



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2022

- 1 **Presentation on SHD0015/22: Location Harold's Bridge Court' and No.s 1-3 Clare Villas, located at Harold's Cross Road & Greenmount Lane, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W.
Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Presentation on Planning Application Ref. No. : 4336/22 Location: The Swan Centre, Rathmines Road Lower/Castlewood Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6, extending to Castlewood Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6
Order: Planning application invalid. No presentation was given.**
- 3 **Presentation on TAG Matters regarding Bus stop infrastructure for BusConnects Network Redesign Routes
Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 11th July 2022
Order: Agreed.**
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters taken with Motion 8**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 23rd August 2022.
Order: Noted.
- 6 **Office of City Recovery Public Domain Report
Order: Noted.**
- 7 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal of 15 and rear 14 Richmond Street South, Dublin 8 to Gordon Properties Limited.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 8 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services Central and South East.
Order: Noted.

- ii. Naming and numbering request for a development at 23-24, Mountain View Avenue, Dublin 6 & rear of Nos. 226-230 Harold's Cross Road: Eachlann Radharc an tSléibhe / Mountain View Mews.
Order: Agreed.
- iii. Naming and numbering request for a development at Sandford Lodge, Sandford Close, Sandford Road, Dublin 6, Gairdíní Bewley / Bewley Gardens.
Order: Agreed.
- iv. Naming and numbering proposal for a development at the former Irish Glass Bottle & Fabrizia sites, Poolbeg West, Dublin 4. An Mhonarcha Buidéal Gloine / Glass Bottle
Order: Agreed.
- v. Discretionary Fund South East Area Status Report as at 1st September 2022.
Order: Noted.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Claire Byrne moved for report by Councillor Lacey

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager can he please provide a full list of and a response to following:

Outstanding unfinished road and pathway resurfacing projects that are due to be fixed by utility companies in the South East Inner City
What is the status of each of these projects?
What are the barriers to completion?
What is being done to speed these process up to improve road and footpath surfaces in the area?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to contact all the relevant utility companies and the relevant sections within Dublin City Council who carry out works and contract out works with a view to reminding them of their obligation to protect protected and heritage structures including public lighting and post boxes following the considerable damage caused to such a heritage post box in Sandymount during recent Irish Water works.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to have an on-site meeting for interested Councillors in Herbert Park to discuss upkeep, future plans, use of buildings on the campus, use of the allotments and any other item submitted by Councillors.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

The Office of Public Works circulates Dublin City Council occasionally with list of unwanted state properties. It is agreed that all properties in the South East Area be notified to elected members in that area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Notification by a bin company of plan to increase bin charges will have serious implications for households, particularly people living alone. This committee agrees that DCC considers developing strategies to help people bin share. It's in the council's interest, as the hike in charges risks dumping and incorrect use of litter bins.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Now that Irish Water will be rebranded Uisce Éireann, which is in the spirit of the Official Language Act 2021, it's important that equal emphasis is given to devolved service delivery standards and communications to the customer.

This body will take over local authority water services from January 2023, which means it will be a national organisation, run centrally from their Cork Office.

Because of the lack of devolved service delivery structures in the proposed Bill, this Council agrees to call on the Minister for Housing to ensure that devolved accountability for service delivery is included in the Water Services (Amendment) No. 2 Bill 2022.

Currently the bill provides for revised accountability auditing to Public Accounts Committee in the Dáil. However, the EU principal of subsidiarity must be respected. We need to ensure that the bill includes a mechanism to provide service delivery standards and co-operation through elected bodies of local authorities, which are the bodies closest to the consumer.

Furthermore the communication structure of co-operation would work best through each local authority's local area committees.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this SEA meeting of DCC support, in recognition of the outstanding cultural contribution that Mr. Dickie Rock has made to the cultural life of this country since the 60s with his numerous show bands and musical extravaganza, calling on the present Lord Mayor of Dublin to consider honouring Mr. Rock with the Honorary Freedom of the City of Dublin.

Order: Agreed to refer to Protocol Committee.

Motion 8 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

The Area Committee recognises that the proposal is seeking to replace the public space which has been temporarily lost for the next 2 years at Portobello Square and to return some amenity space for young children and families. Portobello Tidy Towns estimate 70 young children live within the close neighbouring streets all with little to no private outdoor space.

The Area Committee also supports examining the inclusion of a filtered permeability measure at a location on Synge Street decided in consultation with residents of Synge Street to eliminate the potential for through traffic as part of the trial or a separate trial, or as part of a wider traffic study and plan for the entire neighbourhood.

The Area Committee acknowledges that Portobello Tidy towns is willing to commission and co-fund/fund any necessary traffic studies in conjunction with the City Council if that would ensure timely progress.

"A neighbourhood trial to create the 'Heart of Portobello' Hello neighbour, We are a group of neighbours living on and around Lennox Street in Portobello and we believe that one small change could make it an even more enjoyable and safer place to live. Acting on behalf of our Portobello & St Kevin's Tidy Towns, we would like to trial the creation of a small pedestrianised space on Lennox Street in front of the row of shops - for neighbours to stop and chat and for young children to play! Our vision is to: • create a more vibrant 'village heart' for Portobello • make Portobello even friendlier, quieter, cleaner and safer (for both young and old) • reduce speeding on Lennox Street • stop cars and trucks from using our neighbourhood as a short-cut to avoid traffic on the South Circular Road Our goal is to trial this 'village space' in order to find out if it works, and how to improve it. We are seeking your support on this general proposal before we speak with Dublin City Council for their support. Please let us know what you think! (Please read overleaf...) Our plan is to create this 'village space' by initially using lightweight and low-cost materials so that we can learn and change the space as everyone gives feedback. As a first step we would put up temporary barriers (such as flower planters) on Lennox St just before the junctions with Lennox Place and Warren St. We would regularly review how it is working out, for example after 1 day, 1 week, 1 month and 1 year. If the space is as successful as we hope, we would then seek for it to be finished in high-quality materials at a point in the future. NOW - Lennox Street OUR VISION – Portobello Village. The Green Box shows the proposed Portobello 'Village Space'. Traffic: The proposal is to stop vehicular traffic from using a small section of Lennox St. So cars, trucks and motorbikes: • would no longer drive (and speed!) down the full length of Lennox St • would no longer turn left from Lennox Place onto Lennox St • would no longer turn right from Warren St onto Lennox St. Pedestrians and cyclists would continue as normal. Parking: The aim is to design this new community space to maintain car parking for residents and spaces for deliveries to the businesses. Who we are: Maria, Chris, Emer and Shane, acting on behalf of our Portobello & St Kevin's Tidy Towns. Contact us by email: portobellotidytowns@gmail.com or by phone on 087-7835057."

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Claire Byrne moved for report by Councillor Lacey

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager for an update on the negotiations regarding the delivery of 900 social and affordable homes in the Poolbeg West SDZ. Can the Manager outline why works are commencing on the site without an agreement in place on these homes as this is a breach of the planning agreement?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne moved for report by Councillor Lacey

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to urgently replace the tarmac dumped at either end of Castle Street. This has further destroyed this street and its new surface.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That the Area Committee will request a formal, in person update on developing the Glass Bottle site from Housing, Planning, and the developer to outline the timeframes and explain ongoing delays, and in particular to seek assurance that the 900 affordable and social housing units will be developed on site, and to discuss ancillary matters.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That the Chief Executive will address this Area Committee on the College Green plaza project.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Emergency Motion Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to immediately review and reverse the recent decisions to remove outdoor furniture and outdoor seating licences for from local businesses in the Portobello Area in particular Lennox Street.

Order: Falls.

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Questions to the Chief Executive 12th September 2022

Order: Noted.

Chairperson

Monday 12 September 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mary Freehill
Carolyn Moore

Members:

Danny Byrne
Claire O'Connor
Daniel Céitinn
Pat Dunne
James Geoghegan

Members:

Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Mannix Flynn
Paddy McCartan

Officers

Owen Keegan
Darren Brereton
Brian Hanney
John MacEvilly
Jennifer Wall

Frank Lambe
Catherine Brophy Walsh
Neil O Donoghue
Ray Yeates
Eileen Buck Harte
Iva Geci

Helen McNamara
Maggie O'Donnell,
Zsolt Szombatfalvi
Brian Kirk
Mark Ginnety

Apologies:

Anne Feeney
Claire Byrne

Non-Members:

Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if the area committee could arrange a subsidised or complimentary large item collection for the residents of City Quay and Dowling Court to compliment efforts by local residents to conduct community enhancement works in the area in recent months.

Reply:

A free household bulky waste collection service is no longer available to any area of the city, as a free service is contrary to the core principle that the person(s) generating the waste should pay for its disposal regardless of the type of waste being generated. The associated costs of this service had also become unsustainable and had reached approximately €500,000.00 per year. The service was therefore discontinued, in favour of a more flexible and accessible service, which is available on demand all year round, and for which households pay a nominal fee, which is currently €40.00. This is already a highly subsidised service, as the actual cost of a household collection is approximately €100.00. Residents who avail of the service are effectively being given a 60% reduction in costs.

This service was introduced in May 2016 and has proved very popular with the public and in a normal full year close to 3000 residents request a collection. Average collection time between request and collection taking place is currently 4 -5 days. All residents in City Quay and Dowling Court can avail of this service throughout the year. Full details of the service are available on the City Council website and any resident can go online and book a collection 24/7.

Q.2 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager what clean up procedure plans are in place for events and gigs in the Aviva. Residents have reported issues with high levels of littering in the area after events take place.

Reply:

The Aviva Stadium engage Waste Management Services to provide a clean-up crew for the agreed area for all events held in the stadium. Depending on the event, half time on sports events and 1 hour before the end of concert events, we are instructed by Gardaí and stadium management to have our fleet and staff withdrawn from the vicinity of the stadium for health and safety reasons for our staff and indeed the stadiums' patrons. Part of our contract is to provide a smaller clean-up crew at 6am the morning after an event. This is to remove any litter left by patrons egressing the stadium at the end of an event. This cleaning arrangement is kept under constant review to ensure that our cleaning is as effective as possible.

Q.3 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if there has been any contact from DCC in relation to the installation of cameras at City Quay in recent months.

Reply:

The installation of CCTV in the public realm at City Quay is a matter for An Garda Síochána. In recent months the Area Office has been liaising closely with local residents and An Garda Síochána in relation to ASB in this area.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can request from the Housing Department (allocations and maintenance and any other relevant section) if they can supply a full narrative on the story of (details supplied) a three-bedroom house in a high demand area that has been empty now for well over a year since the previous tenant died. The account to give details of attempted successor tenancy, maintenance review, issuing of maintenance contract, delay in implementation of upgrade, length of time for upgrade works and, in particular, to use this review to identify ways in which appalling length of time can be improved.

Reply:

There was issues in getting a proper surrender of tenancy in this case which caused a delay, details of which cannot be provided for GDPR reasons.

The surrender was received in May this year and is currently with the framework therefore work is ongoing in an effort to prepare the property for reallocation. Housing Maintenance received vacant possession of this unit on 29/03/22. Upon the completion of a works order by the Area Maintenance Officer, it was issued to a contractor on the 22/04/22. It is envisaged that the works will be complete within the next 2-3 weeks.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if this replacement tree around 16 Shrewsbury Road, promised numerous times for last autumn can be planted in the next tree planting programme.

Reply:

The replacement tree was planted and unfortunately the sapling snapped during the building works that were ongoing at the adjacent property. Parks Service will order a new one for replanting this season.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can ensure that the works promised (some details supplied with Question) to remove the excess weeds from the promenade wall along Strand Road is completed and if further examination will be conducted on how the growing rat problem in the same vicinity can be tackled.

A very helpful guy in DCC on 5/7/22 and he advised that the work on removing the weeds from the sea wall is on the 'project list' and scheduled to take place in the coming weeks.

Reply:

Strand Road was treated on 30th June as part of the Manual Weed Removal Trial. The seaward side of the wall and promenade would fall within the remit of the Parks Department

Parks Service will seek quotations for weeding along the inside section at the promenade wall. Given to the scope of the area it may be needed to carry out the work in phases depending on the funding available.

Q.7 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Parks Section arrange to prune the tree outside number 8 Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12? This tree is over-growing into the garden and the roots are affecting the footpath.

Reply:

Parks have inspected the above location and are arranging for prices from a contractor

to carry out pruning. We will liaise with our colleagues in Roads Maintenance to get the footpath repaired.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can ensure that action is taken in relation to details supplied:

Reply:

There is ongoing liaison between Derelict Sites and the Conservation Section in relation to derelict sites which are protected structures or are on the Buildings at Risk Register. The Derelict Sites Unit will arrange for an inspection of the site and as this is a protected structure will review the findings with the Conservation Section to determine the best course of action to address any issues with the site. The complainant has received a reply from the Derelict Sites Section and will be kept updated. A full report on the assessment of the condition of the site will issue to the Councillor.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to take action on the following three issues at Sean Moore Park and adjacent.

1. Overgrown wooded areas in Sean Moore Park.

There is a tent hidden from view in the middle of the largest area of overgrown woods at the centre of Sean Moore Park. There is a lot of rubbish in this area now, and unfortunately my dog has on several occasions eaten what I am quite sure is human faeces near that tent. In fact I have heard several anecdotal references to similar experiences other residents have had recently.

In general, these overgrown wooded areas need to be maintained, or gotten rid of for health and safety reasons. I am not talking about the areas of trees with grass underneath, just the areas filled with briars and rubbish.

- **Bins** - There are almost no bins in Sean Moore Park. There is one at the entrance near the beach, and that's it. As a result, I have noticed a worsening rubbish and dog droppings problem. Further to this, there are no bins in the children's playground, and again, there is a growing litter problem. As a side note, there were 2 dog droppings bins in the park previously, and we did not understand why these were removed.
- **Beach Road boardwalk** - Similar to issue 1a with Sean Moore Park, there is a tent(s) beside the boardwalk along beach road, just off the first car park between two containers. The area around the tent has been overtaken with an assortment of rubbish, toys, garden furniture etc. Again, this is supposed to be a shared recreational area, and I feel this is affecting health and safety standards.

On issues 1a and 3 specifically, I am keenly aware of the housing crisis, and am deeply empathetic towards people that are in situations like this. However, on this occasion I have to raise my concern for public health & safety, especially in shared recreational areas where not only residents, but children are affected.

Reply:

1) The Outreach team is aware of and is engaging with the individual located in Sean Moore Park. He is linked in with a local authority outside of Dublin and has been advised to either return to his local authority area to seek supports or to accept an emergency accommodation placement in Dublin. The situation is being closely monitored by Outreach and the DRHE.

Parks staff have not been able to locate the tents referred to in the above question. When staff do come across rough sleepers, the issue is reported to homeless services who will engage with the occupants in an effort to find alternative accommodation.

2) Parks will review the provision of bins in the park and seek to improve provision in particular at the playground.

3) The Outreach team is aware of and is consistently engaging with the individual off the boardwalk. The individual in question is refusing to engage with services but the Outreach team continue to propose offers of emergency accommodation.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the road changes and traffic changes that are taking place on Sean Moore Road? This report to include what consultations, if any, took place with local residents? Also, what legislation and acts are used to install these works and who and where does the budget come from.

Reply:

The cycle lane on Sean Moore road was completed in November 2021. An online consultation was held in July 2021. 57 submissions were received. This was implemented under Section 37 and 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

An upgrade of an upgrade of an existing junction at Beach Road to provide full MID facilities for all users; a new pedestrian crossing was also installed across Sean Moore Road and the slip lane was closed to vehicles in line with DMURS. All changes were completed by July 2022.

All changes were fully funded by the NTA.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the ongoing process of the compulsory purchase order and or acquisition of property at Exchange Street Lower, Temple Bar?

Reply:

11 – 14 Exchange Street Lower & 11 Essex Street West Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2022.

Requisite documentation for the above CPO has been finalised, formal managerial approval to make the CPO has been obtained and the Law Department is currently in the process of making the statutory order. When the CPO is made a notice of same will be published and the CPO submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation. Affected parties will receive individual written notice.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to what legislation process are being planned for Parliament Street with regards suspending traffic on that street? This report to include an absolute legal description of 'Traffic Free'. A detailed description of what is meant by 'car free' and also pedestrianisation. For instance, will the public be able to use the roadway for walking? Will publicans and restaurants be prohibited from commandeering the space? What enforcements processes for a breach of the legislation are being considered? Further, can the manager issue all managerial orders and delegations in relation to these proposals for Parliament Street?

Reply:

A report is currently being prepared regarding Parliament Street which will be brought to the October meeting. The report will seek to address the queries raised in this question.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager supply a detailed report with regards the College Green and Dame Street Plaza proposals which have now been cancelled due to the fact that Dublin City Council made material changes? This report to include who was overall responsible for this error and why the South East Area Committee and councillors were not informed about this prior to it ending up in the media?

Reply:

In my capacity as Project Manager of College Green Dame Street, I gave a detailed update to the Traffic and Transportation SPC on Wednesday 6th September and in addition I circulated the following update up-date to all SE Area Councillors on Wednesday 7th September.

The development of the city's public realm and the reinvention of College Green has been a longstanding goal for Dublin City Council. In 2018, An Bord Pleanála turned down a proposal for College Green, citing concerns relating to "significant adverse impacts on pedestrians and on bus transport within the city centre", while also noting that it "considered that the principle of the proposed development is acceptable and that it would produce a quality public realm that would significantly enhance the amenity and attractiveness of this city centre".

Since the original 2018 proposal, implementation of the NTA's Bus Connects Network Redesign has commenced, resolving key transportation concerns and opening up new opportunities for this location. The expanded College Green Dame Street project is Dublin City Council's revised plan to reinvent the historic city core as a major public space at the heart of city. Under these proposals the space will be transformed; becoming an attractive, pedestrian-friendly space that prioritises universal accessibility and social inclusion, sustainability and greenery, while upholding and enhancing the history and heritage of this unique location. Limited local access and timed deliveries will be included as part of the proposal.

As the revised scheme is significantly larger than originally proposed, Dublin City Council will, have to procure a new Design Team. The previous design, which was well received, will be extended to cover the additional area.

It is intended to present a full update to the South East Area Committee once the Design Team are appointed in 2023. At that juncture, definitive time lines regarding consultation, planning submittal and delivery will have been established. In the meantime, the College Green Dame Street Project Team are available to present to the South East Area Committee at your convenience.

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager follow up with CAB in relation to a motion that was agreed by the South East Area requesting the handover of property seized in the Crumlin area that was formerly a DCC social home? Also, can this report also include what other properties in the SEA have been seized by CAB that can be utilised by DCC to house individuals and families and to use for community amenities?

Reply:

Dublin City Council will acquire properties from CAB where they are deemed suitable for use as social housing. DCC has, in recent years, acquired some properties from CAB which have been allocated to tenants from the social housing waiting list.

Information on properties seized by CAB is not shared with the council until the decision has been made to put them on the market. At this point they are offered to

DCC to consider for social housing. Currently there are no CAB properties under consideration by DCC for acquisition.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager request that the Iveagh Trust Board and management issue a full report regarding the ongoing issues of dilapidation that is occurring on their property at Iveagh Trust flats Kevin Street? Residents here are extremely concerned about the buildings disintegration and have reported parts of the structure falling into the square in and around the property. Also, residents have complained about their flats being flooded by human waste as well as the impacts of dust and dirt and grime and noise that is emanating from the construction site of the former DIT on Kevin Street. Can the manager request a full report with details as to how the Iveagh Trust management and Board are addressing these issues?

Reply:

Dublin City Council has contacted the Iveagh Trust in relation to the matters raised by Councillor Flynn and a meeting will take place with the Iveagh Trust and DCC in the coming weeks to discuss these issues. The Councillor will be contacted after the meeting and advised of the outcome.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager supply a full update on proposals to alter the traffic flows on South William Street in order to create more pedestrian space? This report to include what consultation and contact has been made with the businesses and the residents in the immediate area including those who live in the social housing complex at York Street Mercer Street. Further, what contacts and meetings have been arranged or held with the owners of the Grafton Car Park with regards altering the exit point at South William Street?

Reply:

There are no current proposals for South William Street. Councillors will be informed of any proposals and consultation with local residents, businesses and the public will be held prior to any changes occurring.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the build outs on Lower Stephen Street? This report to include planning infringements with regards premises who are not in receipt of planning permission for outdoor seating. Also, how will DCC manage these spaces going forward to ensure that they don't just become locations for alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour? There are many residents who live in this area and there are indeed many hotel guests who are constantly disturbed by the activities at these locations since they were created.

Reply:

This matter will be investigated and a reply issued to the councillor within a fortnight.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager contact the owners and managers of Bar 66, formerly The Front Lounge, on Parliament Street with regards ongoing unacceptable anti-social behaviour and non-management of their outdoor drinking space? This space at this location has caused untold disruption for the families that live above this premises and also for the many residents that live on this street and its immediate surroundings. It is time for DCC to consider rescinding the street furniture license unless this premises is properly managed. It is important to note that residents in this area have children and there are indeed many elderly residents also in this area. Also Temple Bar is a residential

area primarily and no licensed premises, restaurant or other business outlet can supersede that fact. The residents have a right for the enjoyment of their homes and these premises, licensed and otherwise, have only been created since Temple Bar renewal and the noise levels from his particular one and indeed customer behaviour in general have become unacceptable. I would ask that the manager also contact Temple Bar Company with the view to creating a meeting with the residents of this particular location and the management. While I accept that many people need and want a good night out and I support a vibrant night life, that doesn't necessarily mean that we have to hear the noise levels, as many people just want a good night sleep in order to go about their work the following day, including bringing their children to school.

Reply:

The matters raised will be examined in the context of the outdoor street furniture and existing street furniture licences and appropriate action will be taken.

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

What provision has DCC made in the event of electricity blackouts and other energy shortages this coming winter, particularly in relation to DCC's housing estates and flat complexes?

Reply:

Environment Minister Eamon Ryan appeared before the Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action on 30th August 2022 to discuss energy security. In his remarks, Minister Ryan set out how the Government intends to mitigate risks to energy security and he also announced that a new plan to combat energy poverty is set to be published shortly after September's budget and that the new Action Plan will set out a range of measures to be implemented ahead of the coming winter.

Dublin City Council will cooperate with any new plans being developed by Government to support energy security and reduce energy poverty and the council will continue to roll out our successful Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme, which reduces unnecessary energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in the council's housing stock, as well as providing tenants with improved living conditions and offering tenants significant money savings in heating costs.

Q.20 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To the local area manager and the Chief Executive, on behalf of Milltown Residents' Association.

They have made a submission asking that the rezoning from Z15 to Z12 is rejected for Milltown Park and ask for our support. They are aware that the Zoning adaptation is being recommended by the CEO Mr. Owen Keegan yet, the land is so needed for schooling & open space, playing grounds & ensuring that our wildlife is protected, also to help our CO2 emissions.

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The Residents Association Committee acting on behalf of the residents including Ramleh Park, Ramleh Villas & Ramleh Close, Palmerstown Grove, Milltown Road object to the proposed rezoning of Milltown Pk from Z15- Z12.

We believe that the facilities for sports & recreation are at capacity e.g. Ranelagh Gaels, Women's GAA & other team sports don't have a permanent home or even a venue & are obliged to move & it's ongoing. This effects the community as a whole ie. stress & further clogging up of the roads adding to the traffic chaos & raised Co2 emissions.

The Dept of Education have expressed the need to provide more Primary & Secondary schooling for this fast growing area & are hampered by the lack of Z15 space - they also had expressed an interest in the Milltown site at an earlier stage. The number of new housing Developments proposed include Dundrum Rd at Central Mental Hosp site, the former Marist Fathers Mount St. Mary Seminary Complex development on Dundrum Rd, the Nullamore House development into a large four block of 215 apartment complex to name a few. All these new families will require schooling for their growing families. We ask that rezoning of Milltown Park from Z15 to Z12 is rejected.

Our area is badly served by parks and open space. Currently parents take children by car to playgrounds in other areas of Donnybrook, Rathmines &/or Windy Arbour. Rezoning the land is likely to exacerbate the problem (both by removing land which could be used for new amenities and by increasing the number of people using the limited resources available).

Thank you for taking the time to read our submission -

Stephanie Joy, Chairperson, Milltown Residents Association Committee

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[Material Alterations to Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028](#)

Reply:

The material alterations of the Draft City Development Plan and currently on public display and at the time of writing, over 100 submissions have already been made 3 days out from the closing date. Development plans are a strategic and a reserved function of the council, and issues related to the draft plan can only be considered at specified council meetings.

All submissions received in relation to material alterations will be read; summarised and responded to in a Chief Executive Report to be presented to the elected members on the 21st of September 2022. Following consideration of the CE Report, and any motions on foot of the report and subsequent responses by the CE; the council will, at a special council meeting in the first week of November consider the material alterations as to whether they are, or are not, retained in the final document.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to prioritise road resurfacing on the following roads in Donnybrook. Victoria Avenue, Auburn Avenue, St Broc's Cottages and Home Villas. Permanent measures are required rather than short term expedients.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection on site and these roads are being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issues from a resident in Nutley Park, Donnybrook.

He writes,

"We live in Nutley Park and my goal is for the boys to be able to cycle to school. I commute to work by bike daily myself, whatever the weather, however you are probably well aware that the lanes, where they exist are not fit for purpose.

The bike lane from Teresian's to Donnybrook Garage has disintegrated. I have to cycle in the bus lane as I've suffered several punctures on my road bike in recent months. It is a really important section being off-road, however even more important is the transition from there over the Dodder Bridge and along the main road opposite Energia Park. This is crying out for segregated bike lanes given the traffic volumes, with more now going to rat run down Eglinton and around the back of the Circle K Garage.

Do you know what plans and construction timetables are in place to even refurbish the existing bike lane, and ultimately what safer designs are coming down the tracks? This all needs to happen ASAP. I witness about 10-20 serious traffic infractions every morning on my 6km commute to Smithfield...everything from broken red lights, illegal parking in bus and bike lanes, turning with no indicators, cars sitting in yellow boxes/half encroached onto junctions, etc. etc. Not once, in 3 years of cycling to town, have I seen a Garda Traffic Unit post up in the village to police this, or even someone from Donnybrook Garda station standing outside policing the bus lane.

We all deserve safer roads, including drivers, but most especially for my kids and their future. As it stands, there's no way I'd ever let them hop on a bike to school. We don't even have a pedestrian light to get from Nutley Park to the other side of the junction at RTE!"

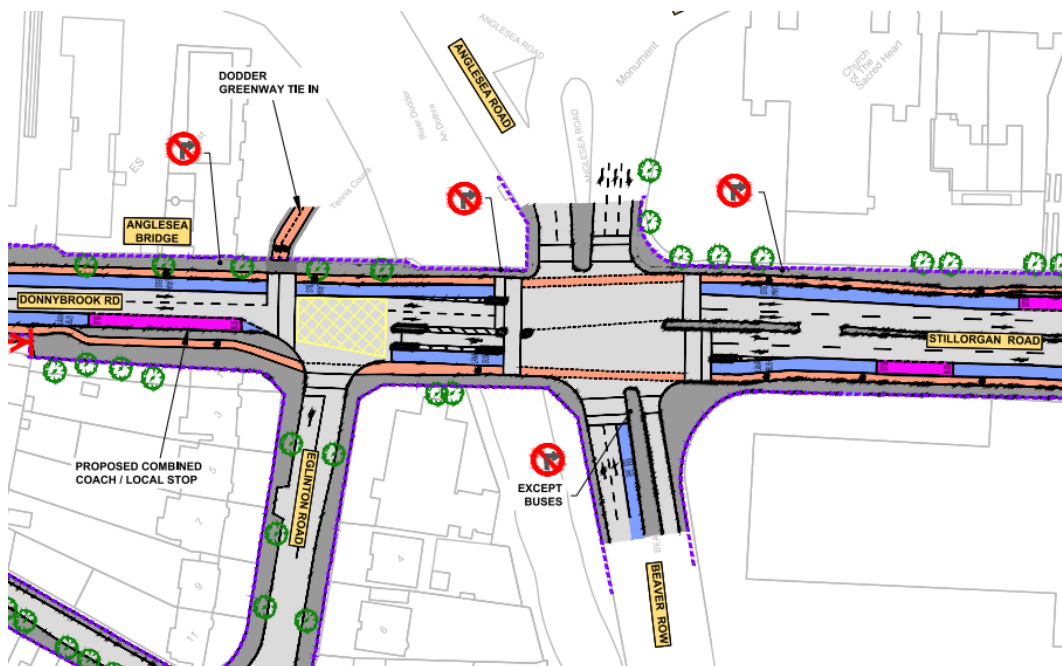
Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection on site and the inbound cycle lane between Teresian School and Donnybrook Garage will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

The National Transport Authority plan to submit an application to An Board Pleanála for the Bray to City Centre Bus Connects scheme later this year.

Bus connects are planning to upgrade the junction at Donnybrook Rd/Beaver Rd by adding pedestrian crossings on all arms and provide cycling facilities through the junction. Bus connects have confirmed to me that its planned to construct the junction similarly to what appeared in the latest round of public consultation.

I have forwarded the comments re enforcement to the Gardaí Roads Policing Unit in Dublin Castle.



Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to a request for a zebra crossings in Sandymount Village.

He writes,

"I am asking you to petition the council for the implementation of zebra crossings at certain key locations in Sandymount Village. I have personally experienced and observed people, particularly the elderly having difficulty crossing at junctions in the village because of the cars disregarding pedestrians crossing as well as cars illegally parking at these junctions thereby reducing visibility for pedestrians and cars because of cars disregarding pedestrians crossing as well as cars illegally parking at these junctions thereby reducing visibility for pedestrians and cars. Reminding and emphasizing to drivers that pedestrians have right of way at junctions with a main road is important for pedestrian safety. I have lived in Sandymount all my life and this has consistently been an issue when traversing the village. I was almost hit today by someone quickly coming around a corner from Sandymount road to Marine drive as I was in the middle of crossing the road. This person beeped at me when I had the right of way and he was being reckless. I have experienced and seen incidents like this. The key junctions which could benefit from zebra crossings in the village are the following.

- The junction of Marine Drive with Sandymount Road,
- The junction of Claremont Road with Sandymount Green,
- The junction of Seafort Avenue with Sandymount Green,

Reply:

DCC currently have 3 zebra crossings installed in the city. Currently a subcommittee of the Transport SPC is reviewing the option of installing further zebra crossings in the city. Issues being investigated by the committee include current legislation requirements for an installation and user experiences, particularly from a disability group perspective. The locations provided will be added to list of possible locations if the committee agree to install further zebra crossings.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the request from a resident on Pembroke Road Ballsbridge for extra litter bins.

She writes,

"I live on Pembroke Road Ballsbridge, at the Lansdowne Hotel and Searsons end. Our problem is that this is the route taken by most people walking to the Aviva, and there's not enough litter bins along this route for people to dispose of all the take away fast food containers, cans, bottles, glasses etc. so they throw them into our gardens or place them among the hedges etc. I just heard they are resuming the American College football games for the Aviva this Sept, 16,000 people expected, I can just imagine the amount of litter that's going to end up on our lawns and street."

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have two temporary blue barrels placed at this end of Pembroke Road when there are events in the Aviva Stadium to cater for the extra litter generated there at those times.

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to three issues from a constituent.

He writes,

1. Overgrown wooded areas in Sean Moore Park.

- a. There is a tent hidden from view in the middle of the largest area of overgrown woods at the centre of Sean Moore Park. There is a lot of rubbish in this area now, and unfortunately my dog has on several occasions eaten what I am quite sure is human faeces near that tent. In fact I have heard several anecdotal references to similar experiences other residents have had recently.
- b. In general, these overgrown wooded areas need to be maintained, or gotten rid of for health and safety reasons. I am not talking about the areas of trees with grass underneath, just the areas filled with briars and rubbish.

Bins - There are almost no bins in Sean Moore Park. There is one at the entrance near the beach, and that's it. As a result, I have noticed a worsening rubbish and dog droppings problem. Further to this, there are no bins in the children's playground, and again, there is a growing litter problem. As a side note, there were 2 dog droppings bins in the park previously, and we did not understand why these were removed.

Beach Road boardwalk - Similar to issue 1a with Sean Moore Park, there is a tent(s) beside the boardwalk along Beach Road, just off the first car park between two containers. The area around the tent has been overtaken with an assortment of rubbish, toys, garden furniture etc. Again, this is supposed to be a shared recreational area, and I feel this is affecting health and safety standards.

Reply:

1) The Outreach team is aware of and is engaging with the individual located in Sean Moore Park. He is linked in with a local authority outside of Dublin and has been advised to either return to his local authority area to seek supports or to accept an emergency accommodation placement in Dublin. The situation is being closely monitored by Outreach and the DRHE.

Parks staff have not been able to locate the tents referred to in the above question. When staff do come across rough sleepers, the issue is reported to homeless services who will engage with the occupants in an effort to find alternative accommodation.

2) Parks will review the provision of bins in the park and seek to improve provision in particular at the playground.

3) The Outreach team is aware of and is consistently engaging with the individual off the boardwalk. The individual in question is refusing to engage with services but the Outreach team continue to propose offers of emergency accommodation.

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a constituent. In her email she writes to me:

"Myself and my business partner and I recently established a new company operating as details supplied. Our business runs 6 week workshops where we offer baby bonding, toddler bonding and also parenting classes.

We are currently looking for suitable premises to run our workshops and classes and think that "The Hive" in Herbert Park, Ballsbridge would be perfect for our requirements.

We contacted the Dublin City Council who manage the park and the facility and were told that there are no plans to make "The Hive" operational for the foreseeable future.

We both think this is a terrible waste of a great community facility which could greatly aid our entrepreneurial efforts.

We would be happy to pay a reasonable rate for usage of the facility and was hoping you may be able to offer us assistance in regard to this matter."

Reply:

The Hive Herbert Park is now available for hire, all enquiries should be directed to parkevents@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a constituent.

She writes,

"Dublin City Council have done good work this summer catching up on mending and resurfacing areas of Ballsbridge, Sandymount, and elsewhere among its many duties). That is commendable.

Yet year in year out, Oaklands Park in Sandymount-Ballsbridge is ignored. The road runs off the busy Serpentine Avenue - Tritonville Road route and for some reason it is bypassed.

Oaklands Park is to the right of Serpentine Ave, it starts at Herbert Green (6-8 small modern houses) running in the form of a long U turn ending at the DART junction. Oaklands Drive is a cul-de-sac at the Herbert Green end.

The road is dangerous, lumpy, potholed and uneven. The majority of houses are occupied by families (everything from nurses to IT workers, doctors and solicitors) with children in crèches, primary and post primary school.

All of the road needs resurfacing to make it safer for the children and adults on bicycles."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection on site and Oaklands Park is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to seek a report from An Post re damage to a post box on Gilford Avenue.

A constituent writes:

"Some weeks ago during the Irish Water works taking place on Gilford Avenue, a historic post-box was badly damaged. It is more than a 100-year-old post-box, dating to when King Edward VII ruled.

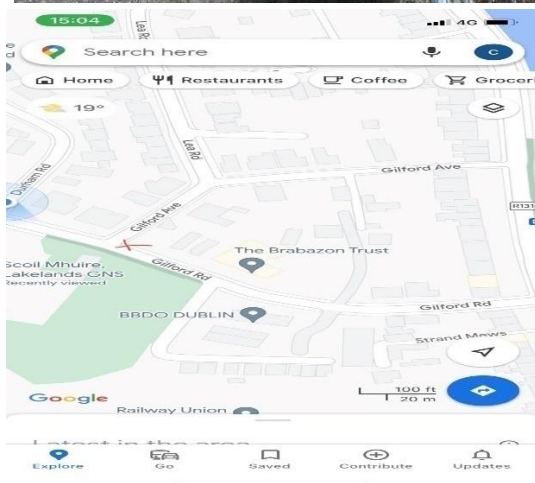
Because of the damage, the post-box was removed, the cylinder was broken up, and An Post has said that the old door will be attached to a new style box. One of the neighbours had thought that it could be welded back together but it was very quickly removed and broken down and so it seems like it will be moved forward with the old door on the new box. We recognise that nothing can be done at this point, but we wanted to highlight that this type of destructive action should not be occurring."

Reply:

Under the conditions of road opening licences, all licence holders including utility companies, building contractors and DCC Divisions, have obligations with respect to street furniture and heritage assets. These licence holders are aware of these obligations and protocols are in place if damage to these assets occurs.

With respect to the post box that was damaged on Gilford Road at its junction with Gilford Avenue, Irish Water's contractor have reported in response to this motion as follows:

"A post box was damaged next to the job site on Monday 25th July on Gilford Road, the post box is at the Junction of Gilford Avenue. The damage occurred whilst we were lifting a stick of 450mm pipe into the trench and the tail of the excavator pushed the Herris fence and broke the post box next to the fencing. Paul Kelly a representative from An Post was out to assess the damage. He was happy enough for us to remove the post box on Tuesday morning under his supervision and they will try to source another that is correct to the time period. Below is a photo of the damage and the location marked with the red X. The post box was removed on Tuesday morning as shown in the photo."



Following on from the above a replacement Post Box has been sourced by An Post, it is being concreted in place on 11th August and will be available on 12th August for An Post to approve and commission. A photo of the replacement Post Box to be provided once it is operational.

All utility companies and their contractors are responsible for ensuring that they are adequately insured when carrying out roadworks in the public domain to safeguard against accidental damage to both public and private property and are also requested to indemnify Dublin City Council with a minimum of €6.5m for a single incident/claim. Indemnification is required in respect of all claims, proceedings, liabilities, losses or expenses of whatever nature.

In addition to the above a special notice will also be added to the Roadworks Control Online website reminding all utility applicants of their obligations to protect all heritage structures while working in Dublin City Council's administrative area.

Q.29 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange for bins on the lane way between the Aviva Stadium and the Dodder to be emptied on a regular basis.

See pic below.



Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that the bins on the above mentioned laneway are emptied on a regular basis.

Q.30 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager arrange for the street sign at the corner of Old County Road and Clonard Road to be reinstated? The official Old County Road street sign at this location would appear to have been removed when the business premises erected new panelling and signage.

Reply:

Road Maintenance visited this location today and noted that the nameplate has been removed. A new nameplate will be ordered and installed in its place.

Q.31 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager arrange for planter boxes to be placed at the entrance to Kildare Park? These planter boxes can have a dual purpose firstly to enhance the area and secondly to discourage illegal parking close to the corner at the entrance of the estate. At a recent incident there a fire tender truck had a difficulty entering this cul-de-sac due to illegal parking at the entrance.

Reply:

The budget for the provision of planters is now exhausted. These items are rolled out in the Crumlin area with the cooperation and assistance of the Crumlin Community Clean Up Group who would need to be consulted. There is currently a backlog of twenty similar requests for the Crumlin area that will not start to be fulfilled until spring 2023. It should be noted, planters are placed to enhance the visual amenity of a space and should not be used as a parking restriction measure as this only leads to conflict among residents, businesses and their customers.

Dublin City Council does not install street furniture (such as planter boxes) on footpath to prevent illegal parking. There is a parking restriction in place to combat illegal parking on the corners. According to The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) (c); "A vehicle shall not be parked within 5 metres of a road junction;" Infringements should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services tel. no. 01 6022500 or the Gardaí as they occur. However, the Area Engineer will investigate if further parking restrictions are required on Kildare Park.

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

Q.32 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager arrange for planter boxes to be placed at the corner of Old County Road and Clonard Road opposite the shops? These planter boxes can have a dual purpose firstly to enhance the area and secondly to discourage illegal parking close to the corner and adjacent drives. Residents at this location report that access in and out to their drives can often be blocked with vehicles illegally parking at this location.

Reply:

The budget for the provision of planters is now exhausted. These items are rolled out in the Crumlin area with the cooperation and assistance of the Crumlin Community Clean Up Group who would need to be consulted. There is currently a backlog of twenty similar requests for the Crumlin area that will not start to be fulfilled until spring 2023. It should be noted, planters are placed to enhance the visual amenity of a space and should not be used as a parking restriction measure as this only leads to conflict among residents, businesses and their customers.

Any consideration of installing planters will need to be also be considered by our Traffic Department for safety purposes.

Dublin City Council does not install street furniture (such as planter boxes) on footpath to prevent illegal parking. There is a parking restriction in place to combat illegal parking on the corners. According to The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) (c) (g) (i); "A vehicle shall not be parked within 5 metres of a road junction;"; "A vehicle shall not be parked in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises;"; "A vehicle shall not be parked on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;". Infringements should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services tel. no. 01 6022500 or the Gardaí as they occur. However, the Area Engineer will investigate if further parking restrictions are required at the junction of Clonard Road with Old County Road.

Dublin Street Parking Services will patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking observed. If a vehicle is obstructing a private drive way, it can be reported directly to Dublin Street Parking Services for enforcement action.

Q.33 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager arrange for the traffic island kerbs be repainted yellow and black at the following locations? They are in poor condition.

Crumlin Road (Loreto College Entrance)
Crumlin Road (Opposite Maxol Garage Dolphin Barn)
Crumlin Road (Bangor Drive junction)
Cashel Road (at Kildare Road Junction)
Sundrive Road (opposite Grian Cafe)
Ferns/Stannaway Junction
Windmill Road (at Kildare Road Junction)
Lower Kimmage Road (opposite Al's Bakery)
KCR Junction

Reply:

The matter will be examined and a reply issued to the councillor.

Q.34 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Parks Section work with the Roads Maintenance Section to have a safety railing installed outside the new main gate to Eamonn Ceannt Park on Sundrive Road? The new entrance has been well received by park users in general, but the long avenue is used constantly as a long 'racetrack' to the gate by families with children as they

leave the park. The old gate had a safety feature in that running/cycling/scooting children had to stop at the kissing gates. The new design leaves them open to running straight out onto the path and into traffic. Can a rail be installed on the roadside to prevent any potential accidents?

Reply:

Parks have deliberately left the gate at an angle to slow down speeds of exiting and entering people. Parks will liaise with our colleagues in E&T to see if a safety barrier can be constructed on the footpath outside.

Q.35 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager contact the Road Maintenance Section on behalf of details supplied? He has mobility issues and was recently granted a disability parking spot outside his house by DCC which has made a huge difference to him being able to park outside his house.

The issue he has is cars turning from Kildare onto Cashel at speed. He said they are treating it as a bend in the road as opposed to a turn where a car should slow down. As he lives in the first block of houses quite close to the turn, he is getting anxious trying to get into his car and pulling off. He has asked if the footpath could be widened, the same as what was done at the junction of Kildare and Bangor road many years ago to slow down drivers or is there another solution to this problem.

Reply:

There is no plan currently by Dublin City Council to install buildouts at the corner of Kildare Road and Cashel Road. However, this location will be added to the list of pedestrian crossings for consideration for the following year's programme of works. It should be noted that due to budgetary constraints, the amount of funding available for pedestrian crossings is limited and there are several locations currently seeking funding.

Q.36 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Manager are the grass cutting contractors employed by the Parks Section obliged to pick up litter on the grass prior to and after cutting and if so are there any fines or penalties applied should they fail to do so.

Reply:

The 2022-2025 contract requires the contractors to litter pick areas under their remit each week prior to cutting the grass.

The contract sets out robust procedures for managing reports of failures to comply with contract service requirements. All complaints are comprehensively investigated liaising as necessary with contract representatives.

Financial penalties, in the form of reduced monthly payments, can be considered should the particulars of the complaint warrant such an approach but Dublin City Council will seek to have outstanding works or other service failures completed in the first instance.

Q.37 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager ask the Traffic Section to install a pedestrian crossing outside SuperValu on Sundrive Road and also can I be given a revised timeframe for the promised installation of pedestrian lights at the Sundrive Road /Stannaway junction, the Sundrive Road/Ferns Road junction and the Sundrive Road /Clogher Road junction?

Reply:

There is no plan currently by Dublin City Council to install controlled pedestrian crossing at the SuperValu entrance on Sundrive Road as there are control pedestrian crossings in both direction within 110 metres from this entrance. However, this location will be added to the list of pedestrian crossings for consideration for the following year's programme of works. It should be noted that due to budgetary constraints, the amount of funding available for pedestrian crossings is limited and there are several locations currently seeking funding.

According to the latest update on Future Works Programme (Package 8 Lot 1), the estimated start of construction is Q4 2022 for the following junctions:

- Stannaway Road / Sundrive Road
- Clogher Road / Sundrive Road
- Sundrive Road / Ferns Road

Q.38 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager ask the Parks Section to install outdoor calisthenics gym equipment into a park in Crumlin, perhaps Pearse Park?

Reply:

Eamonn Ceannt Park received outdoor calisthenics gym equipment last year. If there is demand for additional locations then Parks can pursue this in the context of 2023 budgets.

Q.39 Councillor Pat Dunne

Could the manager arrange a meeting be undertaken between council parks, Gardaí, Jackpott Bingo and local residents' groups to see how the Pearse Park laneway can be improved? The space is a destination for illegal dumping and activity and a multi-faceted approach may be the best way to tackle this.

Reply:

This laneway is not under the care of the Parks Department. While Parks are happy to attend a meeting of this nature it would be important for some other sections in DCC to also attend e.g. waste management.

A meeting will be arranged with relevant stakeholders to see if anything can be done to improve the situation at this location.

Waste Management Services are happy to attend a meeting of this nature and I can be contacted to ensure we have a representative at any such meeting.

Q.40 Councillor Tara Deacy

A number of residents from St. Teresa's Road have been in contact regarding the sharp bend on this road and the speed at which cars are coming onto this road from Stannaway Avenue. They are concerned at this high speed and the risk it is posing for their families. They have requested that a speed ramp be installed at this dangerous junction as soon as possible.

Reply:

Following site visit by the TAG Area Engineer, it was noted that this narrow road is traffic calmed by the presence of five speed ramps at the appropriate distances apart for optimum traffic calming. St. Teresa's Road is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone sign (F 403), indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow

Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children and is clearly marked at the entrance from Kimmage Road West. However, it is recommended to install a 30 km/h road marking at the entrance on St. Teresa's Road from Stannaway Avenue to enhance the current 30 km/h speed limit signage for the area and two "SLOW" road markings (M 106) to increase the driver awareness near to the park entrances (approx. in front of house No. 28/30 and 54/56).

The Transport Advisory Group at its meeting in August, therefore, recommended the installation of 30KPH road markings at the entrance on St. Teresa's Road. This is with the Traffic Officer for installation.

Q.41 Councillor Tara Deacy

A resident from Clareville Road has highlighted the removal of several bike locking posts which were roughly between 197 - 205 Harold's Cross Road (just past the Centra). They gather these were removed at some stage during July, why were they removed and are there plans to replace or upgrade them in the near future?

Reply:

The cycle stands were removed to facilitate the building project at 199 Harold's Cross Road and they will be reinstated when the project is completed.

Q.42 Councillor Tara Deacy

Windmill Road/Pearse Park, Crumlin. There are a number of issues that need attention in Windmill Road/Pearse Park:

- Can nettles in and around entrance to Pearse Park be cleared? See photo attached.
 - Can DCC plant some wildflowers here? Can the gates be oiled?
 - Can the barrier be replaced which was damaged when a stolen car was driven into it?
 - Can we request that the ESB paint their boxes near entrance?
 - Can something be urgently done to address open drug dealing in park? Can this be raised with local Gardaí?
 - Is the sand in sandpit in Pearse Park playground regularly cleaned?



Reply:

Parks no longer treat weeds with herbicide in an effort to reduce toxic chemical use as supported by the council. As a result weeds will be more evident in the public realm. Parks have scheduled to cut back areas of naturalised grass over the coming weeks

and have also planned to incorporate an area of wildflower in the park. The playground is cleaned daily. Gardaí and Parks are aware of the ongoing issue with drug dealing in the park. – Parks will liaise with Area Office in relation to ESB boxes and Roads in relation to damaged barrier.

The appropriate utility company will be contacted to ask them to paint their service box.

The pedestrian barrier has been sent to our maintenance contractors for replacement.

Q.43 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the trees and bushes in Ravensdale Park be trimmed back again? I know I had requested this to be done a number of weeks ago, but people are having to duck down to get through the park on the footpath and while it is easier for some park users, those using wheelchairs and buggies are finding it more difficult. There are only 2/3 trees that need attention. Can the nettles at the wall also be trimmed back, they are completely overgrown?

Reply:

Parks will arrange for this work to be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Q.44 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could the current list of roads / footpaths to be considered for the next roads budget be provided?

Reply:

Drafts of our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme and Footpath Renewal Programme will be prepared later this year when budget information is available and funding priorities are identified.

Q.45 Councillor Tara Deacy

Park Crescent

- Many of the trees/branches on or around Park Crescent/Lorcan O'Toole Park are hanging exceptionally low, meaning one has to duck under them to walk through (or else walk out onto the road to get past.) In some spaces, this is safe; in others, it is just dangerous and irritating.
- A number of trees on Park Crescent have been planted alongside lampposts and have now grown into the lamp area. This now blocks the lamps light significantly when in leaf. The road is dark at night as a result. Can the trees be pruned to allow the light to return as intended? Matter has been previously flagged with council without reply.
- Green area needs cutting back and tidied. Trees at the entrance of the crescent damaged tree outside number 7 covered in ivy.

Reply:

Works outlined above has been scheduled for the next few weeks.

Q.46 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could the junction and Cashel and Kildare Road be narrowed or made safer for pedestrians to cross? It is so wide; it is difficult to do so at the moment.

Reply:

There is no plan currently by Dublin City Council to install buildouts at the corner of Kildare Road and Cashel Road. However, this location will be added to the list of pedestrian crossings for consideration for the following year's programme of works. It

should be noted that due to budgetary constraints, the amount of funding available for pedestrian crossings is limited and there are several locations currently seeking funding.

Q.47 Councillor Tara Deacy

Would it be possible to get the bollards at the side of Wolfe Cycles repaired? They are in terrible condition. 31 Sundrive Road is the location.

Reply:

These bollards have been replaced with new bollards.



Q.48 Councillor Tara Deacy

Due to the good weather, many of the green spaces and trees look in poor condition. What processes are in place to ensure that trees and planting remains healthy and are additional resources required to ensure this happens? This problem is likely to continue for upcoming years.

Reply:

Parks have carried out watering on a selection of newly planted trees however do not have the resources to water all recently planted trees. The conditions experienced this past summer and indeed preceding spring and winter have been exceptionally dry and will offer challenges to Parks going forward if they continue.

Watering on a prolonged basis is not sustainable either and Parks will look to review the species of trees that we plant and may need to reduce the number of trees planted in order to ensure they establish successfully. There are many types of plants that are adapted to drought conditions and these can be selected for herbaceous schemes. The recent rainfall will allow grass to recover.

Q.49 Councillor Carolyn Moore

In light of there being ample parking available at several locations in Terenure village, and with schools returning this month, can the area manager look at improving safety in the village, and offering a safe route to schools, by providing a 24hr segregated cycle lane on Terenure Road North instead of a clearway? There is no regular enforcement here of illegal parking outside of clearway hours and this is an ongoing problem which is putting vulnerable road users at risk.

Reply:

There are two DCC projects that deal with safety around schools associated with traffic. The School Zone Project and The Safe Routes to School Project. Both Projects are funded by the National Transport Authority and their delivery is subject to the availability of staffing resources within Dublin City Council and the availability of external resources to take up tender applications. Applications for School Zones and Safe Routes to School were taken during 2020 and 2021 and are now closed. The schools in the vicinity of Terenure Village which are being dealt with under these school mobility projects are as follows.

Stratford College and Stratford National School Zion Road is a School Zone and a Safe Routes to School Round 1 applicant. They are currently undergoing a concept design for front of school gate safety improvement works. They have been assessed by Green Schools using a parent travel survey. They have been assessed by the DCC School Mobility Officer and NTA appointed engineering consultant. Recommendations have also been obtained for School Warden crossing requirements.

**Joseph's Boys National School Terenure road East, D6W,
Presentation Primary School, Terenure Rd West D6W**

Presentation Community College Terenure Park Dublin 6W are all Safe Routes to School Round 2 applicants. They will be assessed when all 27 SRTS Round 1 are commenced across the city.

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

Q.50 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager recommend a suitable intervention to prevent people parking right on the bends on Blarney Park (see attached)? This issue is ongoing and causes serious problems with visibility of oncoming traffic, as well as blocking safe passage on the footpaths. On other streets where this is a persistent problem, bollard-protected clear ways have been installed, or planter boxes have been positioned on the bends to prevent parking - could such a solution be implemented here?



Reply:

Dublin City Council does not install street furniture (such as planter boxes or bollards) on footpath to prevent illegal parking. There are parking restrictions in place to combat illegal parking on corners. According to The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) (c); "A vehicle shall not be parked within 5 metres of a road junction."

Infringements should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services tel. no. 01 6022500 or the Gardaí as they occur. However, the Area Engineer will investigate if further parking restrictions are required at the junction on Blarney Park.

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

Q.51 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager engage with the Active Travel Office and Parks to look at incorporating a greening strategy into the extensive pedestrian upgrade now taking place along the Grand Canal? With build outs and road reconfiguration taking place this would be an ideal opportunity.

Reply:

Dublin City Council and the National Transport Authority have appointed a contractor to construct a programme of pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements along the Grand Canal. The work involves the upgrade of seven major and seven minor junctions on a 3.8km section of the Grand Canal from Suir Road/Slievenamon Road to Leeson Street. Work began on site in June 2022 and the programme of works is due to last 12 months.

The project consists of a number urgent improvements to make the junctions along the canal safer for pedestrians trying to cross.

The project's primary objective is to make the crossing points shorter and safer for vulnerable road users, particularly the visually impaired. The design team has been looking to included planted areas along this scheme. However, the opportunity to create new planted areas is limited by need to maintain the desired line for pedestrians, adequate footpath widths and aids for the visually impaired.

The area along Dolphin Road, Slievenamon Road and Parnell Road also features a large number of driveways. Access needs to be maintained to these driveways and this is also a significant obstacle to introducing planted areas. The designers have

identified some possible greening along the route and are working with Parks & Landscapes Dept. to come up with a suitable landscape design.

Q.52 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Can the area manager give an update on the status or timeline for a pedestrian crossing on upper Rathmines Road at Church Avenue, which received funding in 2021? A safe crossing point is badly needed at this stretch, near where schools are located and where cars tend to take the bend at high speed.

Reply:

Kildare Place School, 96 Upper Rathmines Road is a **Safe Routes to School Round 1** applicant and a **School Zone** applicant. Dublin City Council is providing schools with works to improve safety at the school gate through the National Transport Authority funded **School Zones** and the **Safe Routes to School Programme**. The School Zone project commenced in 2020. The **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme** was launched by the Government in March 2021.

Both projects aim to create safety for children walking and cycling to school.

A concept design is being prepared for front of school treatment under a current prioritisation with the National Transport Authority to advance any Safe Route to

School applicants who have not received School Zones as part of DCC's first application of School Zones during 2020 and 2021.

A site visit and interview with the school principal of Kildare Place School was conducted in June 2022 by Dublin City Council's School Mobility Officer and by a National Transport Authority appointed engineer. The information obtained from this initial assessment is being used for the concept design which should be produced by end September 2022. Dublin City Council has committed to progress school safety at the gate improvement works for this schools by the end of 2022.

Q.53 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if traffic engineers can provide a suitable intervention to prevent pavement parking at what is supposed to be a drive through food yard at the old Kenilworth Motors location on Harold's Cross Road. See attached.



Reply:

There are parking restrictions in place to combat illegal parking on footpath. According to The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) (g); “A vehicle shall not be parked on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip.” Infringements should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services tel. no. 01 6022500 or the Gardaí as they occur. The Area Engineer will investigate if any interventions can be provided on Harold’s Cross Road.

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

Q.54 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if bins can be installed on Palmerston Road? There are currently no bins between the canal and Palmerston Park if walking along Mountpleasant Avenue and Palmerston Road - a circa 2km stretch very popular for walkers and where people can very easily pick up food or beverages on the go. At least one bin mid-route is a basic necessity for the area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services are currently surveying the above mentioned area to identify possible locations for litter bins.

Q.55 Councillor Carolyn Moore

As an interim solution to making cycling along the canal safer while the planned cycling and pedestrian upgrade is underway (due for completion in 2023), can the area manager have the lights at the junction of Sally’s Bridge changed to a 4 way break? Currently the lights go from green to green with no break for pedestrians or cyclists, causing an ongoing danger, particularly for children cycling to the various schools in the area, unaccompanied or with adults. This would provide a temporary fix while the very welcome upgrade is underway.

Reply:

As an interim solution, the ITS section will arrange for the site to be reprogrammed to allow for an all-stop traffic phase when the current pedestrian crossing on site is demanded. Please note this change will take 1-2 months to install.

Q.56 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Could the traffic engineers perform a safety assessment at the Applegreen Service Station on St. Agnes Road and look at whether a yellow box at the second entrance is needed to allow safe access and improve safety for cyclist and pedestrians, and if a suitable solution could be proposed to prevent cars from parking fully on the footpath outside the garage, as this is obscuring the view of drivers exiting the station and making it dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists (see attached)?



Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7028954) 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.

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

Q.57 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the parking situation at the Pearse Park (St. Mary's Road) car park can be reviewed. The small car park is regularly full from first thing in the morning until 5 or 6pm with people leaving their vehicles there for the day when they go to work or using the car park as a park and ride facility for the city centre. This is making it difficult for park users and many of the elderly bowling club members to find accessible parking close to the park entrance.

Reply:

The carpark at this location is unregulated and therefore no enforcement can take place.

Q.58 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if a budget can be allocated for landscaping and greening a small area of the concreted expanse owned by DCC outside FirstStop Garage on Crumlin Road? As a key approach road to the Crumlin area it would be a nice urban realm improvement to introduce visitors to the area, and could include a Welcome to Crumlin sign.

Reply:

The area in question will be examined by the Area Manager and the matter discussed at the next scheduled meeting with members this month.

Q.59 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if a budget has been set aside to complete the finishing of the footpaths in Crumlin Village outside the Garda Station (currently tarmac) as part of the Village Improvement Scheme, and if so what is the timeline for these works? Further to this, could DCC liaise with the appropriate stakeholders to look at opening up the entrance to the laneway alongside the Garda station by removing the wall? This would increase passive surveillance and potentially reduce dumping and anti-social activity in the laneway. See attached.



Reply:

The Area Manager understands that both areas outlined are under the ownership of the OPW and the matter will be forwarded to them for comment

Q.60 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the foliage from Ringsend Park which is growing into the properties along Ringsend Park can be pruned.

Reply:

Hedge cutting season only commenced on September 1st. The locus has been examined and works are listed for inclusion in the autumn/winter shrubbery and hedge maintenance programme for the area 2022/2023.

Q.61 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the housing application of details provided can be progressed. The applicant is becoming elderly and is in very unsuitable living conditions.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Older Person's Housing List, with an application date of 26/07/2021, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area M	1	77

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.

The applicant may wish to apply for consideration for a medical priority, she should complete the Disability and/or Medical Priority application form and submit it to the Housing Allocations section where it will be processed. If successful in obtaining a medical priority it may increase the applicant chances of being housed in a shorter timeframe.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.62 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if details supplied can be considered for details supplied

Reply:

The above applicant is on the HAP transfer List with an application date of 03/01/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area M	2	14
Area M	3	20

The above address is not a property within our housing stock.

The applicant's interest in details supplied 2 is noted.

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.

Q.63 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the applicant, details supplied, can be housed ASAP, as she is in a very over crowded living conditions.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 18/02/2008, and the applicant holds the following position on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area M	2	12

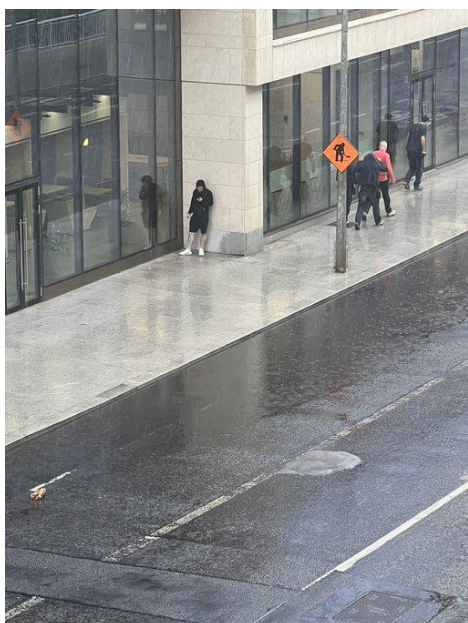
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The applicant should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.64 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager to instruct the contractor who left the surface on Charlemont Street in an uneven state to return and rectify it. Photo below.



Reply:

Charlemont Street inbound is due for permanent reinstatement resurfacing by utilities providers in the coming months.

Q.65 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if QR codes (linked to an explanatory website) can be placed on historical artefacts around the city such as the below.

QR Codes on artefacts around Wood Quay and Essex Quay, to include the long boat on Essex Quay to explain to visitors the historical importance of the area.

Reply:

In relation to the question regarding QR activated heritage trails. In 2021 Dublin City Council created a tender framework for the provision of Mobile App for Heritage Trails Dublin. The purpose of this app is to animate the history and heritage of the city. The app will use augmented reality and other immersive technology to showcase Dublin's unique heritage. The app is currently under development and the first trail, 'Doors into Docklands' focusing on the docklands area of Dublin is due to launch in October of this year.

Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the Sean Moore Road can be re surfaced. This extremely busy road adjacent to Dublin Port is in a very poor condition.

Reply:

The Sean Moore Road roundabout is due to be resurfaced in 2022 as part of Road Maintenance Services' 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Two no. substantial sections of the Sean Moore Road adjacent to pedestrian crossings were recently resurfaced by DCC Traffic Division.

The remainder of Sean Moore Road will be put forward for consideration for future carriageway resurfacing programmes.

Q.67 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager of the road surface at Chapel Avenue, Irishtown can be resurfaced as it is in a particularly poor condition.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection on site and Chapel Avenue is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.68 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager what is being done to ensure that third party utility companies who open roads and footpaths and leave them in a sub-standard condition, are instructed to return and leave the road / footpath in the condition that they found it in.

Many photos below, location is around Grafton Street, South William Street.

Reply:

The locations in the six photographs were inspected by a member of the IMU team on 1st September 2022 and the following was noted:

1. Photo 1 - 26 Eustace Street has been permanently reinstated by Road Maintenance Services
2. Photo 2 - Powerscourt centre Williams Street South has been permanently reinstated by ESB
3. Photo 3 - 112 Grafton Street is a temporary Irish Water reinstatement and has been referred to Irish Water for immediate action.
4. Photo 4 - Clarendon Row has been permanently reinstated by Road Maintenance Services
5. Photo 5 - Outside Grogan's Pub Williams Street South is a temporary ESB reinstatement and has been referred to ESB for immediate action.

6. Photo 6 - Williams Street South has been permanently reinstated by ESB

Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the spending and delivery of the projects outlined in the SEAC Discretionary Budget.

Reply:

Please refer to the Discretionary Fund Report included in the agenda for this Area Committee meeting.

Q.70 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the following:

- Installation of toilets on Clonmel Street
- Installation of cafe and toilets in Sean Moore Park

Can the Manager please provide a timeline for delivery as we are now at the end of another summer without the provision of these public toilets?

Reply:

The Café Unit with a public convenience at Clonmel St should be installed shortly. The relevant utilities were put in place at end of August. There are a small number of outstanding issues that need to be worked through over the coming weeks before unit can be put in place and open.

In relation to Sean Moore Park the following was issued by the Office of City Recovery to the June Area Committee

In May 2021 and in response to the Covid 19 pandemic, Dublin City Council Office of City Recovery went out to tender for suitable contractors to provide retail units with public conveniences at suitable location in the city for a three year period with a potential to extend to 5 years.

One of the locations selected was Sean Moore Park where a café with a toilet was to be installed. The location agreed by parks for the unit was found to be unviable for the contractor based on the costs quoted to install the relevant utilities required to operate the unit.

The tender has been cancelled. Parks will now progress with a plan to install a café facility with public toilets at the agreed site beside the playground in Sean Moore Park. It will take approximately 9-12 months for the utilities to be put in place and a tender competition to be run for a concessionaire to operate in the park.

Following the cancellation of the above, the Parks Service will now progress the plan presented to the Area Committee in early 2021 for a café facility with public toilets on a site in Sean Moore Park adjacent to the playground. We have no timescale at the moment on the delivery date for this project but this will be clarified in the 2022 Parks Works Programme.

Q.71 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the Area Manager please respond to the below query:

'I noticed a new street sign put up for Exchange Street Lower (where it meets Essex Gate, on the side of Lundy Foots). The Irish translation for the street on the old one used to read 'Sráid Iseult Íocht' but now reads 'Sráid an Mhalartáin Íochtarach' – a literal translation of the English street name. The old sign of course referenced

Isolde's Tower, the foundations of which can be seen on this street, one of the old towers of the largely demolished medieval walls. Would you know who would be in charge of making the decisions regarding the renaming of the street as Gaeilge? It would seem a real pity to lose the history of our streets which as encapsulated in the Irish names by amending them to a literal translation of the English names. Similarly there is only one sign left on Nassau Street with the original Irish name of the street 'Sráid Thobar Phádraig' which is still intact. All the others contain the literal 'Sráid Nassau'. [Here](#) is a short article about that if you are interested. The Irish name should be restored on the street signage today.'

Reply:

Dublin City Council is obliged to publish an official list of Irish Language names of all streets within its administrative area. To do this, the Council work closely with the Ordnance Survey of Ireland and with An Brainse Logainmneacha [Place-names Branch] of the Dept. of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

During late 2003-2004, a draft list of street-names was compiled and forwarded to An Brainse Logainmneacha, for affirmation. An Brainse Logainmneacha research place-names on a continual basis to ensure that the correct Irish Language versions are used. Having received the advice and recommendations of their experts, the Council proceeded to publish the list on 12th October 2004. <https://www.logainm.ie/download/dcc-sraidainmneacha-bhaile-atha-cliath.pdf>. **The list aims to introduce uniformity** to the translation of street names in the capital, **to eliminate incorrect versions of street names** and to make addresses in Irish more accessible.

Regarding your specific queries, please see the recommended official names below and the link to Brainse na Logainmneacha's database for the specific street name:

- **Sráid an Mhalartáin Íochtarach** / Exchange Street Lower <https://www.logainm.ie/ga/1383268>
- **Sráid Nassau** / Nassau Street <https://www.logainm.ie/ga/1383555>

Note taken from www.logainm.ie : Nassau was first used in 1749 when Lord Molesworth gave that name to the street in honour of his son Richard Nassau. Although a sub-committee of Dublin Corporation proposed in 1921 that Nassau Street / Leinster Street (amongst various other street names) to be altered to Tubber Patrick Street / Sráid Thobar Phádraig, the majority of these proposed changes in name, including Sráid Thobar Phádraig were in fact rejected.

I understand that **An Dr Conchubhar Ó Cruailaoich, Príomhoifigeach Logainmneacha** / Chief Place name Officer with **An Brainse Logainmneacha** / The Place names Branch, The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, also responded to this same query. Below is a copy of that reply and Dr. Ó Cruailaoich's erudite explanation regarding the Irish forms of the street-names **Exchange Street Lower** and **Nassau Street**:

"In the first instance, I refer you to the booklet Street names Guidelines as published by An Coimisiún Logainmneacha/Place names Commission in 1992 (see: <https://www.logainm.ie/download/streetnames-guidelines-en.pdf>). This bilingual booklet, which includes a foreword by the then Minister of Environment, was the result of cooperation between a subcommittee of The Place names Commission (more recently replaced by the Place names Committee), Dublin Corporation and County Council, and subsequent consultation with all Local Authorities of the state. It includes an extremely useful list of generic elements that are/were common in street names, as well as guidelines in regard to typographical conventions, grammar, Irish surnames,

non-Irish surnames, and saints' names. The booklet also makes it clear that 'Local authorities should make available the official Irish version of names of streets, roads and residential areas ...' (p. 14). In contrast, the Place names Branch, acting on behalf of the Place names Committee (formerly the Place names Commission), has no more than an advisory role, as also made clear in the booklet: 'The Minister has been assured by the Place names Commission [now called the Place names Committee] that their services are available to local authorities for advice [my emphasis] as to the correct Irish version of place names'.

This brings us to the project involving Dublin City Council, OSI and the Place names Branch dating from 2004, the intention of which was to standardise all street names within the jurisdiction of Dublin City Council. The role of the Place names Branch was, as pointed out above, advisory. This standardisation included the rectifying of incorrect spellings (in some cases simply a move to the Modern Irish standard), an attempt to bring consistency to the treatment of street names, and the correction of other errors. In regard to the two street names you mention, Exchange Street Lower and Nassau Street, you are referred to page 11 of the booklet mentioned above which contains a section called 'Renaming of Streets, Roads'. It is stated there that 'it would be far better to retain the names which have been created under a different system [of naming]', but it further continues that 'It would be enough to engage in renaming in cases where an error was made originally'. Thus for example the Irish form of a street name such as Yellow Meadows Avenue/Ascaill an Mhóinéir Bhuí, which did not contain the standardised Irish translation of meadow as found in the booklet, namely cluain, should not be changed to Ascaill na Cluana Buí. The word móinéar is, in any case, a perfectly valid Irish word for meadow. However, in the case of both Nassau Street and Exchange Street Lower/Upper, the names Sráid Thobar Phádraig and Sráid Iosóid Íochtarach/Uachtarach, respectively, were evidently considered to fall into the category covered by the statement 'It would be enough to engage in renaming in cases where an error was made originally'.

In a comprehensive note on the historical evidence for the name Nassau Street on logainm.ie (see: # 1383555), it is explained that the streets which are nowadays called Nassau Street/Sráid Nassau, Leinster Street South/Sráid Laighean Theas and Lincoln Place/Plás Lincoln, once formed part of 'St. Patrick's Well Lane'. Perhaps even a Middle Irish attestation dating from c.1100 'Tipra Phátraic i nÁth Chlíath', refers to this specific well. Be that as it may, the names Nassau Street and Leinster Street were already in use in the mid-18th century, as depicted on Rocque's map of Dublin, while he referred to the present Lincoln Place as 'S. Patricks Lane', and on his Exact Survey of the City and Suburbs of Dublin he calls that street 'St. Patricks Lane'. Modern Lincoln Place was still called 'St. Patrick's Well Lane' in 1762 but this had become 'Park Place' by 1773, and in 1862 it received the name it bears to this day. Of course, had any one of these streets retained the name 'St. Patrick's Well Lane' or some variant of it such as St. Patrick's Well Street, the Irish form would appropriately be Sráid Thobar Phádraig under the guidelines for the Irish forms of street names, but the name was lost. Note that if the local authority were to rename any one of these streets as St. Patrick's Well Street today, the Irish form recommended would doubtless be Sráid Thobar Phádraig. Interestingly, in 1921, a subcommittee of Dublin Corporation proposed a motion to change the names Nassau Street/Leinster Street to 'Tubber Patrick Street', which would also be Sráid Thobar Phádraig in Irish, but the motion was rejected.

'Sráid Thobair Phádraig' was first proposed as the Irish name of Nassau Street in Post-Sheanchas (1905), an English-Irish gazetteer consisting mainly of post-towns, which became extremely influential during the course of the Gaelic Revival and the early days of the state. Its author, Seosamh Laoide, explained in the introduction to

the booklet, that he made a conscious effort to gaelicise names of English origin, in this instance obviously by using an Irish variant of defunct 'St. Patrick's Lane'.

The Irish name found on older signs of Exchange Street, namely Sráid Iosóid, refers to a defunct English street name, i.e. Isod's Lane, previously called Scarlet Lane and also Blind Quay (see: Dublin Street Name: dated and explained, C. T. McCready (<https://archive.org/details/dublinstreetnam00cregoog/page/n6/mode/2up?q=abbreviations>))

Le dea-mhéin, Conchubhar Ó Cruallaoich.

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Q.72 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager are there plans in place to redevelop the Ringsend Park depot on Cambridge Road and if so could he please provide details of those plans.

Reply:

There are no plans to develop the park depot.

Q.73 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please increase the street cleaning of Bride Street and New Bride Street as the litter is very bad here.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean the above mentioned streets five days a week, Monday to Friday. We will monitor the cleaning of these streets to see if improvements can be made within this cleaning schedule there.

Q.74 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the upgrading of Vincent Street South playground and when the works will be completed.

Reply:

€12,000 has been provided in this year's Discretionary Fund to improve the play area at Saint Vincent Street South. Housing Maintenance have committed to providing matching funding for this project. The Area Office will liaise with Debbie Clarke, Play Officer to advance this upgrading ASAP.

Q.75 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please fix the pothole on the Nassau Street contraflow bike lane at the Kildare Street Junction as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection on site and we have noted and recorded this defect. A repair will be arranged here as soon as possible.

Q.76 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please explore the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Camden Row and Wexford Street, and can he provide a report on the pedestrianisation trials of Camden Row.

Reply:

There is no plan currently by Dublin City Council to install controlled pedestrian crossing at the junction of Camden Row and Wexford Street. However, this request will be added to the list of future works programme for consideration.

Camden Row was closed to vehicles from 6pm to 11.30pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday for four weeks from mid-August to mid-September 2021 to facilitate outdoor dining. There were no major impacts noted or complaints received.

Q.77 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on plans to install public water fountains and water bottle refill stations in the south east and central areas, in particular the city centre area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

As part of the initial pilot scheme three water bottle refill stations were purchased. One unit has been installed in Clarendon Row with another unit to be included as part of the public realm improvement scheme on Adelaide Road and the final unit will be included in the Temple Bar Square Area Improvement Scheme. The feedback and learning from this pilot scheme will inform any wider rollout.

Dublin City Council are looking to install more internal water fillers at library locations, to extend the initial three units that were installed in Ballyfermot, Walkinstown and Raheny which are available for the public to use. We are also looking into the possibility of including external wall mounted water stations on suitable DCC buildings.

Due to staff leave a further response will issue to the October meeting and in the interim an update will be provided to the Councillor.

Q.78 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for a detailed update from the Parks Department on progress with a consultant archaeologist and remaining works to be carried out in relation to the Cabbage Patch park to ensure the remaining project aims can be achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

Following the meeting with the archaeologist, a detailed drawing was requested to show the planned works for gym equipment and play space including the raised beds. The arch and entrance wall was also discussed as was a new entrance gate, feedback on this was positive.

We have gone to great lengths to ensure we do not have to disturb the ground below as this site is a burial ground and must be respected as so.

Two new bins and a seat have been installed.

Q.79 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area manager if pedestrian crossings could be installed on the three sides at the Clogher Road/Parnell Road/Donore Avenue junction currently without one.

Reply:

This question is currently with the Active Travel Programme Office. A detailed response will be issued to the Elected Member in the coming weeks.

Q.80 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area manager if he could explore the feasibility of installing small playgrounds at Bangor Circle and one of the green areas at Poddle Close.

Reply:

Parks do not have plans at this time to develop playgrounds at either of the above locations. The residents living in Bangor Circle are very close to Eamonn Ceannt Park (less than 1km) which has a playground. The residents of Poddle Close are also close to a number of playgrounds in Stannaway Park, Eamonn Ceannt Park and Neagh Road parks (approx. 1km).

Q.81 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area manager if Larkfield Grove could be added to the list for footpath repairs in 2023.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has completed a high level inspection on site and the footpaths on Larkfield Grove were noted to be, in general, in a serviceable condition. If locations of specific defects are provided, detailed inspections can be arranged at these location to determine if local repairs are required.

Q.82 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area manager if planters could be installed at the bollards at the Derravaragh Road/Neagh Road junction, the bollards at the Derravaragh Road/Mount Tallant Avenue junction and on the pedestrian island area at the Larkfield Park/Larkfield Avenue junction (directly opposite to 6 & 7 Larkfield Avenue).

Reply:

The budget for the provision of planters is now exhausted. There is currently a backlog of twenty similar requests for the Crumlin area that will not start to be fulfilled until spring 2023. In addition, our supplier is experiencing unprecedented delays in sourcing good quality materials at a reasonable cost to make these items, therefore we anticipate further delays going forward. In the majority of locations, planters are usually adopted by an environmental/ community group, local resident or business who look after the planters, with occasional watering and painting. The Community Team are not aware of any community group in the area suggested for these planters. Previous installations are not doing well, for example the six planters at the park on Neagh Road are in poor condition and will need upgrade work next year.

Any consideration of installing planters will need to be also be considered by our Traffic Department for safety purposes.

Q.83 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area manager if a few public waste bins could be installed along Clareville Road.

Reply:

Waste Management Services would not be in favour of installing litter bins on this residential road. However, we will keep litter levels and this request under review.

Q.84 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on expenditure to date and progress made on housing related discretionary fund projects on each line item; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply:

Works at Glovers Court were completed in April 2022. The Area Housing Manager is currently endeavouring to complete the remaining housing works listed in the 2022 Discretionary Fund.