

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> June 2022**

**Q1 Councillor Michael Watters**

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the status of the Iveagh Markets, Dublin 8.

**Reply**

The Iveagh market is subject to a number of legal proceedings and the relevant parties are currently locked in a confidential Mediation process. However, as part of this process, the parties agreed to allow a survey of the building to determine the essential works required to stabilise the building. This survey has been completed and we are awaiting a report on same.

Contact: *Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer*  
Email: [helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie](mailto:helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie)

**Q2 Councillor Michael Watters**

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for traffic calming and parking prevention measures to be installed at the corner of Donore Avenue and South Circular Road, Dublin 8, specifically the corner where Timgad Grocery and Halal Meats is located.

**Reply**

After a site inspection by the Traffic Advisory Group Area Engineer it was observed that the area where the majority of cars park outside the Timgad Grocery and Halal Meats shops is a private landing and therefore unenforceable.

However, the Area Engineer did observe some vehicles parking on the footpath that was causing an obstruction to pedestrians, people in wheelchairs and prams. The Traffic Advisory Group have already installed Double Yellow Lines here and it is also illegal to park within 5m past a Pedestrian Crossing as per Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph(2) (h) (i)

***A vehicle shall not be parked— ( h ) within 15 metres (on the approach side) or 5 metres (on the side other than the approach side) of a section of roadway where any of the following traffic signs have been provided— (i) traffic sign number RPC 001 [Pedestrian Crossing];***

With this in mind, it would be an enforcement issue to resolve the issue.

Contact: *Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group*  
Email: [niall.oneill@dublincity.ie](mailto:niall.oneill@dublincity.ie)

**Q3 Councillor Michael Watters**

To ask the Director of Services to provide information as to any safety assessments that were undertaken before the decision was taken to install a cycle lane on Islandbridge Road. If no safety assessment has been carried out, could the Director of Services arrange this? Safety concerns (this road is a busy route to St. James' hospital) have been raised about access for emergency service vehicles, difficulty in passing traffic as vehicles can't pull in because of bollards.

### Reply

A stage 2 road safety audit was carried out on the south circular cycle lane scheme. There have been no concerns raised to ourselves from the emergency services.

Contact: *Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer.*

Email: [claire.french@dublincity.ie](mailto:claire.french@dublincity.ie)

### **Q4** Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to liaise with residents of the Watkins Buildings, The Coombe, Dublin 8 to assist in negotiations to share the payment to a private drain clearing company to clear the shared drain/sewer network that runs through the back of all the houses on the street. If agreed, the resident who contacted me is (details supplied)

### Reply

As this relates to foul sewerage, this should be referred to Irish Water.

I appreciate the difficulties involved when a private shared drain needs to be cleaned or repaired, and it sometimes falls disproportionately on one resident. Unfortunately there is nothing DCC can do in this case.

Contact: *Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Division.*

Email: [colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie](mailto:colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie)

### **Q5** Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the progress of implementation of the councils strategic library plan - Libraries Unlimited 2019-2023; particularly focused on the goals of the plan and how far along they are in implementation (the 5 actions on Our Library Spaces page 5).

### Reply

**City Library, Parnell Square Cultural Quarter:** A tender for demolition of the Amhraclann and site investigation has been issued. It is hoped to be on site with this contract by late summer 2022. A further tender for the appointment of a new multi-disciplinary design team (SAQ) is due to return in mid-June 2022.

**Maintenance and improvement our branch network of twenty-one libraries:** The refurbishment of Coolock library was completed in January 2020. Refurbishment works in the Central Library were completed in early 2022. A major refurbishment of Raheny library was completed in May 2022. Works on the garden at Walkinstown library are almost completed. Funding for refurbishment works at Charleville Mall has been agreed. Plans for the refurbishment and extension of Ringsend library are almost completed.

**Expansion of our branch network:** funding for a new library in Finglas was approved in May 2022, and the tender process for a building contractor has been completed. We hope to have completed the move to the new premises by the end of the first quarter of 2023. Funding for a new library for Terenure, on the existing site, has been secured. Plans for a new library on the Scoil Éanna site on Crumlin Road/Rafter's Road, are at an early stage. New libraries are included in the plans for the Emmet Road/St Michaels Estate Project; the Dalymount stadium project, and the Belmayne project.

**We will ensure our ICT infrastructure is up-to-date, robust and fit for purpose:** laptop-lending and tablet-lending units have been installed in library branches. A self-service library locker has been operating in Drimnagh on a pilot basis. A Maker Space is operating in Coolock Library. New self-service kiosks have been installed in all branches. A new library management system has been implemented.

Contact: *Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian*

Email: [brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie](mailto:brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie)

**Q6 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the cracked and crumbling tactile paving at Timgad grocery store/SCR/Lullymore Terrace be repaired please and that dishing be provided at the row of shops here so cars can access parking without causing further damage to the path.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance visited this location and logged the repair of the tactile paving at the pedestrian lights to our works list for repair, upon inspection the cause of this defect is coming from public vehicles mounting the tactile paving to park on the private landing behind the footpath. The tactile paving is not designed for vehicular loadings and will subside.

Reviewing the pavement the kerb line consists of traditional granite stone kerbing along this stretch and it is mainly at the correct heights for a vehicular dishing so I will leave the kerb line as it is, there was also another defect in the pavement that will also be forwarded to our Infrastructural Management Unit to contact the waterworks utility to repair.

Contact: *Carl Ryan-operations & South Central Area Engineer.*

Email: [roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie](mailto:roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie)

**Q7 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the recently refurbished St Catherine's Park be opened at an earlier time than 10am please?

**Reply**

While the park signage states an opening time of 10 am, parks staff generally have the park opened well in advance of this by 8.30/9am.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*

Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q8 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services to provide details of the Taking-In-Charge process when requested by local residents please?

**Reply**

Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, provides that the Planning Authority shall initiate the procedures for taking in charge under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

The taking in charge procedure may be instigated by the majority of the owners of the houses involved requesting same. The request/enquiry should be made to: Planning and Property Development Department, Development Contributions/Taking in Charge, Block 4E, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8  
**[planning.contributions@dublincity.ie](mailto:planning.contributions@dublincity.ie)**  
Phone 01 222 6440.

The request must be accompanied by a list of signatures representing the majority of owners, the Planning Register Reference number for the development and a map with the areas proposed for taking in charge clearly identified.

The requestor will be provided with Taking in Charge Request Forms to be completed by each owner who is in favour of taking in charge. The owners must return their completed form to this office with supporting documentation confirming ownership of their individual property ie a copy of the title deeds or a letter from the owner's solicitor certifying ownership.

The relevant service divisions will then be requested to carry out inspections to ascertain the status of the services within the development. The reports from the service divisions will indicate if the development is up to the standards required for taking in charge and will detail the works required to be completed, and the related costs of these works for the development to be taken in charge.

When the services are fully certified as being up to standard, the final procedures for taking in charge will be initiated through the local Area Office at this department's request. An advertisement is placed in a national newspaper advising of the intention to take in charge, the location of the 4 week public display and that submissions can be made for up to 6 weeks from start of public display. The submissions are taken into consideration and a report is prepared for the City Council. The Taking in Charge of an area is a reserved function of the Elected Members. Once a decision is made by the City Council to take the development in charge details are entered in the statutory Schedule and Map which is available for public inspection.

Please note Dublin City Council will not consider a request from a development that is a gated development.

Contact: *Greg Bryan, Administrative Officer*  
Email: [greg.bryan@dublincity.ie](mailto:greg.bryan@dublincity.ie)

**Q9 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services to request that the Manager review St James Ave with a view to installing appropriate traffic calming measures?

**Reply**

The Traffic Advisory Group Engineer assessed St James Avenue. It is a narrow Road of 4.9m with vehicles parking on the north side and double yellow lines on the south side of the road. The length of the road is very short at 57m.

Vehicles can only enter from Basin View and Basin Street Lower which is a 30 kph slow zone residential area. The appropriate signage is on Basin St Lower which also has traffic ramps installed.

From the Traffic Advisory view the appropriate traffic calming measure are currently in place.

Contact: Neil O Donoghue, Environment & Transportation Department  
Email: [neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie](mailto:neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie)

**Q10 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the frequency of the cleaning schedule of Pimlico Green be increased to further assist in providing a healthy space that is attractive for local community use?

**Reply**

Pimlico Green is litter picked once a week which should be sufficient given the small size of this open space. Under the new landscape maintenance contract there has been a visit missed however, this open space was litter picked and mown on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q11 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on progress in the negotiations with HSE vis a vis Quaker Burial Ground and Weir Home for Nurses?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council is aware that engagement with the HSE with regard to the use of this property for housing is ongoing.

Contact: *Coilín O'Reilly, Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services*  
Email: [coilin.oreilly@dublincity.ie](mailto:coilin.oreilly@dublincity.ie)

**Q12 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that ongoing traffic management and litter issues are immediately addressed at Reuben Street.

**Reply**

The Public Domain Officer has walked the route and there was a very low level of littering at the junction of Dolphins Barn and Reuben Street. The Litter Enforcement Officer will deploy litter wardens to monitor the area. Waste Management and Public Domain would be happy to engage with any residents to provide equipment or support from public domain crew if the community would like to arrange a clean-up.

Contact: *Anna McDermott, Public Domain Enforcement Officer*  
Email: [southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie)

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned street cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday by a hand cart man. Every effort will continue to be made to keep this street as clean as possible.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.*  
Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)

The traffic element of the question is being examined and a full reply will issue to the Councillor in advance of the July meeting of the South Central Area Committee

Contact: *Ciarán McGoldrick, Senior Staff Officer, Environment & Transportation*  
Email: [ciarar.mcgoldrick@dublincity.ie](mailto:ciarar.mcgoldrick@dublincity.ie)

**Q13 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services - Following the horrific recent attack in Inchicore, local residents are very distressed. They have experienced ongoing Anti-Social incidents in the park and canal areas of their village. To ask that the Director of Services liaise with An Garda Síochána to increase patrols and visibility to give confidence and comfort to terrified residents?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council are aware of the serious Anti-Social behaviour in Inchicore. To this end, we work very closely with An Garda Síochána.

- There are monthly meetings with DCC's Area Office and an Garda Síochána
- There is ongoing cooperation with An Garda Síochána to investigate complaints
- DCC has installed state of the art CC-TV cameras in our housing complexes to assist with the investigation of complaints of anti-social behaviour.
- DCC have liaised with An Garda Síochána to ask to increase patrols and visibility in the Inchicore area.

*Contact: Tony Smithers, Housing Area Manager, SWIC*

*Email: [tony.smithers@dublincity.ie](mailto:tony.smithers@dublincity.ie)*

**Q14 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the work to date in sourcing a meantime community space for the Donore area which is urgently needed?

**Reply**

The South Central Area has not been looking to source alternative or meantime space while the Donore Community Centre is out of commission due to the fire damage nor does it have any plans to do so.

*Contact: Derek Kelly, Executive Manager, South Central Area*

*Email: [derek.kelly@dublincity.ie](mailto:derek.kelly@dublincity.ie)*

- CRES are putting in place an Architect-Led Multi-Disciplinary Design Team, with input from City Architects for procurement matters, to be appointed on completion of tendering process.
- The Tender documents for the Architect-Led Multi-Disciplinary Design Team were uploaded to eTenders on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Closing date one month from publication and the Design Team appointed one month from publication of e-Tender competition - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 subject to CPU approval of procurement documents. Design Team appointed one month following receipt of tenders and work on the project to begin thereafter.
- CRES are liaising with the insurers and loss adjusters, with technical input from City Architects. In relation to the reinstatement works, a meeting with IPB Insures & our Design Team/Engineers will be organised, on completion of the tendering process, to discuss the repair scope and enable DCC progress with works.
- Technical information has been requested by and supplied to the Insurers to allow for a safe inspection to be carried out on the locus of the fire by forensic engineers.

- A meeting with CRES, DCC Architects and the Insurers Design Team/Engineers is being arranged to discuss the scope of repairs and enable DCC progress with works.
- All works leading to the reopening of the Donore facility are subject to the appropriate procurement process and Dublin City Council is progressing the matter as quickly as possible, whilst ensuring that all procurement legislation, rules, regulations and guidelines are adhered to ensure that all processes are fully compliant.

Contact: Trevor Higgins, Recreation Centres Manager  
 Email: [trevor.higgins@dublincity.ie](mailto:trevor.higgins@dublincity.ie)

**Q15 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that, a similar project be planned for at the Quaker burial ground in Cork Street similar to the Raheny Community Group and the local students recently successful “graveyard project”

**Reply**

This site is not in the ownership of DCC and we are therefore not in a position to consider a similar project at this location.

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area  
 Email: [gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie](mailto:gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie)

**Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to please give me an update on contacts with the owners of Glebe House and any progress made in restoring this house?

**Reply**

Officers of the Conservation Section contacted the owner and inspected the site on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, together with the owner and the owner’s consultancy team – conservation architect, structural engineer and planning consultant. The purpose of the inspection was a preliminary, visual appraisal of the damage to the Protected Structure (Glebe House). The Conservation Officers made a visual condition assessment and notes (for internal use only).

The property owner confirmed a keen interest in repairing and restoring the fire damaged building and agreed to submit a building condition/structural assessment and conservation assessment to the Conservation Section for its consideration, prior to undertaking works to be agreed to restore the roof as a first priority. The building is also to be made more secure to prevent unauthorised access.

We await the submission of the structural and conservation assessments by the owner’s consultants pending a decision on how to proceed with essential repair and restoration works in a timely manner.

Contact: Paraic Fallon, Senior Planner, Archaeology, Conservation & Heritage  
 Email: [paraic.fallon@dublincity.ie](mailto:paraic.fallon@dublincity.ie)

**Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services when will the Part V units on the former Dulux site be ready for allocation and will DCC be the landlord or will they be managed by a VHB?

**Reply**

The units at the Dulux site are expected for delivery in July 2022 subject to technical and legal due diligence.

They will be allocated to persons on the Council's social housing lists. These units will be managed by Túath Housing under a service level agreement with DCC.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

Email: [michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie](mailto:michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie)

**Q18 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for a detailed, unit by unit breakdown of maintenance work carried out since December 2021 in Lissadell maisonettes?

**Reply**

Following on from update at May South Central Meeting, a further 36 repairs have been complete in Lissadel Maisonettes/Rafters Lane, bringing total repairs since December 2021 to 77.

Type of Works	Completed	Inspected but no works required
Electrical	24	10*
Plumbing	18	
Heating	5	
Pest	8	
Other	7	
Choke Car	4	
PVC	1	
Plastering	1	
Carpentry	6	
Brick Work	1	
Roofing	1	
Glazing	1	
Total	77	10*

Missing parts for windows have been ordered and will be fitted and complete by the middle of June. Further works have been undertaken by the Housing Maintenance broken down as follows:

LISSADEL OVERALL	
UNITS COMPLETE	9
IN PROGRESS	14
REFUSED WORK	3
NO ACCESS	6



VENTILATION WORK	
UNITS COMPLETE	4

PAINT WORK/MOULD TREATMENT	
UNITS COMPLETE	12
REFUSED WORK	4
AWAITING ACCESS	1

ALARM WORK	
UNITS COMPLETE	11

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance  
 Email: [clive.ahern@dublincity.ie](mailto:clive.ahern@dublincity.ie)

**Q19 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services - In noting that the 'no mow' area of Errigal field was unfortunately mowed, as well as taking away all the wild flowers, four new saplings were also mowed down. This is deeply disappointing for local residents who have put so much effort in to making their community more environmentally friendly, can the Director of Services please ensure contractors don't do this again in Errigal or in any green space in South Central?

**Reply**

Parks have met with the contractor to go through the maps individually and to raise the importance of observing work carried out by local environmental groups. Damage caused to planted areas by the contractor will be repaired/replanted either in the coming weeks or in the next planting season.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent  
 Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q20 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to please clarify how long DCC will lease the Part V units at the former Dulux site before they are given the option to buy them, will the units then be bought at market value?

**Reply**

The lease agreement for this scheme is a 20 year term. This national scheme does include an option for the Local Authority to acquire the units.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department  
 Email: [michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie](mailto:michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie)

**Q21 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to consider assisting in funding a 'Welcome to D12' mural at the junction of Walkinstown Road and Drimnagh Road and a separate 'Welcome to Drimnagh' mural at the coffee hut at the Mourne Road/Sperrin Road round about?

**Reply**

The local area office does not have the financial resources to fund any additional projects to those committed to for 2022 at this time. In the meantime if the member liaises with the local area office in relation to the size and detail of the suggested murals the proposal can be reviewed in the context of Council policy and regulatory requirements.

*Contact: Alan Sherry, Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office.*

*Email: [alan.sherry@dublincity.ie](mailto:alan.sherry@dublincity.ie)*

**Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services when will the feasibility study for Lissadel maisonettes be published and made available to city councillors and residents?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council's City Architects division are currently finalising the feasibility study examining the redevelopment proposals for Lissadel Maisonettes.

Once the feasibility study has been completed and costed, a presentation showing the proposals will be given to the local elected members.

*Contact: Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department*

*Email: [alice.simington@dublincity.ie](mailto:alice.simington@dublincity.ie)*

**Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on developing sports facilities at Cherry Orchard Park?

**Reply**

Parks intend developing a masterplan for Cherry Orchard Park. There is no time frame for the delivery of this project yet and any upgrade will be subject to capital funding being available. The Area Committee will be kept informed of any further developments.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*

*Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)*

**Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Question Withdrawn.

**Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to ask our colleagues in the Planning Dept. of SDCC to investigate the serious ongoing noise problem coming from a new unit just dropped behind their homes at Cleggan Park Ballyfermot Dublin 10. The Cherry Orchard Ind. Est. is the boundary between city and county. The unit located in the rear grounds of Excell Gym has destroyed people's enjoyment of the homes and gardens with the Noise.

**Reply**

Complaints about noise should be referred to South Dublin County Council as the noise source is in the SDCC functional area. Accessing the below link will inform with respect to making a complaint to the Noise Control Unit, SDCC.

<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/environmental-health/air-and-noise/>

Contact: Paul Rutherford, Senior Environmental Health Officer, Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit.

Email: [paul.rutherford@dublincity.ie](mailto:paul.rutherford@dublincity.ie)

**Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that all Traffic Islands along Ballyfermot Road have their visible areas re-painted as they are looking worse for wear and can an updated traffic count be done during September 2022 to see if the volumes of traffic are continuing to rise.

**Reply**

The painting of all traffic islands in the City has been phased out. Dublin City Council now implement the introduction of illuminated and reflective bollards on all traffic islands as a better means of visibility for all road users.

Contact: Damien Cooney, Environment & Transportation Department

Email: [Damien.cooney@dublincity.ie](mailto:Damien.cooney@dublincity.ie)

The Traffic Advisory Group will after schools reopen in September 2022 conduct a speed / traffic count on Ballyfermot road. If there is any specific location the elected member can let the team know.

Contact: Neil O Donoghue, Environment & Transportation Department

Email: [neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie](mailto:neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie)

**Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please explain why when a kerb-side tree is removed it sometimes takes years to remove the stump. I regret in many occasions the tree is never replaced and the Tree pit is concreted over. I have asked for this on Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 where residents keep the place beautiful and I regret I have always just got a standard waiting reply this doesn't help relations with groups who clean and maintain their areas.

**Reply**

When a tree is removed from the streetscape a stump is left to allow for the roots to decay naturally which allows for less damage to the path when removing the roots. This process can take up to three years. Parks will replant at this location once this process has happened.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please give me a breakdown of littering / dog littering fines for the South-Central area for the past 4 years. One of the strongest deterrents for all sorts of littering is substantial fines when all reasonable efforts to encourage compliance fails. I would also like to know if we could change the bye laws to introduce a 250 Euro first fine.

**Reply**

Please see below stats in relation to fines issued re dog fouling in the city from 2015 to 2020. The law in relation to dog fouling is contained in Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts and is the responsibility of the appropriate Minister to make amendments to same.

	Dog Fouling stats 2015 to 2020						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Central	0	1	2	4	0	1	8
North Central	0	14	0	0	0	0	14
North West	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
South central	28	55	22	0	0	0	105
South East	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
	<b>28</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>141</b>

Contact: *Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.*

Email: [Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie](mailto:Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie)

**Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services for Traffic engineers to meet with me some morning at Claddagh Green, Ballyfermot to look at possible solutions of the traffic mayhem here for local residents and visitors. It is a problem we are discussing for years without any efforts to address same and is a serious accident just waiting to happen.

**Reply**

The Transport Advisory Group engineer will revisit and look at possible further solutions of traffic issues at Claddagh Green. The Area Engineer did observe some vehicles parking on the footpath across from the shops that was causing an obstruction to pedestrians, people in wheelchairs and prams.

Also the Traffic Advisory Group have already installed Double Yellow Lines here. If vehicles are illegally parking on the footpath, it will be raised with the Parking Enforcement team to enforce. If further information is required, I will arrange to contact the public representative.

Contact: *Neil O Donoghue, Environment & Transportation Department*

Email: [neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie](mailto:neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie)

**Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please look at cleaning up the large green verge next to Ruby Finnegan's Public Bar at Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. The Green verge has a name stone 'The Ranch' which cannot be seen with weeds etc. As an entry point to Ballyfermot it is essential this area get regular maintenance.

**Reply**

This area has been overlooked since the switch to the new Landscape Maintenance Contract. Parks have highlighted the area with the contractor and requested that the area get a cut as soon as possible.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to start repainting all lampstands in our ownership in Bluebell, Drimnagh, Ballyfermot, Inchicore, Walkinstown and Chapelizod. For many it has been 20+ plus years since these have been repainted.

**Reply**

The lamp stands can be placed on a list for inclusion on painting programmes over the next few years subject to assessment and available finances.

The locations mentioned cover a very large area so if there are particular streets that the Councillor has been made aware of we would be happy to assess those streets and consider them for next years painting programme.

Contact: *Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Public Lighting Services,*  
Email: [seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie](mailto:seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie)

**Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to bring forward a street enhancement programme for the Ballyfermot Area similar to areas in the Liberties to include greening, safer streets, shop front improvements etc.

**Reply**

The local area office will review the approach taken in relation to the Liberties with a view to progressing a similar scheme for Ballyfermot

Contact: *Alan Sherry, Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office*  
Email: [alan.sherry@dublincity.ie](mailto:alan.sherry@dublincity.ie)

**Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

Can DCC please outline to the members what measures we are going to take this year to try and address the serious problems of weed proliferation from tree bases, kerbsides in the South Central Area. Can management give advice on what can be done? I am very mindful some areas of the city don't seem to have the problem we have been experiencing here, particularly in Ballyfermot, Chapelizod, Drimnagh and Ballyfermot over the past couple of years. Can mulch be used in tree bases etc.?

**Reply**

DCC Roads Department are meeting with Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services next week to discuss weeds along kerbsides and around the base of trees and explore solutions that reduce untidiness but ensure that biodiversity is not negatively impacted.

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