

Q.1 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

He writes:

"I am seeking your assistance in resolving a perennial problem – the inability of Dublin City Council to deal effectively with annual leaf fall in our area. As the number of street trees is increasing the situation is getting worse each year. A prime example is Temple Road where the combination of the uncollected leaves and rain becomes a sodden mulch on the footpath and roadside making them difficult and dangerous to traverse. At the time of writing (7th December) the next scheduled street cleaning is 7 weeks away (end of January).

This is an unacceptable level of service and makes a mockery of the purported frequency detailed on DCC website as follows:

Category	Area description	Sweeping Frequency
Category A	Main city centre streets, high footfall locations (Grafton Street or O'Connell Steet).	Daily +
Category B	Other high footfall locations: Suburban villages, main bus route into city centre.	Daily
Category C	Medium footfall: Residential locations.	Weekly

Temple road is the main access route the Milltown LUAS stop for the large surrounding population which includes 1,000 plus students in Trinity Hall and 400 plus students attending Alexandra College. Using the criteria in table above would qualify Temple Road for daily road the sweeping based on the number of pedestrians using the route. The volume of leaves and the structure of the road make it impractical for residents to deal with the issue themselves.

This failure to deal with the problems also results in blocked drains and consequent flooding.

I appreciate that resources are tight and that this a seasonal problem but this can be resolved by either redeploying parks staff who may not be as busy at this time of year or staff from water and drainage section – this would be prevent call outs to clear blocked drains."

Q.2 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the issue raised in August 2022 by a constituent.

She writes:

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

- Q.3 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full report regarding the noise pollutants emanating from Dicey's beer garden at Harcourt Street? The noise coming from this premises is having a serious and detrimental impact on the health and well-being of the residents within the area including those in O'Carroll Villa, Mercer House and York Street apartments as well as residents closer to the premises on Harcourt Street. This also include the residents at Grantham Street, Synge Street area.
- Q.4 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager carry out a scoping exercise to identify an appropriate site within the South East Area that could work as a dedicated stand-alone skate board sports park?
- Q.5 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full update with regards progress on the Chocolate Park?
- Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full report regarding the progress of the refurbishment of the children's play area in Mercer House C Block?
- Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager initiate a full assessment of the York Street apartments which were only recently built (in the last 10/12 years)? There would appear to be serious structural defects in this apartment block including major water leaks from the roof area, fire safety failures and doors which are disintegrating. This report also to include whether the tenants are allowed access to their amenity on the roof of these buildings?
- Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full report regarding the future of the Meeting House Square Market at Temple Bar? This report also to include progress report and start date for the works at Temple Bar Square.
- Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full report with regards the progress and advancement of the idea by DCC for a municipal theatre at Smock Alley?
- Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full report with regards the massive infrastructure café (Tram Cafe) that has been constructed at Clonmel Street at Harcourt Street? This report to include what planning process took place? What license was handed out to these individuals? What disposal took place and for how many years? Why this matter was not brought before the SEA committee? What are the opening hours of this particular cafe? What public announcements have been made that this is a supposed public amenity by way of public lavatories?
- Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager issue a full report regarding the cost of the Winter Wonder Lights?
- Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager ascertain from the Dublin BIDs company / We are Dublin Town - the over cost and expenditure of their Christmas lights within the city and a breakdown of the costs between the North side and South side of the city.
- Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the manager contact all the public house premises that are simply dumping rubbish and empty barrels and bottles in Liberty Lane? This behaviour is absolutely

deplorable with the footpaths entirely blocked with filth and dirt which has resulted in no pedestrians now using this area. Can fines be issued to these individuals? See photographs attached. It is important to note that St. Kevin's Park is one of our finest amenity spaces for the local community but this kind of behaviour by local publicans and others seriously undermines that amenity and the public space.



Q.14 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can a new second vehicle entrance / exit be created at the car park of the Leisure Centre on Windmill Road? Currently there is only one single lane entrance / exit and there is serious traffic chaos when the football pitches, swimming pool and boxing club are all in use. A new second entrance / exit would allow for a traffic flow with one entrance and one exit point this would greatly ease the current traffic congestion at this location.

Q.15 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please come up with an improvement plan for Bedford Lane?

Q.16 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Local Area Manager to bring these details to the Parks Department and receive a response to Crumlin Residents.

Information from Crumlin Residents Association [Crumlin Clean-up]

There were also a few areas where they felt improvement could be made and we have added these below:

- We noted a lack of seating in Crumlin. We see that you carried out a survey of the area and that two benches were added. Truthfully much more are needed. Revisit this project and see where seats / picnic tables could be added to assist those less mobile and indeed those who would like to sit for a while and take

in their surroundings. A seat at the grotto in the church garden is badly needed to allow those who visit to sit and rest while praying.

- We noted a number of tree stumps – some almost 1.8m in height. Are these to be carved into some historic item / memento of Crumlin? If not, they should be removed and replaced with new trees.
- We suggest that you examine other residential roads and add trees to these too. Trees are known to have a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing. By planting and caring for trees, you help reduce pollution, improve your surroundings, improve the appearance of your community and increase the value of your property.
- You have a great number of planters along the streets and roads – we always recommend that plants be put into the ground rather than in planters.
- We note that you will undertake a Biodiversity Study of the area in the next year. Ask your expert to give 10 actions for you to undertake which will improve the biodiversity in Crumlin – ones that are manageable by a community group.
- There are any small areas which could become Pocket Parks. Prioritise these and add them to your 3 Year Plan for execution – some grass, trees, a flowerbed and perhaps a seat.
- We looked for a water refill station around the centre of the village but didn't see one. As the area has a large foot fall this should be provided.
- Weed growth was noticed in quite a few areas, including residential, which detracted from these areas.
- We read that there are only a few active residents' associations in Crumlin which is disappointing, and we strongly encourage you to advance this.
- We disagree with the idea of leaving grass margins on residential roads uncut for biodiversity. Narrow grass margins need to be cut or the area gets an unkempt look which encourages litter. In large green spaces leaving swaths of uncut grass is totally acceptable to enhance biodiversity.

Although many of these are not litter based, perhaps they could give inspiration for some improvements for next year.

Q.17 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Parks Section look at the pathway in Lismore / Durrow Green? A vehicle looks to have driven over the path damaging the grass area alongside the park. Could remedial works be done on this green space?

Q.18 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Parks Section arrange for the entrance points on Kells / Leighlin and Darrow / Lismore greens to be dished to allow people with mobility issues and wheelchairs to access the green space to use as a shortcut?

Q.19 Councillor Pat Dunne

Could lighting be added to Willie Pearse Park laneway at the Star? This laneway is attracting anti-social behaviour and is dangerous to use once it gets dark.

Q.20 Councillor Pat Dunne

In relation to the proposed capital work improvements to the public realm outside of the Garda Station in Crumlin, could a meeting be set up between the OPW, DCC and local groups to ensure that this opportunity might include some of the other recent successful initiatives and projects in the area such as seating, water bottle refill station, library box boxes and opportunities for biodiversity. The area outside the Garda station seems like an obvious place where these facilities could thrive with the potential threat for anti-social activity.

Q.21 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the kerb at Bangor Circle opposite 92 Clonmacnoise Road be repaired? Vans are parking on the grass verge and damaging it. The capping on the green wall is also broken and would it be possible for this to be repaired. The wall and kerb has been broken since 2017, so it would be great to see it repaired promptly.

Q.22 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the manager to convene a meeting with traffic department to tackle road safety issues in Crumlin due to parking on corners.

There are a small number of roads in Crumlin where visibility is poor when exiting due to cars parked on pathways on corners. Attempts to intervene with planters, double yellow lines have been rejected by the traffic department. There are plenty of examples in Crumlin, Kimmage where bollards have been used successfully by the traffic department to eradicate this problem. Some examples are the junction of Clareville / Larkfield Gardens, Crumlin Village / Windmill Road, Windmill Road / Park, Captains / Windmill Road. They have also been extensively used in areas such as Terenure, Rathgar and Harold's Cross.