



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022

- 1 **Presentation on Dublin South City Partnership**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Temple Bar Square Area Improvement**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 12th September 2022**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 27th September 2022
Order: Noted.
- 5 **College Green Plaza and Related Matters**
Order: Noted.
- 6 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Report on Proposed Part 8 Works at Terenure Library (For information purposes only)
Order: Noted.
- 7 **Planning and Property Management Department Matters**
 - i. Poolbeg West SDZ Planning Update.
Order: Noted.
- 8 **Office of City Recovery Matters**
 - i. Public Domain Report.
Order: Noted.
- 9 **South East Area Office Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services Central and South East.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on Proposed Naming and Numbering of a Development at Beach Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4: Shore Club, awaiting translation to Irish.
Order: Agreed.
- iii. Nomination of a member to replace Cllr. Kevin Donoghue on the South Inner City Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.
Order: Deferred to November South East Area Committee Meeting.

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Motions

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an update on when the long promised and approved works at the Donnybrook Cemetery will be carried out.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to have the road surface of the general Gulistan Cottages area examined with a view to a serious upgrade and at a very minimum to have a major road and footpath sweeping and weed clearance undertaken.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests that a yellow box be installed outside the Ranelagh Medical Centre, Sandford Road, repeatedly requested before and inexplicably refused.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor James Geoghegan

The South East Area committee recommends that camper vans (vehicles that have multiple sleeping births) be explicitly excluded from the definition of "vehicles" in the 2020 DCC Parking Bye-laws thereby prohibiting the owners from applying for residential parking permits as well as visitors with camper vans from using paid parking; if this motion passes that it be referred to the Transport SPC to see the law amended.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor James Geoghegan taken with Motion 9 from Councillor Anne Feeney

The South East Area Committee agrees that LED Advertising hoardings of the type used recently in Ranelagh and Rathmines be banned throughout the South East Area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That the South East Area Committee agrees to write to the proprietor responsible for maintaining the clocks in Rathmines village and inquire as to when or how they might be put into working order and what funds are required to see that take place.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To the local area manager, councillors, the Parks Department and Arts & Culture SPC re Padel sport for children, adults and elderly, lighter version of tennis.

I am notified by Kevin O'Reilly, co-founder of padel360, a company focused on growing the sport of Padel in Ireland that he is reaching out to highlight where they see potential to enhance sport facilities in the south east area. It is considered that adding Padel courts to parks or recreational areas could have a positive impact on the local community. Padel is often described as a mixture of tennis and squash and it is now the fastest growing sport in the world. Ireland's growth trajectory is beginning to resemble the early stage growth seen in other European countries, and this is no surprise given the extended Irish sport and tennis culture. It is considered that one example where padel has added value to the community, is in Terenure, Bushy Park, operating in a financially self-sufficient way and is consistently over-subscribed. Further, the following characteristics give some insight into the growth potential of padel in Ireland;

Great form of exercise regardless of age or physical ability, allowing more people to get active.

Excellent space utilisation is made possible by the small court relative to tennis.

Social fun game played only in doubles form. Players see it as a great way to meet new people while keeping fit. Environmentally friendly; sport is inherently environmentally friendly, particularly padel.

Presently only one facility exists in South Dublin. Padel360 are seeking partnerships with local councils to build and manage padel courts.

Can the Padel sport court be provided in some large park, for instance, in Crumlin?

They have provided a link to their website which I attach here for Parks Dept. and City Council to address.

<http://www.padel360.ie/>

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 Councillors Mary Freehill and Dermot Lacey

The successful Swan Leisure Centre is a wonderful resource for the Rathmines and very much appreciated by the local community. The genesis of this service was as a result of the commitment and work of the local community in the early years post 2000. At the time of construction the project had to be curtailed. Because of its current success, it is clear that a building extension is needed to extend the service and cater for the community. Furthermore, Rathmines is very poorly served because of lack of community use buildings. While members of this committee recognise the need to extend the services equally, Rathmines Initiative and local sports clubs remind us of the serious gap in resources in the area.

This committee acknowledges the current administrative and financial success of the centre. Therefore this committee agrees that the City Architect be requested to initiate a scoping exercise and capacity study in consultation with The Swan Leisure Board along with these local groups. A liaison group from this committee could work with local community, Swan Leisure Board and council depts. to develop proposals.

Furthermore it is agreed that the council explore the possibility of using the roof of the crèche (building is in DCC ownership) adjacent to Swan Leisure for solar panels, which could help create energy savings in the leisure centre.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 9 Councillor Anne Feeney taken with Motion 5 from Councillor James Geoghegan

That this Committee calls upon the council to address the situation of granting planning permission to flood lit illuminated advertising hoardings (replacing older traditional top lit hoardings), where it has an adverse impact on the quality of life for local residents who have to endure bright and flashing lights illuminating their homes at night.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 Councillor Mary Freehill

That the working group set up some years ago in conjunction with SDCC to work on issues that impact on both DCC and SDCC be re-established. It's important that we councillors on both local authorities co-operate with each other in relation to Metro South West.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 Councillor Mary Freehill

In preparation for the plant sale next year that this committee agree to consult with Harold's Cross Grow or any other appropriate group to look at providing workshops face to face and or zoom on vegetable/herb growing. It would be interesting to become knowledgeable on how to grow vegetables in among flower beds and or window boxes. At the flower plant sale earlier this year, quite a few people asked if we had vegetable plants".

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 Councillors Carolyn Moore, Tara Deacy, Anne Feeney, Deirdre Conroy, Mary Freehill and Pat Dunne

This committee does not accept that a safe pedestrian crossing point cannot be provided to help people cross the busy junction at Rathfarnham Road and Terenure Road, the scene of two recent road traffic accidents which have both involved school children trying to get to or from their school. We are calling on the traffic engineers to examine this junction, make a recommendation on the actions needed to make it safer, and urgently allocate funding to implement those measures.

This committee agrees that it is completely unacceptable that outside of the hours where a crossing guard is provided, children and other vulnerable pedestrians are forced to put their personal safety at risk to cross this road, and believes that the onus is not on the NTA to deliver this infrastructure, but on Dublin City Council, whether self-funded or funded by the NTA under the active travel programme.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee requests an urgent intervention from the area manager on the issue of illegal parking on the footpaths on Harold's Cross by vehicles related to ongoing construction at 314 Harold's Cross Road and a new development at 200 Harold's Cross Road. At both locations trade vehicles are parking entirely on the footpath on a regular basis, forcing pedestrians out onto a busy 50km per hour road. (See attached images)

Planning documents for at least one location shows that the construction management plan does not allow for access via Harold's Cross Road, yet bicycle stands have been removed from the pavement here to allow access via the footpath, which is now being used for illegal parking of vehicles.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 Councillor Carolyn Moore

This committee requests that a Parks representative would make themselves available to meet with councillors and relevant stakeholders to answer questions about the ongoing issues with parks contractors destroying local biodiversity initiatives. This has now been reported to me by community groups across the Kimmage Rathmines area and beyond, it's clear that the situation is not improving, and a solution needs to be found.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn taken with Motion 16 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That Dublin City Council will anchor a taskforce including relevant stakeholders across the Gardaí, social work services, education services, and other relevant stakeholders to effect a short- and medium- term strategy which tackle the root causes driving violent youth anti-social behaviour in Dublin City, and provide a North East Inner City Mulvey Report-type solution for complex social and economic challenges in the south inner city.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn taken with Motion 15 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That Dublin City Council will ensure the raising of the Sean O'Casey Bridge after 8 pm each evening until before commuting hours each morning for an initial period of 6 weeks in an effort to diminish the attractiveness of the bridge and environs for anti-social gatherings and violent behaviour, as it currently provides a convenient exit route for gangs who are travelling into the area to engage in violent anti-social behaviour which is terrorising the City Quay neighbourhood.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an immediate intervention by the Parks Department to bring the soccer pitch in Herbert Park up to reasonable playing standards.

The key issues raised by local football clubs include:

Deep appreciation for the hard work of the ever decreasing staff in Herbert Park,
Request that the grass cutting of the pitch be restored to once a week,
Request that a programme of repairing multiple holes across the pitch be put in place as the present situation is both unsafe and often unsuitable for play,
Request that the aeration machine that is in Herbert Park be used for the purpose it was purchased.

The Committee further requests that the more detailed issues outlined in the letter submitted with this Motion be responded to in detail either at a future Area Committee meeting or the "On Site" meeting in Herbert Park previously agreed by this Committee.

RE: BELMONT FC - HERBERT PARK GRASS PITCHES

Good morning Dermot

Thank you for meeting with Andrea, Manuel and myself yesterday evening it was good to catch up and was a very beneficial.

As an introduction, we would highlight to say that Belmont FC are a humble community football club based at Herbert Park. Belmont FC has been providing boys and girls from the community of Donnybrook and its wider catchment the opportunity to have fun through junior soccer for more than thirty years. Our players come from a variety of schools in the local area, and we are always welcoming of newcomers, whatever their ability. Our ethos is a child-centred one.

With over 450 boys and girls wearing the Belmont jersey every week we strive to provide a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere that allows our players to participate to their potential, irrespective of their abilities. Belmont FC is supported by a group of volunteers and coaches who give freely of their valuable time in providing a stimulating, challenging, supportive and fun soccer experience to children and young people in the Club.

As discussed, our main issues are with the drop on maintenance standards on the Herbert Park football pitches. As a result of that the surface is visibly uneven, there are multiple holes on the pitches, worn out areas are not repaired, there is a lack of aeration regime (even though it is our understanding that a new machine was purchased for that particular purpose) and finally, the grass on the pitches is not being cut regularly enough resulting in nearly unplayable pitches. In terms of general maintenance, there's visual overgrowth of vegetation in the curtilage of the club house and the roof gutters are visibly blocked.

We would like to highlight the genuine effort that DCC operatives in Herbert Park are doing under the current restrictions applied as result of Covid. We strongly believe that there's not enough manpower in the parks team to cover not only Herbert Park, but other parks such as Bushy Park, Palmerston Park, Belgrave Square, Ringsend Park, Sean Moore Park, etc., to name a few.

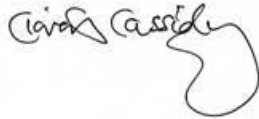
In addition to the pitch maintenance issues, we would like to say that access to additional football pitches would be welcomed anywhere in the area. For the last few years, we have struggled to provide our boys and girls with enough pitch space in Herbert Park to practice football. We are currently unable to cater for the increasing demand to join the club.

As you know we mainly use the Herbert Park grass pitches for matches on Saturday but only have one pitch on Sunday. We also have limited pitch space in Beechhill on Sunday but only when it suits Beechhill United as they are very protective over the pitch and rarely let us play there. As you quite rightly said this pitch is completely underutilised. We find ourselves having to travel to Brickfields Park, Drimnagh to play our home Sunday matches and we do lose some players as a result of this.

We'd need to use the existing pitch space in the Donnybrook/Ballsbridge area more efficiently. Building a full-size Astro pitch in the area and perhaps on the Beechhill pitch would alleviate some of our and other clubs pitch shortage problems. In the meantime, the Council could provide the current pitches with a hybrid grass surface (a mixture of natural grass supported by artificial fibres) that will be able to accommodate considerably more playing hours than the current solution. We are happy to discuss with the Parks department any possible solution.

It is great to start the ball rolling (excuse the pun) and thank you again for taking the time out of your busy schedule to meet us.

Kind Regards



Ciarán Cassidy
Chairman
Belmont FC



Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to write to O'Callaghan Hotel Group to ask them what their plans are for their site on Sandwith Street and if they can clean up the site which has been left to dereliction, there are problems of illegal dumping and littering in the area and the residents would like something done on this.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to outline what measures are being undertaken to address the ongoing issue of the misuse of tarmac being dumped on the footpaths around the South East Inner City as an interim fix which is unsightly and a trip hazard. Can the Area Manager please outline why this is seems to be the preferred practice of Dublin City Council rather than proper fixing of footpaths and when what can be done to put an end to this and to fix the footpaths in the area properly to make it safer and more attractive?

Order: Deferred to November South East Area Committee meeting.

Motion 20 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to fix the potholes and road surface on Harold's Cross Bridge as a matter of urgency as this is a safety issue for cyclists.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 21 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee Calls on the Area Manager to convene another meeting between the residents, businesses, Dublin City Council, Temple Bar Company, the Gardaí and any other relevant stakeholders to address the ongoing issues in the area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 22 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to please outline the reasons why outdoor seating licences are being revoked in the Portobello Area and can he provide a full report on the issue, including parking demand studies that were carried out on the area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 23 Councillor Danny Byrne

This committee agrees to write to the Minister for Housing, to request periods such as Christmas and the month of August where planning applications will not be allowed to be made.

We have seen of late attempts to perhaps circumvent oversight of some applications.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 24 Councillor Danny Byrne

That a site visit is made to Denzille Lane to assess residents' concerns about dumping on the lane and waste from commercial premises being inappropriately stored. The site visit should include local residents.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 25 Councillor Mary Freehill

That this committee examine the strategic decision not to have parks staff/rangers in parks. The consequences of this over the past few years has diminished safety in our parks locally. The most recent case being the young boy who was physically attacked in Bushy Park. We agree to consider whether staff need to be put back in our parks and report back within a month.

Order: Agreed.

11 Questions to the Chief Executive 10th October 2022

Order: Noted.

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 10 October 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)

Claire Byrne

Deirdre Conroy

Kevin Donoghue

Mannix Flynn

Paddy McCartan

Members:

Danny Byrne

Daniel Céitinn

Pat Dunne

Mary Freehill

Carolyn Moore

Members:

Hazel Chu

Tara Deacy

Anne Feeney

James Geoghegan

Claire O'Connor

Officers

Alison Lyons

Brian Kirk

Iva Geci

Patricia Reidy

Catherine Brophy Walsh

Myles Farrell

Brendan O'Brien

John MacEvilly

Karen Hosie

Philip Dunne

Paul McCann

Yvonne Souhan

Brian Hanney

Owen Keegan

Mairead Owens

Neil O'Donoghue

Fiona O'Brien

Apologies:

Karl Mitchell

Non-Members:

Una Lowry,
Dublin South City Partnership
Pamela Kennedy,
Architect on Terenure Library
Works.

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee Meeting 10th October 2022

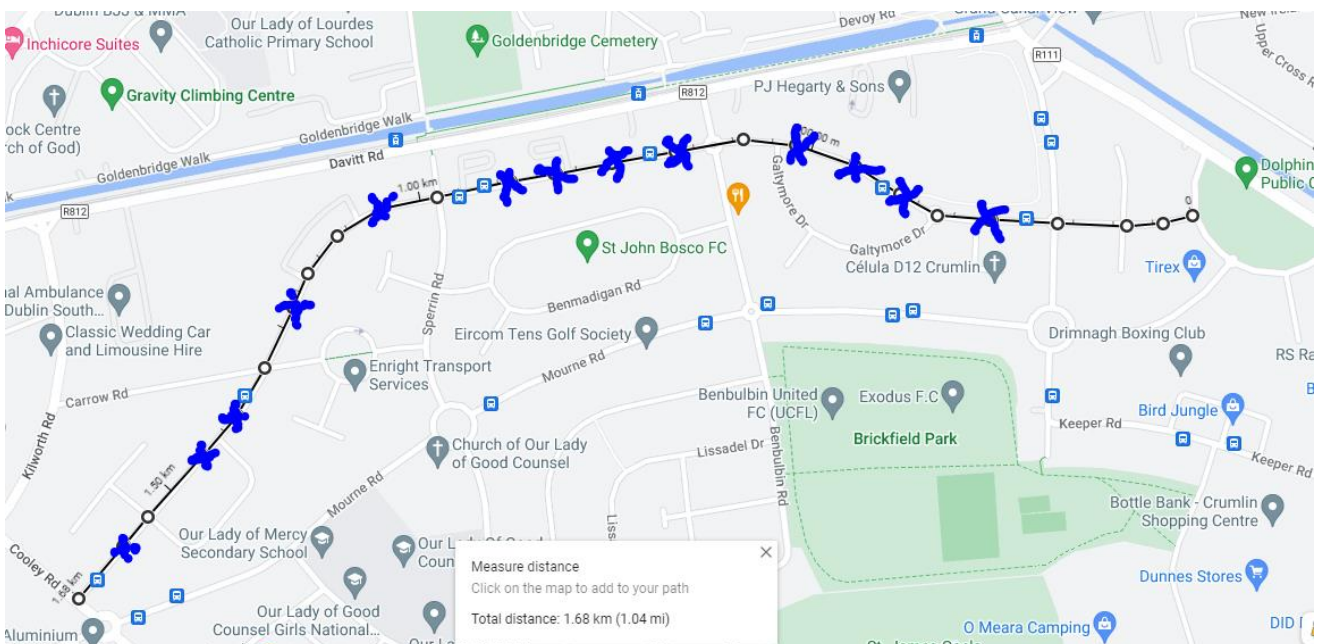
Q.1 Councillor Daithi Doolan

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?

Reply:

Galtymore Road is a 1.7km long road in a residential area. This curvy road is also a bus routes and it is staggered into smaller sections by the presence of six roundabouts. These sections have been already traffic calmed by the presence of speed ramps and speed cushions. These traffic calming measures were installed according to DMURS at the time. There is no plan to install additional speed ramps on Galtymore Road as they would not comply with the current DMURS standards or some sections of the road does not meet the criteria, such as straight stretch of road for a distance of 200 metres, to install speed ramps. However, this request (Enquiry Ref: 7029446) will be referred to the Area Engineer for an assessment of other traffic calming measures and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

Speed ramps/cushions are located at the blue highlighted crosses on below screenshot.



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.

Reply:

The footpath at No. 66 and No. 70 Beech Hill Drive was inspected and defects observed have been recorded on our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

The Elm trees growing in the Beech Hill estate are not suitable trees for the size of tree pit they are growing in. Parks would suggest that a replanting program be carried out where the Elms are replaced with more suitable species in conjunction with tree pit enlarging following assessment of services in the footpath. This project would be subject to capital funding being available.

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 Department 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!"

Question to the Chief Executive

**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 (1.9kms) was treated on 30th June as part of the Manual Weed Removal Trial. The presence of weeds on Strand Road would be considered to be regrowth since 30th June 2022.

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.

Reply:

Parks Services will arrange more substantial tree work to be carried out on the subject tree as part of prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned section of footpath cleared of leaves and debris on the 20th September 2022.

The footpath between 34 to 42 Morehampton Road was inspected and defects observed have been recorded on our Works List for repairs to be carried out.

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.

Reply:

The individual in question, is at this location in Sandymount since October 2021, after moving from the Stillorgan area in 2019 - 2020. The location has been visited a couple of times a week by Dublin Simon Outreach and referrals made to HSE services.

The individual has refused several offers of accommodation and has only availed of accommodation after a hospital stay. The individual does not want to engage with anyone, however the outreach team will continue to visit, risk assess, engage and as last resort, arrange for the Gardaí to attend this site and assist with the necessary clean up.

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.

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services will carry out enforcement where illegally parked vehicles are observed.

If the residents wish to request a Residential Parking Permit scheme they will need to submit a petition to include 35% of the households on the Road and submit it to the Traffic Advisory Group for assessment. All details on introducing a scheme can be found on this link: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

Please note that Residential Permit Parking Schemes also include Pay and Display so it is not possible to designate a public road for residents use only.

The Transport Advisory Group at its meeting held on 26/04/2022 recommended the provision of double yellow lines at the pinch point on the west side of Gulistan Cottages / Gulistan Place.

The statutory process for regulatory road markings is now complete and these measures are listed with the Traffic Officer for installation. The location is being

monitored and double yellow lines will be installed when there is no obstructing vehicles present.

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.

Reply:

Eir have advised that the process of removal has commenced and that power supplies to the units have been disconnected. Eir have advised that they are engaging with a suitable contractor to remove the phone booths.

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?

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement section has instructed Dublin Street Parking Services to patrol this location regularly and enforce any illegal parking.

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.

Reply:

Inspection was carried out at the locus, the subject of the complaint, by DCC Tree Officer in June 2020 following receipt of the letter, dated 27th May 2020 received in this office 3rd June 2020, concerning the issues raised in the provided email that forms the part of the question.

Please find hereunder conclusions of the inspection:

In the letter sent to Dublin City Council, there was no tangible proof provided (as per section 3.7.7 Dublin City Council Tree Strategy 2016-2020) that the roots of the street trees are growing under the car park and that they are causing damage to the said carpark.

During the inspection, I have not noted any signs that roots had spread under the carpark. I also noted that the grass verge, long and wide, provides enough space for the roots to grow without impacting the built environment. I would consider that the area under a properly built carpark is a very hostile environment for roots growths as the soil is compacted and dry. While Prunus avium could have adventitious growths on roots, they would be growing in the grass verge, where the conditions are ideal. The seedling, if Prunus avium, may be growing from seeds.

As a result of this inspection, Dublin City Council is satisfied that no works on the tree or provision of root barriers is recommended.

If the resident continues to want the tree removed, copy of a report must be provided from a qualified professional which includes scientific evidence supporting resident's assertion that the tree is the cause of damage to the property.

Q.11 Councillor James Geoghegan

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

Reply:

The request for bollards at the above location was recommended by the Area Engineer under Enquiry No. 7023574 and drawings were sent to the Traffic Officer on 7th July, 2022 for installation.

The Traffic Officer has raised an issue with the above recommendation and further discussion with the Area Engineer is required.

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.

Reply:

A meeting took place between OPW and Dublin City Council on Sandymount Coastal Defence proposals on Thursday 1st September 2022. The OPW requested that further paragraphs are put into the tender documents to cover climate change adaption, a re-analysis of all of the flood risk in Sandymount, including the latest design estimated high tide levels and associated wave heights from recent modelling results.

These are currently being included in the documents which will be sent back to the OPW for final approval.

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.

Reply:

GMC have been contracted by Irish Water to replace an existing 24" water-main along Strand Road and Beach Road. The project extends from the Southern side of the Merrion Gates Level Crossing as far north as Ringsend Park.

The existing water-main bursts frequently and is one of the more problematic mains in the Greater Dublin Area network.

There will be several different Traffic Management configurations over the project duration.

Updates can be found at the following link:

<https://www.water.ie/projects/local-projects/east-city-arterial-water-/>

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.

Reply:

One of the gates, as referenced in the question, has a self-closing mechanism fitted, however, it is malfunctioning and Parks Section has no plans to re-install the same at the moment. It is intention to engage with a consultant who has the appropriate skills to carry out an assessment of the ironwork to assess if the gates will be suitable for fitting any kind of self-closure gate elements and to determine the degree of intervention and type of work required in order to ensure that it can be functional and safe for general public use and in keeping with the conservation status of the park.

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?



Reply:

Harold's Cross Bridge road surface was inspected and is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, temporary repairs to the potholes will be arranged.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the roads and footpaths of the general Gulistan Cottages area swept on the 26th September 2022.

The Parking Enforcement Inspector will visit the location to assess the situation and where necessary instruct Dublin Street Parking Services to attend the location and carry out enforcement where illegally parked vehicles are observed.

Road Maintenance Services inspected the road surface on Gulistan Terrace, Gulistan Cottages and Gulistan Place. Road Maintenance Services has requested Waste Management to sweep the road surface to remove loose chipping present on Gulistan Cottages and Gulistan Place.

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.

Reply:

The TK2 Community Facility which is located at the back of French-Mullen House on Charlemont Street is operated on behalf of Dublin City Council by the Charlemont Community Resource Centre. As part of this arrangement, a voluntary Board of Management, made up of residents from the community, oversee the running of the facility in line with the management licence and in compliance with relevant statutory requirements. The TK2 team of staff, led by a Manager, work in and with the community, providing a range of activities, classes and events in conjunction with community volunteers and statutory stakeholders and partners, including Dublin City Council.

All residents in the community have access to the facility and to attend activities/classes and groups if they so wish. In addition, the CCRC provide the opportunity to local people to attend activities, courses and events throughout the year, which are exclusively for the community and only notified through the monthly community newsletter distributed to all households. The local community are asked to suggest ideas for community, activities and events they would like to see run in the TK2.

Over the past year, an extensive range of activities, classes and events have been organised or put on by the CCRC for the community in the TK2. These include: -

- Weekly community breakfast every Friday throughout the year (apart from Christmas and Good Friday) - this consists of a full Irish breakfast for €2.
 - cooking
 - Crafts
 - Local history
 - Sustainable living
 - StreetFeast
 - Children's activities including arts and crafts, gardening/growing and sports
 - Activities and events over holidays - including two Summer Project weeks
 - Monthly community celebration events (professional singers)
 - Weekly walks (every Wednesday morning)
 - A number of community consultations (meeting held for volunteers in January and for older youth in July)
 - Community football
- Voluntary led/run activities:
- The Circle of Friends Women's Group (fortnightly)
 - A Youth Group (fortnightly)

In addition to this, on a weekly basis we have a local school using the TK2 for PE; an organisation brings a group of people with intellectual disabilities in to cook and NA are

holding two meetings a week. Each of these groups have at least one member of the community in them.

There are other classes and groups that are open to people from the community to attend if they're interested (for example, Gymnastics) but not everyone can or does everything. One of the important parts of having a facility is that people from all sections of our community can access and use it and this is something we've always worked hard to do. If Councillor Flynn has received a suggestion, or has one himself, of something that local people want and will attend we'd love to hear it.

As an organisation that is working to support community building and development, we welcome and appreciate all of those who continue to contribute to this process. We would encourage anybody with an interest in getting involved positively to contact and engage with any member of the team by communicating with us directly by any means they choose. We operate an open door policy and we have and continue to encourage people to come in themselves or communicate with us directly about their needs.

As part of the next Charlemont Community Building & Development Plan, household surveys are being completed to learn what the needs of the community are and get suggestions about what people would like to see happen.

Our door is always open and we respond to inquiries and interested parties when we receive them.

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?

Reply:

It is intended to shortly go to tender to appoint a design team in order to progress the College Green Dame Street Project through the various project phases including construction.

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.

Reply:

The requested location will be examined to confirm if there is adequate space to install Sheffield Stands on the footpath. Dublin City Council shall install cycle parking parallel to the kerb on footpaths that are a minimum of 4.35m wide for locations that are on busy roads as per the adopted "On-Street Cycle Parking Policy". Minimum footpath width - Pedestrian (3.35m) + Space for bike (0.4m) + Width from kerb (0.6m). If deemed suitable, the location will be included in the next batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has carried out a desktop study into walking tours and their possible regulation.

Very few locations have regulated this sector. Gettysburg in the U.S. and the City of Bruges have attempted regulation. The regulations are very basic involving the issue of a licence; limiting the numbers on the walking tours (around 26 max would appear to be the average); stating that tours should not obstruct the footpath or block access; tour guide to wear identification and fines for non-compliance. However, walking tours are operated nationwide so it would not be appropriate for the council to regulate by way of byelaws. Also under the Irish Constitution, there is a right to assemble or meet peacefully and without weapons (Article 40.6.1.ii).

In Q4. 2018 Fáilte Ireland hosted a tour guide steering group comprising of industry representatives such as the Irish Tour Operators' Association and the Association of Approved Tour Guides of Ireland. Following on from this a redesigned code of practice for tour guiding was drawn up. Attached is a copy of the "Guidelines for Professional Practice – Tourist Guides in Ireland 19/10/2018." These guidelines are to be reviewed on an annual basis by industry representatives.

The council has written to Fáilte Ireland requesting that its concerns in relation to walking tours be taken into account in the next review of the guidelines, and has made specific representations requesting that a maximum of 26 participants be allowed take part in each tour and also that assembly points and operations be carried out in a manner which does not affect pedestrian flows.

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?

Reply:

Although there are no statutory requirements regarding the flying of the flag, the Department of the Taoiseach has published guidelines on its use.

These include the expectation that the National Flag will be treated at all times with appropriate respect by those who use it, and that if flown by night, as well as by day, it should be properly illuminated at all times, preferably by spotlight.

In promoting any scheme to encourage the flying of the flag, the Council should direct business and community organisations to the guidelines at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/adc448-the-national-flag>

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.

Reply:

Sir John Rogerson's Quay is due to be resurfaced between Cardiff Lane and Benson Street as part of our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. These works will take place in last quarter of 2022 or first quarter of 2023.

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.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit received no complaints of noise pollution associated with an event held in the Meeting House Square, Temple Bar area on Culture Night (23/09/2022).

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

The Area Office is working proactively with An Garda Síochána regarding ASB at Glover's 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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council are working proactively with An Garda Síochána and local residents to deal with ASB in the vicinity of the City Quay in conjunction with our Housing, Community and our Public Domain teams and this work is ongoing in the area. This will be part of an inter-agency approach to target this problem and we will liaise with local Youth Services and other agencies/organisations to come up with a co-ordinated plan.

Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

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

Reply:

A large Christmas tree will be installed at the top of Grafton Street which is a short walk from Stephen Street Lower. Furthermore, the Electrical Services Section of Dublin City Council require that all Christmas trees have their own discrete power supply, the installation cost of which would be approximately €10,000 and would involve digging up the newly installed footpaths on this street.

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?

Reply:

If the councillor could please provide contact details for the resident(s), we can liaise with them on this request to ensure new wheelchair dishing is located at a safe location.

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.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) will review the Accessibility Assessment Report submitted and report back to the elected representative on the specific issues that are for the TAG team.

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.

Reply:

The Rathdown traffic review showed support from 60% of residents of Rathdown Estate for changes to the existing Pay & Display & Permit Parking Scheme on Rathdown Avenue. It is now proposed to amend the existing scheme, however, in order to amend an existing scheme, an application must be submitted to Dublin City Council, along with supporting documentation showing 35% of residents on Rathdown Avenue are in support of amending the scheme. See link below to criteria for a new Pay & Display and Permit Parking Scheme, the same information is required for extending an existing scheme.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme/criteria>

Dublin City Council Transport Advisory Group (TAG) have spoken to the elected official and has sent on the criteria to apply for a change to the existing Pay and Display and Permit parking scheme.

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).

Reply:

Transport Advisory Group (TAG) is currently implementing the Minor Works Programme. TAG with its limited resources (finance and staff) is also considering a list of approximately 60 new pedestrian crossings citywide.

The Rathfarnham Road/Terenure junction, or the KCR junction is not included on the current list.

However, these junctions will be upgraded in the near future under the Bus Connect project.

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.

Reply:

Lavarna Grove is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, which indicates the lower speed limit and warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. This sign is provided at the entrance of the housing state. During the site inspection on 03/10/22, no visibility issues were observed.

Therefore, additional signage is not recommended at this location to avoid a proliferation of signage. Speeding should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7028903) is referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

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:

Orwell Road from Zion Road to the Dodder River is on our 2022 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. Resurfacing works are due to take place in late 2022 or early 2023.

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.

Reply:

This laneway is a private laneway and is not in charge of Dublin City Council. Dublin City Council and Dublin Street Parking Services working on the council's behalf have no authority to carry out enforcement at this location.

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.

Reply:

Harold's Cross Bridge road surface was inspected and is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, temporary repairs to the potholes will be arranged.

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.

Reply:

The issues around anti-social behaviour at this location have been referred via the JPC to the local Gardaí in DMR South.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the roads and footpaths of the general Gulistan Cottages area swept on the 26th September 2022.

The Parking Enforcement Inspector will visit the location to assess the situation and where necessary instruct Dublin Street Parking Services to attend the location and carry out enforcement where illegally parked vehicles are observed.

Road Maintenance Services inspected the road surface on Gulistan Terrace, Gulistan Cottages and Gulistan Place. Road Maintenance Services has requested Waste Management to sweep the road surface to remove loose chipping present on Gulistan Cottages and Gulistan Place.

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?

Reply:

Parks will arrange a clean-up of the above mentioned area in the next couple of weeks.

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.

Reply:

A meeting will take place with stakeholders to look at the situation in this laneway.

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?

Reply:

Some of the parking at this location is on private landings in front of the commercial businesses and the parking enforcement cannot enforce at the private landings. Parking on the footpath is illegal and the parking enforcement contractor will be advised to patrol this location and enforce any illegal parking.

The retail area on Old County Road is not in charge of Dublin City Council beyond the line of the footpath. The majority of that section of footpath is to be considered as driveways to businesses.

However, reconstruction of the buildout at Old County Road/Crumlin Road junction may be considered for inclusion in a future Works Programme subject to availability of funding. (Enquiry Ref: 7029449)

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.

Reply:

Illegal dumping is an ongoing issue at Seagull House. Cameras were installed many years ago to address anti-social behaviour and further cameras were installed in 2020 to specifically monitor the bin areas. As a result of footage from these cameras, one vehicle and one commercial premises were identified as dumping in the bins in the complex and the matter was referred to Waste Management for action under the relevant legislation. However, monitoring of footage has shown that local residents from outside the complex regularly dump materials both in the bins and adjacent to the bins. Dumping also takes place immediately outside the complex and beyond the scope of our cameras. When residents report incidents of dumping, the CCTV is reviewed, but unfortunately, it is rarely possible to identify those involved. Even if cameras were upgraded and the new legislation allowed for extended monitoring and use of CCTV for prosecutions, it is unlikely that we would be able to identify individuals involved.

Dumping in Stannaway Court has never been raised as an issue with the area office and we have no plans to install CCTV.

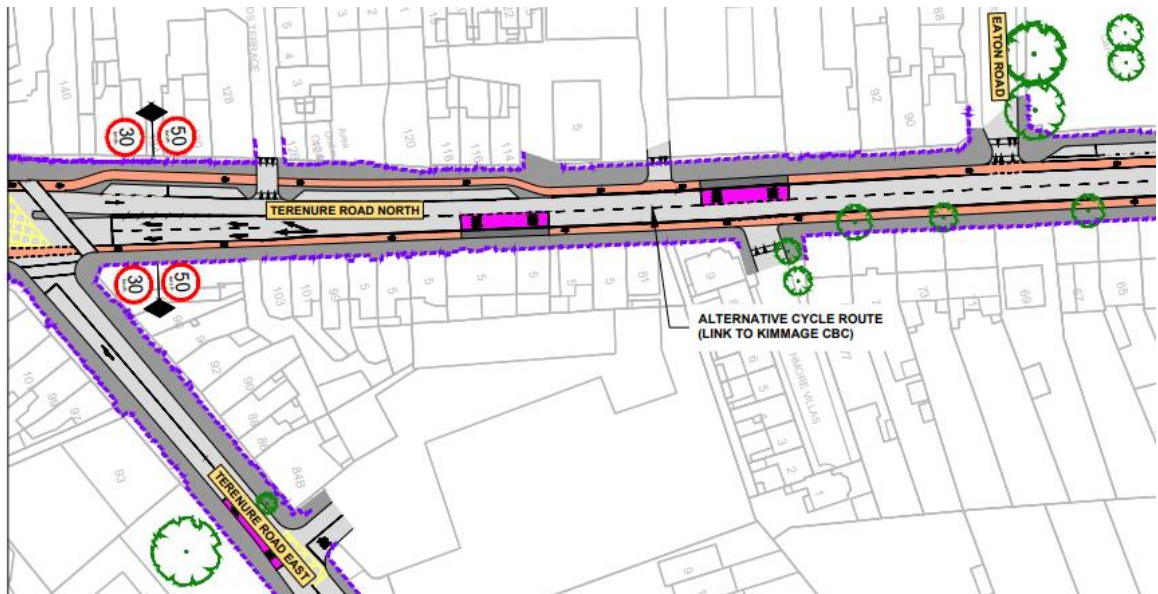
Q.41 Councillor Carolyn Moore

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.'

Reply:

The parking enforcement inspector will visit the location and report back his findings and recommendations in relation to the illegal parking issues.

The clearway provides a balance of kerb side activity allowing the provision for a loading/unloading and parking window from 10am to 12:30pm for business in the area. As below in the BusConnects Proposal for CBC 12 Rathfarnham, for Terenure North near the village, a segregated cycle track is proposed along both sides of the road and also proposed are parking/loading/unloading bays so as to maintain a balance of kerb side management for various services.



These proposals meet the requirements being requested and would be delivered as part of the BusConnects scheme pending the outcome from An Bord Pleanála planning process.

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?

Reply:

The proposed crossing needs to be reassessed due to its proximity to a school and whether or not it may be covered under the Safe Routes to School Programme.

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.

Reply:

The tenant got new flooring installed at the property and the person who fitted the flooring, shaved off part of the hall door in order to be able to close the door properly. This resulted in the door letting in water.

The depot inspected and installed a new threshold bar in order to alleviate this issue. However, this is only a short term measure, so they have put in an order for a new hall door for the tenant.

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.

Reply:

Harold's Cross Bridge road surface was inspected and is being put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. In the interim, temporary repairs to the potholes will be arranged.

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.

Reply:

The current Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum is kept up to date on developments within Poolbeg West Planning Scheme at its regular meetings. Matters discussed include the status of infrastructure and planning projects in relation to the rollout of the planning scheme.

Also, the Poolbeg West SDZ area falls within SDRA 6 for Docklands. Section 16.2.2 of the Draft Development Plan (2022-2028) now includes the following text which is relevant;

"In Strategic Development and Regeneration Areas, Dublin City Council will work towards developing a protocol that would encourage and promote official local monitoring committees anchored by DCC where residents, planners and developers can interact and communicate on large scale development projects".

The matter of whether a further oversight and Consultative Forum is required will be reviewed once progress is made or the commencement of the Poolbeg SDZ.

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.

Reply:

The Housing Department will examine the waste/dumping at St. Andrew's Court with a view to removing same.

Housing Regeneration:

Dublin City Council received Stage 1 approval from the Department of Heritage, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the regeneration of St Andrews Court. Subsequently, an integrated design team were appointed to progress the design of the

new housing scheme towards planning lodgement. The proposal is for the demolition of the existing housing block and the construction of 32 new homes.

The initiation of the pre-Part 8 Circulation of Layout under the Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 process was noted at the June South East Area Committee. Presently, the Stage 2 application for budget approval and permission to go for Part 8 planning permission has been submitted to the DHLGH. Upon receipt of DHLGH approval, the planning application will be lodged.

Former residents of St Andrew's Court have been consulted with through the issuing of a newsletter and an in person consultation meeting with the design team and the Local Area Housing staff.

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.

Reply:

A report on active travel schemes that are underway or planned in the South East Area was circulated to all South East Area councillors on 27th September. Further updates will be circulated by the end of October.

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.

Reply:

This request will be put on a list for an assessment to be carried out by the Neighbourhood Scheme Engineer.

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.

Reply:

We are currently in consultation with City Archaeologists in relation to proposals which will conserve the archaeological and heritage features of this important burial site. Further information will be available following the conclusion of this consultation.

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.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance (Caretaking Service) has cleaned these lanes on several occasions in the last two years at the request of the Council's Project Estate Officer. We will add to our list for the area and these lanes will now be regularly cleaned and weeded. Repairs to the lanes are looked after by the Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot (Mark's Lane) that undertook to resurface one of the lanes last year.

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.

Reply:

The Environmental Health Section in Dublin City Council has no statutory powers in relation to pest control and do not investigate complaints in relation to vermin. The investigation of complaints and subsequent enforcement action and the provision of advice in relation to vermin is a matter for the Health Service Executive.

The Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919 is enforced by the Health Service Executive, Environmental Health, Pest Control Section, Unit 13F, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Tel: 01 809 8300.

Advice is provided on the HSE web site at

http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_Householders.pdf and at

http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_the_Construction_Industry.pdf

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.

Reply:

The boxing club is currently overholding on a licence agreement which expired in 2018. Discussions are taking place to renew the licence and deal with all outstanding matters concerning the previous licence. However, under the terms of the licence the club is responsible for internal repairs and maintenance of the facility.

In January of this year, following complaints of roof leaks, DCC undertook repairs to the roof which also included cutting back of trees close to the building. Following these repairs by DCC, the club was advised that regular cleaning of gutters and gullies would deter pooling of water which had led to the damage of the roof membrane.

Property Development Department will make arrangements for an inspection of the windows in the building to assess their condition and the need for repair/replacement.

With regard to the water issues mentioned, following a previous inspection of the building, the club was advised that this issue should be dealt with by the club and that they should engage the services of a plumber to investigate and address the issue.

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.

Reply:

Parks have scheduled maintenance at this location for early in the New Year. As the location is adjacent to the river, parks will not be planting new flowers, but leaving the area to naturalise.

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?

Reply:

The parking enforcement contractor has been made aware of reports of illegal parking at this location and will patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking.

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?

Reply:

This laneway is a private laneway and is not in charge of Dublin City Council. Dublin City Council and Dublin Street Parking Services working on the council's behalf have no authority to carry out enforcement at this location.

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?

Reply:

A leaflet drop is being organised in the D12 area to advise of issues around bonfire materials. This notice contains all relevant contact details and details of the community events being hosted in the area.

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?

Reply:

The planting outside the playground in Eamonn Ceannt Park has been selected for extra sensory aspects e.g. stachys lanata has extremely soft leaves that results in its common name rabbit's ears. A tender is being prepared currently to incorporate additional sensory elements into the playground.

The Area Manager continues to explore other options and hopes to have further updates in the coming months

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).

Reply:

Residents can view their street cleaning schedule on the link below.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/waste-and-recycling/street-sweeping>

The regular Area Based cleaning service provided by Waste Management Services is carried out over a specific week in a predetermined area. It is not possible to advise local residents of the specific days or dates within the dedicated week that Waste Management Services will be present on any given street.

The issue would be appropriate for discussion at the Litter subgroup meeting or the Councillor may contact the undersigned (Dominic Hession) directly to examine options.

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?

Reply:

The Litter Enforcement Manager will detail a Litter Warden to visit Denzille Lane on a regular basis and take the relevant enforcement action should he observe an offence taking place under the Litter Pollution Act / Waste Management Bye-Laws.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

Reply:

Dublin City Council has received Stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the first phase of the regeneration of Pearse House, Dublin 2.

The approved regeneration proposal involves the full deep retrofit and amalgamation of existing flats in Blocks L, M, N and P also known as the "Small Flats". As Pearse House is a protected structure, the integrated design team will include a conservation architect.

The tender assessment for the procurement of an integrated design team is at finalisation stage and once the design team is appointed, they will develop and finalise a design to bring to Part 8 planning permission. Consultation with the local community and elected members will involve the design team sharing their design proposals as they progress.

A de-tenanting plan will be developed in line with the progress of this regeneration programme.

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?

Reply:

Dublin City Council is fully aware of Metro link and any possible implications that Planning Permission will have on our tenants in College Gate apartments. Dublin City Council and its tenants will be dealt with in the same context as all residents of this complex but obviously there will be an onus on Dublin City Council to rehouse our tenants in consultation with them, should it be required.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

Reply:

The above applicant was housed into a ground floor property at on 22.9.2022 to meet his need.

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'

Reply:

The above applicant is on Band 2 Transfer list with an application date of 31/7/2020. The applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area H	2	135
Area M	2	88

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.

If there is safety concerns the applicant can access support and advice from a social worker in Housing Welfare.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

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

Reply:

Thank you for your interest and support in the Bike bunker scheme.

The pilot project for the bike bunkers is now complete. The pilot project is currently under review, the scheme is on hold until the review is complete.

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.

Reply:

The information requested by the Councillor is in the process of being collated at the present time. If the Councillor has a specific query in relation to these parks he is welcome to contact the undersigned directly.

Q.66 Councillor Danny Byrne

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

Reply:

The above applicant is on Band 3 Housing list with an application date of 4/9/08. The applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area M	1	54
Area N	1	67
Area P	1	46

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.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.

Reply:

Over the years there has been numerous traffic calming measures installed by Transport Advisory Group in the Portobello area. There have been many measures such as 30 km/h Slow Zones, 30 km/h Roundels, double sided parking which narrows the roads which helps to slow speeds down, including raised tables at Lennox Street / Richmond Street, Synge Street, Carlisle Street, Emor Street, Curzon Street, Stamer Street, Kingsland Park Avenue and Victoria Street.

Most of the narrow roads of shorter length (Lennox Place, Warren Street, Martin Street) are less than 100m and as a result would not meet the requirement for ramps.

Some of the longer streets have ramps such as Heytesbury Street, Emorville Avenue which also have kerb buildouts for vehicles exiting from the side street such as Grantham Street. There have also been many improvements made for pedestrians by upgrading uncontrolled crossings on Ovoca Road.

If the public representative has any specific streets that need to be addressed, please could they update the Transport Advisory Group of the exact streets needing calming and the Area Engineer would investigate?

Q.68 Councillor Danny Byrne

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

Reply:

Housing Allocations do not have an active file for the above applicant. We have not received an application via post or email to date.

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.

Reply:

Other than the standard road opening and hoarding licence payable by the developer in respect of their use of Portobello Square/harbour, no other money has been paid to Dublin City Council for the use of the square. It should be noted that Parks Division recently held a consultation on what the public want to see in the square for the future. This consultation is being evaluated at present and we do not have a final design or costings for the redevelopment of the square at this time.

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?

Reply:

The Housing Department will examine the waste/dumping at St. Andrew's Court with a view to removing same.

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.

Reply:

A request for a change of operational hours can be made online using the Online Traffic Request Form: [Transport Service Request Form - Dublin City Council - Citizen Space](#) or by emailing the Traffic Administration Group (TAG) directly at traffic@dublincity.ie.

This request must be accompanied by a petition signed by at least 35% of the households on the road indicating their support for the changes.

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?

Reply:

The lighting on Benbulbin Road was upgraded to LED in 2016 to the required lighting standards for this road.

Two of the lights (poles 13 and 17) went faulty and were replaced in 2019. The light on Pole 18 was replaced in December 2021. These maintenance replacements used what lights were available in our stores at the time.

The lighting along the footpath on the park side of Benbulbin Road is to an acceptable standard.

However, these three no. replacements lights appear to have caused dark spots on the footpath on the house side of Benbulbin Road, around Pole 13, and between Poles 17 and 18. We will arrange a night check to determine the extent of the dark spots caused by these replacement lights.

There is also a tree located directly beside poles 13 and 17, and these trees are contributing to the dark patches at these locations. We will contact the Parks Department to see what can be done with these trees to improve the lighting situation at these points.

We can consult with the local area office and Gardaí regarding this issue.