

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th November 2022

Q1 Councillor Hazel De Nortiún

To ask the Director of Services to look at the following traffic issue at the junction of Benbulbin Road and Davitt Road (at the Marble Arch Pub).

(Details Supplied & map attached)

Reply

The Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) section have carried out a review of the operation of the traffic signals at this junction. We have requested our traffic signals maintenance contractor to attend site and replace the detector used to demand the side road. We will monitor this change and verify operation through our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management system and through a scheduled site visit by our traffic officers.

Please note we have also adjusted the All Red times after each traffic phase, beyond the standard required, to allow longer clearance times between a traffic phase terminating and the pedestrian phase commencing. We have also increased the delay time on the pedestrian to add additional delay to the commencement of the pedestrian phase following the preceding traffic phase to further improve pedestrian safety. Our traffic officers will also visit this site to monitor and observe the operation of the signals. The ITS section and our traffic control room will continue to monitor this junction using our SCATS and CCTV systems.

Contact: Liam O'Brien, Senior Executive ITS Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.

Email: liam.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services why the double yellow lines on Woodfield Avenue, Kilmainham, Dublin 10 were extended to the full length of the avenue on both sides and what consultations took place with residents before the decision was made?

Reply:

Following SCAC Q1 from Councillor Maire Devine in April 2022 seeking to address traffic issues at the junction of Sarsfield Road and Woodfield Avenue, the Traffic Area Engineer recommended installing and extending the double yellow lines on both sides of Woodfield Avenue at the junction with Sarsfield Road.

TAMS Ref. 7030088

Contact: Maire Nic Reamoinn, South Central Area Engineer

Email: maire.nicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the SCR from Bulfin Estate to St James Hospital be regularly cleaned and particular attention is required once the trees commence shedding to prevent risks to the public as the amount of leaves are ankle deep and hazards are hidden for pedestrian, cyclists and vehicles.

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above section of the South Circular Road is regularly cleaned and included as often as possible during our leaves removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the main front door in (details supplied) be assessed and alterations be carried out to prevent it slamming. So as to prevent injury to people or the property.

Reply

Electrical Services assigned a contractor to look at the issues with this door. It appears that when the locks were changed recently, it disconnected the electric drive. The contractor is confident that he can get the electric drive up and running this week or next week, and then the door mechanism should operate in the correct manner.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the potential to reconfigure the parking spaces at Clarence Mangan Road, Dublin 8 following an on-site meeting with residents on 27th July last.

Reply:

Following the TAG Area Engineer meeting with Clarence Mangan Road Residents and Cllr. Maire Devine in July 2022, it was decided to monitor the situation once the construction of the development at Sweeney's Terrace was complete and when the schools returned from the school holidays. The construction at Sweeney's Terrace is still on-going and once the construction workers leave the site, TAG will continue to monitor how the Pay & Display scheme is operating.

TAMS Ref. 7030089

Contact: Máire Nic Réamoinn, Assistant Engineer.
Email: mairenicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the significant regular flooding experienced by tenants at (details supplied) be investigated and repaired.

Reply

Housing Maintenance assigned a roofing contractor to inspect the roof and the balcony at the above property, as the Local Area Depot were unsure whether it was a leak from the roof or a ponding issue with the balcony. The contractor is sending in a report to the Depot of his recommendations to address this issue for both the roof and the balcony. All necessary works will be carried out to rectify this situation.

Contact: *Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.*
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services how best to locate the diagrams/drawings of the sewers/drainage system at Ceannt Fort, that will assist residents when blockages occur?

Reply

DCC Drainage/Irish Water only maintains records of the public sewerage systems.

Since 2014 Dublin City Council is only responsible for the surface water public sewer network with Irish Water now the statutory body responsible for the foul and combined sewer network. Neither Irish Water nor DCC Drainage keep records of private drains (whether foul, surface or combined) as they are not the legal responsibility of these bodies. Private drains are the responsibility of the owners/occupiers of the premises served by those drains (see s.43 of the Water Services Act 2007). Usually there is some local knowledge on the ground of the direction and connectivity of the private drains, e.g. which houses share a drain, the direction the drainage falls in, and where any outfall manhole is located.

DCC Drainage has already written to you directly on this matter.

Contact: *Colm Fitzpatrick, Executive Manager, Engineering Department*
Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the heating system at (details supplied) be urgently attended to. There appears to be ongoing issues since the tenant moved in with conflicting assessments as to what is the root cause of the issue.

Reply

Housing Maintenance has not received any calls in relation to the heating at this property. We have logged a call now for the heating to be inspected and all necessary works will be carried out for the tenant.

Contact: *Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.*
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services following an agreement at last month's Area Committee that a site meeting would be convened with the residents of Rehoboth Dublin 8. Can the date and time of this be shared with members and the locals please?

Reply

The TAG Area Engineer has visited Rehoboth Avenue and Rehoboth Place on several occasions and observed no issue. The volume of traffic on the road is very low. Please specify the exact issue that is causing a problem on the road and at what time so that the Area Engineer can visit at that time and observe the problem. Please submit a transport request form: <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/tag/d7652216/>

Contact: *Maire Nic Reamoinn, South Central Area Engineer*
Email: maire.nicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

At the October South Central Area Committee Meeting Motion 195 from Councillor Devine sought agreement for a Delegation from Rehoboth Place and Rehoboth Avenue to present to a future Area Committee. Motion 195 was agreed. An invitation will be extended to the residents group subject to agenda priorities.

Contact: *Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area*
Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the premises at Brickfield Lane, Dublin 8, be acquired asap as the interim community centre while the lengthy process of refurbishment at Donore Community Centre trundles on.

Reply

DCC has now received the necessary information from the letting agents in relation to Unit 1 & 2, The Brickworks, Brickfield Lane, The Liberties, Dublin 8. The following information was forthcoming –

- Cushman and Wakefield, Estate Agents, were contacted for information and plans of Unit 1 & 2, The Brickworks, Brickfield Lane, The Liberties, where two units are available.
- Unit 1 is a ground floor unit of 2,960 sq.ft - the annual rental cost is approx. €100,000.
- Unit 2 is a 2 storey unit of 6,985 sq.ft with an annual rental cost of approx. €240,000.

Neither unit is fitted out and is in shell and core condition.

In order to bring either of these units into use as a community facility, a design team would need to be procured to develop design proposals for agreement; issue construction tender documents for fit out works and oversee these works. The cost and timeframe for implementing these would be significant.

The estate agents have indicated that their preference is for a 10-year lease with a break in year five. The quoting rent for both units is €35/sq. ft. Rates and service charge are yet to be determined.

Overall the development of one or both of these units as a short term solution for community space would be both costly and take a significant amount of time in relation

to design and construction procurement. The developmental and running costs would be prohibitive for this meanwhile use.

The tendering process for the Architect Lead Design time is almost complete and the appointment of a design team will be announced in the coming weeks

DCC will continue to progress the works at Donore as a priority.

*Contact: Trevor Higgins, Administrative Officer,
Culture Recreation and Economic Services.*

Email: trevor.higgins@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the section of the junior playground damaged by the fire be safely cordoned off to allow children make use of the intact equipment at the ever popular and in demand Weaver Park, D8.

Reply

Parks are not in favour of opening the section of Weaver Park playground that is for younger children as access to the fire damaged unit will be hard to control. Following the fire a safety inspection was carried out which recommended the playground remain closed until all repairs were completed. A contractor has been appointed to carry out repair work and salvage one of the "house" elements of the fire damaged multi-unit. This work is due to commence end this week, weather permitting. The playground cannot be open while these works are being carried out. Once completed the playground will be reopened in its entirety.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr Exec. Parks Superintendent

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to outline the impact of Cllr. Darragh Moriarty's CDP motion 13.3 MOT 01395(July 2022) concerning the boundary change of SDRA 9 - Emmet Road will have on John Bosco Youth and Community Centre on Davitt Road? Particularly in light of the fact that no contact or consultation with the management of the centre has taken place.

Reply

The John Bosco Youth and Community Centre was included within the boundary of SDRA 9 – Emmet Road on foot of a Councillor Motion received on the Draft Plan Consultation Process as per CE Report 120/2022 (June). The CE supported this motion on the basis of the planning rationale given, i.e. that this would account for redevelopment/upgrading of the centre in line with sustainable development and the upgrade of community facilities in the area.

The inclusion of the centre within the SDRA recognises the role and use of the centre in the community and supports its identity as a community asset in the wider area. There are no specific guiding principles directly related to the centre or to its uses and therefore there is no bearing on the continued operation of the centre as it operates today or to potential future upgrades. Furthermore, there is no bearing on

any potential redevelopment or possible relocation proposals that may arise in the future.

Contact: Michael Rossiter, Senior Executive Planner
Email: michael.rossiter@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services when the Part 5 units in the former Dulux site development on Davitt Road will be available for allocation, what process will be used to allocate and who will manage these units?

Reply

The 26 Part V units at the Dulux Site, Davitt Road are currently being allocated to persons on Dublin City Council's social housing list. Tuath Housing are managing the units on behalf of Dublin City Council. To date 20 units have been allocated with the remainder to be allocated within the coming days.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer,
Housing & Community Services
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services how many tons of bonfire material was removed in Dublin South Central this year ahead of Halloween night and how does this compare with 2020 and 2021?

Reply

It is not possible to quantify the amount of bonfire material removed and disposed of from Dublin South Central Area alone, however the city wide figure for bonfire materials disposed of at Thornton's waste facility during the Halloween campaign is 441 tonnes. The approximated figures for 2020, 2021 and 2022 are in the below table for comparison.

The removal of bonfire materials Halloween Campaigns:

Year	Citywide	South City
2020	550	168
2021	515	130
2022	441	100 *

*TBC

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services what is the plan and timeframe for carrying out thermal insulation works in the Lissadel Maisonettes?

Reply

The attics in five blocks on Lissadel Road and one block on Rafter's Lane are due to commence insulation works this year or early next year, subject to gaining access to the properties.

External wall insulation for one block is then due to commence in 2023, subject to utilities (ESB Networks and Gas Networks) facilitating moving their services in advance of same. This same block is scheduled, subject again to gaining access to the properties, to be provided with new windows prior to external wall insulation works commencing.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services when will the units at Hillside Manor, Chapelizod be allocated, when will residents be notified and when will the homes be ready to move in to?

Reply

We do not have any provisional dates for when these units will be ready to move into. As soon as they are available to let, we will let successful applicants know.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services when will the feasibility study on the future of the Lissadel Maisonettes be ready and when will residents and city councillors be engaged on the matter?

Reply

Dublin City Council applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

Our City Architects division have recently completed a feasibility study examining the redevelopment options for Lissadell Maisonettes. The feasibility now requires costings in order to commence the application for project approval and funding (Stage 1) for submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Once initial project approval has been received, consultation will commence with residents and local elected members.

Contact: Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Regeneration
Email: alice.simington@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to meet with a group of Ballyfermot Traders to discuss serious problems along the Main Shopping street with parking non enforcement of traffic bye laws in relation to parking in Yellow Boxes etc. With Christmas coming up this problem will only get worse.

Reply

The parking enforcement inspector has already met with the business at this location and discussed the issues. Dublin Street Parking Services are active here and regularly patrol this area. It can be difficult for enforcement action to be carried out as the vehicles are often occupied whilst parked here or they can see the enforcement patrols arrive and return to the vehicle.

Contact: *Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.*

Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to give full details of (details supplied).

Reply

An application for the change of use from an existing bar to a restaurant was granted planning permission on 31/08/2020 (Reference (details supplied)).

Prior to the decision, the case officer requested further information which included a request for the applicant to submit details regarding the nature of the proposed restaurant including details of the operator. The response to this question was that the proposed restaurant would offer high-quality Chinese cuisine in an attractive sit down/dine in setting.

The applicant did not propose a take away service and to date no application for a take away service has been received for this address.

Contact: *Fiona Murphy, Administrative Officer,
Planning Decisions, Planning & Property Development Dept.*

Email: fiona.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give a full breakdown on the current and future social housing units in the Chapelizod Area of Dublin 20. Dublin City Council has a small number of units for older persons, families in the area but with CPO`S etc. what figure do we hope to have within the next 5 years under current plans, purchases etc.

Reply

The City Council is continuing to reduce the levels of long term vacancy in the City. As part of this initiative the Council has acquired 1,2,5,6,7,10 &11 Mulberry Cottages in Chapelizod by way of a Compulsory Purchase Order. These 7 residential units will be refurbished and returned to housing stock in early 2024 under the Buy and Renew Scheme. The Council cannot confirm how many units it expects to deliver in this area

over the next 5 years by this process however it is intended to have this number increased over the time period 2022-2025.

The Acquisition Section is in the process of acquiring two properties in Chapelizod. The AHB, Cluid, will deliver 30 new units of social housing by end of 2022 at Lucan Road. In addition, the DCC rapid build programme will complete 71 units of social housing at Springvale in Chapelizod in early 2023.

The above delivery streams will see 110 units of social housing delivered in the Dublin 20 area in the coming years.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer,
Housing & Community Services
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please let me know if commercial rates are currently being paid on the following units along Ballyfermot Road. Some of which are closed for many years. (Details Supplied). The physical look of the commercial district is seriously compromised with the large number of vacant units.

Reply

I wish to confirm that the units at (details supplied) are rateable and rates are currently being discharged on all properties.

Contact: Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting
Email: fintan.moran@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services - I recently had St John Bosco Youth Centre contact me in relation to correspondence they came across in relation to possible cooperation on the future of their existing building. The Management are very surprised because they have had no contact with DCC, they do have an excellent suggestion to swap lands to allow a better use of the Davitt Road Depot site would allow them re-locate and at the same time DCC could develop their current site for social housing. Can the manager comment?

Reply

The John Bosco Youth and Community Centre was included within the boundary of SDRA 9 – Emmet Road on foot of a Councillor Motion received on the Draft Plan Consultation Process as per CE Report 120/2022 (June). The CE supported this motion on the basis of the planning rationale given, i.e. that this would account for redevelopment/upgrading of the centre in line with sustainable development and the upgrade of community facilities in the area.

The inclusion of the centre within the SDRA recognises the role and use of the centre in the community and supports its identity as a community asset in the wider area. There are no specific guiding principles directly related to the centre or to its uses and therefore there is no bearing on the continued operation of the centre as it operates today or to potential future upgrades. Furthermore, there is no bearing on any potential redevelopment or possible relocation proposals that may arise in the future.

Contact: *Michael Rossiter, Senior Executive Planner*
Email: michael.rossiter@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services had major renovation works carried out in recent years on our Davitt Road depot and as such there are no current plans to move from there.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,*
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the possibility of doing a deep clean of the Colepark Area of Ballyfermot. The area suffers badly from littering due to its close proximity to the main shops, a lot of car-parking and our decision not to spray weeds hasn't helped the situation.

Reply

Waste Management Services will arrange some extra cleaning when possible over the coming weeks in the Colepark area of Ballyfermot.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.*
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services if DCC has set up training courses on trauma-informed approach for staff in the South Central Area? What organisation will deliver the course? Will staff will be invited to attend or will it be a compulsory course? Staff going to people's houses such as maintenance, housing, and social worker unit should be given priority for training as they enter the personal space of a person that may have had a traumatic personal history.

Reply

All front line Housing staff including the Housing Manager, Project Estate Officers and Liaison Officers in the Ballyfermot Area Office are being offered the opportunity to participate in training in relation to trauma informed practice.

Contact: *Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager Ballyfermot Area Office*
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

To date six of the SWIC Housing Team have completed the course and four staff are awaiting a place.

Contact: *Linda Fanning, A/Area Housing Manager, SWIC*
Email: linda.fanning@dublincity.ie

Housing Maintenance has done a lot of training with our Area Maintenance Officers and our Forepeople (Foremen) recently. And we are happy to liaise with the HR Department's Performance and Development Unit to review this suggestion and examine whether parts of it could be included in our general training for all going forward or whether it would need to be run as a bespoke course.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services if training to DCC staff working with the Traveller community has been set up? How many staff will receive training? What organisation will deliver training?

Reply

The training has not yet been set up nor has an organisation been identified to provide this training. However, I have given an undertaking at our last LTACC meeting to engage with CENA & arrange cultural appropriate training for staff. It is hoped that this training will be provided by year end.

Contact: *Tony Smithers, Housing & Community Services*
Email: tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to change the front door at (details supplied) and to repair the kitchen sink. To also give a date of when the work there will be done?

Reply

Housing Maintenance has put in an order for new glass to be installed into this PVC door. Once the glass has been installed, we will carry out a full service on the door.

We had no reports of any issues with the kitchen sink until now. However, the Housing Maintenance Local Area depot has already called to the property and a plumber will fix the trap under the kitchen sink within the next week, if not sooner.

Contact: *Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.*
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services the reasoning behind the addition of the Bosco Centre to the SDRA 9 - Emmet Road? The Centre belongs to the Drimnagh community who funded it themselves. The centre provide an invaluable amount of services for the community so much so that it is max capacity. The community owns the centre and presented to the SCAC meeting a year ago or so with the plan to relocate it near the GAA. Good Council, The Bosco and the Drimnagh community were never consulted prior to this addition to the SDRA 9. Where is the plan to move the Bosco where the DCC depot is today on Davitt Road?

Reply

The John Bosco Youth and Community Centre was included within the boundary of SDRA 9 – Emmet Road on foot of a Councillor Motion received on the Draft Plan Consultation Process as per CE Report 120/2022 (June). The CE supported this motion on the basis of the planning rationale given, i.e. that this would account for redevelopment/upgrading of the centre in line with sustainable development and the upgrade of community facilities in the area.

The inclusion of the centre within the SDRA recognises the role and use of the centre in the community and supports its identity as a community asset in the wider area. There are no specific guiding principles directly related to the centre or to its uses and therefore there is no bearing on the continued operation of the centre as it operates today or to potential future upgrades. Furthermore, there is no bearing on any potential redevelopment or possible relocation proposals that may arise in the future.

Contact: Michael Rossiter, Senior Executive Planner
Email: michael.rossiter@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services when will Rothe Abbey be back on the schedule of work for cycle parking? Notices were left on the cars early summer saying that cars would be towed. No cars were towed as far I as know. No specific dates were given to the residents on when the work would start. Can we make sure next time, the date of commencement will be provided to the nearby parking spaces users.

Reply

Cycle parking at Rothe Abbey will be included for in the next batch of the On Street Cycle Parking Project. It is anticipated that Batch 19 will go to tender in Q2 2023. A programme of Works is provided by the Contractor post tender award.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer.
Email: chris.adamson@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services if the planning application has been lodged for an access ramp/elevator/stairs at the Chapelizod Hill to reach the C lines bus stops?

Reply

An application has been lodged for the Lucan to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme which will travel via the R148 along the Palmerstown Bypass and the Chapelizod Bypass. A copy of the documentation may be inspected at the NTA website for the Lucan BusConnects Scheme at www.lucanscheme.ie. Submissions may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála between the 2nd November and 11th January 2023. Following a preliminary review of the drawings, it can be confirmed that it is proposed to provide ramps and steps linking both sides of Chapelizod Hill with the proposed inbound and outbound bus stops on the R148.

Contact: Mary Conway, Deputy Dublin City Planning Officer
Email: mary.conway@dublincity.ie

The application for the Lucan to City Centre scheme has been submitted to An Board Pleanála. The application for access ramps etc to the Chapelizod Bypass forms part of this application.

A copy of the application documentation may be viewed and downloaded at: www.lucanscheme.ie.

The application for the bus stops on the Chapelizod Bypass will be made to the Traffic Advisory Group a number of months before buses commence servicing the stops.

Contact: Niall Bolger, A/ Senior Executive ITS Officer, BusConnects Liaison Team.

Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services if there is any availability at the Kilnamanagh Court? What other locations exist for persons looking for over 55 social housing support in area K?

Reply

There are no available units in Kilnamanagh Court at present. There is 1 unit in Father Kitt Court, 1 unit in Lorcan O'Toole Court and 2 units in Stannaway Court, however these units are under offer.

Contact: Pat Smith, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office

Email: pat.smith@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to when can the residents at the maisonettes on Huband Road expect the exterior painting work to start? How long will the work take?

Reply

Housing Maintenance Painting Squad will inspect these properties and a decision will be made on whether they are in need of re-painting.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to ask why the footpath on Galtymore Road was resurfaced in patches? To ask for the whole footpath to be resurfaced entirely in order to remove trip hazards uneven surfaces created by the poor job that was done there. (Pictures attached)

Reply

The recent footpath works to Galtymore Road were carried out by the contractor for the new development on the old Dulux Paint factory site. A Road Opening Licence was submitted to Road Maintenance to remove three old vehicular dishings and return the footpath to its normal height, as these vehicular dishings were now redundant. Technically this is all the contractor is obliged to carry out at this location. After meeting the contractor on site and walking the perimeter of their site, the contractor offered to remove local trip hazards along the footpath at their own expense. Road Maintenance found this acceptable.

Upon receipt of this correspondence, the footpath will be reassessed and any further trip hazards will be added to Road Maintenance works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer.
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for the report from the Chief Fire Officer regarding the recent closure of the car park at the Metropolitan Apartments, Kilmainham D8.

Reply

DFB have been liaising with the Owners' Management Company of the Metropolitan apartments regarding fire safety issues in this property since 2018.

Fire Officers from our Fire Prevention Section carried out an inspection at the above premises on the 13th of January 2022 where serious fire safety breaches were noted. The basement of the building is considered to be "a potentially dangerous building" as defined in the Fire Services Act, 1981, as amended 2003. Subsequently, a Fire Safety Notice was served on the Owners Management Company on the 8th of February 2022 as there was no appeal lodged the Fire Safety Notice was confirmed by the 23rd of February 2022 in the District Court.

The Fire Safety Notice confirms that the basement is restricted from use until the Schedule of works, which is provided as part of the Fire Safety Notice, is completed. This Notice became effective from the date of confirmation in the District Court on 23rd February 2022. DFB has continued to liaise and advise that the works are to be completed.

Officers from our Fire Prevention Section carried out an additional inspection on the 17th of October 2022 where it was confirmed that there was an ongoing occupation of the basement and the fire safety upgrade works had not been completed.

DFB has advised further that the basement should not be used until the scheduled works are completed.

DFB is aware that a Fire Safety Consultant has been appointed by the Owners' Management Company for the Metropolitan Apartments and we are continuously engaging with him regarding the measures necessary to upgrade the building to a satisfactory level of fire safety.

Contact: Karen Munds, Staff Officer, Dublin Fire Brigade
Email: dfbfeedback@dublincity.ie