

**Question to the Chief Executive**

**South East Area Committee  
Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to install bike parking on D'Olier Street at the corner with Townsend Street. The current parking along Pearse Street is regularly full to capacity.

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Further to the answer given to this Councillor as submitted can the Chief Executive outline how much in total has been spent to the end of May 2022 on these signs on and/or relating to Strand Road/Beach Road, Sandymount and indeed why they are still in situ.

**Question to the Chief Executive**

**Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive how much the Council spent on the type of mobile signs currently used on Merrion Road and Strand Road vicinity, to issue temporary traffic instructions in 2020 and to end of May 2021 across the City separating out as a distinct figure, that spend in relation to the Strand Road proposals.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The VMS signs that were in place for the Strand Road trial were installed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. There were no signs used in 2020. The cost to date has been €28,000. The original cost was estimated at €11,000 but due to the High Court legal challenge and the stay subsequently granted forcing the City Council to stop work. There has been a necessity for the signage to remain for longer than originally planned due to the unfinished nature of the roadworks on Strand Road, the council has incurred an additional cost.

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**Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to investigate the possibility of introducing the following items at Long Lane, Portobello. The request is being made on foot of a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour along the road.

- CCTV scheme
- improve street lighting
- increase street cleaning
- other anti-deterrent methods

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can report on when the containers stored on the promenade at Car Park one on Strand Road will be removed as previously indicated. Preferably before this summer season commences.

The containers are a health and safety risk. Over the past number of years rats have been observed beneath them and on a regular basis people urinating against them. DCC advised in 2019 that they would be removed during remedial works.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the tree on footpath outside number 67 Marlborough Road examined and seriously pruned. The tree now envelopes the public

lamppost leaving that stretch of footpath in total darkness as well as seriously impacting on the light for the adjoining house.

**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to have the footpaths in Bath Avenue Gardens repaired. An elderly resident is now unable to walk using her walker because of the condition.

**Q.7 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the status of funding allocated to improvements at Glover's Court; the plans which have been developed; the engagement with residents to form plans to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.8 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if, in light of ongoing street violence and intimidation, he will arrange to have CCTV installed in the City Quay area and in particular around the Sean O'Casey Bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.9 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will outline the City Council's plans to build sport and play capacity to meet the increasing numbers of children and adults looking to participate in clubs such as Cambridge FC and Pats CY?

**Q.10 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he has investigated the safety concerns of residents of Lombard Court regarding entry and exit due to recent changes in road space use and allocation; his conclusions on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.11 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the status of DCC's plans regarding the installation of solar panels on DCC properties; progress on a funded programme of fitting solar panels to DCC housing for the use of residents in such complexes or the reason why such a programme will not be pursued; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the problem at the traffic lights on Ranelagh Road at the junction of Northbrook Road that are concealed by the leaves on the nearby trees to be resolved by an active bit of tree pruning.

**Q.13 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager to examine installing subtle, low-form no-parking signs or parking barriers at the green space along Strand Street after Chapel Avenue to protect the area from parking and damage which is preventing use of the space and planting of community flower beds .

**Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to respond with suggestions as to how the traffic issues identified on Charleston Avenue in Ranelagh can be resolved.

I am a resident of Charleston Avenue in Ranelagh along with my wife and our two young children.

You might remember I called you a few months ago to discuss my request that the council would consider some traffic calming measures for Charleston Road. My children, along with many others from the area, attend school and Montessori locally

and walk, scoot or cycle along Charleston Road when going to or coming from their schools or Montessori. I understand that the speed limit is 50k per hour on Charleston Avenue. This is quite high in my opinion particularly bearing in mind the narrow footpaths which are less than smooth on each side of the road but particularly on the right hand side as you head into Ranelagh village. There is no speed limit sign on the road as far as I can see and I have very often witnessed cars picking up speeds far greater than the limit as it's a relatively long stretch of road with no speed bumps or warnings on the road. Myself and my wife are genuinely concerned about the safety of our children on this road which they need to use on a daily basis. I would very much like something to be done that encourages road users to slow down when using this road, whether that is a reminder of their speed (akin to what is in place on Sandford Road), or speed bumps, or a sign to say that children are crossing or schools are in the area.

**Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager organise a clean-up of the gardens in Bishop Street flats which are now overgrown? Many elderly live in these ground floor flats and don't have the wherewithal to maintain these gardens. Also, can the manager initiate a meeting of the residents of the Bishop Street flats to get their input into the upgrading of children play area and garden area of the flats going forward?

**Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full update report with regards the redevelopment of Andrew's Court, former senior citizens' flat complex?

**Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager give a full update with regards accessibility for the residents of York Street apartments to access their roof gardens?

**Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager assist in having the Eircom pole removed from Camden Row which is in a very dilapidated and dangerous state? Residents' fear here that this pole is about to fall and needs to be replaced.

**Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager get a full copy of all the read outs from the noise and dust monitors at the Kevin Street DIT development site? Many residents here are complaining about dust and dirt in their homes and excessive noise levels. Can the manager also ascertain whether this construction company, Bennets, are using best practice considerate construction methods and whether they are obliged to put up dust nets/protectors etc. around this substantial site?

**Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager have the runners removed from the wires in and around Avalon House, Whitefriar Place and the YMCA and other areas within the Whitefriar area?

**Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the ongoing anti-social behaviour, drug taking and drug dealing and criminality in and around Avalon House and the YMCA at Peters Row and Whitefriar Place? Many residents here are complaining about the increased levels of drug dealing in this vicinity.

**Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate the procedure to install cameras in and around the Long Lane, Camden Row area? This area is the subject to much anti-social behaviour and

criminal damage. Wing mirror of cars are being destroyed and there is a general feeling of hostility. This seems to be very much associated with the ongoing evening activities within the hospitality sector. The area is being constantly used as a lavatory, graffiti, buy and selling of drugs and general disregard for the residential neighbourhood. Many residents are now requesting that preventative measures such as cameras be installed.

**Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager liaise with the Department of Justice Victim support unit and request that they offer such report to victims of crime in Dublin City Councils' housing estates and social housing settings? Given the level of anti-social behaviour and criminality, intimidation that is reported within our estates and flat complexes it is high time that the victims of such crime, many of our social housing tenants, are given back up and support from their landlord DCC and other bodies.

**Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager re-initiate the local safety forum meetings following on from our recent Zoom meeting? Also, can the manager look at the possibility that these meetings can be conducted through Zoom etc.?

**Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to an enquiry from a constituent.

He writes,

As part of Dodder Bridge construction that appropriate flood protection measures will be built into the overall design, to protect the area.

**Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

He writes,

"What is the status of the Martello Tower in Sandymount and its possible reopening?"

**Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent of road resurfacing at Dodder View Cottages, Ballsbridge.

He writes,

"I've had a number of residents approach me in relation to having the roads resurfaced which after 50 years are beginning to breakup. I would be obliged if you could have this matter listed for mention at the next monthly meeting."

**Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

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

She writes,

"I live at the end of Richelieu Park, Sandymount which is a cul de sac. Some years ago the council put double yellow lines opposite my house so that I could reverse out. The Council extended the lines a bit.

Over the past few months a huge amount of building, in the form of extensions, has taken place both opposite and beside me. A big number of lorries, sometimes dripping cement, have parked on the yellow lines and obliterated them.

I am afraid now that the old story of parking directly opposite my house will commence once more and I will be trapped."

**Q.29 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will examine the signage at the coach parking on Mespil Road to see if the exiting signage which has signage indicating parking on the Poles and faded coach only parking painted on the ground can be made clearer. There have been several incidents of cars being clamped at this location and in fairness it is nearly impossible for drivers not used to the area to know that they cannot park there.

**Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue.

Four years ago I raised concerns over the condition of an unoccupied house at 13 St Marys Road Ballsbridge.

The house is on the record of protected structures, and has been unoccupied for 15 years. It had been on DCC register of derelict sites and was subsequently removed from the register.

Will the conservation section re-examine the house with a view to

1: Re-entering it on the derelict sites register.

2: Carry out an in depth inspection of the interior to determine if the house should be entered on its building at risk register.

3: Ascertain whether LPT has been paid to revenue.

**Q.31 Councillor Tara Deacy**

The speed of and number of cars using Terenure Road West has been raised at this area meeting previously. Walking with children, buggies, people walking their dogs, those wishing to cycle have all reported the dangerous speed levels on this stretch. Are there any plans at present to put traffic calming measures in place? Could a digital speed sign be installed here?

**Q.32 Councillor Tara Deacy**

A resident from an apartment complex living on Leinster Road West has been in touch regarding obtaining a parking permit due to the lack of available parking spacing attached to their complex. What is DCC's policy regarding parking permits and who is the best person within the organisation to discuss this in more detail?

**Q.33 Councillor Tara Deacy**

On May 25<sup>th</sup> a resident from Spire View Lane, Rathgar Road reported the road had collapsed at 9 Spire View, has this been repaired?

**Q.34 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the trees at the green on Lansdowne Place can be inspected, as the residents are fearful that trees, if diseased, may fall on their homes.

**Q.35 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the signs at the green on Lansdowne Place re cleaning up after dogs can be also written in English, at the moment they're only an Irish and as the area is frequented by people who may not speak Irish, can they please also be in English?

**Q.36 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if arrangements can be made for an outdoor tap to be fitted to the rear of Ringsend Library to enable the local tidy towns group to water flowers etc.

**Q.37 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager when the decorative lamps lights previously on Ballsbridge Bridge will be replaced as promised to me a year or so ago.

**Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager how many additional public toilets have been installed in the South East Area since summer 2021 and can he outline what plans are in place.

**Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what plans are in place to improve cycling infrastructure in D'Olier Street.

**Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the redevelopment of Andrews Court.

**Q.41 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the area adjacent to 262-264 Sundrive Road where a tree was removed several years ago have a similar Silver Birch tree replanted there?

**Q.42 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Given the poor state of the laneway between St. Mary's Road and Willie Pearse Park can our Public Domain Section look at ways of enhancing this lane with a view to stopping illegal dumping and improving the experience for those using it to access and exit the park?

**Q.43 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the footpath build out at the junction of Ravensdale and Captains Road have the kerb painted so that motorists can see it clearly? Residents report that there have been instances here where cars have accidentally mounted the footpath. There is also graffiti on the wall at this location can it be removed?

**Q.44 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can public seating be installed at suitable locations on Sundrive Road?

**Q.45 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans to replace trees along Bangor Drive that were removed some time ago. Initially snapped in an act of vandalism, the damaged trees were never replaced, and subsequently further tree removal took place when DCC were repairing footpaths, with the end result that Bangor Drive now has no trees. The residents are keen to see a programme of tree replacement, for the acknowledged environmental and societal benefits, and they also feel trees could help prevent people parking on the footpath, which has become a regular occurrence since their removal.

**Q.46 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for a status update on the drainage works which were due to take place in Eaton Square Park. There have been long-term, persistent issues with drainage, which were due to be addressed and followed up by relaying of grass in the affected areas.

**Q.47 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if Parks can give a timeline for plans to provide for wildflower corners in Eaton Square Park, which was agreed with residents at a meeting in the park. Residents are keen for clarification as to whether Parks will sow or otherwise provide and maintain the wildflowers, or what an alternative option might be.

**Q.48 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the Traffic department is aware of the following safety risks at the AIB bank in Crumlin village, where people are using the carpark to avoid having to wait at the traffic lights at the junction of Cromwellsfort Road and St Agnes Road:

- Reducing safety in the car park itself as vehicles are using it as a through road; using it in both directions at the same time; and the wide, curved entrance at Cromwellsfort Road does not encourage drivers to slow to enter.
- Reducing safety for pedestrians as many more vehicles than use the car park are blocking the footpath while waiting for a gap to exit to a busy road.
- Causing safety issues for other road users by circumventing the signalised junction and interrupting the flow of traffic.

Google Maps has the car park marked as a road (see attached) and may be directing people to use it in this way. Can the traffic team notify Google that this small corner car park is not a road, and can they propose a suitable intervention which would prevent people using it in this way, such as changing the layout of the car park to discourage its use as a through road, and/or making it in/out at one entrance only?

**Q.49 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager for an update and timeline on the accessible playground upgrade for Eamonn Ceannt Park. Can Parks confirm what accessible play equipment has been ordered and when it will be installed in the park?

**Q.50 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if something can be done to improve the safety for cyclists on Kildare Road, between Windmill Road and Crumlin Road, where a combination of speeding and on-street parking have left no space for cyclists to safely use the road.

**Q.51 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if bollards can be installed separating the bus-lane on Rathfarnham Road (heading northbound towards Terenure, from the Dodder river) from the other north-bound lane of traffic. This bus-lane is consistently blocked with traffic each morning at commute time, mostly due to cars turning right towards the city coming from Churchtown direction. Cyclists cannot use this road safely as there is insufficient space in the bus lane, forcing them to dismount and use the pavement to get past this junction.

**Q.52 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if Ferns Road can be evaluated by an engineer for traffic calming measures? There has been a huge increase in traffic on the road, most notably at peak commute times, with drivers taking the road at speed and using it as a rat run to avoid the traffic lights at the Stannaway Road/Sundrive Road junction. Two speed ramps on Ferns Road have proved ineffectual at curbing the speed along Ferns Road, presenting a danger to both young and old along this road. Residents would like to see some intervention to slow down drivers and have suggested peak hours 'No Left Turn' signage on Stannaway Road (at junction of Ferns Rd) and on Sundrive Road /Ferns Road (at Kurdish barbers), general 'go slow' signage, or other low traffic or traffic calming solutions.

**Q.53 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I had asked last year if DCC had the capacity to engage in an information campaign on the impact of the installation of masts locally, particularly from a health perspective. Has there been any developments on this?

**Q.54 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he could send the attached images of a proposed sculpture of the boxer, and global icon, Katie Taylor, to relevant stakeholders including Sport Ireland, Dublin Town, Fáilte Ireland, GAA and Irish Athletic Boxing Association to explore whether, even on a temporary basis, a life size version of the sculpture could

be commissioned to celebrate her unique achievements for global female participation in sport.

**Q.55 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager for an update in respect of the issues raised below:

**Q.56 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager for an update in respect of the reply given to this question detailed below from 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022:

**Q.23 Councillor James Geoghegan**

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

**Reply:**

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

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



**Reply:**

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

**Q.57 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager to examine a rodent issue which has seen two dead rats found on the pavement on the corner of Rathgar Avenue and almost at the cross roads of Garville Avenue (just before traffic lights at crossroads, on right hand side as you go up to Rathgar village) and make contact with the HSE pest control insofar as necessary as this is adjacent to a school.

**Q.58 Councillor James Geoghegan**



To ask the Area Manager if he could liaise with appropriate colleagues in Irish Water and Dublin Bus in respect of the temporary changes, the notification of those changes and alternatives raised in this email below.

Yesterday afternoon 19.05.2022 when I arrived home I found all the parking spaces on one side of Saint John's Road blocked off with yellow "Garda" parking cones, with no explanation. Today, the attached letter was dropped through my door.

There are several issues with this. The first is to ask how water works on Gilford Road necessitate the diversion of buses, when buses do not travel on that road? The second is that parking on Saint John's Road is already at a premium at certain times, with users of the Westwood gym particularly taking up nearly all of the parking on the street in the evening after office hours. This frequently means that residents cannot find parking on the road. Let it be remembered that these same residents must pay an annual fee for the privilege of parking outside their homes.

The third, and most obvious issue, is that before the Strand Road cycle path debacle, buses passed up and down Saint John's Road all day, with cars parked on both sides of the street, with no problem. The complete unsuitability of Park Avenue for buses at all, and the fact that bus routes should resume on Strand Road forthwith is another discussion entirely.

The fact that there was **no prior consultation** about the suspension of parking on the street, and that the letter presents it as a *fait accompli*, suggesting that we contact the contractor with any queries, only adds insult to injury.

As my representative, I am asking you to intervene in this matter and ensure that parking on the road is not restricted. As I said, I pay a fee to park outside my home, and already I am regularly denied this privilege by gym-goers. That situation will only be worsened if this arbitrary and unnecessary action by Irish Water and their contractors is allowed.

**Q.59 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager of the Belmont Avenue Traffic Calming plans are on schedule and if he could detail the commencement date.

**Q.60 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if there is an update on Phase 1 and Phase 2 of flood relief works on Sandymount Strand.

**Q.61 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he could set out in tabular form, the number of planning approvals for new residential units by residency and tenure type in the Ballsbridge area in the last 5 years.

**Q.62 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he will address the issues raised in this email and make contact with Dublin Bus insofar as is necessary or appropriate.

All day yesterday Saturday and today Sunday 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 the office block with Sky on Burlington Road has been power washed resulting in a droning noise all day. I thought anything like this was forbidden after 2 on a Saturday but obviously I am wrong as we continuously have work carried out on the Office Blocks at weekends. Could you please have some system in place that this does not happen? For the past 22

years we have had buildings knocked down and replaced and had really had enough. When all buildings are finished now it's maintenance that causes grief.

The Council really should consider residents when they give planning permission. It would be nice to be able to sit outside and have peace and quiet. Also the bus terminus was supposed to be a temporary measure. It now has increased to two lanes of buses parked in Burlington Road at peak times. The smell of urine walking along the bus stops is appalling.

**Q.63 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he will address the issues raised in this email.

I am writing to you as an owner-resident of Brighton Gardens in Rathgar, Dublin 6.

I wish to contact you in relation to the increasing difficulty that residents of Brighton Gardens are having in relation to parking on the street. As you may be aware, Brighton Gardens is a designated free parking zone and unfortunately in recent years this situation has been much abused by people outside of the precinct who choose to park on the street to access retail facilities in either Rathgar or Terenure. As a home owner on Brighton Gardens, I am frustrated in not being able to find a park (especially after 17:30 and on weekends) and am often forced to park in paid/permit areas instead, such as the adjacent streets like Tower Avenue. The operation of permit zones in the surrounding streets means that Brighton Gardens is in high demand for people wishing to freely park vehicles, including trucks and utility vehicles.

I would like to request that you bring this matter to the attention of the Council with the view that residents of Brighton Gardens (and possibly Whitton Road to which Brighton Gardens adjoins) are issued with one car park permit per household in which to avail of free parking on their own street. Failure to do this should result in a fine or some other mechanism in which to dissuade others for abusing what ought to be a free public good for the residents of this street.

Grateful if you can please take the matter to the Council and revert with any update on the same. I am also sending this email to other members on the Council in order to more widely publicise this issue.

**Q.64 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to have a specific tree pruned as quickly as possible please on the west side of the pavement on Parkmore Drive at the junction of Terenure Road West).

**Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to consider issuing a parking permit for Leinster Road to a resident of details supplied. There is insufficient parking in the complex on the road, but there is generally a lot of vacant spaces on Leinster Road. The issue is presenting a great deal of inconvenience for the resident who has to have a car for 'care' responsibilities.

**Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the gates at the entrance to Ringsend Park from Ropewalk Place can be painted please.