

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Q1 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the 'Responsible Dog Ownership' pilot launched in April be introduced to Dublin South Central and trialled at Maryland estate which has appropriate space for this project.

**Reply**

The 'Responsible Dog Ownership' campaign referred to was organised by the Central Area Office. This office has no plans to do such a campaign. The SPC set up a working group to try to find a way to encourage people to clean-up after dogs and to "Bag it and Bin it". As part of my involvement in the working group, I arranged for audio visual systems to be placed at 16 sites in the city, one of the sites includes Marrowbone Lane, which is in the vicinity of Maryland estate. There are also plans in place to carry out a Behaviour and Attitude (B & A) survey later in the year. One of the sites will be Marrowbone Lane which should capture dog owners and dog walkers from Maryland estate.

Free doggie bags are available in Waste Management Services, Ebana House, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8.

*Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.*

*Email: [bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie](mailto:bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie)*

**Q2 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask that Dublin City Council erect eye-catching "Don't Feed the Gulls" posters in defined problematic areas.

**Reply**

While it is not illegal to feed Sea Gulls it is an offence to deposit household waste in a public place –S3 1997 Litter Pollution Act. Food Waste attracts birds and vermin and is discouraged by Dublin City Council. Public Domain can notify residents in "defined problematic areas" by flyer/information leaflet however it is not good practice to create a proliferation of signage in the public realm. If the Councillor wishes to identify any problematic areas please contact the Public Domain Officer.

*Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer South West Inner City.*

*Email: [southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie)*

**Q3 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services if the option of converting the stumps of felled trees into art/planters/sculptures could be part of DCC's Tree Management Strategy?

**Reply**

While waiting for tree roots to die back following tree felling a stump is left in situ. Parks would be happy to discuss with any resident associations that may have suggestions regarding temporary art projects which could focus on the stumps while they are in situ. The problem with planters is they can dry out and become unsightly very quickly.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer*

*Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)*

**Q4**     **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services if security cameras at entrances to (*details supplied*) be reviewed so as to identify trespassers who appear to have fob access to regularly illegally dump waste in resident's communal bins?

**Reply**

The Area Office is engaging with the Management Company in relation to issues at present with access to (*details supplied*). It is their intention to upgrade the system in the coming months to resolve the issue.

Contact:        *Laura Kenny Project Estate Officer, SWIC*  
Email:           [laura.kenny@dublincity.ie](mailto:laura.kenny@dublincity.ie)

**Q5**     **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services on actions agreed some months ago with residents of Clanbrassil Close that included signs for dog poo and 2 planters in designated area.

**Reply**

Arrangements have been made to ensure that dog fouling signage will be put in place as soon as possible.

The issue in relation to the 2 planters is a matter for the South Central Area Office.

Contact:        *Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.*  
Email:           [bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie](mailto:bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie)

The planters are due to be installed at the end of May when plants are in stock.

Contact:        *Helen Burke, A/Senior Community Office, SWIC*  
Email:           [helen.burke@dublincity.ie](mailto:helen.burke@dublincity.ie)

**Q6**     **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that a comprehensive assessment be carried out and a schedule of works be drawn up by Housing Department at Robinsons Court, Dublin 8.

**Reply**

The Area office are currently working on improvements around security including cutting back of shrubbery within Robinsons Court. A large buddleia plant was removed by our Housing maintenance crew last week. We will ask our Community team to look at plants for the complex.

Contact:        *Linda Fanning, A/Area Housing Manager, SWIC*  
Email:           [linda.fanning@dublincity.ie](mailto:linda.fanning@dublincity.ie)

**Q7**     **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services if ownership details and addresses of sites are publicly available within the recently published RZLT?

### **Reply**

The Residential Zoned Land Tax is provided for in Part 22A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. Section 653D of the Act states that in respect of the draft map, a local authority shall publish, not later than 11 January 2023, on the website maintained by it, the submissions (other than such elements of a submission which may constitute personal data), if any, received by it in accordance with subsection (1).

Therefore personal information such as ownership details provided as part of an online submission will remain confidential and will not be published or shared with third parties. However, the postal address of the site is publicly available.

In November 2022 Dublin City Council prepared a Draft Map for the RZLT as it pertains to the Dublin City Council area. The following link details all the valid submissions received redacted where appropriate <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/rzlt/rzlt-form/> A similar process is underway with a Supplemental Map recently published on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

The following non personal information is published in respect of each valid submission received

1. The postal address of the land to which the submission relates
2. Whether you are a landlord or third party (tick box only)
3. If you challenging the inclusion of land on the map and seeking its exclusion from the map on the basis that the land does not meet the criteria set out within the relevant legislation (yes or no)
4. If you are you challenging the date on which the land (the subject of the submission) first met the relevant criteria (yes or no)
5. Are you requesting a variation of the zoning of land identified on the draft map as being in scope for the tax (yes or no)
6. Details of the third party or landowner submission redacted where appropriate

Contact: *Fiona Meade, Administrative Officer, Planning & Property Development*

Email: [fiona.meade@dublincity.ie](mailto:fiona.meade@dublincity.ie)

### **Q8 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the utility box at entrance to Ceannt Fort estate be included in the Dublin Canvas Project with the design agree between the artist and the residents.

### **Reply**

The utility box at the Mount Brown pedestrian entrance to Ceannt Fort has already been painted by the Canvas Project. The other utility box located at the vehicular entrance to Ceannt Fort does not belong to DCC and therefore cannot be painted.

Contact: *Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central*

Email: [southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie)

### **Q9 Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services if, following the presentation by Rehoboth residents on January 18th 2023 and the passing of a motion by Councillors at the March 2023

Area Committee meeting, a site visit has been undertaken as requested, residents have been met and all traffic, safety and access issues raised have been addressed in writing. And to ask if it has not happened what plans are in place to undertake these actions.

**Reply**

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer visited Rehoboth Place and Rehoboth Avenue on three separate occasions. The Engineer did not observe any issues with vehicular access and concluded that there isn't a requirement for additional traffic measures on the road at this time.

The concerns raised by the Rehoboth Residents at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting are dealt with by the Dublin City Council Planning Department and the Residents' concerns should be re-directed to them.

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

*Email: [mairenicreamoinn@dublincity.ie](mailto:mairenicreamoinn@dublincity.ie)*

**Q10 Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services if the emergency works on the windows of (details supplied) have been completed.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance has arranged for the window contractor to call out to the property to undertake the necessary works.

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

*Email: [clive.ahern@dublincity.ie](mailto:clive.ahern@dublincity.ie)*

**Q11 Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services what summer projects and activities for children and young people will be supported and funded in part or full by DCC during the months of June to August 2023 inclusive in the South West Inner City, their duration and target population where relevant.

**Reply**

The South West Inner City Community Development Team are currently supporting a number of afterschool programmes, youth groups and summer projects throughout the area. We are currently awaiting summer activities programmes and we will update the councillor in due course.

*Contact: Lois Salmon, Community Officer, SWIC*

*Email: [lois.salmon@dublincity.ie](mailto:lois.salmon@dublincity.ie)*

**Q12 Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services if there are plans to resurface the playground in Emmet Buildings, Watling Street.

**Reply**

Dublin City Council will make arrangements to inspect the Play Area here and see if any improvements can be made that are required

Contact: *Robert Buckle, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Maintenance*  
Email: [robert.buckle@dublincity.ie](mailto:robert.buckle@dublincity.ie)

**Q13 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to improve the public lighting in Bluebell, while prioritising the lighting needs on La Touche Road and La Touche Drive?

**Reply**

Bluebell Avenue, Huband Road and most of La Touche Road were upgraded to LED street lights back in 2016/2017 and there are no plans for further improvements on those roads.

The lighting on La Touch Drive and that section of La Touche Drive that wasn't upgraded will be assessed with a view to determining, what if any, additional lighting may be required.

Contact: *Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Public Lighting Services,*  
Email: [seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie](mailto:seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie)

**Q14 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to contact Waterways Ireland requesting that they improve the lighting along the canal beside Bluebell?

**Reply**

A copy of this request has been forwarded to Waterways Ireland.

Contact: *Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central*  
Email: [gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie](mailto:gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie)

**Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to install a fire proof bin outside the Bluebell community centre?

**Reply**

Unfortunately Waste Management Service don't have such a thing as a fire proof litter bin. It is the contents of the bin that burn which in turn causes damage to the bin due to the excessive heat generated.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.*  
Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)

**Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to review the entrance/exit point from the canal close to the Bluebell community centre with a view to making it more secure?

**Reply**

The local area housing team had an onsite meeting with an Garda Síochána to examine solutions to the issue of speeding scooter/bikes at the entrance/exit point. Quotes are now being sought for a solution that addresses the issue while minimising the potential negative impact for local residents.

Contact: *Pat Smith, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office*  
Email: [pat.smith@dublincity.ie](mailto:pat.smith@dublincity.ie)

**Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to investigate and carry out appropriate actions, (details supplied)

**Reply**

The Area Office will investigate the matter.

Contact: *Pat Smith, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office*  
Email: [pat.smith@dublincity.ie](mailto:pat.smith@dublincity.ie)

The warden has been informed of the complaint and will carry out a welfare check under the Control of Dogs Act 1986.

Contact: *Richard Herlihy, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services*  
Email: [richard.herlihy@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.herlihy@dublincity.ie)

**Q18 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to convene a meeting between DCC and Gardaí to discuss a plan to alleviate the parking difficulties experienced in Bluebell during football training and match days, and to ask DCC to make contact with Our Lady of the Wayside Church and school to see if they would provide parking for those attending football training or football matches?

**Reply**

This issue was raised and discussed at the Canal Area Community Safety Forum and An Garda Síochána has undertaken to monitor the area for illegal parking at these times and the local area office are interacting with them on an ongoing basis so a specific meeting on this subject is unnecessary. A letter will be sent to the Principal of Our lady of Wayside N.S, in relation to the possibility of the school car park being made available.

Contact: *Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office*  
Email: [alan.sherry@dublincity.ie](mailto:alan.sherry@dublincity.ie)

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section do not engage private organisations in relation to securing parking for events. There is unrestricted parking available along the pitches on Bluebell Road. Dublin Street Parking Services will continue to patrol this area and enforce any illegal parking observed.

Contact: *Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.*  
Email: [dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie](mailto:dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie)

**Q19 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services what other locations, other green spaces were considered to accommodate the Inchicore football club and their youth practice? To ask if Brickfield, was considered and if so what came out of it?

**Reply**

Parks considered this location as that is where the request specifically referred to. The pitches in Brickfield are operating at or close to full capacity. Some of the pitches require improvement works to allow them be playable and until this work is carried out they are unavailable.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer*  
*Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)*

**Q20 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services if the list of other locations provided by Bluebell residents to Parks Department was considered? To ask to give what conclusion for each location provided by the residents for not choosing them. To list all the reasons Parks has decided to rule out these locations.

**Reply**

The pitches in the majority of parks mentioned are operating at full capacity. Parks have identified one alternative location which may address the issues that have arisen in Bluebell. Parks are exploring this option with the club and will be in touch with the councillor in due course.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer.*  
*Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)*

**Q21 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services what is the plan to carry out all the repairs needed and requested from Davitt House residents for years? To ask when the opening of raw sewage will be closed? To ask if DCC will request the government unspent money for housing to regenerate Davitt House? To ask when Davitt will be considered form insulation?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council is currently arranging for surveys to be carried out on the units within Davitt House. These surveys will assess each property for Humidity Levels, Ventilation requirements and condensation issues. We hope to commence surveys within 6 weeks.

The issue with the sewage leak has been resolved.

Dublin City Council are looking at ways to progress regeneration programmes and hope to announce changes soon.

*Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Maintenance*  
*Email: [Robert.buckle@dublincity.ie](mailto:Robert.buckle@dublincity.ie)*

**Q22 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

To ask the Director of Services to ask the OPW the year they envisage to have a Dublin Bikes station in Chapelizod? To ask that DCC liaises with the private other bikes operators working already with DCC or new ones to offer bikes in Chapelizod.

**Reply**

NOW dublinbike Scheme:

Currently there are no plans to expand the NOW dublinbikes scheme, and the expansion of the scheme is not under consideration by the E&T Department at this time.

Contact: *Jennifer McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Environment & Transportation*

Email: [Jennifer.mcgrath@dublincity.ie](mailto:Jennifer.mcgrath@dublincity.ie)

The matter has been raised with the two current stationless bike hire operators, Moby and Bleeper, who have agreed to undertake a financial feasibility study on the possibility of locating bikes in Chapelizod which is currently outside their operational zones. The Councillor will be updated on their findings in this regard.

Contact: *Kevin Meade, Senior Executive Officer, Environment & Transportation  
Department.*

Email: [kevin.meade@dublincity.ie](mailto:kevin.meade@dublincity.ie)

**Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please look at (details supplied)

**Reply**

Reply issued to Councillor.

**Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please look into (details supplied)

**Reply**

Reply issued to Councillor.

**Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the serious amount of weeds all over the new playground / skateboard Park on Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. I have had complaints from parents who love this wonderful facility about nettles stings etc. their children have got playing here. Can we ensure some proper management of this resource here and the missing trampoline and swings are replaced as a matter of urgency before the busy summer season.

**Reply**

Parks will arrange for a tidy up of the playground at this location. There was an IT glitch which caused a delay in placing order for replacement equipment but expect the replacement equipment will arrive on site in the next week or two.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer*

Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services please give me a update on what action we can take to tidy us the boundary weeds growing from the edge of the small open parks next to St. Matthews Church facing Ballyfermot Road and Blackditch Roads. These valuable

spaces are full of weeds growing out onto the public footpaths and need addressing. The grass is cut regularly however these weeds are left and are an eyesore to all in the community a strimmer in the park every couple of weeks would contain the problem.

**Reply**

Parks will arrange for the area to be strimmed in the next couple of weeks.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer*  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please look at developing a masterplan for the physical regeneration of the commercial heart of Ballyfermot which could help revitalise the retail heart which is failing due to our lack of proper planning controls and an over reliance of 'any development will do' mentality, allowing so many take-aways which are shuttered all day and only open in the late evening is a disaster for the streetscape. Can planning controls not be brought in to restrict the use of these shutters like other cities.

**Reply**

Table 2-15 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 (the Development Plan) designates Ballyfermot as a location for a Proposed Local Environmental Improvement Plan (LEIP). The purpose of the LEIP is to promote a non-statutory, locally-based approach that engages with the public and addresses various key issues such as movement, public realm, open space, community facilities, education, and greening.

The responsibility for preparing the LEIP lies with the Area Office, taking into account priorities and available resources. The LEIP aims to improve the local environment and enhance the quality of life for residents in Ballyfermot.

Paragraph 15.14.3.7 of the Development Plan addresses the management of fast food establishments and takeaways. This policy seeks to regulate the development of such businesses in the area. One aspect of the policy focuses on integrating the design of roller shutters into the shopfront. This integration is intended to ensure that the appearance of the roller shutters aligns with the scale of the building and the overall development pattern in the area. By incorporating the design of roller shutters into the shopfront, the policy aims to maintain the visual coherence and character of the neighbourhood.

Contact: *Brian Keaney, A/Deputy City Planner*  
Email: [brian.keaney@dublincity.ie](mailto:brian.keaney@dublincity.ie)

**Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to look at having all the trees along Ballyfermot Road from the Applegreen Service Station, Cherry Orchard Ind Est / Ballyfermot Road to the Ballyfermot Civic Centre pruned in the coming months. The trees are all over the place in relation to height / density etc. Residents are complaining that the foliage is taking away all the light. These trees which are beautiful need pruning as they have never been done before.

**Reply**

An independent arborist was contracted to inspect the trees on Ballyfermot Road and the results of this inspection has a number of recommendations to ensure the long term health of the trees which Parks will be carrying out over autumn/winter 23/24. The works will be communicated in advance to the area committee and residents closer to the time.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer*  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services please look at the following (details supplied)

**Reply**

The applicant has been contacted by the DRHE Family Support Team, who have arranged an assessment for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May to discuss her options.

Contact: *Mary Hayes, Director DRHE*  
Email: [mary.hayes@dublincity.ie](mailto:mary.hayes@dublincity.ie)

**Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services look at the following housing matter (details supplied)

**Reply**

I can confirm that (details supplied) has since sourced a property and her HAP application has now been fully approved.

Contact: *Allwynne O'Connor, Administrative Officer,  
Housing & Community Services*  
Email: [Allwynne.oconnor@dublincity.ie](mailto:Allwynne.oconnor@dublincity.ie)