

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 18th January 2022

Item No: 9

PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT

Illegal Dumping and Waste Management

As per CRM report for December there were 137 incidents of Illegal Dumping reported and 314 – Community Clean ups (this represents the North Side of the City not just North West) There was significant discussion on Social Media with regard to the level of dumping in the Ballymun Area over the Christmas period. Whilst there were incidents of dumping in particular to the front of the Poppintree Sports and Leisure Centre, it was noted by Public Domain that the volume of dumping over the Christmas period was lower than previous years and Waste Management responded quickly and efficiently to have it removed as soon as was possible. Bearing in mind that all crews have been working on reduced numbers due to Covid and the Public Domain Team were not present over the Christmas period the response from Waste Management was exceptional. The areas affected by the increase in dumping have been cleaned despite the challenges being experienced with Covid.

Special Clean Ups carried out by Public Domain Crews in December

Ballymun

- Balbutcher Lane (From new junction at Hampton Wood/ Belclare (where the old roundabout was) to Ballymun Road. Whole length of road - Long stretch
- Ard Na Meala
- Dane Road

Finglas

- Jamestown Road at roundabout (sweep and clean of leaves)
- Wellmount Avenue (sweep and cleaning of leaves)
- Berryfield Drive (sweep and clean)
- Tolka Valley Road at junction of Cardiffsbridge Road, (sweep and clean)

Two special clean ups were arranged in early January. One on Carton Road and one in the vacant site to the front of the Re-discovery Centre (this was done in conjunction with the management company of the apartment block)

Carton Road Before and After



Plaza Site (front of the Re-discovery Centre Post Clean Up)



IBAL Report

The first IBAL report of 2022 was released early January. Ballymun was listed as 36 out of 40 towns surveyed. Whilst this was down 2 on the September report it was much improved on the result achieved in January 2021. As per stated above the reduced level of crews over the last few weeks did impact service levels and although there is plenty of room for improvement on this score, the scoring is not too damaging given the circumstances.

Actions taken on foot of the report:

Balbutcher Lane (old flats site) is generally well maintained and the Public Domain Team arrange clearance of dumped material from behind the railings regularly. Given the plans for the site there is no need for a long term Waste Management plan. I have discussed with my team doing some temporary enhancements in the area that we can re-locate once the development starts.

The Car Park area that was highlighted has really only come back in public use over the past number of months due to the contractors parking when the old Shopping Centre was being demolished. This office has requested a special clean-up of the site with the Public Domain Crew.

Community Art Initiative

The Art installation on the wall along St. Margaret's Road received really positive feedback from all quarters but predominantly from the surrounding Community. The Art Jam was held on the 10th December with input from All City Records and Subset. Despite the cold, Trinity Comprehensive School brought some pupils up in the afternoon who were given a demonstration on Street Art from one of the Artists onsite. As part of the project some funding was made available for the continuation of the Street Art workshops and this will be carried out with the Art Classes in Trinity Comprehensive early this year. (Covid permitting).

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