



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022

- 1 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 13th December 2021**
Order: Agreed.

- 2 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 16th December 2021.
Order: Noted.

- 3 **South East Area Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.

- 4 **Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee asks that the broken paths/kerbs as detailed with this question be repaired as soon as possible.

Re replacing broken paths / kerbs on Argyle Road off Herbert Park that were caused by the construction vehicles

For the last 3 years residents have been submitting pictures to DCC regarding broken footpaths and kerbs on Brendan Road that are a health and safety issue for residents in the area as the uneven surfaces are not visible at night or in the rain.

I attach some sample images that have been submitted on numerous occasions to DCC.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to install a yellow box outside Pembroke Square Apartments, Barrow Street. The new traffic lights here have been causing problems for residents entering and exiting their building due to traffic blocking the entrance. The car parking spaces here are also causing an issue given their proximity to the exit bend. Can the Manager please examine this as a matter of urgency?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to resurface all of Long Lane as part of the 2022 programme of works.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to increase public lighting in Baggot Court. There are ongoing issues of robberies and anti-social behaviour here and better lighting could help act as a deterrent.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees that DCC review the number and frequency of Disability Bays on Old County Road, Sundrive Road and other commercial areas in the Kimmage / Crumlin area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Tara Deacy

Motion 2 I raised this motion in the last quarter of last year, can we revisit this issue?

That this committee support the idea for the Crumlin/Kimmage area to be considered for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme. The area is used highly for rat-running and speeding and was not considered in the first round of changes (see <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18shdEcEOxB2sRN8qzKwbs1W69U6OUM1rE3FQtABqOyU/edit#slide=id.p2>)

The above presentation link was made to Councillors at the September 9th 2019 South East Area Committee meeting. The opportunity was afforded to Councillors to add any areas to the list for consideration they felt should be included that wasn't already included. As a result additional areas were put forward including areas in Kimmage and Crumlin. The Neighbourhood Engineer assessed and ranked all areas accordingly.

However due to the current pandemic all works on the Neighbourhood Transport Schemes have ceased with the engineers' focus solely on Covid Interim Mobility Interventions.

There is currently a Covid Interim Mobility trial underway at Pigeon House Road. Once this trial is completed the option to carry out a trial in the Crumlin and Kimmage can be discussed with local Councillors at the relevant area committee meetings.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Pat Dunne

Following on from the recent installation of two Welcome to Kimmage signs this area committee seeks to have further public domain improvements in the area to bring it up to the same standard as other village areas in the Kimmage/Rathmines LEA.

We ask for a plan of enhancements to be drawn up which can include input from the local community and business traders.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee notes the addition of the Tram Café to Eamonn Ceannt Park, and notes the inclusion of a gated area for dogs. This committee agrees that there is potential to further enhance the facilities and park experience for dogs and their

owners with the provision of a safe, fenced off and gated dog run in the park. and agrees that Parks should undertake to present a report on the feasibility of providing a dog run in Eamonn Ceannt Park, or alternatively identifying an appropriate park within the Crumlin or Kimmage area where such a facility could be accommodated.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee agrees that the unused open green space beside the health care centre on Crumlin Road (opposite Crumlin Shopping Centre) should be leased to a community group for community-driven enhancement by use of the space as a community garden or allotments, pursuant to its Z9 zoning: **preserve, provide and improve recreational amenity and open space and green networks**. The space appears to lack direct access and seems to have been unused for many years and the council voted in favour of the site retaining Z9 zoning in the draft Dublin City development plan.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Daniel Céitinn

That Dublin City Council will embark on a programme of installing historical / heritage information / boards at flats named after patriots such as George Reynolds, Pearse House across the South East Area as a part of a heritage / historical trail.

Order: Report to Councillor.

5 Questions for the Chief Executive 10th January 2022

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 10 January 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Danny Byrne
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan

Officers

Brian Hanney
Neil O'Donoghue
Gerard McEntaggart

Leah Johnston
Jennifer Wall
Iva Geci

Derek Kelly
John MacEvilly

Apologies:

Hazel Chu

Non-Members:

Q.1 Councillor James Geoghegan

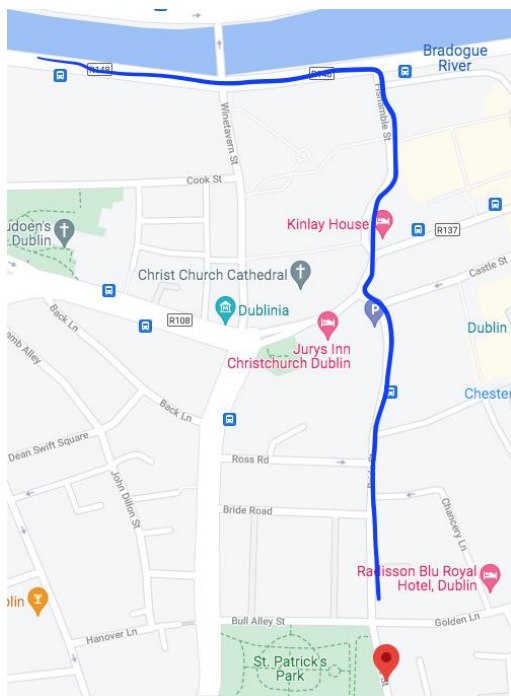
To ask the South East Area Manager if the lane way where residents park (between numbers 57 and 59) would be properly paved (concrete or tarmacadam) on Wilfield Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4.

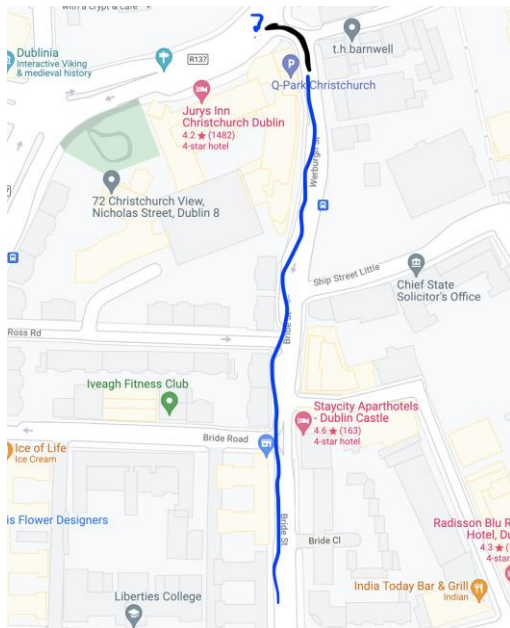
Reply:

According to our records, this laneway is not in charge to DCC Road Maintenance Services.

Q.2 Councillor Claire Byrne

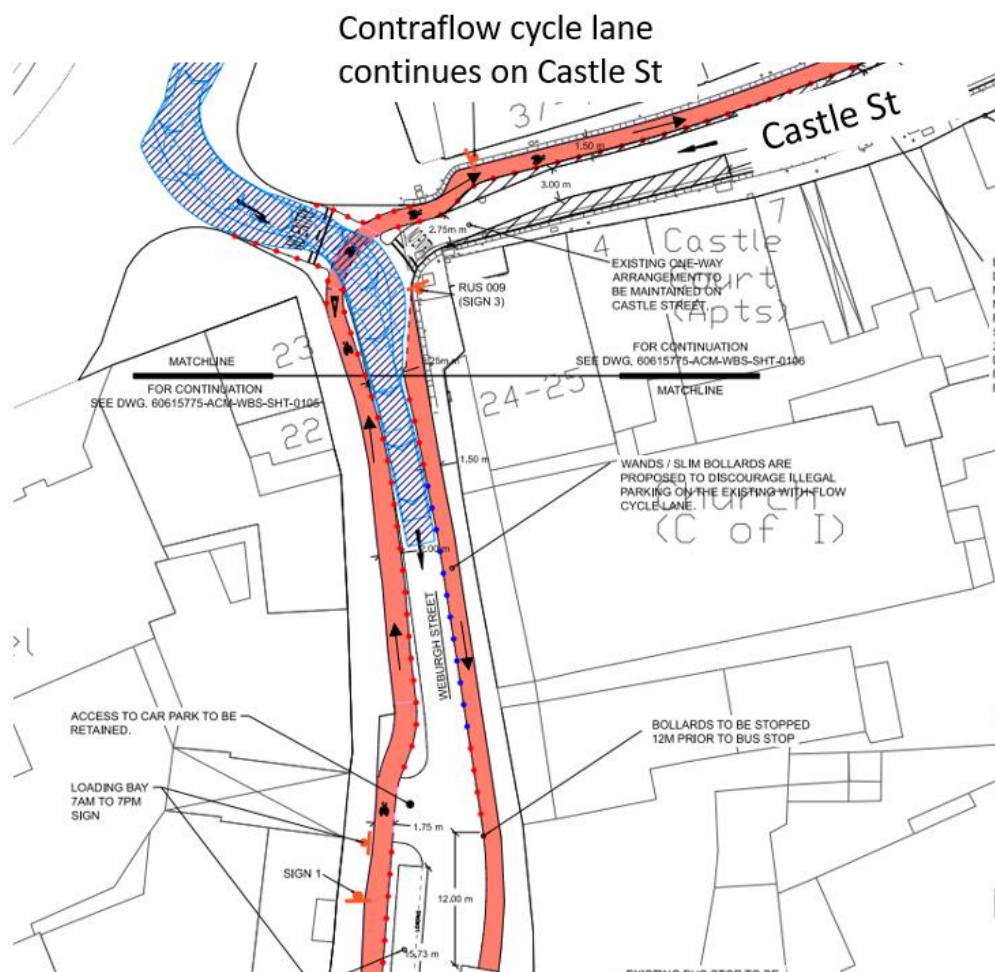
To ask the Area Manager can he please clarify whether the Bride Street / Werburg Street cycle lane is actually a Contraflow Cycle lane and can he clarify exactly where it ends? The junction as you approach Dame Street is really dangerous as it not clear to cars that this is a contra flow. Is it possible to simply extend the contra-flow lane around the corner so it is clear to drivers turning right from Dame Street on to Bride Street that cyclists are moving in the opposite direct. Can this cycle lane also be extended to Fishamble Street to connect with the Liffey Cycle Route? See below for assistance.





Reply:

The Werburgh Street /Bride Street cycle route Phase 1 which was implemented in November 2020 included for northbound cyclists who are headed in the Dame Street direction to turn right onto Castle Street and join Dame Street at City Hall. This is only an interim solution.



Phase 2 of the route which is currently underway is signalling the Bride Street /Bride Road junction and providing 3 new pedestrian crossings at that junction and is scheduled to be complete early February.

Phase 3 of the route is to provide a more direct connection between Werburgh Street and Christchurch Place and remove the interim route on Cork Hill. The design of this is to be progressed Q1 of this year. The bus routes that currently turn left onto Werburgh Street, and which currently restrict the options for bringing cyclists straight through, are being removed as part of Bus Connects. This will then allow for a better reconfiguration for cyclists at this location.

Extending to Fishamble Street is also being considered, however the layout of that street is being considered in combination with potential measures for Parliament Street (as part of Capel Street & Parliament Street measures) and the College Green plaza.

Q.3 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will segregated cycle lanes be installed on the northbound side of Clanbrassil Street and New Street and Patrick Street.

Reply:

These areas were initially set as part of the Covid Mobility programme in 2020 and the northbound routes were found to mainly be bus lanes with insufficient space to create cycle lanes without undertaking significant civil works to widen the roadway. These streets will have cycle lanes included as part of the Bus Connects designs, which will be lodged with An Bord Pleanála. The Covid Mobility Team will review again and see if there are some areas where protection can be added.

Q.4 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when Chocolate Park on Benson Street will be completed and open for use and can he please provide a timeline.

Reply:

The Chocolate Park / Benson Street Park site is under development / construction by Bennetts as part of the Development 76 Sir John Rogerson's Quay. The park has a part 8 planning approval and when the site is ready to be taken in charge by Dublin City Council a due diligence survey will have to be carried out to ensure that the underground development has been sufficiently secured to enable the construction of the park without any adverse impacts on the underlying development. It is intended this will take place in Q1 of this year. Development of the planning drawings for construction will follow this process and then subsequently, tenders can be advertised for the construction of the park however construction is unlikely to take place in 2022.

Q.5 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate and address the very serious mould issues at details supplied as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has appointed a contractor to carry out an inspection at the address provided and following on from this all necessary works will be done.

Q.6 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please arrange for more bike parking in the Meath Hospital.

Reply:

DCC does not install bike parking on privately owned lands. It would be up to the management of the Meath Street Hospital to arrange to install cycle parking on their property.

As part of Batch 15 of the On-Street Cycle Parking, 10 no. cycle parking spaces were provided on Arnott Street to facilitate the Old Meath Hospital. Our most recent records show that only 1 of these spaces was occupied when the site was photographed in June and September 2021. There would appear to be little need for increased cycle parking at this time.

Q.7 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to assist the following with securing a home and can you please list the options available. This young professional is living in a seriously overcrowded situation which is untenable.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 09/07/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area M	1	335

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

The applicant should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in her area of choice.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.8 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to carry out works outside details supplied to reduce or replace the shrubbery here as it is full of rubbish and rodents and is causing huge problems for the local residents. Can this work please be prioritized as the residents have been waiting for quite some time?

Reply:

All works at details supplied were completed at the beginning of December 2021.

Q.9 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is being done to address the ongoing issue of pollution and algae on Sandymount Strand.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is aware of the presence of the brown microalgae known as Ectocarpus Siliculosus at Sandymount Strand. The material is not unique to Sandymount Strand or Dublin, with the Environmental Protection Agency recording sightings of the material at various other locations along Ireland's coast. The presence of Ectocarpus is not a recent phenomenon, rather decades old, with original reports on its presence dating back to the 1980's.

In brief, the material grows on a substrate in the water column at sea. Once detached from its root, the material is washed ashore with the incoming tide. If it is not returned to sea with the outgoing tide, it can accumulate on the shore and start to decay. Its growth and proliferation is believed to be linked to climate change impacts such as increased frequency of storms, sea level changes and rising sea and ambient temperatures.

The removal of the material from a designated area of protection and area of conservation is prohibited unless strict and binding permissions are obtained by the National Parks and Wildlife Services. The material which makes up part of the Natura 2000 sites ecosystem, is a food source for much of the wildlife. Currently, DCC does not believe there is adequate justification or evidence to suggest the removal of the naturally occurring material from the bay would not result in negative environmental impacts or damage to the environment. However, Water Pollution Control is aware of an integrated study taking place between DCC Parks Department and National University of Ireland Galway, which will assess the causes and impacts of Ectocarpus growth in Ireland. The study is expected to be consistent with addressing Action 36 of Dublin City Council's "Climate Change Adaption Plan" once complete. The section will take recommendations from the study into consideration once published.

In 2020, Water Pollution Control published an information bulletin on Ectocarpus, to assist the public with its identification. The material can be mistaken for pollution/raw sewage due to its colour, texture and malodour upon decay. Information on the material's life cycle, stages of decay and current guidance on its removal is included in the bulletin. It is available in hardcopy format in bathing water cabinets or in softcopy format on DCC's website - <https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2021-01/202009-ectocarpus-information-bulletin.pdf>.

Q.10 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could the Virgin media utility box at 412 Captains Road be removed, it has been broken for over 6 years now and despite many requests has not been repaired or removed?

Reply:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has been in communication with Virgin Media on December 23rd, 2021 with regard to the removal of the cabinet at the address specified. Virgin Media confirmed that they have organised for this cabinet to be removed by their appointed contractor as soon as possible.

Q.11 Councillor Tara Deacy

I submitted this question in 2021 and would like this re-examined.

That broken railings on the green space on Cashel Road are replaced as people are using it as a way to illegally dump food on the green space and the hedge around the green on Cashel Road is cut back now that the nesting season is completed. Reply: Parks had plans to remove both the railing and the hedge some years ago but were met with resistance from some local residents which prevented the work commencing. We will re-examine the situation over the coming period and report directly to the councillor. Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent, email: parks@dublincity.ie

Reply:

Parks would like to improve access and use of the green space and are looking to develop a plan for this space that would encourage more positive behaviour e.g. path network, improved access and additional tree planting. The Councillor and residents will be kept informed.

Q.12 Councillor Tara Deacy

I have raised the issue of illegal parking at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Road four times over the last 2 years, the issue has not been resolved and I ask once again that planters be installed ASAP. See previous correspondence below:

Can I get some feedback in terms of this question I raised last month? In terms of fines, how many have been handed out. Residents have been in touch again about this junction.

Q.30 Councillor Tara Deacy I raised the issue of illegal parking at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads many times. It was highlighted at the time that this would be monitored and if it were to persist further action would be taken. Locals have sent me photos on number of occasions and the issue has indeed persisted and in fact gotten worse. Can we now look at the installation of planters as was discussed as soon as possible so we can avoid a serious accident in the near future? - This is still a problem. Can we look at addressing this again? Reply: The Dublin Street Parking Services have been enforcing against illegal parking on the footpath at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads and this enforcement will continue as the issue is ongoing. Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement, tel.: 222 3847, email: hugh.fahey@dublincity.ie

Reply:

In the past two years there has been one clamp on Clogher Road. There have been twenty eight warnings by Dublin Street Parking Services on Clogher Road. There have been eight requests to attend the location on Aughavannagh Road and eleven requests to attend the location at Clogher Road.

Dublin Street Parking Services will continue to patrol these locations and enforce any illegal parking.

Q.13 Councillor Tara Deacy

This is a follow up from a question previously submitted and having to revisit again.

Could the nameplates on the following streets be inspected to see if they can either be cleaned, repainted or replaced? - Fernvale Road, Innismore, Windmill Crescent, Parnell Road, Kildare Park?

Reply:

These nameplates will be inspected and remedial works arranged as appropriate.

Q.14 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could we have Monasterboice Road resurfaced? It is in very poor condition.

Reply:

Monasterboice Road will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

Q.15 Councillor Tara Deacy

I raised this issue in May 2021. Can we look at getting this work done?

To ask the Manager to repaint and repair the lamp posts on the following streets the majority of which are rusted on Clogher Road, Clonmacnoise Road, Crumlin Park, Downpatrick Road, Fernvale Drive, Leighlin Road and Monasterboice Road.

Reply:

Painting of the public lighting poles on Clonmacnoise Road and Crumlin Park was completed in 2021 as part of large undertaking of painting in the Crumlin and Kimmage areas (details of which are included below). This was the biggest amount of public lighting

painting work carried out in one specific part of the city, in over seven years, and used a significant proportion of the painting budget in 2021. As such, there are currently no poles in the Crumlin and Kimmage areas under consideration for painting in 2022.

All other public lighting poles on the other roads listed above will remain on the list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

Roads painted in 2021 in the Crumlin and Kimmage Areas:

- Maple Drive
- Lismore road
- Ferns Road
- Durrow Road
- Aughavanagh Road
- Glenealy Road
- Rathdrum Road
- Cloyne Road
- Blarney Park
- Tonguefield Road
- Clonfert Road
- Kilfenora Road
- Grove Park
- Bangor Circle
- Clonmacnoise Road
- Crumlin Park
- Stannaway Road

Q.16 Councillor Tara Deacy

Question 7 - where are we in terms of this request made in September 2021?

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?

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.

Reply:

This service request (Enquiry Ref: 7022473) is currently being assessed by the Area Engineer, and a recommendation will be issued pending receipt of requested information on land ownership / Taking in Charge status.

If changes are recommended, this would go through the TAG process which will take a minimum of eight weeks.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.17 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the general waste bin on Rathgar Avenue (Bus Stop 2481) be reinstated?

Could the dog waste bin at 1 Rathgar Avenue also be reinstated?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the bin at the bus stop on Rathgar Avenue reinstated weekending 19th December 2021. We are no longer providing dog foul specific bins.

Q.18 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager can a spotlight at the flagpole in George Reynold's House be installed to illuminate the flag.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will look into the feasibility of installing a spotlight to illuminate the flag. Obviously a number of issues will need to be considered, not least of all if we have electricity close by and the costs associated with carrying out the works.

Q.19 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the road surface at Leeson Park, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 to be resurfaced. The situation is dangerous as cars are bouncing over the very uneven surfaces and swerving across the midline to avoid them altogether. The entire road needs to be resurfaced at this time.

Reply:

Leeson Park will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

Q.20 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the leak in the ceiling of the council property at (details supplied) be fixed as a matter of urgency as it has been ongoing for the past 6 months.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will arrange an inspection and repair here within the next four to six weeks.

Q.21 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the road surface at Fairview Avenue, Ringsend, Dublin 4 to be repaired.

Reply:

Fairview Avenue will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

Q.22 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the foot paths at Derravaragh Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W to be repaired as they have fallen into a state of disrepair and are a major trip hazard.

Reply:

The footpaths on Derravaragh Road will be inspected and defects found will be added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

Q.23 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for a hole at Philomena Terrace, Ringsend, Dublin 4, where a tree was removed from, to be filled in.

Reply:

This will be added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

Parks Services will identify and examine the pit in question. In a case that the pit is suitable for a replacement tree it will be retained and replanted, however, if this is not an option we will contact Roads maintenance and request that it is filled permanently.

Q.24 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the repair of the windows handles at (details supplied) as the windows are unable to be closed at present.

Reply:

All works in relation to the window handles at the address provided have been completed and a new double glazed unit was replaced as well.

Q.25 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for a new front door to be installed at (details supplied) as the current door is wooden and extremely draughty. It has gaps at the bottom and sides and is inefficient for heating.

Reply:

An inspection of the front door at the address provided was carried out last October. The door was deemed not in need of replacement at this time and repairs were carried out.

Q.26 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the outstanding maintenance issues in (details supplied) to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has carried out repairs to the windows and doors at the address provided. The Planned Maintenance Engineering Unit in Housing Maintenance will be investigating the report of dampness and all necessary works will be done.

Q.27 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager when Sean Moore Road will be resurfaced and remarked?

Reply:

A section of Sean Moore Road is included in our draft 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme subject to approval by council.

Q.28 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange to have our Road Maintenance Section reinstate the path with concrete at (details supplied)? The path at this location has been damaged over the years by roots from an adjacent tree and other utility works. A large section has been covered by tarmac and this should be concreted. Residents also report damage to their garden walls - can these be inspected and repaired where necessary?

Reply:

The footpath at this location will be inspected and defects found will be added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

Any evidence of tree roots affecting the garden walls will be notified to the Parks Dept. for consideration.

Q.29 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the area manager arrange for the inspection and reinstatement of the front garden wall at (details supplied)? The erosion of this wall has been caused by constant flooding emanating from a gully at this busy corner site. It constantly gets blocked following heavy rain and flooded again during the recent storm Barra.

The residents have lodged a complaint and our insurers have denied the claim based upon the Statute of Limitations. Claiming that the issues go back pre-2014. The residents report that they lodged a complaint in the Crumlin area Office as far back as 2015.

It's unfair to these residents that an issue caused by constant flooding at this location is not being rectified by DCC and I now ask for this issue to be looked at again with a view to resolving the problem and reinstating the garden wall.

Reply:

The two gullies at the address above were cleaned and jetted by members of the gully cleaning crew in the *Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division* on 23/12/2021. The gullies were also checked with a CCTV camera and both were found to be in good working order.

Q.30 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Traffic Section to install a filter turn signal on the traffic lights at the junction of Windmill Road and St. Agnes Road in Crumlin Village?

At present traffic moving from the church direction of the village wishing to turn right down Windmill Road, block traffic behind them from travelling onwards through the village. This is caused by the build out of the footpath at this location. This request was made previously when the lights were first installed, and our Traffic Section said they would monitor the issue, but the problem persists.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has made a number of changes to the Windmill Road / St. Agnes Road junction over the past five years in order to improve this junction for pedestrians and cyclists, and thereby promote sustainable mobility. These include:

- Cycle lanes on St. Agnes Road in both directions;
- Raised tables to allow for a more level crossing surface for pedestrians with mobility issues;
- Construction of a buildout on St. Agnes Road to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians while enabling people to fully cross instead of having to stop midway.
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With these upgrades to the pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, there is provision for only one lane of traffic in each direction on St. Agnes Road.

There is already an early cut off on the signal group controlling traffic entering the junction from Crumlin Village. In practice, this means that when the main road traffic phase is running the vehicles entering the junction from St. Agnes Road will have a green light for a longer period than those entering the junction from the opposite side, thereby facilitating the road users seeking an acceptable gap in traffic to turn right from St. Agnes Road to Windmill Road.

We have previously monitored this measure over a number of mornings and deemed it sufficient to address the issues raised. During any time monitoring the junction an engineer from Intelligent Traffic Systems (ITS) never observed, to any great extent, the issue being raised and the volume of right turners would not justify running each side of the main road (St. Agnes Road) in separate phases and would likely lead to further delays for all users and longer wait time for pedestrians. This junction is monitored using DCC's SCATS and CCTV systems.

Q.31 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the following ESB poles be painted as they are in a poor condition? If this is the responsibility of the ESB can the Area Manager request them to do this? Also can our own painting crews or contractors paint as many public lighting poles in the Dublin 12 area as possible? Please note this is a repeat of Q38 from the 12/04.2021 but the issues has still not been resolved.

- Outside 23 Ardagh Road
- Outside 2 Armagh Road
- Outside 63 Captains Road, Opposite 103 Captains Road,
- Outside 334 Captains Road,
- Outside 226 Captains Road(Lorcan O' Toole Park)
- Outside 1 and 11 Derry Drive,
- Outside 40 Lorcan O Toole Park
- Outside 1A Park Crescent (Lorcan O Toole Park)
- Outside 48, 106A and 159 Windmill Park

Reply:

From the list provided there is one ESB Networks pole, i.e. Pole 5 outside House 23 Ardagh Road. We will request ESB Networks to paint this pole.

In 2021, a large amount of painting of the public lighting poles in the Crumlin and Kimmage areas (details of which are included below) was undertaken. This was the biggest amount of public lighting painting work carried out in one specific part of the city, in over seven years, and used a significant proportion of the painting budget in 2021. As such, there are currently no poles in the Crumlin and Kimmage areas under consideration for painting in 2022.

The public lighting poles on Armagh Road, Captain's Road, Derry Drive, Lorcan O'Toole Park, Park Crescent and Windmill Park have been added to the list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

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- Cloyne Road
- Blarney Park
- Tonguefield Road
- Clonfert Road
- Kilfenora Road
- Grove Park
- Bangor Circle
- Clonmacnoise Road
- Crumlin Park
- Stannaway Road

Q.32 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the utility boxes at 212 Bangor Road and at the junction of Leighlin / Bangor Road be painted as part of the utility box decorative scheme? This is a repeat of Q.77 12/04/2021.

Reply:

These 2 boxes are the property of Virgin Media and therefore cannot be considered as part of the Dublin Canvas programme. The boxes that have been decorated citywide to date are all Traffic Control Boxes and are the property of Dublin City Council.

Q.33 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange to have the following issue resolved? There is a road repair needed just outside 336 & 338 Captain's Road. There is a pothole where people get caught with bikes, scooters and buggy wheels. Not sure but certainly not safe in terms of

barrier free movement. When water is covering it... it's outright dangerous. This is a repeat of Q.54 09/11/2020.

Reply:

The carriageway at this location will be inspected and defects found will be added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

Q.34 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the manager look at a solution to the parking issue outside 21 - 33 Armagh Road that has been directly created due to the new school safe zone? Parents / cars are now blocking our houses and visibility is difficult leaving the house and making it dangerous. One resident who is a wheelchair user, has found this parking extremely problematic. While the schools are closed could you look at installing a small fence and some plants? This is a repeat of Q.70 12/07/2021.

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section will arrange for the Parking Enforcement Inspector to undertake some site inspections and arrange any enforcement necessary.

Q.35 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can new trees be planted on the two greens on Windmill Road? Neighbours have seen they've been added to a number of other small greens and they are surviving and look great. Could the small tarmacked area outside the swimming pool on Windmill Road on the public street be changed to grass or flowers bed? This is a repeat of Q.69 12/07/2021.

Reply:

The carriageway at this location will be inspected and defects found will be added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

A desk study has been conducted regarding underground services and while some services are traversing greens there is a potential to add a number of smaller sized trees onto the bigger green space. Furthermore, please note that this green has multiple overhead services which will make tree planting unwise at some specific locations.

These locations are scheduled for the further assessment of the practicability of the proposed in order to determine is there adequate space for the trees to achieve their full potential and a report will be given by the end of the month January 2022.

Q.36 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. This is a repeat of Q82 13/09/2021.

Reply:

Although bus shelters would require 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 initiate requests for bus shelters to the local authority.

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

Q.37 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if Supervalu Sundrive will be reinstalling bottle banks after the renovations and if not can a suitable alternative location be found?

Reply:

Waste Management Services were requested to temporarily remove the bottle banks from the car park at Supervalu Sundrive Road to facilitate renovations to the car park by the property manager in autumn 2021. At that point the anticipated timeframe for completion was 16 – 19 weeks. Waste Management Services contacted the property manager at the end of this period to enquire when the banks could be reinstated and were told the project was nearing completion and the client would inspect the property upon completion to make a decision on reinstallation of the bottle banks. Despite several further enquiries, the property owner has to date not given any further clarification on the matter.

Once clarification on the issue is received, should the need arise, Waste Management Services will attempt to find a suitable alternative location. However, it should be noted that in 2020 when requested to remove on-street bottle and textile banks from Sundrive Road by councillors and local resident groups, Waste Management Services spent considerable effort attempting to find a suitable alternative location in the area but were unable to do so. However, the Crumlin Kimmage area is well served in terms of recycling facilities with bring centres at Eamonn Ceannt Park and Windmill Road and a number of bottle bank sites close by including Crumlin Shopping Centre and Dolphin's Barn Fire Station.

Q.38 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager for an update on the resurfacing of roads and paths on Lismore Road, Crumlin. Were these added to the schedule of works for resurfacing and if so what is the estimated timeline for the works to be completed?

Reply:

The carriageway and footpaths on Lismore Road will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future carriageway resurfacing / footpath reconstruction programmes as appropriate. They are not currently included in our draft programmes for 2022 but these programmes are not finalised or ratified yet so are subject to change. The programmes will be finalised by the beginning of February 2022 and at that time an estimation of timelines can be provided for works that are on the programmes.

Q.39 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager for an update on the outcome of the inspection of Captain's Avenue, Captain's Road and Captain's Drive with a view to planting trees on Captain's Road and Drive and replanting trees in existing but unused tree pits on Captain's Avenue. Were the streets and the tree pits deemed suitable for planting, and if so can Park's give an estimated timeline for the works to be undertaken?

Reply:

The carriageway at this location will be inspected and defects found will be added to our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

A desk study has been conducted regarding underground services and while some services are traversing greens there is a potential to add a number of smaller sized trees onto the bigger green space. Furthermore, please note that this green has multiple overhead services which will make tree planting unwise at some specific locations.

These locations are scheduled for the further assessment of the practicability of the proposed in order to determine if there is adequate space for the trees to achieve their full potential and a report will be given by the end of the month January 2022.

Q.40 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if Dublin City Council can introduce a pilot rainwater harvesting project in the Kimmage Rathmines area, where public buildings could be used to collect water for the watering of plants and other community uses.

Reply:

Rainwater harvesting system pilot project could make a positive contribution to the community and environment. However, careful consideration would need to be given to its location, construction, and management, as well as, safety aspect of the project. The building would need to be appropriate to its system fitting with downpipes located in a suitable position for the installation of the water tank with safe and secured access.

Research would need to be carried out on the requirements and a specification for a suitable system drawn up, which would require collaboration with Drainage Section. The design and installation of a rainwater harvesting system should be undertaken by competent/specialist trained personnel and regular maintenance will be required to ensure optimum performance.

Furthermore, installation of the rainwater harvesting system would be subject to adequate funding being made available.

However the Area Manager will ask City Architects to liaise with other Departments such as Parks and Drainage to identify one suitable building in DCC ownership where this measure could be trialled, assess the cost of the works and identify a source of funding, if possible.

Q.41 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to present this committee with a plan to deal with the persistent illegal parking in clearway hours on the cycle path on the Harold's Cross Road.

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services will patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking.

Q.42 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Could the area manager look to pilot the introduction of a Green Wall in the Kimmage Rathmines area?

Reply:

A "Green" or "Living" wall is a vertical structure containing vegetation with the inclusion of growing media, water and plants. There are many benefits of Living green walls, ranging from noise and urban heat reduction, air quality improvement, visual enhancement, to improving the sense of wellbeing in general.

However, a successful living wall requires substantial planning and funding. Some of the structural components and implications that would need to be looked at include underground services, protection, unoccupied free space for passage allowance, connection to a water main for irrigation, on-going maintenance, together with the possible fire risk of fixing to wall with a high risk use.

While living walls can be retrofitted, it is best to include their consideration at the early stages of building design. Furthermore, it is important to note that a living wall will require regular maintenance by a specialist company to keep it in healthy growing condition. Ultimately, the environmental and aesthetic benefits should outweigh the cost/risk aspect of any proposal.

Although the Parks Section have no immediate plans to trial a living wall in the Kimmage/Rathmines area at this time, a careful investigation and consideration will be given to its implementation in the future plans.

However the Area Manager will ask City Architects to liaise with other Departments such as Parks and Drainage to identify one suitable building in DCC ownership where this measure could be trialled, assess the cost of the works and identify a source of funding, if possible.

Q.43 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Could the area manager look to pilot a Green Roof project in the Kimmage Rathmines area?

Reply:

Parks Section have no immediate plans to initiate a Green Roof project in the Kimmage/Rathmines area at this time as its consideration is best made at the early stages of building design. The success of this project would involve many planning elements and implications and substantial funding would be required.

However the Area Manager will ask City Architects to liaise with other Departments such as Parks and Drainage to identify one suitable building in DCC ownership where this measure could be trialled, assess the cost of the works and identify a source of funding, if possible.

Q.44 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if an urgent maintenance call can be made to details supplied, the resident is suffering from ill health and a consequence of the living conditions.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has appointed a contractor to carry out an inspection at the address provided and following on from this all necessary works will be done.

Q.45 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the Malton Trail information boards can be repaired, such as the one in front of the Rates Office.

Reply:

James Malton's views of Dublin provide a unique insight into the architecture and social history of the late Georgian city and the Malton Trail is an important asset of heritage interpretation for the city. It is intended that a systematic review of the Malton Trail will be carried out. This review will: Assess suitability of locations of all existing Malton Trail signs, Assess current condition of signage structures and information panels, and identify any gaps. The review will also investigate the historical information on each panel as it is anticipated these the panels will be fully revised in due course.