# DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

# Q1 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the works at Donore Community Centre.

#### Reply

Following appointment of the design team an update including programme for design, procurement and works will presented to the Area Committee in March.

Contact: Trevor Higgins, Recreation Services Manager

Email: <u>trevor.higgins@dublincity.ie</u>

# Q2 <u>Councillor Máire Devine</u>

To ask the Director of Services if a small bin and relevant notices be provided at the flower beds in Gray Street, D8 to dissuade those who discard dog waste there.

## Reply

The Engineer with responsibility for the placements of litter bins will examine the area to establish the best location to place a litter bins for service and maintenance. Arrangements have been made to place signage on Gray Street.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.

Email: bernie.lillis@dublinity.ie

# Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for the numbers of staff available to answer phones/queries in Eblana House, what hours are the phones manned?

#### Reply

The phone lines in Eblana House are manned between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. There are 3 designated staff manning the Hunt Line Number Ph: 2225200.

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central

Email: <u>gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services - given the level of regeneration scheduled for DSC to ask that, to avoid disenfranchising tenants, consideration be given to making the electoral registration form be made available when signing for a tenancy?

#### Reply

We can confirm that we have liaised with the Franchise Section and that forms will now be included with new lettings.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: <u>sandra.barry@dublincity.ie</u>

# Q5 <u>Councillor Máire Devi</u>ne

To ask the Director of Services that the Dog Warden survey Inchicore Road and advise on preventative measures that could encourage dog owners to dispose of their dog waste responsibly?

#### Reply

The Animal Welfare Unit will include Inchicore Road in patrols in the coming weeks and engage with owners on responsible dog ownership as well as distributing disposal dog waste bags.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Animal Welfare Officer

Tel: Animal Welfare Unit 01 222 6060 Email: <u>ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie</u>

#### **Q6** Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services when parks are carrying out aeration works on or near pitches that they consider using tractors with turf/grassland tyres, and not agricultural tyres. Some pitches can be destroyed with tyre marks.

#### Reply

Parks staff endeavour to carry out aeration works when ground conditions are not too soft. The tyres fitted allow for pulling heavy loads which can be a requirement of our fleet of tractors. They are a more versatile type of tyre which is better suited to the work that tractors in Parks carry out.

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

Email: <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

# **Q7** Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the properties at (details supplied) be assessed for replacement bathrooms and rear insulation when other works are being carried by a third party following damage.

#### <u>Reply</u>

Housing Maintenance is aware of the works being undertaken here by the National Children's Hospital. Tenants will be contacted by our Engineer to discuss the issues that have arisen.

Contact Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance

Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

#### **Q8** Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for details of work carried out for rodent eradication and the future plans for general cleaning, maintenance and regular baiting of public areas at (details supplied)

#### Reply

Housing Maintenance has undertaken a number of measures aimed at removing the presence of rodents at this location. These include the installation of bungs in the large bins used in the complex, surveying and replacing any shores requiring repair, engaging with all stakeholders to remove the presence of any food sources in the complex, liaising with the OPW in respect of their adjoining lands, and baiting shores and any burrows in the complex.

We will continue to undertake these measures, work with our colleagues in the Local Area Office, engage with all stakeholders, and with between the Housing Maintenance Pest Control Unit and our local Caretaking Service continue to focus on removing any rodent issues that arise at this location.

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

Email: <u>clive.ahern@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the relevant department urgently revert to Sedgwick Loss Adjusters regarding (details supplied) so essential works can start to repair damage that occurred 3 years ago.

#### Reply

IPB, Dublin City Council's insurer, instructed loss adjusters to investigate the claim made by (details supplied). The loss adjusters have now completed their investigations and a letter has issued to the claimant (details supplied).

Contact: Melissa Peavoy, Administrative Officer, Law Dept.

Email: <u>mellisa.peavoy@dublincity.ie</u>

## **Q10** Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the current housing list status of (details supplied)

#### Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer Medical List with an application date of 30/11/2006, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area K	1	5
Area L	1	16
Area M	1	17

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.

The applicants should check the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice. They are advertised every Friday and remain advertised for a period of 3 weeks.

Applicants are able to check their position on the Housing List by logging onto <a href="https://www.dublincity.ie/housingonline">www.dublincity.ie/housingonline</a> with their reference number and Date of Birth.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

# Q11 <u>Councillor Deirdre Cronin</u>

To ask the Director of Services who is responsible for the ongoing issue regarding a leaking roof at (details supplied)

#### Reply

Housing Maintenance will follow up and investigate the roof at the above address.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer

Email: Michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

# **Q12** Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services to rectify ongoing problems with the heating system for (details supplied)

#### Reply

Housing Maintenance does not have any heating repair request for this property on our system. However, we will log this now for the tenant and all necessary repairs will be carried out to ensure the heating is working.

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

Email: <u>clive.ahern@dublincity.ie</u>

## **Q13** Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services if (details supplied)

#### Reply

(Details supplied) is not on the Housing List.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

# **Q14** Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the outcome of public consultation on the St James Linear Park and Cycle Lane.

## Reply

The Public Consultation for the **Kilmainham to Thomas Street Interim Walking & Cycling Scheme** was carried out in October/November 2022. An information day was held on the 24th November 2022 and submissions were accepted until the 2nd December 2022. A Public Consultation Report on the outcome of the consultation process has being prepared along with revisions to the designs at some locations.

These documents are currently going through an internal review and a determination to confirm if approval is recommended to proceed under Section 38 process. When this stage is concluded the Public Consultation Report and drawings will be published on the Active Travel website. On publication the elected members of the SCAC will be notified as will all parties who made a submission during the consultation process.

Contact: Gráinne O'Brien, Senior Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office.

Email: <u>activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie</u>

Please see report '075\_St. James's Phase\_2\_221006' attached for the most recent update on public engagement. Phase 2 works will commence on Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: Suzanne O' Connell, Landscape Architect

Email: <u>suzanne.oconnell@dublincity.ie</u>

# Q15 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the works needed to reopen Donore Avenue Community Centre and to provide a detailed timeline on the stages of works and when they be completed.

#### Reply

Following appointment of the design team an update including programme for design, procurement and works will presented to the Area Committee in March.

Contact: Trevor Higgins, Recreation Services Manager

Email: trevor.higgins@dublincity.ie

# Q16 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm when a 4-way, wraparound pedestrian crossing will be installed at Donore Avenue/SCR junction near Sally's Bridge?

# Reply

The tender process for the package of pedestrian crossings which includes this one is almost complete with a Contractor due to be formally appointed shortly. The pedestrian crossing at Donore Avenue is due to commence mid-March.

Contact: Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport

Projects.

Email: claire.french@dublincity.ie

## Q17 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm when DCC will install 4-way, wraparound pedestrian crossings at the junction of SCR/Kilmainham/Bulfin Road?

#### Reply

Dublin City Council is currently progressing a Walking and Cycling Scheme from Kilmainham to Thomas Street. Signalised pedestrian crossings and dished footpaths are being proposed for the permanent scheme including the junction at SCR/Kilmainham/Bulfin Road. Consultants have been appointed to do the planning and design work. This project is at Concept Development and Options Selection Phase.

Contact: John Cryan, Executive Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office.

Email: john.cryan@dublincity.ie

# Q18 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

Question withdrawn

## **Q19** Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services what follow up actions have been taken in light of the Rehoboth residents January presentation, specifically has a date been organised for a site visit and is all requested documentation being made available?

#### Reply

The Transport Advisory Area (TAG) engineer has visited the road in question and there are no outstanding issues.

TAG listened to the concerns of the Rehoboth Residents on 18<sup>th</sup> January, however, it is not within TAG's remit to provide any of the documentation requested instead this is for the planning department.

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, South City Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.

Email: <u>neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie</u>

All documentation in relation to access and transportation matters are accessible on the planning application website <a href="https://bgscr1shd.ie/">https://bgscr1shd.ie/</a> which is still live.

The Masterplan for the overall lands can be viewed via this link as well as all Traffic and other engineering reports and drawings.

Contact: Edel Kelly, Senior Transportation Officer

Email: edel.kelly@dublincity.ie

## **Q20** Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services when work will start on Donore Youth & Community Centre & if it can be done asap as a priority in light of the need for community facilities in the area?

#### Reply

Following appointment of the design team an update including programme for design, procurement and works will presented to the Area Committee in March.

Contact: Trevor Higgins, Recreation Services Manager

Email: <u>trevor.higgins@dublincity.ie</u>

#### **Q21** Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services if Weaver Square playground will get additional play equipment e.g. Swings, spinners, rope climbing frame.

#### Reply

Parks will include Weaver in the 2023 playground upgrade list.

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

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

# **Q22** Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services if the 4 way pedestrian crossing on Donore Avenue/SCR junction, Sally's Bridge (Donore Avenue) & Parnell Road junction can be prioritised for pedestrian especially child road safety?

#### Reply

The tender process for the package of pedestrian crossings which includes this one is almost complete with a Contractor due to be formally appointed shortly. The pedestrian crossing at Donore Avenue is due to commence mid-March. If it is possible for this to be brought forward we will work with the contractor to do so. This will be approached once a start-up meeting is arranged.

Contact: Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport

Projects.

Email: <u>claire.french@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services who in Dublin City Council is best placed to facilitate discussions between Dwyer Nolan Development Ltd and local services, including the Candle Project, to ensure these services have full access to Lynch's Lane during construction of 975 apartments on the former De La Salle site?

#### Reply

An Bord Pleanála (ABP) Direction for the site includes Condition 30 which requires submission of a Construction Management Plan (CMP). All construction activities will be governed by a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), the final details of which will be agreed with Dublin City Council prior to the commencement of construction activities on site. The preliminary CTMP states "the principal objective of the CTMP is to ensure that the impacts of all building activities generated during the construction phase upon the public (off-site), visitors to the subject site (on-site) and internal (on-site) workers environments, are fully considered and proactively managed/programmed thereby ensuring that safety is maintained at all times, disruption is minimised and undertaken within a controlled hazard free/minimised environment." However, there are currently no planning compliance submissions for the development. Therefore, Traffic Section and Roadworks Control Unit will engage with the project when the proposed CMP (including CTMP) is submitted.

Contact: Bernard Lester, A/ Senior Engineer, Transportation.

Email: bernard.lester@dublincity.ie

# Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services will Dublin City Council provide support and resources to Women's Shed in Bluebell, they provide a service to women in Bluebell and Ballyfermot and are in need of support?

#### Reply

The Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Community Development team provide support to a wide range of community organisations and will make contact with the Bluebell Women's Shed.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

## Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to give an update on installation of CCTV along Benbulbin Road, Drimnagh.

#### Reply

Following on from the provision of Discretionary Funding for the installation of CCTV at Benbulbin Road, we have continued to try to progress the matter. Written authorisation from the Garda Commissioner for Dublin City Council to install CCTV at this location is required.

An Garda Síochána have outlined their position on this matter stating that their internal policy/procedures will only allow authorisation of this scheme if it is

designated a Community CCTV Scheme which would have repercussions for the Community.

Our Law Department are reviewing this and its implications for existing and planned CCTV schemes

The most recent update from DCC's Data Protection Office indicated that discussions are still ongoing between the Local Government Management Agency and An Garda Síochána and no clarification on the issues outlined above is forthcoming as of yet.

Contact: John MacEvilly, Local Area Manager, South East Area

Email: john.macevilly@dublincity.ie

# Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services has he any update on the establishment of the implementation group in Cherry Orchard, it has been 3 months since the announcement was made?

# <u>Reply</u>

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, the Minister for Justice announced the establishment of an implementation board for Cherry Orchard, similar to the boards put in place in Drogheda and the north east inner city of Dublin. This is part of an initiative that will involve a single, consolidated structure being put in place in areas throughout the country that have serious social issues to be addressed. As it is a national initiative, the Department of An Taoiseach and the Department of Justice are working with all of the relevant local authorities to finalise the structure of the boards and what their remit will be. It is key that there is consistency in relation to these boards nationally.

In the meantime, the chair of the board has been agreed, Mr. Brendan Foster, and work is ongoing in relation to analysing the current services provided in the area and what the shortfalls are. This work will involve Brendan and officials from Dublin City Council interacting with some of the key stakeholders over the coming weeks. It is hoped that the structure of the board will also be finalised in the coming weeks and work will also be carried out to establish a support office for the work to be done – it is likely there will be a single support office for all of the boards across the city. A key part of the work of the support office will be communicating with the community. We are also very aware of the progress made by the existing multi-agency/stakeholder development group currently in place and the need to ensure that the positive work of this group is maintained as part of the new structure.

Contact: Derek Kelly, Director of Services, South Central

Email: <u>derek.kelly@dublincity.ie</u>

## **Q27** Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for a progress report on the introduction of traffic calming for Cherry Orchard?

#### Reply

A controlled pedestrian crossing is proposed for Cherry Orchard Avenue / Blackditch Road as part of Package 8 Lot 4. Tender documents are currently being finalised and is due to go to tender within the next month.

Contact: Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport

Projects.

Email: <u>claire.french@dublincity.ie</u>

## Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to outline in tabular form, the amount of households in Areas J & K who made applications to DCC and are waiting for funding to be provided for extensions to their homes on the basis on overcrowding?

## Reply

Where Dublin City Council tenants request adaptation works under our Accessibility programme and works are approved, the works are then undertaken by the Council.

There are 107 households in Areas J and K who have applied for overcrowding extensions.

Contact Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance

Email: Robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

# Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to outline in tabular form, the amount of households in Areas J & K who made applications to DCC and are waiting for funding to be provided for alterations to their homes on medical or health grounds?

#### Reply

The table below sets out the applications received in 2021 and 2022 from Areas J and K.

Area J & K	Applications 2022	Applications 2021
Extensions	20	18
Ramps	7	4
Stairlifts	7	4
Showers	23	28
Wetrooms	10	4
Other	1	3
TOTAL	68	61

Contact Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance

Tel: 222 3708

Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

## Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the following housing application for (details supplied)

#### Reply

The applicant is currently in position 10 on the Housing List. Her interest is noted in (details supplied) and the Local Area Office are aware of the case.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

# Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure that the Road Sweeper is used more often around the side roads of Ballyfermot. I often see bottles etc. lying for weeks on end in certain areas hence the need for more frequent cleansing.

# Reply

Waste Management Services will monitor the cleaning of Ballyfermot, including the side roads, to ensure that the road sweeping machine services this area on a regular and frequent basis.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

# Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can Dublin City Council, Tesco and CDETB please come up with some sort of cleansing arrangement for the BCFE / Ballyfermot Library Car-Park on Ballyfermot Road. Currently, no one is responsible for waste removal and cleansing around the extensive Car-Park area. I could also ask a similar question in relation to the ICELAND Car-park facing the shops on Le Fanu-Road it's always in a poor state with none of the shop keepers taking proper responsibility.

#### Reply

Our Litter Enforcement Manager will have the above mentioned car parks investigated and establish who is responsible for their maintenance.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.

Email: mick.bovle@dublincitv.ie

#### Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at trying to replace the basketball backboard missing at Drumfinn Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, facing the Garda Station and domestic housing.

#### Reply

This backboard will be fixed as soon as possible.

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

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

# Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the serious implication of allowing too many housing being built in side gardens in our estates. This does not take into consideration that large blank walls are built where previously small garden railings were there, thus creating potential shelter for anti-social behaviour / blind corners. I have seen 2 houses even 3 built in some gardens creating lots of unnecessary density, cars etc. I am all for responsible building but not to the extent of over-build.

#### Reply

The development of a dwelling or dwellings in the side garden of an existing house is supported by Development Plan policy (Chapter 15 – Section 15.13.3). It is

considered that the development of these sites, when undertaken on suitable sites and to a high standard of design, can constitute valuable additions to the residential building stock of an area. The planning authority will favourably consider the development of infill housing on appropriate sites, subject to determining that the infill housing complies with all relevant development plan standards for residential development including unit sizes, dual aspect requirements, internal amenity standards and open space requirements. It also has regard to the following criteria in assessing proposals for the development of corner/side garden sites:

- The character of the street.
- Compatibility of design and scale with adjoining dwellings, paying attention to the established building line, proportion, heights, parapet levels and materials of adjoining buildings.
- Accommodation standards for occupiers.
- Development plan standards for existing and proposed dwellings.
- Impact on the residential amenities of adjoining sites.
- Open space standards and refuse standards for both existing and proposed dwellings.
- The provision of a safe means of access to and egress from the site.
- The provision of landscaping and boundary treatments which are in keeping with other properties in the area.
- The maintenance of the front and side building lines, where appropriate.
- Level of visual harmony, including external finishes and colours.
- Larger corner sites may allow more variation in design, but more compact detached proposals should more closely relate to adjacent dwellings. A modern design response may, however, be deemed more appropriate in certain areas and the Council will support innovation in design.
- Side gable walls as side boundaries facing corners in estate roads are not considered acceptable and should be avoided.
- Appropriate boundary treatments should be provided both around the site and between the existing and proposed dwellings. Existing boundary treatments should be retained/ reinstated where possible. Development Standards | Chapter 15 610
- Use of first floor/apex windows on gables close to boundaries overlooking footpaths, roads and open spaces for visual amenity and passive surveillance

The above criteria identify most of the issues raised in the Councillor's Question and which are already addressed in the assessment of planning applications for infill/side garden dwelling developments. However, the concerns raised regarding the creation of blind corners etc. are noted and will be brought to the attention of the Development Management Teams for their consideration in the assessment of future applications.

Contact: Mary Conway, Deputy Dublin City Planning Officer

Email: <u>mary.conway@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please have a look at positioning another bin outside the Roma take-away on Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. All too often I see certain businesses having serious litter in the vicinity. The above take-away spends a lot of time and resources cleaning outside their business however there is only a certain amount any business can do.

#### Reply

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned location to see if there is requirement for another litter bin there.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.

Email: <u>mick.boyle@dublincity.ie</u>

## **Q36** Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give me a full update on the delays, and expected compaction dates of Springvale Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20 and the long awaited Scouts Den. The Community of Chapelizod are awaiting this Scout Den for many years and when complete it will be a very welcome addition in the area.

#### Reply

Springvale Chapelizod is one of four housing construction contracts being delivered by John Sisk & Son (Sisk) for DCC. The others are Bonham Street, Cork Street and Bunratty Road. DCC tendered the four projects as a bundle to be delivered by one contractor using 'volumetric system build' construction under four separate Design and Build contracts.

The Building Control Authority's Inspectors have identified issues requiring rectification in order for the works to meet Building Regulations. The contractor is currently rectifying these issues in association with their specialist sub-contractors and designers. We are awaiting a revised programme and completion date from the Contractor. Due to the nature of the ongoing contract, further detail cannot be provided at this time.

Contact: Alice Simington, SEO Housing Regeneration

Email: alice.simington@dublincity.ie

## Q37 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to buy the property at (details supplied) so the tenant and her 2 children don't go homeless. To contact the landlord to discuss this option. The house consist of the original block without any extension.

#### Reply

The Acquisitions Section is in the process of determining whether we can acquire this property under The Tenant in Situ programme, the first stage in this process is tenant checks which are currently under way. If we are in a position to acquire we will make contact with the landlord to progress.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer

Email: <u>michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q38 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to review the housing application for (details supplied) to be changed to a 2 bed for medical reason. This lady has been dependent since birth.

#### Reply

A member of the Housing Allocations team will make contact with you directly to discuss this case.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

## Q39 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to provide all communication and documents Dublin City Council has received in relation to the s254 application on Spiddal Road.

## Reply

Cllr. Nicoullaud has been provided with all the pertinent documentation relating to this section 254 application received on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Contact: Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer,

Infrastructure Management Unit.

Email. deri.flood@dublincity.ie

# **Q40** Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to provide a detail tree protection plan for the project of the s254 telecom mast at Bluebell. The site is surrounded by mature trees. All planning applications require a tree protection plan under section 16.3.3 from the DCC development plan. The same needs to apply to this. The plan needs to provide the potential damage to the roots, to the type and size of roots to the trees in the vicinity and not only a photo montage of a tree exclusion zone.

The tree protection plan needs to clearly show how roots not greater that 25mm diameter will not be cut. Did the applicant get the T2 licence? How did the DCC tree surgeon make sure he is satisfied no damage will be done to the trees from roots to branches? Is DCC satisfied that the exclusion area around each tree is satisfactory by following the required calculation under the guidelines for managing openings in public roads?

## Reply

At an onsite meeting with the contractor in July 2022, it was agreed that the excavation in the open space will be limited and that the ducts (except for the connection to the mast) will be located in the footpath. The mast and associated elements will be located in empty space between two trees, away from the tree canopies and therefore tree root damage will be limited to small feeding roots, if any damage at all.

Fences will be erected in the open space to avoid any unnecessary damages to the open spaces (see below drawing sent by Delmec). Provided the tree protection plan is implemented as discussed during the onsite meeting with the contractor, I am confident that the negative impact on the existing trees will be limited.

In relation to the T2, the Roadworks Control Unit is the organisation to contact in relation to all roadwork licence in the Dublin City Council area.



Contact: Ludovic Beaumont
Tree Officer, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services
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