



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2022

- 1 Presentation on Strategic Housing Development Ref. No. SHD0002/21 (ABP-312539-22) - Cunningham House, Trinity Hall, Dartry, Dublin 6.
Councillor Feeney declared an interest and did not participate in discussions.
Order: Noted.**
- 2 Presentation on Planning Application PWSDZ3207/21 Location: Bounded to the north west by Sean Moore Road, to the north east by South Bank Road, to the south east by Dublin Port lands and Dublin Bay, and to the south by Sean Moore Park including former Irish Glass Bottle Site
Order: Noted.**
- 3 Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 10th January 2022
Order: Agreed.**
- 4 Minutes of the Special South East Area Committee Meeting held on 20th January 2022
Order: Agreed.**
- 5 Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 25th January 2022.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Road Maintenance Services Work Programme 2022 South East Area.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Report on Sandymount Village Traffic Scheme.
Order: Decision made to implement option 1 in 2022 for six months beginning mid-April.
Cllr. Flynn dissented.
- 6 Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Proposed Disposal: Fee simple site at 163 Kimmage Road Lower to Hugh McCarthy.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

- ii. Report on Proposed Disposal: 35 year lease of 15 St. Stephen's Green to Little Museum of Dublin.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

7 Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters

- i. Report on proposed works: Part 8 Columbarium at Donnybrook Cemetery

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

8 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 Elm Park Green, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4: Na Gairdíní/ The Gardens 1 - 73.

Order: Agreed.

- iii. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development at Brickfield House, Brickfield Drive, Dublin 12: Cearnóg Ghort na mBrící/ Brickfield Square.

Order: Agreed.

- iv. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development at the junction of Boyne Street Plás na Canálach Móire/Grand Canal Place A and 1 - 28.

Order: Proposed name rejected.

9 Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud taken with Motion 21

That the Director of Services recognises the major asset that Crumlin Swimming pool is for this wide part of the city which includes Drimnagh, Bluebell, Walkinstown and beyond and that the pool needs to be used to its full capacity for the maximum of people and clubs to be able to use it. To do so opening hours need to be extended for the public to be able to use on a daily basis at any time of the day and for clubs to be able to run classes on a daily basis also. That OAP be given extras slots on a daily basis.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee request the Manager to respond positively to the request regarding trees in the Brookfield Estate as outlined below:

"If they were pruned back it would save the residents huge numbers of hours during the year cleaning up the roads and paths of leaves. It would make it much safer for us and our property too as the street lighting would be more effective if there was less foliage and height on the trees."

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Mary Freehill

In the interests of good planning and upholding the integrity of the City Development Plan in the minds of citizens, this committee agrees to write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government to withdraw the Specific Planning Policy Requirements provisions that enable ministerial guidelines to override such plans and lead to the probability of An Bord Pleanála continuing to ignore democratically

agreed city and county development plans. The committee agrees to circulate this motion to all Councillors to encourage a united approach on this issue. Furthermore we call on the Lord Mayor to request an urgent meeting with the Minister for Housing on behalf of DCC to request the termination of the use of these powers.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agrees to trial the 'Fix your street' initiative in the Kimmage/Rathmines ward, similar to the model rolled out in South County Dublin. This process would allow the general public to lodge/report issues such as graffiti, leaks and drainage, litter and illegal dumping, road and path defects etc.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the Area Committee agrees;

- to request the relevant department in Dublin City Council to pilot the reassignment or creation of a parking space which could be marked with 'Hidden Disability' as a courtesy space for use by those with a sensory disability as done by Waterford Council in Dungarvan as per the image attached; and
- that the pilot parking space would be located adjacent to Tesco in Sandymount Village and that the Area Office would write to the Tesco Sandymount manager seeking its support for the initiative; and
- that where necessary, the relevant department in Dublin City Council would engage with 'Neurodiversity Sandymount' in the piloting of this parking space.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the Parks Department re-install clasps on the pedestrian entrances to Sandymount Green for safety to avoid children running out onto the road and in conjunction with same, that an estimate of cost is sought and obtained for the installation of a system that could motorise the gates for opening and closing with a button.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the Area Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Education to;

- request a full explanation as to the attempts that were made by her Department to purchase the site formerly owned by the Jesuit Order at Milltown Park;
- seek the rationale for requesting An Bord Pleanála to refuse to grant planning permission for the residential development on that site because it wished the site to be developed in line with its land zoning so as to enable a school to be built;
- ask whether the Minister is considering a judicial review of the decision of An Bord Pleanála to grant permission for the residential development on a site the Department had earmarked for a new school in Dublin 6; and
- explain what options remain available to the Department for the development of a new secondary school in the Milltown/Ranelagh area for Dublin 6 and its environs and if this is still being pursued.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests that an audit be carried out of public lighting need in Ringsend Park and that the results are acted on when the audit is completed.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill

In the event of Cathal Brugha Barracks Rathmines ceasing to be an Army Barracks; that the Planning Department carry out a survey of the site to assess what buildings should be placed on the Record of Protected Structures.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agree to revisit the proposal to complete a feasibility study for the Kimmage area, bearing in mind the length of time Local Area Plans take, this would be a beneficial first step in terms of highlighting need and mobilising the wider community in this process.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Since the establishment of Irish Water in 2013 as a Single Water Utility, services have been removed from Local Authorities and placed into a centralised administration. While we acknowledge the excellent work done by IW in updating much of our water supply infrastructure, unfortunately this is not matched by their responsibility to communicate with the elected members or affected citizens.

As elected members we have found when contacting Irish Water, we are usually put through to a generic answering service some place in Cork, staff have no local knowledge of our area and also lack technical knowledge which makes for seriously unsatisfactory interaction. This is also the case with personnel in their regular clinics for Cllrs.

Currently Local Authorities have a SLA (Service Level Agreement) until 2025 with IW, but the City and County Managers' Association under the direction of the Government is currently negotiating to terminate this SLA in the next few months. Unless a better system is developed this Council believes that the working co-operation agreement with DCC Waterworks Dept. should be maintained which currently is the only organisation with local knowledge of our areas e.g. if this SLA is terminated who will have knowledge of locations of valves in area?

1. Irish Water operates under a centralised structure who subcontract out their work, there no local knowledge and therefore no structure to maintain corporate memory of areas of the city.
2. As Cllrs. it is impossible to get satisfactory specific information on work plans for our area.
3. The response time to urgent issues of breakdown of supply of water is poor and when we get a response it is often only when DCC water Dept. are forwarded the query.
4. Irish Water don't seem to understand their responsibilities e.g. communication with residents who are often affected by cessation of water supply and in fact they leave it to the contractor to inform residents without any oversight from Irish Water.

5. The Delor Principles of Subsidiarity Article 5(3) of the Treaty of the European Union requires that services should be delivered by Regional and Local Authorities which is the point of delivery closest to the citizen. While the EU is encouraging and operating devolution within its member states, Ireland is moving more and more services to a centralised model which lacks service delivery oversight or scrutiny. While Irish Water is subject to financial and environment oversight by regulators, there is no scrutiny of service to customers and co-operation with Local Authorities.

This meeting calls on the City and County Managers' Association and the Minister responsible not to pursue their policy of terminating the SLA with Local Authorities until a better system of co-operation and oversight of service delivery is put in place.

Order: Motion amended to include: "Furthermore Irish Water has reneged in their responsibility to comply with the 1% for art scheme for all public works contracts carried out above and below ground. This was a very hard won battle 20 over years ago and covered by Ministerial Directive. Since Irish Water took over water works they have decided to suspend their responsibility in regard to the % for art. This committee agreed to ask the Minister for Culture to take action to ensure that Irish Water comply with their responsibilities" and Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager and Councillors to request Dublin City Council to resolve the traffic congestion on Belmont Avenue. Though not in my area, I am contacted to bring this to Council by local resident.

Residents on Belmont Avenue reiterate the serious and increasing traffic issues they encounter every day on that road. It is not safe or functioning effectively as a modern road and is not fit for purpose for the traffic that currently tries to use it. Request for safety and access by local residents is to block one end, considered to be a viable solution.

Some of the key problems provided by local resident:

1. Belmont Avenue is congested between Morehampton Road and Sandford Road by a huge volume of cars and heavy goods vehicles. Cars routinely mount the pavements as a result and there have been a number of near misses with pedestrians including small children, needless to say there is a primary school on Belmont Avenue. In the 4th week of January 2022 a truck mounted the pavement smashed into and knocked over a lamp post. It is only a matter of time before something worse happens.
2. It is an old small, densely populated, residential road far too narrow to accommodate the modern traffic resulting in total gridlock and serious road rage incidents many times daily.
3. Most of the residents' cars have been repeatedly damaged by vehicles crashing into their sides or wing mirrors as they speed through the avenue. Invariably the driver does not stop.
4. As traffic volumes increase the fundamental inconvenience to the local residents, along with a real and present danger to property and individuals, also increases.

I am advised that it is urgent that this small road is no longer used as a connecting road or 'rat run' between two major roads and that blocking one end is the only viable solution. A one way system would only increase the speed of the traffic and therefore the mounting danger.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Mary Freehill

This committee reiterates this LAC's long-term commitment to complete the Swan Leisure Centre Plaza as originally envisaged in the Rathmines Square Development now the Swan Leisure Centre. The proposal recommended a full town square in the curtilage of Swan Leisure. This committee agrees that the council actively pursues the necessary acquisitions to complete the plaza and which will be included in the upgrading of the square, furthermore agrees to put the upgrading of the plaza for public consultation.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillors Carolyn Moore, Pat Dunne, Anne Feeney

In noting the intense level of private development planned for Drimnagh and along the Grand Canal, the South East Area Committee calls on DCC to ring-fence the levies from these developments in order to fund infrastructure, services and recreational facilities for the community.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to immediately address the ongoing issue of inappropriate bin storage and waste collections by Weatherspoons, Camden Street. There have been repeated complaints by the residents about the premises leaving their large bins out on the street on Grantham Place, with multiple collections taking place every day causing numerous bin collection trucks coming down this small street and causing serious obstruction and disturbance to the residents.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to provide the following information:

- A copy of the agreement between DCC and the Portobello Harbour Hotel developers regarding the use of the plaza for the duration of the build as requested at the January Area Committee Meeting
- Whether there has been any discussion between the developers and DCC with regards to the possibility of reducing the space needed as the build progresses as requested at the January Area Committee
- Contact details of the community liaison officer for the build
- A copy of the agreed Traffic Management Plan for the development

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to accelerate the rolls out of the secure bin storage in housing complexes in the South East Area, and to provide an update and a timeline for completion of the roll out.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to take immediate action to introduce traffic calming measures on Grattan Street. There have been serious incidents recently with rat running and speeding through the street causing irreparable damage to residents' vehicles and it is a real safety issue for the people living and working here. Speed bumps and traffic lights at the junction of Mount Street should be considered as a matter of urgency.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to install EV charging points on Brighton Square. The residents' association and the Commissioners of Brighton Square are all supportive of this and it would be a great opportunity to support those who are willing to make the necessary shift towards low carbon cars.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 20 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the LAC agrees to write to the Chair of LCDC regarding South City Community Partnership's absence from Rathmines (since it vacated this Rathmines Office) which is part of its area of responsibility. Furthermore to ask them to account for its failure to respond to this committee's request to prepare a community development work plan for the Rathmines area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 21 from Councillors Pat Dunne, Anne Feeney and Carolyn Moore taken with Motion 1.

That this area committee asks for an updated report on the progress for the expansion of public swimming facilities at Crumlin Swimming Pool.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 22 from Councillor Anne Feeney

That this Committee welcomes the recent government announcement of significant additional funding for better infrastructure for safe cycling and walking and asks DCC to ring fence a significant proportion of the funding allocated to Dublin, to provide protected cycle lanes in the Harold's Cross, Terenure, Kimmage, Rathgar, Rathmines and Crumlin areas, particularly on school routes.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Emergency Motion from Councillors Claire Byrne, Danny Byrne and Mannix Flynn

This Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to agree to replace the surface on Castle Market with a surface that is complementary to the original surface that was removed last week, in order to retain the unique character of this City Centre Street.

Order: Report to Councillor.

10 **Questions to the Chief Executive 14th February 2022**
Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey
Chairperson
Monday 14 February 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey
(Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Danny Byrne
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan
Claire O'Connor

Officers

Karl Mitchell
Fiona O'Brien
Marguerite Cahill
Christina Todd
Iva Geci
Neil O'Donoghue
Claire French

Brian Hanney
Jennifer Wall
Nicola Finegan
Richard Shakespeare
Myles Farrell
Kathy Quinn
Bernard Rennicks

John MacEvilly
Brianan Nolan
John Bergin
Brian Kirk
Leah Johnson
Madeline McNamara

Apologies:

Non-Members:

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 14th February 2022

Q.1 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide a report on the proposed Rathmines to Ballymount Cycleway? Can this report show the proposed route and give a timeline as regards to public consultations and commencement?

Reply:

There is no proposed Rathmines to Ballymount Cycleway, however there is a proposed Harold's Cross to Ballymount Cycleway. It is proposed to start at the Sundrive Road / Clogher Road junction and run along Sundrive Road, Stannaway Road, Lorcan O'Toole Park and Kimmage Road West, terminating at the Kimmage Road West/Whitehall Road junction.

This project has not commenced yet, as our existing project teams are currently operating at full capacity. An Active Travel Programme Office is being set up with effect from 14th February 2022. Staff will be assigned to the Programme Office with a focus to deliver the portfolio of projects to include this scheme.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if there is any update on the promised tree replacement in the vicinity of 3 Elmwood Park Avenue, Ranelagh as promised back in November 2021.

Reply:

This pit in the vicinity of the Elmwood Avenue Lower, House No.3, would need to be assessed for suitability for a replacement tree.

Parks Staff will carry out the inspection and we will revert to the Councillor with findings over the next 2 weeks.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if there is any update on the promised action by the Traffic Department in relation to the issues surrounding the various schools at this location as raised by this Councillor in September 2021 and detailed in the correspondence submitted with this question.

Reply:

John Scotus Primary School, 47/49 Northumberland Road was successful in its Safe Routes to School application and placed in round 1. St. Christopher's Primary School, Haddington Road placed in round 2. Due to the high level of safety concerns in the area and the close proximity of the two schools, Green-Schools has agreed to carry out surveys of the two schools together. These will be progressed in the next few weeks - the schools will be contacted accordingly. Our Schools Mobility Team will work closely with Green-Schools to implement recommendations of these surveys.



Q.4 Councillor Tara Deacy

I submitted a formal request that the footpath at 9 Greenmount Lawns, Terenure be repaired last October, it is in very poor condition and is getting more dangerous as time goes on. Can we prioritise this or even give a rough date as to when it will be sorted out?

Reply:

A repair will be carried out here within the next two months.

Q.5 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to how much money was taken in by Dublin City Council regarding development levies within the South East area in the past 5 years? Also, that these developments and the neighbourhoods that they were in be identified. Also, that this report identifies where such levies were spent in local areas where these developments took place and what benefit derived to the local communities.

Reply:

Due to the volume of records that have to be checked on the APAS planning system, we are not be in a position to provide the information to the council meeting. Councillor Mannix Flynn will be contacted directly with the information within the next fortnight.

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager instruct the parks department to prune the trees and reduce their number at the DCC housing estate on Clanbrassil Street?

Reply:

The trees in Clanbrassil Street estate are due to be pruned before the 1st March 2022, which is prior to the nesting season commencing.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager inform the residents in the St Kevin's area not to block the fire exit laneways at the back of their homes? Many of these laneways and walkways have become extinct to public rights of way and are gated. None the less, they are the property of DCC and they are an essential emergency fire exit. However, many are now chic-o-bloc with wheelie bins, builders' rubble and rubbish. In effect they are blocking an essential fire exit. In some cases, home owners have erected

extractor fans and air conditioning units on the outside walls which again impede anybody who is trying to make an emergency exit. It is time that DCC issued notices to all these households as to the general upkeep and the need to keep these passage ways clear in the event of an emergency.

Reply:

We advise people to be aware of fire safety in their homes. They should have working smoke detectors, know where the risks from fire are in their home, and have a plan on what to do in the event of fire and practice this plan.

There are many laneways in the area referred to. If the Councillor could identify the specific laneways that require attention I can look into the issues raised. It would be of great assistance if the Councillor could identify the street on which there is an entrance/exit to the laneway and a proximate door number as a reference.

There are a mixture of laneways in the area that are “in charge “and “not in charge” of Dublin City Council. The “In Charge” status of a laneway is critical in determining the course of any action.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to what community groups north and south of the Liffey have been in receipt of the community grant scheme that comes off the Tom Clarke Bridge? Also, the amounts of money that these groups have received since the scheme began.

Reply:

On January 1st, 2016 Dublin City Council reclaimed ownership and operation of the East Link Bridge tariff collection.

In May of 2016 the bridge’s name was changed from The East Link, in a ceremony presided over by President Higgins.

The original public/private partnership agreement from 1984, provided for an annual payment of €50,000 by Eastlink Limited, to Dublin City Council. This fund was intended exclusively for the benefit of local and public projects and gradually increased over time to €123,900. The monies were split equally to groups north and south of the bridge.

Following consideration by the Central and South East Area committees of DCC, it was proposed to establish a new Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme which was incorporated as a subcategory of the existing Community Grant Scheme from 2017 onwards.

Applications to the Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme are subject to the same terms and conditions, criteria and evaluation process as the Community Grants Scheme.

Please note as per Dublin City Council amended Report No. 353/2021 of the Traffic & Transport Strategic Policy Committee adopted at the Monthly Council meeting held on the 6th December 2021 the funding for community groups is increasing from €123,900 to €250,000.

Please see the attached report for grants paid in the relevant year.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update with regards the progress of works to pedestrianise Crane Lane? This beautiful ancient laneway and walkway is in a deplorable state. It is dangerous and in urgent need of repair.

Reply:

There are no plans to pedestrianise Crane Lane.

Road Maintenance Services is aware of some footpath defects requiring repair on Crane Lane but it is difficult to carry out repair works due to the street's narrow dimensions. A full road closure would be required and this would impact on deliveries and local businesses. The defects have been made safe and repairs will be organised in due course.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a project for the improvement and upgrade of Stephen Street Upper and Lower? This street has been seriously impacted by recent development and construction, the student accommodation to the west of the street and the hotel development to the east side of the street at Georges Street. The footpaths are very narrow and the carriageway confusing in terms of the traffic lanes. It is now time that a proper traffic management plan be put in place and that we initiate precinct improvements now that the large development has completed.

Reply:

A number of Road Opening Licences have been issued by Road Maintenance Services Division in relation to construction activities associated with development sites on Stephen Street Upper and Lower. Reinstatement of the impacted sections of footpaths and carriageway have been completed. However, there is one localised section of footpath on Stephen Street Lower that still needs to be permanently repaired and this matter is being pursued with the relevant contractor.

There are some related utility resurfacing works along Stephen Street Lower outstanding and it is expected these will be completed in February 2022.

The Transport Advisory Group will arrange a site visit to Stephen Street Upper and Lower in the next few weeks to assess the matters raised by Cllr. Flynn relating to road markings on the carriageway.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update as to the progress DCC is making in addressing the chronic parking and traffic problems that are occurring throughout the day in Leinster Square, Rathmines?

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section are aware that Dublin Street Parking Services are active in the area and will enforce any illegal parking

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to how many parking spaces have been handed over in the SEA to the likes of Go Car and other car rental companies operating in the city? Recently, public parking spaces were removed from Pembroke Street just outside of the Pat Henry gym. This gym also operates as a semi-medical centre with physiotherapists working here, and nutritionists. Many of the patients are elderly and have mobility issues and are finding it now impossible to park outside of this place because of the spaces being handed over to private hire companies. What investigation, if any, took place to ascertain what these premises were being used for before public parking was removed? This has a negative impact on the businesses in the area and also a great inconvenience for the many older and infirm people who attend clinics here.

Reply:

To date Dublin City Council have issued approx. 174 Car Club Permits to operators for the South East Area. The model for these companies to operate doesn't involve DCC providing dedicated spaces for such companies on street. There are examples of dedicated spaces on street across the city, but the number is quite small and records show that no parking spaces on Pembroke Street have been dedicated "Car Club Only". The permit issued to the operators allows them to use any controlled P&D space around the city and the flexibility of this is what makes car share schemes a good alternative transport option for the people of the city. With regard to Pat Henry's gym it would seem to just be coincidence that the space directly outside was/is occupied by a car share vehicle.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to when the much needed resurfacing of Herbert Lane will commence?

Reply:

Herbert Lane is included on our draft 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme due to be ratified at SEAC meeting on 14.02.22.

Once the programme is ratified, we will begin the design, tender and procurement process and we plan to have a contractor appointed to carry out these works by quarter 2 or 3 of 2022.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to how many park coffee franchises/food outlets have been granted to the Tram Café in the South East Area?

Reply:

The Tram Café is operating in the following locations in the SEA: St. Patrick's Park and Eamonn Ceannt Park. Both of these locations are subject to concession tenders and the café in St. Patrick's Park is due to go out to tender later this year.

As part of a tender for the provision of a retail unit with public convenience at key locations in the City run by the City Recovery Office. The Tram Café were successful in the tender to provide units at Wilton Terrace and Clonmel Street.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the environmental section of DCC Noise Unit and Air Quality Unit investigate the noise emissions and the air pollutants emerging from the fans of Mario's Restaurant on Sandymount Green? This restaurant extends to the back of housing and a small community. Many residents here have complained to me about the ongoing noise issue and air quality that impacts on their homes on a daily basis.

Reply:

This issue is subject to an ongoing and active investigation by the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit. Local residents who contacted this unit on the matter have been kept informed on the progress of that investigation

Q.16 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager if he can consider the content of this email and attached photograph (details supplied) and furnish a reply and if he could also detail when it is expected the park (Chocolate Park) shall be completed.

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.

This area is privately owned. It is a private lane so parking on it is not a matter for DCC.

Q.17 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he could detail what precisely the €300 thousand euro allocation for Clonskeagh to City Centre will be spent on in 2022 and what the €4.5 million will be spent on the Dodder Greenway in 2022 and equally provide graphic or imagery associated with where those routes will be installed.

Reply:

Dodder Greenway (Herbert Park to Donnybrook Road)

This scheme involves the construction of a 4m wide greenway between Anglesea Bridge on the Donnybrook Road and Eglinton Terrace close to the entrance to Herbert Park. The route is 450m in length and runs along the west bank of the River Dodder. The scheme is offline for its entire length.

The scheme forms part of Dublin City Council's provision of circa 7.2km of high quality greenway along the River Dodder from Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2 to Orwell Park, Dublin 14 which in turn is part of the larger 23km Dodder Valley Way that extends to the Dublin Mountains at Bohernabreena.

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- Off-line shared greenway for pedestrians and cyclists.

- Flood retaining structure.
- Upgrading of existing traffic signals.
- New toucan crossings and upgrading of existing toucan crossings at the junction of Eglinton Road and Donnybrook Road.
- Replacement of existing footpaths.
- New road markings and traffic signage.
- New gullies and linear drainage channels to tie into the existing surface water drainage network.
- New public lighting along the length of the scheme.
- Landscaping works along entire length of scheme.
- Accommodation works to the adjoining landowner and their tenants

Construction is expected to commence later in Q1 2022 and it is anticipated the project will take 8 months to build.



Site location map



Photomontage at north end of scheme close to Eglinton Terrace.



Photomontage at the mid-section of scheme.



Dodder Greenway DCC 12 0035

The design of the Dodder Cycle Route has been taken over by the NTA Cycle Design Office. DCC has recently received allocations from NTA for review. Cycle Design Office (CDO) is subsuming the design costs for the development of the Dodder section and €350K for DCC would be to assist with surveys for the CDO.

Clonskeagh to City Centre DCC 14 0001

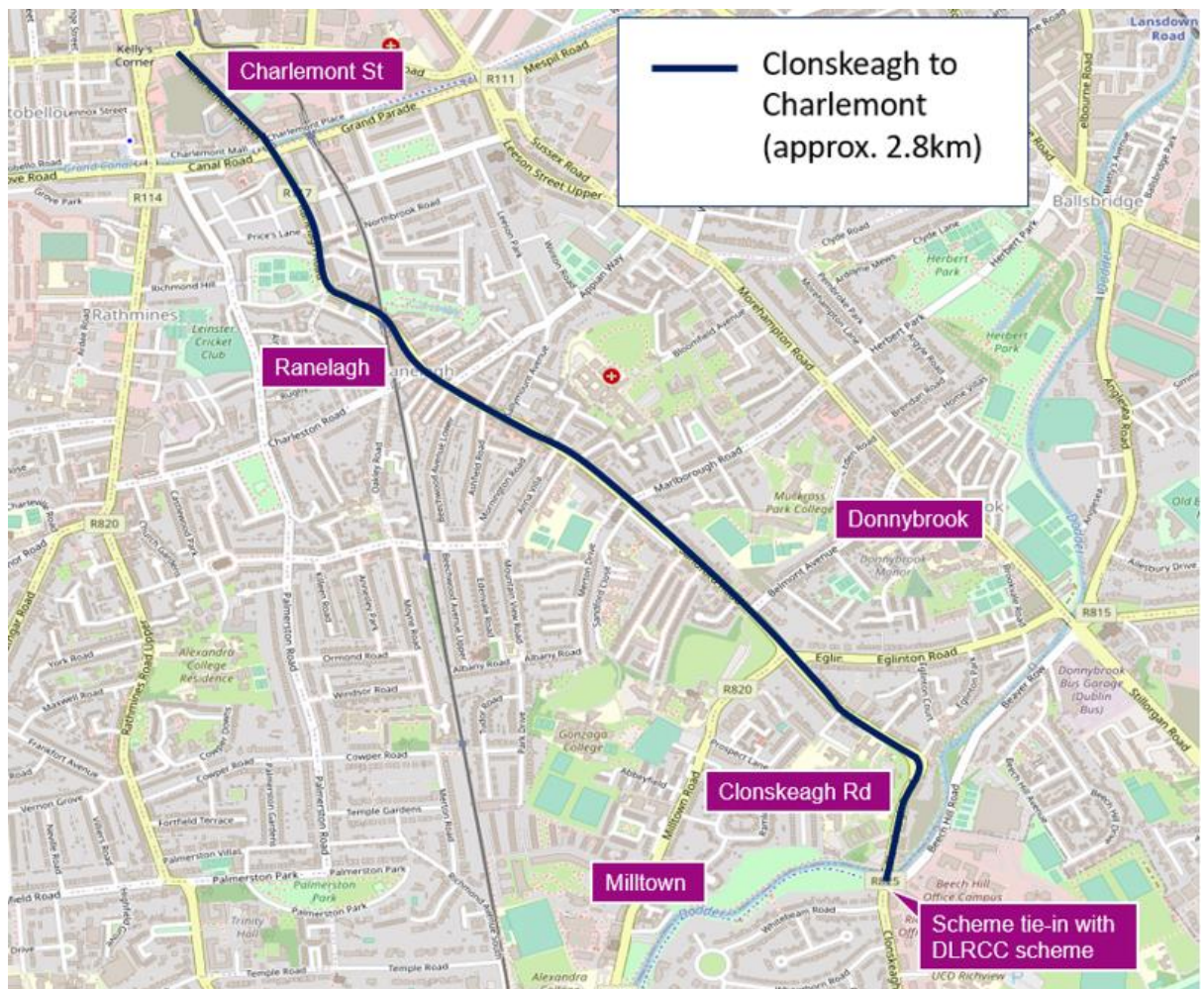


Figure 1 Scheme Extents (Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street)

Please see the proposed route in Figure 1. The 2022 allocation is to permit the Preliminary Design of the scheme to proceed. It will also enable surveys to be undertaken to feed into that design.

Q.18 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he will repair the footpath at details supplied and reply to the reporter.

Reply:

This has been inspected and is logged on our Works List for a repair to be carried out.

Q.19 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he would consider the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Mespil Road and Leeson Street for the reasons proposed in the attached document details supplied.

Reply:

As part of the Bus Connects Route 13 (Bray to Dublin City Centre) changes are proposed to implement a pedestrian crossing at this junction at Leeson Street Upper and Mespil Road.

Q.20 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he can consider the content of the email below and furnish a reply.

"I was speaking to DCC about the opening time of Dartmouth Square and it appears that it would require a by-law change so I thought I would check with you.

As you can see the park opens at 10am regardless of time of year. I appreciate it's dark in Nov/December but it's (just about) bright by 8 now in the morning and it's crazy it isn't open until 10. DCC do open it earlier sometimes but it's inconsistent.

Ranelagh Park is open early but I understand a local resident does that. A local resident had been doing it on the Square but DCC took over doing it during the summer.

Is there anything to be done to change the opening time? Or graduated times to reflect the time of the year as with closing times?"

Reply:

Opening hours for all enclosed parks are standard and respond to available daylight through the seasons with shorter opening hours in the winter months and longer in the summer months. Depending on available resources/work schedules and other commitments, Parks Staff cannot always commit to opening earlier although we do endeavour to.

Q.21 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he can consider the content of the email below and furnish a reply:

"I wish to highlight an ongoing problem with you that has gone unattended by Dublin City Council for over 2 years now. We own a property on Garville Road, Rathgar to which there is an entrance to a rear car park down a laneway that runs to the left of number 14A Garville Road. There are numerous other rear entrances that open onto this laneway. We have owned this property for over 30 years and the laneway was always maintained very well by Dublin City Council. However, about 5 years ago we have had to contact Dublin City Council directly to get them to come out to clear the lane of massive weeds, rubbish and overgrown bushes that hang down and scrape passing cars. Sometimes we've had to contact them several times before the work was carried out. We contacted them under 2 years ago to get it cleared but due to Covid etc. they said there would be delays which is completely understandable. We contacted them again last July and also filled out the online request forms and again a few months later, but still nothing has been done.

Please could you arrange for the laneway to be cleared of all weeds and overhanging bushes? If you could also arrange for it to be done every year like it used to be, that would be greatly appreciated by all residents who require access to their properties via this laneway."

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned and cleared of weeds on the 25th January 2022.

Q.22 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager what was the process that led to the granting of permission for a construction company to use Dublin City Council property, part of car park at

the junction of The Crescent and Donnybrook Road, and what are the terms of that grant of permission.

Reply:

The contractor sought to suspend three parking spaces in the crescent car park to allow them set up welfare and office units. The terms & conditions of this suspension are that they limit the use to three spaces, and, when a suitable space can be made available inside the site boundary that the three spaces be vacated.

Q.23 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager further to question 23 on the 11th of October 2021 whether a speed survey was carried out on Brighton Road, the outcome of that survey and what decision has been made following the carrying out of the survey.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group will organise a speed survey to be carried out on Brighton Road in the next few weeks.

Currently there is a 30km/h residential speed sign in place on the west side of Brighton Road, close to the junction with Terenure Road East.



A report will be issued to the Councillor when the speed survey is completed.

Q.24 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if a survey could be undertaken on Orchard Road South, Dublin 6 and the semi-circle portion of Palmerston Park (road) in respect of its suitability for road resurfacing, traffic calming, ramps, warning signage in respect of children at play adjacent to the park entrance.

Reply:

The semi-circle portion of Palmerston Park (road) was inspected and found to be in good condition. Orchard Road South road surface was found to be in a poor condition and will be put forward for consideration for future resurfacing programmes.

The Transport Advisory Group will carry out a site visit to Orchard Road South and Palmerston Park (Ref 7024795) to assess the requirement for further traffic calming measures.

However, Orchard Road South does not meet the criteria used by Dublin City Council in assessing requests for the installation of speed ramps, as set out in the "Construction Standards for Road and Street Works".

Q.25 Councillor Pat Dunne

The Minister recently announced an allocation of almost €300 million in [National Transport Authority](#) (NTA) funding for cycling and walking projects, nearly half of which has been designated for the greater Dublin area. How much of this is allotted to the Kimmage/Rathmines Lea and what projects will it be spent on?

Some areas that could do with consideration are:

- Protected cycle lane from Harold's Cross Bridge going south
- Protected cycle lane and footpath around Centra on Harold's Cross Road, cars parking and blocking the footpaths being a persistent problem here.
- Protected cycle lane on Larkfield Park/Clareville Road, especially with 2 schools in the area

Additionally, the Dublin 12 area has very little cycle infrastructure can this area also be considered.

Reply:

The National Transport Authority has allocated a total of €52,810,000 to Dublin City Council in Active Travel Investment Grants for 2022. A more detailed report on how this funding is to be spent will be provided for the City Council meeting in March 2022.

The following major infrastructure projects are currently proposed for the Dublin 12 area:

- Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse Bridge to Portobello): Davitt Road.
- Grand Canal On-Road Scheme: Dolphin Road and Parnell Road.
- Naas Road to Inchicore: Naas Road.
- Harold's Cross to Ballymount: Sundrive Road, Stannaway Road, Lorcan O'Toole Park and Kimmage Road West.

Much of Dublin 12 is covered by the BusConnects Core Bus Corridor proposals for Naas Road, Walkinstown Avenue, Long Mile Road, Walkinstown Road, Drimnagh Road, Crumlin Road, Bunting Road, St. Mary's Road, Kildare Road and Clogher Road. In addition, some interim light segregation is proposed for parts of St. Mary's Road and St. Agnes Road in order to cater for the Dublin 12 Bike Bus.

The locations listed above will be investigated for their suitability for rapid deployment cycle measures and a response will be issued.

Q.26 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the reinstallation of the basketball board and net in Beech Hill Park and a clean-up of the court area to enable young people use it as the Spring and Summer seasons beckon.

Reply:

Parks will arrange to replace the board and net at the Basketball Court in Beech Hill Park. Furthermore, please note that we will seek prices for power washing / new lines and revert depending on budget.

Q.27 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if (details supplied)* has been examined with a view to putting it on the Derelict sites register, if so how much in levies has been collected in relation to same and if any other action is being taken to ensure that the site does not remain undeveloped and an eyesore to the community.

Reply:

There is no active file on this property. Derelict Sites will arrange to have it inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent.

"I note there are new speed ramps being laid on Strand Road. Although it is a regional road and speed bumps are a little unusual, reducing speed on it will be a good thing. However, it is questionable why it is being done now given DCC is appealing the Court's decision against it in June / July of this year. If the Court finds in favour of DCC, I expect some or all of these works would need to be reversed. This would only add to the already significant cost incurred by DCC on what is a 2 / 3 km stretch of road. Since mid-2020, if you factor in the legal costs, electronic signage cost, preparatory works (some of which has been reversed) and now the speed bumps (which may also have to be reversed), it must be heading towards €0.5 million (if not more). This does not include the salaries of the DCC staff involved in the project.

I just want to flag the above and again question the approach by DCC in this matter, particularly given the very significant and ever increasing associated cost."

Reply:

The comments are noted. The speed ramps are from a direct request from residents of Strand Road who were concerned with the speeds on this residential road.

Q.29 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could the manager to give an update on the issue raised in May 2021?

The East Link Bridge is in dire need of resurfacing, there is an accident waiting to happen on that bridge between bike users, pedestrians and articulated lorries navigating huge pot holes. Perhaps the operators could invest some of the toll fares in the upkeep of the road."

Reply:

Extensive repairs of significant defects were carried out to the Tom Clarke (East Link) Bridge roadway surface in November 2021 by Road Maintenance Services Division. These were carried out in locations beyond the immediate vicinity of the Toll Barriers. There are a few localised defects remaining, close to the barriers, and these will be repaired on a temporary basis, until permanent restoration can be arranged under contract works subject to available funding.

Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan

A: In relation to the ramps been installed on Strand Road, Sandymount how many ramps are involved on the stretch of Strand Road and Beach Road?

B: What is the approximate cost of the operation?

C: Who is funding the project?

Reply:

There are 17 ramps installed on Strand Road and Beach Road. The cost is approximately €100,000 and has been funded by the NTA.

Q.31 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent:

"There is a large portion of the footpath missing, (3.5m x 1.5m) directly outside number 6 Pembroke Gardens, Ballsbridge

Dublin City Council removed an old rotten tree that was in danger of falling, about six years ago and promised to return to restore the path but never did...

I've e-mailed them on numerous occasions but I'm having no luck with them.

Maybe you could try on our behalf?

It is 100% a health and safety hazard and sooner or later some old person will trip and fall, possibly onto the road".

Reply:

This has been inspected and is logged on our Works List for a repair to be carried out.

Q.32 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the piece of the road near the 83 bus terminus on Stannaway Avenue be repaired asap? It is very dangerous for cyclists and other road users.

Reply:

On inspection, a subsided gulley was found to be the issue. We will liaise with our colleagues in Surface Water to arrange for repairs to be carried out to this.

Q.33 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could a bin be installed on Bangor Road? Residents have noticed an increase in general litter and dog fouling, the installation of a bin would alleviate this issue.

Reply:

Waste Management Services already have two litter bins at the Bangor Circle green on Bangor Road which cater for litter and for dog owners there to dispose of their dog foul. There are no plans at this time to install any more litter bins on this residential road.

Q.34 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could the speed ramps on Bangor Road be repainted? Cars continue to drive at speed on this road and this has led to a number of incidents involving parked cars and dangerous driving.

Reply:

The location will be inspected in the coming days by Traffic. Any requirement for repainting will be scheduled within 30 working days of the SEAC meeting of the 14/02/22.

Q.35 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can a filter light be installed at the traffic lights on Lower Kimmage Road as you turn right coming from Harold's Cross at the crossroads? This is a very dangerous junction for all road users and it would promote a safer crossing for all.

Reply:

The inclusion of a dedicated phase for right turning movements from Kimmage Road Lower to Sundrive Road would necessitate the introduction of a new phase and a reduction in the time available for other traffic movements at this junction. This would result in increased delays and queues on the other approaches, negatively impacting on the bus journey times and increase the pedestrian wait times for the pedestrian wrap around phase. In addition the provision of a right turn filter would require a right turn lane and there is not sufficient width at the junction to facilitate this therefore a right turn filter light is not considered to be feasible in this instance.

As part of the Bus Connects programme this junction will be upgraded. The NTA is to lodge an application to An Bord Pleanála for the 16 bus corridors, the major infrastructural element of the Bus Connects project. Further information can be found on the Bus Connects website.

Q.36 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager about allocation of funding information on improvements in the Harold's Cross area.

Enquirer lists some areas for consideration:

1. Protected cycle lane from Harold's Cross Bridge going south.
2. Protected cycle lane and footpath around Centra store on Harold's Cross Road, due to cars parking and blocking the footpaths being a persistent problem on that route.
3. Protected cycle lane on Larkfield Park /Clareville Road, especially with 2 schools in the area.

Reply:

These locations will be investigated for their suitability for rapid deployment cycle measures and a response will be issued.

Q.37 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if the Conservation Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Richard Shakespeare will address the enquiries for historic property to be protected from one individual in Rathmines.

There is an issue in terms of protected structures being left derelict because owners cannot be provided planning permission to adapt for accommodation 200 years after it was built.

There are historic buildings which are not on the record of protected structures, which have ability for reuse for accommodation, rather than left derelict as well.

The letter enquiry to Planning Development from *details supplied lists various property in the Rathmines, Donnybrook area and I request a response to the enquirer. The letter is attached (details supplied).

Reply:

A reply has been issued directly to the applicant and to the councillor.

Q.38 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager and Councillors to request Dublin City Council to resolve the dangerous driving issue at Greenlea Grove, entrance to Terenure Rugby Club.

Local resident notifies that Terenure Rugby Club decided to close the entrance to their rugby club and car park - they have placed unmanned cones outside the resident's house (details supplied).

I am notified that this has resulted in traffic chaos on the Grove and danger of serious health and safety issues, because cars are driving to the end of the Grove, finding the blockade and attempting U-turns in the Grove which is extremely narrow.

I am advised that this unauthorized action is caused as a direct result of the unauthorized removal of over 100 parking spaces in the rugby club car park to make way for hospitality bar and coffee shop.

The enquirer states that this action is in breach of the planning permission granted to the rugby club.

Greenlea Grove is a very small cul-de-sac and traffic congestion is significant. It requires traffic calming and speed cameras.

The reduction of the car parking spaces and the increase of commercial unit selling beer, coffee and other foods has resulted in Greenlea Grove now acting as the overflow car park for Terenure Rugby Club.

This blockage also makes it impossible for an emergency vehicle to gain access to the Grove.

The blockages are considered a direct result of breaches by the resident, in the planning permission granted to the club, reducing the car park by over 50% to accommodate food / coffee stalls.

Whilst the provision of hospitality food / coffee stalls may be welcome for the participants and players, who can walk and cycle to the rugby club, I would consider significant signage and clarity information is required to avoid drivers going straight to Greenlea Grove and discovering no access to the club, to avoid any danger to pedestrians or local residents.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of Greenlea Grove and any unauthorised objects on the road e.g. traffic cones will be removed.

The Parking Enforcement Officer has instructed Dublin Street Parking Services to patrol the location and enforce any illegal parking.

The matter has been sent to Planning Enforcement to review.

Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer, tel.: 222 2017, email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

John MacEvilly, Area Manager, Kimmage Rathmines, email: john.macevilly@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please take steps to address the serious issue of dog waste on Macken Street.

Reply:

The South East Area Office has arranged for the South East Area Litter Wardens to carry out detailed patrols in the area outlined. The Dog Wardens have also been requested to carry out detailed patrols of the area. Arrangements have also been put in to place to have No Dog Fouling signs erected in the area.

A working group has been established in DCC to try and deal with this problem and the first meeting took place last week. I would expect a much more visible approach to this problem in future.

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what can be done to address the ongoing issue of litter gathering in the disused gateway in Cathedral Court (see image attached) local residents are left to clean this out which often has used needles etc. in there. Can the manager please explore a solution to this?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance removed the highlighted railing on the 8th February 2022 and Waste Management Services has been engaged with regarding putting this spot on their regular cleaning schedule.

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how much has been spent on the installation of the bike bunkers in the South East Area in the last 3 years, can he outline the exact locations of these bunkers, can he provide a list of proposed locations for future bike bunkers in the area and when they will be in place and can the Area Manager include Lennox Street and Oakfield Place in Portobello in this list?

Reply:

Thanks for your interest and support in the bike bunker scheme. Bike Bunkers are secure hangars for city residents to store their bicycles close to their home and under cover. The BikeBunkers service is for local residents only, and provides households with alternatives to storing their bicycles in hallways or in small back yards.

BikeBunkers originated from a Dublin City Council BETA Project in 2015. The Bike Bunker team in Dublin City Council

Are now seeking to learn more about the optimal delivery model for this service (e.g. funding, legal, branding, pricing, locations, etc.).

We are beginning with a "minimal viable service" and will aim to review and improve it as it progresses.

The current bike bunker trial phase has seen 12 bike bunkers placed in locations throughout the trial area. There are bike bunkers installed in the South East in,
St Albans Road
Reginald Street
Donore Road

Emor Street
Lennox Place
Bloomfield Ave.

The initial phase of this service will be located in the city centre of Dublin inside the canals as indicated in the map below. Dublin City Council are initially considering registrations of interest for potential locations in this specified area". .

Once the service is established, Dublin City Council will look at how it can be potentially expanded to other areas.

Please see his link for more details <https://bikebunkers.ie/https://bikebunkers.ie/explore/locations/>

Any expansion the location of bike bunkers has to meet the strict criteria met by Dublin city council. Please refer to link for further information <https://bikebunkers.ie/explore/locations/>



Map showing - blue shaded area of current location of bike bunker trial.

Next phase for the bike bunkers

We are currently working on a tender for the Bike Bunkers which will be advertised on the E- tender's website within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

The area of the bike bunkers trial "Inside the canals" will continue to be catered for and expanded where demand is required.

Dublin City Council following the criteria previously listed above and using experiences gained from the trial will determine the locations and suitability for each Bike bunkers installed.

The successful company will be responsible for all aspects of the Bike Bunkers including the traffic management, installation and maintenance of the Bike Bunkers.

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to address the issues of anti-social behaviour and drug use and dealing and late night drinking in the laneway and

park/green area between Christchurch and the Civic Offices. The situation has deteriorated in recent times. Are there any plans in place to make this and the park more user friendly for local residents, tourists, dog owners etc. to reduce the anti-social behaviour and if not could this be examined?

Reply:

The park/green area between the rear of Christchurch Cathedral Street / John's Lane and the Civic Offices is currently being examined and a proposal will be developed which will seek to make the space more user friendly for local residents, tourists, etc. The implementation of such a plan would have to be included in the capital programme in due course.

The South East Area Office will liaise with An Garda Síochána regarding the anti-social behaviour in this public laneway between Christchurch Cathedral and the Civic Offices.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the trial for shared bin storage in Portobello which was agreed some years ago but has not progressed.

Reply:

Please be advised that the Beta team and waste management are currently exploring feasible areas for the Shared bins Beta. Some of the feasibility issues and delays are in relation to fire and distances from buildings and residents. We have met Dublin Fire Brigade recently and they have advised guidelines and placement criteria. Our next step is to decide appropriate location and engage with residents to implement the project in line with resources available.

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please write to Dublin Express on behalf of the committee and ask them to reinstate the bus stop outside the 3Arena for their new route serving Dublin Airport. Residents from Irishtown were previously able to walk across the Tom Clarke Bridge to access this service, now they have to go all the way to Custom House. This has had a negative impact on bus connections for those living in Ringsend and Irishtown.

Reply:

I have been in contact with Dublin Express and have been informed of the following:

Dublin Express have applied for and been granted "provisional" approval by the NTA for another route through the city. As part of this route we will have two stops serving this area around the 3 Arena.

- Stop 7623 from the City to the Airport and
- Stop 7399 from the Airport into the City
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It is hoped that this will be in operation by May 2022.

Q.45 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an indicative date for resurfacing and repairing Orwell Road, Rathgar.

Reply:

Orwell Road (between Dodder River and Zion Road) is included on our draft 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme due to be ratified at SEAC meeting on 14.02.22.

Once the programme is ratified, we will begin the design, tender and procurement process and we plan to have a contractor appointed to carry out these works in quarter 2 or 3 of 2022.

Q.46 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update in relation to the Rathdown traffic congestion public consultation, project plan and implementation date. As spring and summer approach there will be greater activity in Bushy Park and an increase in the number of cars parking in the area.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group will commence evaluating the results of the Rathdown Congestion Alleviation Scheme in the coming weeks and will revert to the Councillor once this process has been completed. Thereafter, a meeting can be arranged to brief Councillors.

Q.47 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for clearing of leaves and Autumn/Winter debris from the footpath alongside Bushy Park. The paths are still covered in leaves and muck and a slip hazard for older people. Also, could I once again ask for the boundary bushes to be cut back as they are considerably overgrown onto the pavement leaving in some cases approx. 12-18 inches of width for walking?

Report:

The hedge is due to be cut on the last week of this month.

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned footpath cleaned on the 3rd February 2022. Once the boundary bushes are cut back by Parks, we will remove any remaining debris which is covered by them.

Q.48 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the gates of Ringsend Park can be painted, they haven't been painted apparently in 16 years.

Reply:

Parks have painted gate at the Strasburg Terrace entrance in 2021. Gates at other entrances to the park have been included in the Parks Improvements Programme 2022 to be cleaned and repainted, subject to available funding.

Q.49 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if some flood lights can be erected in Ringsend Park, it would be welcomed if there was consultation with local users of the park as to the positioning of such floodlights.

Reply:

Floodlights are broad-beamed lighting fixtures that emit high-intensity artificial light. Parks Section mostly use this type of lighting to illuminate outdoor playing fields during low-light conditions as they flood the space with uniform illumination, and for which a planning permission is required. Ringsend Park already has floodlighting at its artificial sports facilities.

This Section currently have no plans to install additional flood lights as requested.

Q.50 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if a site visit can be arranged to St Matthew's School, Cranfield Place, Dublin 4 to ascertain safety for school going children, their parents and guardians and the general public.

Reply:

St. Matthew's School has applied for and been approved for a School Zone. Site visits were undertaken by both the Schools Outreach Officer and Neighbourhood Engineer in 2021. Due to COVID restriction the students were not attending school at this time. The school was contacted in December 2021 and advised that further school gate observation would be undertaken in 2022 when the children were in attendance.

At present there are 52 schools awaiting implementation of School Zones. We are working to progress as quickly as possible. We will inform the school as soon as a timeline has been established.

Q.51 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for a response to the following please and to immediately commit to the commitments given.

Requesting that the parking proposals as agreed with traffic enforcement as part of the Parking Survey for the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route (Feb. 2019), in the attached report be immediately implemented. These proposals would allow all parking permit holders to park in any pay and display parking space along the route (which includes all perpendicular streets along that route).

We are requested that this be immediately implemented as it is next to impossible for residents to get parking within their permit areas at peak times.

BTW: Please note below communication from Adrienne Houghton on May 23rd, 2019 which should be read in conjunction with the Parking Survey attached.

She wrote:

"As outlined in the Parking Survey Reply: "The scheme proposes to permit all parking permit holders to park in any pay and display parking space along the route. This is a change to the current arrangement whereby permit holders can only park within 'Pay and Display and Permit Parking' zones along their designated preference streets. Thus, permit holders will have a pool of 649 spaces compared with the existing 151 'Pay and Display and Permit Parking' spaces." This proposal has been agreed with the Parking Enforcement Officer."

Reply:

Parking Enforcement will engage with the residents to resolve the issues.

Q.52 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the below can be rectified please.

Accessible Pedestrian Signals at the junction of Sean Moore Road and Stand Road. The lack of audible crossing signals at the above intersection has been brought to the attention of the Traffic Office in DCC over the past year by local resident, whose freedom of independent movement has been significantly impacted due to him being unable to cross the road safely with a vision impairment.

The lack of audible pedestrian signals at any set of traffic lights restricts the independent movement of people who are blind or vision impaired, and thereby fails the public sector duty obligation.

Reply:

Due to the current blockages and age of the junction equipment it is not possible to provide audio signals at this locations without an upgrade to the complete junction. It is unacceptable to not be able to provide audio signals and so the design of this complex junction has been ongoing the last few months. The design is almost complete and it is expected to begin works in the coming months.

Q.53 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager the status of the Glovers Court regeneration stage 1 funding application and if the South East Area Office and DCC housing management will meet with residents of Glovers Court to discuss the regeneration project and timelines for same.

Reply:

The Housing and Community Services Department are currently preparing the Stage 1 application for submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for approval to commence the regeneration of Glovers Court, Dublin 2.

Included in the Stage 1 application, is the requirement to submit a Strategic Assessment Report which is necessary to meet the Public Spend Code Guidelines. We are currently finalising this report and once completed, we will be in a position to submit the full Stage 1 application to the DoHLGH. We are still on target to make this submission before the end of February 2022.

Upon receipt of Stage 1 approval, consultation will begin with the residents and local elected members.

Q.54 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager the status of the Pearse House regeneration and when a design team will be appointed.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has received Stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the first phase of the regeneration of Pearse House, Dublin 2.

The approved regeneration proposal involves the full deep retrofit and amalgamation of existing flats in Blocks L, M, N and P also known as the "Small Flats".

City Architects issued tender documents for the procurement of an integrated design time on the 4th February 2022. Following the procurement and assessment process, we anticipate having a design team appointed and working on progressing development design by April 2022.

Q.55 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager if he will liaise with the George Reynold's House Residents' Association and residents of Oliver Plunkett Avenue to review traffic calming measures on Oliver Plunkett Avenue and to install an additional speed ramp and speed limit signs to reduce dangerous driving on the avenue.

Reply:

Currently Oliver Plunkett Avenue has:

- 2no. 30km/h speed signs at the junction with Irishtown Road;
- 4no. speed ramps in place;
- There is parking on both sides of Oliver Plunkett Avenue which helps to reduce speed on the road.

As part of a review of traffic calming measures, the Area Engineer will assess the suitability of providing 30km/h roundels on this road.

Any incidents of speeding on Oliver Plunkett Avenue should be reported to the Gardaí.

Q.56 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager the number of vacant / void DCC housing units by bed number across the South East Area by ED.

Reply:

The following is a summary and breakdown of the vacant properties (83 units) currently in the South East Area.

Property	No. Beds	No. Units	Total Units
Apartments	0	6	53
	1	21	
	2	22	
	3	3	
	4	1	
Houses	1	2	9
	2	4	
	3	1	
	4	2	
Senior Citizens'	0	9	21
	1	11	
	2	1	

The properties above are currently being refurbished through the framework or by direct labour and are at various stages of completion. It is anticipated that the properties will be returned to productive use in two to fourteen weeks' time. In 2021, 114 properties were refurbished in the South East Area. These were made up of 64 apartments, 11 houses and 39 Senior Citizens Units.

Q.57 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager the number of vacant or derelict sites across Dublin City by area and the number of these which are a council possession.

Reply

Please see below details in relation to the number of vacant sites on the Vacant Sites Register across Dublin City by area and the number of these sites that are in the Council's possession.

Area	Vacant Sites	DCC Possession
Central Area	9	4
North Central Area	2	1
North West Area	15	6
South Central Area	13	5
South East Area	4	1
Total	43	17

Please see below details in relation to the number of derelict sites on the Derelict Sites Register across Dublin City by area and the number of these sites that are in the Council's possession. The eight sites in the Council's possession were acquired compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and retained under the control of Housing & Community Services. They are due to be completely refurbished and used for social housing purposes.

Area	Derelict Sites	DCC Possession
Central Area	28	6
North Central Area	5	1
North West Area	4	
South Central Area	30	
South East Area	11	1
Total	78	8

Q.58 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager when a lighted junction will be installed at Pine Road / Sean Moore Road junction.

Reply:

The proposed signalised junction at Pine Road / Sean Moore Road is required to facilitate access to the Poolbeg West SDZ Development. A planning decision is expected shortly on Phase 1 (600 units) of the development and the programme for delivery of the junction is therefore not yet known, but it is unlikely that it will be installed this year.

Q.59 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager when the Sean Moore Road will be repaired.

Reply:

The Sean Moore Road Roundabout is included in our draft 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme due to be presented for ratification at the SEAC meeting 14.02.22.

Two no. substantial sections of the road adjacent to pedestrian crossings were recently resurfaced by DCC Traffic Division.

The remainder of Sean Moore Road will be put forward for consideration for future carriageway resurfacing programmes.

Q.60 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager what additional actions he proposes to take in 2022 to cooperate with the Gardaí to clamp down on HGV traffic through Ringsend / Irishtown.

Reply:

Dublin City Council work closely with An Garda Síochána in this area in sharing information on a monthly basis. There is a dedicated staff member as the point of contact for An Garda Síochána for this area and there are plans to meet up with An Garda Síochána in the next few weeks and put in place a process of communication. When completed DCC will make the details process available to the councillor.

Q.61 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the cleaning of Lombard Court public space, removal of dead trees and vines, and cleaning of drains which are causing road flooding.

Reply:

Main Drainage will carry out the works on the road in relation to cleaning of drains and Housing Maintenance will address the issues of cleaning the public square within the next five weeks or beforehand, if possible.

Q.62 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the installation of lighting along the paths around Ringsend Park as the darkness in the evening makes the environment unsafe due to poor visibility which has led to multiple injuries over the winter period, and if he will look at lighting up the walkways throughout the park generally with a view to improving safety and the feeling of security.

Reply:

Public lighting in principle is not provided in public parks as people are not encouraged to enter or use such areas after dark. The installation of public lighting along the pavements in the public parks could give a false sense of security and safety encouraging the community to use the pathways during the darker hours of the day, and it may help to attract antisocial behaviour.

Additionally, according to the Dublin City Council Climate Action Plan 2019 – 2024, public lighting is one of the largest energy consumer and contributor to the carbon emission within the Council, therefore installation of the public lighting may also have implications for the objectivities to reduce our carbon emission.

Furthermore, lighting the circulation routes within public parks could have potential to negatively impact on sensitive habitats and species that reside in the parks,

such as on the bats, other nocturnal animals and insects, as well as on birds roosting.

Taking into account points raised above, it is not proposed to install public lighting along the pathways throughout the park at this time. If there are particular locations such as a short recognised commuter route to a LUAS/Bus station or similar and no safe alternative exists, public lighting may be considered appropriate but these are exceptional circumstances.

It should be noted that we generally advise the public to use their discretion when visiting the park during dark winter evenings and to take appropriate safety precautions.

Q.63 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the replacement of the bench in St Andrew's Court as the wood was removed but not replaced leaving a concrete structure; and if he will otherwise arrange for repairs to the precinct as the amenities are dilapidated and in a state of disrepair akin to a derelict site.

Reply:

Civic Maintenance will carry out the works on repairing the bench by the week ending Friday the 18th February 2022.

Q.64 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Will DCC consider a land swap between John Bosco's youth centre and the current waste management depot site on Davitt Road? This swap would allow social housing to be built on the Bosco site while a multi-purpose community centre could be built on the depot site.

Reply

Waste Management Services had major renovation works carried out in recent years on our Davitt Road depot and as such there are no current plans to move from there.

Dublin City Council holds the fee simple in the youth club site, but St. John Bosco Youth Centre Limited, by virtue of a 150-year lease from 25th March 1947 at an annual rent of €1.27, has the right of uninterrupted occupation of same for the full term of the lease.

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Q.65 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the manager indicate if there are any plans to put safe segregated cycle lanes on Clogher Road to link the proposed Harold's Cross to Ballymount route to the canal and provide safe access via sustainable transport to local schools and playing pitches?

Reply:

This location will be investigated for their suitability for rapid deployment cycle measures and a response will be issued.

Q.66 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the Area Manager look into the ongoing issue of illegal parking on Greenlea Grove? Access to Terenure Rugby Club is regularly being blocked with the use of traffic cones on Greenlea Grove, causing significant issues for the residents from a health & safety perspective and leading to Greenlea Grove being used as an overflow car park for Terenure Rugby Club. Cars parking on Greenlea Grove or having to do U-turns in a narrow Cul de sac is creating access issues for residents and emergency services, and is a risk to pedestrians.

Reply:

DSPS will be instructed to attend Greenlea Grove and enforce all illegal parking. If the councillor can indicate times or days of the week where the problem is most apparent it will assist in prioritising DSPS enforcement crews.

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of Greenlea Grove and any unauthorised objects on the road e.g. traffic cones will be removed.

Q.67 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the footpath widening on Mount Drummond Square can be accompanied by a planting plan using tree pits or similar to add greenery and improve drainage and biodiversity. Permanent planting has significantly more benefits than planters and should be incorporated into public realm upgrades wherever possible.

Reply:

The buildouts on Mount Drummond Square were installed as a traffic calming measure. DCC Traffic will liaise with DCC Parks Department to see if any greening measures can be introduced to this buildout

Parks Section generally supports the proposal to incorporate tree pits where feasible

Q.68 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager look at the urgent provision of targeted cycle lane segregation at the junction of Sundrive Road, Larkfield Ave and Lower Kimmage Road where illegal parking is rife and chaotic. In particular, there is an abrupt narrowing of the road adjacent to 159 Lower Kimmage Road, which - in combination with frequent illegal parking in the cycle lane - is a dangerous pinch point for cyclists, who may need to move out into traffic.

Reply:

This locations will be investigated for its suitability for rapid deployment cycle measures and a response will be issued.

DSPS will be instructed to patrol this area and enforce any illegal parking.

Q.69 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager undertake a review of safety issues in the laneway to Pearse Park with a view to making this point of access to the park safer?

Report:

The matter of illegal dumping reported by the councillor will be investigated and I will ask that the Litter Warden monitors the laneway regularly.

The matter of anti-social behaviour reported by the councillor has been referred the Gardaí through the South East Area Joint Policing Committee

Q.70 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the lamppost at the entrance to Clonmacnoise Grove be repaired? The lamppost itself is bent and leaning over and has not been upgraded to LED lighting like the rest of the road.

Report:

This particular type of pole has been identified as needing replacement and will be replaced in the upcoming Lighting Upgrade Project, although we cannot provide an exact timeframe for this work at this stage.

Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Could the tree on Lismore / Durrow Road Green (opposite no. 140 Lismore Road) be reviewed for damage and replaced, if necessary?

Reply:

This tree has been inspected and found to be dead. A new tree has been planted in its place.

Q.72 Councillor Pat Dunne

As you are aware the bottle bank at this Supervalu Carpark Sundrive Road was "temporarily" removed in the back end of last year to facilitate the resurfacing of the car park. This was understood and accepted by local people.

However, it has not been reinstated. This is particularly frustrating for regular users as the work on the car park is now long finished.

I would be very much obliged if you could give me an update on this issue.

Reply:

The property manager of Sundrive Shopping Centre contacted Waste Management Services in autumn 2021 with a request to temporarily remove the bottle and textile banks from the Supervalu Sundrive Car Park, to facilitate car park renovations and resurfacing. The initial timeframe provided for completion was 16 to 19 weeks. Waste Management Services have contacted the property manager on numerous occasions regarding the status.

The property manager provided an update by email on 04.02.22 stating that they are now working on a licencing agreement for the bottle banks with the site owner. The property manager confirmed in his email that the site owner understands the importance of the bottle banks and the roles they play in the local community. Waste Management Services will continue to seek a resolution with the site owner and property manager.

Q.73 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Derelict Site Section inspect the long since abandoned corner site at the junction of Crumlin Road and Clonard Road, Dublin 12? This eyesore is overgrown and the hoarding around the site is covered in graffiti.

Reply:

The Derelict Sites Section will arrange for an inspection of the site and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

Q.74 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the street name plate re-painted on Wicklow Street at the junction of Grafton Street.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to have this street nameplate replaced.