

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> July 2022**

**Q1 Councillor Michael Watters**

To ask the Director of Services to secure the derelict site (the old cone and wafer factory) at 10 Shannon Terrace, Kilmainham, Dublin 8. The site attracts anti-social behaviour, has a pest issue and vegetation is growing from the site onto the public domain; it is a health and safety hazard.

**Reply**

Derelict Sites Unit has an active file on this site having received a number of complaints from a resident regarding its condition. Ownership of the site has recently been established and the Unit has now initiated formal action under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. A S.8(2) Notice of Intention to enter the site on the Derelict Sites Register was served on the owners on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 who have one month from that date to make any representations against entry. Sites entered on the Derelict Sites Register are subject to a Derelict Sites Levy of 7% of market value. Outstanding levies also attract interest at the rate of 1.25% per month, outstanding levies including interest automatically become a charge on the land and will remain a charge on the land until all outstanding levies have been paid. As this is private property the Council is unable to enter the lands and carry out any works.

*Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, Derelict Sites.*

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

**Q2 Councillor Michael Watters**

To ask the Director of Services to investigate safety issues with the road surface between Dolphin's Barn and Rialto on the South Circular Road, Dublin 8; to arrange for the road to be resurfaced as soon as possible and for any necessary repairs to be made immediately.

**Reply**

Irish Water have commenced the permanent reinstatement of the carriageway on South Circular Road and plan to have the work completed by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022, including the SCR/Dolphins Barn Junction.

*Contact: Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Management Unit.*

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

**Q3 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services to liaise with and advise the residents of 1-3 Sweeneys Terrace, Dublin 8 on the process of being included in the local permit parking scheme?

**Reply**

1-3 Sweeney's Terrace, Dublin 8 is not part of pay and display/permit parking scheme for Clarence Mangan Road and was not included in the ballot for this scheme. It is a separate street with no parking restrictions, therefore, residents of this street cannot apply for a residents parking permit for Clarence Mangan Road.

The residents of Sweeney's Terrace can lodge a petition with TAG seeking that a scheme be considered for their road. Once the petition is verified the Engineer will assess the road and design a scheme if it meets the criteria. Then it will go to ballot.

If residents wish to apply for a parking scheme they can use the link below:  
<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

*Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.*  
*Email: [Dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie](mailto:Dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie)*

**Q4 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the permit parking scheme in Rialto Street/Cottages be completed. The agreed DYLS need to be installed at the grotto green area and DCPS improve their attention to those vehicles that continue to park illegally?

**Reply**

Dublin Street Parking Services will continue to monitor and patrol the area and will enforce any illegal parking observed.

*Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.*  
*Email: [dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie](mailto:dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie)*

The double yellow lines at this location is currently on the Traffic Officers works schedule.

*Contact: Damien Cooney, Road Marking Contract Manager*  
*Email: [Damien.cooney@dublincity.ie](mailto:Damien.cooney@dublincity.ie)*

**Q5 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services how members of the public can initiate a name change of the area known as "Cromwell's Quarter" in Dublin 8?

**Reply**

Due to Legislative changes Dublin City Council in consultation with our Law Department are currently preparing new procedures for renaming a street. We hope to have these new procedures available in the coming months.

Please also note that the City Development Plan contains the following policy (CHC11)

"It is the policy of DCC to preserve historic place and street names and ensure that new street names should reflect appropriate local historical or cultural associations."

*Contact: Charles Duggan, Acting Heritage Officer, Archaeology, Conservation & Heritage Section*  
*Email: [charles.duggan@dublincity.ie](mailto:charles.duggan@dublincity.ie)*

**Q6** **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services why the planned public realm improvements to Dolphins Barn Village have not been given priority over plans for Meath Street public realm which have yet to be finalised?

**Reply**

The City Council is committed to delivering all major public realm improvements in the South West Inner City. The sequencing of these projects is dependent on many factors. These factors include nearby and ongoing major construction works and significant transport infrastructural projects.

The progress on Dolphin's Barn scheme is complicated by the crossover with the Busconnects project. The Greenhills to City Centre Core Corridor, which passes through Dolphin's Barn and Cork Street needed to be refined in line with the City Council's approved design for the village.

All our public realm capital projects, which are support-funded by the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF), are currently subject to the development of Business Cases which will consider inter alia the merits and cost benefits of each scheme. This process will conclude later this year.

Progression of all our UDRF-supported public realm projects to their next stage (planning approval, detailed design etc.) is contingent on the development and approval of these Business Cases.

*Contact: Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, South Central Area*  
*Email: [Stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie](mailto:Stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie)*

**Q7** **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the traffic department consider speed controls at the stretch of road from Kilmainham Cross running the length of Mount Brown and that the footpaths be dished along Mount Brown please?

**Reply**

This request (Enquiry Ref No 7027795) 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 & Transportation*  
*Email: [martina.halpin@dublincity.ie](mailto:martina.halpin@dublincity.ie)*

**Q8** **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the frontage of the shops at the junction of Sally's Bridge/SCR be assessed and solutions provided in order to prevent the persistent illegal mounting and parking on the path of non-delivery vehicles?

**Reply**

This request (Enquiry Ref No 7027793) 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.

Parking Enforcement have advised that Dublin Street Parking Services will monitor the area for illegal parking.

Contact: *Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment & Transportation.*  
Email: [martina.halpin@dublincity.ie](mailto:martina.halpin@dublincity.ie)

**Q9 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services request Irish Water prioritise the resurfacing of the junction at SCR/Dolphins Barn as a matter of urgency?

**Reply**

Irish Water have commenced the permanent reinstatement of the carriageway on South Circular Road and plan to have the work complete by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022, including the SCR/Dolphins Barb Junction.

Contact: *Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Management Unit.*  
Email: [deri.flood@dublincity.ie](mailto:deri.flood@dublincity.ie)

**Q10 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please address the following issues in Claddagh Court Ballyfermot Dublin 10. That the broken window on one of the residents' homes reported 3 weeks ago be addressed and replaced. That the grass in the complex be cut on a regular basis it is in a shocking state. That the windows be washed / cleaned in the Community Room here and that the large seating be repaired, or replaced with a few free-standing benches the current large bench is rotten and cannot be used.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance workshop attended last week and completed repairs to the window.

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

The condition of the grassed areas within Claddagh Court have been brought to the attention of the contractor.

Contact: *Sean Ray, Parks, Biodiversity & Landscapes Service*  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

Contractors have been requested to submit quotations for the window washing in the complex.

New benches are being ordered for Claddagh Court.

Contact: *Pat Smith, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Officer*  
Email: [pat.smith@dublincity.ie](mailto:pat.smith@dublincity.ie)

**Q11 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please give me an indication when the insulation wrap around will be done on the enclosed house which is now waiting a few years to be done (*details supplied*)

**Reply**

Due to the volume of properties involved, which is 12,000 houses approximately, it is a roll out programme and areas/estates must be targeted in their entirety from both an operational and magnitude/economies of scale perspective. The programme has proved hugely successful to date and will run for a number of years, subject to continued Departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion.. Consequently, it is not feasible to target individual properties in any area/estate citywide. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible, however (*details supplied*) is not an area we are currently working in.

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

**Q12 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the Spiddle Park open space and Drumfinn Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. These two large pocket parks are given very little maintenance resulting in weeds everywhere. Residents are very anxious we maintain these important open spaces / pocket parks to a reasonable state. The Paths need weed removal / power washing as they let the parks down.

**Reply**

The location has been listed for inspection and any work found necessary will be added to the prioritised list of work for the area.

Contact: Sean Ray, Senior Staff Officer, Parks Biodiversity and Landscapes Service  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q13 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services Please look into the housing application of (*details supplied*)

**Reply**

The above applicant holds a housing application with South Dublin County Council and has a crossover application with Dublin City Council with an application date of 13/05/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area J	3	76

It is noted on the applicant's file that they were unsuccessful in obtaining a Welfare Priority on 29/10/2021.

The applicant may wish to make an application for consideration for a Medical Priority and complete the Exceptional Medical Grounds application form and submit it with additional supporting documentation for review to Housing Allocations.

The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants 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.

Contact: *Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers*  
Email: [sandra.barry@dublincity.ie](mailto:sandra.barry@dublincity.ie)

**Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services please look into the following (*details supplied*)

**Reply**

Please ask (*details supplied*) to contact Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI) for the external wall insulation by phoning 1800 250 204. She should apply for their Warmer Homes Scheme which is a free scheme.

We have posted (*details supplied*) an application form for the Housing Aid for Older people grant for assistance towards a new heating system.

Contact: *Deirdre Cahill, A/Administrative Officer, Loans & Grants, Housing.*  
Email: [deirdre.cahill@dublincity.ie](mailto:deirdre.cahill@dublincity.ie)

**Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please give me an update on the efforts to secure the housing unit currently occupied by (*details supplied*)

**Reply**

We have been advised by the Agent acting for the Vendor in this transaction to hold on the purchase of (*details supplied*), as the Vendor may not now sell the property.

Should the Vendor wish to proceed with the sale DCC are in a position to acquire with the tenant in situ.

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

**Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure that the public litter bins at Drumfinn Avenue opposite no. 85 be replaced as the bin is in a very poor state and that the public bin outside Ballyfermot Resource Centre it is rotten and falling over can you please indicate how we select bins for replacement?

**Reply**

Waste Management Services will make arrangements to have the above bins replaced. Staff servicing these bins report any malfunctions or damage to the Inspector, who then refers the matter to the bin maintenance crew who then make the necessary repairs or replacements.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)

**Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services please look into the following request (*details supplied*)

**Reply**

The applicant may be eligible for the Financial Contribution Scheme, he would be required to complete the application form and submit it with the requested documentation.

The Financial Contribution Scheme is a scheme available to applicants aged 60 years and older who own their own property within the Dublin City Council administrative area, wherein Dublin City Council will purchase their property at a percentage of the market value and in turn offer the applicant a tenancy in a Dublin City Council Older Person's accommodation. It should be noted that there are waiting lists in this regard and Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list. 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 should be advised to contact Housing Allocations where he can be given advice regarding the Financial Contribution Scheme.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: [sandra.barry@dublincity.ie](mailto:sandra.barry@dublincity.ie)

**Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to look into the following (details supplied)

**Reply**

A decision with regard to the extension of double yellow lines at this location will be made at the next Transport Advisory Group meeting and the Councillor will then be informed of the recommendation.

Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment & Transportation

Email: [martina.halpin@dublincity.ie](mailto:martina.halpin@dublincity.ie)

**Q19 Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services to examine the section of the R810 from the Kilmainham Crossroads to James Hospital to establish if traffic calming measures can be put in place.

**Reply**

This request (Enquiry Ref No 7027794) 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 & Transportation*  
*Email: [martina.halpin@dublincity.ie](mailto:martina.halpin@dublincity.ie)*

**Q20 Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services to examine the section of the footpath opposite numbers 55-58 Old Kilmainham with a view to dishing the footpath to improve accessibility and the safety of pedestrians using the footpath.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance inspected this location and will add this request to our works list for repair which will be carried out the next time we have a crew available within the area.

*Contact: Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer.*  
*Email: [roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie](mailto:roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie)*

**Q21 Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the installation of a bike rack at 120 Emmet Road.

**Reply**

The stands on Emmet Road were installed on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022, finishing reinstatement works to be complete next week.

*Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transport*  
*Email: [chris.adamson@dublincity.ie](mailto:chris.adamson@dublincity.ie)*

**Q22 Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the status of the Cone and Wafer Factory, 10 Shannon Terrace.

**Reply**

Derelict Sites Unit has an active file on this site having received a number of complaints from a resident regarding its condition. Ownership of the site has recently been established and the Unit has now initiated formal action under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. A S.8(2) Notice of Intention to enter the site on the Derelict Sites Register was served on the owners on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 who have one month from that date to make any representations against entry. Sites entered on the Derelict Sites Register are subject to a Derelict Sites Levy of 7% of market value. Outstanding levies also attract interest at the rate of 1.25% per month, outstanding levies including interest automatically become a charge on the land and will remain a charge on the land until all outstanding levies have been paid.

*Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, Derelict Sites.*  
*Email: [nial.dully@dublincity.ie](mailto:nial.dully@dublincity.ie)*



**Q23 Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services to provide a list of all projects and activities offered to children of school going age in the Dublin 8 area that are delivered by DCC staff or funded (in part or in whole) by DCC in the months of June, July and August. Can the number of children attending each project/event also be provided.

**Reply**

**Michael Mallin House**

The Michael Mallin House Youth Activities Group are running a Five Week Summer project, commencing on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.  
They will cater for 50+ children.

**Bridgefoot Street Summer Project**

This group have organised a four week programme of summer activities for local children.  
Catering for 50 children this project commenced on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

**Fatima Groups United (FGU)**

FGU are running a four week Summer Project. (4<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July)  
They are catering for 50 children in their main project in addition to 34 children on a programme for children with additional needs.

**Assumption Summer Project / Ring Street (Inchicore)**

This project will run over a four week period catering for 60+ Children.

**Solas Project**

The Solas after schools project will cater for 45 children in the Liberties area over a four week period.

**School Street Family Resource Centre**

The Schools Street Family Resource group are running a Seven Week programme of events for local children. They will cater for 50 children

**Robert Emmet Community Development project**

The Robert Emmet CDP are running a Two Week Summer project which will cater for 25 Children.  
This project will commenced on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**St Theresa's Gardens Regeneration Group**

This group are organising Two weeks of Summer Activities during the month of July and August.  
They will cater for 20 Children.

**Inchicore Family Resource Centre**

A four week programme of Summer activities will take place in Inchicore area catering for over 40 young children and teenagers.

**All of the above projects are funded / co funded by DCC.**

Contact: Helen Burke, A/Senior Community Officer, SWIC  
Email: [helen.burke@dublincity.ie](mailto:helen.burke@dublincity.ie)

For details of activities run by the Dublin City Sports & Wellbeing Partnership please refer to the July Director of Services Report for the South Central Area which issued to all Councillors on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

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

**Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to inspect Spiddal Park and to carry out any necessary repairs and to ensure it is regularly cleaned up.

**Reply**

The location has been listed for inspection and any work found necessary will be added to the prioritised list of work for the area.

*Contact: Sean Ray, Parks Biodiversity and Landscapes Service*  
*Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)*

**Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to provide adequate funding for the Cherry Orchard community garden.

**Reply**

Dublin City Council is a strong supporter of the community garden project in Cherry Orchard and has funded the salary cost of the garden manager for several years and plans to continue to do so. It has also supported the project by purchasing plants for the annual plant sales organised by the Community Development team of the local area office from the garden and anticipates continuing this arrangement into the future.

Dublin City Council will support the project as much as possible with the resources available to it.

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

**Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to review the case (details supplied) and to allow the tenant purchase her council house.

**Reply**

The decision to amend the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme was made by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under The Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and applies to all applications received after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. There is no provision under the Regulations for exceptions to the scheme to be made for applicants who made previous applications but did not follow through with the purchase.

The *Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2021* give effect to these amendments which include changes to (a) minimum income criteria for applicants and (b) the period of time applicants must have been receiving social housing support to be eligible under the scheme. The amendments come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

Specifically, the changes are as follows –

- i. **Minimum income requirements:** The minimum income required for an applicant to be eligible to apply under the scheme has been revised downward from €15,000 p.a. to €12,500 p.a.

This change will ensure persons whose pension is their primary source of income can now apply under the scheme. The change only applies to pensions – other social welfare payments may only be regarded as secondary income.

- ii. **Time receiving social housing supports:** The period of time tenants will be required to be in receipt of social housing support to be considered eligible under the scheme has been changed from one to 10 years.

In the case of joint tenancies, both tenants must be in receipt of social housing support for at least 10 years before being eligible to apply.

Any application submitted from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 should be assessed according to the revised eligibility requirements set out in the 2021 Regulations.

In February 2020 (details supplied) submitted an application form to purchase her house. In May 2020 (details supplied) received a valuation on her property together with an 'acceptance of offer' form to sign, saying that she agreed with the price and wished to commence the process. She did not return the acceptance of offer form or any other required paperwork to indicate that she wished to proceed with the purchase nor did she contact the office at any time in the following two years. Her application was subsequently cancelled in June 2021.

In March of 2022 (details supplied) decided that she now wished to apply again to purchase the property, she was informed that the scheme had changed and that she no longer met the eligibility criteria to apply to purchase at this time. There are several other tenants in a similar position to (details supplied), ie tenants who previously applied for the scheme and subsequently did not go ahead with the purchase due to personal/family reasons and are not now eligible to apply as they do not yet have the required length of time as primary tenant. As (details supplied) tenancy only commenced in 2018, she will be eligible to purchase in 2028.

Contact: Deirdre Cahill A/Administrative Officer, Loans & Grants section, Housing.  
Email: [deirdre.cahill@dublincity.ie](mailto:deirdre.cahill@dublincity.ie)

**Q27 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to please rebuild the garden wall, (details supplied). The wall was seriously damaged by a robbed car 3 years ago. The tenant is in no position to rebuild the wall. The wall was damaged through no fault of the tenant.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance have tried to make contact to carry out an inspection but could not gain entry, neighbour stated tenant on holidays will be back in two weeks. An inspector will call back when tenant is available.

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

Email: [clive.ahern@dublincity.ie](mailto:clive.ahern@dublincity.ie)

**Q28 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to look at a number of locations and strengthen enforcement/prevention measures where illegal parking on footpaths has been flagged on numerous occasions from residents:

- Marrowbone Lane footpath near Cork Street junction
- Donore Avenue/SCR, shops near Sally's Bride
- Junction of Old Kilmainham/SCR outside 4-Star Pizza

**Reply**

The parking policy and enforcement section can confirm that there is enforcement action taken at all of the locations above. Dublin Street Parking Services are present in these areas and have completed successful enforcements, however sometimes the vehicle owner often returns before the enforcement action can be completed.

Contact: *Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.*

Email: [dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie](mailto:dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie)

**Q29 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to confirm what the summer opening hours are of Oscar Square Park in the Tenters, where locals have raised the closure of the park at 5.30pm as unacceptable.

**Reply**

The Executive Parks Superintendent for the South Central Area is currently on leave and will reply directly to the Councillor on her return.

Contact: *Sean Ray, Senior Staff Officer, Parks Biodiversity and Landscapes Services*

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

**Q30 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to engage with residents of New Ireland Road, Rialto, who are faced with constant illegal footpath parking on double yellow lines either side of the road. The road was so inaccessible recently that bin collections couldn't take place and a DCC Road Maintenance crew couldn't gain access either. This poses a hindrance should an emergency vehicle ever need to access the road.

**Reply**

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section are aware of the issues at this location and there is active enforcement from Dublin Street Parking Services here. Since May there have been 31 enforcement actions taken, 23 actions for parking on a footpath and 8 actions for obstruction of traffic. Dublin Street Parking Services will be advised to continue their presence in the area.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.  
Email: [dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie](mailto:dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie)

**Q31 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to confirm the number of voids in DCC's recently completed Margaret Kennedy Road development in Donore Avenue. Further, given the lack of a community space or amenities in the area following the fire at Donore Avenue Community Centre, the glacial pace at getting this centre reopened, and the loss of community greenspace through the hoarding up of the Boy's Brigade pitches, could the Area Office engage with the local community to find appropriate meanwhile space for the summer period?

**Reply**

There are currently no void properties on Margaret Kennedy Road. One property has been secured under estate management grounds. The area office is working closely with the tenant of this property to reach a resolution.

Contact: Veronica Hand, A/Area Housing Manager, SWIC  
Email: [veronica.hand@dublincity.ie](mailto:veronica.hand@dublincity.ie)

In relation to the Donore Community Centre, the City Council have been actively working to get the building back into use, however, it has taken longer than expected for a number of reasons not least of all the impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic but also due to Garda and forensic investigations that had to be carried out into the cause of the fire. I can assure you we are progressing things as fast as we can. By way of an update, a tender for the appointment of a Design Team to bring the refurbishment through the Design, Planning and Construction phase was published on eTenders. While the centre is out of commission the groups that had previously used the centre have been accommodated in other locations and in addition St. Catherine Sports Centre is less than 1km away and is available to the local community.

Contact: Donncha O Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer, Culture Recreation & Economic Services.  
Email: [donncha.odulaing@dublincity.ie](mailto:donncha.odulaing@dublincity.ie)

**Q32 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services if DCC could dip the footpath at the corner of Meath Place/Pimlico (See photo below: as you can see, on the left hand side, it is dipped, but on the right hand side, it isn't).



### **Reply**

Road Maintenance will add this request to our current works list and will carry out this conversion the next time we have a crew available in the area.

*Contact: Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer.*

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

### **Q33 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to put in place a plan to go over every public area street by street to inspect tree maintenance to check if trees are loose enough from the pole and that no metal barriers are damaging the trees etc. Straps removed for example outside 26 and 44 on Errigal Road.

### **Reply**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services organize a tree inspection programme carried out by a qualified arborist. Every year since 2020, 3 to 4 000 are assessed and recorded. When straps are not removed in time, this is recorded and the information passed to the operation team. Straps should be removed two to three years after planting and Parks will ensure this is done. In addition the locations at Errigal Road have been listed for inspection and any work found necessary will be added to the prioritised list of work for the area.

*Contact: Ludovic Beaumont, Executive Parks Superintendent, Tree Officer, Parks and Landscape Services*

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### **Q34 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services of where Parks are looking to trial a number of water stations to see how they perform. Could Bunting Park be part of the trial as there are already a limited number of bins around it?

### **Reply**

The Executive Parks Superintendent for the South Central Area is currently on leave and will reply directly to the Councillor on her return.

*Contact: Sean Ray, Senior Staff Officer, Parks Biodiversity and Landscapes Service*

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**Q35 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services to remove a tree trunk left behind for about 8 years on Errigal Road. There are 2 of them outside 98 Errigal Road and the other trunk is on the same side of the street. Can the tree be replaced and to tell us what type of tree will be put in place? To check with local environmental group on tree preferences for the 2 locations.

**Reply**

The removal of the stumps has been listed for later in the year. The area will be examined for replanting in conjunction with the Councils Tree Officer in order to select a species of tree suitable for the location taking into account issues such as available space, underground services, overhead wires etc.

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**Q36 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services to add the proper amount of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors at (details supplied) to bring this house up to standard in that regard.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance will call and arrange the work.  
It will be done in the coming weeks.

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