

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st February 2022

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager to report on the arrangements for the current toilet provision at Dollymount beach and St Anne’s and to take measures to provide accessible, free, well maintained, public toilets at the beach and other suitable recreational locations which are open and available during normal daylight hours.”

Reply

Toilets are available at the Red Stables and in Oliver’s Room café during park opening hours in St Anne’s Park. Public Toilets are also available at the interpretative centre on Dollymount Beach when staff are in attendance.

Contact:	Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel:	222 6625
Email:	parks@dublincity.ie

Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the playground in Fairview, specifically in relation to the provision of play items for under 3s, the maintenance of the sand pit, a date for when the wheelchair trampoline will be fixed and any other relevant information.”

Reply

Playgrounds are generally provided for children older than 3. The sand pit would be suitable for under 3s with parental supervision and perhaps the cradle swings depending on the age of the child again under close supervision. The sand pit will be maintained as per the manufacturer's instructions and as outlined in EN1176 and EN177 Playground Safety Standards.

The trampoline was not broken as such but the independent safety assessor would not certify the modifications made by the manufacturer since it was previously installed in another playground. This matter has now been resolved between the manufacturer, the installer and the inspector.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Area Manager that Foxhill estate, Dublin 13, be included in the 2022 programme of road repairs. Several parts of the estate, notable Foxhill Close, have road surfaces in very bad repair.”

Reply

The Foxhill Estate is not currently under consideration as part of the resurfacing works in 2022. Foxhill Close was considered however the budget is not available to include as part of this year’s programme.

The Area Engineer will note Foxhill Close and reconsider its inclusion if additional funding becomes available.

Foxhill Close will also be inspected and any potholes will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to update on the refurbishment of **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The regeneration of **(details supplied)** involves the demolition of the two existing housing blocks and the construction of 32 apartments for Older People, a community kitchen and a dining room.

We received Part 8 planning permission from the full Council in July 2021. Earlier this month, we submitted a Stage 3 application to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in accordance with its 4-stage approval process.

Upon receipt of approval, the next step is to go out to tender to appoint a contractor to the project.

Contact: Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer
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Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to provide the following Update on the proposed infill housing at **(details supplied)** “

Reply

The scheme of 12 homes on the site at **(details supplied)** received Part 8 Permission in 2021, and the Tender documents and final cost plans have now been completed.

A preliminary stage 3 submission is to be sent to the DHLGH WB 21st February 2022 for review by their technical team prior to the submission of the formal stage 3 application (Stage 3 approval from the DHLGH is required prior to the commencement of stage 2 of the tender process).

Stage 1 of the tender process is near complete, and the stage 2 tender documents are also ready to issue to shortlisted bidders. Upon receipt of the formal approval from the DHLGH the scheme will be issued to tenderers immediately for their stage 2 pricing and tender submittal. Following receipt of valid/acceptable tenders and post tender approval from the DHLGH, it is expected that the scheme will commence on site later this year (2022).

If you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Contact: Cian Harte, Acting Senior Architect
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Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to have the playground at the end of **(details supplied)** refurbished. The obsolete fixtures removed and new more up to date installed. To have the broken brickwork replaced and the facility repainted and brightened up.”

Reply

The playground maintenance team from Santry are currently making safe any damaged equipment and will fix or replace any equipment as required over the next couple of weeks including repairs to brickwork and painting.

Contact: Connell MC Glynn, Area Housing Manager
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Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to make provision for the following public area at (**details supplied**). Carry out all major works here. Remove concrete structures and planting. Resurface with safer user friendly material. This work to be carried out after consultation with local residents.”

Reply

The Area Office have arranged for a contractor to remove all vegetation from this area and we hope that this part of the job will be done within the next fortnight. We have also met with our Housing Architects to consider the best way to re-design this area as we have been made aware by both Councillors and Residents about the continuous anti-social behaviour that occurs on the plaza.

**Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall
LEA**
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Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to temporary opening from **(details supplied)** and say when it is intended to close off this laneway”

Reply

It is intended to close the laneway once the building works are complete at this location which is due to be in 4-6weeks.

Contact: Connell MC Glynn, Area Housing Manager
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Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the resurfacing of the tennis court in Priorswood Park to an Astro.”

Reply

The Parks Service are currently negotiating with a contractor regarding this work. Hopefully a contract can be signed in the coming weeks.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager is there a plan to remove the stumps from Elm Mount Road and plant new trees there?”

Reply

Stumps are removed when they have sufficiently degraded to allow for safe removal without damaging infrastructure or cables. Replanting follows as soon as below ground root architecture has degraded sufficiently to allow for same. This process can take a few seasons depending on ground conditions. The Parks Service will continue to monitor the locus and arrange for removal and replanting as soon as it is safe to do so.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to consider creative signs that can be mounted to walls in parks to explain the purpose of native flowers such as Nettles, thistles, dandelions etc. Possibly look at creating a competition to communities to come up with the design of the sign.”

Reply

National pollinator plan signage and DCC ‘Leave them Bee/Ná beach leo’ signage are already available for such areas. Further signage of different design might only act to confuse the message

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
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Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to cut back the low branches overhanging onto the road outside Elm Mount Drive. Resident parks a motorhome and is fearful of damage to the roof.”

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for consideration in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
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Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to look at the lighting situation on Skelly’s Lane (Whitethorn side). The streetlights are on the side of the road, there is a wide section of trees and in the summer time when the trees are full of leaves the footpath is dark. Local residents are not walking on that side because it feels unsafe. Can we look at solutions on how to light the inner side of the path up.”

Reply

It is accepted that the trees sandwiched between the main road and the inner footpath have a significant blocking effect on the existing lights contributing to the poor lighting on the footpath particularly in summer time. DCC will examine the stretch in question with a view to coming up with some solutions to address the problem.

**Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,
Public Lighting Services,**
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager for plans on the cycle lane on Skelly’s Lane, Kilmore Road/Beaumont Road. This road is busy in the morning with traffic and bollards for cyclists would make people feel safer and encourage more kids to cycle to and from school.”

Reply

The potential for installing protected cycle lanes on these roads will be assessed and a reply issued to the Councillor in due course.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer.
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Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager if speed limits can be painted on the roads (rather than erecting signs) on Skellys Lane/ Kilmore Road & Beaumont Road.”

Reply

The Traffic Sign Manual explains that speed markings may be used where a speed limit changes, or in conjunction with upright repeater signs. It should only be used in situations where it is necessary to reinforce the upright signing for reasons of safety, such as the entrance to a village or where an unexpected reduction in speed limit occurs.

In the case of Skellys Lane, Kilmore Road and Beaumont Road the speed limit is 50 km/h, all the appropriate signs are in place and due to there are no changes on the speed limit on the roads it is not recommended to introduce speed roundels of 50 km/h at this time.

Contact: Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, Transportation. Road Safety. Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section.

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Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager if Artane can have a sign saying, ‘Welcome to Artane’.”

Reply

The area office will liaise with the Councillor to discuss her desired positioning of a sign for Artane.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall
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Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to outline where responsibility with regard to tenants with additional needs resides when said tenant is housed by an Approved Housing Body from the city council's housing list and to provide detail as to what recourse such a tenant has available to them when their long-term needs are not being met.”

Reply

It is the responsibility of the Local Authority to assess the housing needs of a housing applicant or a tenant whether the household is a tenant of an approved AHB or a tenant of the Local Authority.

If a household is residing in a tenancy which is unsuitable they must in the first instance apply to Dublin City Council to be included on a transfer list.

Dublin City Council works closely with AHB's when allocating properties, should a property no longer be suitable for the household due to medical or other needs it's for the Local Authority to assess the household and to determine whether a priority transfer is required.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
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Q.18 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange to get the tree straightened outside **(details supplied).**”

Reply

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks however it's not possible to straighten semi-mature trees that have had a lean for a good number of years and have rebalanced the crown to compensate.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange to get the yellow box remarked at the entrance & exit to the car-park on **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for remarking will be tasked within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of the 21/02/22.

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer.
Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager that the drain be unblocked opposite the entrance to the astro-turf car park Clontarf road.”

Reply

This gully will be included in the gully cleaning programme week commencing February 28th.

Contact: Marina Hennesly, Senior Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division.

Tel: 222 2403.

Email: marina.hennesly@dublincity.ie

Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager for illegal dumping at the Alfie Byrne road be cleared and addressed, location map attached”

Reply

Waste Management Services had dumped rubbish removed from the above mentioned location on the 8th February 2022. We will monitor this location on a regular basis.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager could drains on Haddon road, Victoria Road and Vernon Avenue from Kincora road to Clontarf road be cleared with an organised spring street clean up/adopt a street of Haddon Road and Victoria road and Vernon Avenue in early Spring with residents and Clontarf Tidy Towns removing of on street cars on a Friday evening or Saturday early morning to Clontarf promenade car parks.”

Reply

This Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division will partake and clean gully's in the spring street clean up/adopt a street event organised by the North Central Area Manager.

Contact: Marina Hennelly, Senior Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division.
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The North Central Public Domain unit have liaised with our Gully & waste management section and an arrangement has been made for both of these crew's to attend the location of Haddon Road and Victoria Road on Saturday 19th February to remove detritus from the paths and road.

Contact: Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer
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Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager that the moving of the 130 double decker bus stop be completed as agreed on Seafield Avenue the bay has been created closer to Mount Prospect road, but the stop pole and sign is still at the entrance to Green Lanes school and stopping on a school zone on an narrow residential road” Photo attached

Reply

I have been in contact with Dublin Bus and I have been told that as of 14/02/22, the old bus stop pole at the entrance to Green lanes National School has been removed and a new bus stop pole has been installed further north along Seafield Avenue at the same location as the new bus cage markings.

Contact: Adam Kelly, Acting Senior Executive Technician.
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Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager that repairs be carried out to footpaths in the following areas (**details supplied**):

Reply

Road Maintenance Services can confirm that **details supplied 1** are currently under consideration to be included in this year’s footpath works programme.

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **details supplied 2** road junction. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to have playground equipment repaired and the surface weeded and repainted at **(details supplied)**” - photos attached

Reply

The playground is regularly inspected and any necessary repairs will be included in the playground repair programme for 2022.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to have footpaths at **(detail supplied)** removed of leaves and litter.”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned footpath and cycle lane cleared of leaves and litter on the 9th February 2022. A small road sweeping vehicle can be used on a footpath if safe to do so and it is free of pedestrians at the time.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to follow up on my Question No. 80 September 21 regarding an overgrown tree at **(details supplied).**”

Reply

I can confirm that this laneway is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council nor is it in our charge. It would appear that the public right of way over this laneway was extinguished pre the existence of the Area Office.

Note: When a public right of way is extinguished over a laneway the maintenance and upkeep a laneway becomes the responsibility of the properties abutting the laneway.

The North Central Area Office did however request a title search of this laneway be carried out by our Law Department. The following are the findings from the research carried out:

This laneway is registered in the land Registry as plan 116 on freehold folio DN5819.

The Registered freehold owner as registered on the 9th December 1953 is shown as Egan Estates Limited (Estate Development Co.) of 39 Westmoreland Street, Dublin.

Searches of the Companies Registration Office show Egan Estates to be a registered company with a registered address shown as 1 Clare Street Dublin.

This company was dissolved on the 06/11/1990.

Once a Company has been dissolved the assets of a dissolved company become State Property c/o The Office of Public Works, Property Management Services, Head Office, Jonathan Swift Street, Trim, Co. Meath.

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Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to erect a warning “Reduce Speed” sign at **(details attached)**. “

Reply

The speed limit are as follows:

The M1 speed limit is 80 Km/h coming off and onto the slip road. The speed limit at Coolock lane is 50 km/h. and **(detail supplied)** is 60 km/h. please see below map:

Figure 1: Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws Kilmore Area (Coolock Lane and **(details supplied Road)**)

During a site inspection made on the 14 February 2022 the following signage were found: on the site:

- There are two 60Km/h sign and Roundabout Warning signs at the bottom of the slip road.
- There are two 50Km/h at the top of the slip road, as you enter onto the Roundabout.
- There are also two integrated FLASHING Solar-powered LED Signs indicating “**Slow Down**” with Pedestrian Logos installed after the 2 x 50Km/h signs. Also, there are additional Pedestrian Crossing Warning Signs immediately before the Roundabout entrance.

There is no Reduce Speed reminder sign in the Traffic Signs Manual. Therefore, Dublin City Council does not install this type of signage.

The installation of a repeater 50 km/h sign at the lamp pole 119 is not recommended, due to The Traffic Manual in Chapter 5 explains that for 50 km/h speed limit sing a repeater sign should not normally be used. Also, A repeater 50 km/h speed limit sign it is not recommended as Dublin City Councils policy not to erect repeater signs as this will lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city. Please note that Under the Road Traffic Act “A person shall not drive a vehicle in a public place without due care and attention”.

Contact: Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, Transportation. Road Safety. Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section.

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Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if Roads Maintenance could provide a schedule of all footpath repairs listed for 2022 for the Artane/Whitehall area?”

Reply

The following footpath locations within the Artane/Whitehall area are currently under consideration for inclusion in the 2022 works program.

Footpaths:

Shanowen Road/Avenue
Coolrua Drive/Shantalla Road/Shanglass Road

Please also note that Collins Avenue Extension footpath works is currently ongoing from the 2021 works program.

In addition various localised footpath repairs are also completed by our Direct Labour crews

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to refer to tree at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to have the tree pruned as the resident says it has not been pruned for several years now and is seriously in need of same.”

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for consideration in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to examine the condition of footpath/road at entrance to & in cul de sac as per **(details supplied)** where;-

- a. wheelchair dishing's at both sides of entrance are badly damaged and no longer accessible for wheelchairs
- b. footpath & road into cul de sac are in a very poor & dangerous state for elder users as previous reinstatements have sunk and generally surface needs full replacement
- c. if statement on inspection can be given and time line for necessary repairs to be done.”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpaths and dishing's at this cul de sac. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager In relation to the newly constructed cycleway on Griffith Avenue, can the manager, for the benefit of a local resident who had a potentially seriously dangerous encounter with a cyclist on the footpath recently, say

- a. If any survey on the usage of the cycleway has been carried out to date
- b. What percentage of cyclists are using the new cycleway and what percentage are using the footpath, like they always did, as local reports suggest school going users are carrying on as before using the footpath,
- c. If he still feels the expenditure was justified, as it seems to have annoyed residents, many of whom see it as having been a waste of scarce resources, slowed down traffic flows, created weird parking zones and provided a cycling resource which is largely ignored by school goers who were supposed to have been the main target group, and
- d. If a statement can be made on the matter.”

Reply

- A. Cycle Counter detectors were installed in the cycle lanes on both sides of Griffith Avenue close to the Swords Road junction in October of 2021. So far in 2022 these counters have registered 9,871 trips in the cycle lanes, a daily average of 280 trips.
- B. The Cycle Counters do not register the number of cyclists using the footpaths and this information is unavailable.
- C. The expenditure on the protected cycle lanes on Griffith Avenue is very much in keeping with Dublin City Council Policy as outlined in our current Development Plan to installed protected cycle lane where feasible as a means of encouraging Active Travel.
- D. The project is still ongoing with the sections on either side of the Swords Road and between the Charlemont Estate and the Malahide Road still to be completed. Changing established behaviour is a challenging task. However it is expected that as the route is completed, especially the links up to and through the main junctions, the numbers using the cycle lanes will increase. Our Communications Team will continue to work with the local schools in encouraging this behavioural change.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer.
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Contact: Antonia Martin, Active Travel Communication & Promotion Officer.
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Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to location as per **(details supplied)**, please say what measures he can install, to bring an end to the constant illegal parking there as vulnerable pedestrians have to step out onto the roadway to pass and if he can make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The Parking Enforcement Inspector recently attended this location and issued warnings for illegal parking. The Parking Enforcement section will instruct Dublin Street Parking Services to patrol the location and enforce any illegal parking.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
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Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to the bins removed from locations as per **(details supplied)**, say when he intends to replace same as residents are upset at the fact that these bins have been removed.”

Reply

1. The middle bin at this location will be reinstated in early March when some new stock is scheduled to arrive.
2. The bus stops nearest the corner of this location all have bins and there are no further plans at this stage for additional litter bins at this location.

The bin at the corner this location will be checked and replaced if necessary.

3. The bin at this school will be reinstated in early March when some new stock is scheduled to arrive.
4. The need for a bin at this intersection will be considered.
5. Bins inside this location are a matter for Iarnród Éireann.
6. The bin outside this area was removed as it hindered wheelchair access and no alternative suitable location as the footpaths are too narrow there.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
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Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to the now regular flooding that occurs at **(details (A) supplied)** please say if he will

- a. Arrange to examine all drains/shores and clear same, including any tree root intrusion
- b. Say if/when he can install addition measures to cater for constant flooding
- c. arrange repair of road and removal of dangerous steel rods protruding from the roadway at **(details (B) supplied)**”

Reply

DCC Drainage attended this issue on 10/02/2022.

- (a) We can confirm that all gullies are now clear, with the exception of one that has root intrusion. Removal of the roots will be arranged.
- (b) Local residents were consulted and the area where ponding occurs was identified. DCC Drainage are now checking the viability of a draft proposal for the installation of 2-4 new gullies.

Contact: Robert McNally, Executive Engineer, Drainage Services,
Email: robert.mcnally@dublincity.ie

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **details supplied**. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
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Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to my question of May 2021 (attached), can he now please review and correct road speed signage at **(details supplied)** as was promised in May and December 2021.”

Reply

Under the current Dublin City Council’s Bye-Laws adopted in the January 2020, the existing speed limit at this location are as follows:

1. From the junction of Castle Avenue to Vernon Avenue, **(details supplied)** West speed limit is 30 km/h.
2. From the junction of Clontarf Road to Vernon Avenue, **(details supplied)** East speed limit is 50 km/h. This is due to this section of the road being an arterial route. At the moment, there are no plans to reduce the speed limits at this section of the road.
3. Please see the following map of the Dublin City Council Speed Limit showing the current speed limit at **(details supplied)**

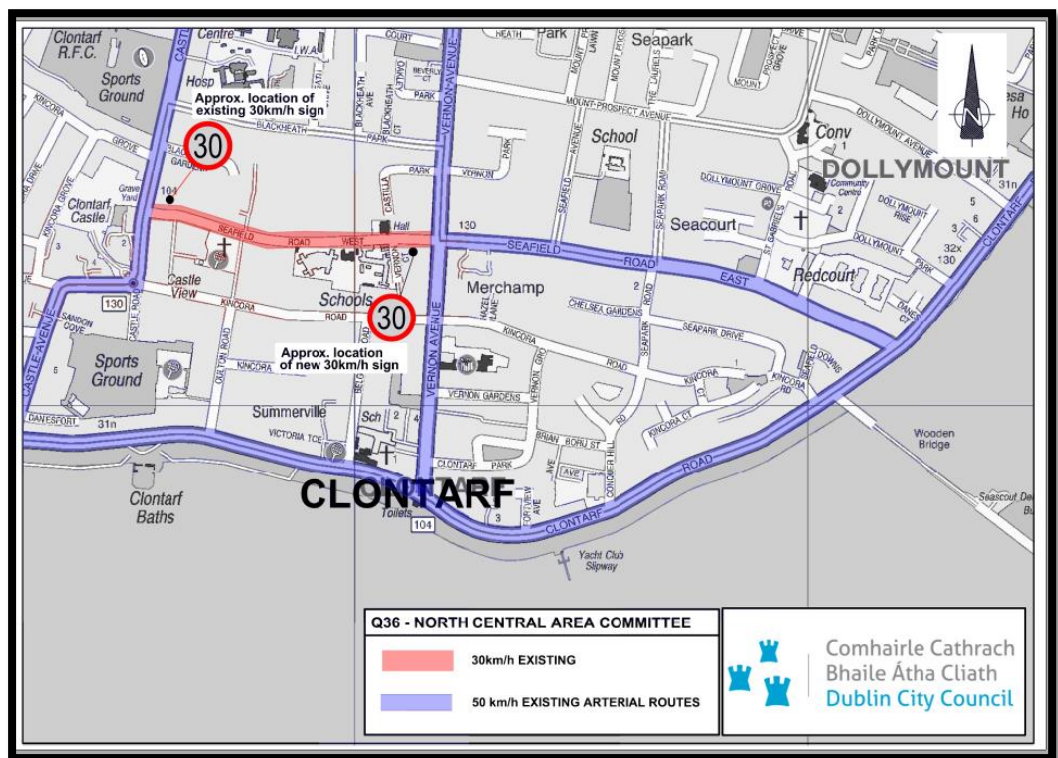





Figure 1: Dublin City Council Q36 map Speed Limit, in colour pink existing 30 km/h and in colour purple existing arterial route 50 km/h.

During a site visit, The Road Safety Engineer reviewed the speed signage at **(details supplied)** East and **(details supplied)** Road west the following recommendation were made:

Site 1	Site 2
<p>Location: Castle Ave junction with (details supplied) Road West.</p> <p>Site Inspection Note: 30 km/h sign in place.</p> 	<p>Location: Vernon Avenue junction with (details supplied) Road West.</p> <p>Site Inspection Note: The speed limit is 30 km. No signage in place</p>  <p>Recommendation: to install 30 km/h signage at the junction of Vernon Avenue junction/ (details supplied) West.</p>
Site 3	
 <p>Location: Clontarf Road junction with (details supplied) East</p> <p>Site Inspection Note: the Speed limit is 50 km/h. (details supplied) East is part of the Clontarf 50 km/h zone.</p>	

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Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to trees that were removed on Marino, (residents say several trees were removed but not planted) can the manager give a detail as to

- a. What/how many trees were removed in recent years and
- b. How many of those removed have been replanted to date and when will those that have not been replanted be replanted“

Reply

Due to remote working the numbers felled and replaced are not to hand however Parks have been following a phased replacement plan agreed with the residents association. It has been disappointing that the stumps of previously removed trees are not decaying as rapidly as was hoped due to ground conditions and Parks have been unable to replant according to the schedule. The Parks Service are constantly monitoring the situation and will affect replanting as soon as possible. The Parks Service will also be meeting with the residents association in the coming weeks to re-evaluate the programme in light of these limiting factors.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to respond in relation to a public lighting query received from a constituent **(details supplied)**”.

Reply

Parks are officially closed after dark and there are no current proposals to light up parks after dark.



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Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange to install 30 kph signs at the 2 entrances at **(details supplied)** as there is a serious problem with motorists speeding through the area and ignoring the speed limit”.

Reply

Due to the length of the road and in order to reinforce, the speed signage 30 km/h roundels are recommended in the following locations:

Site Location	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the junction of details Ave with details Road.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the south of the roundabout details Rise with details Road

Contact: Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, Transportation. Road Safety. Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section.
Email: rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to **(details supplied)**, say if he can assist the resident obtain dishing for access for a disabled person's personal vehicle and say if he can get an official to call and be of assistance as there seems to be some confusion over the need for

- a. Planning permission and
- b. City Council installing the dishing”

Reply

Requests for this dishing was originally received back on 30th July 2020 and also on 16th September 2021. Road Maintenance responded directly to applicant on both occasions.

Unfortunately there has been no change in circumstances that Road Maintenance can only provide a footpath dishing for a vehicular entrance or pedestrian crossing point.

Therefore the footpath cannot be lowered at this location. Road Maintenance are sorry they cannot be of more help in this instance.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

The area office will engage with **(details supplied)** and see if we can be of any further assistance. A member of the team will make contact the week of Feb 21st.

Contact: Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA
Phone: 222 8846
Email: bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a visit from an engineer to view the damage caused by a tree to the footpath, pillar and boundary wall at **(details supplied)**”.

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for consideration in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.42 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the conducting of a play audit/assessment to identify deficiencies in play facilities in the immediate **(details supplied)** as the attached map would seem to indicate none in the immediate area”

Reply

The Parks Service carried out a review of playground locations in 2016 as part of the open space strategy and this area was not identified as an area of deficit as the majority of the area is served by existing playgrounds such as those located at Fr. Collin’s Park, Edenmore Park although they are some minutes’ walk away.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a safety assessment of the surface of the older paths in **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The Parks Service and the area office have provided over 1.6km of new paths in the last 3 years in this park. The existing paths will be examined and any necessary repairs scheduled during the summer months when such work is carried out.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.44 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager With reference to **(details supplied)** and following up on Q 37 from the December North Central Area meeting and acknowledging that the responsibility for maintenance of the planters do not lie with DCC but contesting the ownership of them by said groups maintaining them, can the Director of Services please arrange for the replacement of the distressed and broken planter boxes so that those currently looking after them can start afresh with planter boxes that are more fitting to the public realm”.

Reply

The North Central Public Domain team will meet with local business owners that maintain the planters in this vicinity to discuss having these planters removed and replaced with a more robust planter solution.

Contact: Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer
Phone: 222 8843
Email: rob.ingram@dublincity.ie

Q.45 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the securing of a 2nd lollypop person to mitigate the safety risk parents and their children incur crossing at **(details supplied)** on their way to school.”

Reply

We do not currently have school wardens in the vicinity of **(details supplied)**. There are two school wardens working on Belmayne Avenue outside the two primary schools. We have requests for a school warden at the junction of Belmayne and Belmayne Avenue, however, there has been no recommendation made as this area currently is not in charge.

We received a request from the North Central Area Office for a temporary lollypop person to the left of the junction of **(details supplied)** and Belmayne Avenue. We are looking at the possibility of doing something similar to what is currently outside the Educate together/St. Francis primary schools, to place red bollards along the hatching on **(details supplied)** and provide an emergency warden to assist children crossing from the park to the primary school. This is subject to the results of a Road Safety Audit.

Contact: Carmel Curran, School Warden Coordinator, Environment & Transportation Dept.

Email: carmel.curran@dublincity.ie

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to ensure that some funding support is provided to the (details supplied)”

Reply

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership will again be administering the Sport for Young People grant in 2022 and it is hoped to advertise in May/June. We believe that the above club are on our mailing list however to ensure that the email address we have is correct we would ask them to email sports@dublincity.ie to have the address confirmed.

There will also be a Return to Sports Grant available in the coming weeks and in order to apply for this funding the club should go through their National Governing Body (IABA). This funding is to cover costs associated with Covid 19 such as reopening facilities including insurance, overheads etc.

Contact	Fergal Scally, Sports Officer
Phone	222 8559
Email	fergal.scally@dublincity.ie

Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed report on safety concerns regarding **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The wind turbine system at **(details supplied)**, consisting of five 50kw turbines, has been under regular inspection and maintenance since their installation over ten years ago. Recently it has been recorded that the gearbox has failed in one of the turbines and the maintenance contractor Enerpower has been requested to arrange for the removal of the turbine with the gearbox problem until remedial works can be implemented. No issues have been raised regarding the other turbines.

In advance of this work fencing will be installed as a precautionary measure to exclude public access in the vicinity of the turbine.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the lack of **(details supplied)** in the entire DCC area”

Reply

As inferred from the details supplied, charging EVs is a complicated matter. Indeed, this is one of the reasons we have embarked on a strategic approach to the question of public EV charging.

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

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

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

The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points and has considered the options regarding public charging for those without access to off-street charging. SEAI schemes are currently being repurposed to take account of rapidly changing technologies and the realities of the business case and electrical infrastructure costs of public charging provision.

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now practically complete and the working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project, which will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies. However, this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport.

ESBecars currently provide a map of their charger network and other private operators continue to expand their charging offerings. <https://esb.ie/ecars/charge-point-map>. However, as you point out, the necessary parking fees must also be paid if within a parking controlled area. In addition, the provision of ducting, or other items such as cables crossing footpaths, to enable on street charging is not permitted, as such usage is considered a hazard.

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

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

Dublin City Council has also been in close dialogue with the Department and the SEAI regarding a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure.

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

This is a pressing matter for us in the Council and indeed with our colleagues in the Dublin Metropolitan area that we may enable and facilitate the transition to more sustainable mobility.

Contact: Cormac Healy, Energy Management Lead.
Email: cormac.healy@dublincity.ie

Where possible Dublin City Council have been reassigning parking spaces adjacent to EV charge points from general P&D to EV Only. The matter of altering parking charges would require a review of the current Parking Control Bye-Laws and, at the public consultation stage, representations can be made on such charging structures at this time.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to develop a new local area plan for **(details supplied)** in partnership with the residents.”

Reply

The preparation of the new Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (new Development Plan) is now well underway. The new Development Plan is subject to extensive public consultation and provides an opportunity for the community in **(details supplied)** to highlight their concerns and ambitions for this neighbourhood.

As part of the preparation of the new Development Plan, the elected members will have an opportunity to consider and prioritise areas for the preparation of Local Area Plans (LAPs). It will be up to the elected members of DCC to agree on the requirement to prepare an LAP for **(details supplied)**. An LAP must be consistent with the higher-level Development Plan, including existing zonings.

The preparation of a new LAP for **(details supplied)** has to be justified and based on a prioritised selection procedure to be agreed during the implementation phase the new Development Plan. Such prioritisation will be on the basis of; areas that require economic, physical and social renewal, have large scale development potential, and an ability to assist in the delivery of the Core Strategy.

Contact: Brian Keaney, Senior Planner
Tel: 222 7933
Email: brian.keaney@dublincity.ie

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to traffic issues at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The traffic signals on **(details supplied)** Road and Drumnigh Road are managed by Dublin City Councils (DCCs) Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS) which is a transportation system used to manage the timing of signal phases at traffic signals. The new junctions at **(details supplied)** Road are also being actively managed by DCC's 24 hour Traffic Control Room and any necessary changes being made.

The traffic signals, which were switched on in December 2021 at this location, are being monitored and changes made based on demand.

As with all new road or junction layouts, there was a bedding in period and the timing of signal phases has been tweaked to provide optimal traffic flow in all directions.

Following implementation of these signal timing changes, observation of the junction has indicated that traffic wait times are very much reduced and traffic movement through the junction are much improved on all approaches.

The signals and layout were designed to allow for public transport and active travel priority and therefore any future bus routes through the junction will receive public transport priority at the traffic signals.

It is not deemed necessary at this stage to consider junction layout or operation changes as the traffic signal timing changes mentioned above have much improved the operation of the junction.

The junction will continue to be monitored as traffic volumes continue to increase following relaxation of Covid19 restrictions and further amendments made as required where there is scope to do so.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.

Tel: 222 6198.

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager will the Council install more dog waste bins in Maypark to deal with the serious dog fouling problem in the area”

Reply

The Parks Service do not install dog waste bins this is a matter for waste management who might consider installing a bin near one of the entrances.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services no longer provide dog foul specific litter bins. We have both a regular litter and dog foul bin at the Killester Avenue entrance to Maypark. We have a litter bin at bus stop no 1221 along the park on the Malahide Road. We are also replacing the damaged bin which was removed from the Malahide Road entrance to Maypark next month. Dog walkers in this area can use these bins to dispose of their dog waste.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager when will child friendly road safety measures – a ‘School Zone - similar to elsewhere in the City, be put in place at Our Lady of Consolation National School and Scoil Ciaran’s National School on Collins Avenue”

Reply

Our Lady of Consolation National School and Scoil Ciaran’s National School on Collins Avenue both applied under the School Zone application process. As both schools are on 50km/h roads, they could not be prioritised in the first phase of our School Zone roll out.

Our Lady of Consolation National School is one of 27 schools in the DCC administrative area which was successful in round 1 of the National Safe Routes to School (SRtS) Programme. We have prioritised this school as one of the first to be assessed by our SRtS programme partners Green-Schools. This assessment will include a survey of where the children are commuting from and an audit of the key routes. These audits will inform the design of the scheme. Due to the close proximity of Scoil Chiarain, we will be assessing and designing for the two schools together. Each school will be contacted directly in the coming weeks to arrange surveys and audits.

Contact: Antonia Martin, Active Travel Communication & Promotion Officer.

Email: antonia.martin@dublincity.ie

Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager will the Council install bins in the general area between North of Collins Avenue East and East of the Malahide Road, as there are currently none”

Reply

This general area is mainly residential with no significant litter generators there. We have litter bins at the shops and takeaways on Killester Avenue. Also a bin will be reinstated outside the national school on St Brigid’s Road in early March when some new stock is scheduled to arrive. There are no further plans at this stage for additional litter bins in this area.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Manager can the new small LED Lamps on Clanmaurice Road and Clanboy Road be strengthened as they are too dark since they have been introduced?”

Reply

The lighting was assessed on Clanboy Road and Clanmaurice Road and it meets the required standard. However, if there is a particular area of concern, we will re-examine.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.

Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to the reply to my question no 72, September 2021, regarding the repair of the footpath opposite 78 Oak Road which is in dangerous condition, and ask when these works will be carried out. – See previous question attached.”

Reply

I reviewed our records and can confirm that a defect has already been logged and recorded at this location. The Area Inspector has also been asked if he can consider completing this repair sooner if possible. If the inspector cannot get to this defect soon, we will look to have a contractor complete this repair.5

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to initiate a planning enforcement investigation in relation to the mews at **(details supplied)**. Residents indicate that the mews in question was built to the original rejected design not in line with the conditions and specifications outlined in the final conditions and furthermore that it has been subdivided into two units – also not in line with the conditions”.

Reply

The Planning Enforcement Section have a current ongoing investigation into the matters raised in the Councillors question. A warning letter was issued on the owner of the premises under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) relating to the alleged subdivision of the property. An inspection is due to be carried out shortly to ascertain the full facts in this case. The Councillor will be updated following that inspection.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel: 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange a meeting with residents of Melrose Avenue, Dublin 3, who have notified me of constant dangerous parking on and driving on footpaths where Melrose Avenue meets Philipsburgh Avenue to discuss a potential solution – in the form of bollards or well-placed Sheffield stands – and enforcement?”

Reply

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) (i), It is against the law to park on a footpath. It is the policy of Dublin City Council not to install bollards on footpaths to prevent illegal parking as such an approach is not sustainable.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Tel: 222 6145.
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section will instruct Dublin Street Parking Services to patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to engage with parking enforcement services and the Gardaí to tackle obstructive and illegal parking on footpaths at Fairview strand - between Edge’s hardware and Richmond Road and on Annesley Bridge Road between the Eurospar and the bridge and to provide me with a report on actions resulting from enforcement exercises.”

Reply

The Parking Enforcement Section has requested a report from Dublin Street Parking Services and will report back when the report is complete.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to provide for some planters – possibly from PACE -in the Clans area of Donnycarney. I am aware of a number of residents who would commit to maintaining them if they were in place. The roads in question have no trees and it is the opinion of the parks department that they are unsuitable for trees. It would make a big difference to residents if some planters were put in place on the wider corners to improve the visual and environmental amenity of the area.”

Reply

The Clans area has very narrow paths and the North Central Area Public Domain section recently put two planters at the large path adjacent to Donnycarney church. If residents have a specific location in mind they can contact me on details below and I will inspect with the possibility of placing planters depending on path widths.

Contact: Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer
Phone: 222 8843
Email: rob.ingram@dublincity.ie

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to give update on **(details supplied)** who is on the housing list for the past 11 years”.

Reply

The above applicant is on Band 2 of the Housing List with a registration date of 11/10/2011. The applicant’s positions are listed as follows:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	13
Area B	3	102

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List 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 has requested to be considered for both 2 bed & 3 bed social housing, and the difference in positions (above) reflects the higher number of applicants with a 3 bed need. Based on the applicant’s positions, she is likely to be offered a 2 bed unit before she is offered a 3 bed unit but she would be voluntarily overcrowding her family in a 2 bed unit.

The applicant is advised to check the Choice Based Letting page of the DCC website to ensure that they are aware of any 2 or 3 bed CBL vacancies in Area B that might interest them.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on where **(details supplied)** is on the housing list and when they will be housed”.

Reply

The above applicant is on the priority HAP Band of the Transfer List (as a HAP tenant in receipt of Homeless HAP since July 2020) with an application date of 14/01/2011. The applicant holds the following positions on the list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	55
Area E	3	75

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List 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.

If the applicant wishes to have medical documents reviewed by the Medical Examiner, they are required to submit a completed application form for priority under Exceptional Medical Grounds along with their supporting medical documents. All applicants who submit an application for medical priority will receive a letter confirming the outcome of the review within approximately 12 weeks.

The applicant is advised to monitor the Choice Based Letting page of the DCC website to ensure that they are made aware of any 3 bed CBL vacancies in Area B or Area E that might interest them. The applicant's interest in Dublin 13 has been noted, part of which falls within Area B.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 2222639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update re: request from north central councillors for Platinum Land to appear before it.”

Reply

The Area Office have attempted on more than one occasion to ask Platinum Lands to attend the Area Committee on behalf of the members but unfortunately this has been to no avail. It does not seem that they wish to attend the area committee again.

**Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall
LEA**

Phone: 222 8546

Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to have road markings & safety improved at the pedestrian lights on the Grange Road at Donaghmede S.C. Also, can the sequencing of the pedestrian lights be examined?”

Reply

In relation to the road markings. Traffic will carry out an inspection in the coming days to consider what may be improved.

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer.
Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

ITS Traffic Signals reply:

ITS have reviewed the operation of the pedestrian signals and found the signals to be operating as designed.

Pedestrians have a maximum wait time of 38 seconds depending on when the pedestrian button is pressed during the traffic signal cycle.

A ‘green man’ of 6 seconds is displayed (this is a standard time and is an indication that it is safe to commence crossing) followed by an ‘amber man’ of 11 seconds (this is an indication not to commence crossing but if you have already commenced you have sufficient time to finish crossing safely – timing is calculated using crossing width @ a walking speed of 1 metre/second.)

The above is followed by an ‘all red’ signal of 4 seconds whereby both traffic and pedestrian are shown a red signal for safety purposes.

A technician has visited the site and serviced the pedestrian buttons to ensure correct operation.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.
Tel: 222 6198.
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise as to what private roads are earmarked to be taken in charge by the council this year.”

Reply

The Planning department can confirm that ‘Belmayne / Clongriffin’ has not been taken in charge by Dublin City Council to date.

Contact: Ron Hamilton, Senior Executive Technician
Tel: 222 2546
Email: ronnie.hamilton@dublincity.ie

Clongriffin:

Planning Taking in Charge received a TIC request for Clongriffin Main Street on 19th January 2022. Service divisions have been contacted to arrange inspections and reports of snags. When the service divisions have signed off that it is up to standard the Area Office will be contacted to initiate the final procedure for TIC - report to Area Committee, public advertisement, consultation, report to Council, reserved function. It would be impossible to predict the timeline at this stage.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Phone: 222 8845
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager whether proposed changes to the ‘build to rent’ model in the forthcoming Dublin City Development Plan 2022 - 2028 will be effective and enforceable by DCC planning authority given Ministerial directives governing this type of development model please”

Reply

The Draft Plan encourages BTR in the inner city, employment areas, SDRAs or public transport interchanges. In order to ensure a sustainable mix of tenure and long term sustainable communities, a minimum of 40% of standard build to sell apartments will be required in BTR developments over 100 units.

The Guidelines for Planning Authorities on “Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments”, issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act provides that statutory development plans may specify a mix for apartment and other housing developments, but only further to an evidence-based Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA), that has been agreed on an area, county, city or metropolitan area basis and incorporated into the relevant development plan(s).

An evidence based HNDA has been incorporated into the Draft Plan and forms part of the Draft Dublin City Housing Strategy. A key policy recommendation arising from the Housing Strategy is that the Draft Development Plan include a defined mix of dwelling unit types for the City, addressing the particular challenges of the inner city, responding to the demographic changes in households and taking into account the current housing stock.

The Draft Plan is currently on display and the closing date for submissions is the 14th of February. After the closing date, all submissions received including those from the Office of the Planning Regulator and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will be reviewed and assessed. Any recommendations arising from these submissions including any relating to the draft BTR policies will be addressed in the CE Report which will be circulated to all elected members at the end of April.

Contact: Erika Casey, Senior Planner
Tel: 222 6199
Email: erika.casey@dublincity.ie

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager if changes to the Bye-Laws can be introduced at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The parking policy and enforcement section will consider this issue when the bye laws will be reviewed next.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Camping and overnight parking is already precluded under the Parks Byelaws.
(Section 4.12 Parks and Open spaces Bye-Laws 2002)

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager if agreements should be entered into with local residents regarding **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The recent experience of Parks Service holding a concert in the area has been successful. The process involved a very positive debrief with other statutory agencies and we received very few complaints from members of the public. While we do not feel it is necessary to change our approach at this time we will continue to keep the process under review.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Dublin City Council is not a party to, or aware of any agreement with residents surrounding **(details)** Park in respect of the number of concerts or events scheduled in that area. As with **(details)** Park concert proposals, each licence application for St. Anne's Park is assessed on its merits having regard to the requirements contained in Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed provision of a facility at **(details supplied)**”.

Reply

(Details supplied) was one of the locations proposed by one of the tenderers following the tender for provision of retail units with integrated toilet facilities. The Office of City Recovery has engaged with the tenderer and a number of businesses in the vicinity of **(details supplied)** and will continue to engage in order to identify a suitable location that meets the relevant criteria set out in the Invitation to Tender.

Contact: Don Daly, Project Manager
Phone: 01 222 7733
Email: Don.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following housing query at (**details supplied**) who is in need of a permanent 3 bed house.”

Reply

The above applicant is on the priority HAP Band of the Transfer List (as a HAP tenant in receipt of Homeless HAP since July 2020) with an application date of 14/01/2011. The applicant holds the following positions on the list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	55
Area E	3	75

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List 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 is advised to monitor the Choice Based Letting page of the DCC website to ensure that they are made aware of any 3 bed CBL vacancies in Area B or Area E that might interest them.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 2222639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following housing query (**details supplied**) who is in need of 1 bed home in the NCA”

Reply

The above applicant is listed on a joint applicant with a partner. We have received some information that the applicant’s circumstances may have changed over the past year, and the applicant is now required to submit the following documentation:

- Proof of address at his current address,
- Proof of income,
- Photo ID,
- Proof of no rent arrears owing at his former Voluntary Housing tenancy.

We will assess the applicant’s documents and update his application accordingly. When the application has been updated, the applicant can contact Allocations on 01 222 2201 and speak to a Housing Advisor to discuss the options available to him.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to list the senior citizen complexes that are currently being or are due to be regenerated this year and to provide the timeline, name of builder and cost of carrying out same for each complex.”

Reply

The following complexes are currently under consideration for regeneration and to date no builder has been appointed yet as they are all at various stages of feasibility and design:

- Glin Court 32 Units Part 8 Granted going to stage 3 approval
- Gorsefield Court 44 Units Feasibility Finalised Determine development options
- Mount Dillon Court 45 Units Feasibility Finalised Determine development options
- St Anne’s Court 1 02 Units Design team Procurement underway
- Millwood Court 52 Units Part 8 Lodged Awaiting decision

Contact: Connell MC Glynn, Area Housing Manager
Phone: 222 6942
Email: connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Older Persons Complex	Number of New Homes	Status	Projected Timelines	Name of Builder & Costs
Glin Court, Coolock, Dublin 17	32	Received Part 8 Planning Permission in July 2021 Submitted Stage 3 application to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in February 2022	Subject to DHLGH approvals & tender process, we anticipate going onsite end of Q4 2022 Expected to take 18 – 24 months to complete, depending on contractor’s programme	Project is at pre-tender stage. Once we receive Stage 3 approval from the DHLGH, we can go out to tender to appoint a contractor from the relevant framework. As we are at pre-tender stage, costs are commercially sensitive

Contact: Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 087 267 2578
Email: alice.simington@dublincity.ie

Older Persons Developments

AHB – Cluid Housing - Swords Rd /Collins Ave

AHB – Fold Housing -Millwood Court

These developments are at Part 8 & Pre Part 8 Planning Stage, until this process is finished it is not possible to go to Tender stage.

Costs provided at Tender stage are confidential until such times as the construction project is completed – to protect tenderers commercial strategies and costs in future tender bids. Therefor it is not possible to provide the information requested at this time.

Contact; **Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer**
Phone: **222 6530**
Email: **Michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie**

Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to list all SHD applications, number of units and advise on planning decision given for the north central area from 2019.”

Reply

The following is a list of the SHD Applications received from 2019 for the North Central Area with number of units and planning decision given for each application.

DCC - PLANNING REF (ABP Ref)	Site Location	No. of Residential Units	ABP Decision
SHD0001/19 (ABP-303358-19)	Lands at Swiss Cottage, Swords Road and Schoolhouse Lane, Santry, Dublin 9	112 Build to Rent Apartments	Granted 02.04.19
SHD0006/19 (ABP-304061-19)	High Park Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9	101 Apartments	Granted 12.07.2019
SHD0007/19 (ABP-304196-19)	Clare Hall, Malahide Road, Dublin 17	132 Build to Rent Apartments	Granted 19.07.2019
SHD0008/19 (ABP-304346-19)	Former Chivers Factory Site, Coolock Drive, Coolock, Dublin 17	495 Build to rent Apartments	Granted 19.08.2019
SHD0015/19 (ABP-305316-19)	Plots 6-8-11-17-25-26-27-28-29 - All to the North and South of Main Street, Clongriffin, Dublin 13	1,030 no. apartments (352 no. residential, 678 no. Build to Rent units)	Granted 13.12.2019
SHD0016/19 (ABP-305319-19)	Plots 4-5-14 - Clongriffin, Dublin 13	500 Apartments (235 Residential - 265 Build to Rent)	Granted 13.12.2019
SHD0019/19 (ABP-305405-19)	Dublin City University, DCU Glasnevin Campus, Collin's Avenue Extension, Dublin 9.	213 student accommodation units (1240 no. bed spaces)	Granted 18.12.2019
SHD0019/19A (ABP-307051-20)	Dublin City University, DCU Glasnevin Campus, Collin's Avenue Extension, Dublin 9.	Additional plant at roof level of Buildings V1 and V5. (Amendment to SHD0019/19, ABP-305405-19)	14.07.20 - Amended previous decision
SHD0022/19 (ABP-305623-19)	Parkside,4, Parkside, Dublin 13	282 Apartments	Granted 06.02.2020

SHD0023/19 (ABP-307444-20)	Lands at St. Paul's College, Sybil Road, Raheny, Dublin 5.	657 Apartments	Granted 20.08.20 and amended on 06.10.20. HC quashed Boards decision on 07.05.21. The Board sought leave to appeal but were refused on 04.02.22. Final Orders awaited.
DCC - PLANNING REF (ABP Ref)	Site Location	No. of Residential Units	ABP Decision
SHD0026/19 (ABP-305943-19)	Topaz, Newtown, Malahide Road, Dublin 7.	331 Build to Rent Apartments	Granted 18.03.2020
Sect 146B Application Ref ABP-311232-21, received 25/08/21 to amend previously approved ABP- 305943-21	Topaz, Newtown, Malahide Road, Dublin 7.	Alterations to parking and bin storage areas, to floor to floor heights, internal alterations, alteration to façade, adjustment of parapet height.	Awaiting decision from ABP
SHD0002/20 (ABP-306721-20)	Bonnington (Formerly Regency) Hotel, Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9	124 Build to Rent Apartments	Granted 21.09.20
SHD0005/20 (ABP-306987-20)	Lands at the former Swiss Cottage, Swords Road, Santry, Dublin 9	120 build to rent apartments	Granted 24.08.20
SHD0006/20 (ABP-307011-20)	Lands to the North East of Omni Park Shopping Centre including vacant warehouse, Swords Road, Santry, Dublin 9	324 Apartments and 81 no. bedroom aparthotel	Granted 03.09.20
SHD0013/20 (ABP-307257-20)	Saint Columban's & No. 25, Hole in the Wall Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13	438 Apartments	Refused Permission 10.09.20
SHD0017/20 (ABP-307887-20)	Site 2, Mayne River Avenue, Northern Cross, Malahide Road, Dublin 17	191 Apartments	Granted 01.12.20
SHD0018/20 (ABP-305993-19)	Former Chivers Factory Site, Coolock Drive, Coolock, Dublin 17	Increase in no. of Build to rent apartments to 550 (20 (Amendment to SHD0008/19 - ABP-304346-19))	23.12.20 - Amended previous decision
SHD0019/20 (ABP-308134-20)	Site located at the junction of R139 Road and Hole in the Wall Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13	122 Build-to-rent Shared Accommodation residential units	Refused Permission 14.12.20
SHD0024/20	52,54,56 and 58, Station Road, Raheny, Dublin 5	105 Apartments	Granted 24.02.21

(ABP-308552-20)			
SHD0005/21 (ABP-309608-21)	Hartfield Place' Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9.	475 Apartments	Refused Permission 24.06.21
SHD0008/21 (ABP-310077-21)	Site at Belmayne P4, The corner of Churchwell Road and Churchwell Crescent, Belmayne, Dublin 13.	260 Apartments	Granted 17.08.21
SHD0008/21A (ABP-312264-21)	Site at Belmayne P4, The corner of Churchwell Road and Churchwell Crescent, Belmayne, Dublin 13.	Reduce the no. of apts from 260 to 258 to facilitate increased provision of residential amenity facilities. (Amendment to SHD0008/21 – ABP-310077-21)	03.02.22 - Amended previous decision
DCC - PLANNING REF (ABP Ref)	Site Location	No. of Residential Units	ABP Decision
SHD0016/21 (ABP-310910-21)	Site of the existing Chadwick Builders Merchants, junction of Santry Avenue & Swords Road, Santry, Dublin 9.	350 Apartments	Refused Permission 04.11.21
SHD0017/21 (ABP-310944-21)	Saint Columbans & No. 25, Hole in the Wall Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13.	413 Apartments	Granted 12.11.21
SHD0020/21 (ABP-311333-21)	Redcourt, Seafield Road East, Clontarf, Dublin 3.	131 Build to Rent Apartments	Granted 23.12.21
SHD0024/21 (ABP-312003-21)	"Parkside 5b", Parkside, Dublin 13	730 Apartments	Decision Due 21.03.22
SHD0032/21 (ABP-312352-21)	No. 146A and Nos. 148-148A Richmond Road, Dublin 3	183 Build-to-Rent apartments	Decision Due 22.04.22

Contact: Fiona Murphy, Administrative Officer, Planning Registry and Decisions, Planning & Property Development Dept.
Phone: 222 5233
Email: Fiona.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to list all public owned land in the north central area”.

Reply

Due to the large amount of land owned by and under the control of Dublin City Council this request will require a manual exercise which will take a period of time to carry out.

A report will be provided to the Councillor once the exercise has been completed.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3055
Email: oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise whether there are any planned work to take place this year for roads, parks, waste management and public lighting in **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The following footpath and resurfacing locations within the **(details supplied)** area are currently under consideration for inclusion in the 2022 works program.

Roads:

Shantalla Road
Kilmore Road
Swords Road (Old)
Beech Park Court
Beaumont Road/Collins Avenue Junction

Footpaths:

Shanowen Road/Avenue
Coolrua Drive/Shantalla Road/Shanglass Road

Please also note that Collins Avenue Extension footpath works is currently ongoing from the 2021 works program.

In addition various localised footpath repairs are also completed by our Direct Labour crews

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services have no additional planned work to take place this year in the above mentioned area.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

There is no public lighting improvements programme for 2022. However, improvements will be carried out to the Public Lighting Infrastructure over the coming years with the roll out of the Lighting Infrastructure Upgrade Project. Under this project, the existing orange and yellow coloured sodium type of lights will be upgraded to LED and improvements will be carried out to the public lighting infrastructure.

As this lighting upgrade project is in the middle of a tender process, we are unable to provide an exact timescale at present for when this upgrade work will be undertaken within the project schedule.

If there are particular roads of concern to the councillor, we will examine the lighting on those roads when we are provided with the street names.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

The Parks Improvements Programme for 2022 for the area is still at draft stage and will be finalised in the coming weeks.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

It is intended that the works programmes for Parks and Roads will be presented to Councillors at a meeting early in March along with the discretionary budget proposals.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall LEA
Phone: 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a report providing details of all help provided to Raheny Shamrocks in securing a new clubhouse.”

Reply

A presentation was given to the North Central Area Committee in Feb 2021 on the proposal for a new clubhouse on a half-acre site adjacent to Cara Hall, All Saints Drive, Raheny. The committee and area office were very supportive of the proposal and endorsed its progression to a Section 183. The Section 183 was passed at City Council and is currently with the Law Agent.

Contact: Bernie Roe, North Central Area Manager
(Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA)
Tel: 222 8846
Email: bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

The Sports Partnership have not directly funded any contribution to Raheny Shamrocks in securing their new clubhouse. However, we do contribute E2000 to Raheny Shamrocks each year (not 2021 due to Covid) for allowing the Lord Mayor 5 Alive participants take part in their annual Road Race. They also got a Sport for Young People grant of €550 in 2019.

Contact: Aideen O’Connor, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 7870
Email: aideen.oconnor@dublincity.ie

Parks Service has not provided any financial support for the proposed new Raheny Shamrocks Clubhouse which is due to be located within the curtilage of the Cara Hall on all Saints Drive, Raheny.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager as to what public hours are available in the following **(details supplied)** and also can you please advise as to what funding has been provided by DCC over the years.”

Reply

The most recent resurfacing of the facility at **(Details supplied)** was part funded by a sports capital grant provided by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media. The balance was provided by Tennis Ireland.

Courts are available for public bookings from Monday to Sunday through the Tennis Ireland website.

<https://www.tennisireland.ie/2020/08/15/national-tennis-centre-public-bookings/>

Contact: Leslie Moore, Head of Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Services
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update re: damage caused to the plaza opposite DCC offices on Bunnratty Road and whether repairs are now complete”.

Reply

The burnt bins were removed by waste management and the surrounding area cleaned up. The Area Office have arranged for a contractor to remove all vegetation from this area and we hope that this part of the job will be done within the next fortnight. We have also met with our Housing Architects to consider the best way to re-design this area as we have been made aware by both Councillors and Residents about the continuous anti-social behaviour that occurs on the plaza.

**Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall
LEA**
Phone: 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the plans for Tolka Park”

Reply

The City Council acquired Dalymount Park & Tolka Park to support Bohemians FC & Shelbourne FC who continue to play League of Ireland football in Dublin city. The City Council agreed a plan with FAI, Bohemians FC & Shelbourne FC to consolidate two outdated stadiums into a one modern municipal stadium at Dalymount Park. This 6000 capacity UEFA category 3 stadium will provide modern state of the art facilities for playing League of Ireland football and accommodate the four senior teams from Shelbourne FC and Bohemian FC as well as provide the public with a number of facilities including a new modern library, community rooms, and new public plaza. In order to contribute towards the funding of the new stadium, an option would be that the northern half of Tolka Park be disposed for residential Redevelopment. This could take the form of a sale to an Approved Housing Body for public housing if agreed by City Council as the approval of City Council is required for the disposal of Council lands. The southern half of the site could then be redeveloped to include public amenities, which would include a Multi-Use Games Amenity pitch (MUGA) which will be made available to local clubs and the wider community. Another objective for the site is to provide a cycle way route through the site and over the Tolka River to connect with the lands to the South providing much needed cycling infrastructure to the area.

However, it is acknowledged the land is currently zoned for Z9 purposes in the City Development Plan (recreation and open space). The draft City Development Plan 2022-2026, which is currently on public display, retains the Z9 zoning. All submissions in relation to the draft Development Plan will be considered by the elected members of the City Council before the final Plan is approved in the autumn of this year.

Contact: Don Daly, Project Manager
Phone: 01 222 7733
Email: Don.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager whether there are any plans this year to make improvements to **(details supplied)**”.

Reply

The Parks Improvements Programme for 2022 for the area is still at draft stage and will be finalised in the coming weeks.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager further to my question to the October 2020 Area Committee in relation to ivy growth from the public domain into **(details supplied)** can the Manager confirm if the situation was ever investigated? Does the Manager think it is fair that the burden is placed on a local resident to address and remove the problematic ivy (see pictures attached)?

Can Dublin City Council

- a. Address the root cause of the Ivy in the public domain and
- b. Get in touch with the local resident and organise for the disposal of the ivy that they have removed.”

Reply

Ivy is a native woodland plant and is ubiquitous in such shady environments and is all but impossible to eradicate from its preferred habitat physically. Grubbing out would damage the mature tree roots in the area. Chemical treatment would not be keeping with policies around use of such biocides in the public realm. Ivy has enormous wildlife value and because it flowers so late in the year is one of the final sources of food for bees. Although access is problematic the site will be visited in the coming weeks to see if the ivy can be cut lower to the base but this will only provide a temporary remedy. Rather than sending the clippings that come through the fence to a green waste facility the most sustainable solution would be to spread the arising’s evenly beneath the trees locally so the nutrients will be returned to the soil.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for a further assessment of the right-hand-turn filter light when travelling west along Collins Avenue and then turning onto the Beaumont Road. Local residents report that the filter only works for buses and that it is very difficult to execute a right-hand-turn at this location because of traffic volumes coming in the other direction”

Reply

In accordance with Dublin City Council’s policy of prioritising sustainable transport modes, the right turn filter signal from Collins Ave to Beaumont Road is only triggered by an approaching bus.

Running this filter to cater for general traffic would increase delays to public transport on other approaches and increase pedestrian wait times.

There are no plans at present to amend operation of this right turn filter signal.

**Contact: Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Environment and
Transportation Department.
Tel: 222 6198.
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie**

Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm that the **(details supplied)** are under consideration for traffic calming ramps installation and confirm the status of each assessment”.

Reply

The Area Engineer will assess the requirement for traffic calming measures and request speed surveys to be carried out on the main route as per **details supplied**. (Refs: 7020525 & 7021879).

Accordingly, the Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.

Tel: 222 6145.

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager for 1-2 planters to be placed on the footpath across the road from the MACE shop on St Gabriel’s Road – the road markings at that location are not deterring vehicle drivers from pulling up and parking on this particular spot”.

Reply

The North Central Area Public Domain team will review the request for additional planters opposite mace shopping area however Pedestrian Mobility like prams and wheelchair access have to be considered before installation of planters.

Unfortunately, planters cannot be installed to control traffic we would advise traffic section to be contacted at tag@dublincity.ie to look at getting traffic measures such as flexible bollards or re-painting the markings.

Contact: Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer
Phone: 222 8843
Email: rob.ingram@dublincity.ie

Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to please provide a report on the following items in relation to St Gabriel’s Court:

- a. Installation of an electric charging point for residents to give them a route for moving to EVs
- b. Replacement of the window fittings on windows at **(details supplied)** as they are in poor condition
- c. The proposed Smart Meter programme to be installed – how it will work and how residents will gain access to their data”

Reply

- a. Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

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

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

The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points.

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now practically complete and the working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project, which will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council’s wider sustainable mobility policies. However this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport.

In addition, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled. Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to increase the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

Dublin City Council has also been in close dialogue with the Department and the SEAI regarding a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study. This is a pressing matter for us in the Council and indeed with our colleagues in the Dublin Metropolitan area that we may enable and facilitate the transition to more sustainable mobility.

c. The ESB is currently rolling out the smart meter programme and further details can be found at the link below:

<https://www.esbnetworks.ie/existing-connections/meters-and-readings/smart-meter-upgrade>

Contact: Cormac Healy, Energy Manager, Energy Management Team.

Email: cormac.healy@dublincity.ie

b) Housing Maintenance had no prior knowledge of this maintenance request, it has now been logged and all necessary repairs will be carried out within the next eight weeks.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.

Tel: 2223517

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to assess the green area at the junction of St Gabriel’s Road and Seafield Road East with a view to opening it up for better public use: it is currently dark and underutilised. Removal of some trees, introduction of lighting and other improvements should all be considered.”

Reply

This open space is considered a well-appointed pocket park with a good number of trees and enormous biodiversity value. The trees are well maintained and crown lifted with clear views across the space. There is an existing lit commuter route connecting to Seacourt. The park is available and suitable for passive recreation and play. Consideration would not be given to the removal of any further trees from this space to open it up as St Anne’s Park is 5 minutes’ walk from the open space which offer many opportunities for more active recreation.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the removal of the 60ft high 8 x European Elms causing overshadowing difficulties in front of 200 Charlemont and their replacement with a more suitable species. I understand that DCC parks officials assessed the trees in 2019 and I would like to confirm that further action is planned in this regard.”

Reply

Some discussion were held with the residents association with the intention of agreeing a multi-annual and phased replacement programme of some of the larger trees in small verges in the estate. However the residents association ultimately decided they would prefer to keep the trees and deal with issues that may arise on a case by case basis. Consequently there are no current agreed proposals to replace trees in this estate.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager provide me with full details of the lighting assessment carried out in relation to public lighting of the pedestrian route from the main element of the Charlemont Estate out to Griffith Avenue; residents have highlighted a long-term street lighting difficulty here on account of a very dense tree canopy which is only getting worse.”

Reply

The lighting assessment carried out on Charlemont Estate consisted of carrying out lighting calculation checks on the light levels in the estate and a night time visit of the estate.

The lighting calculation checks indicated that the light levels met the required standard for such a residential area.

The night time inspection revealed that the two lights mounted on one twin headed column (numbered 13 on the enclosed map) was partially obscured by some branches from nearby trees resulting in a small dark patch. DCC Parks have been requested to carry out pruning at this location.

Once pruning has been carried out this will address the issue of lights being blocked by trees in the estate.

The map attached shows the area in question.

**Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,
Public Lighting Services,**

Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager confirm that a replacement tree is to be planted outside **(details supplied)** to replace the one removed previously?”

Reply

The site will be examined to see if the previous stump, root plate and major roots have decayed sufficiently to allow a new tree to be planted in the same location. There are already a significant number of requests and commitments in place for this tree planting season so if planting cannot be achieved in the next few weeks the tree will be listed for next year’s tree planting programme.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to please organise for the construction waste that has been dumped at the Norabrook end of the laneway that runs parallel to Stiles Road (between it and Lawrence Road) to be removed as it is becoming a hazard.”

Reply

The Local Area Office can confirm that Waste Management Services have removed all construction waste from this laneway on 16th February.

Contact: Joanne O’Sullivan, Staff Officer
Tel: 222 8541
Email: joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie

Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to take appropriate measures to deal with the problem of anti-social behaviour in an area of **(details supplied)** can CCTV be installed to prevent this anti-social behaviour”.

Reply

Dublin City Council have installed CCTV in **(details supplied)**, this footage is available to An Garda Síochána to help in the course of any investigation into any criminal and antisocial behaviour.

Contact: Patrick Smith, Area Housing Officer
Tel: 222 8852
Email: Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie

Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to please seek to remove tree stump and replaced with a new at **(details supplied)** as is causing a hazard to residents locally.”

Reply

The site will be examined in the coming weeks with a view to making the site safe as soon as schedules allow. It may not be possible to plant in the same location straight away but the site will be recorded and if possible included in next year’s tree planting season.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to inspect tree at **(details supplied)** as resident worried about health of tree and to see if tree is diseased and dying and potentially remove this tree.”

Reply

The tree was recently inspected and was not considered dangerous or dying and was listed for replacement with a slight to moderate priority during the winter 2023/24.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to please report on the tree fell works being carried out at **(details supplied)** and to confirm plans for year ahead and progress update”.

Reply

A number of years ago the residents association highlighted their concerns as to the number of large trees in small planting pits that were damaging pavements and kerbs and in poor condition generally due to the restricted rooting space. The trees were inspected which resulted in prioritised recommendations for a removals being made based on the condition of the trees and not just the size alone. 42 replacement large canopy trees were planted around the open spaces in the estate last year to compensate for the unfortunate but inevitable loss of canopy cover through the replacement of these large street trees with smaller canopied specimens more suitable for the restricted space available. A number of high priority trees with defects were prioritised for removal and were removed in previous years. While the programme then became a little stop/start due to pandemic restrictions 32 trees were listed with a slightly lower priority for removal this winter and all but 6 have been removed. As currently requests both to cease all tree felling and to include further trees in the programme are being received from residents it is proposed to cease all further tree removals in the estate at this time and revert to the Residents Association to attempt to reset the plan.

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Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to inspect tree at **(details supplied)** as resident worried about health of tree and to see if tree is diseased and dying and potentially remove this tree.”

Reply

The tree will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to amend/fix the misspelling on **(details supplied)** and report back with when work has been carried out to rectify this. Report in September 2019 via question.

Reply

I reviewed our records and can confirm that this nameplate defect has already been logged and ordered for this location. We are currently double checking the most up to date status of this nameplate order. If the nameplate has been received it will be requested to be scheduled for installation or reordered if need be.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm that path and road upgrade work carried out for 2021 have been completed and report on what was completed”

Reply

Completed Works 2021

The following locations have been completed under the 2021 works programme.

Footpath Repairs

Rathvale Drive
Ayrfield
Newtown Drive
Church Avenue
Ormond Road
Lorcan Estate
Tonlegee Road
Swans Nest Avenue
The Rise
Hampstead Park

Roadway Resurfacing

Dollymount Park
Magenta Crescent
Larkhill Road
Grace Park Road
Conquer Hill Road
All Saints Road
Kilbarron Road
Brookville Park
Bull Wall Road
Malahide Road
Killester Park
Coolock Lane

Ongoing Works from 2021

The following locations remain outstanding or ongoing from the 2021 works programme. These works were scheduled for 2021 but have been delayed from Covid restrictions and Operation Open City.

Footpath Repairs

Seafield Road East
Dunluce Road
Belton Park/Donnycarney Road – Partially complete. Works to recommence once Irish complete their works at that location.
Kilmore road
Collins Avenue Extension – Currently Ongoing
Raheny Road
Saint Brendan’s Terrace

Roadway Resurfacing

Newtown Cottages (Seeking new quotation due to drainage issue)
Windsor Villas

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager for an inspection of the trees in **(details supplied)** housing estates. The trees are causing damage to many of the pathways and front walls in the estate. Dublin City Council has repaired the footpaths repeatedly but the problem persists.”

Reply

There is a significant number of trees in these estates the majority of which seem fine. The trees will be looked at as soon as schedules allow. Any trees of particular concern should be reported to parks@dublincity.ie

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager for a section of the footpath on **(details supplied)**, opposite **(details supplied)**, used to have dishing which could be used by wheelchair users. This small section of the footpath recently had worked carried out on it by Irish Water. When this work was completed, the dishing was not to the same standard, and wheelchair users have contacted to say they are no longer able to enter the footpath at this section. See images attached of the dishing currently”

Reply

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has been in communication with Irish Water on February 15th, 2020 with regard to work carried out by Irish Water at address specified. Road Maintenance Services has notified Irish Water to ensure works are carried out to address the issue.

Contact: Finán Dooley, Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Management Unit.
Tel: 222 6727.
Email: finan.dooley@dublincity.ie

Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to investigate at **(details supplied)** that clamping is in operation at location by private operator and is clamping Dublin City Council Tenants”

Reply

The area referred to is not in charge of DCC and parking enforcement do not enforce here.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

(Details supplied) is managed by Oaklee Housing Association they would allocate parking permit for a car parking space to residents as part of their tenancy agreement, to park in their allotted space only.

To enforce estate parking regulations for all vehicles in **(details supplied)**, Oaklee have appointed, RFC Security Group, car parking management services, they have informed us that this may include clamping and towing of vehicles if necessary.

Contact: Patrick Smith, Area Housing Officer.
Tel: 222 8852
Email: Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie