



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 8 MAY 2023**

- 1 **Presentation on Green Opportunities in the Whitefriar Street Area**  
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Fishamble Street Housing Project**  
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee Meeting Held on 3rd April 2023**  
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department Matters**
  - i. Update on Proposed Merrion Square Park Tea Rooms.  
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group Meeting Held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.  
Order: Noted
  - ii. Verbal Update on Temple Bar Public Realm Improvement Scheme.  
Order: Noted
  - iii. Verbal Update on Traffic Management Measures at College Green and Foster Place improvements (Pathfinder).  
Order: Noted
  - iv. Report on Traffic Calming in Sandymount Green Summer 2023.  
Order: Noted
- 6 **Planning & Development Department Matters**
  - i. Report on Proposed Grant of a Licence of the OLV Building, Cathedral View Court.  
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
  - ii. Report on Proposed Grant of a Licence of the Junction Building, Pearse Street.  
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

7 **South East Area Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services, Central and South East Areas.  
Order: Noted
- ii. Public Domain Report May 2023.  
Order: Noted.
- iii. Report on Proposal to Name and Number a Development at York Road as 1 – 26 Dodder House.  
Order: Agreed.
- iv. Report on Proposal to Name and Number a Development at 79 Sandford Road as 1 – 6 Woodville Mews.  
Order: Agreed.

8 **Motions 08/05/2023**

**Motion 1 from Councillor Claire O'Connor and Dermot Lacey (carried forward from April SEAC meeting)**

What are we going to do about Sandymount?

Sandymount village and especially Serpentine / Tritonville road and Sydney Parade Avenue have had to deal with excessive traffic in the last few months. No traffic management plan is in place other than diverting traffic through these completely unsuitable roads.

The Dart line creates a particular boundary for Sandymount and in itself has led to extensive traffic queues at each crossing. The impact of traffic standing still waiting to move is unsafe as it creates rat running, Serpentine Avenue being particularly badly effected due to the extended closures on this junction. Drivers trying to beat the lights are regularly crashing here.

These roads are now being used by heavy vehicles, including 8 wheeler dump trucks and double decker buses because there is no control of access. Tritonville Road is now dealing with the impact of this. There has been at least 7 burst pipe events on the road since October with water flowing freely overnight.

Sandymount roads are unsafe to use for pedestrians, cyclists and residents. Traffic jams from Strand Road to St. Vincent's are now featuring on traffic reports in the morning. St. Vincent's is now becoming a rat run, as are other roads in the Ballsbridge area to allow access to Sandymount that eliminates Serpentine from journeys.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 2 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of DCC deplores any attempts by approved housing bodies or indeed the council to evict household pets from their tenants. Further, that a full comprehensive policy and due process be afforded to this issue. Many residents and tenants rely on their pets for a myriad of reasons. Man and animal have been close companions since the dawn of time. Many animal welfare organisations are actively involved in protecting animals and one of the greatest ways of doing that is to have pets in your home. Indeed there are huge campaigns about adopting dogs. Indeed before there was a bill of human rights there was a bill of animal rights by the great advocate Humanity Dick (Richard Martin).

With the recent outcry from the public political groupings and tenants around the reactivation of eviction notices surely now this issue of pets being evicted by approved housing bodies deserves the same attention.

Many of those housed by approved housing bodies and the like are tenants of DCC and come through DCC housing and allocations services. Dublin City Council needs to take the lead on this in order to give confidence to the many individuals who live in approved housing bodies and the like who are in dreadful fear that their pets will be evicted. This is a wrong approach.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 3 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of Dublin City Council calls on the Dublin Cycling Campaign and other such pro cycling groups to actively promote and endorse the wearing of helmets for cyclists and e-scooter users and the like. It is unacceptable that such bodies would not endorse the absolute safety of all cyclists and scooter users on our roads. In a recent report regarding single cyclists who had accidents on the Luas line, head injuries were the most serious cause for concern in the report as many of those individual cyclists had not been wearing a safety helmet. While we hand out bicycle lights in the middle of winter and rightly so, the Dublin Cycling Campaign and others need now to endorse and support the mandatory wearing of helmets for those cyclists and scooter users using the roads. At a recent meeting of the subcommittee of the walking and cycling it was revealed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) that the Dublin Cycling Campaign and others did not support calls for the mandatory wearing of helmets. We know from surveys that were done in the past that there is this hair brained idea that if people have to wear helmets they won't go cycling? Well this needs to be rubbished and stopped. If one was to take the example of the smoking ban or indeed if one was to look at mandatory wearing of safety belts in cars and the foreboding around those issues but we now know they are the norm saving many people's lives and many from catastrophic injury.

**Order: Deferred to June SEAC meeting.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Pat Dunne, Tara Deacy, Carolyn Moore, Daithí Doolan, Daniel Ceitinn and Anne Feeney**

That this area committee is committed to the development of the Brickfield Park dressing rooms in line with the plans drafted by DCC and calls on Dublin City Council to prioritise it in the current Capital Programme of Work; we also call on Dublin City Council to consult with local residents through a Citizen Hub engagement and commence the Part 8 planning process as soon as possible.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This area committee welcomes the installation of a new pedestrian traffic light on Armagh Road in Crumlin. We also welcome the resurfacing with new tarmacadam of the roadway.

In order to maintain the road safety for pedestrians and school children we ask for the speedbumps to be reinstated where previously they were at four locations on the roadway. In addition, can we reinstate the colourful red and yellow road markings to highlight awareness of the presence of the schools?

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to write to the Gardaí to address the ongoing issue of anti-social behaviour on Long Lane.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to install drinking water fountains in all the parks in the South East Area.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please arrange a meeting with the residents of Magennis Square to discuss possible improvements and maintenance plans for the public space there.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee agrees in some way to mark the life of James “Jimmy” Nicholl, who lost his life in an attempt to save the life of another man in the River Liffey on the morning of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee writes to the Chief Executive of Córas Iompair Éireann (CIE) seeking an outline of their plans for the cleaning and refurbishment of their rail bridges, which in many locations within the city are externally in a state of disrepair or covered in unsightly graffiti tags.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Emergency Motion 1 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this meeting of the South East Area Committee calls on the post office authority to immediately reinstate the historic post box that was removed recently from Irishtown Ringsend village.

Reason: the removal of this historic post box has caused great upset with the local community and the local historic society. This post box was part of the identity of the area and a much loved heritage item. We wish to make a city to live, it is objects like this that give the streetscape a sense of identity and place making it also connects the local community and visitors to their history.

**Order: Agreed.**

9 **Questions to the Chief Executive 08/05/2023**

Order: Noted.

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**

**Chairperson**

**Monday 8 May 2023**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)  
Claire Byrne  
Deirdre Conroy  
Kevin Donoghue  
Mannix Flynn

**Members:**

Carolyn Moore  
Danny Byrne  
Daniel Céitinn  
Pat Dunne  
James Geoghegan

**Members:**

Paddy McCartan  
Hazel Chu  
Tara Deacy  
Anne Feeney  
Claire O'Connor

**Officers:**

Mark Ginnetty  
John MacEvilly  
Gerry Folan, PMVT

Brian Hanney  
Neil Nerney  
Richard Averill, FKPA

Brian Kirk  
Fiona O'Brien  
Aisling Browne

Gareth Toolan  
Derek Dixon  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Stephen Miller

Paul McCann  
Cathy Cassidy  
Brendan O'Brien  
Frank Lambe

Philip Dunne  
Christina Todd  
Claire French  
Brid Brosnan

**Apologies:**

Karl Mitchell

**Non-Members:**

Daithí Doolan

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

I wonder could you ask Waste Management to consider this request please.

Good morning. I live in (details supplied). The bin which was on the street by the bus stop (opposite Leeson village) was removed about a year ago and as a result litter in the street has increased. I used to pick up litter and put it in the bin but I can't do that now and it is awkward bringing litter from the street into my own house and putting it into my bin. You can leave or put litter along the drain way for the street cleaners to remove but that is unsightly. It would be great to have a bin back where it was. You have to walk for ages before you encounter another one. It would be great if you would ask the local authority is there a plan to replace the bin. I would appreciate your help.

**Reply:**

This is currently being investigated and if the bin here is missing, it will be reinstated when the delivery of new bins arrive later this month.

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests the Traffic Advisory Group to examine what intervention may be made to improve the safety of all in the Mountpleasant Terrace / Price's Lane area – options to be considered include, speed reduction ramps, strategically located planter boxes, one way route within the area also that consideration be given to move the No Right Hand (7 - 10 Monday to Saturday from the current pole to the lamp standard just one pole further down as this would greater visibility for the restriction.

**Reply:**

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course. (Enquiry Ref: 7032882)

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to have the following issue reviewed in view of the additional information submitted with this question by a local Teacher.

Dear ITS Officer,

I previously made an inquiry about a dangerous junction for pedestrians, ref. (details supplied).

It is at the junction coming from Herbert Park to Eglin road beside the American embassy.

I am a secondary school teacher and was escorting my class across this junction with a pedestrian green man and 3 of my students were almost hit by someone taking an illegal left turn. After this I investigated this junction and its traffic sequencing. The turn has a static no left turn sign by the traffic light which is an arrow green only for straight traffic light. I stayed observing this junction for 20 minutes and observed a number of cars taking this illegal left turn, much more than would be expected if we are taking into account the percentage of people that would break a clear red light.

The response was "The junction has been checked and there are two no left turn signal signals, there is also a straight ahead arrow signal to make it clear that you can only go straight ahead at this junction. If cars are breaking the law and taking the left turn, it is an enforcement issue."

The issue here is that clearly the two left turn signals are an ineffective measure to prevent drivers from turning left into pedestrians. This is evident by the frequency with which cars break these rules. When observing this junction it is clear to me when cars are driving quickly they just see the green light and go left.

Now I recently have again had another incident where students in my class that I am supervising have almost been hit by a driver going at a high rate of speed taking this left hand turn. This driver then shouted at my students for being in the road. When informed they said that they "had not seen the no left turn sign". This is a recurring issue that is not going away. I pass this location every day and I see the same issue of drivers taking this left hand turn when the pedestrians have a green man. With the greatest of respect stating that it is an "enforcement issue" that is clearly passing the buck from the faulty traffic design. In reality there has been and will be no enforcement. You must take as feedback the behaviour of drivers around your design. If they are consistently breaking the rules to a greater extent than would be expected from the small percentage that would break traffic lights anyway, then it is the design that is at fault. I am certain if you did a monitoring of this you would find this to be the case.

I am a concerned member of the public with responsibility for children that has twice now had near misses at this junction with children under my care. Please can you actually address this and not essentially ignore this issue again.

**Reply:**

Thank you for your query, this junction has been checked as previously mentioned, there are two no left turn traffic signs on the road, there is also text on the road saying no left turn. This is an enforcement issue and we will forward this complaint to An Gardaí Síochána for them to look at.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Can the Manager respond to the response from residents to the replies I received to questions in relation to Annesley Park as set out below and highlighted?

Thank you for following up, apologies for the delay in responding, I wanted to double check with some neighbours before replying.

With regard to the lampposts, it seems that signs were put up briefly at the end of the road but there were no signs on the lampposts on the rest of the road. Apparently there was heavy rain on the planned day so nothing happened. It would seem sensible for proper noticing to go up in time or a letterbox drop organised so that neighbours could move their cars.

The footpaths were redone. Instead of treating the base of the trees for weeds, the base of the trees are now covered in black tar macadam which to be honest looks a bit strange and some of the weeds are coming through.

Question to Chief Executive

South East Area Committee  
Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager when the actions promised in these replies of October 2021 will actually be carried out in full.

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee  
Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to arrange for an audit of the footpaths on Annesley Park, Ranelagh and for all necessary repairs to be carried out as a matter of some urgency.

Reply:

The footpaths on Annesley Park have been inspected and defects identified have been recorded in our asset management system and will be attended to as soon as possible.

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee  
Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will have the painting of the lampposts on Annesley Park, Ranelagh included on the work programme for the coming year.

Reply:

We will examine the public lighting columns on Annesley Park and if the columns are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee  
Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have the trees on Annesley Park, Ranelagh seriously pruned due to their current overhanging and in some cases dangerous conditions.

Reply:

There are No. 29 Malus trees on this road. Following the ground inspection, low branches that could potentially cause obstruction have not been identified and therefore no immediate attention is required. However, to preserve the natural form of the subject trees, crown reshaping will be undertaken as part of 2022 tree pruning programme.”

Reply to Q1

The footpaths on Annesley Park (between Dunville Avenue and Ormond Road South) were upgraded as part of our 2022 Footpath Renewal Programme.

Reply to Q2

There are six no. columns on Annesley Park and painting had commenced with one lighting column primed. However there have been access issues, due largely to parked cars that have prevented us from carrying the painting works (painting signs were put up asking for the areas around the columns to be kept clear but to no avail). The South East Area will be asked for assistance in organising access so that the painting works can be completed on these columns.

Reply to Q3

An update on the tree pruning on Annesley Park will be sought from Parks and a response will be circulated on receipt.

**Reply 08/05/2023:**

With regards to painting the poles on Annesley Park, the South East Area will be asked for assistance in organising access so that the painting works can be completed on these columns.

Annesley Park, Ranelagh is on the South East Area weed control programme for 2023.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he has received any updated replies to these three questions submitted at the March Area Committee and to which I stated at the time that the replies were minimalist and unacceptable.

Question to Chief Executive

South East Area Committee  
Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to examine the road surface of Colliers Avenue, Ranelagh and to include it in the works programme for resurfacing.

Reply

Colliers Avenue road surface will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

**Q 3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to examine the location of the cul de sac sign at the entrance to Colliers Avenue, Ranelagh with a view to placing it in a lower and more prominent position to reduce the number of cars entering that road unintentionally.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group has investigated the location and height of the Sign F350 Cul de sac sign and it is deemed at appropriate height and location at the entrance to Colliers Avenue.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to enter into discussions with the residents of Colliers Avenue, Ranelagh with a view to placing a bike bunker at the existing bike rack location. This is especially important given that none of the houses on this road have back gardens or yards.

Reply:

Currently a scheme review of the Bike Bunker Project is underway by ARUP Consultants. The scheme review will produce a comprehensive report on the Bike Bunker Scheme from its initial trial, including the existing scheme, providing strategic recommendations and possible future proposals. The expansion of the scheme is a consideration and will be aligned with the strategic recommendations of the report.

**Reply 08/05/2023:**

Reply – Q2

Colliers Avenue road surface will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

Colliers Avenue road surface has many legacy utility reinstatements and would merit carriageway resurfacing. It will be listed for consideration for inclusion in our future carriageway resurfacing programmes.

Reply – Q3

The Transport Advisory Group has investigated the location and height of the Sign F350 Cul de sac sign and it is deemed at appropriate height and location (from Chapter 4 Traffic Signs Manual) at the entrance to Colliers Avenue

Reply – Q4

Please be advised that a scheme review of the Bike Bunker Pilot Project is currently underway. The scheme review will produce a comprehensive report on the Bike Bunker Pilot

Scheme from its initial trial, including the existing pilot scheme, providing strategic recommendations, review alternative cycle parking options and possible future proposals-

The report once finalised will be presented to Dublin City Council's Transport Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), as per normal procedure, prior to being published.

Therefore it would be premature to comment on how this pilot scheme is going until the current review & its findings are complete.

**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to have the lampposts in Pembroke Cottages / Home Villas / St. Broc's Cottages that were not painted in the last few works programme to be included in the next round.

**Reply:**

The public lighting columns on Pembroke Cottages and St. Broc's Cottages have been added to the list for our painting programme. However, at present we cannot give a timeframe from when they will be painted.

All columns and poles on the list for our painting programme are painted in the order they are added to the list. How soon the columns on Pembroke Cottages and St. Broc's Cottages are painted, is dependent on how many poles are on the list ahead of these poles and on available finances.

With regards to Home Villas, we will examine the public lighting columns here and if the columns are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

**Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager for report on plans for the bandstand in Herbert Park.

**Reply:**

Parks Section will procure appropriate specialists to carry out an assessment of the Bandstand's condition .The nature and scale of any repairs required will be included in the draft 2024 Parks Works Programme for consideration.

**Q.8 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if the first 4 trees on the left hand side of **Tritonville Court** if you are driving in from **Tritonville Road** could be inspected in circumstances where the resident of 76 Tritonville Road is claiming that the trees are causing cracks in their property wall via root growth and the roots are coming right into their garden and under their shed and in circumstances where it is claimed the trees are too tall and require pruning as per photos supplied.





**Reply:**

Parks staff have inspected the subject location and following the inspection it has been recommended that the trees do not require attention at this moment.

Should the property owner wish to initiate a claim for damages the relevant claim forms can be obtained by contacting [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie) to initiate a claim process.

**Q.9 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Could the Manager give an update on the following question that was answered in June 2022?

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent.

He writes:

"What is the status of the Martello Tower in Sandymount and its possible reopening?"

**Reply:**

The Martello Tower in Sandymount remains in private ownership.

**Q.10 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent.

He writes:

"I am actually contacting you about the Newbridge Avenue, Tritonville Avenue intersection with Sandymount road. The increased volume of traffic down Tritonville due to the beach road water works (at least 4x previous volumes) has turned a dangerous junction into an accident waiting to happen.

This junction urgently needs a pedestrian crossing over Tritonville which is a very wide road and now extremely busy.

There are 3 major primary schools in the area and it isn't possible for children to cross this junction safely even with parents, we have had 2 near misses despite holding hands.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could raise this matter if you feel it appropriate. I will happily spread the word about your support at the school drop off should we make any progress on this important children's safety issue."

**Reply:**

Thank you for your query in relation to the Uisce Éireann project underway on Beach Road & Strand Road. Works are currently being undertaken at the junction of Gilford Road and Strand Road with permanent reinstatement works along Beach Road and Strand Road to follow after. On completion of these works Uisce Éireann can confirm that access to northbound traffic at Merrion Gates is expected to reopen in mid May 2023 along with the removal of the current diversions. All roads will be reopened in the event that works are completed ahead of programme.

We understand that this type of work can be inconvenient and works crews continue to make every effort to minimise any disruption these necessary works cause. We would also like to thank the wider community for their patience throughout the project.

Kind Regards  
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**Q.11 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent. His complaint relates to the reinstatement of the roadway at the pedestrian crossing located at the junction of Baggot Street, Waterloo Road and Pembroke Road. He says that Irish Water have done work in the area but the roadway has not been reinstated properly. He said that there has been some tarmac put on as a surface but that this is still a trip hazard. He feels that the crossing is in a dangerous condition.

He writes:

“How can Irish Water dig up roads all over the city and get away with no proper reinstatement? They should be held accountable and laws enacted to sanction them if they do not reinstatement roadways etc. to a proper standard within a proper timeframe”, he says. “Dublin City Council should not be allowing them to treat our roadways in this way”, there should be intervention from them if they do not carry out the work to a high standard”. DCC should be able to intervene”.

**Reply:**

Irish water completed the permanent reinstatement of their utility trench at the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Pembroke Road and Waterloo Road on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023. This crossing is now in a safe condition for pedestrians.

In response to the second paragraph of the question please note the following:

All utilities with licences to open the road (path and/or carriageway) are required under the condition of their licence to submit a T5 notification, within three months of completion of their works. A T5 notification confirms that the road has been reinstated to the required standard i.e. its original condition. In the case of Pembroke Road/Waterloo Road, the works were not complete until 5th April 2023. Hence the utility now has three months to close the licence from that date. Irish Water excavated the carriageway in December 2022 and temporarily reinstated the road at that time. The temporary reinstatement failed and Irish Water remain responsible for this and are required under the conditions of their licence to ensure that the temporary reinstatement is to the required safe condition. DCC notified Irish Water of the poor temporary reinstatement and requested to Irish Water to permanently reinstate as soon as possible.

For details of the conditions imposed on licensees, please find below a link to the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads 2017.

[http://www.rmo.ie/uploads/8/2/1/0/821068/guidelines\\_for\\_managing\\_openings\\_in\\_public\\_roads\\_apr\\_2017.pdf](http://www.rmo.ie/uploads/8/2/1/0/821068/guidelines_for_managing_openings_in_public_roads_apr_2017.pdf)

All licence holders are required to comply with the processes and specifications in this document.

**Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to respond to the following email from a constituent.

He writes:

"I've been meaning to send this email for the past few years but I would like to bring to your attention the persistent and dangerous traffic light breaking that occurs from car, bus and van drivers every morning at the junction of Stillorgan Road and Greenfield Park. Every single morning, drivers going inbound towards the city centre break the red lights in this location: <https://goo.gl/maps/Fs6otZQTW1gMAvYw6>.

I cycle from Drumcondra to UCD every day so I see some bad junctions for light breaking in the city but this junction is always the worst one for light breakers. What makes it all the more frustrating is that this is the very same junction where a 19 year-old cyclist was killed in 2018. As well as this, there are always a good few pedestrians crossing this junction as they walk to UCD via the Greenfield Park entrance and they have to wait for cars to pass before they can cross even when the green man is showing.

The City Council's Traffic Department could add a few more seconds after the traffic light turns red before the green man appears for pedestrians but I feel this only gives in to car, van and bus drivers as they will continue to break the red light. What would be great to see is the presence of An Garda Síochána every so often. All is required is one Garda from the Dublin Roads Policing Unit or Donnybrook Garda Station standing at the junction beside their motorbike and hopefully their presence would deter drivers from breaking the red light.

I have attached a short video from this morning at 9am of two car drivers breaking the red light and driving through the junction even though the green man is clearly showing for pedestrians."

**Reply:**

The junction was reviewed and we have added additional time to the red signal before the start of the pedestrian signal in order make the junction safer for pedestrians.

The Traffic Advisory Group will contact An Garda Síochána to see if they can put in some monitoring and enforcement at this junction to stop red light running by vehicles travelling inbound during morning peak.

**Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to respond to the following issue from a constituent in Park Avenue Sandymount.

She writes:

"I would like to bring the pictures below to your attention and understand what can be done about it?

This is just a small sample of the complete disintegration of our road due to the buses. There is no doubt that this is the cause. It is impacting multiple sections of the road.

As you are aware no doubt the buses on Park Avenue continue to cause significant upset. I have emailed before, and to the NTA - they are dangerous, the road is too narrow and Dublin Bus is using the area around the church as a bus terminus. I have counted 8 empty buses there on numerous occasions. Of course this is all linked to the cycle lane... another disaster for the area.

Whilst it is clear that there is no desire to do anything about the buses on the road (and as a mother walking my two small children to school it causes me daily angst... all is needs is for one of them to trip on their scooter or bike onto the road and they will be in front of a bus

going too fast or on the pavement). I do believe the council is now duty bound to do something about the road condition."

See pic,



**Reply:**

With reference to the buses parking on Park Avenue, DCC have instructed Dublin Bus that buses are not permitted to park outside the designated bus cage area. Dublin Bus explained that during the launch of the C Spine there were instances of too many buses either terminating or waiting to go into service on Park Avenue and St. John's Court. DCC have been assured that because of scheduling and timetable changes, these issues will not occur anymore.

Carriageway repairs are currently being carried out on Park Avenue, Sandymount

**Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to respond to the following issue from Sydney Parade Avenue residents association:

The suggested opening of the right hand turn on to Ailesbury Road lower leading on to Sydney Parade Avenue is not favoured by our residents as it would lead to our road becoming the new Merrion Gates. As it is we have flooded with traffic for months since this water mains project started and especially now with Merrion Gates is fully closed for a few weeks.

It would be good if you could confirm that Strand Road will be reopened in both directions when the current work at the Merrion Gates is complete in a few weeks' time.

**Reply:**

The bollards at Merrion Gates will be removed and 2-way traffic restored week commencing 8th May.

**Q.15 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the local Area Manager, and Roads Department, for cycle safety, and to advise when road and footpath repair can be taken on Palmerston Road close to Rathmines, the house enquirer has provided her address as the broken part of the road is outside two houses. Parkside and Silverdale.

The enquirer states there is dangerous damage to the road outside her house. She and her children cycle and am notified that:

"The road is all broken up and dangerous. Cars don't see it and are aggressive when we try to avoid it by signalling and going around it on our bikes. Could it be fixed please?"



**Reply:**

A temporary carriageway repair was carried out at this location on 28.04.23. A permanent carriageway repair will be scheduled here within the next 3 months.

**Q.16 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the local Area Manager and Clerical Officer, Transport Advisory Group and Traffic Department to provide safety for pedestrians and cyclists on traffic speed in Greenlea Grove, which I have requested several times. There is information included from the Enquirer who lives close to the access to Terenure Rugby Club. Enquirer information provided below:

Following my representations the Council painted 'SLOW' in large lettering at each end of the road. Unfortunately this has had a limited impact and we continue to have to navigate carefully into the road for fear of the cars emerging at speed from the rugby club or on their way into the grounds. Given the use that is made of the grounds and facilities (Montessori, coffee shop, junior rugby, training, maintenance, social activities in the club etc.) traffic is a constant feature in this short road. It appears to me that the only way to slow it down is to install speed bumps.

At a local level we are engaged with the club to try to regulate the traffic flow for particular events - match day, junior rugby, training etc. This is in itself indicative of the volume of traffic that passes through, and for such occasions with the agreement of the Gardaí, access to Greenlea Grove is blocked at Greenlea Rd. However, something more permanent is required to slow down the constant flow of traffic speeding past our doors.

I hope the Council might consider this suggestion as it is only a matter of time before a cyclist or pedestrian is seriously injured.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer has inspected the traffic situation on Greenlea Grove. During the site visit there was a rugby festival taking place and it was observed that there was no issue of speeding on Greenlea Grove.

The laneway into Terenure Rugby Club is not in charge by Dublin City Council.

Regarding the installation of speed tables on Greenlea Grove, the criteria for installation of ramps require that they should only be installed on roads that have a minimum of 200m straight section and have to be placed 70-100m apart.

As Greenlea Grove is only 100m long, it does not meet this criteria.

The appropriate measures are in place, if speeding is an issue then it is an enforcement issue for the Garda.

**Q.17 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the local Area Manager and Parks Department about the enquiry from Sundrive Residents in regard to Eamon Ceannt Park review of upgrade. They have provided **the viewpoints** of Resident, Sporting & Community PoCs regarding the proposed upgrade for

ECP playground. The list below is written by Sundrive Residents secretary.

### **Additional Views - ECP Playground Upgrade (April 15th 2023)**

1. ***Disabled Parking*** - Given the introduction of a wheelchair swing inside the playground it is imperative that designated disabled car parking bays be provided for at the entrance to ECP
2. ***Playground Security & Protection*** - Sadly, ECP playground has been targeted on a number of occasions and equipment set on fire / damaged, broken and graphited, Just two weeks ago a brand new communications board was vandalized and had not even been in situ 24 hours. Therefore we should suggest the following protection measures;
  1. **CCTV** to be installed overlooking playground similar to weaver square park - (see photo attached)
  2. **Lighting** - in the vicinity of playground area (currently obstructed by Tram Cafe container from sightline entrance at Rutland), with the aim of minimizing anti-social activity congregating in the vicinity of playground/picnic benches, with the creation of a night-time corridor which is properly illuminated from main entrance to help with informal and formal surveillance
  3. **Locking the playground gate** - the reintroduction of playground closing in evenings to reduce negative activity in playground in evenings/weekends by anti-social groups - residents are willing to offer their time to become defacto guardians of the playground.

We understand that there is a cost involved in the above suggestions and **our collective groups are willing to fundraise and/or push for funding via Community Safety Innovation Funds** (and/or other funding streams). This will not only allow us to introduce protective mechanisms for the playground, it will in-turn help improve ECP safety for park users overall. It would be an absolute shame to see a newly upgraded playground vandalized and we cannot stress enough the high-risk of that happening which would be an incredible shame. We have a great opportunity to approach this upgrade in the correct manner and we kindly ask for your consideration of these important views.

**Stakeholders:** Stannaway Residents, Clogher Road Residents, Rutland Grove Residents, Lourdes Academy, Cycling Ireland, Sundrive Track Team, Crumlin Community Clean-up & Bloomin Crumlin.

### **Reply:**

This request (in regard of point 1 in the question) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course. (Enquiry Ref: 7032883)

Re part Playground Security & Protection:

1. The provision of CCTV is no guarantee that vandalism will not occur. The example of Weaver Park, which was badly damaged following a fire, demonstrates the limitations and false sense of security that CCTV can create. It is expensive to install, can be damaging to our trees and requires resources to monitor. In short an expensive exercise with limited success.
2. Provision of lighting needs careful consideration to ensure the opposite effect to what is hoped for is achieved. To provide a lit night time corridor to the playground could easily encourage the loitering it is seeking to remove. A more positive approach would be to provide an alternative location that is attractive to teens to hang out in and this is something Parks are researching with the view to identifying suitable locations in the area that could provide this in an appropriate way that would not create a nuisance for residents.

3. The fence around the playground is so low that locking the gate to the playground is not considered a meaningful deterrent to antisocial behaviour in that location.

**Q.18 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the local Area Manager and Parks Department for response to enquirer about **DCC Parks Bushy Park Tree Care Programme Report (2023-2025)**

The enquirer information is set out below:

Please ensure the DCC Parks Bushy Park Tree Care Programme (2023-2025), including felling and making monoliths of 84 trees this year, is stopped, or at least deferred until the dormant season (31st September), while an independent review occurs because:

It breaks the law (the Wildlife Act, The Cruelty to Animals Act, EU law).

It is nesting season. Countless birds, chicks, eggs, small animals, bees, other pollinating insects, and habitats are being unnecessarily killed during this DCC Parks Programme of works.

There is no imminent risk to human life and welfare. Risk of harm by tree is 1:10 million. It includes dead and living trees. So there is no urgency.

Please advise me of your decisions so I can pass that information on to all the local residents associations.

**Reply:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services carried out an inventory and inspection of the woodland in October 2021. This survey was undertaken by an independent qualified arborist in accordance with British Standard BS5837:2012. There are 2,446 young to veteran trees growing in 10 hectares of woodland in Bushy Park and the arborist identified 241 trees that will require works within a 3 year timeframe.

In recent years we have also commissioned ecological surveys for mammals and birds and more recently bats which have informed our plans for the management of the woodland. The heronry is particularly important in this woodland

A methodology for the tree works was agreed with National Park and Wildlife Services, which included mitigation measures to reduce potential disturbance to heron nests. Qualified ecologists have been engaged to monitor any potential disturbance during the works and no works have been carried out close to heron nests.

I can absolutely refute the uninformed and irresponsible allegation that “countless birds, chicks, eggs, small animals, bees, other pollinating insects, and habitats are being unnecessarily killed during this DCC Parks Programme of Works.” I would also add that Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services operations are always carried out with regard to the Wildlife Act 1976.

**Q.19 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the local Area Manager and Conservation Officer if the 2 properties, 20 Palmerston Park and Palmerston Lane are on the Vacant Site/Derelict Site lists. The protected structure at 20 Palmerston Park continues to deteriorate having been vacant since 2007.

**Reply:**

The property is not on the Derelict Sites Register or the Vacant Sites Register. While there is currently no active derelict sites file, the Derelict Sites Unit will arrange to have the site inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full

report on the findings of the inspection and details of any proposed action will issue to the Councillor.

No. 20 Palmerston Park is a protected structure, Ref. No. 6162 on the City Council's Record of Protected Structures, Volume 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028.

The property is in private ownership and the management, maintenance and appearance of a protected structure is a matter for the owner of the property. It is the duty of each owner and each occupier of the structure to ensure a protected structure or any element of it that is of special interest is not endangered (Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)).

**Q.20 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can have the following examined: There is a constant issue with flooding outside Brookfield and Hazeldene, Anglesea Road, due to the speed bump. Can a new drain be put in to alleviate this problem?

**Reply:**

The two gullies at the existing ramp are being investigated to determine their structural condition and the public sewers will also be checked. In relation to the ramp, it is noted that it extends across the full road width here and into the drainage channel. This will be investigated as it could be contributing to the build-up of leaves/debris over the gullies resulting in effective drainage and road ponding. DCC Drainage will follow up with the Councillor directly when these investigations are complete.

**Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full report outlining the legislation and planning criteria that will underpin the Sandymount Green temporary road closure? This report to include whether cyclists will be allowed to cycle through this area? What planning process will be in train regarding street furniture? Who will manage this space? What provisions will be in place to deal with any litter issues? Is this space being targeted at children or is the space being designated as a general amenities area? What materials will be used to cordon off the area? What relationship will this cordoned off area have to Sandymount Green park space? It is also important that you define in language whether this is a temporary pedestrianised space, or a traffic free space, or a car free space in order to avoid any confusion like what is taking place in Capel Street? It is also vitally important that this initiative by DCC does not become over commercialised under the guise of being pedestrianised and that this particular space becomes awash with tables and chairs and barrels and the like. Every effort should be made to make this particular initiative at this location the gold standard.

**Reply:**

The east side of Sandymount Green will be Traffic Free (cycling permitted) in accordance with Section 37 and 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994. Bollards placed at either end will section of the area.

Waste Management Services will clean this location as best we can during this temporary road closure pending on how much access our staff can get.

**Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can planning enforcement examine the use of the Staircase building in Aungier Street? This building has recently come back into use as accommodation. Planning enforcement and fire safety need to be examined to ensure that this building is appropriately used and is safe and is compliant within the law.

**Reply:**

The Planning Enforcement Section will inspect this premises to ensure that the use of the premises is compliant with planning legislation.

**Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager ask building control and the scaffolding license section to examine the structures that now surround the former Central Hotel in Georges Street? I have had a number of complaints from members of the public that they don't feel one bit safe passing through these long structures. Many people have taken to walking on the roadway, particularly at the busy junction at Exchequer Street. Also there is an interference to the businesses in the area particularly the restaurants and the night clubs which is leading to bottle necking and blockage of the footpath. In the interest of health and safety I would ask for a full report on these matters.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council's Roadworks Control Unit issued a Hoarding License to Duggan Brothers Limited for the former Central Hotel at 11 - 16 South Great Georges Street / 1 - 5 Exchequer Street covering the period 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

Following a recent inspection it was discovered that the developer had not erected the hoarding in line with what had been agreed with this unit and the Inspector who authorised the license will be instructing Duggan Bros. to open up the hoarding and remove the side panel facing out onto Exchequer Street and widen same to 1500mm.

**Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager organise a full presentation for Councillors in the South East Area by the Peter McVerry Trust as to what their plans are for the new build homes at Smock Alley and Wine Tavern Street. This presentation to be given at the earliest opportunity to a meeting of the South East Area. Many residents and businesses in the area didn't get an opportunity to attend the recent open day information sessions regarding this new housing initiative.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council and the PMVT held a community information event over two days on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of February in The Gaiety School of Acting, Essex Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 8.

The purpose of the Community Information Event was to give the community an opportunity to view and discuss the proposals while they are at an early stage of design development. Information Boards and Drawings were on display with representatives from PMVT and Dublin City Council available to discuss the proposal & answer any queries.

All residents in Smock Alley, and local business on Smock Alley and Fishamble Street were invited to the information event along with Local Councillors.

Over the course of the two days the community of Smock Alley engaged directly with DCC staff and the PMVT, their input was very valuable and as a consequence of their ideas the design has been amended to incorporate their suggestions.

The DCC Housing delivery team and the PMVT will present the design to the Area Committee at the earliest opportunity.

**Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager organise a full comprehensive clean-up of Liberty lane?

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had Liberty Lane cleaned up on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full update and report with regards the initiative for the order of protective structures of buildings in the RTE campus? Further, can the Manager ask the conservation section of DCC to immediately go to the RTE radio Centre which is a unique

building and in need of protection and examine that building and the manner in which it is being kept. There is great concern by public and indeed members of RTE staff that this building is being seriously undermined and kept in an appalling shabby state. Also, why is there such long delays in protecting these important structures which were the foundation of the Irish State broadcasting initiative and are of huge cultural and architectural significance? What's happening here is an act of slow deliberate cultural vandalism.

**Reply:**

The City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS) was recently updated and reviewed under the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, which was adopted last November.

5 buildings at the RTE Campus, Stillorgan Road, Dublin 4, were added to the City Council's RPS as part of the review and adoption of the above City Development Plan, comprising the following:

- 1) Television Building, 1962 and 1979;
- 2) Scene Dock Building c. 1965-1969 (exterior lightweight trussed roof structure);
- 3) Restaurant Building c. 1965 (excluding later extension);
- 4) Administration Building, 1967 (excluding later extension); and
- 5) Radio Building, 1973.

The entry for the buildings on the RPS can be seen at Ref. No. 8888, Volume 4 RPS Part 2: Record of Protected Structures of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028; - <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/strategic-planning/dublin-city-development-plan/development-plan-2022-2028/volume-4-record-protected-structures-0>

The management, maintenance and appearance of a protected structure is entirely a matter for the owner and occupier of the building/structure. Furthermore, it is the duty of each owner and each occupier of the structure to ensure a protected structure or any element of it that is of special interest is not endangered (Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)). An officer of the Conservation Section will inspect the protected structures externally in the near future and review the situation with regard to Section 58.

**Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager ask the Peter McVerry Trust to attend to the ongoing serious maintenance issues and leaks that are now a regular occurrence for the tenants in their new build on Clanbrassil Street? This is a recent build at considerable costs. Many of the residents here have contacted me with ongoing issues of failures within the building.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has followed up with Peter McVerry Trust to establish the nature of the issue and any actions taken to address it. We have been advised that a leak was reported in December 2022 and that it was resolved within 48 hours. No incidents have been reported since and the leak was not a structural or construction quality related matter. The marking caused by the leak is scheduled to be painted over shortly.

**Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full and comprehensive report with regards to the recent devastating fire at Iveagh Trust flats in New Bride Street off Kevin Street? This report to include what was DCC's housing section involvement here? Where are the tenants currently housed? What procedures were in place to deal with such an emergency? What legal advice, if any, was offered to the tenants effected here whose homes were lost and whose properties were lost?

What counselling, if any, was offered to these tenants who were traumatised by this experience? What welfare and other support services, financial and otherwise was offered to these tenants?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council's Housing Allocations Section liaised with the Iveagh Trust with regards to the fire at New Bride Street which affected Iveagh Trust tenants. Dublin City Council offered approx. 7 void properties for the use of displaced tenants who were affected by this fire. These properties were deemed not to be required by the Iveagh Trust.

The Social Work Section operates a Duty Social Work Service Monday to Friday, 9.15am – 4.45pm. Contact can be made by phoning 01 222 2233.

The Duty Social Worker will listen to concerns and discuss them. They can help with advice, guidance and signpost or refer to other relevant services as appropriate.

**Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full report and update as to when St. Enda's Primary School at Whitefriar Street will receive its school zones initiative that was agreed some time back? It is very disappointing that there has been such a long delay regarding this safe schools zone initiative at this location. I'd be most grateful if this initiative was fast tracked.

**Reply:**

We are currently working through a priority list of schools identified by the Department of Transport for front-of-school treatment. Due to current staffing constraints we are unable to progress schools outside of the priority list at this time. Once we have completed the priority list, St Enda's primary school can be prioritised for works.

**Q.30 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to provide a list of bins removed (and their locations) from urban villages (Terenure, Rathgar, Rathmines, Crumlin, Harold's Cross and Kimmage) within the last 12 months and if there is an intention to replace them or consolidate them.

**Reply:**

Attached is a list of damaged bins removed from the South East area from June to December 2022. The list from Jan 2023 to date is currently being compiled and will be forwarded to the councillor when completed. All damaged bins listed are fully intended to be replaced.

**Q.31 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Parks Manager to provide Councillors in the Kimmage Rathmines LEA with a list outlining intentions and details of plans re the following for the next twelve months from April 2023:

- Removal of or installation of park seating.
- Tree planting in open spaces other than parks.
- New bicycle stands.
- New or upgraded playgrounds or play equipment.

**Reply:**

A response will on this issue will be forwarded directly to the Councillor.

**Q.32 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to provide detail in relation to three new trees planted on the green area in Laurelton (off Bushy Park Road). What type of trees are these (not in keeping with the current trees) and why was this location chosen (not requested by local residents or Councillors)?

**Reply:**

Local residents requested trees as replacements at the subject location. Parks Staff decided to plant native evergreen conifers, *Pinus sylvestris*, as succession planting for future generations.

**Q.33 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager for an update in relation to the Gulistan site and proposed development of age friendly and cost rental apartments and a Health Services Executive (HSE) Primary Care Centre which would also provide access for local community activities. In providing the update, can the Manager advise if there was a requirement built into the contract with the HSE for the Primary Care Centre to be built in tandem with the other developments on this site?

**Reply:**

In relation to the age friendly and cost rental apartments, the Housing Development section has indicated that they have been working with Cluid Housing on the financial modelling to develop this site. Final agreement has just been reached on the funding mechanism to complete the development. Further work can now commence on the design for the site, which will then be presented to the community in advance of a planning application.

In relation to the Primary Care Centre, the City Valuer's Office has indicated there was no requirement built into the contract with the HSE for it to be built in tandem with the other developments on the site, having regard to the fact that it would not have been possible to put a third party contractual link between the HSE and an, at that point uncontracted, AHB. At the point of negotiation with the HSE it was not clear whether the HSE or the AHB would proceed to development first but the conditions of the contract with the HSE provide for either scenario and the HSE are time limited to progress with their planning application and subsequent construction phase.

The City Valuer's Office met with the HSE representatives last week and indicated to them that their proposal to revise the approved settlement terms to provide, inter alia, for an estimated delivery date for the PCC of 2030 (at best) was not acceptable to DCC.

**Q.34 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to address the noise nuisance from the new audio dog fouling announcement at the entrance of Dodder Park (Orwell Road bridge entrance). It appears to be motion sensor activated and went off at least 30 times in 30 minutes on one day and can be heard loudly by all nearby houses and it as well as the dog fouling has become a significant nuisance.

**Reply:**

The working group on dog fouling issues set up by the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC are looking at ways to encourage dog owners and dog walkers to clean-up after their dog and to "Bag it and Bin it". As a member of the working group I undertook to arrange for the installation of an audio visual system that could be installed at locations where people walk dogs with a view to encouraging them to clean up after their dog and to "Bag it and Bin it".

This system is a programmable audio visuals device which is placed on poles with a message to users that is triggered when they come into range. The system was to be in place for a period of 4 weeks. This overt solution has been proven to significantly change behaviours of users in the area where it has been placed.

At present there are audio visual systems in place at 16 sites throughout the city as follows:

- Marrowbone Lane
- Brickfield Drive (off Crumlin Road).
- Linear Park to Rialto Bridge, Dublin 8.
- Sandymount Promenade
- Entrance to Dodder Park on Orwell Road.
- Marino Park, Croydon Avenue.
- Streamville Park, Dublin 13.

- Beechbrook Lawns (around the entrance to The Donahies Park).
- East Wall Road at the shops and Church Road in East Wall.
- Killarney Street (on side with no houses).
- Entrance to Poppintree Park.
- Entrance to Albert College Park.
- Macken Street
- Foxfield Green
- Collins Avenue East
- Ardmore Park, Artane.

As there are no houses within range of the entrance to Dodder Park and as the system was in place within last 2 years it was felt that consultations were not necessary as only users of the park will hear the message when entering the park.

The systems were in installed on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and will be removed on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

A paw-fall count was conducted before the system was installed and will be conducted again when system is removed which will provide data on the success or otherwise of the system.

**Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Parks Manager for a full report in relation to the issues discussed between Councillors, Richview Residents' Association and Parks Manager and as outlined in the Richview Residents' request for updates.

**Reply:**

Clarification was sought from the Councillor, upon receipt of which, the matter will be investigated and a reply issued.

**Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to address the dangerous damage to the road outside (details supplied).

**Reply:**

A temporary carriageway repair was carried out at this location on 28.04.23. A permanent carriageway repair will be scheduled here within the next 3 months.

**Q.37 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager for a short term parking permit for (details supplied). She is 7 months pregnant (high risk) and living in a multi-dwelling Georgian house on Mountpleasant Avenue Upper, Rathmines and cannot find parking nearby. The permit is being sought for two to three months only.

**Reply:**

This person was issued parking permits in April 2023. If there is further issues to be addressed, it is recommended that an email to [parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie](mailto:parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie) could be sent by the constituent and the request will be investigated.

**Q.38 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to review and propose some traffic solutions for Rathgar Avenue from the intersection of Winton Avenue to Rathgar village. This is a narrow section of road with two way traffic and parking and a primary school on it.

**Reply:**

Rathgar Avenue is an Arterial road and has a speed limit of 50 km/h. There are numerous traffic measures on Rathgar Avenue between Rathgar Village and Winton Avenue. There is a signalised pedestrian crossing which allows pedestrians and mobility impaired pedestrian to cross safely at Rathgar Avenue at Rathgar village. There is

a 3.5 tonne sign coming from Rathgar village down Rathgar Avenue which prevents larger vehicles going through Rathgar Avenue.

There are double yellow lines and a continuous white centre which helps prevent illegal parking near the village.

There is a clearway between (07:00 – 10:00 Monday – Friday) on the west side of Rathgar Avenue near Harrison Row. Outside of these hours, this changes to pay and display and permit parking (10:00 -19:00 Monday– Friday).

There is a W141 School Ahead sign and RUS 032 School Warden sign and Ramp signage for the school on Winton Avenue. There is also a school warden crossing location.

Similarly on the east side of Rathgar Avenue, there are double yellow lines and a school keep clear road markings. There is some free parking spaces as there is a dashed centre line which allows for parking at this location.

There is a clearway between (07:00 – 10:00 Monday – Friday) on the east side of Rathgar Avenue after Airfield Road. Outside of these hours, this changes to pay and display and permit parking (10:00 -19:00 Monday – Friday) There is also an end of clearway signage

There is a loading bay (07:00 -16:00 Monday – Saturday) which helps with deliveries for the local businesses.

There is a no right turn outbound into Harrison Row (as there are 2 no. Rus 050 no entry signs on this street).

There is 65m of double yellow lines to the Rathgar Village junction.

If there are concerns about illegal parking, it is recommended that they should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services (tel.: 01 6022 500) or to the Gardaí as they occur.

**For additional information:**

- Under The Roads Traffic Act (Traffic & Parking ) Regulations,
  - Section 36 (c) a vehicle shall not be parked on a public road within 5 metres of a road junction.
  - Section 36 (2) Road Traffic Act a vehicle shall not be parked - (i) on a foot way, a grass margin or a median strip.
  - Section 36 paragraph(2) k, it is illegal to park “in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic;”

If there are specific traffic calming measures required please send to the Transport Advisory Group your query.

**Q.39 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager to increase the number of visits by the litter warden to South Lotts and to ask the dog warden to visit the park on South Dock Street.

**Reply:**

Reply from Animal Welfare Section relating to Dog Warden visit to South Dock Park.

The Animal Welfare Unit will schedule Dog Warden patrols in and around the South Dock Street area with immediate effect. It is proposed to increase the number of available wardens in the coming months. This will allow the Animal Welfare Unit to roster regular patrols of all parks with the Council's administrative area.

The Litter Enforcement Manager will detail a Litter warden to include South Lotts as part of his regular patrol.

**Q.40 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager to install a welcome to sign for the South Lotts neighbourhood.

**Reply:**

There are no plans to erect a welcome sign for the South Lotts neighbourhood.

**Q.41 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager to investigate the issue of buses parking on South Lotts Road during matches in the Aviva.

**Reply:**

Clarification was sought from the Councillor, upon receipt of which, the matter will be examined and a reply issued as soon as possible.

**Q.42 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if it would be possible to install flowers pots and seating on the island between Lotts & Co and Tesco on south Lotts road.

**Reply:**

The provision of Street furniture and Planter boxes/tubs is the responsibility of Public Realm & the Area Office.

The relevant planning permission is Reg. Ref 3068/19 ABP Ref 30592719.

Condition 4 stated as follows:

4. Prior to the commencement of development, full details of works to the public road and public realm shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority. The developer shall liaise with the applicable utility provider with regard to the removal/relocation of electricity public lighting column adjacent to the site, and the undergrounding or relocation of overhead cables. All works shall be carried out at the developer's expense.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

This condition required a compliance submission which was received on 30/03/21. Dublin City Council Parks Division has been dealing with the submission and following correspondence with the applicants during 2021 -2022, agreed a revised proposal on 31/05/2022.

The compliance submission as relating to Parks for planning Condition 4 (Planning ref 3068/19) was approved by Park Services in May 2022. The condition requires that the works are carried out by the developer.

**Q.43 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if the lanes in (details supplied) could be cleared as residents are reporting issues with rodents and litter in the lanes.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lanes scraped and swept at the end of April 2023.

**Q.44 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask traffic management and planning enforcement if they could make an assessment of deliveries taking place at the Beggars Bush end of south Lotts road. Residents have raised concerns about whether the delivery times are in line with the planning application.

**Reply:**

Planning permission was granted for a supermarket under DCC planning reference 3068/19 and on appeal (ABP-305927-19). This has been constructed and is currently occupied by Tesco. Transportation Planning Division recommended that the following condition be attached to the planning permission:

*Prior to occupation of the development a detailed servicing management plan shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement. This plan shall provide details of the type and quantum of service vehicles including delivery and refuse, delivery schedules, access arrangements and management of service vehicles.*

This condition was not included in the grant of planning permission by An Bord Pleanála. Notwithstanding, the servicing arrangements proposed and agreed at planning stage involve service vehicles using the loading area within the site. The planning permission does not indicate / require specified delivery times.

**Q.45 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if there is planning permission for (details supplied).

**Reply:**

A search under the name and address for details supplied and environs was carried out and I can confirm that there are no current planning applications for temporary marquees for this area.

Planning permission was granted to Alasta Co Ownership on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 for site location: site of c. 0.1629ha on lands at the former Alasta Motors site, at Bath Avenue Place near the junction at South Lotts Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4, D04 DH94, Planning Ref: 3068/19 refers as follows:

*Planning permission for development on a site of c. 0.1629ha on lands at the former Alasta Motors site, at Bath Avenue Place near the junction at South Lotts Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4, D04 DH94. The application site also includes a portion of Bath Avenue Place and the pedestrianised island opposite the Alasta Motors site. The proposed development will consist of: the partial demolition and change of use of the existing building to shop and; the extension of the remaining structure to provide for a shop with ancillary licensed area (not to exceed 10% of the retail area). The proposed shop will have a gross floor area of 888 sqm and a net retail area of 626 sqm; the relocation of 2 no. on street car parking spaces to the south along Bath Avenue Place; landscaped area to existing pedestrianised island opposite the Alasta Motors site and; all associated signage, landscaping, bicycle parking, roof plant and site development works to support the proposed development.*

A third party appeal to An Bord Pleanála was lodged on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Dublin City Council's original decision to grant was upheld.

**Q.46 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager about plans to return a Dublin bike station to replace the one moved from Barrow Street during construction on the road.

**Reply:**

The Dublinbike station will return to Barrow Street under the Barrow Street Public Realm Works, a contractor for the scheme is currently being procured.

All going well with the procurement, it is expected that construction will begin in or around Q3 2023.

**Q.47 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if it would be possible to seek a trial of bike bunkers in the South Lotts area.

**Reply:**

Currently a scheme review of the Bike Bunker Project is underway by ARUP Consultants. The scheme review will produce a comprehensive report on the Bike Bunker Scheme from its initial trial, including the existing scheme, providing strategic recommendations and possible future proposals. The expansion of the scheme is a consideration and will be aligned with the strategic recommendations of the report.

**Q.48 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Manager if a noise pollution investigation can be carried out and a noise level reading taken on Cashel Road and Cashel Avenue to ascertain whether or not the extractor fans on the roof of the commercial premises at (details supplied) are breaching acceptable noise levels for a commercial premises operating in a residential area.

**Reply:**

This complaint can be investigated by the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 (Noise) Regulations 1994.

An officer of the Unit will contact Councillor Moore to get further details and commence an investigation.

**Q.49 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if a noise monitor can be installed on the Crumlin Road to investigate increased levels of noise experienced by residents and caused primarily but not exclusively by:

- Hybrid bus wheel charges creating excessive noise.
- Heavy goods vehicles travelling in the early hours.
- Waste disposal trucks operating outside of the allowed hours, namely using the Crumlin Road between the hours of 1am and 4am.
- Increased noise levels caused by a general increase in the volume of traffic.

**Reply:**

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit operates a noise monitoring network and carries out continuous noise monitoring at 15 locations. The nearest monitor to the Crumlin area is at Walkinstown Library. Access this link for details. <https://dublincityairandnoise.ie/>

The noise mapping process has concluded and Dublin City Council made the maps available to the public in March. The next stage of the process in accordance with the Environmental Noise Directive is to write noise action plans. Access this link for details including the timetables for completion.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/role-air-quality-monitoring-and-noise-control-unit/dublin-city-noise-maps>

One of the plans may be to increase the number of monitoring locations and the results of the mapping will inform where best to locate additional monitors. The Crumlin Road area will be considered in this regard.

**Q.50 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if a dog warden can be asked to patrol the Crumlin Road with a view to reducing the incidences of dog fouling; and if signage highlighting the issue of dog fouling can be added to existing poles on the Crumlin Road to encourage people to pick up after their dogs.

**Reply:**

The Animal Welfare Section will roster Dog Warden patrols of the Crumlin Road area with immediate effect. It is proposed to increase the number of available wardens in the coming

months. This will allow the Animal Welfare Unit to roster regular patrols of all parks with the council's administrative area.

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signage at Crumlin Road.

**Q.51 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager to liaise with the traffic team and Gardaí to monitor traffic on the Crumlin Road for speeding. Residents on the Crumlin Road report frequent issues with speeding vehicles, including heavy goods vehicles, creating dangerous driving conditions, causing RTAs and leading to property damage. Can traffic engineers assess the situation and suggest speed mitigation measures.

**Reply:**

This request (in regard of point 1 in the Question) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course. (Enquiry Ref: 7032883)

**Q.52 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if traffic engineers can assess the parking situation on Aideen Mews. The Mews is a narrow residential laneway but wide enough for vehicles to pass each other if all vehicles park on one side of the lane. Frequently, however, people are parking on both sides of the lane, blocking in other residents and their cars. Could traffic engineers look at putting Double Yellow Lines along one side of the lane (opposite the homes) to prevent these blockages from occurring, or suggesting an alternative intervention.

**Reply:**

The parking enforcement inspector will investigate the issues here, if an illegally parked vehicle is causing obstruction to residents, the offence can be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) at 01 6022 500 or [www.dsps.ie](http://www.dsps.ie).

The request for double yellow lines at the above location has been referred to the Area Engineer for report and to make a recommendation to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome.

**Q.53 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if traffic engineers can assess the junction at St. Agnes Park, Windmill Park and Captain's Road for the installation of a speed table to replace the existing speed cushions. Can other junctions likewise be upgraded in Crumlin to initiate a programme of work whereby speed cushions (which can be easily bypassed by cars, but impede the progress of cyclists) are replaced by speed tables, as has been done at the junctions of Stannaway Avenue and Captain's Road.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer inspected the mini roundabout on St. Agnes Park / Captain's Road / Armagh Road and has deemed it suitable and appropriately located. There are yield road markings on all four arms of the junction. There are ramps and speed cushions located near the roundabout which are used as traffic calming measures.

Based on the site inspection, the current arrangement on St. Agnes Park is deemed suitable for this section of the road. During the inspection, traffic speeds were observed to be within the legal speed limit of the road.

However, TAG will continue to monitor the situation on the road and will get a traffic speed survey and assess if further actions are required to improve the current traffic calming measures (Enquiry Ref: 7032819).

There are 5m ramps on each arm off Windmill Park / Captains Road junction and during the inspection, traffic speeds were observed to be within the legal speed limit of the road.

**Q.54 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if Dublin City Council has installed and activated a motion-sensor activated audio system at the Orwell Road bridge entrance/exit to Dodder Park, requesting dog owners to clean up after their dogs. If so can the manger please provide details on when this was installed, at what other locations it's used, was the level of noise coming from these systems monitored and were local residents consulted?

**Reply:**

The working group on dog fouling issues set up by the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC are looking at ways to encourage dog owners and dog walkers to clean-up after their dog and to "Bag it and Bin it". As a member of the working group I undertook to arrange for the installation of an audio visual system that could be installed at locations where people walk dogs with a view to encouraging them to clean up after their dog and to "Bag it and Bin it".

This system is a programmable audio visuals device which is placed on poles with a message to users that is triggered when they come into range. The system was to be in place for a period of 4 weeks. This overt solution has been proven to significantly change behaviours of users in the area where it has been placed.

At present there are audio visual systems in place at 16 sites throughout the city as follows:

- Marrowbone Lane –.
- Brickfield Drive. ( Off Crumlin Road)
- Linear Park to Rialto Bridge- D8
- Sandymount Promenade
- Entrance to Dodder Park on Orwell Road
- Marino Park, Croydon Avenue
- Streamville Park, Dublin 13
- Beechbrook Lawns = around the entrance to The Donahies Park
- East Wall Road at the shops and Church Road in East Wall.
- Killarney Street – on side with no houses
- Entrance to Poppintree Park
- Entrance to Albert College Park
- Macken Street
- Foxfield Green
- Collins Avenue East
- Ardmore Park, Artane

As there are no houses within range of the entrance to Dodder Park and as the system was in place within last 2 years it was felt that consultations were not necessary as only users of the park will hear the message when entering the park.

The systems were in installed on Friday 21 April 2023 and will be removed on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

A Paw-Fall count was conducted before the system was installed and will be conducted again when system is removed which will provide data on the success or otherwise of the system.

**Q.55 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager can he confirm when Cuffe Street flats will next be painted.

**Reply:**

The painting of Cuffe Street housing complex was completed in July 2018 and is not on the painting programme for this year. However, Housing Maintenance is commencing a new system where we will be working with the respective Area Offices and our own Paint Squad to identify those complexes most in need of painting and agree a prioritised programme of works.

**Q.56 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for a higher speed ramp to be installed at the entrance to Rathmines Avenue Flats, Rathmines, Dublin 6 as motorists are using it as an area to do U-turns in and are entering the complex at speed?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council will arrange to install speed ramps here as requested.

**Q.57 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the display box for a statue at Statue of the Virgin Mary at the junction of Cathedral View Court and Cathedral Lane, Dublin 8 to be fitted with new glass and can it be given a general clean-up and refresh.

**Reply:**

The matter will be examined and a reply issued to the Councillor as soon as possible.

**Q.58 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the road surfaces at Aungier Street, Digges Street and Mercer Street, Dublin 2 to be repaired as a matter of urgency, as they have fallen into a bad state of disrepair?

**Reply:**

Digges Street and Mercer Street will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

Aungier Street was resurfaced in 2019 and it not currently being considered for resurfacing.

**Q.59 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager can he arrange to have the playground in C Block of Mercer House, Mercer Street, Dublin 2 upgraded.

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance have confirmed that play equipment is due to be installed in the coming weeks.

**Q.60 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Housing Manager when a design team will be appointed for Pearse House Regeneration; if, given the existing vacancies in housing officer grades in the South East Area, he will appoint a liaison for the local community in relation to this project and related matters to assist the local area team.

**Reply:**

Stage 1 approval has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Due the size of the housing complex it is envisaged that work will be carried out on a phased basis over a number of years.

Stage 1 approval is for a deep retrofit to the flat blocks L, M, N & P –referred to as the small flats. As Pearse House is a Protected Structure, the integrated design team will include a conservation architect.

We are in the final stages of the appointment of an Integrated Design Team to oversee the regeneration of Pearse House and it is expected they will be on site shortly.

**Q.61 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on proposals to name the walkway along the Dodder by Stella Gardens in Ringsend / Irishtown as 'Margaret Keogh Walk'.

**Reply:**

The section of walkway is in charge of Dublin City Council and forms part of 'Accommodation Walk'.

Accommodation Walk stretches from Fitzwilliam Quay to Strand Terrace, and the section of walkway forms the middle section.

It is difficult to see how the name of a single section of the existing Accommodation Walk could be changed.

It should be noted that a City Council commemorative plaque, honouring Margaret Keogh, was erected at the location in 2021.

**Q.62 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on proposals to upgrade Irishtown gym to a leisure centre; if there is a timeframe for enabling and ancillary pre-planning works; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply:**

As outlined at the recent South East Area Committee meeting DCC intend issuing a tender invitation for the appointment of an integrated design team in the coming weeks on ETenders. Following appointment of the design team a preliminary design process will begin which will include engagement and consultation with stakeholders. It is envisaged that this process will be completed by the end of 2024. A planning process will get underway in 2025.

**Q.63 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on the pricing negotiations for the Glass Bottle site development and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Reply:**

The Housing Department are in advanced negotiations regarding the Part V obligation at the Glass Bottle site. Both costings and valuations have been assessed and are nearing agreement. Discussions with regard to the additional 15% Affordable/Social are ongoing.

**Q.64 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on the regeneration of Glover's Court.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 Stage approval process. DCC has now received Stage 1 approval for the redevelopment of Glovers Court.

The process of the procurement of Integrated Design Team has begun, with the request for an Integrated Design Team been published on E-Tenders in due course.

**Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the redesign of Grand Canal Plaza to make it easier for cyclists and pedestrians to co-exist?

**Reply:**

Parks Service will meet with our colleagues in Environment & Transport to discuss this issue. A report will then issue directly to the Councillor.

**Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on plans to build an urban garden outside the new Tesco on South Lotts Road? I understand that this was part of the planning condition, so could the Manager provide an update on what steps are being taken to ensure this commitment is delivered in a timely manner.

**Reply:**

The relevant planning permission is Reg. Ref 3068/19 ABP Ref 30592719.

Condition 4 stated as follows:

4. Prior to the commencement of development, full details of works to the public road and public realm shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority. The developer shall liaise with the applicable utility provider with regard to the removal/relocation of electricity public lighting column adjacent to the site, and the undergrounding or relocation of overhead cables. All works shall be carried out at the developer's expense.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

This condition required a compliance submission which was received on 30/03/21. Dublin City Council Parks Division has been dealing with the submission and following correspondence with the applicants during 2021 -2022, agreed a revised proposal on 31/05/2022.

The compliance submission as relating to Parks for planning Condition 4 (Planning ref 3068/19) was approved by Park Services in May 2022. The condition requires that the works are carried out by the developer.

**Q.67 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the ongoing issue with flooding outside Brookfield and Hazeldene due to the speed bump? Can a new drain be put in to alleviate this problem?

**Reply:**

The two gullies at the existing ramp are being investigated to determine their structural condition and the public sewers will also be checked. In relation to the ramp, it is noted that it extends across the full road width here and into the drainage channel. This will be investigated as it could be contributing to the build-up of leaves/debris over the gullies resulting in effective drainage and road ponding. DCC Drainage will follow up with the Councillor directly when these investigations are complete.

**Q.68 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please resurface the road on Castle Street, especially the cycle path as it is dangerous. Can the Manager also provide an update on the public realm plans for the area on Castle Street between City Hall and the Rates office that was presented to the SEAC a few years ago?

**Reply:**

Castle Street / Cork Hill Pedestrian Improvement Scheme was suspended pending review by the CPSO in December 2019.

OPW, at the start of this year, issued plans for Cork Hill that would take in part of the area that was covered by the Part 8 for the Castle St/Cork Hill Pedestrian Improvement Scheme.

Castle Street will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future carriageway resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

Request for an update on the public realm plans for the area on Castle Street between City Hall and the Rates office referred to Road Design & Construction.

**Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager could he please consider installing either planters, more bollards or may add one more a double yellow line on the canal side of the bus stop on Richmond Street South to help solve the ongoing issue of illegal parking here. It's quite dangerous as it means the numerous cycling commuters have to veer out into the road in front of oncoming traffic. This could help to protect both the bike lane and ensure buses are not obstructed.

**Reply:**

Dublin Street Parking Services are active at this location and will continue to patrol and carry out enforcement action where necessary.

**Q.70 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager could he please look at making improvements to the cycle lane at Samuel Beckett Bridge? Please see below comments from a constituent and regular user:

“Another area that is a nightmare to navigate are the bike lanes on the south side of the Samuel Beckett Bridge. There are excellent cycle lanes already running East-West, but at this intersection, it becomes absolutely horrendous to navigate. The pedestrian crossings intermix with the cycle crossings, and the cycle lanes coming from the Samuel Beckett Bridge from the North don't integrate well into the east-west cycle lanes. Additionally, the cycle lanes on the East side are very narrow, cross a lot with pedestrians, and often pedestrians are walking directly in the middle of the cycle lanes. It's very chaotic and very unsafe. I think the area needs better delineation, and more direction as to what is cycle lane, and what is pedestrian area to keep the flow moving without everybody crossing over each other.”

**Reply:**

The core bus corridor, Ringsend to City Centre is due to be lodged with An Board Pleanála in the coming weeks. This proposed scheme will improve the linkages between the cycle lanes on the south side of the Samuel Beckett Bridge.

In the meantime, the area will be reviewed and where possible road markings will be added to better delineate the cycle lanes.

**Q.71 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please, as a matter of urgency, please investigate (details supplied). They are on all day from 11am in the morning until 3am at night causing artificial light in neighbouring apartments. This is unfair to the residents and causing serious light pollution and distress. Can the Manager confirm whether planning permission was granted for such lights, if so why is deemed acceptable that such lighting be on during the day and allowed to impact on residents like this?

**Reply:**

This matter will be investigated by the Planning Enforcement Section and a more detailed reply will be sent to the Councillor once the investigation onto the issues raised is completed.

**Q.72 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager if the below can be addressed: Roads, Ringsend / Irishtown. There are two spots highlighted below that are very dangerous in my opinion and will one day lead to an accident,

### Red Marking

- This is pretty simple but there is no pedestrian crossing here. It's a popular crossing and people including children run across all the time, they recently added a crossing on the other side leading to Sean Moore Park so I don't know why one can't be added here.

### Blue Marking

- This is much more dangerous, cars taking a left on to R111 from R802 repeatedly going through the red light. This has happened to me on a number of occasions including when I have my young children with me. This is a popular crossing from children getting to St Matthews or Star of the Sea, so again it feels likely an accident will happen shortly. I don't know why cars go through it as the light is plainly red, maybe a red arrow light would make it clearer but as it is so close to the Garda station it is a wonder why the light is so poorly respected.
- Another issue at this junction impacts cars – cars trying to beat the lights coming from R111 and approaching R131 use both lanes of traffic on R111 as if there were both heading towards the east link essentially going against the traffic coming from the beach road – once again this is a head on collision waiting to happen.

There has been significant work completed around these junctions in the past while and the water works are happening now as well as an apartment build on the old Maxol site so it would be a great time to sort out these issues above before an accident happens.

New pedestrian buttons wouldn't go astray either as we're still on the very old ones, while the junction by Slattery's pub on the top of Bath Avenue have had theirs replaced twice to keep up with the sensory ones.



### **Reply:**

The issue of cars going through a red light turning left through a pedestrian crossing is an enforcement issue. We will contact the Gardaí and ask for monitoring of this junction. The request for new pedestrian crossing and pedestrian buttons has been noted, it would require a full upgrade of the junction which is subject to funding.

### **Q.73 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager if the road at details supplied can be re surfaced.

### **Reply:**

Details supplied will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future carriageway resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

### **Q.74 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager if the trees can be topped beside Cambridge Football Club, the trees are currently too high and blocking sunlight to adjacent properties.

### **Reply:**

The trees at the green island beside Cambridge Football Club adjacent to Pine Rd have been inspected and following the ground based assessment it has been found they don't require any tree care at the moment. Please note, Parks services have a strict policy that we do not prune healthy trees to address shading of direct sunlight unless they are genuinely blocking

daylight from habitable rooms to an exceptional, severe and unreasonable degree, which is not the case in this situation.

**Q.75 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to assess the area around Cambridge Football Club, Ringsend for street lights. It is currently very dark there.

**Reply:**

The lighting on Pine Road at the entrance to Cambridge Football Club is to an acceptable standard and there are no plans to change the lighting here at present.

Please note however, the existing public lighting on Pine Road will be upgraded to LED under the Public Lighting Upgrade Project, although an exact timeframe for these future improvements cannot be provided at this time, other than to say they will be upgraded within the next five years or so.

Until such time as the existing lights on Pine Road are replaced with the LED lights, they will continue to be night checked and we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

**Q.76 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to address the below please:

A local issue is the lighting in Lennox Terrace too which I've brought to DCC's attention on a couple of occasions recently. The new type bulb on number 9 doesn't give much light at all and there is no bulb at all on the side wall of the Lennox Café which is on the Terrace. Photo enclosed from earlier this year to give you an idea of what it looks like at.



**Reply:**

There is an existing public light at the side of The Lennox Café (Light 3) on Lennox Terrace. However, this light is currently out, which is causing the dark area in the picture above.

There are access issues at this light due to parked cars on one side of the light and low telecom cables on the other side of the light that blocks access to this light from a public lighting hoist.

A scaffold is required to access this light. It is planned for the scaffold to be in place and the repairs to this light completed in the next month.

**Q.77 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager if the following can be addressed - three issues related to Byrne's Lane off Pearse Street:

The issues are the continuous illegal parking on yellow lines in the lane particularly cars parking overnight and leaving pre 7am wakening up people in Winter Garden whose bedrooms are on the ground floor.

Some of these markings have been eroded over time, and not repainted and there has also been the issue that some garage spaces for cars are no longer that given that the garages have been removed and new walls replacing them but the street markings have not been updated.

The final issue is the use of the rear of 11 Pearse square / Byrne's Lane as a building site / supply yard /container base with white vans coming and going in the lane from 7am to 5pm. There is currently a full container in the lane (full) and overfilled with cut branches and other greenery brought from another site. This is a regular occurrence.

**Reply:**

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for the repainting of existing yellow lines, will be carried out within 30 working days of the SEAC meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. (Weather permitting / subject to access)

Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to patrol the lane in the evening times in an effort to carry out enforcement of cars parked illegally overnight.

**Q.78 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager for an update on the housing position of (details attached), who is on the housing list since 2008.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 4/9/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bed size</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area M	1	39
Area P	1	30
Area N	1	46

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

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 [www.dublincity.ie/housingonline](http://www.dublincity.ie/housingonline) with their reference number and Date of Birth.

**Q.79 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if the coloured school zone circles are to be re-instated on Armagh Road now that the road has been resurfaced?

**Reply:**

The red and yellow circles will be reinstated subject to bus stop road marking requirements currently being finalised. Yellow 'School Zone' road surface signs will be installed.

**Q.80 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager could the parks department look at revitalising the large planting bed outside the post office on Windmill Road & Crumlin Village?

**Reply:**

Parks will arrange for the planting bed at the above location to be replanted in the coming weeks.

**Q.81 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the Area Manager if traffic engineers can assess the bollarded divide / traffic barrier Aideen Avenue, Derraveragh Road & Mount Tallant Avenue and retrofit it for permeability of pedestrians, cyclists and users of wheelchairs or other mobility aids. (Photo attached) The traffic barrier would continue to serve its primary purpose as a traffic calming measure even if one or two central bollards were removed and the kerbs either side were dished, but such a measure would improve accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists without necessitating a detour off the desire line to access the nearest dished kerbs.



**Reply:**

The Neighbourhood Engineer assigned to the South East Area will attend this location and access to establish if any further interventions are indeed feasible. The Councillor will be notified of the findings of the site investigation.

**Q.82 Councillor Tara Deacy**

With the increasing numbers of young families living in the Mount Argus Park area, a number of residents have been in touch and asked if DCC could install a community playground or some type of amenity for the community members to use with their children. Perhaps we could engage in a consultation process with local residents to discuss this further.

**Reply:**

There are currently no plans to install a playground in Mount Argus Park. There are playgrounds in Eamonn Ceannt Park and Harold's Cross Park short distances away.

**Q.83 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Could the acanthus bushes in Harcourt Lodge estate be cut back as soon as possible? I have received complaints from the resident's association that they are scratching cars.

**Reply:**

This issue has been brought to the attention of the contractors with responsibility for grass and shrub maintenance for the Area and will be followed up by Parks to ensure necessary works are carried out.

**Q.84 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can DCC install speed tables replacing the former speed cushions on St. Agnes Park?

DCC have previously put in effective speed tables on Windmill road where it joins Windmill Park and Captain's Road. The former speed cushions, combined with the on street parking, leads to cyclists swerving into traffic at the speed cushions.

Could we install superior speed tables at the junctions of Stannaway Avenue and Captain's road?

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer inspected the speed cushions on St. Agnes Park and has deemed it suitable and appropriately located.

Based on the site inspection, the current arrangement on St. Agnes Park is deemed suitable for this section of the road. During the inspection, traffic speeds were observed to be within the legal speed limit of the road.

However, TAG will continue to monitor the situation on the road and will get a traffic speed survey and assess if further actions are required to improve the current traffic calming measures.

**Q.85 Councillor Tara Deacy**

I have requested speed cushions on Greenlea Grove previously, could we also look at speed tables for this area/stretch, do we have any indication as to when such works for this road will commence.

**Reply:**

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer has inspected the traffic situation on Greenlea Grove. During the site visit, it was observed that many buses were present on-site, and they appeared to be using the car parking spaces available on Terenure College Rugby Football Club, in compliance with the Road Traffic Act. Greenlea Grove has double yellow lines to prevent illegal on-street parking, as well as a "Slow" road marking to assist in slowing down traffic entering and exiting the laneway.

Regarding the installation of speed tables, the criteria for installation of ramps require that they should only be installed on roads that have a minimum of 200m straight section and have to be placed 70-100m apart. As Greenlea Grove is only 100m long, it does not meet this criteria.

If there are concerns about illegal parking, it is recommended that they should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services (Ph. 01 6022500) or to the Gardaí as they occur.

**For additional information:**

- Under The Roads Traffic Act (Traffic & Parking ) Regulations,
- Section 36 (c) a vehicle shall not be parked on a public road within 5 metres of a road junction.
- Section 36 (2) Road Traffic Act a vehicle shall not be parked - (i) on a foot way, a grass margin or a median strip.
- Section 36 paragraph(2) k, it is illegal to park "in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic;"

**Q.86 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Is there a way we could get a schedule for road work / improvements for the South East area in general, or some indication as to when some of the areas we raise will be covered?

**Reply:**

Please see below list of roads on the South East Area 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. We are currently preparing the tender documents for these works. When the

tender process is complete and a contractor is appointed we will obtain a schedule of dates for these works from the contractor.

Sandwich Street Lower (Fenian Street to Pearse Street)  
Merrion Road / Simmons Court Road junction  
Merrion Road (Anglesea Road to Ballsbridge Terrace)  
Adelaide Road (Leeson Street to Earlsfort Terrace)  
Merrion Row (St. Stephen's Green East to Ely Place)  
Bride Street (Golden Lane to Peter Street)  
Charlotte Row  
Shelbourne Road (IBM to Pembroke Road)  
Nutley Lane - Merrion Road to Hospital entrance  
Monasterboice Road  
Winton Road (Appian Way to Fitzwilliam Court)  
Oaklands Drive (asphalt sections only)  
Leeson Park Avenue  
Chapel Avenue  
Pembroke Gardens  
Beechwood Road (Beechwood Avenue Lower to Mountainview Road)  
Winton Avenue  
Elm Park Terrace (Massey gates to Terenure Road North)  
Ramp resurfacing at various locations

**Q.87 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager arrange for the new street lighting on Mourne Road to be readjusted to allow for proper safe lighting on the footpaths on the side opposite the poles?

Residents report that the footpath is in almost complete darkness since the installation of the new lights. This is particularly an issue at the bus stop and for pedestrians in general. Could the installation of an arm extension at the top of the poles be considered in order to rectify this problem or is there another solution?

**Reply:**

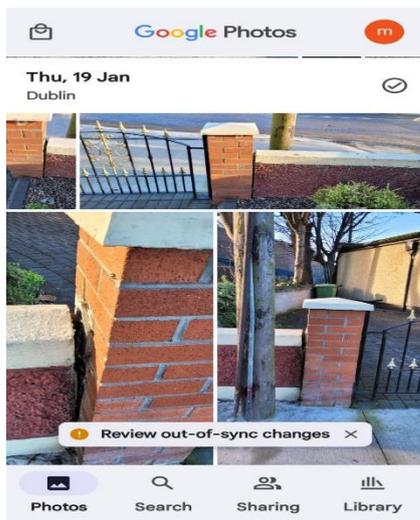
The LED street lighting that was recently installed on Mourne Road was inspected at night time following a few complaints late last year. As a result of the complaints some adjustments were made to the lights by varying the tilt angle of them.

The public road and public footpaths on Mourne Road are considered to be well lighted and no further improvements are planned. Two pictures are attached for information.

LED lights have much better optical control than previous types of street lights that have been installed, such as high pressure and low pressure sodium lights, and the consequence of this is that there may be less light spill into private gardens when compared with the previous lights and perhaps that may be the issue. However the public areas are well lighted as can be seen from the attached pictures.

**Q.88 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the issue at (details supplied) to be resolved. The resident at details supplied reports that his brick gatepost was damaged by the contractors who constructed the footpath buildout to facilitate the installation of the new pedestrian lights. See photos below.



He reports that he spoke with the contactors on numerous occasions, and they promised to come back and repair the damage. Unfortunately, now months have passed, and they have failed to come back.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council's Project Team has been made aware of this damage, and had made arrangements with the Contractor to repair the damaged pier this week. Unfortunately, this work has been postponed until a later date. In order to resolve this issue an engineer from Dublin City Council's Project Team will make direct contact with the homeowner, and arrange a plan of action to carry out the repair.

**Q.89 Councillor Pat Dunne**

There is constant dumping going on outside Seagull House; can a camera be installed to monitor this to ensure that it stops or that the offenders can be apprehended.

**Reply:**

As a result of the enactment of the Circular Economy & Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, CCTV cameras cannot be installed until Codes of Practice in respect of the use of their use for the purpose of prosecutions are in place pursuant to the legislation. These are being agreed on behalf of the local authority sector under the auspices of the LGMA.

This office has in the past arranged for "No Dumping" signage to be installed and which are still in place.

As Seagull House is the responsibility of the Housing Department, they remove all illegally dumped materials from within and in the vicinity of Seagull House.

**Q.90 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Could the hanging baskets scheme be introduced into Crumlin village, similar to the other successful scheme like Kimmage and Terenure?

**Reply:**

The budget for village improvements was agreed back in February 2023. However the matter will be considered with the Members in the context of next year's budget when there is also time and resources to discuss with shop owners.

The Area Manager will also discuss with his counterpart in the South Central Office as the majority of shops are in the South Central Area by more than a 3:1 ratio.

**Q.91 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Could the corner of Sundrive and Ferns Road (outside Kurdish Barber shop) be looked at to prevent parking obstructing the view of people coming from Ferns Road onto Sundrive Road?

**Reply:**

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course. (Enquiry Ref: 7032821).

**Q.92 Councillor Pat Dunne**

This house (details supplied) has been reported to me as vacant for some time. The garden is overgrown and it appears derelict. Can our vacant site section investigate this house and see how best it can be brought back into use? It is a shame that in the midst of a housing crisis that this house is empty.

**Reply:**

The Derelict Sites Unit have an active file on this property. The site was recently inspected and a letter will be issued to the owners shortly. On receipt of a reply from the owners a full reply will issue to the Councillor.

The Vacant property Unit has identified and recorded this property as vacant. Correspondence has issued to the owner of same in February 2023 and the City Council is awaiting a reply on its correspondence.

The owner has been notified that they must return the property to use in a timely manner and any failure to do so will result in the City Council invoking its legislative powers to ensure the property is returned to use.

**Q.93 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he will address the questions asked by me in respect of allocations set out in the email thread below.

**Reply:**

Clarification was sought from the Councillor, upon receipt of which, the matter will be investigated and a reply issued.

**Q.94 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he will confirm whether footpath refurbishments can be carried out on Leeson Park, particularly at footpaths where there are driveways and where there is no dishing on kerbs to facilitate wheelchair users and if this could be inspected.

**Reply:**

Leeson Park will be inspected and put forward for future footpath renewal programmes as appropriate.

In the interim, if locations where wheelchair dishing's are requested could be pinpointed these will be examined.

**Q.95 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he can provide an update as to what actions have taken place since the reply to question 51 on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2023.

**Q.51 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if the road surfacing of Morehampton Terrace can be formally inspected with a view to adding this small road for refurbishment and

resurfacing works; if the corner of Morehampton Terrace as indicated in the photograph below where double yellow lines are located could be examined for possible solutions to further disincentivise illegal parking on this spot, including but not limiting to the placement of planter at this spot which the residents would be happy to support.



Reply

The road surface of Morehampton Terrace will be inspected and will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement section will liaise with the area engineer about enforcement measures.

**Reply 08/05/2023:**

Morehampton Terrace road surface was inspected and is listed for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

The double yellow lines will be reinstated once the road surface has been repaired. Transport Advisory Group do not recommend the placement of planters on the footpath at this spot as the footpath width is too narrow and would hinder pedestrian movement.

The Transport Advisory Group will liaise with Parking Policy and Enforcement section about enforcement measures.

**Q.96 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he can provide an update as to what actions have taken place since the reply to question 57 on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2023.

Q.57 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Committee meeting if an update can be supplied in respect of the below question.

“Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022”

Q.80 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if he will consider the issues raised in the emails below and attached images (details supplied).

Reply:

This request (details supplied) is referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

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

**Reply:**

This request (details supplied) is still listed with the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

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

**Reply 08/05/2023:**

With regard to vehicle making illegal left turns from Mountpleasant Avenue Lower onto Bannaville, there is a no left turn sign with operational time between 07:00 – 10:00 Mon – Sat.

The Transport Advisory Group will asked the Gardaí to monitor and enforce during these hours.

The Transport Advisory Group have currently no plans to install traffic bollards on Mountpleasant Avenue Lower.

**Q.97 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Area Manager if he will address the questions asked by me in respect of allocations set out in the email thread below.

**Reply:**

Clarification was sought from the Councillor, upon receipt of which, the matter will be investigated and a reply issued.

**Q.98 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Please see attached dangerous damage to the road outside this family home (D06TY48). The family cycle to and from school, work etc. and the road is badly broken up and dangerous. Cars don't see it and are aggressive when they try to avoid it by signalling and going around it on their bikes. Could it be fixed please?



**Reply:**

A temporary carriageway repair was carried out at this location on 28.04.23. A permanent carriageway repair will be scheduled here within the next 3 months.