequently blocked with cars parked across the lane and on the footpath, at a busy junction with poor visibility. There is a parking bay adjacent to the premises

and the markings of a pedestrian crossing with no lights in situ. This stretch should be protected from illegal parking for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, and in particular for the children from St Joseph's NS.

**Q.41 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the introduction of a 30kmph speed limit on Zion Road, Rathgar, in order to facilitate Stratford College proceeding with the Safe Routes to School programme for which they were awarded.

**Q.42 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the shelters in Harold's Cross Park, which are in a poor state of repair, can be scheduled for refurbishment, including replacing of missing roof tiles, securing of loose roof tiles, and the replacement of seating which has been removed.

**Q.43 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the balcony ledges on the upper floors at Rathmines Avenue can be urgently assessed for structural stability and repairs to damaged stone work carried out as soon as possible. Damage to stone work has left large sections of concrete trimming and red brick loose and removable, and these could fall from a height at any time causing serious injury or damage.

**Q.44 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he could arrange for the plaque to Jack B Yeats on the building that houses the Atlas Language School – formerly Portobello Nursing Home where the artist lived from 1950-1957 (the year he died). This plaque is in very poor condition and needs replacing, especially as this is the 150th anniversary of his birth. 29th August 1871.

**Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager give an update report on the progress of the social housing element Part 5 apartments at Tom Kelly Road/Charlemont Street? DCC has an option here to acquire a number of social housing apartments from this development as per the arrangements that were made with the developer regarding the disposal of these Dublin City Council lands.

**Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager give a clear indication as to the temporary traffic measures at Merrion Row and the outdoor dining facility and when DCC intend to remove these temporary measures?

**Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager have the street furniture section call into the licensed premises on Camden Row with regards their continuous blocking of the footpath and roadway by their patrons at this street? This is a roadway for cars and pedestrians and it is constantly blocked by large crowds of young pub goers. Many local residents have to use alternative streets to access their homes etc. as a result of large crowds that gather here.

**Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager give an update on the refurbishment of the play area in Mercer House, C Block?

**Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager give an update with regards the redevelopment and enhancement of the children play area in Bishop Street flats?

**Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager give a complete breakdown of all the levies and financial contributions to Dublin city council that will be contributed from the former DIT site development at Kevin Street? Also, can the manager indicate how much of this financial contribution will be spent on local area projects?

**Q.51 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager write to the ESB and request them to repaint the ESB poles in Emor Street, Portobello? These poles are seriously dilapidated and shabby and could do with a lick of paint. Also, can the manager have the graffiti in this area removed please?

**Q.52 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate a full reexamination of car parking on the Ross Road? Many residents are finding it extremely difficult to get parking. They are also finding it very difficult to exit and enter this road because of the constant parking on footpaths and double parking. This severely limits visibility and makes driving in the area very dangerous. This area also needs a disability bay. Can this matter be addressed as a matter of urgency?

**Q.53 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager have a series of bollards erected at the back of the new McVerry social apartments on New Street? Since these apartments have opened cars have been parked on the footpaths at the back of the apartments blocking emergency exits and also blocking the light from residents of this new apartment complex. Either a railing or bollards are needed as many of the residents are complaining of car fumes and engine noise coming into their living rooms and bedrooms.

**Q.54 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager give an update as to when a meeting can be arranged between DCC and the residents of Glovers Court and York Street complexes to address ongoing serious issues of anti-social behaviour, dilapidation of the apartments and issues of maintenance?

**Q.55 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to take action in relation to providing safer cycling and slow down measures on the Milltown road as you go up the hill past the Dropping Well bar on your left. There is a 300 metre stretch without a safe cycling lane and this is dangerous given the volume of traffic at peak hours and the speed of cars that zoom up the hill. There are no slow down measures, trees shade the street lights, there are no ramps and no cycle lane.

**Q.56 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to consider the use of a strimmer on streets where weeds are growing out of control on pavements and public realm areas, but these areas are not scheduled to have the DCC weed control foam spray applied within the next six months. Parts of the city are looking very neglected and this would help to address this until such time as the two-year/two-application non-pesticide spray can be applied

**Q.57 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to engage with the local Councillors and Residents' Association of Leinster Square and Prince Arthur Terrace to address the anti-social issues in this residential area in the heart of Rathmines and to work with the local residents to put in

place the type of interventions that would ensure that the area is well managed and maintained and doesn't suffer from its proximity to the many late night hospitality outlets in Rathmines. Issues include:

- The need for more regular and consistent cleaning of the area given the number of fast food and bar outlets.
- Illegal parking and cycle stand issues
- Drinking in the lane

**Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he can propose some solutions to address the issue of exiting from Stella Gardens on to Irishtown Road which is a frustrating and at times dangerous experience for the residents.

**Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he outline what plans are in place or what discussions have taken place with Waterways Ireland, Irish Water, Inland Waterways and other relevant stakeholders with regards to the temporary relocation of the live-aboard community in Grand Canal Dock facilitate the Grand Canal Storm Water Outfall Extension Project.

**Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the below response the following motion from Feb 2021:

Further to Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne to February 2021's SEAC meeting: That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to explore options for the use of the vacant plot adjoining the Christchurch Q Car Park. I understand that there is limited development potential of this small plot due to the presence underneath of part of the old City Wall. However the site could be used as a community garden or a 'pocket forest', please see update below:

"The Head of Parks, Senior Executive Officer and City Archaeologist inspected this site in February. The site is currently overgrown and has a large palisade fence along the street frontage, to prevent access and deter antisocial activity. The carpark entrance and blank wall on the northern boundary of the site also affect its appearance. A property search showed that part of the site is privately owned. It was noted that the site offers long term potential for improving the amenity of the medieval city wall circuit as visualised in the Ship Street Framework Plan and that greening of the site would improve its appearance and biodiversity. It was further noted that there is an opportunity to improve the site's visual amenity on the street front and to provide interpretive information about the city walls and city gate through artwork. Given its location beside the Iveagh Trust buildings, its small size and shape, the ownership and archaeological constraints, the preferred use is as a managed green space with limited access. The Head of Parks, Senior Executive Officer of Parks and the City Archaeologist met the Area Office Manager on 31st March. The Area Office posited the idea of a 'pocket forest' and will forward this information for consideration by Parks and City Archaeologist. The Area Office will also explore the greening proposal through community liaison, and contact Jury's to discuss the appearance of the carpark. Parks and Archaeology are working together to prepare a short narrative to inform a brief in advance of the next meeting scheduled for the week starting 10 May."

**Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne**



To ask the Area Manager can he please engage with details supplied to find a resolution to the ongoing issues of noise and disturbance from this premises to this residents home.

**Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the below motion from May 2021:

Motion 20 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to improve the public realm at the triangular space at the junction Peters Row and Aungier Street as part of the outdoor summer plans. This space could be greatly improved with some replacement planting of the felled trees and some public seating.

Report:

The Area Office will examine this space to see can we improve the public realm at this location.

**Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please carry out an inspection on details supplied:

**Q.64 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the hedge around Cashel Green be trimmed as nesting season is now over?

**Q.65 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Double Yellow Lines at the keyhole on Brickfield Drive be repainted some of lines have been removed following utility company works? These DYs will become very important as a major 280 apartment block has got planning permission in the adjacent Eason House site.

**Q.66 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Regarding Willie Pearse Park and the entrances to Pearse Park from Windmill Road. I think you will agree that it's looking a little tired and could do with some fresh winter planting and painting of the gates. The other entrance nearest to the village is also run down looking. The park itself it is looking great and the wall mural is a great feature and I think by improving the entrance areas it would entice more visitors and give the local community a lift.

**Q.67 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can a full inspection be carried out on the three sections of public paths on the shop side of Sundrive Road? The first section is along where Floods and Centra trade. The second section between the barber shops and the car sales company and the third section along where the tyre company and Pickles trade. Along this section some private landings have been reinstated but the public path needs reinstatement.

**Q.68 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can a full inspection be carried out on the three sections of public paths on the shop side of Old County Road? Also, some of the private landings along this section are in a bad state of repair. Where these are found to be trip hazards can the property owners be notified accordingly?

**Q.69 Councillor Pat Dunne**

There is a concentration of utility boxes and cabinets outside the Post Depot at the corner of Windmill Road and Crumlin Village. Can the operators of these be contacted and asked to paint and camouflage these so that they blend into the village? We have

had art paintings on our traffic signal boxes and it would be good if similar was done with these utility boxes at this location.

**Q.70 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the school zone road markings outside the entrance of Scoil Una Naofa on Armagh Road be repaired after recent repairs tarmacked over part of it?

**Q.71 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can one a bollard be placed outside 27a Ravensdale Drive? There is a dangerous corner located at this junction and despite yellow lines being painted vans park here regularly. The vans block pathways for buggies and wheelchairs and forces pedestrians to walk out onto the road on the bend.

**Q.72 Councillor Pat Dunne**

There are a number of trees that need pruning and or inspection on Clonmacnoise Road

1 the two Weeping Willows at the path entrances are overgrowing onto the footpath. These are two lovely trees but by their nature create both shelter and hiding places for some local youths. Residents have asked if the side of these trees facing the footpath could be pruned thereby creating sight on the footpath side.

2 There are two trees adjacent to no 2 and 12. They are at the Sundrive Road end. I got a commitment from Parks last June that they would be included in the Winter Pruning Schedule.

3 There is a tree adjacent to 76 Clonmacnoise Road that looks damaged and its roots are causing damage to the footpath, Can this tree be inspected to determine the best solution.

**Q.73 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the matter below details supplied which was raised at the July meeting be resolved?

**Q.74 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the bollards opposite 26 Rutland Avenue be removed and replaced with a pathway and could the two green areas be joined together and can planters be used to alleviate parking on the footpath at this location?

**Q.75 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the heavy overgrowth on to the footpath along the Dodder at Beaver Row and on the lane way from Beaver Row to Beech Hill Avenue to be cleared and cut back as it now represents a danger to pedestrians.

**Q.76 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager that the builders put up large timber sheeting at the Irish Glass Bottle Site, where the railings are in the hope that it might force rodents towards the nature park, therefore away from residential areas.

**Q.77 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager for an update re the housing position of details supplied:

**Q.78 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if details attached can be considered for a particular vacant property:

**Q.79 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager if the junction at Newbridge Avenue, Tritonville Road and Sandymount Road can be assessed in terms of safety. I am informed of weekly accidents at this junction.

**Q.80 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if a sign can be provided for the complex at Shelbourne Wharf on Ringsend Road.