

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th January 2023

Q1 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask that assistance is provided to (details supplied) in order to expedite the issues of damp, cracked and crumbling plaster and a damaged appliance following a complicated sewerage leak in this complex?

Reply

There was a sewage leak in this apartment block and a drainage company working on behalf of Housing Maintenance addressed this issue.

Damaged appliances are not the responsibility of Dublin City Council, however, a claims form can be submitted by the tenant and we will send a form out.

The local Housing Maintenance Depot will arrange to inspect the damp, cracked and crumbling plaster referred to above and all necessary works will be undertaken.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask for an update on the negotiations with the owner of the railed park at Rialto cottages that have been ongoing for many months?

Reply

Complex legal issues have arisen and may take some time to resolve.

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central

Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask for advice on commencing the process of reinstating the green area at 12-29 Rialto cottages?

Reply

The de-paving of part or parts of the road cul-de-sac at Rialto Cottages would have to be agreed in the first place by Environment and Transport Department. Any subsequent works would have to be designed and tendered which of course would be subject to funding being available. If there is funding in the discretionary budget a consultant could be engaged to produce initial concept plans.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask that the painted sign for "Pimlico" be reinstated on the low surrounding wall at the green area?

Reply

The Area Office will consider this as part of general upgrading/ repainting of the wall, benches and lighting we'll look to do in the coming months.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Public Realm Projects Coordination
Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask that the bench in Pimlico Green be cleaned of graffiti and painted if required?

Reply

The graffiti was washed off just before Christmas 2022 and the area office agreed to arrange for painting of same when the 2023 programme begins.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Enforcement Officer, South Central
Email: publicdomain@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask that the agreed replacement door for (details supplied) be installed asap to assist with heat retention and security in her home.

Reply

The order for this window and door is currently being fabricated by the Joinery Workshop and it will take approximately 6 to 8 weeks for installation, if not sooner.

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

Q7 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask that insulation and replacement windows and doors be carried out at (details supplied) as a priority.

Reply

This request has been passed onto our Energy Liaison Officer who will carry out an inspection at the property.

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

Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask for a date when the scheduled agreed resurfacing road works will take place at Donore Road, Dublin 8?

Reply

Resurfacing was due to take place on Donore Road last month but had to be postponed due to a period of cold weather. It is anticipated resurfacing will now take place in March, as long as there are no further significant weather related impacts on the works programme in the meantime.

Contact: Pat O'Halloran, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services Division.
Email: pat.ohalloran@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask that an agreed solution be found for the disposal of horse manure that is being left at the Linear Park -in particular the Basin View area?

Reply

The Linear Park is managed under contract by Parks Department. The loose litter has been picked and the bagged horse waste has been removed. A temporary cordon has been erected at the entrance on Basin View to deter any further illegal dumping.

Contact: *Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central*
Email: publicdomain@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Service to outline what DCC's plans are for the site following the CPO of 162-165 James's Street?

Reply

162 – 165 James's Street, Dublin 8

A Notice of Intention to Acquire the site compulsorily was served on the owners on 23rd August, 2022. An objection was received stating that the sale and the purchaser's plans to subsequently develop the site are both at an advanced stage. In light of same the acquisition has been deferred. The matter is being kept under review.

Contact: *Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, Derelict Sites.*
Email: nial.dully@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on DCC's roll out of recycling and compost bin collection for DCC tenants and to clarify when this will become available in all complexes/housing units across the South Central Area.

Reply

Housing Maintenance is currently in the process of engaging with contractors in regards to installing secure bin chambers in all our housing complexes and in conjunction with this, will be rolling out the implementation of green and compost bins.

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

Q12 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm whether DCC is in negotiation to purchase any of the sites, which extends to over 7,000 possible homes, with uncommenced active residential planning permissions in the South Central Area and if so, to confirm whether any of these are for build-to-rent developments.

Reply

In Q3 2022 Dublin City Council issued an EOI on its website for potential turnkey opportunities. A small number of submissions were received which the Housing Department are examining for potential delivery of units across the city council's administrative area. DCC will also work with the LDA to progress suitable projects identified through Project Tosaigh, Project Tosaigh is a scheme designed to

accelerate the delivery of new housing on private land with planning permission where progress has stalled due to financing and other constraints, and will keep the members informed on any developments in this regard.

Contact: *Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Development*
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Service to ensure that a real tree either living or cut, be provided for Ballyfermot Civic Centre going forward. Many people were disappointed we didn't have a real tree at this pivotal location. I am aware we have a living tree which will eventually be decorated in the Peoples Park however judging from the size of this tree it will be many, many years before its available to be lit up.

Reply

The Area Office tries to ensure that there are Christmas trees and lights in as many locations as possible with the budget available. The trees outside the civic centre are lit up every year for the festive season. The practical and financial feasibility of erecting a Christmas tree outside the civic centre will be investigated.

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

Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look into finding a suitable location going forward for the positioning of a Christmas Tree for the Drimnagh Area. It was unfortunate it wasn't possible to find a suitable location this year however by sourcing a suitable location not we won't have that difficulty going forward.

Reply

The Area Office will undertake a survey of potential sites for the location of a Christmas tree in the Drimnagh area. As the financial cost of providing both the tree and the electrical infrastructure for lighting will be borne by the Area Office these factors will have to be taken into consideration. Dublin City Council currently provides Christmas lights in the area and has provided financial support for the lights of the tree erected in the grounds of the local church.

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

Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give me a report on the following (details supplied)

Reply

The tenant phoned the After Hours Service on St. Stephens Day 26th December to say that there was a leak in her roof. She was told that this would have to be looked at by a Roofing Contractor and they would only be available on 3rd January 2023. There were plumbers available, but unfortunately, they are not in a position to undertake roofing works.

Housing Maintenance had over 270 call outs over the Christmas 2022 period, which were made up of the following: plumbing issues/leaks, choke car requests, access issues, etc.

The Roofing Contractor was in contact with the tenant last week, however, the tenant wasn't in a position for us to undertake the works. We plan to contact the tenant again and undertake these works shortly.

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

Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give me any hope that the fly tipping of waste at the vehicular access to Ballyfermot Civic Centre (**on Drumfinn Avenue**) can be addressed. We had the misfortune of waste being left there a few days prior to Christmas and DCC did remove it only for it to be fly tipped again on Christmas day leaving waste all over the place for a few days. Camera technology is needed along this stretch of footpath with signage to deter this serious anti-social problem.

Reply

In accordance with the provisions of the Circular Economy & Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, the LGMA are required to agree Codes of Practice with a number of government departments and statutory agencies for use of CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices (MRD) for the prevention, detection and prosecution of offences under the Litter Pollution Acts as amended.

The draft Codes of Practices have to be approved by the CCMA's Climate Action, Waste Management, Transport and Networks Committee, which is expected in late Jan, early Feb of this year, prior to being submitted to the various public bodies prescribed in Section 14C(4) of the 1996 Act as amended by the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022. It is only after that consultation process has been completed and the Minister has approved the final version of the Codes of Practices that the various sections of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 which will permit for the lawful use of CCTV and MRDs for waste offences will be commenced.

The use of CCTV or MRDs for the prevention, detection and prosecution of offences under the Waste Management Act, 1996 as amended and the Litter Pollution Acts as amended is prohibited until such time as the above lawful basis is commenced.

Meanwhile, the Litter Warden patrols this area every day and I will arrange for signage to be put in place.

Contact: *Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.*
Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ask our colleagues in South Dublin County Council who are responsible for the administration of the Gaels Park Drumfinn Avenue Ballyfermot Dublin 10 to ensure that hedging along this part of the Park is cut sufficiently to ensure that the hedge doesn't become a health hazard to local people out walking. Last year a group of residents spent 3 days cutting back the hedge as it was growing out from the Gaels / Glenaulin Park all over the public footpath obscuring the footpath. If I had a name a phone number, I could contact SDCC when these works are needed.

Reply

Dublin City Council contacted South Dublin County Council and confirmed that Glenaulin Park is on their list for hedge cutting. Their hedge cutting season runs from October – February each year. Any further queries in relation to this matter can be emailed directly to South Dublin County Council at publicrealm@sdublincoco.ie

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

Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to arrange a meeting between DCC Road Engineer, local traders and myself to discuss first-hand the serious traffic problems encountered along the stretch of Ballyfermot Road from the Home Savers Store at the Gala to Grange Cross. The current situation is a serious accident waiting to happen I have mentioned this for years without any effort to address same and I would welcome a meeting before the end of January 2023.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) would require detail on the issues to be discussed prior to attending any meeting organised by the Area Manager, regarding the stretch of Ballyfermot Road from the Home Savers Store at the Gala to Grange Cross. As the issues may not fall under the remit of the TAG Engineer and require other section/department's input and attendance.

Contact: *Neil O'Donoghue, South City Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.*
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please have a look at the very badly broken sections of tarmac road surface outside the Annamore Housing Complex at Chapelizod Hill Road, Kylemore Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10. The area has had a few repairs over the past few years however it appears the area needs more than a cosmetic job and with the new housing under construction on the Faulkner's Site the problem will only get worse.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services Division will inspect and assess the condition of the road surface on Chapelizod Hill Road outside the Annamore Housing Complex. A decision can then be made on what level of further maintenance, if any, will need to be carried out.

Contact: *Pat O'Halloran, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services Division.*
Email: pat.ohalloran@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at ensuring that reasonable safe cycling measures are put in and maintained to allow families feel safe in allowing children go to school on foot / cycling in Ballyfermot Village particularly around the Dominican School Complex Ballyfermot Road Dublin 10. The current situation is a mess with hundreds of cars converging on the schools on a daily basis.

Reply

St Gabriel's applied for a School Zone in 2020 and was assessed by area engineers. It was practice to include any adjacent schools to a School Zone applicant for similar

treatment. The entrance to St Michaels was therefore considered but due to its location on the roundabout and the heavy construction traffic associated with the nearby Cromona Court development at the time the School Zone treatment was only applied to St Gabriel's on the main Ballyfermot Rd. The School Zone treatment was installed on the Ballyfermot Road in July 2021. It consisted of a line of pencil bollards on the path outside St Gabriel's entrance on the main Ballyfermot Road extending as far as Lynch's Lane, colourful circles at St Gabriel's entrance, a school zone sign on the Ballyfermot Road surface and bollards protecting the cycle lane on the main Ballyfermot Rd. Parents are encouraged not to drop off or collect between the School Zone road surface signs.

The City Transport Projects Team will evaluate any further interventions for School Zones completed in 2020 at a future date once the current list of awaiting Safe Routes to School and School Zones are completed. Due to staffing capacity on this team it is not possible to take on any works beyond the current commitment during 2023 to address the 10 accelerated Safe Routes To School and 10 School Zones at final design stage.

The extension of the School Zone at St Gabriel's to include St Michaels' will be prioritised after this or as soon as staffing resources become available.

This reply relates to any interventions that were or can be provided under the current round of School Zone and Safe Route To School Programme (2020- 2021). Application for new interventions under these programmes are now closed.

Contact: Niamh Ni Cholmain, School Mobility Officer for School Zones and Safe Route To School Programmes.

Email: niamh.nicholmain@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the installation of progressive pieces of equipment at the planned Playground for Chapelizod and that as far as possible the views of children and young people be taken on board to ensure we have something which most young people will have buy into.

Reply

DCC Parks and Landscape Services propose to develop a new play area that will include play equipment that is authentic to this location. The design and planning of this new play facility will include active research with local children and young people, in particular the children attending Chapelizod Primary School. This is in alignment with the Dublin City Play Strategy (2022 - 2027) to ensure that children's voices, opinions and ideas are included in the design and planning of local play spaces, places and facilities. Design and planning workshops will commence in Q1 of 2023.

Contact: Debby Clarke – DCC Play Development Officer / Brid Brosnan – DCC Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Email: debbie.clarke@dublincity.ie or brid.brosnan@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look upon the possibility of developing another Skate Board type facility similar to Ballyfermot in the Crumlin / Drimnagh Area. I am amazed that a large number of young people and families from all across the city come and use this wonderful facility on a daily / weekly basis and am often asked why can't other areas look forward to the provision of similar facilities in there locality.

Reply

There are no plans for a skatepark in the Crumlin / Drimnagh Area, however, skate facilities can be considered in the context of a future Capital Programme. There are currently skating facilities in Le Fanu Park, Bushy Park and Weaver Park.

Contact: *Leslie Moore*
Head of Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Service
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the management if any of the Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate where a Joinery works are located. This huge facility is located in what I believe is one of the poorest maintained Industrial Estates in Dublin regularly there is little or no public lighting. Dumping of waste and serious flooding on the estate roads when heavy downpours occur are regular features I am aware it is located in South Dublin County Council's Administrative area however someone must be responsible for its uptake.

Reply

The industrial estate referred to is managed by South Dublin County Council. DCC Public Domain Officer will make contact with the appropriate person in SDCC with a view to having these issues addressed.

Contact: *Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central*
Email: publicdomain@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services if stock condition surveys of DCC owned flat complexes in Dublin 8 have been conducted, to identify which developments have been surveyed and to supply details of same.

Reply

Dublin City Council carried out Conditional Surveys on almost 81% all of our units in 2018/2019.

Following on from these surveys, numerous works have been carried out. We have also engaged independent surveys of units, which are investigated for condensation issues.

Contact: *Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance*
Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the review of tenants in Tathony House & to supply details of the outcome of this review.

Reply

There are 34/35 units in Tathony House and provided un-attributable/anonymised information. 3 units were vacant and of the remainder, 19 households met with staff from Threshold. The majority stated they had received only a verbal Notice of termination.

- 3 households stated they have an existing social housing application, 1 of which is with SDCC.
- 3 stated they have recently made SH applications, although in at least one of these cases, eligibility is likely to be an issue because of the nature of their visa.
- 3 are EU citizens who were encouraged and offered support to apply for Social Housing.
- 8 non- EU households will be unlikely to qualify for social housing because of the nature of their visa conditions.
- 1 non-EU household intends to leave the country and 1 household did not give any information.

With only 3 of the households are confirmed to be eligible for social housing, an acquisition by DCC for social housing is not an obvious route given that 90% of residents would not be eligible for a tenancy.

Threshold, an organisation funded by the DRHE, will continue to offer support to residents in terms of advice and prevention of homelessness.

Contact: *Mary Hayes, Director, Dublin Regional Homeless Executive*
 Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services if there has been engagement with the Iveagh Trust regarding its possible involvement in Tathony House

Reply

Contact has been made with the Iveagh Trust.

The engagement is tentative at this point in time, given there is no clarity about whether the Notice of Termination is lawful, if the property is to be offered for sale, the condition and how an acquisition would resolve the issues for the majority of the tenants given that only 3 are eligible at present for social housing.

Contact: *Mary Hayes, Director, Dublin Regional Homeless Executive*
 Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services if a new hall door can be supplied to (details supplied)

Reply

Before any works can be undertaken here, the tenant will need to contact (details supplied)

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

Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services in light of cars breaking the 30km speed limit on Mourne Road, will DCC consider;

- a) Installation of additional speed humps/tables to slow down traffic between the existing ones
- b) Replacement of the low, long speed humps/tables with shorter, higher and more effective bumps
- c) Installation of speed limit signs, or even better, LED speed radar signs, on the road?

Reply

Based on the assessment of the South Central Area Engineer;

- a) Speed ramps have been provided on Mourne Road. The location of the ramps has been chosen in order that they are located under public lighting and are at a distance and height which deters acceleration and sudden braking. The Area Engineer has a very limited budget for 2023, therefore, additional traffic calming measures on this road are not feasible at this time due to budget constraints.
- b) Mourne Road is on a bus route. The speed ramps have been designed to allow buses to drive over them without damaging the bus. Any increase in the height would have a long-term detrimental effect on the condition of the buses.
- c) There is a 30kph Slow Zone sign at the junction of Dolphin Road leading onto Mourne Road. This notifies drivers that they are entering a 30kph Slow Zone area and the driver is breaking the law if they drive at a higher speed. The Area Engineer does not recommend the installation of LED speed radar signs because there is a speed limit restriction already in place.

Contact: *Máire Nic Réamoinn, Assistant Engineer, South Central Area.*
Email: mairenicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on actions to be taken to tackle the ongoing flooding on Mourne Road.

Reply

Further to our update of the 7th December last (copied below), I can confirm that the part-lining of the Foul Sewer (Item 3 below) has also been completed. Both the surface water and foul sewers on Mourne and Mangerton Roads are now fully restored to their original installed capacity. The last paragraph of the previous update below still applies.

Update Email (7th December 2022)

Further to your Question to the October 2022 meeting of the South Central Area Committee I wish to advise as follows:

- 1. The blockage caused by the utility service within the surface water sewer on Mourne Road near its junction with Donard Road has been resolved and no longer presents a significant obstruction to flow..*
- 2. The build-up of Fats Oils and Grease [FOG] has been removed from the foul sewer downstream on Mangerton Road. The Irish Water FOG office is currently investigating the source of this build-up with a view to preventing future recurrence.*

3. A specialist contractor has removed all of the roots from both the Foul and the Surface Water sewer on Mangerton Road and part lining of the Surface Water Sewer has been completed to prevent root-penetration in the future. Part-relining of the Foul Sewer is scheduled to be completed this week.

Some minor repairs on the Surface Water sewer down below within Lansdowne Valley Park beside the River Camac are being postponed until the next sustained period of dry weather (hopefully April/May) in order to limit damage to the park during those works. It must be stressed that these postponed works have no bearing whatsoever on the flooding position back up on Mangerton and Mourne Roads. We believe the above will provide substantial relief of the flooding that has occurred here in recent years. The position will obviously be monitored going forward during rainfall events. If more measures are required this will be addressed in the study currently being carried out by DCC's Flood Projects Section.

Contact: Dominic Molony, Executive Engineer.
Email: dominic.molony@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to install a pedestrian crossing at the Garyowen Road entrance in to Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will carry out a site inspection to assess whether a pedestrian crossing accessing Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot would be feasible and, subject to funding, could be considered for addition to the 2023 programme of works. Enquiry Ref No. 7030984 refers.

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

Q31 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to install bollards to prevent illegal parking at St. Michael's, St. Raphael's and St. Gabriel's school Ballyfermot.

Reply

St Gabriel's applied for a School Zone in 2020 and was assessed by area engineers. It was practice to include any adjacent schools to a School Zone applicant for similar treatment. The entrance to St Michaels was therefore considered but due to its location on the roundabout and the heavy construction traffic associated with the nearby Cromona Court development at the time the School Zone treatment was only applied to St Gabriel's on the main Ballyfermot Rd. The School Zone treatment was installed on the Ballyfermot Road in July 2021. It consisted of a line of pencil bollards on the path outside St Gabriel's entrance on the main Ballyfermot Road extending as far as Lynch's Lane, colourful circles at St Gabriel's entrance, a school zone sign on the Ballyfermot Road surface and bollards protecting the cycle lane on the main Ballyfermot Rd. Parents are encouraged not to drop off or collect between the School Zone road surface signs.

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Contact: Niamh Ni Cholmain, School Mobility Officer for School Zones and Safe Route To School Programmes.

Email: niamh.nicholmain@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Hazel de Nortiún

To ask the Director of Services regarding the Luas stop in Drimnagh, facing the Bosco, can the continuous flooding at the pedestrian traffic light section be inspected? There's been reports for a considerable amount of time that pedestrians find the passing restrictive in bad weather.

Reply

The gullies at the address above have been placed on the list for cleaning for the week commencing 9th January 2023.

Contact: Richard Sheehy, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water and Flood Incident Management.

Email: richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Hazel de Nortiún

Residents have raised the issue with no pedestrian crossing /safe crossing at all at the entry gates to the Markievicz Park in Ballyfermot. To ask the Director of Services to have this issue inspected to see if there's scope for a pedestrian crossing for safe access in the park?

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will carry out a site inspection to assess whether a pedestrian crossing accessing Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot would be feasible and, subject to funding, could be considered for addition to the 2023 programme of works. (Enquiry No. 7030984 refers)

Contact: Máire Nic Réamoinn, Assistant Engineer, South Central Area.

Email: mairenicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Hazel de Nortiún

With the new apartments due to open this year at Cornamona, to ask the Director of Services can the entrance points at St Michaels School, Convent Lawns and Cornamona be examined to see if there's a solution to all the cars parking there? It's extremely unsafe for school children.

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7031001) is referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

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

*Contact: Mary Boyle, A/Senior Staff Officer, TAG Administration,
Environment and Transportation Department.*

Email: mary.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Hazel de Nortiún

To ask the Director of Services - Residents in D12 have been asking if there's a possibility in the future to get a skate park for the D12 area?

Reply

There are no plans for a skatepark in Dublin 12, however, skate facilities can be considered in the context of a future Capital Programme. There are currently skating facilities in Le Fanu Park, Bushy Park and Weaver Park .

*Contact: Leslie Moore
Head of Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Service*

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Hazel de Nortiún

To ask the Director of Services to engage with SDCC regarding the public lighting in Cherry Orchard Industrial estate. Because the area is a border for both Councils, responsibility for its maintenance has always been an issue and the lack of public lighting is a safety issue.

Reply

The industrial estate referred to is managed by South Dublin County Council. DCC Public Domain Officer will make contact with the appropriate person in SDCC with a view to having these issues addressed.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central

Email: publicdomain@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services following on the motion 214 at the December meeting on the subject, how DCC is planning to deal with the daily traffic in Kilmainham on South Circular Road and Suir Road where traffic comes to a halt daily from the junction with Galtymore Road in Drimnagh to the R148. Public buses are stuck in traffic and take 15 minutes from one bus stop on Suir Road to the next one on SCR going to town in the evening. Supporting cyclist with the cycle lane was much needed and brings safety to cyclists. At the time of creating the cycle lane, what was the plan in place to deal with congestion the cycle lane was to bring at that location? This is a very residential area with houses all along the route where residents are faced with pollution and emergency vehicles are faced with extreme difficulties manoeuvring the area in a speedy manner.

Reply

As stated in the response to the original motion Dublin City Council, has made a number of changes to the operation of the traffic signals along this route in order to reduce delays to public transport vehicles.

This is achieved by implementing specific traffic management plans on the detection of a Bus which provided more green time to the bus. We have also implemented a number of measures to reduce the delays to private vehicles.

The cycle lanes were installed to improve safety for cyclists, particularly for children travelling to the local schools. We will continue to monitor the operation of these junctions using our SCATS and CCTV systems to ensure the safe and efficient movement of all users of this route

Contact: Karen Hosie, Senior Transportation Officer, Transportation.
Email: karen.hosie@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to contact SDCC to ask them to increase time for pedestrian crossing at Cromwellsfort and St Agnes intersection.

Reply

An email issued to South Dublin County Council on 4th January, 2023 for their attention and direct reply to the Councillor. For similar requests South Dublin County Council can be emailed at info@sdblincoco.ie

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, SWIC Area Office
Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to look at what options can be implemented on Dowland Road to slow traffic and make it safer for the numerous young children in the area to cross the road to reach the green space. Walkinstown has seen many many young families moving in and their safety needs to heard, taken into consideration and addressed.

Reply

Dowland Road, and the surrounding roads are residential roads and there is a 30kph Slow Zone speed restriction in place. A 30kph Slow Zone sign is installed at locations where the speed limit changes from 50kph to 30kph and the restriction applies to all residential roads within these locations.

There is appropriate signage already in place on Dowland Road to notify drivers to slow down - 'Children Crossing' (W142) signs and 'Ramps' signs.

The Area Engineer observed that there is a lot of vehicles parked on the footpaths. If vehicles were parked appropriately on the roadway, this would help slow down the traffic.

The Area Engineer will continue to monitor the area.

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Q40 **Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services who owns the Moeran Hall in Walkinstown, who owns the land and who owns the building?

Reply

Following inspection of the Property Registration Authorities (PRA) website, Moeran Hall, Sommerville Avenue, Walkinstown is not registered in the Land Registry. However, it is my understanding that Moeran Hall is in the ownership of Trustees who formed a company for the running of the Hall in 2002 called Walkinstown Sports and Athletic Federation Limited now Walkinstown Sports and Athletic Federation CLG. Dublin City Council has no legal interest in the property.

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Q41 **Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to make sure Drimnagh has a functioning public Christmas Tree for Christmas 2023.

Reply

The Area Office will undertake a survey of potential sites for the location of a Christmas tree in the Drimnagh area. As the financial cost of providing both the tree and the electrical infrastructure for lighting will be borne by the Area Office these factors will have to be taken into consideration. Dublin City Council currently provides Christmas lights in the area and has provided financial support for the lights of the tree erected in the grounds of the local church.

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