

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 10th October. 2022

Q.1 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, in light of drivers using Galtymore Road as a 'rat run' during traffic congestion along the canal and driving at high speed from Dolphin Road on to Galtymore Road, will DCC install traffic calming on Galtymore Road?

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager for the exceptionally dangerous footpath outside 66 Beech Hill Drive (for full disclosure my house), and 70 Beech Hill Drive, Donnybrook to be repaired. It would seem to me to be necessary regrettably to remove the two trees in that area as they have lifted the footpath to unreasonable dangerous conditions.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to comment on the reply received from a resident arising from the response to Question number 6 at the Area Committee on the 12th September 2022 supplied with this question:

Dermot Lacey

"I am amazed at the reply from the Chief Executive. If the wall was treated on 30th June, the decay (which should kick in a few days) would certainly be obvious by now and it is not. It is also curious that the DCC rep that I spoke to on 6 July told me that the work was scheduled but not started and would take 8 -10 weeks. He did advise me on the division of labour between the Parks Dept. and DCC in terms of the seawall maintenance. The weeds are not just on the seawall but also on the roadside. If I get a chance tomorrow I will send you some more photos!"

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South East Area Committee
Meeting 12th September. 2022

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.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if arrangements could be made for a more substantial pruning job on the tree (details supplied with this question). Please note the resident's appreciation for the work done to date.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the leaves could be removed and the footpath examined before this question is reached with a view to repair following a serious accident witnessed by this Councillor in the vicinity of 34-42 Morehampton Road, Donnybrook.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if further to previous questions including the one submitted with this question and taking note of the email submitted with this question, can he re-examine what steps can be taken to assist the person referenced and clean up the area and removing the threat of a growing rat problem.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Traffic Department if they will review the general Gulistan Cottages area to see what measures could be introduced to minimise access being blocked by cars parking at corners and other pinch points. Examples include the Gulistan Cottages / Gulistan Place. Please note that residents are presently discussing seeking a Disc Parking Scheme.

Q.8 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the area manager what the status is in respect of unused phone boxes, particularly in Ballsbridge and plans for their removal.

Q.9 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the area manager if appropriate parking enforcement could take place on Wesley Road, off Rathgar Road, where it is claimed that notwithstanding a pay and display zone, that cars park there with no permit and no ticket but face no enforcement as per the description provided below:

I'm a resident on Wesley Road in Rathgar.
It's a pay and display zone 8am to midnight.
It's a tight cul-de-sac and parking can be tricky.
Residents pay for street parking obviously.

Recently the street has become close to impossible to secure a spot on, due to the fact that every day there are numerous cars parked here for days on end - no permit, no pay and display.

As a street it is entirely neglected by Dublin Street Parking. Despite repeated requests for support from many residents, people can park and leave their car unpaid, for days on end without any fear of being clamped.

It's a very tight tricky street so this perhaps explains their lack of appetite to perform their job properly. I note however that they are very frequent visitors to the wider streets of Garville Avenue and Winton Avenue. Funnily enough those streets have ample parking for residents.

This is hugely unfair to the paying residents that live here and play by the rules. There are about 20 spaces in the street. I just counted 7 cars that are here frequently, with no permit or ticket. Effectively a third of the street is taken by those that don't pay. My wife is parked up on a curb on Rathgar Avenue - where she will have to go with

our 3 kids early today - while those that do not have to come and go like us can leave their car securely parked for days without ever having to pay for the privilege.

We fully expect to be inconvenienced occasionally in terms of parking.

However - people using the street to park to go to a restaurant or into the village to shop, will move on and free up spaces quickly.

The issue here is that people view the street as a free ride and leave their unpaid car here for long extended periods.

Nobody wants or needs constant visits from clampers - but the occasional visit is a strong disincentive to those that create the issue.

Over the years (we live here for 13 years) the issue has ebbed and flowed but the complete lack of support from those that are paid to ensure the system operates fairly means that it is now a complete farce. In fact Paddy Smyth once assisted when he was on the council.

I realise that you have more important matters than parking to debate - but it's a daily frustration and annoyance for the residents that effectively are paying for those that park here but refuse to play by the rules.

I have filled out the DSPS website form and provided pictures etc. but they do nothing. There was a car parked immediately across the road for a fortnight - the occupants left it there when going on holidays with friends of theirs living close by - and not once were they at risk of penalty.

It's a first world problem I know - but when you are bringing three kids to school, hurling, soccer and having to park miles away from your house - when you pay for the privilege while others with less active schedules occupy spaces illegally for weeks on-end - it causes a major nuisance.

Is there any way you can raise a query as to this matter?

Q.10 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the area manager if I could have an update in respect of the issues raised in the email below details supplied.

Q.11 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the area manager if an update could be given in respect of the below query details supplied.

Q.12 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the area manager if the OPW has reviewed the draft Service Requirements document for Sandymount Coastal Flood Defence Scheme Phase 2 which forwarded by Dublin City Council (DCC) to the Office of Public Works (OPW) on 7 June 2022; if a meeting took place between DCC and the OPW in respect of this review; and if there is an update on next steps to be carried out concerning Phase 2.

Q.13 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the area manager if clarity and an update could be provided in respect of the works being carried out by GMC in respect of the water main replacement project on the Strand Road.

Q.14 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the area manager if a clasp could be re-installed at one or two of the pedestrian gates on Sandymount Green which can ensure the gate would close as was previously the case when a clasp was placed on one of the gates.

Q.15 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager when can Road Maintenance undertake the issue of potholes and road surface repair at Harold's Cross Bridge?

I am notified it is becoming a real safety issue for cyclists and is an issue for pedestrians and bus users too. The enquirer has sent on photos which show cyclists avoiding the cycle lane.

Other road repair work has taken place nearby – but has not been repaired on the bridge despite huge number of cyclists crossing both east west and north south.

Is there a Road Maintenance issue on a historic bridge over canal?



Q.16 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager and Parking Department to have road access issues resolved in Gulistan. I am notified there are ongoing serious issues with access being blocked to the end of the street, resulting in residents frequently being blocked in and no access for emergency services including ambulances and fire brigade.

In addition, the enquirer states that the street surface, and street cleaning/ weeding has deteriorated, creating an unsightly and hazardous environment, that is particularly unwelcoming to children and old people.

The issues include:

ACCESS

There is a pinch point at the start of Gulistan Place (at the bend - between Gulistan Cottages and Gulistan Place). Depending on how people park, residents in Gulistan Place are frequently either trapped in or can't access the end of the street. As there is free parking on Gulistan Cottages/ Gulistan Place, frequently people park on the street who do not live there, and are unaware of how easy it is to block people in. The result is that there is often no access for an ambulance or fire brigade. This is of great concern to us all.

ROAD SURFACE

Since the road was dug up a number of years ago to install water meters the road surface has severely deteriorated. There are loose chippings on the road surface which are dangerous for children playing on the street and a trip hazard for our elderly neighbours.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full report as to how the community centre TK2 at French Mullen house operates? Many local residents complain that they have no access to this facility and that they are being treated as second-class citizens. Bearing in mind

that this facility was built solely for the purposes of the residence of French Mullen house who are the former residents of Tom Kelly House this report to include a full list of all events that have taken place at the centre in the past year.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager provide a full report as to how the College Green Plaza Project intends to proceed, bearing in mind that the whole project has to be retendered and go back to the drawing board?

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the process to place bicycle racks for parking beside the Upstairs Bookshop on D'Olier Street? There is ample space here for bikes to park.

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of initiating a policy guideline that would apply to city walking tours? Many of these tours are pretty large in number and tend to block up the footpath and other pedestrian areas. There is also now a wide use of microphones and loudspeakers because the gatherings are so large.

Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a community and business program that would encourage people to fly the Irish flag on the premises in the city?

Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the progress of resurfacing the road at John Rogerson Quay? This road is very dangerous as it is dilapidated. When it rains it is simply treacherous to all users. This road needs urgent attention before a very serious accident happens here.

Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding complaints of noise pollution that took place on culture night? The event in question was that Meeting House Square and Temple Bar and many residents in the area were simply appalled at the noise levels.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full report with regards the ongoing criminality and antisocial behaviour at Glovers Court?

Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a task force that will deal with the ongoing criminality and antisocial behaviour on City Quay? This task force to include representatives from the Central Area and South East Area Gardaí, local residents and businesses.

Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager provide a Christmas tree this year for Stephen Street Lower?

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have dishing provided on the footpaths at 8 Williams Place in order to assist residents in wheelchairs please?

Q.28 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will request the TAG to examine the report submitted with this question that seeks to improve accessibility in the Sandymount area generally and with reference to the case of details supplied.

Q.29 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for a detailed update on the long overdue parking proposals for Rathdown, Terenure, as no progress has been made on this despite promises, proposals and surveys being carried out.

Q.30 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide a progress update in relation to the urgent need for pedestrian crossings in Terenure Village (Rathfarnham Road junction) and the KCR (Fortfield Road junction).

Q.31 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to implement a speed reduction solution for Lavarna Grove as this road is used as a rat run at peak hours and there is a small green which children play on and this presents a real danger when cars don't slow down. More signage of 'children playing' or ramps would help to alert drivers to slow down. Existing 30kph speed limit signs are largely ignored.

Q.32 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for a date when this rep that was raised earlier this year will be addressed.

'To ask the Manager to arrange for the road surface on Orwell Road to be repaired/resurfaced as soon as possible, with particular priority at the following two parts of the road.

- Between the Dodder River and the traffic lights at the junction with Orwell Park; and
- Between the junctions with Rostrevor Place and Zion Road.

This road has a significant amount of heavy traffic on it which has led to the road surface issues. The state of the road is now a danger to cyclists and also to pedestrians who have to step off the pavement to socially distance during Covid-19.

Reply:

On inspection, Orwell Road was found to have a large number of failed trench reinstatements and temporary repairs particularly between the junctions of Zion Road and Rostrevor Road and between Orwell Park junction and the River Dodder. The roadway would merit resurfacing and will be prioritised for inclusion in our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

In the interim, major defects will be logged for repair in our asset management system.'

Q.33 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address the following issue in relation to parking enforcement. There are currently construction works ongoing at (details supplied -1 and the construction company are using a small laneway at the back of (details supplied 2) for access. A gate at the end of this lane is regularly blocked and this is causing significant problems for a healthcare worker who is frequently on 24 emergency call. This potentially serious situation has been brought to the attention of the company but to no effect.

Q.34 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to repair the potholes and road surface at Harold's Cross Bridge. It is becoming a real safety issue for cyclists and is an issue for pedestrians and bus users too. I raised this issue on behalf of cyclists three years ago and unfortunately this main artery into and out of the city remains unsafe for cyclists. I would urge this to be addressed immediately as part of the active mobility initiatives underway.

Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to highlight with An Garda Síochána violent anti-social behaviour on (Details supplied -). This has begun to boil over in the weeks leading up to Halloween with gangs of youths now turning to aiming fireworks at houses, cars and people on the street and now, as of late, burning wheelie bins.

Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address the following issues on Gulistan Place please:

- A. Access being blocked to the end of the street, resulting in residents frequently being blocked in and no access for emergency services including ambulances and fire brigade.
- B. The street surface (in poor quality with loose clippings having been dug up in recent years for water repairs), and street cleaning/ weeding needs to be addressed as it is currently unsightly and hazardous, particularly for older and more vulnerable people.

Q.37 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Could the landscaped green space outside the post office depot in Crumlin be reviewed and pruned if required? There does not seem to have been any maintenance at this spot since it was first installed during the Crumlin Village Improvement Scheme. Can we ensure it is on the Parks list for regular maintenance?

Q.38 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Due to anti-social behaviour in the laneway at Pearse Park (St. Mary Road), could a discussion with the Jackpotts Bingo Hall be had to discuss removing the wall between their premises and the lane, and replacing it with some fencing to open up the space and allow for passive surveillance? The lane is a magnet for dumping, graffiti and anti-social behaviour and by brightening and opening up the space it may improve the situation.

Q.39 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Could traffic engineers conduct a review of traffic and illegal parking at the Old County retail area with a view to establishing how the area can be improved in terms of access and pedestrian safety?

Q.40 Councillor Carolyn Moore

Could a review of illegal dumping of large household items outside DCC properties at Seagull House and Stannaway Court be undertaken with a view to addressing the problem? Unrelated to Halloween, items dumped here are being set on fire and causing damage. If CCTV needs to be installed or amended this should be looked at and would be allowed for under new national legislation contained in the Circular Economy Act.

Q.41 Councillor Carolyn Moore

In light of there being ample parking available at several locations in Terenure Village, can the Area Manager look at improving safety in the village by providing a 24hr segregated cycle lane on Terenure Road North instead of a clearway? There is no enforcement taking place in the village, there is no deterrent against illegal parking outside of clearway hours, and this is a longstanding and ongoing problem which is putting vulnerable road users at risk. I respectfully request a reply that deals directly with my request for safe cycling infrastructure through the village of Terenure and does not include the sentence 'Dublin Street Parking Services will be instructed to patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking observed.'

Q.42 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 I was previously informed had received funding in 2021? What is the current status of this funding? Is this pedestrian crossing on any schedule of works? If so, what is the timeline for installation?

Q.43 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the door of the bedsit at (details supplied) can be urgently replaced. The tenant (details supplied) was notified earlier this year that a new door had been ordered but has heard nothing further. Water enters the property via the door when it rains and the tenant is now suffering from serious health problems, caused by mould and humidity in her home.

Q.44 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the extremely damaged and uneven road surface on the Harold's Cross side of Harold's Cross Bridge can be filled in or resurfaced? The potholes at this location are now a safety issue for cyclists and pedestrians travelling across and past the bridge. (See attached images)





Q.45 **Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will establish an oversight and consultative committee for the Poolbeg West SDZ involving local community stakeholders for the duration of the development of the Glass Bottle Site.

Q.46 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the cleaning of waste and dumping from the St Andrew's Court site which is due for redevelopment; if he will provide an update on the redevelopment of St Andrew's Court.

Q.47 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will provide an update on planned cycling and activity mobility schemes and infrastructure plans currently underway or planned for the south east inner city and Pembroke wards.

Q.48 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will prepare and implement a busy neighbourhood travel management and reduction plan which targets and diverts excessive commuter through-traffic which progresses across the East Link and into the city centre, and back, via the Irishtown, Ringsend, Sandymount, and Beggars Bush localities.

Q.49 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update from the Parks Department regarding archaeological and other undertakings related to the Cabbage Patch.

Q.50 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager the number of occasions on which the housing lanes in the Bremen area have been cleaned, weeded, and repaired in the last 2 years; and if he will arrange for these to be cleaned and where necessary repaired.

Q.51 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager for an update in relation to work undertaken to address the rat infestation in The Cloisters, Mount Tallant.

Q.52 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager if the Mount Tallant Boxing Gym in Neagh Road could receive new windows that slide to the left or right to open, as the current windows cannot open fully due to the security grills in place, which is making the gym incredibly hot during training. Furthermore, if arrangements could be made for a plumber to conduct a site visit to inspect the ongoing issues with water pressure in the gym.

Q.53 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager if the space directly between Saint Martin's Drive and The Poddle River in Kimmage, Dublin 12 could be cut back, tidied and planted with new flowers.

Q.54 Councillor Tara Deacy

A number of residents have highlighted the blocking of the footpath at 199-203 Harold's Cross by what seems to be a builder's van, it is causing issues for elderly residents and wheelchair users in terms of having to use that busy road when leaving the footpath.

Can Parking Enforcement keep an eye on this in the coming days and weeks and take the necessary action needed?

Q.55 Councillor Tara Deacy

The resident of details supplied has been in touch regarding the same building company as above. (The building company are carrying out work at 199-203 Harold's Cross Road). The construction company are using a small laneway at the back of Leinster Road, off Grosvenor Lane for access. The resident's gate is at the end of this lane and the construction staff have been regularly (almost daily) using the laneway and his gateway effectively as off street car parking. Can this ongoing issue be addressed by Parking Enforcement ASAP?

Q.56 Councillor Tara Deacy

A number of residents have been in touch regarding the activities for Halloween this year and the lead up to same. People have noticed the beginning of the collections for bonfires etc. and have queried who to contact to report this. Could we arrange a leaflet drop in the area in terms of the appropriate contacts and also what DCC activities will be taking place and where?

Q.57 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could we get an update on the Sensory Garden for the area, it has been raised again by local groups?

Q.58 Councillor Tara Deacy

Residents have welcomed the street cleaning machine doing the rounds in the area. Is there any way we could get some notice in terms of this to allow people to take their cars in from the road to ensure the road is cleaned fully. (This may be one for the Litter subgroup meeting).

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the ongoing issues of litter, illegal dumping and improper bin storage on Denzille Lane? Can Dublin City Council increase the street cleaning around here, introduce measures to address illegal dumping, and liaise with (details supplied) on finding a better bin storage solution that does not impact on the public space and cause disturbance to the local residents? Can Dublin City Council please work with the local residents to find a solution that is satisfactory for everyone?

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the Pearse House Regeneration and Retrofit project?

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please outline what plans are in place for the Dublin City Council tenants in College Gate Apartments should planning permission be granted for the current Metro Route which will impact on this block?

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when the details supplied can expect a transfer.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist details supplied in securing a transfer to a 2 bed home. The tenants have outgrown the one bed and there are also safety concerns for her child in the local area'

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the Area Manager please install additional bike storage on Serpentine Avenue, Dublin 4?

Q.65 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for a list of all permit holders and times for sports at Ringsend Park and Herbert park.

Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager if the housing need of details attached can be progressed.

Q.67 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager when traffic calming will be introduced in the small narrow Streets of Portobello. Many families in the area are terrified of speeding cars and trucks.

Q.68 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the housing need of details attached can be progressed.

Q.69 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager how much was paid by the hotel to Dublin City Council for the use of Portobello square / harbour.

Q.70 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to address the concern of residents around Boyne Street who are deeply concerned at the state of the former flats complete Saint Andrew's Court, Fenian Street. It is being used as a general dump and is now, in their opinion a health and safety hazard for the local community.

Is this site regularly checked / monitored?

Q.71 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to liaise with residents on details attached who wish to change the hours of paid parking to 24/7 on their street in line with adjacent streets.

Q.72 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager request that the new street lighting on Benbulbin Road be improved to ensure that light is provided along the footpaths on both sides of the road? The recent installation of the new lighting has created dark spots. This road has been and continues to be a place for groups of youths to congregate and engage in serious anti- social behaviour. Can our Public Lighting Section consult with the Garda and our own Crumlin Area office with regard to this issue?