

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st March 2022

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to clean up the lane at **(details supplied)** and consider anti-social behaviour measure's for the area”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 24th February 2022.

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

There is an illegal dumping sign attached to the pole inside the lane. A litter warden has called to the local shops in relation to dumped materials such as pallets in the laneway and has instructed the owner to make arrangements for immediate pallet removal. CCTV measures have been implemented also.

Contact: **Rob Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer**
Email: robert.ingram@dublincity.ie

The North Central Area Office are liaising with the Gardaí in regards to ongoing reports of anti-social behaviour in the area.

Contact: **Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager.**
Tel: **222 8546.**
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to urgently engage with the Oscar Traynor Developers, the Minister for Transport, Fingal County Council and the National Transport agency to seek funding from all parties for the walking and cycling fund to have a safe fly over on the Coolock lane Junction.”

Reply

The Traffic Department are currently engaging with TII and the NTA regarding putting in place safe walking facilities at the roundabout itself and more details will be available once a design is finalised.

Dublin City Council's Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPO) is working on the delivery of circa. 170 kilometres of a state-of-the-art cycle network over the next five years. This is being funded by the National Transport Authority under the Active Travel Programme. This network is based on routes that have been prioritised from the overall Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network Plan.

Coolock Lane is designated as a secondary route in the GDA Cycle Network Plan. It is not planned to actively pursue its delivery while this enormous five year programme proceeds.

It is important to note, however, that the delivery of a dedicated M50 crossing on Coolock Lane for pedestrians and cyclists is a considerable undertaking that will require significant planning and design input before construction can commence, and this process is expected to take a number of years.

AcTPO will however, review this route and similar routes of the GDA Cycle Network Plan within a two to three-year horizon, with a view to possible inclusion and continued delivery of further routes post the 2022 – 2026 programme.

Also, the Santry River Greenway, which proposes to cross the M50 near Clonshaugh Industrial Estate, is currently in the early stages of delivery, with tenders for design consultants currently being assessed.

**Contact: Padraig O'Brien, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel
Programme Office**

Email: padraig.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager that paths at **(details supplied)** be repaired as a matter of urgency as the cracks are such that could be dangerous”

Reply

The footpaths on this Road are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in the 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

If there are any particular defects of concern on this Road please provide the defect location details, the defect can then be inspected and scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area.

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

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange a clean-up of the green area at (**details supplied**) that there be flowers planted and a proper walk way put in place”

Reply

The area has a good number of trees acting as screening and noise abatement of the traffic noise from the nearby motorway flyover and junction. The presence of tree roots prevents the planting of flowers or bulbs in the immediate vicinity. Also there are 2 number mini-pillars in the grassed area next to Shanvarna Road suggesting significant underground services at this location which might also prevent the mechanical planting of bulbs. The area will be inspected in the coming months with a view to identifying an area nearby suitable and safe for the inclusion in the autumn spring bulb planting programme.

As there is already a lit footpath around this green area and a narrow path crossing the area some 10-15m to the west another walkway through the trees which would impact on tree roots will not be considered.

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

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update to the new lights which were approved in 2018 for the Collins Ave/Gracepark road so that there can be safe crossing at this very dangerous junction”

Reply

There is a new controlled Pedestrian Crossing proposed for the junction of Collins Avenue / Gracepark Road. DCC are in the process of procuring a Contractor to carry out this work at the moment. It is expected to be constructed in April / May of 2022.

Contact: **Will Mangan, Acting Senior Executive Engineer,**
Email: will.mangan@dublincity.ie

Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the clean up on the old Clonshaugh Road and the new dual carriage way on the Belcamp road and update to the lighting that is required for the area.”

Reply

Waste Management Services had extra cleaning carried out on the old Clonshaugh Road on the 23rd February 2022. This road is on a weekly cleaning schedule.

We have the new dual carriageway swept on a weekly basis and the Area Office also has this section of carriage way litter picked twice each month.

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

The Lighting on the dual carriageway main road on the Belcamp Road and on Clonshaugh Road is considered satisfactory and no additional lighting is required. If there is a particular road or stretch of concern please provide details and a more detailed assessment of the lighting on that stretch can be carried out.

Contact: **Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,**
 Public Lighting Services,
Tel: **222 4415.**
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the effects made to engage the owner of **(details supplied)** in relation to having the area put on the protected heritage list and have the area protected and maintained or put into the council control”

Reply

The above **(details supplied)** is associated with Beaumont House and the Guinness family, has been added to the Conservation Section’s list of nominations to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The current priority for the Section in relation to the RPS is the processing of more than 150 proposed additions and amendments to the RPS under the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 (in accordance with Section 12 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)).

Once the new Development Plan, including the Record of Protected Structures, has been adopted, the prioritisation of nominations to the RPS will be continued under Section 55 of the Act; this involves bringing small groups of proposed additions forward on a regular basis over the year.

It is noted that details supplied has been recommended by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for addition to the City Council’s RPS; see the NIAH record at:
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/buildings-search/building/50130233/beamont-house-the-green-beaumont-dublin-9-dublin>

Contact: Paraic Fallon, Senior Planner, Archaeology, Conservation & Heritage Section
Tel: 222 3474
Email: paraic.fallon@dublincity.ie

The landscape surrounding **(details supplied)** comprises mostly of shrubbery with some trees and is currently maintained by Parks Service, and we expect this arrangement to continue.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 2265
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to have the area at **(details supplied)** cleaned up and that the paths on the road be reviewed and assessed for repairs.”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned area cleaned up on the 22nd February 2022.

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

The footpaths at location 1 are part of the 2021 programme of works which is currently ongoing. At this stage it is anticipated that works are due to commence in May this year all going well.

The footpaths on location 2 are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and reconsider its inclusion in the 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

If there are any particular defects of concern in locations 2 please provide the defect location details, the defect can then be inspected and scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area.

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

Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to clean the lane ways and kerbs at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneways and kerbs cleaned on the 25th February 2022.

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

Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to clean the shrubbery in (**details supplied**) there is a number of dumped items and this needs to be addressed as rodents have populated in the area.”

Reply

The North Central Area Office will investigate the area in question and work with all departments on this matter.

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

Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to clean the gullies at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The gullies all along **(details supplied)** were cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew on 06/02/2022. On 02/03/2022 the gullies near details supplied were inspected during heavy rainfall and found to be in good working order.

Contact: Richard Sheehy, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water and Flood Incident Management.
Tel: 222 3774.
Email: richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha

“To ask the Area Manager if disability access to the park at Foxhill/Streamville will be addressed. Gates recently installed do not give disability access. Also, if consideration has been given to a new entrance at Foxhill Lawn.”

Reply

In 2019 the Parks Services reached out to the community surrounding Streamville Park with a view to finding out how they would like to see their park developed. One of the main priorities was to exclude scramblers entering the park and make the park safe for all users. Parks Services have been carrying out this work along with other improvements in the park since then through a combination of barriers and kissing gates.

The latest addition of gates to the park have been kissing gates at the two entrances close to the Donahies School. These gates have been installed as per current regulations.

We have been made aware that a park user is having difficulty with one of the gates and have actively engaged with them and how we may address their difficulty whilst maintaining safety in the park for all users. We have been advised that this resident can currently negotiate 1 gate near their home on the western side of the park and 2 gates on the eastern side. The Parks Service will continue to engage with the resident as to how their needs can be considered in future access gates improvements.

There are currently no plans to install a new entrance at Foxhill Lawn.

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

Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise if a local area plan will be devised for Santry/Whitehall in the immediate future”

Reply

The 2022-2028 Draft City Development Plan public consultation phase has recently closed during which an unprecedented number of submissions were made. The Draft Plan includes in Table 2-14 (page 77) a list of proposed LAPs/VIPs which includes Santry/Whitehall.

Decisions in relation to prioritisation of LAPs following adoption of the Draft Development Plan will be made by the Elected Members, in line with the criteria specified on page 76 of the Draft Plan. It would be premature at this stage to advise the possible outcome of such decision as to which LAPs from this list will be prioritised.

Contact: **Deirdre Scully. Deputy City Planner**
Tel: **222 3129**
Email: deirdre.scully@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager what new amenities/sports facilities are planned for Santry/Whitehall in the next 12 months considering the amount of new housing construction that is being undertaken currently”

Reply

There are no amenities/sports facilities planned for Santry/Whitehall in the coming 12 months by Dublin City Council. The area office will be looking at improvement to the public realm over that period. As part of the SHD process the developers had to provide shared or leisure facilities. There has been some gyms, crèches and shared spaces proposed in some of these developments.

As you are aware, following the adoption of the Draft Development Plan 2022-28, decisions will be made by Elected Members on the prioritisation of proposed LAP's. If the Santry/Whitehall area is successful in this process, then the need for different amenities etc can be put forward at that stage.

Contact: **Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager**
Tel: **222 8546**
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager can the councillors receive a presentation on the new process for TAG related queries please”

Reply

There is no new TAG process as such; however, going forward, Councillors are requested to use the online Transport Request Form to submit transport related queries.

This can be accessed by copying and pasting this text into your browser:

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/tag/5e122f7d>

This on-line form was set up specifically for Councillors, and unlike with Council / Area Committee Meeting questions, an Enquiry Number is provided for each submission to allow the Councillor to track progress more easily.

The use of the on-line form ensures that the necessary information is available to the administration staff who assign the request to the relevant team, and also facilitates the engineer carrying out the assessment. In turn, this leads to quicker response times on service requests, and enables TAG to provide a higher level of service to stakeholders.

Contact: Rhona White, Senior Executive Engineer,
Transport Advisory Group (TAG).

Email: rhona.white@dublincity.ie

Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise if there are any new playgrounds planned for Artane/Whitehall going forward, also are there any plans to modernise any existing playgrounds”

Reply

The multi-annual programme of playground upgrades presented to the area committee in 2019 identified an upgrade Belcamp Playground as the priority for 2022. Certain discussions were held with residents group and local councillors in relation to McAuley Park and it is felt that a small playlot could be delivered in 2022 but this would require a significant contribution from the discretionary fund.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent,
Tel: 222 2265
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

Question Withdrawn as per Cllr Flanagan.

Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise if the council have met the residents of Thatch Road in regards to the proposed new development on Collins Avenue”

Reply

Details of community meetings to discuss the Collins Avenue Housing Development for Older Persons with residents who reside on Thatch Road and neighbouring streets were held on the dates below:

25th March 2021 – On line
30th August 2021- In person
15th September 2021 –On Line

Both Cluid/Clann and Dublin City Council representatives were in attendance at these meetings.

Contact: **Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer**
Tel: **222 6114**
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise if the council has retrofitted much of its housing stock in the North central area currently, if so in which areas has the retrofitting occurred”

Reply

To date under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme, 2,534 houses have been retrofitted in the North Central area.

This is a combination of 2,324 in phase one and 210 in phase two. There are 88 houses remaining in the North Central area which are scheduled for retrofitting works under phase two of the programme.

Works have taken place across all the following electoral areas in North Central:

- Donaghmede
- Artane-Whitehall
- Clontarf.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise which sporting activities the council is directly involved with in the Artane and Whitehall area”

Reply

Dublin City Council's Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing partnership submits five electoral area activity reports to area offices for the area committee meetings on a monthly basis.

Three DCSWP Sport Officers deliver multi-sport core programmes in the North Central area aimed at key target groups. The officers work alongside two citywide Sport Officers, two citywide Sport Inclusion & Integration Officers (disability and ethnic minorities) and Co-funded Officers in athletics, boxing, cricket, football and rugby. DCSWP also works closely with local schools, groups and services to maximise delivery of these programmes.

DCSWP core programmes are designed to ensure everybody in the community has the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of sport and physical activity regardless of age, background or ability.

The March/April North Central area report has been submitted to Fiona Moore in the NCA Office for the meeting on 21st March. The report details programmes and activities which will be ongoing in communities in the area for the next 4-6 weeks from the date of that meeting. The report outlines the time, date, location and target group for each programme.

Details of programmes being delivered in the Artane and Whitehall area have been included in the report.

Please see attached the area committee report for the NCA March meeting and details of DCSWP Officers working in the communities below.

Contact: John McDonald, DCSWP NCA Sport Officer (Whitehall, Santry)
Tel: 087 112 7291
Email: john.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

Please see below report as the Sports officer I am directly involved in the sporting/physical activities listed below currently happening in the Artane area.

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| Name of core programme: | Walking Football |
| Description of programme activity eg: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc | Football |
| Partners (If any): | FAI |
| Age group: | Active retired |
| Gender: | Men |
| Date/time and location: | Wednesdays, 2pm, Rockfield Park, Artane |
| Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: per session): | 15 |

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| Programme Start Date: | 19 th Jan |
| Programme End Date: | 13 th April |

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| Name of core programme: | Get Dublin Walking |
| Description of programme activity eg: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc | Walking |
| Partners (If any): | Artane Coolock FRC |
| Age group: | Adults |
| Gender: | Mixed |
| Date/time and location: | Mondays 10am, McAuley Park |
| Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: <u>per session</u>): | 20 |
| Programme Start Date: | 17 th Jan |
| Programme End Date: | 11 th April |

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| Name of core programme: | Change for Life Over 55s |
| Description of programme activity eg: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc | Dancing and Fitness |
| Partners (If any): | |
| Age group: | Adults over 55 |
| Gender: | Mixed |
| Date/time and location: | 17 th Feb 11am in ABFRC Artane |
| Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: <u>per session</u>): | 50 |
| Programme Start Date: | 17 th Feb |
| Programme End Date: | 14 th April |

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| Name of core programme: | Change for Life |
| Description of programme activity eg: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc | Body resistance/Boxercise |
| Partners (If any): | |
| Age group: | Adults |
| Gender: | Mixed |
| Date/time and location: | 22 nd Feb 7pm ABFRC-Artane |
| Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: <u>per session</u>): | 50 |
| Programme Start Date: | 22 nd Feb |
| Programme End Date: | 21 st April |

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| Name of core programme: | Fitness Express |
| Description of programme activity eg: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc | Body resistance training |
| Partners (If any): | |
| Age group: | Adults |
| Gender: | Mixed |
| Date/time and location: | 24 th March Thursdays 12.30pm, Rockfield Park, Artane |
| Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: <u>per session</u>): | 30 |
| Programme Start Date: | 24 th March |
| Programme End Date: | 28 th April |

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| Name of core programme: | Dance Fitness |
| Description of programme activity eg: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc | Dancing |
| Partners (If any): | |
| Age group: | Primary school children |
| Gender: | Girls |
| Date/time and location: | 15 th March Tuesdays 10am, SJOG GNS, Artane |
| Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: <u>per session</u>): | 50 |
| Programme Start Date: | 15 th March |
| Programme End Date: | 5 th April |

On an ongoing basis I offer assistance to schools in the area with sporting and physical activity initiatives. This applies also to sports clubs, in guidance around sporting initiatives to increase participation rates, club governance, child safeguarding and any funding streams that are administered through the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership.

Please feel free to contact me for further information on any of the above.

Contact: Fergal Scally, DCSWP NCA Sport Officer (Artane, Beaumont, Clonshaugh, Donnycarney, Kilmore)
Tel: 087 118 1885
Email: fergal.scally@dublincity.ie

Q.21 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to detail any specific programmes the local community centres/sports officers run for children with additional needs have, particularly children who are neuro diverse and requires more individual attention and support and special sensory needs”

Reply

Over the past 12 months, Sport Inclusion & Integration Officers (SIIO's) have worked closely with several community based clubs in the North Central area to provide Sport Inclusion & Disability Awareness Training, Disability Inclusion Training and Autism in Sport Training to ensure that clubs in local communities are aware of practices around inclusion and many clubs are offering specific sessions for children with additional needs. These sessions are sustainable in the community and run by local volunteers with the support of the SIIO's.

SIIO's are linked in specifically with disability service providers in the North Central area and are supporting specialised programmes for these groups such as Change for Life, Couch to 3km, Inclusive Walking and Dance as well as various multi-sport activities.

Throughout the summer months, public programmes such as Learn to Cycle for children with additional needs, adapted water sport, boules, hill walking and summer camps are supported and run regularly. In 2021, SIIO's supported two summer camps in North Central for children with autism as well as one summer camp for children and their siblings with physical disabilities. The 2022 summer programme is currently being set but will likely reflect that of 2021.

If there are any further questions in relation to Sport inclusion, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Contact: **Nuala O'Donovan / Lisa Kelly**
Tel: **087 0666 254 / 087 114 7721**
Email: Nuala.odonovan@dublincity.ie / lisa.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q.22 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the dishing of the footpath at **(details supplied)** to enable persons using wheelchairs, buggies etc. to safely cross the road?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection to check the requirement for a new dishing at the location.

If it is found that a new dishing is required it will be logged and then be scheduled for installation when one of our crews is working in this area

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

Q.23 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the remarking of **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for re-marking will be carried out within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of the 21/03/22.

Contact: **Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer.**
Tel: **086 815 1521.**
Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

Q.24 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an audit of the park lights in **(details supplied)** - locals complain that the lights nearest the hospital are rather low and ineffective”

Reply

The Public Lighting Department will carry out a lighting assessment on the park. Consideration of any improvements required will be made subject to the findings of the lighting assessment.

Contact: **Dale Donnelly, Assistant Engineer, Public Lighting Services.**
Tel: **222 4682.**
Email: dale.donnelly@dublincity.ie

Q.25 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

To ask the Area Manger to detail the planting and digging up of bulbs in **(details supplied)** it would seem that they were planted in the incorrect area and while it was indicated that they would be moved it would seem from growth in the area that they were not”

Reply

This area was sown with wildflowers. Spring bulbs were also mechanically planted at this location with the intention of introducing an area of biodiversity along with spring and summer colour to the park.

The area was marked out on a map for the contractor. However, the contractor made the decision on the day of planting to place the strip of bulbs and wild flowers at the current location as opposed to directly behind the railings as instructed by Parks. A site meeting has since been held with the contractor and it was agreed that the area will be observed and monitored to see how it flowers this year and how it works out in the park. If it doesn't work out and the community are not happy the area will be mowed over and consideration can be given to it being repositioned next year.

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

Q.26 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manger to conduct a traffic audit of the **(details supplied)** at school going times to ascertain how the high levels of traffic and the safety/access concerns this is giving rise can be mitigated and reduced”

Reply

St Fiachra’s Junior National School **(details supplied)** successfully applied for a School Zone and was also successful In Round 1 of the National Safe Routes to School. We are currently appointing a consultant to design new School Zones and Safe Routes to School interventions. We will contact the school once they are appointed to consult on the design.

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

Email: antonia.martin@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manger to make arrangements to relocate the street-name sign for Falcarragh Rd. as it is on the wrong side of the road and not visible by motorists. This sign was erected over a year ago and there have been several undertakings to move it to the other (opposite) side of the road but the work has not been done”

Reply

This enquiry was already brought to the attention of the inspector to have the nameplate relocated when a crew is available.

The inspector has again been asked to complete this request sooner if possible.

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

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if he will arrange for the repair of the two potholes at (details supplied)”

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.

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

Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to clarify the position regarding an application for alteration to a council rented dwelling for a person at **(details supplied)**, the reason for the delay; and the timeline for the works to be carried out”

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have the property surveyed within the next three weeks to see if works are feasible.

Although COVID-19 has had an impact on the waiting times, if the works are deemed feasible, the file will be sent for assessment and if the works are approved, the tenant will then be advised of the possible waiting time for these facilities to be provided.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to review the traffic situation at **(details supplied)** with a view to providing double yellow lines at the junction, as parking right up to the junction is making it difficult for cars to make the left-hand turning”

Reply

A request for double yellow lines (Enquiry Ref: 7023306) is listed for examination and report by the Transport Advisory Group.

The Councillor will then 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

.31 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to have road name signs at **(details supplied)** repainted, where necessary”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the nameplates in this Estate.

If any nameplates are found to be in need of attention they will then be scheduled for repainting works.

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

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager can the large trees (4) at **(details supplied)** which are owned by DCC & are blocking sunlight please be cut back? This is a real quality of life issue & I would be grateful if some pruning to improve the situation can be done”

Reply

The adopted tree policy does not consider the reduction of shade to be a valid reason to carry out pruning works on otherwise healthy trees. The pruning of such large-leaved varieties leads to a rapid flush of weakly attached re-growth as a result will only provide a minor and very temporary reduction in shade at best. These trees have previously been excessively crown and further pruning would not be recommended at this time. These 4 trees are probably too large for the available space and will be monitored in the coming seasons and consideration will be given in the medium term to thinning the group to 2 trees to allow them additional space to grow to maturity.

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

Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager can more signage please be placed at **(details supplied)** Also can a couple of signs be put on **(details supplied)** to remind motorists of the speed limit which drastically reduces from what it is on the M50. This request was previously rejected but I would ask that it be reconsidered as it is an issue at this location”

Reply

County and City Councils have powers under the Road Traffic Act 2004 to make bye-laws to apply Special Speed Limits on public roads, generally for safety or capacity reasons, and to make orders for Special Speed Limits at Roadworks.

Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit bye-laws 2020 determinates the speed limit at Kilmore Area. The speed limits in the Kilmore Area are as follows:

- The M1 speed limit is 80 Km/h coming off and onto the slip road.
- 50 km/h, the speed limit at **(details)** lane from the exit of the ramp until the junction of Dundaniel Road.
- 60 km/h, Oscar Traynor Road between a point 65 metres west of the junction with Dundaniel Road and a point 74 metres north-west of its junction with the Malahide Road.

Please see the below map indicating the speed limit in the area:

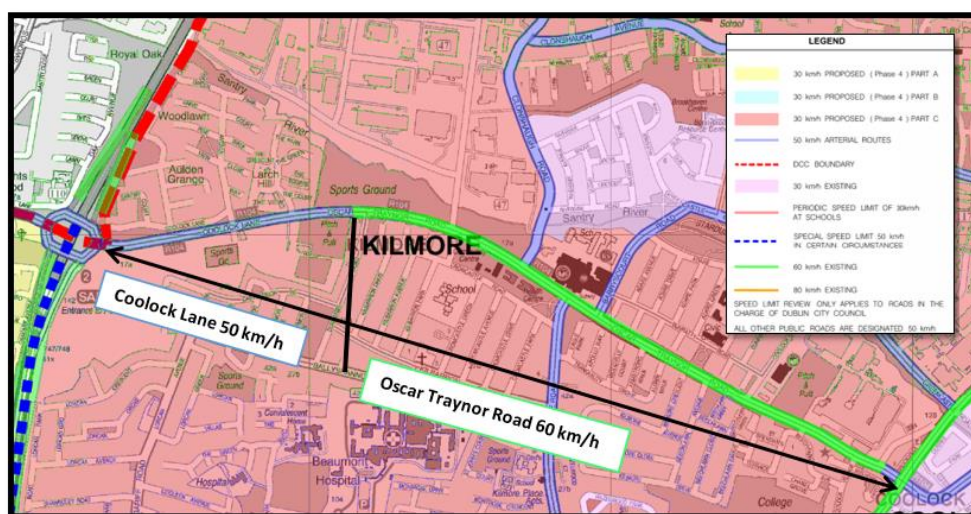


Figure 1: Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws Kilmore Area (Coolock Lane and Oscar Traynor Road)

All the correct signage are in place indicating the speed limit at this location:

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

To install a repeater 50 km/h signage at the location requested is not recommended for the following reasons:

- Due to the **(details)** lane being split between two-speed limits 50 km/h and 60 km/h. 50 km/h from the roundabout until the junction of Dundaniel Road; and 60 km/h from Dundaniel Road to Malahide Road, introducing a repeater sign in a short interval distance will create a proliferation of signage. It was proposed to reduce the speed limit at **(details)** lane to 50 km/h for the total length of the road, but the bye-laws were not accepted; this makes it difficult to install repeater signage.
- The Traffic Manual in Chapter 5 explains that on regional and local roads in built-up areas with a 50km/h speed limit, repeater signs should not normally be used.
- Also, Dublin City Councils' policy is 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
Email: rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to deal with the following extension at **(details supplied)** which is needed downstairs for bedroom & bathroom but has been refused by the council. Can u please advise as to on what grounds as all the necessary medical information was submitted”

Reply

The Adaptations Unit had reviewed this application on appeal and based on the medical information submitted, the extension was not awarded a high medical priority. The tenant was offered a level access shower and ramped access to the property providing that they entered into a rent agreement. However, we are willing to review this application for the extension again if new medical information is received and a rent agreement is entered into with the Council.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Tel: **222 3517**
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager that the following estate at **(details supplied)** be swept by the sweeping cart & all gullies be cleaned”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned estate swept by the road sweeping machine on the 9th March 2022.

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

Members of the Gully Cleaning Crew cleaned 38 of the 39 gullies in this Estate between 10th and 11th March 2022. Any defects were reported to the relevant section.

Contact: **Richard Sheehy, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water and Flood Incident Management.**
Tel: **086 0106363.**
Email: richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie

Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager what strategy is in place to plant new trees & increase the number of trees at **(details supplied)**?”

Reply

The adopted tree strategy requires at least 1 tree to be replanted for each that is removed. In reality the Parks Service plants more trees than are removed each year. Tree planting requests received during the year are assessed and if the site is suitable will be included in the tree planting programme for the area. As there are many factors that can limit tree planting in residential areas from restricted space, overhead and underground services, parking, street lighting and sightlines the Parks Service are more than happy to receive potential planting sites for assessment from residents at parks@dublincity.ie .

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

Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise when touchless pedestrian lights will be delivered to the Donaghmede Ward”

Reply

DCC have installed 1,200 Touchless Push Button Units (PBUs) so far, approximately half of which have been on the north side of the city.

We currently install touchless PBUs at all new site installations or at major site upgrades and as funding becomes available we will continue to replace all remaining buttons.

Contact: **Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Transportation.**
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide me with a copy of the traffic report for **(details supplied)**. This has been previously requested but still not given”

Reply

The report will be issued through the Area Office by the end March 2022.

Contact: Conor Lynch, Executive Engineer, Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division.

Tel: 222 4566.

Email: conor.lynch@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the rollout of **(details supplied)** to the various parks in the NCA”

Reply

To date Parks have installed three units in two parks of two different designs. The latest one being in Fairview Park. Over the coming months we will be accessing these different models in terms of their performance, robustness and suitability. Following that assessment it is envisaged that two additional units will be installed this year in Fr. Collins and in Ellenfield Parks.

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

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

Question Withdrawn as per Councillor.

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager for an update re works at **(details supplied)** and the felling of 11 trees”

Reply

The **(details)** Main Street and **(details)** Avenue Scheme is progressing well and is on programme to be completed by the end of the year. The Area Office notified Councillors on the 24th February 2022 of the intended tree removal. As part of the scheme it was necessary to remove approximately 50 no. trees, which were between 10 to 15 years old. This work took place on the 28th February 2022.

Tree removal on the Malahide Road consisted of 6no. trees in the central median, 12no. trees on the eastern side and 1no tree to the west.

Tree removal on the **(details)** Avenue consisted of 17no. trees on the eastern side.

Tree removal on Parkside Boulevard/**(details)** Avenue junction consisted of 9no. trees to the south and 2no. trees to the north.

Tree removal on **(details)** Main Street/**(details)** Avenue junction consisted of 3no. trees to the south east.

I hope this clarifies your query. If you would like any further information please let me know.

Contact: **Eric Lavelle, Executive Engineer**
Tel: **222 6847**
Email: eric.lavelle@dublincity.ie

These roadside trees were removed as part of an essential roads improvement programme. Replanting will be affected as part of the new scheme.

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

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager for **(details supplied)** to be swept by the sweeping cart & all gullies be cleaned”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned estate swept by the road sweeping machine on the 9th March 2022.

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

Members of the Gully Cleaning Crew cleaned 22 of the 23 gullies in the **(details supplied)** on 11/03/2022. Any defects were reported to the relevant section.

Contact: **Richard Sheehy, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water and Flood Incident Management.**
Email: richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager for more lighting in Donaghmede Park as residents feel it is unsafe to walk around the park. (Lights to go length ways, not just across the park)”

Reply

Lighting is only provided in parks where there is a recognised pedestrian route across the park to a Shopping Centre or to public transport.

In the case of Donaghmede Park the route leading from Grange Abbey Grove onto Carndonagh Road is a route to DART Station. The other route leads from The Grange Road to Newbrook Avenue towards the Donaghmede Shopping Centre.

There are no proposals for additional public lighting in this park.

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

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to upgrade the footpath cutting across the green space in Beauvale Park”

Reply

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks and any necessary repairs scheduled subject to the identification of a suitable source of funding.

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

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to provide educational programs for local residents to encourage biodiversity in their areas. Similar to the program run by horticulturist Aoife Munn a few years ago”

Reply

The Community team are in contact with Lorraine Bull, Biodiversity Officer who will arrange some workshops with groups in the Clontarf/Donaghmede LEA and link in regarding events and programmes that groups may find of interest. Lorraine advised she is happy to provide guidance regarding composting or other workshops in the area.

Contact: **Sheila Duffy, Senior Staff Officer**
Tel: **222 8559**
Email: Sheila.duffy@dublincity.ie

The Executive Environmental Scientific Officer has sent a proposal to deliver composting training for DCC community gardens/allotments. A 5-6 week compost education course 1-2 hrs a week is being advertised to groups at present. We will also be speaking to Aoife Munn about carrying out a physical biodiversity course this year. She completed one with local groups last year on-line due to Covid.

Contact: **Martina McHugh, Senior Community Officer**
Tel: **222 8871**
Email: martina.mchugh@dublincity.ie

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to paint the road name sign on Skelly’s Lane as it’s faded”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of this nameplate on Skelly’s Lane.

If the nameplate is found to need attention it will then be scheduled for repainting works.

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

Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans to upgrade the footpaths on **(details)** Avenue. In particular the area outside **(details supplied)** as it is a trip hazard due to tree roots breaking through the concrete. If this area is not already on your list can you please review with the view of adding it to the work plan?”

Reply

The footpaths on this road are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and reconsider its inclusion in 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

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.**
Tel: **222 3898.**
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager why the public bin was removed from Shanliss Road (the lane way on Shanliss Road, opposite the bus stop)”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned litter bin removed as it was damaged beyond repair. A new litter bin was installed there on the 10th March 2022.

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

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to have the broken and damaged paths along Skelly’s Lane repaired”

Reply

The footpaths on Skelly’s Lane are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

If there are any particular defects of concern on Skelly’s Lane please provide the defect location details, the defect can then be inspected and scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area.

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

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to cut back shrubbery (after nesting season) on the entrance of Beauvale Estate as it has become unkempt looking and residents would like a commitment that it will be maintained annually”

Reply

The locus will be inspected over the summer months with a view to including same in the autumn/winter shrubbery maintenance programme for the area.

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

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to schedule spring bulb planting in autumn for Skelly's Lane (on both sides)”

Reply

The area will be inspected with a view to including in this autumn's spring bulb planting programme. It must be noted that the presence of many mature trees on this road prevents the mechanical planting of bulbs and will limit any bulb planting to discreet locations without trees along the road.

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

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a report on the housing file of **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The above applicant is on the priority HAP Band of the Transfer List (as a HAP tenant in receipt of Homeless HAP since December 2017) with an application date of 09/05/2014. The applicant holds the following position on the list:

| Area | Bedsizes | Position |
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| Area B | 3 | 151 |

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 which might interest them.

Contact: **Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**
Tel: **222 26239**
Email: Cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to carry out a maintenance inspection of **(details supplied)** as the family living there are experiencing problems with their living room floor, their front and backdoors, as well as cracks emerging on the walls of their kitchen and stairs. In particular, can attention be paid to urgently raising the backdoor, as the situation with the current door is very problematic for the family?”

Reply

Housing Maintenance has inspected this property. The issue with the doors sticking is due to the tenant fitting the wrong thickness flooring and the door has no adjustment left to raise it. Flooring is the tenant's responsibility. The cracking is normal in these rapid build homes due to expanding and contracting in the wall surfaces and is normally rectified when redecorating takes place by the tenant e.g. with the use of a polyfiller.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Tel: **222 3517**
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for an update of the request of residents at **(details supplied)** for a boundary wall at **(details supplied)** to be raised”

Reply

The repairing or replacing of garden boundary walls falls under the tenant’s responsibility.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Tel: **222 3517**
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the urgent transfer requests of (details supplied)”

Reply

The above applicant has held her current Dublin City Council tenancy since 11/05/2020. Tenants are required to hold their tenancy for a period of two years before they are eligible to submit a transfer application, so the applicant's recent application transfer was cancelled as she failed to meet that criteria. The applicant will have held her tenancy for 2 years on 11/05/2022 and she will meet the necessary two-year requirement to submit a valid transfer application.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 26239
Email: Cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the request made for the clearance of a huge amount of rubbish from the back garden of **(details supplied)** which currently poses a health risk to neighbouring homes”

Reply

This address has been attended to in the past, the area PEO will call to tenant to assess what needs to be done and to make arrangements.

Contact: **Connell McGlynn, Area Housing Manager**
Tel: **222 6942**
Email: connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the request of **(details supplied)** for back garden wall to be repaired”

Reply

The repairing or replacing of garden walls falls under the tenant's responsibility.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Tel: **222 3517**
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to contact the owners of the Chivers site on Coolock Drive to request the proper management and security of the derelict site as currently it is an eyesore and a nuisance to the local community”

Reply

The area office will endeavour to link in with the owners of the Chivers site to discuss the proper management and security of same.

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

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to consider a home extension for **(details supplied)** whose growing family requires extra space in their home”

Reply

Housing Maintenance will send out the application for the Construction of Additional Accommodation to Relieve Overcrowding in Dublin City Council dwellings to the tenant. There is a large volume of applications received under this scheme, however, the tenant can also apply for a transfer to a larger dwelling through Housing Allocations.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Tel: **222 3517**
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager In reference to reply received from the Chief Executive to my February 2022 question in relation to tree replacement on Griffith Avenue, can the manager please say –

1. That he will agree to the request from All Hallows Residents Association that Dublin City Council will introduce a comprehensive tree maintenance plan for Griffith Avenue, (from Drumcondra Road to the Malahide Road) to include timelines for the replacement of the trees felled in August 2021 and the replacement of the additional 40 + trees removed over past years (estimate is that well over **60 trees** are lost to the section of Griffith Avenue between the Malahide Road and Drumcondra Road)
2. What date the trees that were felled in August 2021 will be replanted and if he will make a detailed statement on the matter.
3. If he can advise what pruning is due to take place in this year’s pruning season, of the trees on Griffith Avenue, as some residents say certain trees have only been pruned once in 30 years?

Reply

To commence the replacement programme the planting of 20 number London Plane at roadside locations commenced last week. This is in keeping with the objectives previously stated to preserve the integrity of the boulevard by planting mainly London Plane next to the road with certain flexibilities as to species choice on the inner line next to people’s properties. To date only a small number of residents have been in touch to declare a preference. The contractor planting the trees will and has engaged with householders also assess further planting opportunities on the inner verges.

It is envisaged that a further 10-20 trees will be planted in the coming weeks arising from this engagement and assessment process.

The Parks Service has been in communication with the AHAA and received their document outlining the location of gaps in the boulevard. These gaps will be assessed over the coming months and any deemed suitable for planting will be included in this autumn’s planting programme.

Pruning works such as crown clearing and certain crown reductions will be scheduled as is recommended in the detailed tree survey of the over 1,000 trees on the avenue carried out last year.

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

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager In relation to the works that have been ongoing at **details attached**, can the manager please say;

1. What efforts he intends to make/have been put in place by Dublin City Council to ensure that the negative effects (damage to residences/paintwork/dirt and dust etc.) caused by the recent road/engineering works can be rectified, and residential properties can be cleaned, repainted etc.
2. If compensation can be provided to allow home owners paint/clean/wash their properties to bring said properties back to the condition they were in prior to the aforementioned works or if Dublin City Council can arrange for the cleansing works etc. to be done
3. and can he also say, in relation to the grass verges on Griffith Avenue that have been destroyed as result of the ongoing works there, (the re-seeding of which residents feel, will not deter illegal parking) if he will consider installing a kerbside verge protector, similar to those used in other parts of Dublin City and in DLR (see attached photos) as requested by some residents in order to protect the grass verges on Griffith”

Reply

Dublin City Council contacted Irish Water/GMC regarding the complaints made about damage to properties on **(details)** Ave in connection with their works in the area and Irish Water confirmed that they will be responding to Councillor Heney directly to all concerns raised. They have also advised that they hope to meet with Councillors on site to alleviate any further worries in this regard.

Contact: **Conrad Rennicks, Administrative Officer**
Tel **222 2281**
Email: conrad.rennicks@dublincity.ie

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to **details attached**, reinstate proper speed calming ramps at location as per details attached which were renewed a couple of years ago after the red brick ones failed in snow, thawing/freezing etc. caused red bricks to fail and current ones are not steep enough and therefore do not slow traffic down at all and unfortunately cars are travelling well in excess of speed limits”

Reply

These ramps have been designed and constructed in accordance with Dublin City Council's Construction Standards for Roads and Streets. Accordingly we do not intend modifying these ramps.

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

Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to traffic lights at Artane Roundabout, please say if will examine the traffic lights as it is a regular occurrence for cars coming left off Gracefield Road onto the roundabout and inbound towards town to fail to stop; maybe it is a visibility of traffic lights issue or carelessness but there is a definite safety issue here, as cars regularly pass through red lights, endangering pedestrians”

Reply

Dublin City Council ITS will arrange a survey of the pedestrian signals at Gracefield Road/ Artane Roundabout and a report will be issued via the TAMs query system once this survey has been completed.

Contact: **Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Transportation.**
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager please say when Dublin City Council intends to commence promised work (see City Council reply 10 May 2021) on the refurbishment of footpaths on **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The footpaths at **details supplied** are part of the footpath works programme in 2022. The contract documents have yet to be finalised and sent out for tender. An exact timeframe cannot be provided at this time.

There are some planned works to take place at this location adjacent to the shops between no. 2 and 24 which are anticipated to commence in June this year if the funding is still available.

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

Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager please say when it is proposed to commence work on the Swords/City Centre Bus Corridor and if he can make a detailed statement on the matter”

Reply

The government has approved the business case for the Bus Connects Core Bus Corridor scheme.

A planning application for route 2 Swords to City centre is expected to be lodged with An Bord Pleanála in Q3/Q4 2022.

Swords to City Centre is part of tranche 2. It is currently expected that the first group - consisting of;

- Clongriffin to City Centre CBC Scheme
- Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre CBC Scheme
- Blanchardstown to City Centre CBC Scheme
- Ringsend to City Centre CBC Scheme
- Liffey Valley to City Centre CBC Scheme
- Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre CBC Scheme

As each scheme is submitted for approval to An Bord Pleanála the process of public notifications in newspapers and online will be repeated. After these first six scheme applications are made, the remaining six projects will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála during the second half of this year.

It is planned that in general, all going well that the 1st group schemes will begin construction by 2024, with the subsequent groups beginning in 2026 and 2028.

Construction is expected to take two years to complete per corridor and it is anticipated that construction works will be substantially complete by 2030.

Contact: **Niall Bolger, A/ Senior Executive ITS Officer,**

Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to tenant at **(details supplied)**, carry out a full investigation of the heating system in this tenancy, as this tenant, who is also disabled, says the system is still causing her major problems and is also a cause of serious concern to her”

Reply

The Heating Unit in Housing Maintenance has inspected the above property and a new radiator is required for the extension part of the property, where the tenant spends a lot of time. A quote has been sought for this work and all necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Tel: **222 3517**
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to tree at **(details supplied)**, which is causing footpath and driveway to lift causing a serious trip hazard for vulnerable pedestrians as well as our elders, and please say if he can inspect same, advise what can be done to make the footpath safe and also arrange to have an official speak directly with resident”

Reply

I reviewed our records and can confirm that a defect has already been logged and recorded at details supplied. The Area Inspector has also been asked if he can consider completing this repair sooner if possible.

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

The tree will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for consideration in the prioritised tree care programme for the area. The Parks Service previously met with a group of residents in the estate and highlighted the issue of large specimen trees in small verges but agreement could not be reached on a multi-annual prioritised phased replacement programme.

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

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to **(details supplied)**, if he can examine the blocked sewerage problem that is being experienced by the tenants and rectify same as a matter of urgency”

Reply

I can report this work was carried out at details supplied on 09/03/2022 by area maintenance team. The drainage system is now in good working order.

Contact: **Patrick Smith, Area Housing Officer**
Tel: **222 8853**
Email: Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie

Housing Maintenance attended to this job Wednesday 9th March and cleared the blockage, there are some follow up repairs on the line and Housing Maintenance will look after these as well.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Tel: **222 3517**
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the timeline for footpath repairs along Belton Park Road, Belton Park Gardens, Donnycarney Road and surrounding roads. These were scheduled for late last year and then – just as they had started – Irish Water works on replacing lead piping began also – delaying the footpath repairs. I would appreciate an update on when these will be now be undertaken”

Reply

The Road Maintenance contractor hopes to recommence works on Belton Park/Donnycarney towards the end of April 2022 all going well.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.**
Tel: **222 3898.**
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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a bin in Mucky Lane, Donnycarney, D9”

Reply

Parks do not provide bins at local greens and open spaces. Perhaps waste management would consider a bin at the entrance onto the Malahide Road.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
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Waste Management Services ensure litter bins are located in close proximity to significant litter generators and in areas of high pedestrian footfall. The above mentioned lane is not considered a location where a litter bin is necessary. However we will monitor litter levels there and ensure that it is kept as clean as possible.

Contact: **Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.**
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Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager how residents in Mucky Lane, D9 would go about initiating a leaf mulching system similar, to that on Griffith Avenue and areas of Clontarf, ahead of next Autumn”

Reply

A small cage or pen to receive the leaves is all that is required within the space. The Parks Service can provide advice to the environmental group in this regard.

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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to please organise for double-yellow lines to be painted on Copeland Avenue at the junction with Malahide Road as many car drivers do not realise that parking opposite a single white line is illegal resulting in vehicles being towed away here on a regular basis”

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7025471) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: **Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and
Transportation Department.**
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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed assessment of the works required to take the laneway running to the side and the rear of **(details supplied)** into public charge. It is used extensively by local families for access and would be best managed and maintained by DCC”

Reply

Taking in charge of laneways is governed by Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. Before Dublin City Council will consider taking a laneway in charge it must firstly satisfy itself that the laneway is of general public utility and consider the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration. DCC's Road Maintenance Department will need to decide whether the laneway is of public utility and only then will they carry out a detailed assessment of works as requested above. This request has been forwarded to our Road Maintenance Department for decision and assessment.

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For a road to be up to taking in charge standard it would need to meet the road maintenance services section standards- *Construction Standards for Road and Street Works in Dublin City Council*. In addition the infrastructure would also need to meet the standards for other service departments in DCC, i.e. public lighting, drainage and traffic. Road Maintenance Services is not in a position to provide a costing to bring a private access lane up to taking in charge standard. A copy of our construction standards can be provided on request. I would also comment that this is a private access lane, serving private residents and as such, this laneway is not of general public utility.

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Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager firstly express my thanks to DCC Traffic Dept for installing a new wheelchair-accessible parking spot outside St Vincent De Paul Infant & Girls School on Griffith Avenue. Can the Area Manager also (a) confirm that some footpath dishing is to be provided at this location to make access easier and (b) confirm if any additional places are being considered for installation outside e.g. Scoil Mhuire Boys School?”

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7025366) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

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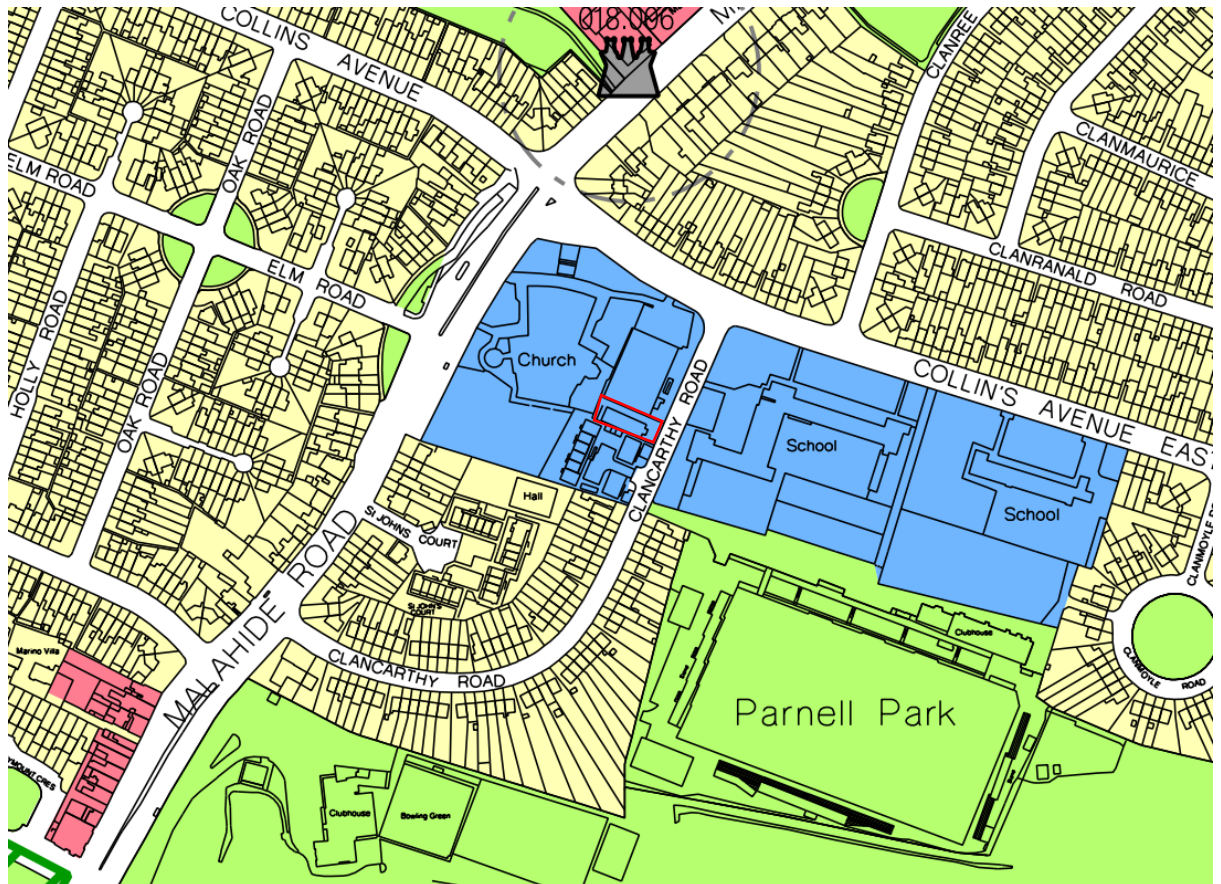
Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to clarify if the land on which the Donnycarney Scouts Hall sits (diocesan land fronting onto Clancarthy Road) is earmarked for rezoning under the new draft Development Plan?”

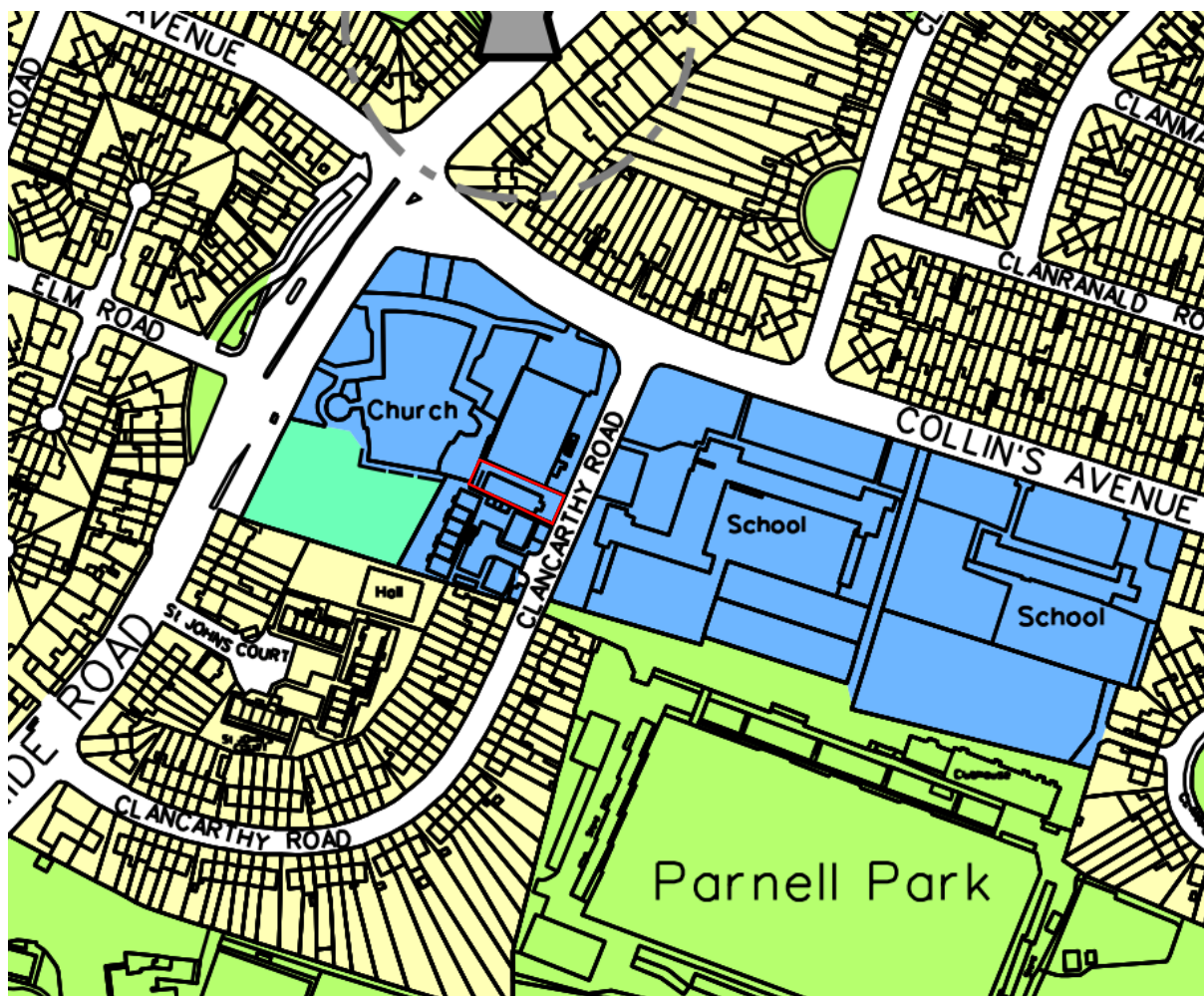
Reply

The Donnycarney Scouts Hall located on Clancarthy Road, Donnycarney has not been rezoned in the current Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028. The zoning of the site remains Z15 “*Community and Social Infrastructure*” as per the current 2016-2022 Development Plan. The zoning objective for these lands is “*to protect and provide for community uses and social infrastructure*”.

A section of the church lands to the rear of the Scout Den is proposed to be rezoned from Z15 to Z12 with the zoning objective “*To ensure existing environmental amenities are protected in the predominantly residential future use of these lands*”. The Scout Den is not affected by this change in zoning.



Extract from Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 with the site outlined in red



Extract from the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 with the site outlined in red

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Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on plans to install a coffee kiosk & public toilets on the Clontarf Promenade”

Reply

The Office of City Recovery continues to work with the tenderer to find a suitable location on Clontarf Promenade that meets the requirements of the tender and addresses the technical requirements, such as access to relevant utilities. In addition, there are a number of local factors that are impacting the identification of a suitable location, e.g. flooding issues, Brent geese sites and local business and resident concerns. The Office of City Recovery will update the Area Committee on any developments.

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